



# WE SERVE

## “Be Kind to Your Mind”

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### DG Notes

Here we are in the throes of winter! Brrrr! Not my favorite time of year! Getting things around for convention. It's going to be fun! The theme this year is the 50's! When time was simpler and it was fun! We're going to have a special surprise guest Friday night! So, dress like you did back then and let's have some fun. There's going to be good food, and you'll get to see old and new friends, plus we have two Ohioans running for International Director and they're from our Multiple District; Lydia Houser and Jackie Miller. They need your support, as does the incoming District Governor, Dr. Michael Garber.

The convention is being held March 20-22, 2026, at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Westlake, OH. If you take Route 2 and get off at the Crocker Rd. exit, you can't miss it. It's close to the turnpike off ramp also. Please try to come. It's going to be a blast!

We are asking, again this year, for each club to donate a basket to the silent auction to help defray the cost of the convention. Last year's response was incredible and we thank you! Let's see if we can do the same this year.

I don't know if you've ever heard of SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder). It's when you get depressed or feeling low or blue in the winter because there is no sunshine. The weather is mostly grey and cloudy and sunny days are few and far between. Some people suffer from it so badly that they have UV lights that they're prescribed that they sit in front of for a certain amount of time each day. They do this instead of taking medication; some in addition to medication. So, I think snowbirds have the right idea! Go where the sun shines and keep that happy feeling all year round!

Don't forget: The convention March 20-22 in Westlake (registration and info in this newsletter); get as much sunshine as you can; and have a happy Valentine's Day!



ShirLee

# Visitation Schedule

## 1st VDG Mike

February is centered around Valentine's Day, a time when we focus on love, kindness, and caring for others. For Lions, this fits perfectly with who we are and why we serve. Service does not begin with a project or a meeting—it begins in the heart.

When we say "We Serve," we are talking about more than what we do. We are talking about how we do it. We serve with heart when we listen, when we show up, and when we care about people as individuals.

Across our district, I see Lions are serving through hunger relief, vision care, youth programs, disaster response, environmental projects, and humanitarian efforts. Lions Clubs International identifies eight global causes—Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian Efforts, Hunger, Vision, and Youth—but these are not limits. They are starting points. The true goal is always to meet the needs of our communities.

This month, I encourage every Lion to thank a fellow member, recruit and support a new Lion, or reach out to someone who may feel disconnected. Small acts of kindness strengthen our clubs and our communities.

As we move through February, ask yourself one simple question: How can I serve with heart today?

A brief follow-up: To help prepare for our District Convention in March, please remember that **Necrology Reports** must be submitted by February 15. This ensures we properly honor and remember the Lions we have lost and recognize their lasting legacy of service. These reports should be sent to me at [drgarber@hotmail.com](mailto:drgarber@hotmail.com) or 270 N. Lighthouse Oval, Lakeside Marblehead, Ohio 43440. The report form can be found on the OH2 District Web site, <https://ohiolionsoh2.com> in the Forms page and in the sidebar links.

Yours in service,  
Mike Garber, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG

## 1st VDG

### Visitation Schedule

February 1 FVDG/DGE  
Virtual Session  
February 4 FVDG/DGE  
Virtual Session  
February 6 Savannah/Crestview  
February 8 FVDG/DGE  
Virtual Session  
February 10 FVDG/DGE  
Virtual Session  
February 12 Colonel Crawford  
February 14 Council of Governors - Columbus  
February 15 FVDG/DGE  
Virtual Session  
February 16 Cabinet Meeting - Bellevue  
February 17 FVDG/DGE  
Virtual Session  
February 24 FVDG/DGE  
Virtual Session

February 25 FVDG/DGE  
Virtual Session

## 2nd VDG Jessica

January has been a pretty quiet month for me as a Lion but I treasure that time knowing what I have ahead in February and March. I can't wait to get past these frigid weeks and get back to visiting with all of you.

I have the third round of Zone Meetings for the District so I hope to see many of you at the meetings or online if you are part of a Zone trying a virtual meeting. I have a few things to share on behalf of the District leadership and beyond to the State and LCI levels.

Also during the month of January, PCC Kevin Reidy, who has graciously accepted the offer to be my Convention Chair, and I have received the initial paperwork from Sawmill Creek regarding holding my convention there in 2028. This will keep the site consistent with 1VGD Mike Garber's site next year and will provide the beautiful, spacious area we enjoyed for the State Convention this past spring. Hopefully we will have a signed agreement with them soon with terms that benefit the district and pave a way to future dates if the incoming DGs wish.

I am also looking forward to inducting one of my friends

into the Polk Lions Club next month. We have been working on a date to get her in for a few weeks but illnesses and the weather have been working against us. Hopefully the end of February will be the date!

Even with the busy schedule, I love being asked to help with inductions, awards and other club events. Please let me know if I can be of any special help to any of our District clubs!

Yours in Lionism,  
2VDG Jessica Skeen

## **2nd VDG Visitation Schedule**

Feb4 - Zone 2 Meeting  
Feb 5 - Madison Twp Lions Club  
Feb 7 - Madison Twp Awareness Beach Dance  
Feb 11 - Zone 6 Meeting (Zoom)  
Feb 12 - Richland Co Project Lifesaver Meeting

Feb 14 - COG Meeting  
Feb 16 - Cabinet Meeting  
Feb 18 - Zone 1 Meeting  
Feb 19 - Zone 3 Meeting  
Feb 23 - Zone 7 Meeting  
Feb 24 - Polk Lions Club - New Member Induction  
Feb 25 - Zone 4 Meeting  
Feb 28 - Leo's Convention

## **REMINDER**

District Dues for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2025-2026 are due.

So far 36% of clubs have paid. Invoices were emailed

On January 10<sup>th</sup>. CT Tom

## **District Convention Information**



## LIONS CLUBS MD13 OH2 DISTRICT CONVENTION

March 20-22, 2026

Wyndham Garden Westlake  
1100 Crocker Rd, Westlake, OH 44145



## OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION

All Lions and Leos are hereby officially notified of the MD13 OH2 annual convention beginning on Friday, March 20 through Sunday, March 22, 2026 at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Strongsville. The purpose of the convention is to recognize the efforts of our Lions, provide Lions learning sessions, discuss district business, hold our district elections, and to remember the Lions that have passed away.

Friday evening we will kick off the weekend with the cabinet appreciation dinner. Others are welcome to join at their own expense.

Social time will follow along entertainment open to all and a Hospitality room will be provided. Come dressed in your favorite 50s outfit. See attached flyer for details

Saturday will include an OH2 business meeting, along with learning sessions. An awards luncheon will recognize OH2 Lions Clubs and individuals for their accomplishments in the areas of leadership, membership and service. Council of Governors awards and LCI awards will also be presented. Dress is Lions Red Coat. Elections will be held Saturday afternoon.

A guest from Lions International will be the keynote speaker for the Grand Banquet. Saturday evening dress is "Sunday Best".

Sunday morning will conclude the convention with the Necrology service.

We are asking each club to donate an item or a gift basket for a silent auction. The items donated assist in convention registration costs and expenses. Thank you in advance for your participation in the OH2 Silent auction!

Thank-you in advance to all Lions that help sponsor this event with an item(s) or a program ad. We have had another fantastic year and we look forward to celebrating with all of you at this year's convention

Respectfully submitted,

*DG ShirLee Eberle*

District Governor ShirLee Eberle  
District MD13 OH2  
Lions Club International



MD 13 OH2 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

March 20-22, 2026

## Wyndham Garden Westlake

1100 Crocker Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145



**HOTEL RESERVATION** All room reservations should be made directly through Wyndham Gardens by calling (440) 871-6000, or online at [www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/westlake-ohio/wyndham-garden-westlake-ohio/rooms-rates?&checkInDate=03/22/2026&checkOutDate=03/22/2026&groupCode=031926OH1](http://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/westlake-ohio/wyndham-garden-westlake-ohio/rooms-rates?&checkInDate=03/22/2026&checkOutDate=03/22/2026&groupCode=031926OH1). Room rates are \$112 per night plus tax with breakfast for two persons per room included Saturday & Sunday. When reserving, please mention that you are with OH2 LIONS to obtain this special rate. You must be registered for the convention to receive this rate. Cut off is 03/1/26.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

- 1 – Full Registration - \$75.
- 2 – Conventions Activities Only (NO Meals) - \$20
- 3 – Saturday Awards Luncheon - \$25
- 4 – Saturday Grand Banquet - \$38
- 5 – Child Registration (12 and under) - \$20/meal

## MEALS

Sat. Awards Luncheon  
BLT or Ham & Cheese Wrap  
Pasta salad, dessert  
.....  
Saturday Grand Banquet:  
Chicken Marsala and  
Beef Tenderloin

CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION PLEASE PRINT

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT MD13 OH2**  
**CONVENTION DELEGATE REGISTRATION 2026**

Dear Club President and or Secretary:

According to the Constitution & By-Laws of Ohio Lions Inc. and the International Association of Lions Clubs, the election of district officers shall be conducted by secret ballot. To insure a secret ballot and that the casting of ballots is done only by authorized delegates, clubs and delegates must comply with the following rules:

**1. Each Club is entitled to one (1) delegate for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof, that have been enrolled in the Club for at least one year and a day as of February 1, 2026. It is the duty of each Club to send a full delegation to the District Convention.**

2. All Past District Governors of 13B/OH2 shall be considered Delegates-at-Large to this Convention, in addition to the delegate quota of your Club. Any delegate shall have but one vote on each question or issue that is submitted to this Convention.

3. The Club must be in good financial standing with Lions International and District 13 OH2. All dues must be current and merchandise paid for.

4. This form, listing delegates, MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED to the CABINET SECRETARY by the Club Secretary by March 1, 2026.

5. Each delegate must be a member in good standing with their Club and must pick up, from the Certification Desk, prior to 12pm on March 20, 2026, their authorization to receive a ballot for the business session. It will be necessary for the delegate to present their SIGNED and CURRENT Lion's Member Card.

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LIST BELOW, by name, your Club's official delegates and alternates:

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ Number of delegates \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS:

ALTERNATES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary of Club \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN BY March 1, 2026 TO: Fran Tuttamore (fapancha@gmail.com)

321 Lighthouse Oval Phone 419-967-1205

Marblehead, OH 43440

# Friday Night

Wear your  
favorite 50's  
outfit

GET READY TO  
ROCK 'N ROLL!





## District 13 OH2 Necrology Information

Club Secretary:

Please supply the following information and return it to the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor.

At the District Convention, we honor our deceased Lions and Leo members at our Necrology Service. This service is for members that have passed away since the last District Convention. If you have had more than one member pass away, please duplicate this form and return one for each member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Date Joined club \_\_\_\_\_ Passed away on \_\_\_\_\_

Club Offices held \_\_\_\_\_

District Offices held \_\_\_\_\_

Major areas of service to Lions \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

(If more space is needed use another sheet or back)

It would be nice if the club President, family member and or club members could be present at the Necrology Service to place the flower for the departed member. After the service, feel free to pick up the flower and return it to the family or the club.

Thank you again.

Return forms to:

FVDG Mike Garber  
270 N Lighthouse Oval  
Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440 (419) 707 3755  
-OR-  
Email to [drgarber@hotmail.com](mailto:drgarber@hotmail.com)



## District 13 OH2 Lions Convention

### March 20-22, 2026

Dear Lions, Lions Clubs and Area Businesses,

Thank you for your service and your support of District 13 OH2! We hope that you will consider supporting it again by placing an ad in the convention booklet. The ad may give you, your club or your business the opportunity to share what you're doing, a chance to 'toot' your own horn, or to pass on good wishes or a thank you to the District Officers. You could also support a candidate running for any specific office. To make it easier for you, we will be happy to help you design your ad. A list of the ad sizes and prices are below.

Please complete the convention advertising form below and mail it with your check:

1. By: March 1, 2026
2. To: Marketing Chair, PCC Kerry Parker  
121 Brookvalley Dr., Elyria OH 44035  
kep121@msn.com

Make checks payable to: Ohio Lions District 13 OH2

Any questions, or need assistance designing an ad, please feel free to contact Marketing Chair Lion Kerry Parker at (440) 670-7746 or at [kep121@msn.com](mailto:kep121@msn.com).

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#### District 13 OH2 Lions Convention Booklet Advertising

Business, Organization, or Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size:

Full Page - \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Half Page - \$70 \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter Page - \$50 \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Card - \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Print Ready Ad: \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, Please attach the ad or business card

\_\_\_\_\_ If No, Please list the information for the ad in the space below or attach an additional page if needed

**COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY MARCH 1, 2026**

# Pediatric Cancer



**Shoe the Love!**

Your closet clean-out can support kids fighting cancer!

## Pediatric Cancer Shoe Drive INFORMATION

The Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation is partnering with Kids Get Cancer Too to raise funds to benefit Ohio families battling childhood cancer via Funds2Org!

Funds2Orgs is a social enterprise that helps schools, nonprofits, and community groups run zero-cost, no-sell shoe drive fundraisers, where they collect gently used shoes, get paid by weight, and keep them out of landfills, while providing inventory for micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations to create local businesses, offering a win-win-win for fundraising, sustainability, and global poverty reduction.

Lions Clubs throughout the state will collect gently used or new shoes (any style, any size) to bring to their District or State Convention on May 16, 2026.

Each club will need to tie shoelaces or rubber-band pairs together for easy sorting and place in the clear bags that will be provided.

Each bag must contain **only** 25 pairs.

Whichever club gathers the MOST pairs will be presented with the GOLDEN SHOE AWARD at the State Convention!

Every pair donated helps raise funds to support kids and families fighting pediatric cancer through Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation and Kids Get Cancer Too!



# Shoe the Love!

Your closet clean-out can support kids fighting cancer!

## Pediatric Cancer Shoe Drive!

Bring your gently used or new pairs of shoes to  
your District Convention or State Convention!

- Boots to ballet shoes,
- Sandals to soccer cleats
- Official dress or casual tennis shoes
- Tie shoelaces or rubber-band pairs together  
for easy sorting - we will take them all if  
they're gently used or new!



in partnership with

Every pair donated help raise funds to support  
kids and families fighting pediatric cancer  
through *Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation*  
and *Kids Get Cancer Too!*

There will be a Golden Shoe award for the district  
and Club who donate the most pairs of shoes!



Contact your District OLPCF Representative for more donation information!



# District Committee's Information

## 2025 District 13 OH-2 Poinsettia Sale

15 clubs participated or about 30% of our clubs. We sold 1037 poinsettias and will be adding net proceeds to the District Poinsettia Fund. Thank you for your support.

Lion Ann Miller – District Poinsettia Chair

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## 2026-2027 Leadership and Officer Training – May 2 in Ashland

May 2 will be OH-2 Leadership School and officer training day at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashland.

This is an information day for incoming club officers and all Lions/Leos interested in learning more about Lions at the club level and beyond as well as ideas on sharing what Lions membership offers as we ask others to join us.

There will be a number of general presentations and we encourage everyone who is interested in serving, being an officer, or moving up to district opportunities to be a part of the day.

While this has no fee for attending, we do ask for a donation for breakfast, and will have a 50/50 opportunity to help the district with the day's expenses.

Registration forms and more information will be available by the OH2 convention in March.

OH2 GLT Lion Ann Miller and the Leadership Team

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## District 13B Philanthropic Fund

A mailing went out to members of the Board including the latest roster, a copy of the most current constitution and bylaws, and a financial statement. Members are asked to review for any suggested changes. We are planning a zoom meeting prior to the February Cabinet meeting. It is anticipated that the Board will then meet annually and communicate by email in the interim as needed.

Lion Ann Miller, Acting Chair



I hope everyone stays warm during this very cold January. I am trying to stay warm, but I am still visiting clubs to inform them of what our Foundation is doing and where the money is going.

As of this date our District has donated 33% of our goal of \$54,017.00. We have a long way to go to reach that goal.

I visited the Lorain Lions Club and presented two videos that show what the money you donated is used for. It is important to let our members know that the money is being used to help those that are in need. When there is a disaster so many are in great need. The money goes for recovery, food, medical supplies, and other items.

LCIF has a Legacy Program that our members can see how to donate part of their estate to the Foundation. I can visit your club and talk about this program works.

PIP Alexander would like more members to donate. When members donate personally, they are very much part of the Foundation. It is so easy to donate, and it is tax deductible.

Again, if every Lions donated only \$5.00 a month we would meet our goal.

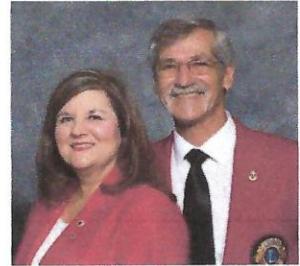
LCIF Coordinator,

PDG Carolyn

## State Information

## PCC LYDIA HOUSER

### FOR OHIO MD13 ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME



I am PCC Lydia Houser of the Mad River Lions Club, OH6, in Dayton, Ohio and I am running to be Ohio's endorsed candidate for International Director. I joined the Mad River Lions in 1999 and have served in leadership positions in numerous roles continuously since 2000. I was Governor of 13 OH6 in 2018-2019 and served as MD13 Ohio Council Chair in 2019-2020 and Covid. I have served as Executive Director for the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation for seven years. I was elected to the state's Liaison Committee in 2022 and served through 2025.

I am married to fellow Lion PDG Ric Houser. My parents, PDG Freda and Lion Buck Wagner, were instrumental in me becoming a Lion. Lions are a family affair with my parents, husband, daughter (DG Rachelle), son-in-law Josh, and now grandchildren involved in Lions.

After a 39-year career at Wright- Patterson Air Force Base, I retired as the Chief of Configuration Management, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Special Operations Forces Directorate managing a multi-billion-dollar portfolio.

Ohio's endorsed candidate for International Director should epitomize leadership in all areas of Lionism. I bring values-based leadership, executive experience, my talents as motivator, trainer, and presenter, and years of membership experience – from club rebuilding to new club development and mentorship. I am an experienced team leader, and I value my reputation as a Lion of integrity, innovation, and initiative.

Lions are more than a service group to me —they are a global family and a lifelong source of friendship and inspiration. Working side by side to serve others motivates us to meet needs with kindness and compassion. I believe that leadership means service, collaboration, and transparency.

For more detailed information, my full bio and answers to some specific questions are on the State web site: <https://www.ohiolions.org/news-events/news/827-meet-the-candidates-for-international-director>. Or follow my candidate's page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586735977187>

As Lions, we can be the change by "Sharing Kindness – One Act at a Time".

If you have questions or requests, please contact me by email at [LMHYOYO@aol.com](mailto:LMHYOYO@aol.com) or via phone at (937) 609-6594.



*PDG Jackie Miller  
For International Director*

Hello everyone! I want to introduce myself. I am PDG Jackie Miller from OH5 and I am running for International Director. Many of you already know me as I've been all over the State for many years. Maybe we met at your convention when I was taking pictures, maybe at a meeting giving a Helen Keller presentation, or maybe just having fun at a Lions event. If we haven't met yet, I hope we do soon.

As an International Director for Ohio, my vision is to motivate Lions to remember why we began this journey of service. I'm committed to carrying our legacy forward with hope and purpose. I believe that service begins with hope – and I'm committed to inspiring it in every Lion I meet!

I joined Lions in 2004 and I have become more active in Lions every year. To learn more about me, you can read my bio on the State web

site: <https://www.ohiolions.org/news-events/news/827-meet-the-candidates-for-international-director>. I've accomplished a lot in Lions and my personal life; I cannot wait to share more next month.

## Zone Chair Corner

Zone 6 is having their zone meeting on February 11, 2026 Time: 7:00 pm and this meeting is going to be a ZOOM meeting.

ALL SO ZONE CHAIR ED BROOK HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS IT IS  
[\(esbrook56@yahoo.com\).](mailto:esbrook56@yahoo.com)

IAM LOOKING FOR A NEW ZONE CHAIRPERSON AND A ASSTIANT  
ANTONE WILLING TO STEP UP BE ONE

zone chair 6    Ed brook

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The last zone 5 meeting of this lion's year is scheduled!!!

Please share the following information with your club members and return your reservations to me no later than February 23. As a reminder, clubs will be billed for the reservations that are submitted.

Presidents, please be prepared to give a brief report about your club which you will find attached to this message. Any speakers wishing to be added to the agenda, please contact me.

Host: Upper Sandusky Lions Club

Date: March 2, 2026

Time: social time 6 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Meeting 7 pm

Place: Shawshank Tavern

226 S Eighth Street

Upper Sandusky, Oh

Menu: meal provided by Upper Sandusky Lions

Cost:\$10

RSVP by: February 23

Please respond to zone chair Vera Gwirtz

419-545-1064

[Eyoreville@rocketmail.com](mailto:Eyoreville@rocketmail.com)

Hope to see you March 2! Vera

## Club News Past, Present and to come

### Ashland Evening Lions

Collecting non-perishable food for Associated Charities was our LCI focus on Hunger service activity at our January 8 meeting. Program for the evening centered around Ashland County Project Lifesaver. 15 members collected \$1759.98 ringing Salvation Army Christmas bells. Another successful poinsettia sale helped our club activity fund and supported OH-2. As a service activity for youth, our club sent a valentine card to a preschool in MD hoping to collect cards from all 50 states. Scholarship applications for graduating seniors are now in school guidance offices. Nasty

weather canceled our January board meeting.

### Ashland Noon Lions Club

#### January 2026: A Clear Vision for a New Year

A new year always invites us to *see* things a little differently—and Lions have been doing that since the very beginning. January is a time to look ahead with clear eyes, fresh energy, and renewed optimism. As Lions, we're uniquely called not just to notice needs in our community, but to *focus* on them, bring them into sharper view, and respond with action. As we step into 2026, let's keep our vision strong and our

outlook hopeful. Every meeting, every service project, and every conversation is a chance to help Ashland see what's possible when people care and show up. Thank you for being Lions who look closely, serve generously, and always keep the future in sight. Here's to a year of good fellowship, meaningful service, and seeing our community thrive—together.

— David Ross, President  
Ashland Noon Lions Club

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#### January Highlights Mayor Matt Miller — January 7<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Matt provided the club with the latest updates on several citywide projects that will have a meaningful financial and social impact. The mayor

also emphasized the importance of a new year for a “new you.”

### **Rep. Melanie Miller —**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Not to be outdone by her husband, Ohio State Representative for the 67th District, Melanie Miller, provided updates on legislation pertinent to our county. Melanie has worked tirelessly on legislation to address capital needs, patient advocacy, parental rights, and property taxes. Melanie will be chairing a committee on Arts, Athletics, and Tourism, and we can’t wait to see what she accomplishes!

### **Hot Shots Shooting Center — January 21<sup>st</sup>**

Terry Wood spoke to the club about Northeast Ohio’s ONLY family-friendly, open-to-the-public indoor dry-fire simulation range with law-enforcement-grade equipment.

### **Club Assembly — January 28<sup>th</sup>**

We can always do better!

Members spent time at the Club Assembly reviewing the second half of 2025 and the beginning of 2026 to identify improvements to grow the club, positively impact the community, and have fun doing it. Thanks to all the club members for their ideas!



## **Attica Lions Club**

With the weather outside being frightful, our first January meeting was cancelled. More to come once we hit February. However, a load of used eyeglasses were delivered to the V.O.S.H. Facility in Pandora. Thanks for braving the cold & snowy roads to get this done.



The LEO Club of Seneca East met in January to create 100 hygiene kits. These were assembled by the members and advisors, with guest speaker Brooke Sims of “Bless Up & Bloom.” The group sent these to Seneca County Jobs and Family Services to distribute to students in need in the Seneca County schools, hopefully improving their self image and mental health. We Serve!

## **Bascom Lions Club**

The Bascom Lions is having a Pediatric Cancer Fundraising Dinner on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>. Pork and Chicken, take out only at \$15 dollars a meal from 11 am to 1 pm. See a Bascom Lion for dinner tickets. We will be having kindergarten screening at Hopewell Loudon School in May. For donations this month, we decided on Buckeye Boys and Girls State to both receive \$400.

## **Bellville Lions Club**

The Bellville Lions Club kicked off the new year with the welcoming of a new member, Amy Kvochick, a realtor and homeschooled mom. She was installed at our January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, where members signed 175 Valentines Cards for foster children in Richland County. We also approved a donation of \$200.00 for a family in Bellville that has a child with cancer. Step Walks gave this family \$500.00 along with an additional donation of \$450.00 to be given on gas cards. From our Annual Flag program, we approved \$300.00 for the American Legion Gifts For

Yanks program that provides personal items for our Ohio veterans. We will begin our flag program campaign soon with sign-up forms being available at the Bellville Post Office, on our Facebook page and will also be available to email to our village residents. PDG Carolyn Brook is our point of contact for the flag program form (email [brookcs1946@gmail.com](mailto:brookcs1946@gmail.com) / cell 419-571-4630). We are grateful to each resident who participates in this annual event. It sure shows Bellville's patriotism as well as is our main fundraiser, which provides our ability to fund our projects and serve our community. On January 22<sup>nd</sup> Kelly Nelson, Avita Health System Dietitian provided us with an informative and interactive workshop on what and what not to eat as to simple carbs versus complex carbs, great and simple ideas for low carb snacks, and comparison of Hyperglycemia: low blood and high blood glucose. She also provided a Diabetes Nutritional Placemat and Right-Size Your Portions handout to follow at home. These handouts will be posted and pinned on the top of our Bellville Lions Club Facebook page to share. Thank you to Kelly and Cheryl of St. Paul Lutheran Church. The diabetes snacks were tasty! We thank our members Lion Teri and Aimee for putting this project together and all other members involved. We ask for prayers for Lion Dave Brook as he is convalescing at home, and Zone Leader Ed Brook who was also ill.



## Bellevue Lions Club

The Bellevue Lions have recently made 2 awards. The first one honored a school employee for their "Educational Excellence" with a check for \$100. We make one award to each of the 4 schools that serve the Bellevue area each year. The second award was our annual high school graduate scholarship of \$1,000.



## Bucyrus Lions Club

The Bucyrus Lions Club received the "1.5" member growth patch and President Rick Knodell received the award for member satisfaction. In honor of "Hunger Week" club members packed 257 bags of food for students in need and

PDG Terry Spiegel helped with "Hunger Boxes" for the elderly. President Rick Knodell took a gift card from the club to a couple in Nevada OH whose house was a total loss. The club donated to the state projects and to pediatric cancer.

Flyers about the club were placed at local restaurants and at the Bucyrus Library. The club has started planning for their chicken dinner fundraiser in May.



Members pack food for students.



Secretary Joy Hillis presents the awards to President Rick Knodell.

## Colonel Crawford Lions Club

The Colonel Crawford Lions Club is looking forward to several exciting events in February. On February 12, we will host our annual Sweetheart Dinner Party beginning at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in North Robinson.

Then, on February 28, we will be assisting the Colonel Crawford Leo Club as they host the Leo State Convention at William and Hannah Crawford School. We are excited to welcome Leos from across the state and look forward to a successful and enjoyable event.

## Lorain Lions Club

### Lorain Lions to host fundraiser for basketball court renovation

The Lorain Lions Club will host a Hispanic Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the Italian American Veterans Club Post No. 1, serving from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event will feature authentic Hispanic home-prepared chicken, pork, rice and beans, plantains, salad, dessert, soft drinks and coffee for only \$20 per ticket. DJ music will be provided.

The fundraiser supports the renovation of the Lakeview Park South Basketball Court, a project funded in part by two grants from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): a \$10,000 Matching Grant and a \$5,000 Community Impact Grant. To meet the total project cost of \$20,000, the Lorain Lions will contribute a \$5,000 local share from proceeds raised at Hispanic fundraiser. Call Fallis at 440.225.0408 to buy tickets or for Hispanic Dinner sponsorships.

The Lakeview Park Basketball Court Renovation project, rendition above, is scheduled for completion in June 2026.

### Lorain Lions to host Presentation on Cleveland Scappers Beep Baseball Team

The Lorain Lions Club will host a special presentation on the Cleveland Scappers Beep Baseball Team on Thursday,

February 5, 2026, at Rebman's On the Avenue, 5300 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain starting at 5:30 p.m.

Kevin Barrett, Treasurer of the Cleveland Scappers and member of the Westshore Lions Club, will share insights about the Cleveland Scappers, a competitive beep baseball team that provides athletic opportunities for blind and visually impaired athletes in the Cleveland area. Barrett will also share the rules of beep baseball and how it is similar as well as different from hardball baseball.

"This presentation is an excellent opportunity for our club members and the public to learn about an innovative program that embodies Lions' commitment to serving the blind and visually impaired," said Mitchell J. Fallis, marketing director for the Lorain Lions Club. "The Cleveland Scappers represent the power of inclusion and athletic excellence."



## Loudonville Lions Club

Loudonville Lions gathered pantry items and canned goods



during the Children's Christmas

Carnival and the Lions Christmas Party for Helping Hand Food pantry for Global Week of Service for Hunger. Lion Melissa Mallinak provided daily "Did You Know?" posts on Facebook all week to share information and local resources. We also held our first Fish Fry of the New year, another sell out! And will serve breakfast to Mansfield Plumbing Products retirees. Happy New Year!

## Lucas Lions Club

Lucas Lions had another productive month. We hosted our four scholarship winners and their families. These students completed their first term in college, and maintained good grades. Each received \$1,000 from our scholarship program.



We have been busy planning our Spring Bingo for May 2nd. Tickets go on sale March 21st. See attached flyer for more information.

## Marblehead Peninsula Lions Club

The Marblehead Peninsula Lions welcomed two new members this quarter bringing total membership to 55. In addition, The club donated

funds for an eye surgery and for a pair of glasses. Several members helped Heavenly Beds build several bunk beds for kids and the club donated funds to a local church women's group that are making quilts for Heavenly Beds.

## **Perrysville Lions**

We held a successful Swiss steak luncheon on January 11, 2026 and donated the proceeds to Diabetes Awareness. We also donated to the Loudonville Theater and the Ashland County Bookcase project. We voted to participate in the GOOD program again this year. We continue collecting plastic. We have cancelled our February 9 Swiss steak luncheon and will be holding one on March 8, 2026.

## **Port Clinton Lions Club**

Greetings from Port Clinton where the icy winds are blowing and fisher-people dream of ice fishing season! CABIN FEVER ROASTED CHICKEN DINNER: The Club will have held its annual Cabin Fever Chicken Dinner on January 25<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for ongoing club projects. At the time of this writing, advance ticket sales indicate the event will have been an excellent success!

**LASAGNA DINNER:** Another fundraiser event is happening on Friday, Feb. 6, occurring between the JV and Varsity basketball games at Port Clinton High School.! Come join us or basketball and dinner!! Tickets for the dinner are \$15 including lasagna, salad, garlic bread, cookies & water.

## **Rowsburg Lions Club**

We held our first meeting of the New Year on Tue. 13th. We were honored to have as a guest our 1st District Vice Governor Mike Garber and his wife Lorna. Governor Mike spoke on the subject of our District Membership services with the total district membership now standing at 1,569. He touched on the subjects of Mental Services, Hunger, Eye Care and Childhood Cancer. He reported that \$25,000 was donated to the Toledo Hospital for Kids Cancer. He reminded us of the Convention being held in Westlake, Ohio on March 20 - 22nd and would be back on November 24, 2026 to visit with us again.

Polk Lions Club will be hosting us for a meeting in February. For some projects this year we will be looking at repairing a drainage tile and repaving the Handicap parking lot.

## **Savannah Crestview Lions Club**

Make sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming pancake breakfasts. February's will be the first Saturday of the month, February 7<sup>th</sup>. March's pancake breakfast will also be the first Saturday of the month, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the April pancake breakfast will be the SECOND Saturday of the month, April 11<sup>th</sup> so as not to interfere with Easter weekend.

Also make sure to stop by for our carry-out only Valentine Swiss steak dinner. Serving from 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> at the

Savannah Town Hall. Cost of the meal that includes Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and valentine cookie is just \$12.00 each dinner.

## **Shelby Lions Club**

After a busy December, the Shelby Lions club is battling the weather to just have a meeting!

A new agenda is being planned for the upcoming year. We do have 3 candidates who are interested in joining the Shelby club.

We will be addressing the needs of the Shelby helpline, FISH food pantry and Shelby city schools. We will be strong in feeding the poor and helping with donations to help the sick.

Shelby had a strong 2025 year and we will build off of it.

## **Tiffin Lions Club**

We made popcorn balls over 5 days in December at the Tiffin Moose. We had a good year with making popcorn balls.

For sight, Paul Klaiss collected 261 glasses and 105 cases for the month of November. There were nine stops with 3 hours. Paul said that there was 1300 pair of glasses and 600 cases picked up the Eyeglass Sorting Center.

For membership, Mary Dazey passed away on November 28, 2025.

## **Vermillion Lions Club**

The Vermillion Lions honored two Vermillion High School students and their parents as Student of the Month for

December and January. Both evenings playing bingo at the local nursing homes was cancelled due to illness of a couple of Lions. We plan on getting back to both bingos in February. Congratulations to Vermilion Lion and 1 V President Peggy Watkins, as she was awarded a Melvin Jones

Fellowship, as picked by the other Vermilion Lions MJF's. This for her dedication to Lions and our motto "We Serve". At our first meeting in January we collected \$78.00 (pass the hat) for the Vermilion Food Pantry. We will be hosting our annual Reverse Raffle on March 28, 2026. Main board tickets are

\$50.00 and dinner tickets are \$30.00 each. Diner tickets must be purchased to buy main board ticket. Come for a chance to win \$1600.00. Side boards and Chinese raffles also. If interested contact Lion Jim Ferguson (440-967-4794) or PDG JJ Jeavons (419-901-2687).

## Lions that have Passed this month

Norwalk Lions had a member pass away on Dec. 28, 2025 J. W. Kelley a long time member of 53 years who helped the club become as successful as it is. RIP.

Fremont Lion Donna Rose Thatcher, 79, went home to her lord and savior Jesus Christ on January 7, 2026 surrounded by family at Flower Hospital in Sylvania, Ohio. [Donna has been our Lions Secretary for 3 years.](#)

Tiffin Lion Mary Dazey passed away on November 28, 2025.

## Upcoming District Activities

All Lions Clubs that would like to have their activities promoted in the District Newsletter are welcome to do so. This will possibly get more lions to them. Please send flyer 2 month before the activity so it can be seen before the activity.





# PORT CLINTON LIONS CLUB *Lasagna Dinner*

**Friday, February 6th, 2026**

**Port Clinton High School Cafeteria**

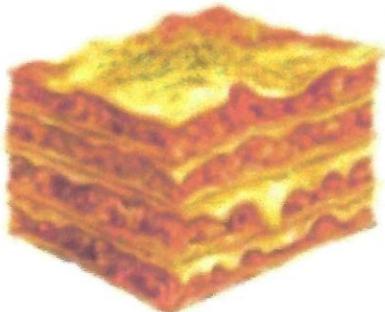
**821 S. Jefferson Street**

**Port Clinton, OH**

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**



## **Lasagna Dinner**



**Includes:**

- Lasagna
- Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Cookie
- Bottled Water

**Tickets: \$15  
Dine-In  
OR  
Carry-Out**



**Tickets available for purchase from:**

**Lorna Garber: 630-881-8230**

**Lisa Recker: 419-656-1290**

**Limited Tickets sold at the door.**

**Tickets courtesy of Auxter-Recker Funeral Homes**

Final Lions Club Awareness Dance

# PHIL DIRT AND THE DOZERS BEACH PARTY XXIII

OHIO'S LARGEST  
"INDOOR TAILGATE PARTY"

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50/50  
DRAWING PRIZES

FOOD WILL BE SOLD ON LOCATION,  
BUT YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN.

BRING USED EYEGASSES AND  
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## FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Fairhaven Hall  
Richland County Fairgrounds  
Mansfield, Ohio

8:00 pm - 11:00pm

Doors open at 6:30pm

\$25.00 Per Person

Must be 18 or older. No Tickets  
will be sold at the door



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### MANSFIELD

Porky's Drive Inn  
811 Ashland Road

Richland County Fairgrounds  
750 N. Home Road

### ASHLAND

Miller Hawkins  
1617 Claremont Avenue



## We Serve Lorain Lions Club

### Hispanic Dinner Fundraiser

**(To Renovate Lakeview Park Basketball Court)**

**Menu: Chicken, Pork, Rice and Beans, Fried Plantains, Salad, dessert coffee and soft drinks plus 50/50 and Basket Raffles, Hispanic Costume Contest. DJ Music**

**I.A.V Post #1**

**4567 Oberlin Avenue. Lorain**

**Saturday: February 28, 2026**

**Serving 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**DINE-IN or CARRY-OUT format**

**Tickets are \$20 per person**

**Only 300 tickets will be sold until Feb. 15 2026**

**Name or Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ohio Zip code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of tickets for DINE-IN \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tickets for CARRY-OUT \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_**

**For more info, call Mitchell J. Fallis at 440.225.0408**

**Return this form and make check payable to:**

**Lorain Lions Club and mail to: P.O. Box 298 Lorain Ohio 44052**



**Proceeds to fund rebuilding the Lakeview South Basketball court including the Lions logo at center court. Lions Clubs International Foundation has provided a \$15,000 grant to partially fund this project. Lorain Lions local share is \$5,000.**

# Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

North Ridgeville Lions Club

**SATURDAY, March 28<sup>th</sup> • 8 AM-11 AM**

\$10.00 Donation  
PER PERSON  
Under 5 Free

**ALL YOU CAN  
EAT PANCAKES!**

North Ridgeville  
Academic Center  
34620 Bainbridge Rd

Meal includes scrambled eggs, 2 sausage links, all you can eat pancakes, and Milk, Coffee, or Orange Juice.

2 Extra sausage links - \$1

**Take a Photo with the Easter Bunny.**

**Kids will receive a free  
Easter Coloring Book.**



**Sponsored by the  
Lions Club of North  
Ridgeville**



# LUCAS LIONS BINGO

Join us for a fun evening of food, games, prizes and the thrill of the win!

General Admission Tickets are \$35 and go on sale

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Call 614-981-3998 to reserve your ticket or stop by the  
Lucas Community Center from 9am-11am.

## SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

Doors Open at 5:00 pm  
Lucas Community Center  
252 W Main St, Lucas, OH 44843  
Must be 18 or older

Tickets are \$35 each  
and include:  
1 reusable Bingo board  
20 rounds of Bingo  
& Light Dinner



Additional bingo  
boards, 50/50 tickets,  
raffles, and drinks will  
be available to purchase  
at the event



LUCAS LIONS CLUB PUBLIC

Please no outside  
food or drinks



Riverboat Lunch Cruise &

Motown Show

Friday, June 12, 2026



Fundraising  
event for the  
Port Clinton  
Lion's Club

Departing from:  
9 am The Sutton Center  
1848 E. Harbor Rd,  
Port Clinton  
Returning at approx. 5pm

Sail the beautiful Detroit River and  
enjoy a first-class adventure with a  
full lunch buffet(salad, beef, chicken,  
pasta, dessert & more!)

Live Motown entertainment!

**Your trip includes:**

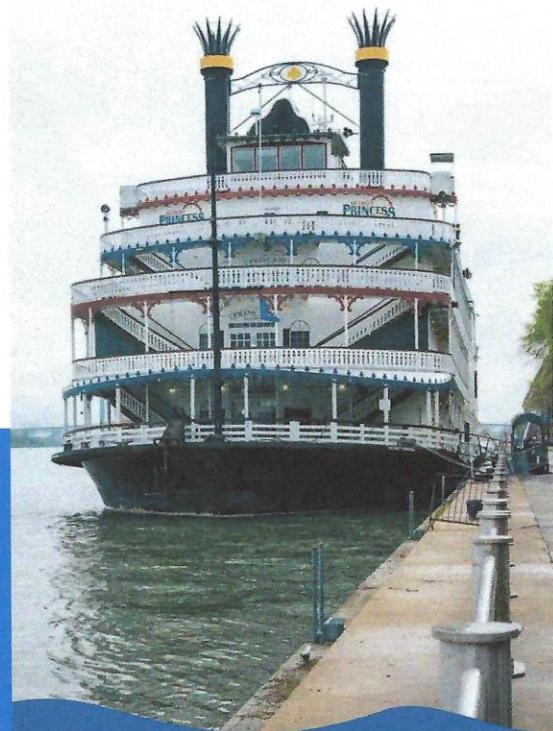
- Round-trip deluxe motor coach bus transportation
- Ticket for the riverboat cruise, lunch buffet & Live Motown show on board the largest riverboat in the mid-west!

**\*Alcoholic beverages available at an open bar, but are not included in the cost.**

\*Trip is non refundable unless there is a waiting list.

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