



# OH 1 Lions



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## ***DISTRICT GOVERNOR DON'S THOUGHTS***

Hello my fellow Lions of OH1,

I hope everyone had a fun and enjoyable Thanksgiving and no one was shorted on servings. I can attest your governor had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and was not shorted on any servings. I'm looking forward to visiting a few more clubs in December at their Christmas parties and some clubs just making a visitation to their regular monthly meeting.



Thinking ahead a little bit if you would like to have a fun and enjoyable weekend with Lions and friends sign up for The Winter Retreat which will be held Friday January 17-19 at Deer Creek State Park. I have attended three and once you attend your first one you will be looking forward to coming back each and every year.

Let me close by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah and all the best in 2020 in Lionism and in your lives in general.

DG Don Wiechart

## **2019-2020 Cabinet Meeting Dates**

3rd Cabinet Meeting - Saturday, February 22, 2020. 9am. at Henry's in Ottawa.

4th Cabinet Meeting - District Convention -April 3 or 4th. TBD

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM ZVDG REBECCA DENT**

Happy Holidays, Fellow Lions!

In my picture this month, I am at Northwest State Community College Success Center Math Lab where I work as a Math, Computer, and Technology Lab Tutor. I am also a student at NSCC working on a Cyber Security and Network



Administration associate degree. Holiday time for us is also final project and final test time, so, between my own studying and working with students in the lab I was not able to attend the Christmas parties that many clubs have been so kind as to cordially invite me to. I will be making a list of District OH1 online sites and checking it twice for pictures and postings to see how nice the celebrations were. Well, actually, I will not have to make the list because our intrepid Ohio Lions Webmaster has already done that. Just go to The Ohio Lions website, click on Clubs and then on District 13 OH1 Clubs or use the link:

<http://www.ohiolions.org/md13/oh1#clubs-zones-regions> to see what's happening around the district.

I got my *Fall 2019 Lion Magazine* the other day and finally read the intriguing cover story, by Erin Kasdin, called "Mending the Social Fabric." The author discusses Lions' understanding of the power of community saying, "... in creating services for their communities, Lions are doing more than simply providing eyeglasses or planting trees in a park. They are helping to repair the

fabric of community, something that is essential to health." As I read this, I recalled some events. Wearing a Lion costume, I marched with my home club in Wauseon's Christmas parade, something we do to connect more closely with our community. Zone E Chair Lion Christina presided over a meeting in November hosted by Kalida Lions who are well known for the fabulous parade they put on during Pioneer Days. I met Lions there from several clubs including Portage and Ottawa, who also have grand celebrations within their communities.

These reminiscences led me to make an early New Year's resolution. I have wanted to gather more information about OH1 clubs and their community events for a blog and I have created a blog called "The Lions' Road," but I have not posted anything to it yet. Since I will be on school break until mid-January, my resolution is to post some of my own experiences, as well as to contact individual clubs to get more information to share on my new blog. So, your club may be hearing from me soon!

I hope that Christmas finds you and yours well and happy,

Lion Rebecca, 2VDG



### **ZONE C MEETING**

The McComb Lions Club will host the next Zone C meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, in McComb at the St. John's Lutheran Church. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and a meal will be available for \$10.00. Our guest speaker will be DG Don Weichart.

### **ZONE E HAPPENINGS**

Zone E Lions of Columbus Grove, Ft. Jennings, Glandorf, Kalida, Lima Host, Ottawa, Ottoville, and my home club of Bluffton are busy with autumn/winter service projects in their respective communities and for Lions worldwide. Visiting the clubs provided an opportunity to see the clubs in action. On November 21, 2019, DG Don and I offered our 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Zone D & E Meeting hosted by Kalida Lions Club and President Tim Wehri at Dick's Steak House in Kalida with DG Don Wiechart, 2VDG Rebecca Dent-Weiss, Ottawa Club President Mike Kaufman and wife, Nancy, five clubs provided their reports and shared a delicious meal. Guest speaker, Bob Segna, Secretary of NWOLECF spoke on their eye care cases and procedures for submitting applications. A 3<sup>rd</sup> Zone Meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2020 with Ottawa Lions Club hosting in Ottawa at Schnipke Inn. I have enjoyed a very warm reception at clubs from members.



## NWOLECF NOTES

At the Nov. 17, 2019 meeting attended by 13 clubs in Waynesfield the Foundation celebrated Lion Dr. Bob Goulding's long service to the Foundation. Members reviewed 14 cases; cataract surgery for three cases; a 52yr-old man in Toledo scheduled and the case of a woman in West Mansfield proved more complex and finally a Wauseon man's request in Bryan is in-progress. Having difficulty contacting out of state HQ for Ohio doctors. Financial assistance for an expensive and unique corneal crosslinking case for a man from Toledo was discussed. A CCTV was installed in Montpelier and one request from Bowling Green man is pending. Currently there are 24 CCTVs in use. The second PlusOptix vision testing machine purchased for 13 OH1 with help from the Foundation will be staged in Lima for use by clubs in the southern half of district. Lion Dr. Bob Goulding, retiring Medical Director for the Foundation, recruited Lion Dr. Todd Oates of Kenton to take his place. The Foundation welcomed Dr. Oates and have already involved him cases. Dr. Bob received a round of applause for his 25+ years of service and thanks for his dedication, explanations of ocular problems and negotiations with surgeons to reduce costs. PDG Ron Meyers showed a portable CCTV magnifier donated by a Napoleon family from a deceased relative. Members voted to reinvest \$15,000 of proceeds from matured Huntington CD in 1<sup>st</sup> Federal 7mn CD. *Next meeting is Feb. 23, 2020 in Bluffton Town Hall at 2pm.*



Scott Lions prepare for upcoming events.



## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Sylvania Sunrise Lions- Charter Date 12/2/1998

Willshire Lions- Charter Date 12/2/1964

Defiance Lions- Charter Date 12/4/1940

Deshler Lions- Charter Date 12/17/1956

Arcadia Lions- Charter Date 12/20/1948



**Louisville  
Kentucky**

**September 17-19, 2020**

### **2020 USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM**

The 2020 USA/Canada Forum will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. Many interesting seminars and workshops will be held along with a Strides Walk, Leo Day, and interesting speakers. Plan to attend and look forward to spending time with Lion friends from across the United States and Canada. Fun Fact: There is a replica of Babe Ruth's baseball bat in downtown Louisville at the Louisville Slugger Museum.

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Deadline for the January Newsletter is December 27, 2019  
Submit your newsletter items to Newsletter Editor Jessica Reichley at  
[newsletter@ohiolionsoh1.org](mailto:newsletter@ohiolionsoh1.org) or [jlreichley@gmail.com](mailto:jlreichley@gmail.com)





Left: West Mansfield Lions raffle off 100 turkeys.

Below: Kenton Lions prepare for their Community Christmas Celebration.



Below Left: OH 1 district Peace Poster entries lay out for judging at the November Cabinet meeting.



Below Right: Care packages for the troops are put together by the Lions of Zone G.







North Baltimore Lions meeting at the Golden Arches.



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