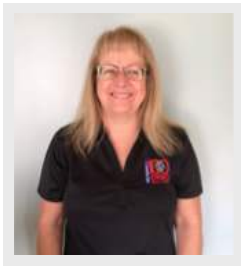


OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS



Thoughts from: Governor Deb Crawford

Welcome to a new year of Lionism! The International Theme this year is "Changing the World." IP Dr. Patti Hill reminds us that with every act of service and every decision we make as lions, we change the world. We change the lives of the people in our community by being brave, investing in the future, collaborating with others, and leading the way. By telling others what Lions do, the excitement of serving others, helping people achieve their goals, and improving our community and environment can be felt and more people will want to join us as Lions on this journey.

We are challenged with Mission 1.5. This is a 4 year commitment to increase our membership from 1.4 million to 1.5 million Lions worldwide. More Lions means more helping hands which leads to more service and better lives for those around us. We need to strengthen our existing clubs through adding new members, mentoring existing and new members, and making sure that the members are happily serving and their ideas are being heard and their needs are being met. We need to add new clubs in communities where there are no Lions clubs. Every community can use people (Lions) who are willing to help make a difference for the betterment of that community.

My personal theme for OH1 is "Be the One." Each of us has the opportunity daily to help better the lives of others. This may just be a smile, kind words, a hug, or listening. You might be the only sunshine in another's day: Be the One.

I am here to serve you. Please let me know if I can help in any way. My contact information is included in this newsletter. I look forward to visiting your club soon.

Be safe, have fun, make it an amazing Lion's Year!



iVDG Susan Davis

I have already visited some clubs and continue to be amazed at the work you all do. As I travel to each of you in the north, I am promoting club growth. I want each of you to know that I believe that if your club is healthy, happy and productive that you are doing a superb job. It is important, however, to add members when possible. That keeps a club thriving and active. Make sure that you are in constant communication with every club member. Communicate within your community and online with Lions. Update your Facebook posts. Use local media to get the word out about your services and projects. Post in MyLion.

I am looking forward to my visits and have enjoyed the ones I have made. Take care and see you soon!



Council Chair

Dave Stockum

A good question is “What does the Council Chairperson do?” Basically, there are two main responsibilities that go with the position. One, the CC enables the Council of Governors to effectively run the Multiple District during their year in office. Creating an agenda, along with the MDS, for the Council of Governors’ Meetings and chairing the Meetings enables the CoG to oversee and help enact legislation that is needed to keep MD13 serving Ohio Lions effectively. The CC also acts as a resource person for the CoG, as well as for all Lions in the multiple district. A second responsibility of the CC is to serve as the chairperson of the GAT, the Global Action Team. The GAT is made up of the Global Service Team, the Global Leadership Team, and the Global Membership Team. In addition to MD13 officers, these teams have officers in the State’s seven sub-districts. These groups have a MD13 Chairperson elected annually by the incoming District Governors who promotes their respective aspects of MD13 Lionism. The CC mainly supports and to some degree directs these Lion leaders. Lions Clubs International is suggesting a New Voices Chairperson as a new addition to the GAT. Although it is not required yet, MD13 is in the vanguard of multiples and districts promoting this addition. Educating Ohio Lions about New Voices will be a major emphasis this year, and Lion Tamarra Parker-Stephens has accepted leadership for this task. As Council Chairperson this year, it is my goal to fulfill these responsibilities to the best of my ability, and as a subsidiary function, keep the membership of MD13 informed of service, governance, and growth in all respects of Lionism.

Newsletters are one way to stay informed. If you aren’t on the MD13 Newsletter Mailing List, go to ohiolions.org and follow the links to get enrolled. Using “eNews Service” in the search box, you will find a page on which #3 directs you to the way to get enrolled for direct mailing of the MD13 Newsletter. I am looking forward to serving our multiple district as the year progresses. International President Dr. Patti Hill’s theme is Changing the World. I believe small change(s) can make a big difference!

Best wishes for this Lions Year in respect to health, happiness, and service!

Passing of a Lion



PDG Lawrence E. “Larry” Swords
Lima Host
10/1/1995
US Air Force Veteran

District Governor 2016-2017

Club President	2015-16
Club Secretary	13 times
Club Treasurer	13 times
Zone Chair	4 times
President NWOECF	

86 years old

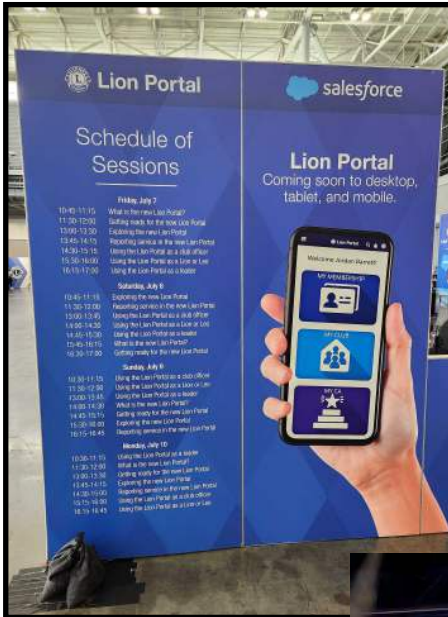
3 children
13 grandchildren
18 great-grandchildren
2 mission trips to Haiti with VOSH

Melvin Jones Fellowship
International Presidents awards
Dick Bryan Award and a Dick Clark Award



International Convention

Ohio in Pictures



Changing the World

International President

Dr. Patty Hill

2023-2024 Theme



Ohio Lions stand out
in Boston at the
International Parade!



PDG Judy Smith pulls the
ribbon of Governor Elect
Deb Crawford

The official last step to
becoming OH Governor
Congratulations!



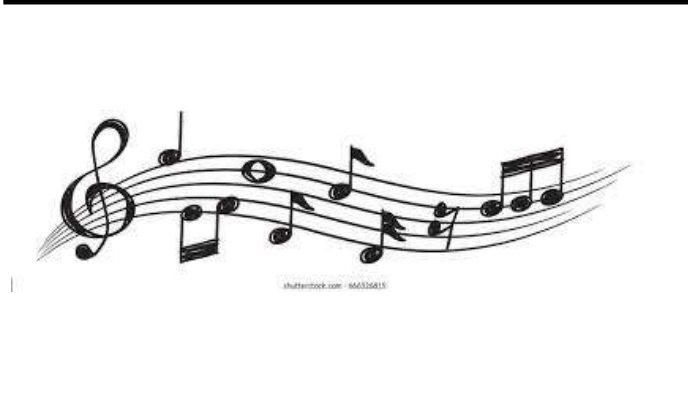


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**OHIO STATE SCHOOL FOR
THE BLIND BAND
PROUDLY MARCH**





ID Ron Keller flanked by Ohio Lions marching proudly. CC Dave Stockum with PID Steve Sherer waiting to march.



Now PIP Brian Sheehan and his wife, Lion Lori, enjoying Boston and the parade.

CLUBS CORNER

Fayette Lions Club Honors Members

Lion President Brittany Theis was named **Citizen of the Year** by the community. She represents hard work and a strong presence for Fayette. Congratulations Lion Brittany!



Receiving the Dick Bryan award is Lion Gene Schafner pictured below. Congratulations

Bluffton Lions Club Ride To Remember

On July 15th, 205 riders took to the road for the 9th annual Ride to Remember. Funds from this endeavor goes to the Pathway Projects. The route covers the following villages...Ada, Benton Ridge, Bluffton, Gilboa, Lafayette, Mt. Cory, Ottawa, Pandora and Rawson. Even the down pour couldn't stop them! Lions helping with this project are Bill Croft, Andrew Rager, Dennis Morrison, Greg Denecker, Mike Minnig, Brendon Matthews, Fred Rodabaugh, Gary Graham, Dick Boehr, Ron Headings, Mitch Kingsley and Ryan Lowry. (See pictures in the next column)



Bluffton Police with new bicycle donated to the department by the Bluffton Lions



Riders including Lion Mitch Kingsley on the high rider bike as they prepared for the Ride to Remember.



Sponsors, the Lion Tracy Steele family, gathering at the Ride to Remember in memory of son, Taylor. Taylor's trike is shown in the photo

Our schedule for meetings will change to...1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM and 3rd Tuesday at noon. The Board will meet prior to the club meeting on the 1st Tuesday. Due to a conflict for August, the club meeting will be held on the second Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

Bluffton Newsletter submitted by PDG Barbara Plaughter



Series part 3: HUNGER

Is your stomach growling? Are you hungry for a snack or maybe lunch? Refrigerator empty? Gotta go to the store...ugh! Wait! Over 820 million people do not have enough to eat nor can they afford to interrupt their lives to go to the store.

Many of these people live **below** the poverty line. Food pantries are their only hope. Others do not have transportation to the nearest groceries that may be 20 miles away.

Food pantries are becoming an essential part of many communities. Some are brick and mortar while others may be a passenger van. In one case, the van broke down frequently, so the Lions jumped in to travel back and forth to a food pantry to pick up food and donations. That trip was much further than your local market - 90 minutes away. In the end, when the van tanked, Lions received a US\$20,700 matching grant from LCIF! They were able to purchase a cargo van and trailer to continue to service that community. They can serve up to 450 families each month.

Local Facts: 1 in 6 children are food insecure; 5.5M senior citizens face hunger.

Global Facts: 1 in 9 people are chronically hungry; 50% of children under 6 years have hidden hunger; 2B lack regular access to nutritious or sufficient food.

LCIF: **Hunger Grants** support school feeding programs, food banks and feeding centers; **Matching Grants** fund construction and equipment **District and Community Impact Grants** apply to local club projects; and **LEO Service Grants** fund LEO funded projects.

“Chronic hunger remains a chronic problem.” Political (such as Russia disrupting Ukraine’s grain exports) and economic instability, rising food costs and energy prices, climate change are all contributing to: “Hunger-related challenges are urgent - even in this part of the world.”

So, now does that trip to the grocery seem ill relevant in the grand scheme of things?

source:: [LCIF.org](https://www.lcif.org)

OH1 and OH6 Hunger Project 2023-2034

Food insecurity can be defined as “Limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate resources or a lack of equitable access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food in a socially acceptable manner to live an active and health life”. Research has indicated that college students are disproportionately food insecure compared to the national average. The best estimates report that food insecurity affects as many as one in two college aged students, three times the rate of the general population Food insecurity is a problem that has been overlooked or suppressed on college campuses for a long time. Overall, there are three main factors causing high food-insecurity rates among college/university students in the United States: costs, accessibility to food, and multiple demographic characteristics. OH1 and OH6 are teaming up to address food insecurities across our districts in the upcoming Lions year.

One way that you can help is to donate funds throughout the year to local colleges, trade schools, food banks and food pantries. These funds would then be used to purchase food or meals for the college aged students in need. Another way to help is to hold donation drives at your meetings or in the communities that would benefit those in need. Volunteering your time at a food pantry or food bank is always needed. There are many other ways to help reduce hunger.

Please be sure to document your service with LCI and then take a picture of whatever hunger project that your club participates in and send it to CC/IPDG Dave Stockum. He will put together a slide show of all the OH1 hunger service pictures to be shown at the District Convention in April. Those clubs who turn in a picture and record their service will receive a banner patch at District Convention

These efforts will help others understand the food insecurities amongst college students, improve the lives of those in need, reduce food insecurities in colleges, universities, and trade schools, and establish a sustainable project for other districts throughout Ohio to follow. Gov. Deb



IMPORTANT REPORTING UPDATE

Lion Leaders,

For those of you who were unable to attend the Service Reporting sessions at the International Convention, I wanted to share a couple of updates with you. I hope this information will help you respond to some of the basic questions you may get from the Lions in your district.

The most practical for our Lions are these:

1. When the Lion Portal goes live, each Lion that currently has a MyLCI/MyLion account will receive an email from LCI that takes them to a Lion Portal login window. There they will have to create a password for the Lion Portal. Passwords are encrypted and our current passwords cannot be transferred to the new system.
2. NOT ALL LIONS will receive their email at the same time. The Tech Team will be sending out the login invitations in batches. There are hundreds of thousands of emails to be sent, so Lions should not panic if they don't get the login email in the first batches.
3. Target roll out date is the two-week window beginning Sept 14. However, this could be rolled back.
4. All billing statements and reports will be under the "Insights/Reports" tab.

For district level leaders

5. District information will be under a tab marked CA (Constitutional Area) where District information will appear, along with links to Multiple District and CA1 (USA) information
6. DO NOT PANIC when there is no place to change your role and permissions. All the permissions and access you need for your various roles will ALL BE AVAILABLE without switching back and forth.

As we get closer to the system roll out, we can work with our GLTs to make sure that our Lions have any training they feel necessary (short Zoom sessions??).

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer!
PCC Kerry
shared by Lion Carol Collins

NEWS FROM THE GAT AREA LEADERS

Are you ready for an exciting year? As part of the goals to achieve *Mission 1.5*, each of our sub-districts has been challenged to **charter at least one new Lions club** this year. Of course, the time to start is NOW! The clubs and districts that seriously implemented the Global Membership Approach not only had a net increase, but they exceeded all expectations!



We would also like to recognize the following clubs for having a **net increase of 10 or more** members:

MD-13

OH-1 Kenton Lions Club (+10)

OH-2 LaGrange Lions Club (+10)

OH-3 Doylestown Lions Club (+13), and Orrville and Warren Township Lions Clubs (+11)

OH-4 Canal Fulton Lions Club (+13) and Lisbon Lions Club (+10)

OH-5 Columbus East Side Lions Club (+12)

OH-7 Logan Lions Club (+10)

Together We Achieve More (TEAM)

We are all familiar with that first lady of Lionism, Helen Keller's statement, "Alone, we can do so little; Together we can do so much." How true that is! None of us can provide the necessary service to serve 1 billion alone (yes, 1 Billion is *Mission 1.5's* service goal), but together we CAN and will achieve that goal by June 30, 2027



Lions Cindy Gregg and Beth Stevens, 2023-2024 GAT Area Leaders

Copied from the July GAT newsletter

Important Dates

August 5th and 6th COG Grove City

August 10th NWOLECF

August 27th First Cabinet Meeting at
Waynesfield 2:00 p.m.

September 14- 17 Pilot Dogs Reunion

September 21 - 23 USA/Canada Forum in
Reno, Nevada

October 7th Committee meetings

November 4th COG Grove City

November 9th NWOLECF

November 12th Second Cabinet Meeting at
Napoleon 2:00 p.m.

January 12th - 14th Winter Retreat at Salt
Fork Lodge

February 8th NWOLECF

February 10th COG Grove City

February 18th Third Cabinet Meeting at
McComb 2:00 p.m.

April 5th Fourth Cabinet Meeting at Hilton
Garden Inn at Findlay

May 9th NWOLECF

May 17th and 18th State Convention at
Worthington Double Tree Columbus

June 21st - 25th Lions International Convention
at Melbourne, Australia

Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation, Inc.

All 13 OH1 Lions are members of this
Foundation. Come to this meeting and
see what YOUR Foundation is all
about!

IMPORTANT: Foundation Meeting
Thursday, August 10, 2023.

McComb Methodist Church 204 High
Street McComb, Ohio 45858 6:30
p.m.

Meal Cost - \$10.00

Reservations no later than August 4th
to:

Email: NWOLECF@ohiolionsoh1.org

Or Contact Secretary, Bob Segna, at
419-308-1906.

- New cases, finalize old cases.
- Discuss ways to let others know how
NWOLECF can help those with vision-
related issues beyond eyeglasses.

Hope to see you there!





BULLETIN BOARD



OHIO MD 13 CONVENTION DATES

March 1-3 OH7 Convention

March 15+16 OH5 Convention

March 22-24 OH4 Convention

April 5+6 OH1 Convention

April 12+13 OH2 Convention

April 19-21 OH3 Convention

April 26-28 OH6 Convention

April 5th and 6th OH1 District Convention at Hilton Garden Inn at Findlay

OH1 Cabinet Meeting
Sunday, August 27th at
Waynesfield
2:00 p.m

2024 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

Salt Fork State Park Resort



January 12, 13, 14, 2024

Mark your calendar!

Join the Fayette Lions to celebrate Fayette's 150th Year August 12 from 10 AM-3 PM

Opening 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Welcome by Community Development Corporation (CDC) President Dr. Karen Joy King
Dignitaries including the Mayor, County Commissioner, State and US Representatives

Lunch in Big Gym - Noon

Musical entertainment

(Switch to Cafeteria) 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Musical entertainment

Small Gym 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Games

Posters

Children's Drawings

Fayette Historical Photos and Info

West Liberty Lions Club



★ 58th ANNUAL ★

\$5 Entry Fee

Car Clubs
Welcome!

LABOR DAY
Festival



Classic Car

Ice Cream
Social
5:30-7:00 PM

50:50 Drawing
Dash plates
for the 1st
50 registered



DOOR
PRIZES!

Cruise-In



Friday evening September 1, 2023

4:00–8:00 PM * Lions Park

Main Ball Diamond Outfield Grass

Registration at Lions Park opens @ 3:30 PM

Over 15 FOOD VENDORS • FAMILIES & FRIENDS

ANTIQUÉ EQUIPMENT SHOW • FLEA MARKET & CRAFTS

For pre-registration & up-to-date info: www.westlibertylions.org