

# OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS



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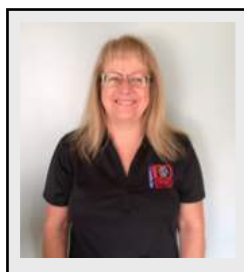
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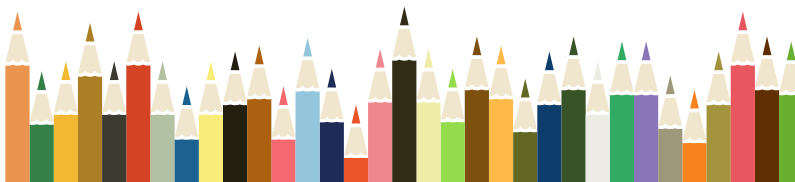


## **Thoughts from Governor Deb Crawford**

It has been a joy to visit clubs and see all the many ways you serve others. I shouldn't be the only one amazed with what you do. Be sure to advertise at your various events so others can see your club is active in your community. Lions need to be visible. Post what you do on LCI. Clubs may want to appoint a club administrator to help with reporting. It eases the responsibilities of your club secretary and gives another member a chance to do something he or she likes and utilizes his/her talents. October is our state "Fall into Service" campaign. There are plenty of activities to be reported from Fall Apple Butter Festivals, to road clean ups, to Trick or Treat and Halloween parades. Invite others to help with your activities or team up with another organization. Don't forget to send pictures and small article about your event to 1VSD Sue Davis for the newsletter.

I am here to serve you. If you have any Lions questions or need my assistance, please contact me at 419-722-7140 or [crawforddcm@gmail.com](mailto:crawforddcm@gmail.com).

One life can make a difference; be the one. Serve safely, have fun, and roar like a lion.





## President's Message Changing the World with International President Dr. Patti Hill

Dear Lion,

I believe that the power to make the world a better place is in our hands. Our impact is what makes being a Lion so special. Every small act of service creates a personal impact, and the collective impact of our kindness can change the world forever. That's why "Changing the World" is my message to Lions and to the world.

Changing the World begins with us. It begins when we change the lives of the people we serve and find ourselves changed as well. It grows when we change our communities by bringing them to the table and inviting them to become the change they wish to see. It multiplies when we show the world that real change is truly possible and that Lions are Changing the World—one life, one relationship and one community at a time.

Serving as your international president is an incredible honor. You and I, together, can make a difference. Let's be bold and lead the way forward to a better future and a world of change.

Yours in service,

**Dr. Patti Hill**  
International President



**iVDG**  
**Susan Davis**

Once again, as newsletter editor, I am asking for articles about club activities. This includes service projects and fundraisers. I need a picture and caption. If you would like to include a short article, I will cut and paste it into the newsletter. As you can see, there is a section, which is usually 2-3 pages long, for **Club News**. I would be happy to add pages. Please find your club in that section!

Check out the Governor's comments as well as the First's and Second's comments at the beginning. CC Davie will also submit MD13 information

This year through December, I am including a page on LCIF and their various causes. I think it is important to know where your donations go each year. Also, in July, I focused on *grants* from LCIF. Check that out for your clubs.

Please send any district news as well. This includes the passing of Lions in our district.

Have you traveled and encountered any Lion activity? Send it my way for the news.

Also, check the last page of the newsletter for the bulletin board. I will post upcoming activities for each club or region or OH1. Please send me that information.

Articles are due by the **25th** of each month. I work with Lion Rick Carder to post the newsletter within a few days of the 25th so that we are up to date. He is amazing with which to work!

The newsletter is posted on [ohiolionsoh1.org](http://ohiolionsoh1.org) on the front page. The top letter is the most current. Click and read. Hopefully you will learn a little bit about the district and the clubs.



**ROAR**

Lions of MD13,

I'm working on a change-up! Yes, I'm growing a Winter Beard. I'm starting a little earlier than usual, but I want this to be a great beard just like I want us to have a great year. That word change keeps coming up in our communication this year for at least two reasons. One, International President Dr. Patti Hill's motto is "Changing the World." I really like her idea that by making small choices we decide how our future will unfold. Given that we, MD13, are an organization of over 9000 members and that we have demonstrated we know how to work together, we can make a big difference in our world by many "small" efforts. Two, given that MD13 has lost about 60% of our membership in the past 40 years, we need to make changes in the way we do our membership business. Two strategies for retaining members involve doing more service and communicating with our membership to find out what their needs and desires are. Another way is to utilize our Tail Twister. Clubs with active, innovative Tail Twisters have fun meetings that members look forward to attending. Another way to retain members is to have an active Lion Tamer or morale officer. Have someone (or more than one) responsible for greeting members at meetings. Call members who don't attend and ask why. This is a good assignment for club vice presidents. These "small" changes aren't really changes at all. They are common sense solutions to prevent members from losing interest in the club. Strong clubs do these things routinely. Strong clubs find ways to serve their communities, motivate their members to participate in that service, and recognize their members need to be appreciated so the clubs can prosper and grow as they add new members who want to "change their world" by serving their fellows in need. One change we made at our first Council of Governors Meeting was to create an ad hoc committee to explore the New Voices platform. In doing this, we aim to not only add members, but to listen better to current members who feel they aren't heard. Our District Governors are determined to turn this downward trend in membership around. Let's do the small things that make our clubs alive and well. IP Patti wants to "Change the World." IPP Brian Sheehan told us last year that "Together WE Can!" He's correct. Let's Serve.

## Council Chairperson Dave Stockum



### SWOT

What is SWOT? These letters are an acronym which stands for the words: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. Lions International offers this platform as a way to analyze your club and move forward in a more effective manner. Two major threats to membership growth many of our clubs face are the boring meeting and the unappreciated member, which are detailed in my message this quarter. Looking at all four of these characteristics for your club is a great way to begin your Lions Year. A little analysis and planning can go a long way to having a successful year!





## CLUBS CORNER



### Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank's 50th Anniversary Celebration

All Clubs are Invited



submitted by PDG Jackie Miller

### Reminder:Necrology

It is important to keep up our records for the necrology service at our April District Convention. When someone passes, please include a picture and a little bit about how they served his/her club and/or his/her community. Email the information to [jdavis1952@hotmail.com](mailto:jdavis1952@hotmail.com).

### Bryan Lions Award A Dick Bryan



VP Larry Harsila presents award to Lion Chris Oberlin. Congratulations!



Bryan Lions met with Bryan City Firemen on August 22. Cookout and potluck enjoyed by all.

### Asking All Clubs to Participate







## CLUBS CORNER



### Fayette Lions Help Town Celebrate 150 Years



Lion Karen King  
on the piano.

### Lima Host Honors Cancer Survivor and PDG Larry Wards and wife Lion Carol

Lauren Cunningham is a pediatric cancer survivor. She spoke of her future plans and thankfulness to survive.



Left: Mark Swords, son of PDG Larry Swords and his wife Lion Carol Swords, received Lima Host's posthumous recognitions.



Information  
provided by Lion  
Corinne Piper

Entertainment was provided by Madeline Emetic,  
the Blackburn Music Scholarship winner.

### Bluffton Awards Two Melvin Jones Awards



Lion Patty Navin was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque for her outstanding service in the Bluffton Lions Club. Lion Patty held the office of president for three consecutive years. She has served on many committees, including chairing the Dare to Dream project numerous times. This was one of our largest projects in recent years. Congratulations Lion Patty for being a member of the Bluffton Lions.



Lion Jackie Bourassa, daughter of Past-President Lion Jim Bemiller accepted the Memorial Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque at the Bluffton Lions noon meeting. Lion Jim sponsored his daughter for the Bluffton Club within this past year. Lion Jim is greatly missed.

*Submitted by PDG Barbara Plaugh*

## District News

### NWOLECF Report

PCC Darlene Roll

August 14, 2023

The Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation, Inc. meets quarterly to review applications for eye care services and other Foundation business.

The quarterly meeting was held on August 11, 2023, at McComb.

Upcoming meetings:

- November 9, 2023 at Toledo St. Andrew Church, 3620 Heatherdowns.
- February 8, 2024 will be a Zoom meeting.
- May 9, 2024 will be hosted by Spencerville.

Checking account balance as of 8/3/23 is \$5,000. Huntington Money Market total \$52,156.72. Total all funds is \$57,155.72. Checking account balance will be kept at \$5,000 and any excess will be transferred to HMM monthly.



**IT'S COMPLIANCE TIME!**

**COMMERCE DUE NOV. 1  
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND IRS  
DUE NOV. 15**

**FILE TODAY!**



**Leos Roar!**

### Youth/Leo/Peace Poster Report

Updates and new information from the State Youth Committee and District Chair:

Updates:

- Committee Goals and Responsibilities – Reviewed during the committee's July meeting.
- My Lion – Goal is 100% Service Reporting in the 2023-2024 Leo Year.
- Peace Poster/Peace Essay Contest – "Dare to Dream". Kits available until October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- State Leo Convention – Scheduled for February 24, 2024, at The Event Center and Catering in Waldo, Ohio.
- Potential New Leo Clubs – Kalida and Swanton.

Upcoming Events:

- By December 31 – Scholarship Applications Available
  - Ohio Lions Leo Scholarship
  - Lions International Trading Pin Association Scholarship
- The Youth Committee plans to offer honor cords for 2024 to graduating Leo Club members.

We Serve!

PCC Darlene Roll  
District Chair



## Region News

### Region 2 Meeting

The Region 2 meeting was held at the McComb United Methodist Church on July 19, 2023. There were 10 clubs represented: Arcadia, Arlington, Bluffton, Holgate, Kalida, McComb, North Baltimore, Ottawa, Portage, and Van Buren.

Governor Deb Crawford conducted an officer training for President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A packet of pertinent information was handed out including a "Need Help" section.

Portal Posting, MMR Posting and PU101 posting was discussed as was the ins and outs of Compliance.

Gov. Deb shared her hunger project (see the August newsletter for details). She is asking clubs to support food banks, school lunches and Blessing Boxes.

PDG Barbara Plaugher presented the update on the LCIF funding.

Comments were accepted from Zone Chairs and rVDG Sue Davis. A special thanks went to Lion Pat Ritter for securing our meeting place and to Ottawa Lions for being hosts by providing our snacks.

rVDG Sue Davis

Region 2 Chair

### Region 3 Update

The 17 clubs in OH1 Region 3 (zones 7, 8, and 9) show that there were 421 members at the beginning of July 2023 and as of August 14, 2023, there are 417 (-4). I am aware that some clubs will be adding members in the August/September timeframe.

The Coldwater Leo Club serves on a school-year calendar and will begin to hold meetings and events in September.

Several Lions Clubs in the Region begin serving after Labor Day, after a couple of months of no-meetings in the summer.

There is a Region 3 meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at the Waynesfield Lions Building.

We Serve!

PCC Darlene Roll

Region 3 Chair





## Lions on the Go

**PDGs Lions Barbara Plaughter and Dan Ritter take a VOSH trip March 2023 hosted by Sint Maarten Lions Club.**



Lion Eugene from the Bluffton club and an OD with the autorefractor PDG Ron Meyers



PDG Dan Ritter and PDG Ron Meyers in the Lion's den

PDG Ron Meyers

*All photos provided by PDG Barbara and PDG Dan*



PDG Ron Meyers deplaning at Princess Juliana Airport



Lions from the St. Maarten club assist with the clinic.



PDG Barbara Plaughter shopping in Marigot



Students displaying new sunglasses at VOSH clinic

Lion Ruby and PDG Dan Ritter dispensing glasses







### *Series Part 4: Pediatric Cancer*

Every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer in the US. One in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 25. According to data gathered from 2020, there were 11,050 new cases in the US. More than 1 in 10 will die.

Globally, 67% of childhood cancer cases go undiagnosed. Cancer is the leading cause of childhood death. In ages 0-19, there are 400,000 new cases yearly. In developed countries, there is an 80% survival rate. However, in under developed countries, there is only a 20% survival rate. Nine out of 10 diagnosed children live in low to middle income countries. Less than 30% of children with cancer in those countries survive, compared to about 80% in high income countries.

LCIF has helped change the future of many children. There is hope for some in need. In 2019 LCIF has partnered with Global HOPE and together they have improved survival rates in sub Saharan Africa. In low income countries there is a great need for healthcare providers, improved facilities, drugs and treatment, and technology. The purpose of this particular partnership was to strengthen local healthcare infrastructure and provide care especially with children with blood disorders.

The partnership included financial support, engagement of Lions, and joint fundraising.

LCIF provides many grants to support service around the world.

#### Resources

Lions Clubs International Foundation Flier

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/search-results?keys=pediatric+cancer>

### **Childhood Cancer Grant**

“Grants are available to Lions districts and multiple districts in amounts from US\$10,000 to US\$150,000. Projects must be implemented in coordination or collaboration with existing government or charitable childhood cancer medical facilities.” It does not fund medical care directly. To apply go to LCIF Matching grant program on the LCIF website.

### **Matching Grants**

These serve large scale population areas and projects.

### **District and Club Community Impact Grants**

“Fifteen percent of unrestricted contributions to LCIF are transformed into grants that fund local projects on a club and/or district level.”

“From June 2022-June 2023, LCIF has awarded 23 childhood cancer-related grants totaling US\$1,398,870.”

### **Ideas you can do to help:**

- \* Supply wigs for children
- \* Provide tutoring
- \* Provide entertainment
- \* Supply food for the families
- \* Volunteer at a cancer camp
- \* Organize awareness in the community
- \* Help families take photographs
- \* Support a local family
- \* Create a toy library
- \* Help in any way you can

**Please Do Not Distract...**  
**when approaching a guide dog.**



### **District Governors and iVice District Governors Visit Pilot Dogs**

"We help people who are blind or visually impaired achieve greater independence and mobility." This is the mission of Pilot Dogs. They are here to help veterans, students, or people who are blind or visually impaired. They provide a means to a safe, independent, and mobile life with confidence. Donations have allowed them to offer world class guide dog and handler training.

Pilot Dogs is a nonprofit that receives no state nor federal funds. They are accredited in both International Guide Dog Federation and Assistance Dogs International. They operate strictly on donation. The dogs and services are 100% free to the students.

Why does this matter to Lions? For many years Lions Clubs have donated to the organization. Some Lions have been co-pilots which means they volunteer to raise puppies until they start advanced dog training. A co-pilot can be anyone who loves dogs and has patience to raise a puppy. They are super heroes in the program's eyes. If you are interested, visit the site: <https://www.pilotdogs.org/become-a-copilot/> If you cannot commit to raising a puppy for a year, there are short term commitments as well. Time frames are flexible.

Below and to the right are some pictures of our Pilot Dog experience.



OH2 Governor, Becky Thornton holding an 8 week old puppy. The pup was so cuddly and cute!



iVDG Sue Davis holding "Yellow Boy". Each dog is color coded instead of named. They can tell them apart without personalizing them.

Jim Alloway, the Chief Executive Officer explaining the program to visiting Lions.

*Note: iVDG Toni Gray is the Vet Tech and spends countless hours with the pups.*





## BULLETIN BOARD



Ohio Lions

### *Fall Into Service*

**October 2023**

Join Lions and Leos throughout Ohio,  
working in their communities and  
*Changing the World, one project at a time*

1. **Create** a service project suited for your community
  2. **Invite** your friends, family, and community to serve with you
  3. **Perform** Service
  4. **Share!**
    - Report it on the new Lion Portal
    - Post on social media and
- Share** with your community through local news outlets

**NOTE:** Fall Into Service is not restricted to one particular week in October. Clubs are busy at different times. Just be sure your **service project** is started or completed during the month of October. Have fun! We serve!

### OH1 and OH6 Hunger Project 2023-2024

**Donate canned goods, feed a family in need, help with school lunches, fill a Blessing Box, stock a food pantry and more.**

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.



“New Voices platform promotes gender parity and diversity, and seeks to increase the number of women, young adults and underrepresented populations within our association. “

**Mark Your Calendar**

**New Voices Symposium**

**Focus on Diabetes-Are you at risk?  
Diagnosing and Managing**

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

**Aultman Hospital-Canton**

**West Liberty Lions Club**



★ 58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ★

\$5 Entry Fee  
\*\*\*  
Car Clubs  
Welcome!

**LABOR DAY  
Festival**



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**Classic Car**

Ice Cream  
Social  
5:30-7:00 PM

50:50 Drawing  
Dash plates  
for the 1<sup>st</sup>  
50 registered



DOOR  
PRIZES!

**Cruise-In**

**BINGO**  
1. 27 33 48 75  
8. 19 45 56 61  
3. 18 21 49 69  
15. 26 41 53 66  
2. 21 37 46 65  
**7:00 PM**

**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](http://www.westlibertylions.org)





**Driving T1D Cures Forward, Faster**

Carol Collins GST  
Sylvania Sunrise Lions

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



## BULLETIN BOARD



### PROJECT: OHIO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

September 13-17, 2023

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- Transportation on Wednesday or Thursday
- Arrival Transportation to site
- Excursions on Thursday or Friday
- Departure Transportation on Saturday or Sunday
- Meals
  - \_\_\_ Lions Club willing to provide indoor picnic
  - \_\_\_ Box Lunch Meals on Friday and Saturday
- General Assistance

#### SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, 13 September** - no activities

**Thursday, 14 September** - non convention group activity and option outing to *Clara J's Tea Room* and *Maumee Chocolate Shoppe*

**Friday, 15 September** - morning excursions to *Carruth Studio*, *Fallen Timbers Battlefield Trail*, box lunch, afternoon fellowship, evening meals, "Tall Tales"

**Saturday, 16 September** - morning obstacle course and obedience competition, box lunch, memorials, afternoon meeting and Election of Officers, live auction, banquet

**Sunday, 17 September** - transportation

TO HELP FILL THESE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES or for information contact:

**Lion Faith Cataldo-Gauger at 419-350-4365**

**or [faithkeg@gmail.com](mailto:faithkeg@gmail.com)**

***Note from the Editor: The last update I received is the one above which was published in the June Newsletter. Some information may have changed. Lion Sue Davis***