

# OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS



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## Thoughts from Governor Deb Crawford

March has all the promise of another busy month of Lionism. Clubs are offering Pancake Breakfasts, preparing for Easter Egg Hunts, visits with the Easter Bunny, and setting dates for Roadside Clean Up. Many clubs are celebrating Charter Nights. Through all of this preparation, be sure to set aside some time for Celebration.

The OH1 District Convention will be April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn in Findlay, Ohio. The theme is Hawaiian Beach Party. We will kick things off Friday night with a meet and greet with our visiting ID Ron Keller and Lion Kitty from Millersport, Ohio. After the meal, there will be a euchre tournament and the Kalida Lions Club will host a hospitality room. Saturday begins with a cabinet meeting, followed by the necrology service to honor the Lions in our district who have passed this Lions year. After Brunch, we will honor our district Peace Poster winner (who was also the state Peace Poster winner) and hand out a few club and individual awards. In the afternoon voting will take place along with two informative sessions: PDG Barb Plaughter will give a presentation about VOSH trips and Lion Tamarra Parker Stevens will present information about the Lions Passport. Weather permitting, there will be a STRIDES Walk. Donations from the walk will be given toward Diabetes Research.

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The Grand Banquet will begin at 5 p.m. After the meal, ID Ron Keller will speak, more awards will be handed out, a quilt will be auctioned off with the proceeds going to Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation, and the new OH1 governor will be presented. To end the evening, the Kalida Lions Club will once again sponsor a hospitality room. During the day there will be tables where information about LCIF, OLERF, and STEPS will be available. Please make plans to attend. Registrations are due March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you need to reserve a room, this needs to be done by March 6<sup>th</sup> (mention that you are with the OH1 Lions).

For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way: good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day. Serve safely and be the one who serves up kindness and sunshine to all you meet!



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

Hola Lion Amigos!

This is being written while PGD Craig & I are still in Mexico. I expected that I would be able to report on the Alabama Lions Vision Mission. This is why we come to Mexico every February. We love February in Mexico for several reasons - no snow, sunshine, no snow, beautiful weather, no snow, flowers and of course there is no snow! LOL!

The main reason that we participate in this mission is our love of helping people in a 'hands-on' personal way. It is so very satisfying to help someone receive something as simple as a recycled pair of eyeglasses that improves their quality of life in so many ways. Young children can see properly to do their school work (I myself had to get eyeglasses while I was in grade school). Adults can do their work better and see better when driving a vehicle, etc. The elderly want to be able to see their grandchildren's faces and do their handcrafts.

The Alabama Vision Mission group partners with a local Lions club in Mexico - so we work together with other Lions and learn about their city and culture. It is great to work with fellow Lions! This is always a fun part of each mission trip, since we go to a different city or town each year. Each city or region has things that it is known for or are particularly proud of that they love to share with all of us.

Through the years we have developed quite a few friendships that continue - mostly through facebook. Actually, that came into focus more this year than we would have expected.

Craig & I have been in the habit the past few years of adding extra days before and/or after the clinic week - just for personal sight-seeing. The mission usually lasts one week.

This year Craig & I arrived on the Wednesday before, to sight-see in Guadalajara before meeting up with the rest of the group on Saturday to travel to Ameca for the mission. We were still at the Guadalajara Airport when everyone received a group text from our leader that the mission was cancelled for this year! So we were here already! Now what? Well, we made lemonade out of lemons. We spent a couple days in Guadalajara while figuring out what to do during our now 'free week'. We decided to travel to Morelia, because I have always wanted to see the Monarch butterfly sanctuary in Mexico. It also happens to be where some of our Mexican mission friends live. We were able to meet up with Norma and her husband one evening while we were there. : ) Then we were invited by Lions friends to visit them in Calvillo (site of our 2020 mission) and stay with them while there. We had a great time and got to see several others who we also worked with during the 2020 mission.

It has been so fun through our many years as Lions to meet fellow Lions from many places - all around Ohio, the U.S. and around the world. We all have something in common. We are all members of the largest service organization in the world - Lions Clubs International!

You never know where being a Lion might take you or who you will meet along the way.

It's GREAT to be a LION!

2nd VDG Faith : )

P.S. Invite someone to join you during your next service project!



**iVDG**  
**Susan Davis**

Greetings! I have just completed a week of intense training at St. Charles, Illinois, at the Q Center. There were Lion iVDGs from all over the world. It was interesting to speak with them and to share ideas. We worked with a group from Germany on Thursday afternoon. We attended keynote sessions with everyone-and their electronic translators We were constantly being motivated and inspired by all those around us. I will have to say that I have not seen so many happy people in one place in years! That alone was encouraging.

Now to the nitty gritty. The main push was Mission 1.5. This is an effort to increase our membership world wide to 1 and 1/2 million Lions. The emphasis is on creating new clubs and then taking in new members. We have about 2 years to reach the goal. As I spoke with my group, I think the general consensus was to maintain the membership we have FIRST. We need to communicate to our club members both at meetings and special events. We need to call those who have not attended for awhile AND those who missed the last meeting. All Lions need to feel included in their club activities and in general club news. After maintenance; then comes the new members.

To find those new members be sure to advertise who you are when doing special services or projects as well as just wearing your pin daily. Partner with businesses

when you can. Reach out to people who have the same interests as your club's focus. People seem to be resistant to joining, but with some effort, I think we can change minds.

There was much discussion on branch clubs, which are 5 or more people who are an extension of your club. Eventually, they may become 20 or more and form a club of their own. These are Lions that are interested in specific projects and services you are providing. They are sprouting into full fledged Lions.

Specialty clubs, such as environmental enthusiasts, teachers, dog and cat lovers; any which share a common interest, can form a club with 20 or more, and focus on their cause in the name of Lions. The group is already meeting to provide services, so why not include them in Lions where they can secure grants to further their efforts?

LCIF was also a focus. Funding for all of the relief efforts and grants comes from donors. Many of our clubs donate to LCIF annually. Some do not. When you have a minute go to the LCIF site to see what they do and what they can provide for your club. This might make it clear why it is an important part of Lions. Chances are that many of your communities or surrounding communities have received aide from LCIF for weather disasters or even a catastrophic disaster like the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. Millions if not billions of dollars are given to help communities. Also, talk to some of our district Lions about park development for handicapped. They have good information to share and were backed by grants from LCIF. Those are happier stories.

I have ideas to share once I become governor. Some came from other states or countries. Sometimes we need to stick our necks out, shake our manes and see what happens. I bragged on OH1 for a week and will continue to do so, no matter what. You ROAR! Keep up the good work.



**Council Chairperson**  
**Dave Stockum**

### March Newsletter

Where did February go? What a month. We had a successful Council of Governors Meeting in Grove City at which many pressing issues were decided by the District Governors. Foremost, the DG's approved the language of an issue to be voted on at the MD13 State Convention in May asking the delegates in attendance to decide whether the International Relations Committee remain as part of the MD13 Structure. A second issue approved by the DG's was the language to consider whether to add in the MD13 Policy Manual an unfunded position of New Voices Coordinator to the Global Action Team. PDG Rob Murry informed the DG's that he was retiring from his position as Assistant MD13 Treasurer, and the DG's approved the nomination of PDG Randy Goff to replace Rob beginning July 1, 2024. PDG Rob also announced his intention to step down from the MD13 Liaison Committee, effective the end of June, so DG's will select a replacement for that position at the State Convention. MD13 Lions and OH3 have been blessed by the leadership and service PDG Rob Murry has provided in these two important offices, as well as the OH3 CST, over many years. Thank you, Lion Rob, thank you.

We are close to moving into positive numbers in membership growth for the first time this century! We are currently only 15 members in the red, if you are familiar with accounting terminology. There are many things we can do to put us in the black. We can embrace the Recruiter's Passport Program. Lions who have received this handy guide to recruiting new members have been quite enthusiastic about it. We can accept the Council Chair Challenge to finish the year +2 or better in membership in our clubs. We can invite non-Lions to join us in our service projects. We can put our new members to work and make sure they feel welcome and essential to the life of our clubs. We can make sure we have sufficient orientation to both new and longtime members about how our club, our district and our international organization function. We can remind members who have sponsored new Lions that their duty does not end when the new Lions are installed. We can recognize that not all our members have the same skills and motivations in being part of our organization and work to take advantage of those areas in which they are adept. In other words, growing by adding members is important, but keeping members by following the WE SERVE of Lionism is why we exist.

Best Wishes in the coming months. Plan to attend your District Convention if possible. Spring Ahead (as the Daylight Savings Time folks say) into a season of growth in service.

CC Dave Stockum





## CLUBS CORNER



### KENTON PROUD!

#### Kenton Lions Sell Sanners

The Kenton Lions Club are selling sponsorships for street banners which will replace the Veterans banners during the winter months. A \$300 sponsorship provides a banner with your company or organization logo and either a "Kenton Proud" or "Support Local" banner. The funds are earmarked for the Pioneer Park project. Pictured in the bucket truck Lion Jason Van Buskirk hanging one of the banners.

Members of the Kenton Lions Club gathered Jan. 30 at the Mary Lou Johnson Hardin County District Library in Kenton to affix labels to eclipse glasses. The club donated 1,000 pairs of solar viewing glasses to be distributed at library programs leading up to and on the eclipse on April 8. Helping with the labeling are (from left) Jack Elsasser, Joan and Bob White, Dave Dulin and Larry Gossard.

Not pictured Lions Joe Burgbacher and PDG Bill Keller. *submitted by PDG Bill Keller*



### Archibold Hosts Habitat For Humanity Program and More

In 2024, the Archibold Lions Club hosted the Fulton County Habitat for Humanity to learn about other programs that are related to the playhouse project. We built a playhouse for Habitat for Humanity for a 6 year old in our area. It was interesting to see how engaged Habitat recipients become in the program.

We heard from Bryan Lions member Benjamin Murray about his special machine for seeing better called eSight. We made a donation to NWOLEF in Ben's name for the next model of this machine.

Our Archibold Assistant Chief of Police spoke at the first meeting in February. That night the board also gave a donation to Fairlawn Retirement Community.

*submitted by Lion John Paulson*

### Kalida Donates Money to Community



This money will go toward the cleaning and fixing old gravestones in the cemetery.



## CLUBS CORNER



### Middle Point Lions are Caring and Sharing

Caring & Sharing Project - Lions brought turkeys, pork chops, brats and sausage, fruit, and lots of groceries and personal hygiene items to six families in the community who could use a little help over the holidays. The pork came from the 4H project hog that the club bought at the Van Wert County Fair livestock auction. Pictures attached.



On February 9, we served our annual Sandwich Supper scholarship fundraiser prior to a Lincolnview High School boys basketball game. Over 220 sandwiches were served in the school cafeteria, along with sides, desserts, and Lion Joan's famous scotcheroos.



*submitted by Lion Warren Bowery*

### McComb Peace Poster Winners Recognized

The McComb Lions Club representative, Lion Katie Grubb, presented the winners of the Peace Poster Contest at the McComb Elementary school program on January 26, 2024. First place winner was Emma McVetta (eye), and second place winner was Katelyn Robinette.



*submitted by Lion Pat Ritter*





## CLUBS CORNER



### Waynesfield Observes Fat Tuesday

Governor Deb Crawford and 1VDG Sue Davis attended the annual Fat Tuesday dinner provided by Waynesfield Lion Club. The grills were smoked, the ovens were backing and the kitchen was buzzing with excitement. The Girls Scouts had a table of cookies to purchase and there was a bake sale as well. Good time. Good food.



Lions at work



Bake sale



So many goodies

It's Girl Scout Cookie time!



### Portage Lions Club and McDonald's

Portage Lions Club recently held a successful McDonald's Benefit night. McDonald's kept us busy with many different jobs. We are getting ready to start our annual Vidalia Onion fundraiser. We will be holding our 48<sup>th</sup> Charter Night on March 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm at Christ UMC, Portage. Please RSVP by March 20 to Anne Deutschman, [jakgs@dacor.net](mailto:jakgs@dacor.net) or 419-354-3014

*submitted by Lions PDG Jay and Anne Deutschman*

### Cabinet Members Collect Legos and Play Dough for Children's Hospital





## Perrysburg ROARS!

Perrysburg Lions are very busy doing community service. On 19 January, Miriam Huff and Craig Gauger were among the meal builders at the Feed The Starving Children event held at Maumee's Intermediate School. The team consisting of our 2 Lions and 4 other volunteers built and packed 7½ cases of meals. Each case consisted of 36 bags of a rice-based meal combination with protein and vegetables. Our team was so fast in filling the bags, that we passed about 50 bags to the next table, so that they had bags to work. Altogether, the ten tables of meal builders made 62 cases of meals. This equals 13,392 meals.

On 10 February, Lions Miriam, Craig, Dr. Bob, Duane, and Charles, along with spouses Deb and Linda, and a son-in-law, and 6 grandchildren of Charles and Linda, build 60 beds at the Let's Build Beds, bed build held in Maumee. The team of about 100 volunteers also reconditioned 35 headboards that weren't completed or needed repair from a previous build. Lion Duane, with a team, delivers beds nearly every week to local kids and Deb works organizing the bedding to assure there is enough for each delivery.

Perrysburg Lions are actively collecting plastic to earn a park bench from NexTrex company. We need 1,000#s of plastic for one bench. Right now, we have turned in almost 300#s. The plastic must be the proper type of plastic, be clean and dry and have no tape or other foreign materials on it. Many club members have been saving the plastic. We bag the plastic, photograph it, and deliver it to local Kroger or Meijer stores. We have one year to save the 1,000#s. We registered in this past late December, though we've been saving plastic for a long time.

We have Lions Leon, Faith, and Craig who drive local blind and visually impaired folks to appointments and to the Toledo Blind Outreach gathering. They have a meal, prayer, share victories, and remember friends who are ill at their 5-times a year gatherings. There is usually a musical interlude, as well.

We are recycling eyeglasses and aluminum cans. We donate glasses to VOSH and have donated clothing, canes, walkers, and other items to Orphan's Grain Train in Napoleon, OH.

We have several future projects in our plans. We have added several new members in the past year and a half. There are more future Lions that we're wooing.

*submitted by Craig Gauger*

## In the Kitchen With Rushylvania Lions

We have had a pancake/ sausage breakfast on Sat. 1/13/26 and brought in record revenue. We also tried for a first time, a sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast, which was also brought in record revenue!!

We updated our kitchen with an updated exhaust fan over our cooking grill, along with a larger capacity microwave oven. Our next pancake/sausage breakfast will be on 3/9/24.

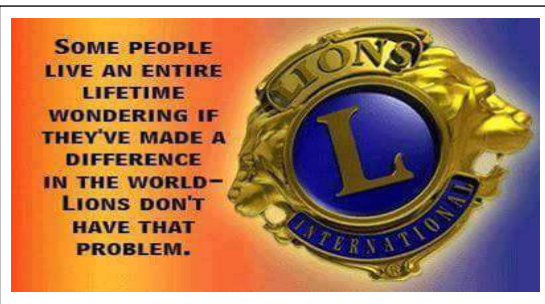






## From West Liberty

What a fun way to celebrate Valentine's Day- celebrating some of our favorite friends with dinner delivery! Thank you to West Liberty United Church of Christ for allowing us to use their kitchen, to Marie's Candies for offering their delicious sampler boxes at a discount, and to our members who cooked, delivered and financially supported this activity! ❤️



## Bluffton Installs New Members



**1<sup>ST</sup> Vice District Governor Sue Davis installing new members – Mark Bourassa (sponsor Jackie Bourassa) and Dwain Hall (sponsor Barbara Plaughter).**

**Chevrons for years of service: Lions Mike Minnig 10 yrs; Diane Almanon 10 years; Tom Edwards 15 years; Tracy Steele 15 years; Tim Closson 15 years; Ron Lora 15 years; Laura Voth 15 years; Bob Amstutz 20 years; Ed Yeager 20 years.**

## Lions Will Be Here Roaring

DACOR has a booth at the **BG Business Expo** coming up on **Saturday, March 9, 2024** at Pratt Pavilion in the Wood County Fairgrounds. The Expo runs from 10:00am to 3:00pm and admission is free. For more information go to [www.bgchamber.net/business-expo/](http://www.bgchamber.net/business-expo/)

## Sylvania Hot Cocoa Run

Jim and Carol Collins and Deb Chany volunteered at a Hot Cocoa Run on Saturday February 24. It benefited the Sylvania Prevention Alliance to help educate the community on drug awareness.

*Submitted by Lion Carol Collins*



## LEOS ROAR



Leos from around Ohio gather for their annual convention in Waldo, Ohio.



Paper good were collected for their service project.



### Leaders in Action

Leos step up to address their convention with confidence

"Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much."  
-Helen Keller



## BULLETIN BOARD



### Important Dates

**April 5<sup>th</sup> Fourth** Cabinet Meeting at  
Hilton Garden Inn at Findlay

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** NWOLECF

**May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** State Convention at  
Worthington Double Tree Columbus

**June 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>** Lions International  
Convention at Melbourne, Australia



### District OH1 Convention

**Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6, 2024**

**Hilton Garden Inn**

1050 Interstate Drive West

Findlay, Ohio



### McComb Lions Club



*Cordially Invites You to Join Us  
As we Celebrate Our*

### 75<sup>th</sup> Charter Night

*Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm*

*Bishop's Barn  
3475 County Road 139  
McComb, Ohio 45858*

*Guest Speaker will be PD Ron Keller, Millersport, Ohio*

*Please RSVP no later than Sunday, April 1st  
Swiss Steak/Chicken Breast*

*Salad, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, California Blend, Roll & Butter, Cupcake, Beverage  
Cost is \$25 per person*

.....Yes, I would like to attend .....Number of people attending

(Name)

(Address)

(Phone number)

*Please mail RSVP's with checks payable to McComb Lions Club to:  
Pat Ritter, 4635 Township Road 235, McComb, OH 45858*



Portage Lions Club

48rd Charter Night

Monday, March 25, 2024

6:00 pm Social Time

6:30 pm Dinner

Cost \$13.00

Christ United Methodist Church

301 W. Main St

Portage, Ohio 43452

RSVP by March 20 to Anne Deutschman

419-354 -3014 or jakgs@dacor.net

**In the spirit of this year's Hunger Project, we are asking  
everyone to bring a food item for the Portage Food Pantry**





## BULLETIN BOARD



June 21-25, 2024

### 2024 Lions International Convention

The 2024 Lions International Convention will be held in Melbourne, Australia, June 21 – 25. You will need a current Passport and Visa. Plenary sessions, the exhibit hall, seminars, and Parade of Nations will all be there waiting for you to experience. Nearby attractions include: Royal Botanic Gardens, National Gallery of Victoria, the Cricket Arena, Shrine of Remembrance, and the Queen Victoria Market.

### USA/Canada

### Leadership Forum

"Setting the Pace" is the theme for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum to be held September 5 -7, 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky. There are plenty of hotels close to the action. 1VP Fabricio Oliveira, Sam Glen, Randy Pierce, and Trish Wilson will be the main speakers. In addition to the informative sessions, there will also be a decorate your own Kentucky Derby hat contest. Nearby attractions include the Louisville Slugger Museum and factory, Churchill Downs, Mohammed Ali Museum, various Bourbon Distilleries, and much more. Be sure to visit the Ohio Lions, Lions International, and USA/Canada Leadership Forum websites for further information.

## Spreading Kindness

*Just Add Jelly*

FOOD COLLECTION  
AT MAY 2024  
STATE CONVENTION

The Global Service Team is asking Convention attendees and willing clubs to bring jars of

**peanut butter**

to the 2024 State Convention. Donations will be given to the Buckeye Food Alliance, which serves just under 1,000 Ohio State students who are food insecure every month.

Bring your donation and learn more about today's collegiate food insecurity.



Proceeds to benefit Sylvania Lions Club, Inc. & The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio

**Ladies! This is NOT your Grandmother's BINGO!**

Enjoy a fun Girls' Night Out with your friends while playing for fabulous purses by the designer brands you love including Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors and more!!

Thursday April 18, 2024



Joseph Diehn  
American Legion Post  
5580 Centennial Rd. • Sylvania Ohio  
Doors open at 4:45 pm &  
Bingo begins at 6:30 pm sharp

Admission Donation

\$50.00 Per Person  
\$60.00 Night of Event (cash only) includes:

- Book of 16 Games of Bingo
- The winner of each game will win a Designer Purse (one for each game of Bingo)
- 3 Chances to win for Intermission Coverall Bingo
- Free Dauber

Cash or Credit Card

Additional books of 16 games of Bingocan be purchased for \$5.00

Additional Intermission Coverall Bingo for a beautiful designer purse-\$5.00 for 3 chances to win.

Also 50/50 Raffle & Gift Baskets to Win Food and Drink Available for Purchase (outside food & drinks not permitted)



Purchase tickets on-line at [www.SightCenterToledo.org/Events](http://www.SightCenterToledo.org/Events)

Don't wait, tickets are limited!

All attendees must purchase ticket to be admitted.  
Must be 18+ years old to play.  
All purchases are considered final, no refunds.







## BULLETIN BOARD



**WEST LIBERTY LIONS CLUB'S 6TH ANNUAL MARCH MADNESS FUNDRAISER**

**\$20 PER SQUARE**

1. Purchase your squares by March 17 (cash or checks payable to West Liberty Lions Club)
2. Squares will be randomly assigned
3. Watch March Madness and win!!

questions: westliblions@gmail.com

Squares available for purchase from: WL Village clerk's office, Wendy Yang (614) 577-2622, Jake Viti (937) 465-5370, or any Lion's Club member

**BUY ONLINE HERE**

**Payouts by round:**  
 No payout for play-ins  
 Round 1: \$10  
 Round 2: \$15  
 Sweet 16: \$25  
 Elite 8: \$30  
 Final 4: \$50  
 Championship: \$250



**The West Liberty Lions Club presents:**

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

In Collaboration with **WEST LIBERTY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

**At the Opera House, Saturday, March 16 from 8-11 AM**  
 -Bunny and pictures 9-11 AM Only-

**3rd Annual Easter EGG Hunt**

**March 16, 2024**  
**3:00 PM - Lions Park**

Presented by **Marie's**

Open to all kids 5th grade and younger  
 Children will be grouped by age




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**VENEDOCIA LIONS**

**Brian O'Neill, President**

**WHAT:** Dinner Meeting, \$8

**WHEN:** **Mon Feb 26 @ 6:30pm**

**WHERE:** Lions Building, Venedocia

**AGENDA:**

**Speakers: Mike Poling & Kathy McCollow, VWCO Ag Society**

Pancakes & Sausage Day  
 Easter Egg Hunt  
 Lview PTO Carnival  
 Sausage Trailer partners

April 8 Eclipse Events  
 Freedom Truck Meet  
 Dinner Meeting Caterer  
 Scholarship Applications

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mon Mar 11	6:30pm	Club Dinner Meeting, \$8
Fri Mar 15	7pm	Pancakes & Sausage Day Set-Up
Sat Mar 16	6am-1pm	Pancakes & Sausage Day
Mon Mar 25	6:30pm	Club Dinner Meeting, \$8
Sat Mar 30	1pm	Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Park
Fri Apr 5	4-7pm	Sausage Sandwiches: Lview PTO Carnival

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**  
**JOHN C LLOYD** 02/01  
**PAUL E PRICE** 02/21

Lion Jerry Koenig, Secretary ≈ (W) 419.238.1233 • (M) 419.667.6447 ≈ venedocia.lions@gmail.com  
 >> Sausage events work schedules for upcoming events are always available online for viewing



**Spring is here and that means the Portage Lions Club is selling Vidalia Onions. The price is \$10 for a 10-pound bag and \$23 for a 25-pound box. We are taking pre-orders only through April 8, 2024.**

**Checks should be made payable to Portage Lions Club and can be dropped off to me at DACOR Internet Services, 725 Haskins Rd, Suite, Bowling Green, OH.**