

OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS



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Thoughts from Governor Deb Crawford

Congratulations on a great year of Lionism! Thank you for answering the call "to be the one" who helped meet the needs of others. I am so very proud of all that you have accomplished. It has indeed been a blessing to serve as District Governor of OH 1.

However, our work is ever needed. We must continue to be an active vital part of our communities and the world. It is up to us to mentor those who will serve along side of us within our clubs. We must continue to learn from those around us and apply that knowledge to what we do. We must remember the reasons we joined Lions Club and then serve passionately. It is that passion and joy that will bring others to become members of our organization.

As this Lions year ends and a new one begins, keep what works in your community, take the steps to change what doesn't. Adopt new practices to meet the everchanging world. You have what it takes to succeed and grow stronger. One of my favorite quotes is, "You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore." Keep sailing.

It is my prayer that none of you become that lion or that club that I used to know. Serve safely and enjoy the journey of serving others.



**Council Chairperson
Dave Stockum**

Greetings! As we enter the homestretch of the 2023-2024 Lions Year, first and foremost I want to thank all the MD13 Lions for their service to humanity. Lions International has added a global cause of humanitarian service to include all those things we do that do not fit into the specific areas of childhood cancer, diabetes, sight, environment and hunger. MD13 leadership has done an excellent job of promoting service in all these areas. Disaster Relief, an area we have had to deal with more than we wish this year, and Youth are also designated as Global Causes now.

At the recent MD13 State Convention, we celebrated the outstanding job our multiple district leaders have done this year. The convention could have been marred by the poor service we experienced, especially in respect to food issues, but the fact that attendees practiced, not simply preached, the idea that “kindness matters” enabled us to celebrate the accomplishments of numerous Lions, especially our district governors. We also took advantage of the opportunity to update our knowledge of how our foundations work, to enjoy hospitality provided by our incoming second vice governors and OLERF, and generally to just have a good reunion with members of our Lions family. MDS Debbie Luttrell and PDG John Davis, with a little help from their friends, did a super job at what we believe is our last concession to COVID commitments.

If you like numbers, MD13 has completed almost 8000 service activities this year, serving close to 1.5 million people with 185,000 service hours donated. We have added 856 new members, and if we maintain this pace, we will meet the Constitutional Area Assigned goal of 957 new members. MD13 has 9700 members in 350 clubs at this point, and our clubs have donated over \$190,000 to various causes. Keep this last thought in mind; we have not had a year since 2007 in which we have had positive membership growth. We are hovering around the break even point so a strong June is critical. If each club added one member in the next month, we would end the 17-year losing streak in which we find our multiple district. Keep inviting non-Lions to join our association and keep encouraging non-participating Lions to come back to an active role in our clubs.

PDG Mike Kerek has been selected as the next Council Chairperson, DGe Brad King as the Vice Council Chair, and DGe Lilane Fox as the Chaplain. Congratulations to these Lions, along with DGe’s Susan Davis, Patty Moorman, Mary Ellen Sherer, William Humphrey, and Toni Gray, who will take office in the new Lions Year, 2024-2025. I am confident that they will provide solid leadership and guidance given the support I have received this year.

It has been an exciting year for me, and I thank you all who have graciously welcomed me to club meetings and celebrations, to district events, and through personal interactions. You have followed the Code of Ethics reminder to be liberal in praise and careful in criticism, especially when criticism was due. Bless you all, MD13 pride of Lions.

CC Dave Stockum



**Greetings from 2VDG
Faith Cataldo-Gauger**

We are almost to the end of our Lions year 2023-2024. So right NOW is a good time to look back to make sure that you have met your club goals for the year and to think about next year's goals and projects.

Have you evaluated the projects that your club is doing to make sure that they are meeting the needs of your community? Are there other issues or needs that need your help? Have you added a new member or two to your club to assist with your projects?

Often I notice times when different aspects of my life overlap with each other. Such was the case when a recent Sunday sermon overlapped with the new Lions Passport program. The sermon was about SHARING.

Sharing the stories of our personal faith and what God has done for us. And in the same way, we, as Lions, need to share our personal stories of what we have done as Lions for other people and our communities.

How do we share our faith?

1. Pray
2. Be authentic - be yourself, be real
3. Be intentional - how did I come to know God/Jesus? How has knowing God/Jesus changed me?
4. Be concise - leave them wanting more, avoid 'churchy' language, be able to speak their language, keep it short and interesting

Can you see the correlation to our Lions journey?

How should we share about Lions?

1. Well, prayer is a great start to ANYTHING. You might want to meditate on your journey as a Lion and how it ties into your faith journey.
2. Be authentic and genuine, of course.
3. Be intentional - how did my Lions story start? What is my favorite service project? How does my service and my club make a difference in our community?
4. Be concise - avoid 'Lions' terms that a non-Lion would not understand, keep it short and inspiring, communicate meaningfulness, leave them wanting more!

Leave them wanting to join you and your club in serving your community!!

Yours in Lions Service,

1VDGe Faith Cataldo-Gauger :)




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1VDG
Susan Davis

Year in Review

Taken From Past Newsletters

Looking back at 2023-2024 reveals how much we do as a Lions District. And this is only part of the story. As newsletter editor, I would like to tell the rest of the story in the coming Lions year. Please submit!!!

Welcome New Officers

International President Patty Hill, Council Chair, from OH1, Dave Stockum, Governor Deb Crawford, 1VDG Sue Davis, 2VDG Faith Cataldo-Gauger

Charter Celebrations

Sylvania: 25 years; West Liberty: 82 years; Bluffton: 90 years; Bryan: 75 years, Portage: 48 years; McComb: 75 years; Town of Fayette: 150 years, Central Ohio Eye Bank: 50 years; and Sight Center of NWO: 100 years

Cabinet Projects

First Aide kits for Tent City in Toledo, collection of Legos and Play Dough for Pro Medica Children's Hospital, and collection of peanut butter for the state project for OSU students

Conventions

International Convention in Boston, Mass., USA/ Candada Forum, Reno Nevada, Pilot Dog Reunion, Winter Retreat, LEO Convention, and District OH1 Convention

Recognitions

Citizen of the Year, Club Peace Poster winners, Melvin Jones, Dick Bryan, years of service, District and State award winners, Scholarship recipients, Club Excellence Awards

Disaster Relief

Indian Lake/Huntsville area tornado relief organized by Huntsville Lions and United Way with the efforts of Lions Terry Esch and Scott Hall

Projects and Services

Bluffton *Ride to Remember*, *Hunger Project*, *Make a Change*, *Fall Into Service*, Sylvania Designer Purse Bingo and city clean up, Kenton spruces up park, McComb repairs park benches, Napoleon supports Liberty Center Athletic Dept., Ottawa sponsors Kids Fest, Bluffton conducts eye screening and serves community meals, Sylvania hosts Fall Fest Parade, Waynesfield holds *STEPS* walk, Ottawa hosts Kids Fest, McComb organizes Halloween parade, Pioneer donates to food pantry, Perrysburg stages photos with Santa and works at *Bed Blitz* for children, Bluffton *Blaze Of Lights*, Kenton Holiday Parade, Archibold hosts *Habitat for Humanity*, Kent supports Pioneer Park project, Kalida donates to cemetery project, Middle Point participates in *Caring and Sharing*, Waynesfield observes Fat Tuesday, Portage holds McDonalds benefit, Perrysburg supports *Feed the Starving Children*, Rushsylvania holds pancake breakfast, OH1 booth at BG job expo, Sylvania hosts *Cocoa Run*, West Liberty delivers Valentines meals, Arlington headlines local newspaper

VOSH

PDG Dan Ritter and PDG Barbara Plaugher travel to a mission at Saint Martin, North Baltimore volunteers at VOSH Pandora, Sylvania donates 4656 pairs of glasses in 2023

Look to the future and keep reporting.

LIONS ROAR!


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You are Invited to:

Continental Golf Outing

Who: Continental Lions Club (District 13, OH-1)

What: Continental Lions Club Annual Golf Scramble

Format: 4-Person, 18-Hole Scramble

When: Saturday, July 20th, 2024 - Shotgun Start at 9:00am

Where: Moose Landing Country Club, 17374 US Rt 694, Ottawa, OH 45875

Cost: \$280 per Team

Additional Details: Meal Will Be Served Following Scramble, Prizes Awarded to Top 2 Teams, Longest Drive Contest, Closest to Pin Contest, Skins Game, Putting Contest on Practice Green, Door Prizes

Link to the entry form: https://drive.google.com/file/d/14WR2AHj6lqIu_sgtGvDrVSzTwVYrkfLm/view?usp=drive_link

For Questions Contact: Chad Sigler (419-956-1707), Joe Smith (704-787-6012), or John Bibler (567-800-9079)



Bluffton Lions Serve Up Breakfast



The Bluffton Lions held a pancake/sausage breakfast at the Senior Citizens building on Saturday, April 20th. Above is Lion Fred Rodabaugh cooking the pancakes and Lion Ron Lora serving sausage.



Bryan Celebrates Peace Poster Finalists



Pictures, from left 3rd place Hanna Tirado-Molina, 2nd place Avery Welch, 1st place Lyla Stanley and Art teacher Vannesa Resendez.

MD13 State Convention

State Lion Awards

The following people were recognized for their Lions service at the State Lions Convention.

PDG Jay Deutschman received a District Council of Governors medal.

Lion Carol Collins received the Presidential Leadership Award,

PDG Bill Keller received the Presidential Service Award.

PDG John Davis received the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.

Congratulations to all and thank you for your service in Lionism!



PDG Jay and Governor Deb



Peanut Butter collection guarded by our own Lion Carol Collins.



PCC Darlene Roll recognizing the District Peace Poster family: L to R: CC Dave Stockum, 1st IVP Fabricio Oliver, Emilia Garner, PCC Darlene Roll, and LEO representative.



Evening entertainment provided by Ron Retzer Trio



PDG Bill Keller with PID Steve Thorton, 1st IVP Fabricio Oliveira, PID Steve Sherer, and PID Jerry Smith

PEACE POSTER Kits Are Available

OH1 Lions Clubs,

The LCI 2025 Peace Poster/Peace Essay kits are available. The OH1 District Youth Committee would like to help Lions clubs to participate in the 2025 Peace Poster Contest, "Peace Without Limits" by purchasing kits in bulk. Seventeen (17) OH1 clubs took advantage of our first bulk mailing offer. We are offering that option again, with a June 15, 2024 deadline. We will order shortly after that date.

The cost of Peace Posters is \$11.95 plus shipping (usually the shipping is \$17.95 per for a total of \$29.90 per kit). The Ohio Lions Youth Committee will pay the cost of shipping in bulk from LCI to a central location in Ohio – currently, my home. Each club would then pay the Peace Poster kit cost plus the cost of mailing the kit(s) to you. In our first order, that cost ranged from \$2.35 for one kit to \$6.10 for 4 kits. Most clubs paid \$14.30 for one kit including the mailing cost – quite a savings! Clubs will be invoiced for the purchases.

If you are interested in ordering, please Email youth@ohiolions.org with the following information by June 15, 2024:

- Lions Club Name and mailing address
- Lions Club Officer/Member providing this information
- Email address
- Phone number
- How many Peace Poster/Peace Essay Kits

A short description of the kit is below.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST KIT - PPK1EN \$11.95

Peace Poster 2024-2025 Contest Kit, "Peace Without Limits". Each kit contains all the materials needed to sponsor the contest in a school or youth group, including complete rules, promotional material and recognition certificates for participants. One kit is needed for each entry sponsored. Kits are available in all eleven languages.

Kits are sold from January 15th through October 1st. Orders received after October 1st will be filled based on availability.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Lion Darlene Roll

OH1 Youth Chair

419-371-5515

Email: youth@ohiolions.org

Leo Clubs & Cub Programs – Bringing in Youthful Volunteers

Need a new "spark" in your Lions Club?
Consider a Leo Club or a Cub Program!

Is your Lions Club interested in learning more about Leo Clubs and the new Cub Programs? Please contact youth@ohiolions.org to schedule a speaker at one of your upcoming meetings.

Leo Clubs can be school-based or community-based. We have both types in Ohio. It normally takes 20 interested youth to form a club. Leos are ages 12-18 for Alpha Leo Clubs. If you create a school-based club, the advisor will more than likely be a school staff member. They can join the Lions Club as well and be the advisor of record with LCI or if they are not a Lion, a Lions Club member must serve as that liaison to the club and on the LCI records.

Lion Cubs are children up to age 12. Individuals in that age group can become a "Cub" in your Lions club. 5 cubs and you can create a Cub Club. There must be a Lion to help with this group. Everything we have seen from the Cub Clubs around the state shows that they are finding ways to serve their communities just like Lions and Leos.

There are so many ways that Lions can partner with youth members in the community. Please consider a Leo or Cub Club!

We are excited to hear that Bluffton Lions Club is working to start a new Leo Club there.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for all your support of Youth Activities!

Lion Darlene Roll

OH1 Youth Chair

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Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation, Inc. (NWOLECF)

Lions who attended the May 9th NWOLECF meeting in Spencerville heard reports from two of our recipients who live in the Spencerville area. We don't usually have recipients want to come and share with us; they normally just let us know how happy they are with the services they have received.

Our vision therapy recipient's mom and dad provided comments about how much vision therapy is helping their son. They see changes every day. And, Corbin, shared a lot – "THANK YOU, THANK YOU!" – and that was the end of his talk! (Pictured below right)

Our CCTV hand-held unit recipient also shared how much the unit has allowed her to be more independent. One example is that her daughter takes care of her banking needs but she is able to look at her checkbook register and see what is really there. An added benefit she received thanks to our partnership with The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio is a machine that allows her to listen to books on tape. The Sight Center sends new books frequently. She also thanked everyone there for helping her. (Pictured below left)

Save the date! Our next NWOLECF meeting will be held on Thursday, August 8th, at the Rotary-Lions Community Center in Oberhaus Park in Napoleon. More information will be sent out in early July.

Thank you to all OH1 Lions and clubs for your support of NWOLECF. We appreciate you volunteering to help applicants for service and for the financial donations you make.

Have a great summer!

Lion Darlene Roll

NWOLECF President



USA/CANADA FORUM

Information from The Louisville Pacesetter



**STEVE SHERER,
GENERAL CHAIR**

We are heading down the back stretch and it's only four months till we kick off the Forum in September.

We are pleased to have Sam Glenn as our keynote speaker at the opening Thursday night general session. For nearly three decades, Sam Glenn's inspirational and artistic speeches have impacted audiences of all sizes - some audiences as large as 75,000 people at stadium events. Sam has spoken for just about every industry you can imagine. When it comes to attitude - nobody is excluded. Organizations get better when their people get better, and it all starts with attitude. It promises to be a great way to start the Forum.

As we reported last month, the Strides Walk is back on. The walk will commence at noon on Thursday and the Strides shirts will be handed out beginning around 11:00 a.m.

The walk will take place around the convention center. Please note that there will be no meal involved but there are several restaurants downtown around the convention center where you will be able to eat lunch on your own.

Even though we have put the walk back into the schedule, we will still be holding a hat decorating contest on Thursday night. Please bring your decorated hats from home and wear them to the general session.

USA/Canada Leadership Forum

There is still time to register for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. The registration fee is now \$340.00. The forum will be held September 5 – 7 in Louisville, Kentucky. If you are interested in helping out at the forum, please contact PID Steve Sherer at lionpidsteve@gmail.com



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Continental Lions Club
Annual Golf Scramble




At Moose Landing
Country Club



When: Saturday, July 20th, 2024
Time: Shotgun Start at 9:00am
What: 4-Person, 18-Hole Scramble
Cost: \$280 per Team


- Prizes Awarded to Top 2 Teams •
- Meal Will Be Served Following Scramble •
- Longest Drive • Closest to Pin • Skins Game •
- Putting Contest on Practice Green •
- Door Prizes •




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