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DG Notes

I'm writing this on Christmas Eve from warm Texas. I'm visiting family for the holidays. Hope yours was wonderful!

The membership numbers for this year are not great, but they're better than last year: -43 on Dec 1 as opposed to -70. We have fewer clubs closing Dec 31: 1 compared to 4 last December. And, we are doing better with retention. (Thanks PCC Kerry Parker for these statistics.)

This New Year, instead of a resolution to give something up, how about a resolution to DO something! Like bring in a new member or two! Or take a more active role in your club! Make this the year you hold a club office. Be positive in your change this year.

This year let's also remember our mental health. We go for a physical check up but how often do we do an evaluation of our mental health? Take the time to discuss concerns with your health professional who can either treat you, or refer you to someone who can help you.

Just an early reminder that our cabinet meeting is coming up in February and it is mandatory for Zone Chairs, who are part of the cabinet, to attend. It will be in Bellevue this time.

So, remember, membership, retention, and mental health!

Have a GREAT New Year!

Shirlee

Visitation Schedule

1st VDG Mike

Beginning the New Year, we reflect with pride on the service we have provided and look ahead with hope for what we can accomplish together. Every act of service, large or small, strengthens our communities and lives out our Lions motto, We Serve.

Looking forward, growing our membership remains essential. Each new Lion brings fresh energy, new ideas, and additional hands to expand our impact. By sharing our Lions story and welcoming others to serve alongside us, we ensure our mission continues strong into the future.

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 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.

Finally, it is important to note that **Lions International has gone paperless**. Log into the Lion Portal and navigate to My Club – Club Statements to check your club's balance, make payments and see outstanding balances. Reviewing and paying

your club's balance regularly helps keep your club in good standing. For questions regarding your club's statement, please contact Membership Billing at membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your dedication, compassion, and commitment. Together, through service and growth, we will make this year another meaningful chapter in Lionism.

Yours in service,
Mike Garber, 1st VDG

1st VDG Visitation Schedule

January 5	Butler
January 8	Rowsburg
January 25	Port Clinton
	Chicken Dinner Fundraiser
January 27	Loudonville

2nd VDG Jessica

This month has been a slower month for club visits but a chance to actually attend a meeting for my home club and honor some great Lions in my home zone. It's also been great for recharging with my friends and family.

I had the honor of helping present two Melvin Jones Fellows during the Lucas Lions Christmas meeting. I can't think of two Lions in the local area more deserving of the recognition for their years of service than Bill and Jan Grubaugh. I was so pleased to help show them some well deserved honor.

I also attended the annual Richland County Project Lifesaver race at Charles Mill Marina earlier this month. This was the 14th annual race to help offset the cost of the program for older adults with speech or memory issues in our county. We had Lions from five of the seven Richland County clubs assist with registration, direct runners along the course, provide food and drinks after the race, and present awards.

As the calendar year quickly comes to a close, I just want to thank every club I've visited this year for the support and openness I've been shown. To every Lion who has offered even a single word of encouragement, thank you. I am more sure than ever that I will be able to complete my commitment to the district since I know I have such a great group backing me. To those I haven't gotten to visit yet, I can't wait to meet you all and see how we can help each other grow.

I pray that by the time you're reading this that you've all had a safe and happy holiday season. I pray 2026 ends up being an amazing year for our district and our individual Lions. May we see growth in numbers of people touched by Lions Clubs both in communities we serve and in the members we serve with.

Yours in Lionism,

2VDG Jessica Skeen

2nd VDG Visitation Schedule

1/15 - Madison Lions
1/20 - Castalia Visit
1/24 - Urban Club
Development Training
1/28 - Attica Visit

Pediatric Cancer

On December 3rd, the Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation made a donation of \$25,000 to the ProMedica Foundation for the Russell J Ebeid Children's Hospital Pediatric Cancer Oncology Program. This donation was also MATCHED by the Toledo area organization of Catching Up With Jack. This organization was created by a family that lost their child to pediatric cancer. The OLPCF was represented by Board Members PDG Sue Davis of OH-1 and Lion Mona DiCesare of OH-2. Along with the two Board Members, Lions were represented by 1st VDG Mike Garber and Lion Lorna Garber as well as PDG Pete DiCesare. ProMedica representatives were Kim Partin and Dasa Dzierwa from the ProMedica Foundation and Paula Grieb and Maria Gaskins from the Pediatric Oncology unit. This is why we WALK for STEPS



District Committee's Information

2025 District 13 OH-2 Poinsettia Sale

Reminder to any clubs who have not forwarded their money: make club checks payable to DISTRICT 13 OH-2 POINSETTIA SALE and forward to Lion Ann Miller for posting. She will then forward to CT Lion Tom. The net sale results are held in the District Poinsettia Sale Fund, from which a number of District projects and activities are covered. 15 clubs participated this year. Point of interest: Ashland Evening Lions records indicate that the district poinsettia sale began in 2001. Since I became chair of this activity in 2013, the district has sold 11,236 poinsettias, including this year's largest sale ever with 1037 poinsettias sold. Thank you for your support. An accounting will be noted in the February newsletter after everything is finalized. Lion Ann Miller – District Poinsettia Chair

Don't Miss the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 16, 17, 18, 2026

DEER CREEK STATE PARK LODGE

Lions are invited to attend the 2026 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat, January 16-18, at the picturesque Deer Creek State Park in Mount Sterling, Ohio. This retreat will provide a fantastic chance to connect with fellow Lions, engage in enriching workshops and unwind in a tranquil winter setting.

Early Bird Registration is \$130 until December 1, 2025. After that, registration will be \$145. Register at OhioLions.org. Reserve your room directly with the Lodge at 800-282-7275 for \$129 plus tax per night.

Lot's of great seminars will be presented, including:

Sip & Paint
So What is that Song About
A Little History
Young's Jersey Dairy
Outdoor Adventures & Performances

Culinary Adventures
Origami
Pilot Dog Service Project
Board Games & Euchre

Exploring your Family Tree
Pilot Dogs
Sing Along

We hope to see you there!

On December 5th the OH 2 Past District Governors had their annual Christmas Get-together. This year it was held at the Der Dutchman in Bellville. There were 19 that attended. PDG Carolyn brook was in charge of it. Those in attendance this year were PDG Kevin Reidy and Debbie, PDG Forest Conrad, PDG Julianne Zody and PDG Dana Zody, PDG Myron Amstutz and Carolyn, PDG Dan O'Conner and Pam, PDG Cindy Beat and Mark, PDG James "JJ" Jeavons, and Joyce, PDG Patty Moorman and Bob, PDG Terry Spiegel and Linda, PDG Kerry Parker, PDG Carolyn Brook, Good time was had by all.



Zone Chair Corner

I JUST WANT TO WISH EVERYBODY A HAPPY NEW YEAR

THIS IS ZONE 6 CHAIR ED BROOK ,
I JUST WANTING LET YOU ALL KNOW I HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

ESBROOK56@YAHOO.COM

THANKS ZC ED BROOK

On Saturday, Dec 13, 2025, Richland County Project Lifesaver held their annual 5k/10k and fun run. Apparently 90 individuals signed up to compete in the event that helps offset the cost of Project Lifesaver for Richland County residents. Pictured are (left - right) Danielle Brandes who won the 10k for females in her age division, Lion Randy Hutchinson from the Ontario Lions and MD13 OH2 2VDG Jessica Skeen of the Madison Township Lions. Lions Randy and Jessica were from two of the 5 clubs in Richland County who attended the race as volunteers. All three people are employees at the District 5 Area Agency on Aging in Ontario. The Agency is a partner to Richland County Project Lifesaver, providing space for their bimonthly meetings as well as their printed materials for new signups and the race.



Photo from Project Lifesaver 5k/10k four Bellville Club members participated and the club donated fruit. There were 75 pre-registered and 13 walk-ins for a total of 88 registered for the run.

Club News Past, Present and to come

Ashland Evening Lions

Club met at Bellas 220 for our December 4 Christmas celebration. Service was our theme for December. Associated Charities was our Christmas service project and will be our Hunger month service activity in January. We helped sponsor the Ashland Christmas parade and several members were actively involved. Members again rang bells for the Salvation Army on the Fridays before Christmas collecting over \$1700. Another successful poinsettia sale helped our club activity fund and also supported OH-2.

Ashland Noon Lions Club

A Season of Thanks and Giving

Feeling Grateful? We Sure Are! As the scent of pumpkin pie fills the air and the leaves crunch underfoot, our Lions pause to give thanks. This Thanksgiving season reminds us how fortunate we are to serve a community that cares so deeply. Whether ringing bells for the Salvation Army, lending hands on United Way's Day of Caring, or brightening lives through baskets for the Ashland Cancer Association, your Ashland Noon Lions are out there — giving, growing, and grateful.

Serving with Gratitude

Every project is a reminder of our mission: We Serve. Each act of kindness — large or small — helps strengthen the bonds of our Ashland family. So as you pass the mashed potatoes, take a

moment to celebrate the spirit of service that brings us together.

November Meetings (and a Little Pie Break!)

We'll take a short break on November 26th to enjoy time with family and friends. Before then, the club welcomed several special guests: Rick Ford, Director, Ashland County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Dr. Jon Parrish Peede, President of Ashland University Sandra Tunnell, the driving force behind Ashland Main Street

Thank you to all our wonderful speakers and the work they're doing to make Ashland someplace special.

From Our Pride to Yours

Wishing you and your loved ones a Thanksgiving overflowing with peace, gratitude, and maybe an extra slice of pie. □

Ashland Noon Lions — Proudly serving our community with heart, hands, and humor.



The Ashland Noon Lions will be blessing four children this year through the Adopt-a-Family program at Associated Charities in Ashland.

The Ashland Noon Lions also rang bells for the Salvation Army on December 11th and December 18th.



Attica Lions Club

December was a joyous time for the Attica Lions, celebrating friendships at our annual Christmas Party. This year's dinner was held at the Attica fairgrounds, with a delicious meal catered by Smokey's Restaurant of Republic. A

“White Lion” gift exchange was quite entertaining, with many members sharing laughs.



A Holiday Cash Raffle was held with 4 lucky winners. The proceeds went to benefit the Seneca County Mental Health Board. We thank everyone who partook in the raffle. The club made donations to the local food bank, the children’s Christmas Wonderland, and bought poinsettias to donate to businesses. Items were also donated to the District suitcase initiative for foster children. *LEO the Rock Snake* has been put into “hibernation” by some LEO members. A few LEOs helped make popcorn balls with the Republic Lions Club, and the club donated a gift to the Library’s Giving Tree. Sending Christmas Blessings to all!



Bascom Lions Club

The Bascom Lions held their Christmas party on December 2nd. Twenty one members and eleven spouses attended. There was a gift exchange and a very

good meal was prepared by the Hopewell Loudon Kitchen staff. We finished up our meat raffle with the following 10 winners; Scott Beidelschies, John Irving, Jason Brickner Fred Zierger, Jason Painter, Lance Smith, Aaron Kapelka, John Bolte, Duane King and Carol Kimmel. The scholarship committee has started passing out forms for scholarships to high school seniors. One donation was given out this month to the Hopewell Loudon spirit bus fund. Two Bascom Lions received awards. Past President Nathan Reinhart received an award for net gain of membership for 2024. Lion Doug Meier received the membership satisfaction award.

Bellville Lions Club

The Bellville Lions Club continues our mission, “Together, We Serve and Together, We Shine” with serving our community and families whenever there is a need.

In November nine club members attended the zone meeting hosted by Madison Lions. We learned a lot from other clubs on membership, fundraising and the service projects being done in their respective communities. Club members also put American Flags up and took them down in observation of Veterans Day within the Village of Bellville. Our Flag program has been well received over the last four years showing patriotism and has been our clubs main fundraiser to which all members participate. We also provided Thanksgiving meals for two families for a total of \$78.00.

In December four club members participated in the Project Lifesaver 5k/10k race held at Charles Mill Park and the club donated fruit. There were 75 pre-registered and 13 walk-ins for a total of 88 participating. Members also participated in the Annual Bellville Christmas Parade and donated about 100 hotdogs. Twelve members and two guests attended our annual club Christmas party. It was fun to fellowship with food, games and the crazy left right gift exchange. The club also adopted two families serving a total of 8 family members with \$787 worth of gifts. Bellville members participated again in the Annual Poinsettia plant sale.

In January, we are excited for the upcoming partnership with Avita Healthcare’s endocrinology department for a special Healthy Living Class focused on nutrition for diabetics.

Nutritionist Kelly and her supervisor will lead the session, featuring short PowerPoint and live demonstrations of healthy snack ideas.

When: January 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Bellville

This class is free and open to the community as part of our ongoing service project work. The club will provide healthy snack samples—thank you to member Ami, who will coordinate those details when she returns from travel.

Keep an eye out for our Avita/Bellville Lions Club flyer on Facebook, Richland Source, the Bellville Bulletin, local radio community calendars, and

hopefully the Mansfield News Journal!

Our hope for next year is that we will increase our membership and find more ways to serve others and each other.



Crestline Lions Club

On Saturday December 6th, members of the Crestline Lions and Leo Club assisted The Hub at Village Square with their Breakfast with Santa event.

Lions Club members were tasked with making and serving pancakes and sausage to over 200 registered guests, while members of the Leo Club helped with kids activities.



This was the second time the Crestline Lions and Leos have helped with this community event.

Our Peace Poster contest winner was Avalyn Sowash a 6th Grade student at Crestline Middle School. Avalyn is pictured with her teacher Abbi Grau.



Colonel Crawford Lions Club

The Colonel Crawford Lions Club had a great turnout of 145 kids from our district who attended our annual Halloween Spook Alley. Sixteen Lions and 21 Leo members helped decorate and assist where it was needed. We also like to thank the Jefferson Twp. Fire Association for being our judges again this year.

At our November 13th meeting, we recognized our Peace Poster winners. First Place: Cameron Fortney, Second Place: Lincoln Dundee, and Third Place: Zy Brown.

At the same meeting, we also recognized our November, December and January Students of the Month. Peyton Baker, Elizabeth Ehmann and Joette Marks.

On December 11, we will held our annual Christmas Party at Cranberry Hills Golf Course in New Washington. The Lions had a great time socializing and playing Robber's Bingo. We also took up a collection to purchase various items the Col. Crawford School Nurse has requested for the elementary students.

In 2026, we look forward to serving our community with their needs.



Fremont Lions Club

NO LIONS CLUB MEETING IN JANUARY

Our Lions club will not be meeting in January. We had already decided to not meet on January 6 and the Eagles are getting new carpet on the 20th so it is not available. I look forward to seeing as many as can attend in February.

Plastic Recycling

We are collecting towards Bench #7 and currently have over 579 pounds. Please continue to bring your plastic bags to the meetings for Lion Carol or drop off at 707 Birchard Avenue.

Students of the Month for December!



St. Joe: Stephanie Flahiff, William Connell



Ross: Brenah Parker, Cade Reineck

Lions efforts with Disaster Relief - International Foundation (LCIF). "Your generous donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve! To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit lionsclubs.org/disastergrants or email LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org. *100% of donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF."

Fremont Lions Facebook page

Fostoria Lions Club

Fostoria Lions held their annual Christmas party, sold

over 225 poinsettias as part of the District fundraiser, had 2 members help Tiffin Lions with their popcorn balls fundraiser, purchased and delivered 10 bags of Popcorn balls to the Nursing Homes and the Domestic Violence Shelter and had 2 members participate in the Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation check presentation to ProMedica Children's Hospital in Toledo.



Hayesville Lions Club

The Hayesville Lions Club met December 19 at Hayesville Methodist Church for their Christmas party and meeting. It was decided to have a pancake breakfast on January 10 from 7:30-9:30 at the Hayesville Fire Department.

Our party started with a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the Methodist Church and a white elephant exchanged which became a hilarious event. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Lorain Lions Club

Lorain Lions Club supports Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign For nearly 90 years, members of the Lorain Lions Club have come together to support the Lorain Salvation Army Corps Red Kettle Campaign, helping provide vital services to the community during the Christmas season. On December 6, 24 dedicated Lorain Lions braved the chilly winter weather to ring bells and spread festive cheer at the Walmart Supercenter, 4380 North Leavitt Road, Lorain. Lorain Lions Club made a donation of \$500 to the Lorain Salvation Army Corps Red Kettle Campaign in connection with our service project of ringing the bells at the red kettles.



Lorain Lions Club supports Lorain Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign
Lorain Lions Club donates to Mary Lee Tucker Clothe-A-Child Fund

The Lorain Lions Club donated \$1,000 to the Mary Lee Tucker Cloth-A-Child Fund, a long-running initiative dedicated to providing Lorain area school-aged children in need with new warm winter clothing.

The Lorain Lions Club's donation comes as part of the global "Be the Change" initiative of Lions Clubs International, which encourages local Lions Clubs to actively support their communities. Through the "Be the Change" initiative, the Lorain Lions Club asked its membership to donate their change into the "Be the Change" blue bucket over six months to contribute to the Mary Lee Tucker Clothe-A-Child Fund.



Darryl Q. Tucker, left, President of Mary Lee Tucker Clothe-A-Child Fund, with Tyrone Howard, center, vice president of President of Mary Lee Tucker Clothe-A-Child Fund, and Tom Bruno, president of Lorain Lions Club hold a large \$1,000 check. This donation to the Mary Lee Tucker Fund funds children's winter clothing and foot wear for low-income children this winter.

Loudonville Lions Club

Loudonville Lions held their annual Children's Christmas Carnival on December 6, prior to the community parade, with games and prizes, refreshments and pictures with Santa. We also held our annual Christmas Party for members and guests, with music provided by Chestnut Ridge. The evening also included a silent auction and collection of canned goods for Helping Hand Food Pantry. On December 15th the club held their Feed the Teams dinner for winter sports programs and Leo Club served a pancake and sausage breakfast for senior citizens on December 18. It is with sadness that we share the passing of Lion Darius Plumley, who joined the club in 1998 and served in so many capacities over the years, including as Lion Tamer. With over 25 years of perfect attendance, he was a special part of our club and will be missed.



Lucas Lions Club

Lucas Lions had another busy month. On December 4th, during our annual Christmas party, Bill and Jan Grubaugh each received the Melvin Jones Award. 2 VDG Jessica Skeen and Zone 6 Chair Ed Brook were our special guests for the evening. On December 1st, we partnered with the village of Lucas, Lucas Schools, and Lucas Area Ministerial Association to provide our annual Christmas Tree Lighting. This year, our 2nd-grade classes sang Christmas carols. We also resumed our role as Santa's helpers and responded to each letter to Santa placed in our special mailbox in the lobby of the Lucas Post Office.

Additionally, we partnered with Lucas Elementary to hold an eyeglass drive from Nov. 17 - Dec. 12. We had 251 glasses turned in! The winning class turned in 86 glasses and won a pizza party.





Madison Township Lions Club

On Thursday, Dec 18, 2025, the Madison Township Lions and their spouses held their annual Christmas Meeting at the Madison Boosters Bingo Hall in Mansfield. The Madison High School Choir provided lovely entertainment with Christmas classics and modern holiday songs. Food was catered by Exclusively Yours catering. The event is always a club favorite and it's well attended by the Club and their families.



support this impactful program each year.

Finally, we wish our entire community a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!



North Ridgeville Lions Club

This month, our club gathered for a festive Christmas Chili Dinner to celebrate our amazing year filled with dedicated service. Members enjoyed a delicious potluck meal, participated in a "Basket of Cheer" raffle, and shared in holiday carols and rounds of Bingo. It was an evening filled with camaraderie and seasonal spirit.

On Saturday, December 6, several of the North Ridgeville Lions—in our annual "elf" tradition—embarked on a cheerful shopping excursion at the North Olmsted Walmart. We are incredibly grateful to the Walmart team for their warm hospitality and their generous \$200 gift card contribution. With these funds and club donations, we purchased over \$2,500 in toys and gifts for **North Ridgeville Community Care**. These items allow local parents and caregivers to select special holiday gifts for their children. We are honored to

Oak Harbor Lions Club

Happy New Year to all. Oak Harbor Lions only had one meeting in December. Our speaker was Gregory Derodes, D.O. who is president of the Fremont Lions Club. He spoke about glaucoma testing and treatment and the higher occurrence of glaucoma in minority populations. A big issue is getting people in for regular exams so eye issues can be detected early on for proper treatment. During the month our club took a day to ring the bell for Salvation Army at Community Market. We collected \$529 that day for Salvation Army. The club also sponsored a team feed for the Oak Harbor Middle School

Swim team. We also collected old eyeglasses and mailed them in for recycling.



Ontario Lions Club

The Ontario Lions Charities, Inc. received a grant from Walmart's Spark Good program. This was in conjunction with the Ontario Police department for the Christmas Giving Project.

We also raised monies from the Ontario Christmas Craft Show at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

We hosted our annual Christmas Party for Kids and Grandkids with cake, cookies and ice cream and of course Santa.



Perrysville Lions

We had a quite month. We did take Christmas treats and visited with the residents of McMullen Assisted Living Home.

We will hold our January 11, 2026 Swiss steak luncheon serving from 11 to 1 from the Perrysville Community Center. The proceeds will be donated to Diabetes Research.

We will not have a February Luncheon but will be back for March 8, 2026.

Happy New Year!

Polk Lions Club

Our elves have had a very busy month! Polk Lions enjoyed a Christmas party with great food, fun, and fellowship. Lion Janet Hoffman won 1st place in the ugly sweater contest with her naughty and nice outfit. Lion John Heilman earned 2nd place, Lion Sherry Flury earned 3rd, and Lion Craig earned 4th place. Lion Candy won 1st place in candy cane golf, with Lion Craig earning a sudden death 2nd. Everyone enjoyed playing Killer Bingo! We finished the fun packed evening with Christmas Trivia. Lots of fun and laughter!

Once again, the Polk Lions shared their Christmas spirit with the community at Christmas Tree Lane! We entertained over 100 visitors

with over 70 lighted displays, Christmas music, cookies, and hot chocolate. We collected 104 lbs of food, and donated a sizable check to Ashland Special Needs Ministry, thanks to the generosity of our community!

To wrap up our month of service, our Lions tackled a mound of plastic! We sorted, bagged, and weighed another 114 lbs, which brings us to a total of 443 lbs!

Port Clinton Lions Club

Hello from Port Clinton where the Holiday Season has begun. Ring Dem Bells: The Club will be ringing the bell this year for the Salvation Army on Dec. 10th & Dec. 16th. Project Lifesaver: Club Member Ray Kroft was on hand to receive a financial gift from Portage Resale on behalf of Project Lifesaver. This project provides electronic tracking devices to at-risk seniors in Ottawa County. This program is supported by Ottawa County Lions, the County Sheriff's Office, Magruder Hospital, Ottawa County Senior Resources, Ottawa County Veterans, and Ottawa County MRDD. The program also receives private donations. A word about Portage Resale: Portage Resale is a resale store in Port Clinton that receives donations of gently used items for resale. It awards all of its profits to area charitable organizations. Portage Resale does wonderful things for our community.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
ALL!! SEE YOU NEXT
YEAR**



Figure 1: Lion Ray Kroft receiving a gift from Portage Resale



Figure 2: Ring Dem Bells

Savannah Crestview Lions Club

We have been busy assembling and delivering fruit gift bags for our elderly neighbors. We also had a pancake breakfast at the beginning of December to benefit our Lions Charities. As usual the community was supportive and we enjoyed having breakfast with our friends! Mark your calendar for the January pancake breakfast scheduled for January 3rd at the Savannah Town Hall.

Savannah-Crestview Lions wish you and your family a bright Christmas filled with love, laughter and cherished memories.

Shelby Lions Club

Shelby United Lions continue to be busy in the community.

From parades, helping to distribute food partnering with many organizations, hosting Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus to supplying gloves and hats to those in need in our schools.

We are proud to be part of our Shelby Community and being able to make a difference by being a Lions Club member.

We will once again ring the bell for the Salvation Army on Dec 20th in Shelby at the Sportsmen Den.



The Shelby Lions Club donated 100 winter hats and 110

pairs of gloves to the Shelby school district. Carli and Kyle gift wrapped each item.

Through a generous donation, the Shelby Lions club will be able to insure no student will be without hats and gloves for all of next year.

We assisted the Shelby Helpline in delivering and handing out 271 food boxes for the holidays. We also rang the bell for 8 hours for the Salvation Army.



Vermillion Lions Club

Vermillion Lions continue to stay busy. The month of December we played bingo with residents at Kingston and Mill Manor Nursing Homes. Giving winners of each game money.

On Tuesday, December 2nd, we held our annual Christmas Party and wrapped gift auction. On Friday, December 5th, six Lions and one additional helper gave out 25 gallons of hot chocolate, marshmallows and candy canes to all who came to Light Up Vermilion. The Vermillion Lions have been at Giant Eagle every Saturday since Thanksgiving weekend, ringing the bell for Salvation Army Red Kettle. A committee is in the beginning stages of organizing our 75th Charter Anniversary celebration. The date is set for May 8th, 2026. Hoping all have a happy, safe and prosperous new year.

Lions that have Passed this month

LION Philip Scott Critcher, age 65, of Bellville, Ohio passed away unexpectedly on October 17th, 2025. One of his duties was to organize the annual children's Easter egg hunt.

Tiffin Lions lost Mary Dazey at 86 years old. She was in the Willows in Tiffin for a few weeks.

Loudonville Lions. It is with sadness that we share the passing of Lion Darius Plumley, who joined the club in 1998 and served in so many capacities over the years, including as Lion Tamer. With over 25 years of perfect attendance, he was a special part of our club and will be missed.

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.





Fun,
healthy snacks
will be
provided!

Join Our FREE Class!

Diabetic Healthy Eating

Presented by Kelly Nelson, Dietitian at Avita Health System

January 22, 2026 • 6:00pm

St. Paul Lutheran Church

48 Church St., Bellville, OH 44813



Lions Club of North Ridgeville presents:

NIGHT AT THE *Races*

Join us for an evening filled with entertainment, food and fun!

50/50 SIDEBOARDS RAFFLE BASKETS GAMES



Saturday, January 31, 2026

Doors Open - 6:30pm

First Race - 8pm



St. Clarence Pavilion

30106 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted



Tickets: \$40 donation

Includes buffet dinner, beer/soda



COUNT ME IN FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Event Tickets

_____ x \$40 each = _____

Buy a Horse

_____ x \$25 each = _____

Owner's Name: _____

Horse Name: _____

Horse Name: _____

Deadline for Tickets, Ads and Horses:

01/13/26

SCAN ME
for Tickets



Proceeds go towards the programs supported by the Lions Club of North Ridgeville

BUY A PROGRAM AD:

Race Sponsor (only 10 available!) \$150

Includes a full page ad and your company advertised on the big screen throughout the event

Full Page ad (10.5"x3.75") \$100

Half Page ad (5"x3.75") \$50

Quarter Page ad (2.5"x3.75") \$25

Please attach artwork for ads or email digital copy (preferred) to LionsClubofNR@gmail.com

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

**More info: @NRLionsClub
LionsClubofNR@gmail.com**

Final Lions Club Awareness Dance

PHIL DIRT AND THE DOZERS BEACH PARTY XXIII

OHIO'S LARGEST
"INDOOR TAILGATE PARTY"

B.Y.O.B.

50/50
DRAWING PRIZES

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

BRING USED EYEGASSES AND
GET FREE RAFFLE TICKETS

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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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: _____

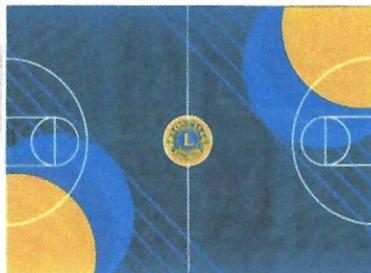
Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

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.