



WE SERVE

“IMAGINE THE IMPACT”

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Lion Lorna and I had the privilege to attend an outstanding International Convention in Hong Kong. The training sessions, workshops, and keynote presentations provided valuable preparation for the year ahead. In addition to the educational opportunities, the convention offered the chance to build new friendships with Lions from around the world and experience the rich culture of Hong Kong.

My theme for the 2026-2027 Lions year is **"Imagine the Impact."** Every accomplishment in Lionism begins with someone imagining that things can be better. Imagination inspires action, and action creates impact. Imagine the impact of one additional service project, one more new member, one more leadership opportunity, or one more life changed through our service.

Since returning home, I have had the privilege of visiting clubs throughout the district to share this vision, install club officers, induct new members, and collaborate with our Global Action Team and Zone Chairpersons to develop strategies that will strengthen our clubs and expand our service.

Our district goals for the year include:

- Chartering at least one new Lions club.
- Achieving a net membership gain of at least one member in every club.
- Increasing support for Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).
- Enhancing club officer training and leadership development.
- Identifying and mentoring emerging leaders for future district leadership roles.
- Expanding the service impact of every club throughout the district.

Exciting news for our District – thanks to the effort of Lion Tim Kershner, our Lions Quest Chairperson, we have been awarded an LCIF Lions Quest Community Partnership Grant of \$15,000 to implement the Lions Quest Program in the Malabar Intermediate School in Mansfield, with the potential of expanding it throughout the Mansfield City School system. Implementation will begin in August. Lions International Weeks of Service connect Leos and Lions centered around key global causes. For the 2026-2027 Lions year these are:

- Vision (October 8-18, 2026). The [new Vision Service Project Ideas resource](#) can help you get started.
- Youth (February 13-21, 2027). Support the youth of the world with a service project benefiting children and young people.
- Environment (May 29-June 6, 2027). The [Environmental Advocacy, Awareness and Education resource](#) (is packed with service suggestions that promote a more sustainable world.

Note: The

resources mentioned can be found in this newsletter.

Finally, I want to introduce Governor's Cup Membership Challenge. Knowing that every new member we sponsor expands our ability to serve, brings fresh ideas and are the key to our club's future, during the month of September, for every new member you sponsor, you will receive on entry toward earning the Governor's Cup. Details are provided in the flyer included in this newsletter. Please join me in making this a successful membership drive.

Yours in service,

Mike Garber,

District Governor

Governors

Visitation Schedule

August 1 – 2	Committee and COG Meetings – Grove City
August 3	Elyria Visitation
August 4	Ontario Visitation
August 5	Zone 2 BBQ - Attica
August 6	Madison Twp Visitation
August 10	MD 13 GAT Zoom Meeting
August 12	Upper Sandusky Visitation
August 13	District GAT Zoom Meeting
August 15	District Cabinet Meeting – Port Clinton
August 22	Marblehead Peninsula Perch Festival

August 24 Republic Visitation
August 26 Shelby United Visitation

1st VDG Jessica

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. I sure am. I'm spending as much time with my friends and family as possible between work, events and meetings. Being VDG and district GMT coordinator this year will be a challenge but I'm sure it will be very worthwhile.

A couple weeks ago I had the chance to visit Fostoria while the Big Boy stream train was nearby. Thankfully, I had the district easy-up tent to block out most of the sun because it was a scorcher. Despite the train being housed approximately three miles outside of town and not being anywhere near where the town has us and other vendors and booths set up, we had a good day of visiting with people from near and far. PDF Cindy Beat was on hand to keep me company and represent Seneca County Project Lifesaver.

I made a trifold display that I plan to reuse at events throughout the year with information about what all our clubs do and why someone would want to be part of us. It was well received and started quite a few conversations with people passing by.

I will have it on hand when I set up informational meetings in Lexington as part of my efforts to restart a club there. Hopefully that project will start getting some traction soon as I ramp up my efforts.

I was asked by VDG Josh Barnes from OH1 to partner up for an event in Findlay on Aug 15th at their Fly-In Family Festival. I will be joining him for a half day since our Cabinet Picnic is that afternoon in Port Clinton. Hopefully, that produces quality leads for both of the Districts involved.

Next month, I start my club visits for the year. I will be reaching out to the scheduled clubs to confirm the dates, times and locations. Please reach out as soon as possible if my planned visit will not work for your club.

I am working with PCC Kevin Reidy and Lion Mona Dic-esare on setting up a Steps Walk South on Sept 19th at 10am at Madison High School in Mansfield. This will be one of three events this year so Lions from all areas

of the District will be able to gather to raise money and awareness for Pediatric Cancer and families in the District who are affected.

If you have any special events where you would like my help or resources as far as membership or if you just need a helping hand, please feel free to reach out. I am glad to help across the District as much as I am able.

Let's make this year a year to remember as far as service to our communities, membership growth to support the service and growing out clubs into communities of friends who serve while they enjoy each other's company. Let's get back to the times of wanting to come to meetings to see your friends and spend time with people that you really enjoy.

Lions Club was founded by people wanting to give back as a group of people who had common backgrounds. I believe this is what LCI President Mark Lyon wants us to remember with his slogan, "Rooted In Service." Remember why you joined Lions and

why you stayed. After that, the service, membership goals and fundraising will hopefully come much easier.

VDG Jessica Skeen

1st VDG Visitation Schedule

Aug 2nd - COG Meeting
Aug 6th - Madison Twp. for DG Mike's visit
Aug 8-10th - Leader Dogs visit in Michigan
Aug 11th - North Ridgeville
Aug 15th - Membership event with OH1
Aug 15th - Cabinet Picnic
Aug 17th - Buckeye Central
Aug 20th - Hayesville
Aug 25th - Crestline Noon?

2nd VDG

2nd VDG Visitation Schedule



District 13-OH2 Cumulative Metrics Lion Year 2026 – 2027

	<u>District Goal</u>	<u>7/23/26</u>	<u>6/30/26</u>
Service			
Overall Activity Reported		22	1,405
Overall People Served	225,000	1330	208,855
Overall Volunteer Hours		477	38,197

% Clubs Reporting	100	12	100
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Membership

Total Membership	1558	1505	1506
Dropped Members		10	190
Added Members		9	94
Net Growth	52	-1	-96

LCIF Donations

Total Donations	\$48,000	0	\$43,694.19
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As we continue working together to strengthen our clubs and achieve our district membership goals, I am excited to introduce the "Imagine the Impact" Governor's Cup Membership Challenge for the month of September.

Attached is the promotional graphic that outlines this exciting initiative. I ask for your partnership in sharing it with every club in your area and encouraging every Lion to participate.

The message is simple:

One invitation can change a life. One new Lion can change a club.

Every person we invite brings new ideas, new energy, new talents, and another pair of hands to serve our communities. If every Lion imagined the impact of just one successful invitation, our district would become stronger and our service would grow exponentially.

Governor's Cup Recognition

During the month of September, every Lion who personally sponsors a new member will receive one entry toward earning the Governor's Cup.

Recognition levels include:



Governor's Cup

- Sponsor 1 new Lion
- Receive a commemorative Governor's Cup coffee mug



Silver Governor's Cup

- Sponsor 3 new Lions
- Governor's Cup mug
- Silver Membership Recognition Certificate



Gold Governor's Cup

- Sponsor 5 new Lions
- Governor's Cup mug
- Gold Membership Recognition Certificate
- Recognition during the District Convention

How You Can Help

As members of our Cabinet, District Global Action Team and our Zone Chairpersons, you play a vital role in inspiring club leaders and members.

Please:

- Share the attached graphic with every club president, secretary, membership chairperson, and Lion in your zone.
- Highlight the challenge during club visits, zone meetings, and district events.
- Encourage clubs to make membership invitations a priority throughout September.
- Celebrate every new member and every sponsoring Lion.

Membership growth isn't simply about increasing numbers—it is about increasing our capacity to serve. Every new Lion represents another person committed to improving lives in their community.

Let's encourage our members to Imagine the Impact of one invitation.

You invite. They join. We serve. Our impact grows.

Thank you for your leadership, your enthusiasm, and your commitment to building a stronger district.

Together, let's make September a month of growth, service, and opportunity.

Yours in Service,

DG Mike Garber

Imagine the Impact

GOVERNOR'S CUP MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE



Imagine the Impact of one more Lion sitting at the table, one more person who wants to **make a difference**, one more **set of hands**.

Every new Lion **expands** what we can accomplish, brings **fresh ideas** and are the **key** our club's future.



FOR EVERY **NEW MEMBER** YOU PERSONALLY SPONSOR
DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, YOU RECEIVE
ONE ENTRY TOWARD EARNING THE **GOVERNOR'S CUP**.

★ RECOGNITION LEVELS ★



GOVERNOR'S CUP

- Sponsor **1** new Lion
- Receive a commemorative Governor's Cup (coffee mug).



SILVER GOVERNOR'S CUP

- Sponsor **3** new Lions
- Governor's Cup plus Silver Membership Recognition Certificate.



GOLD GOVERNOR'S CUP

- Sponsor **5** new Lions
- Governor's Cup, Gold Certificate, and recognition during the District Convention.



Imagine the Impact
OF ONE INVITATION.
BE THE REASON SOMEONE SAYS YES.

INVITE A FRIEND.
CHANGE A LIFE. GROW OUR CLUB.



Vision service project ideas

Ever since Helen Keller called upon Lions to champion the cause of vision in 1925, Lions and Leos around the world have stepped up to serve — and you can too. See all the different ways you can get involved in serving the blind and visually impaired.



Service Ideas

- Learn about blindness and vision impairment by reviewing the [World Health Organization's fact sheet](#). Consider sharing the information in your community at club meetings, teach-ins or through other outreach.
- Explore the [Lions International Vision webpage](#) which features our vision programs, LCIF grant opportunities, and how to make a donation to empower the service of Lions around the world.
- Collect used eyeglasses and send them to the nearest [Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center](#). Visit the [Eyeglass Recycling](#) webpage for information on collection resources, including ordering the Lions International Collection box.
- Plan a [Lions KidSight](#) children's vision screening event to help identify correctable vision conditions.
- Collaborate with a [Lions Eye Bank](#) in your area or utilize the [Lions Eye Bank Overview](#) resource to promote the importance of corneal donations.
- Organize a [vision screening](#) event in your community. Nearly 80% of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured. The first step to prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through vision screening.
- Contact a local eye care facility or center for the visually impaired to find out how you can support them. For example:
 - Assist with building repairs and renovations.
 - Provide transportation to and from appointments for individuals undergoing treatment.
 - Consider making in-kind donations of supplies or equipment.
- Support individuals and families in your community by providing vouchers for comprehensive eye exams and eyeglasses. Explore partnerships with local vision service providers to provide affordable or free services.
- Plan a service activity on [World Sight Day](#), which is on the second Thursday in October annually.
- Organize a braille, large print and audio book collection to benefit a local school, library or senior center.
- Develop a directory of community resources and services available for people who are blind or visually impaired.
- Organize an inclusive sporting event for children with and without visual impairment.
- Partner with a local hospital or vision provider to hold an educational event about vision conditions such as cataracts, refractive errors, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and macular degeneration. Visit the [Lions International Advocacy webpage](#) to explore ways to raise awareness and create positive change.
- Connect with organizations that provide service animals for the visually impaired and see how your club can engage with them.
- Work with your city, town, or community to ensure all bus stops and public transportation locations have braille signage or audible announcements.
- Celebrate [International White Cane Day](#) on October 15 by learning its history, advocating for accessibility and independence for people who are visually impaired, and exploring ways to make an impact in your community.



Lions International

LIONS AND LEOS ARE WORKING TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT
TO CREATE HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND A MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD.



Clean Water & Sanitation

Recycling & Waste
Management

Environmental Cleanup
& Restoration

Tree Planting &
Tree Care

Environmental Awareness, Education and Advocacy

Raise awareness of the importance of protecting the environment, educate community members, and create positive change.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

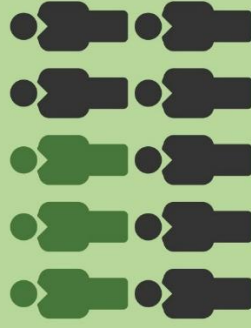
The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. The 17 Goals are an urgent call for action by all countries—developed and developing—in a global partnership. Achievement of the SDGs also relies on the involvement of volunteer organizations, who connect governmental strategies and initiatives with complementary, yet essential, community action.

THIS SERVICE AREA SUPPORTS SDG #13

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CLIMATE
ACTION



TAKE URGENT
ACTION TO COMBAT
CLIMATE CHANGE
AND ITS IMPACTS



30% of the global population
experiences deadly heat waves more
than 20 days a year.*



Drought is estimated to displace
700 million people by 2030.**



84% of the surveyed young people
agree that they need more information
to prevent climate change.*



Medium- to large-scale disasters will
increase 40% from 2015 to 2030.**

*United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Report 2022



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Service Ideas

lionsclubs.org/environment



Participate in the UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) **Act Now: Speak Up!** initiative and voice your support for net-zero emissions.



Explore educational opportunities designed to help young leaders build a sustainable future through **UNEP Youth, Education and Environment** resources.



Plan a club service activity in honor of **World Environment Day** on June 5. Use the posters, photos, videos and other assets provided by UNEP to raise awareness of the day in your community. Share your impact on social media using the #WorldEnvironmentDay hashtag.



Organize an **environmental teach-in** at a local school, library, house of worship, community center or park in honor of World Earth Day on April 22. Use the **Teach in Toolkit** located at earthday.org to get started.



Participate in an International Day inspiring individuals to Learn, Share and Act. There are International Days promoting **clean air**, **preservation of the ozone layer** and **biological diversity**.



Schedule a time for members of your club to meet with representatives of your local government. Share your concerns about local environmental challenges, and what the community can do to address them.



Learn how Lions and Leos around the world are creating positive change in their communities by visiting the **Lions International Advocacy webpage**. Discuss ways your club can advocate for the environment through community awareness and education, legislation and public policy, or events and partnerships.



Challenge all Lions and Leos in your club to add at least one green habit to their daily lives. Inspire others by sharing your actions on social media. Habits might include using a reusable water bottle or coffee mug, changing to energy-saving lightbulbs or setting a time limit for your shower to reduce water consumption.



Research local nonprofits or government agencies focused on the environment. Reach out to learn more about their work. Download LCI's **guide to developing local partnerships** to get started.



Support communities affected by climate disasters like drought, famine, hurricane or extreme temperatures: plan a project to create toiletry kits, essential clothing packets and provide temporary housing to those in need.



DISTRICT 13
— OH-2 —

*More Members.
More Service.
More Impact.*



WHAT DOES THE DISTRICT GMT DO?

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

The District GMT builds a thriving **membership culture** so our clubs can grow stronger and serve more people in more ways than ever before.



*Together,
WE GROW
TO SERVE!*

THE DISTRICT GMT:



ATTRACTS NEW MEMBERS

Creates a welcoming experience that inspires others to join Lions and be part of something bigger.



ENGAGES MEMBERS

Helps clubs build strong relationships, meaningful experiences, and a sense of belonging.



SUPPORTS MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Provides tools, resources, and training to help clubs grow and achieve their membership goals.



DEVELOPS LEADERS

Identifies, encourages, and develops membership leaders who drive growth in every club.



CELEBRATES SUCCESS

Recognizes clubs and members for their growth and the incredible impact they make.

WHY IT MATTERS



More members mean more helping hands.



More service creates more community impact.



Stronger clubs create a stronger district.



Stronger districts create a stronger world.



Together, we grow to serve more people in need.

THE GMT FOCUSES ON 5 KEY AREAS



MEMBERSHIP ATTRACTION

Find and invite people who share our passion for service.



MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Create a positive experience that keeps members involved and inspired.



MEMBER SATISFACTION

Listen, learn and support members at every step of their Lions journey.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Build confident leaders who empower others and lead with purpose.



RECOGNITION

Celebrate achievements and show appreciation for every member's contribution.

Let's Connect! ♥

VDG JESSICA SKEEN

DISTRICT 13 OH-2

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM COORDINATOR

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*Service is the goal.
Let your light shine.*



STRONGER MEMBERSHIP.

*Stronger Service.
Better World. ♥*



LET'S GROW OUR DISTRICT.

LET'S CHANGE MORE LIVES.

That's Lions! ♥



District Committee's Information

Global Leadership Team

The Leadership Team is evaluating our recent officer and zone chair training sessions, and we welcome your suggestions for changes or additions as we begin planning for Spring 2027. Contact PDGs Dana or Julianne Zody, Lions Lori Gottfried or Gene Kopp, or me with your suggestions and ideas. Some clubs do not hold elections before late April making it difficult to schedule officer training any earlier.

Lion Ann Miller
OH-2 GLT Coordinator



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

District 13 OH2 clubs and members should be proud of the support they have given Lions Club International Foundation. The district donated a total of \$43,694.19 for year 2025-2026. We did not meet the district goal of \$54,056.00 but we tried hard. We had seven (7) clubs that did not support LCIF, which is sad. The funds we donate do come back to us through grants. The Lorain Lions Club received a grant for a basketball court for the youth in their community. The Republic Lions Club received a presidential certificate for our Lions Club International president for their support.

I have made club visits this year presenting a program on what LCIF is all about and to let our members know how the funds we donated was disburse. I will be making more club visits this year.

I will be attending LCIF conference August 14-17 in New Orleans this year. I will then find out what our 2026-2027 goal will be.

PDG/LCIF District 13 OH2 Coordinator,
Carolyn

OHIO LIONS DISTRICT OH2 NEWSLETTER GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM UPDATE by PCC Kevin Reidy

Exciting News for all Lions in the District to embrace, engage and act upon!

There is an expectation by District Governor Mike Garber and the 2026-2027 Global Action Team for ALL 53 clubs to increase their membership!

Why is it important that every club in the district takes ownership in growing their service impact in their community?

1. International President Mark Lyon's theme: ROOTED IN SERVICE, provides ample opportunities for Lions in every club to "Just Ask" and invite residents to join you in a traditional or new activity;
2. Lions of the United States have organized MEMBERSHIP DRIVES for the months of September, 2026 and March, 2027 (more on OH2 plans follow);

3. Lions International has identified three WEEKS OF SERVICE for clubs to build membership events around these causes, which include:
 - a. VISION: October 8-18, 2026
 - b. YOUTH: February 13-21, 2027
 - c. ENVIRONMENT: May 29-June 6, 2027;
4. Currently, District membership is 1,503. **Every Lion is responsible** for working within their club to promote a positive service impact, through fun activities and a common purpose to serve others and growing Lions in respective communities. So, how do you grow your club?
 - a. Invite those in your area who have a passion for helping others, for a cause that is Lions driven, or meets a community need;
 - b. Identify individuals that may be a social media expert, or have a local need that can overlap into local businesses or churches goals, and several more.
5. DG Garber is introducing the Governor's Membership Challenge Cup. His article highlights awards that will be given to members who sponsor one (1) new member, as well as three (3) and five (5) new members. I encourage zone chairs to assist their clubs in securing new members, the DG Cup Challenge can also produce both zone and District level recognition.

The Global Extension Team aims to start new clubs within a District. The District currently has two clubs that are in a Club Rebuilding Process in accordance with Lions International guidelines.

Additionally, I am available to assist **OH2 Lions Clubs** that are interested in extending their impact in nearby towns, either by sponsoring a **club, club branch or LEO club**. Please contact me if your club is interested in expanding your impact in the area through these valuable club growth tools.

Yours in Service,
Lion Kevin

Pull out your sneakers It's that time of the year September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

This is why we walk. Over the past 10 months, we have supported 11 families affected by pediatric cancer. Please know that your donations are being put to good use. You are our eyes and ears. If you know of a family facing this difficult situation, please let us know. With costs continuing to rise, it is critical that we reach out to these families and find ways we, as Lions, can help. I hope you will consider donating or walking for this important cause.

It's time for this year's STEPS Walk. Please review the donor information letter and registration form for this year's STEPS Walks later in this newsletter. Last Lions calendar year, our District raised more than \$32,500 from Lions members, clubs, and corporate sponsors, including a one-time \$5,000 district donation to the Pediatric Cancer Foundation. That is wonderful, but it means **this year's goal is \$30,000**. This goal is achievable, Lions!

Help me... help the KIDS !!! This year we have a new twist, We have **3 STEPS Walks** that you can participate in. DG Mike Garber asked that we add an additional walk to the calendar. Therefore, our first walk of the year will be held

Sunday, September 13th in Port Clinton at the Waterworks Park along the lake at 9:00 AM prior to their Club's Chicken BBQ. This Walk is being chaired by PDG Patty Moorman and is titled STEPS North.

STEPS EAST is back on the calendar. Thank you to PCC Kevin Reidy and 1st VDG Jessica Skeen for Chairing this event on Saturday, September 19th at Madison High School in Mansfield at 10:00 AM.

On Sunday September 20th, we will hold the District STEPS Walk in Fostoria at the City Reservoirs.

If you can't attend one of these 3 STEPS Walks, several community walks will be held throughout the District. You can also participate by being a visual walker by sending in a donation.
As long as we raise the monies ... it doesn't matter how we do it.

If you want your club's name on the back of the T Shirt Get your donations or commitments to me by September 7th!!! **The amounts to qualify for the shirt back is listed on the donor letter.**

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at dicesaremona@gmail.com or 419-306-2045. Thank you...
Lion Mona DiCesare
OLPCF Representative OH-2



July 20, 2026

Greetings Potential STEPS Walk Sponsor:

In the past couple years, you may have heard of or supported the Ohio Lions "STEPS" Walk held in September. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The OH2 Lions, Ottawa county Lions, along with other North Central Ohio Lions Clubs, are taking "STEPS" to help raise money for Pediatric Cancer Research and for local families who have been impacted by childhood cancer. Pediatric Cancer has become one of Lions Club International growing causes. In the past year, we have helped 15 families with monies for gas, food, lodging, and any other expense associated with caring for a child with childhood cancer.

Our District will be hosting several Walks this year including Ottawa County, Seneca County, Lorain County and Richland County. We are looking forward to a fun event to raise funds for a very worthy cause. Please consider supporting our cause.

We have several levels for our sponsorships:

\$150 - \$ 300	Company Sign placed along walk/run route
\$301 - \$ 499	Water Stop Sponsorship - Name on Tee Shirt
\$500 and above	Golden Level-Sign placed along route/Recognition during event

Name on Tee Shirt provided to each participate

All donations are gratefully accepted. Thank you for your consideration and/or support for these local children and their families. We would appreciate your support. Please make checks payable to:

Ohio Lions 13OH2 STEPS Walk

Mail to: Mona DiCesare, Chairperson 1033 Kennedy Lane Fostoria, OH 44830

Thank you so much !!!!

Lion Mona DiCesare

District OH2 Pediatric Cancer Chairperson and Board Member of Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation

Zone Chair Corner

The Flyer is attached for the first Zone 1 Meeting. If you would like to be a speaker please let me know so I can add you to the agenda.

I visited Elmore Lions club on July 23, 2026. It was great meeting most of the members and hope to be able to help them with membership.

ZC Angela Finney



**District 13-OH 2 Zone 1
Advisory Meeting
District Governor- Mike Garber
Zone Chair- Angela Finney**

Host club: *Lindsey Lions Club*

When: Monday August 31, 2026

Where: Lindsey Trinity Church, 231 S. Maple St., Lindsey, OH

Social time and Meal - 6pm

Lasagna, bread sticks, salad & pie- **Cost \$16.00 (pay at the door)**

***Dinner is optional & will only be available with a reservation.**

Meeting begins at 7pm.

Open to officers and other interested Lions

Please send reservations including Lion name & club to ZC Angela Finney,

Please also let me know if you would like to be added to the agenda.

Email: Angelaf2171@yahoo.com or 440-346-3447 **by Monday, Aug.24th.**

Club News Past, Present and to come

Ashland Evening Lions

Sadly we remembered our member Lion Clinton Haught at a Lions Memorial service on July 25.

Grace Brandt, Miss Ashland 2025 and 4th runner-up Miss Ohio was our speaker on July 9. She shared her experiences in the pageant. Contestants were required to have a service initiative. She used her recently established non-profit L.A.C.E.S - Limitless Accessibility for Children to Experience Sports. They collect donations to help children who otherwise could not afford the expense of being on a team – and also collect used sports equipment to share. Four members handed out fun glasses and Lions information at the car show on July 11. Club collected donations for the Salvation Army at Miller-Hawkins Market on 3 Fridays in July.

Attica Lions Club

Welcome Summer! Some relief is being found from the heat and rain, along with time to rejuvenate. The Attica Lions are preparing for the Attica Fair by signing up to work the gates next month. Members are also scheduling Vision Checks for the local schools when they are in session.

The International Lions Convention was held in Hong Kong on July 3-7. Although none of our members attended, two Attica Lions were featured on posters and flyers passed out in the Exhibit Hall to promote the WaterSafe Project. Our Lions and LEOs successfully made contributions with a bake sale and donations to help nursery-schoolers in Kenya, Africa, have safe water to drink.

LEO Advisor Lion Dana and her husband Lion Dick Leber picked up the idea at the 2025 Orlando Lions Convention, and brought to fruition \$1,000 in donations for bags. With a doubled amount matched by Partners for Care, 200 WaterSafe bags were sent so that thousands of children will be served with safe drinking water! We thank the LEOs of Seneca East, the Attica Lions Club, and the Republic Lions Club for making this dream a reality!

Ashland Noon Lions Club

The Ashland Noon Lions participated in the Ashland America 250th Parade on Saturday, July 4th.



Avon Lions Club

Summer is a quiet time for the Avon Lions Club but we did provide two \$3,000.00 William H. Bommer/Avon Lions Club scholarships to graduating Avon High School seniors and hosted the annual Avon Lions Club Fishing Derby on June 6th. 175 children and their parents joined the Lions for a morning of fun and fishing. Each participant went home with a goodie bag, a raffle was held for all the participants and prizes were awarded for the largest fish in each category.





The Avon Lions Club 2025 - 2026 Service metrics and records have been reported in MyLion. Our 2025-2026 service metrics: **Total People Served** 1,785, **Total Volunteers** 466, **Total Volunteer Hours** 976, **Total Funds Donated** \$21,143 and **Total Funds Raised** \$19,000. We began reporting for 2026-2027. New officers have also been updated for the upcoming year in My Lion.

We are starting to gear up for the fall festivities including Thanksgiving & Christmas holiday food drives & baskets, our Night at the Races fundraiser and partnering with Community Resources Services to support their "Souper Bowl" food drive. The Avon Lions will once again present the winner of the Avon Lake Shoremen and Avon Eagles football game with the Silver Rail Rivalry trophy.



Bascom Lions Club

The Bascom Lions had more guest students from Hopewell Loudon/ Sentinel Vocational School come to our July meeting. These were students

who had placed first at the State level in their respective trade and went on to Nationals. Two of the students gave speeches that they used in the National Competition. Nicole England, Assistant Director for Skills USA at Sentinel also gave a presentation. We gave each of them a \$250 award for their efforts. The Bascom Lions is working on new fundraising efforts to support our donation efforts. We also are planning a membership drive in September to bring in new members.

Bellville Lions Club

The excitement in the month of July was hard to contain for our Bellville Lions Club as they took a big bite out to drive membership! President Lynn Lough and members prepared a trailer decorated in Red, White and Blue to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with a bang in the annual Bellville 4th of July parade. They also went all out at the Bellville Village Street Mart putting up the Ohio Lions 13 OH 2 tent with the red and white awning. People clearly saw the tent or smelled the free hotdogs and water, which resulted in 4 perspective members and \$93 in donations. It was a good day and the video with the Lions International President, Mark Lyon singing was a hit! Our club family picnic was also a success with 15 members and 4 guests including District Governor Mike Garber. Governor Mike shared his experience attending the Lions International Convention in South Korea, and also presented his special pin to recognize members, Paul

Snyder, Marci Brook and Aimee Brown. Mike also installed a new member and Bellville resident, Jake Blackstone (who was a former member of Lexington Lions Club) who has already started climbing on all fours offering to help with the eye glass program. We are happy to have him and join us in giving him a big roaring welcome! We appreciate our fellow lions clubs across the Buckeye state and invite you all to our upcoming Pancake Breakfast on August 22, 2026 7am-10:30am held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 48 Church Street Bellville Ohio 44813. \$10 suggested donation. All proceeds goes to Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Fund.





Col. Crawford Lions Club

The Colonel Crawford Lions and Leo Club members have stayed active in our community this summer, most recently working the entrance gates at the Crawford County Fair.

Looking ahead, don't forget to stop by our Pitawurst Trailer during the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival, held August 13, 14, and 15 in downtown Bucyrus. All proceeds support our ongoing local service projects and youth initiatives. We look forward to seeing you there!



Lorain Lions Club

Lorain Lions Club brings new life to Lakeview South Park basketball court. The Lorain Lions Club joined city officials, community members and local partners on July 11 at Lakeview South Park, 1815 West Erie Avenue in Lorain to celebrate the grand reopening of the renovated basketball court that has served as a neighborhood gathering place for more than 60 years. During its lifetime, the court has welcomed generations of Lorain families. Now, thanks to the Lorain Lions Club, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

grants, local fundraising and generous community sponsorships, the court has been transformed into a more accessible, inviting space for recreation.

A court built for the community

The transformation includes a durable concrete overlay, new basketball poles, backboards, hoops and nets, two new bleachers with a concrete base and an Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant concrete walkway, connecting the existing park pathway to the bleacher area.

That walkway is one of the project's most meaningful features. Designed to help individuals with mobility or visual impairments navigate the space safely and independently, ensuring the court can be enjoyed by more members of the community.

To give the project a strong Lions identity, the court surface was painted Lions blue and yellow, with the Lions logo at center court.

The Lorain Parks and Recreation department contributed project management services, and a new concrete pathway and bleacher pad valued at \$4,000, along with Lorain Lions and Lions Clubs International funding of \$20,000 bringing the total project investment to \$24,000.



The project was made possible through \$15,000 in LCIF grants, including a \$10,000 Matching

Grant and a \$5,000 Community Impact Grant, along with local match proceeds of \$5,000 from a Feb. 28 Hispanic Dinner fundraiser including strong sponsor support.

Mitchell J. Fallis, Lorain Lions Marketing chairman, worked closely with Ohio Lions Multiple District 13-OH2 leaders Carolyn Brock, Patty Moorman, and ShirLee Eberle, along with Galia Miranda of LCIF to complete the grant applications.

The grants required accessibility features to support disabled users along with a visible Lions identity. The Lorain Lions met those requirements through the ADA-compliant walkway and the blue-and-yellow court design including the Lion logo at center court.

Moorman said the renovation will have an impact that extends beyond the court. "This new basketball court gives young athletes a chance to practice their skills, build confidence, and learn teamwork and sportsmanship. Families will gather to watch games, neighbors will meet one another, and our community will become stronger and more connected."

Eberle, immediate past district governor of Multiple District 13-OH2 praised the work behind the project. "You can see why Fallis was named Lion of the year for Multiple District 13-OH2. His work on the park shows his dedication to service and how much he loves his community."



From left to right, Stoyka, Garcia, Moorman, Eberle, Fallis, Bradley, Krucinski, Torres, Arrendondo, Gonzalez and Riddell gather on July 11, 2026, to celebrate the grand reopening of the renovated Lakeview Park South basketball court.

Loudonville Lions Club

Loudonville Lions had a busy July! They served another Fish Fry for the community amidst the heat and Wildfire haze. They served over 400 BBQ Chicken dinners at the July 4th Car Show and served breakfast to Mansfield Plumbing Products retirees. The club provided tents for the 3C Nurses Community Garage Sale and began planning for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Food Tent at the Loudonville Fair. Lions will also be providing hot dogs for the Redbird "Back to School Bash" August 25th and continue to support our Project Lifesaver clients.



Lucas Lions Club

Lucas Lions were joyfully serving in July. During June and July we collected over 75 worn and tattered flags from our community and gave over 50 news flags. On July 25 the Mansfield VFW Post 3494 performed a dignified retirement by burning the worn flags during our community picnic and duck race. We also celebrated by hosting a patriotic yard decorating contest. We had fierce competition, and had to add a night judging to determine the winner! It was wonderful to see our little town be so wonderfully decorated for July 4th.

On July 17th we served dinner at our community VBS closing program. Over 120 kids and their families were able to enjoy a free meal before VBS. We have been providing and serving this meal for several years, and it's a blessing to hear from community members how the Lucas Lions have blessed their family over the years.

Finally, on July 25th we hosted our annual Community Picnic and Duck Race. We had special guest Mike Garber and his wife Lorna and their great granddaughter join us. This year we lowered the cost to purchase

a duck to remove any barriers for families to participate, and we are so happy that we sold out of ducks for the first time in years, and still made a profit! Additionally, we raffled off a beautiful patriotic wall hanging made by Lion Marsha Garnsey.

Up next is our annual bingo on November 14th. Tickets are \$25 each and go on sale October 3rd at 9am. To purchase tickets call 614-981-3998 or stop by the Lucas Community Center from 9-11am.



Norwalk Lions Club



Norwalk Lions Club Installation of 2026/2027 Officers by Zone 3 Chair, Rich Labis



Norwalk Lions Club member John Flickinger recognized as July 4th Parade Chair for 35 years.



Norwalk Lions Club President role transfer from Wayne Babcanec to new President Paul Hiszem; presented with Zone 3 Chair Rich Labis

Oak Harbor Lions Club

On June 23, 2026 our club had DG ShirLee Eberle install our officers for the 2026/2027 year. At this time DG ShirLee inducted 3 new members into the club. Our weekend food trailer sales in May and June netted \$3551. The club then donated \$3600 to the Chamber of Commerce toward the July 3, 2026 Independence Day celebration. In the month of July we had our food trailer at

the Independence Day Celebration and then we had the food trailer at the Ottawa County fair from July 19, 2026 to July 26, 2026. During this week we are open from 6:30A.M. until 9:30P.M. Daily. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and requires a lot of volunteer hours. This year the fair had beautiful weather and we had record sales. We heard several comments about the affordability of our sandwiches. Our goal each year in pricing is to make a profit to support our various charitable contributions but also to keep pricing at reasonable rates for the community and families to have an affordable meal at the fair.

Ontario Lions Club

The Ontario Lions once again sponsored the annual Frog Jump at the Ontario Liberty Festival. Along with the Frog Jump we served hundreds of Hot Dogs and Brats at our Concession Trailer.

This week we are sponsoring the annual Safety Town. This year marks the 50th year for the program started in Mansfield Ohio! This year we have close to 60 young Kindergartener's attending.

Ontario Liberty Festival





Perrysville Lions

We continue to collect and recycle plastic bags and have donated a Trex bench to the Polk Lions Club.

We held our Swiss steak luncheon and supported Loudonville Lion's Chicken BBQ and Fish Fry.

We will hold our next Carry-Out Swiss steak luncheon on August 9th serving from 11-1 from the Perrysville Community Center. The suggested donation is \$12.00

Port Clinton Lions Club

Greetings from Port Clinton where high summer has arrived. The lake temperature is in the high 70's and now is the prime time to go to the beach!

PASSING THE TORCH: 2026-2027 officers were installed at our June 19th. Meeting. DG-Elect Michael Garber presided. New core officers include – Michael Giangrande, Pres., Bob Moorman, 1st VP, Patty Moorman, Secretary & Dan

Laffey Treas. Good fortune to these folks as they lead the Club onward. **SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING:** The club had 2 successful fundraising events this month with the food trailer – July 4th. At the Lighthouse Park, and July 12th at the Women's Club Art Show at Lakeview Park. Club members turned out despite the heat to sell food to raise funds for club endeavors. **LOCAL DISASTER RELIEF:** On July 7th in Port Clinton and on Kelly's Island, it rained, it rained a lot... 17 inches on the island over 24 hours, 5 inches in town in an hour! Through the leadership of PDG and current club secretary, Patty Moorman, a grant was secured from the OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION in the form of Walmart gift cards, to provide aid to folks negatively impacted by the flooding. Sincere thanks to Lion Patty for her diligent and expeditious efforts in this matter. Lion Patty is administering the funds and all requests should be directed to her. [(419)545-1025]



Figure 1: outgoing Pres. Jim Recker passing the torch to incoming Pres. Mike Giangrande



Figure 2: June 2026 Club photo

Savannah Crestview Lions Club

This past month has been a time of planning for the Savannah- Crestview Lions. We spent time doing initial planning for several carry out dinners during the coming year. We also have made the decision that for the present time we will meet to conduct business on the first Thursday of each month and only meet a second time monthly in October, December, and April. We are looking forward to serving at the Ashland County Fair through golf cart driving with Polk, marking lines in the main parking lot, and parking cars one evening. Pancake breakfasts in Savannah will start in October. We are also planning on doing vision screening at the beginning of the school year in August at the elementary school.

Shelby Lions Club

The Shelby Lions Club started July by serving 65 Shelby families with produce distributions through Mathew25.

We donated \$300.00 to the Shelby Dream center of the Core Community church. The money will help with school

supplies for underprivileged children.

We also held a food drive for the Fish food pantry of Shelby.

We will be working with Shelby teens at the public library with a poetry reading. We will be supplying pizza and drinks.



Tiffin Lions Club

Paul Klaiss collected 166 glasses and 70 cases throughout 3 hours and 5 stops for July.

We sold brooms at the Tiffin Farmers Market on July 18th. We have a total earned so far this year of \$756.

Officer installation took place on June 29th at the First Christian Church. There was a dinner followed by PDG Steve Cochie installing the Lion Officers for 2026-2027. They presented the 2026 Lion of the year which was Julie Yoder.

We will be working at the Seneca County Fair on Monday July 27th. We will be working at Gates #2, #3, and #4.

We had one member pass away on June 26, 2026. John Hampshire fought cancer for 3 ½ years. He left behind his wife Karen and two children Hannah and Nathan. He has been in the Lions Club for 20 years. He will be missed.

Vermillion Lions

The Vermillion Lions Club had the Erie County Operation Life Saver for our program on July 7th. They explained how the program works in Erie County. Demonstrated the receiver and sender and distance they work to find a missing person. We will be at the

Farmers Market in Vermillion on August 1st and 8th giving hot roasted sweet corn, hot dogs and water for a donation.

August 1st profits will go to Main Street Vermillion for their projects. August 8th profits go to Vermillion 5th grade class to help defray costs for their class trip to Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Michigan. Come on up to Vermillion and enjoy some sweet corn. Vermillion Lions are selling Three-Digit Lottery numbers for the month of October. Donate \$5.00 and get a chance to win \$100.00 each day in October. Contact any Vermillion Lion to purchase a ticket or call 419-901-2687. We will again be selling Red roses for Sweetest Day on October 17th, cost \$20.00 per dozen. To order contact any Vermillion Lions member or call 419-901-2687. We will again be at all VHS football games selling our famous french fries from the Lions chuckwagon, starting on August 28th.

Lions that have Passed this month

Ashland Evening Lions Club is sad to report the passing of Lion Clinton Haight, 89, on June 30, 2026. He had 24 years of Prefect Attendance and was a 22 year Monarch.

The former Butler Lions club lost its first member only 17 days after closing. Lios K Reamsnider.

Colonel Crawford is sad to report the passing of Lion Rich Rowbinson.

Tiffin Lions Club member pass away on June 26, 2026. John Hampshire fought cancer for 3 ½ years. He left behind his wife Karen and two children Hannah and Nathan. He has been in the Lions Club for 20 years. He 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 possible get more lions to them. Please send flyer 2 month before the activity so it can be seen before the activity.



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LUCAS LIONS FALL BINGO



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
TICKETS \$25 EACH
-OR-
\$200 FOR A TABLE OF 8

TICKETS GO ON SALE SAT. OCT 3RD AT 9 AM.
PURCHASE TICKETS BY CALLING 614-981-3998 OR STOP BY
THE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTER FROM 9-11AM.
WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

 **LUCAS LIONS CLUB PUBLIC**

RUN THE RIDGE

Presented by the
Lions Club of North Ridgeville



In Support of
Childhood Cancer



5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run

Saturday August 8th
Ranger Stadium - North Ridgeville

Race Day Registration & Packet pick up: 7:30am

Kids Fun Run: 8:50am

5K Run/Walk starts: 9am

WHAT YOU GET:

Commemorative Finisher Medal

Custom race shirt - guaranteed to all registered by August 1st

Hermes live 5K chip timed results

Post-race refreshments

Awards to 1st place overall and three-deep age group winners in five-year increments

Register Online at: <https://tinyurl.com/NR-Lions>

or scan the QR code to get started



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LIONS MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS EVENT:



MARBLEHEAD PENINSULA LIONS PERCH FESTIVAL

SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2026

*JAMES PARK
Marblehead, Ohio*

PARADE AT 10:00AM – FESTIVAL TIL 5:00PM

Food, vendors, drawings, entertainment and much more

ENTRIES FOR PARADE OR VENDORS CONTACT: marbleheadpeninsulalions@gmail.com



DONATIONS FUNDED FROM THIS EVENT INCLUDE:

Ottawa County Holiday Bureau, Danbury Food Pantry, Marblehead VFW, Family Advocacy of Ottawa County, Joyful Connections, Nana's Food Pantry at Truth Ministries, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Ohio Lions Diabetes Research, Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer, Lions OLERF Ohio Eye Foundations, Ohio District 13 Disaster Fund, Ohio Lions International Foundation Disaster, and many other local donations



Delicious!

Bellville Lions Club

**Pancake Breakfast
Fundraiser Benefit for
Childhood Cancer
Saturday - August 22, 2026
7am-10am
\$10 Suggested Donation**

**48 Church Street
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Bellville, Ohio 44813**



**Pancakes, sausage, bacon,
butter, syrup, coffee, tea,
orange juice, water**



OH2 STEPS Walks

Lions for Pediatric Cancer



Throughout September, Lions and friends around Ohio will be participating in 1-mile walks to raise money and awareness for pediatric cancer. Join us at one of our three OH2 STEPS Walks events - or in your local community - to help families fight childhood cancer ONE STEP at a time!

THREE EVENTS – ONE MISSION!

STEPS NORTH

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

9:00 AM

Waterworks Park
Port Clinton, OH

Chair:
PDG Patty Moorman



STEPS DISTRICT

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026

10:00 AM

City Park Reservoirs
Fostoria, OH

Chair:
Mona DiCesare



STEPS EAST

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026

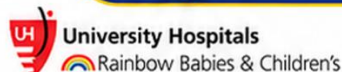
10:00 AM

Madison High School
Mansfield, OH

Chair:
1st VDG Jessica Skeen



100% of the money raised will go to
pediatric cancer research and to support
affected families.



REGISTRATION

Please register for the event you plan to attend:

- ☐ STEPS North – Sept. 13, 2026 – Port Clinton
- ☐ STEPS District – Sept. 20, 2026 – Fostoria
- ☐ STEPS East – Sept. 19, 2026 – Mansfield

NAME: _____

SHIRT SIZE: _____ VIRTUAL WALKER? **Y / N**

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____

Mail this form with \$25 registration to:
Lions OH2 STEPS Walks
1033 Kennedy Ln, Fostoria, OH 44830

or email your registration to:
dicesaremona@gmail.com

Registration includes a
t-shirt if received
before **Sept. 7, 2026.**



Walk with us. Raise awareness. Change lives.
ONE STEP AT A TIME!



Make checks payable to **OHIO LIONS 13OH2 STEPS WALK**
For any questions, email **dicesaremona@gmail.com** or call Lion Mona DiCesare at 419-306-2045



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WHO: Calling all Lions,
 LEO's and Guests!

WHAT: A Weekend Retreat at the
 Beautiful Salt Fork
 Lodge. Opportunities
 for Fellowship and
 Fun!

WHY: Recharge your energy,
 Learn New things, Feed
 your Mind, Body and Spirit.

Potential Saturday Sessions

- Big Foot
- Art Session
- Cambridge Glass
- Family Tree
- Using Technology to Promote Your Club
- ROAR Service Project
- Lions Portal
- LCIF
- Local History
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**More Details
 To Come!**

Friday Night

Dinner

Music
 Singing/Dancing

Saturday

*Breakfast, Lunch
 & Dinner*

Games
 Euchre Tournament

Sunday Morn.

Message
 & Send Off!