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## Governor Dean Carruthers Presiding

A Special Report on a Memorable Convention featuring photography by OH5 DGE Jackie Christensen



When DG Dean addresses an audience he likes to tell them that the people at the head table are not the most important people in the room but that the Lions in the audience are the real VIPs. Here are a few facts about Governor Dean, who has led the District with unwavering faith in his fellow Lions and a strong, steady vision of what it means to say, "We serve!"

DG Dean wrote in his cabinet report: "I want to take this opportunity to state in writing that it has been an honor to serve as your Governor for this year and that I consider each and every one of you as not only great Lions but special and true friends. I will always be proud to stand with you and support your Lions activities."



Lion Dean has been a Lion for 38 years. Dean joined the Kenton Lions Club in 1981. During his time as a lion, he served in 6 states, 10 clubs, and 6 districts. He has held all club offices except treasurer. Dean has served multiple times as a regional chair four times, as zone chair six times & 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor for OH 1. Dean is proud to be a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Dean was born & raised in Kenton, Ohio from 1972 through 1980 Dean served in the US Army. He graduated from Northwest Business College. Dean retired from national park service after 34 years as an Administrative Technician. Dean is a life member of American Legion & AMVETS. In his free time, he enjoys model railroading, photography & woodworking.

This special issue contains many memorable photos by DGE Jackie, but only a fraction of her Photo History. The entire collection may find an online home in the future.

Also in this issue are some special committee reports. The regular Club Service news for April and May will be included in the June Newsletter issue.



## District OH 1 Convention -- Committee Report

The District Convention was a great success, we had 90 registered members attending the Friday evening cabinet recognition and club awards. Hospitality activities was sponsored by the McComb Lions Club the home club of District Governor Dean.

Saturday was full of both business and learning. International Director Geoffrey Wade & his wife Nancy were our guest and they had a great time. ID Geoffrey presented a very interesting and inspiring speech at the Grand Banquet.



The voting was a great success as we filled all positions. VDG Don was elected as DGE, 2VDG Ashley was elected as 1VDG and ZC Rebecca Dent was elected as 2VDG for the coming Lions year 2019-2020.

We wish to thank everyone but especially CS PDG Sheryl Burnette & PDG John Davis for their assistance and guidance.

**Yours in Lionism,**  
**Lion Portia, Convention Chair**  
**Jewel Craig, Convention Co-Chair**



## Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation Report — Mary Shenouda, M.D., Trustee, District 13 OH-1, Past President of the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation

To really understand the enormous impact the Foundation has, look back in time at its accomplishments. OLERF has funded eye research which has benefited premature babies and their sight. It has been instrumental in research that helped implement contact lenses. In the early 1980s OLERF was involved in helping children with lazy eyes regain binocular vision. A dramatic reduction in blindness in Africa from River Blindness was also a direct consequence of research taking place here in our awesome state of Ohio.



All of this is secondary to the support of Lions from our clubs. Contributions have recently supported research projects which hit close to home. Diabetic Retinopathy and Macular Degeneration have plagued our family members. Several Ohio universities have recently submitted proposals for innovative research to help understand and help the intricacies of those diseases.

It is through this research that progress can continue to be made in the understanding and healing of common diseases that affect our precious eyes. In the next few months, we will be having our State meeting which will bring to light those projects as we decide to fund these academic institutions with their work.

I ask that you continue to encourage clubs to support our Foundation. For without knowledge there can be no progress in the fight against eye disease. I promise to always "fight" for this cause in the words of Hellen Keller as a true "Knight of the Blind" and ask that you will continue to do so too, for it supports the core of who we are as Lions.

## Sight and Hearing Update -- PDG Bill Niejadlik

We had 1096 screenings and 121 Referrals. Donations through the end on May 2019 are: Sight and Hearing, \$3746 and Pilot Dogs, \$5350. Donated monies are sent to the State committee where at the end of the year all state donations are divided as follows: Pilot Dogs. 76%; Sight and Hearing Foundation 12%; Prevent Blindness Ohio 4%; Newsreel, Inc. 4%; Columbus Speech and Hearing Center 4%. Our committee will examine the continuation of contributions to the last two agencies, and our decision will go to a vote of the Council of Governors.

In Ohio, we have a Sight and Hearing Foundation to help individuals that need special care or operations that would be beyond the capabilities of any one club, and NWOLEC Foundation which reviews cases that MUST be sponsored by an Ohio Lions Club. All cases are considered on an individual basis and we have an Ophthalmologist and an Audiologist on our board to assist in our decisions. The State Foundation will assist our own District Foundation with funds on a case by case basis. Clubs can donate by sending their checks to me, make checks out to Sight and Hearing Foundation and I will forward them to our State Treasurer, Neil Sheely.

Lastly, I am proud to announce that our district has purchased a second PlusOptix Vision Screener. Monies were provided by some club donation, a gift from NWOLEC and the balance from the Lima Host club. The PlusOptix screener allows us to detect most prevalent vision disorders in children as early as possible. The earlier detected the better it can be treated. The screeners features are: simultaneous measurement of both eyes; 0.5 second acquisition time; analysis of Hyperopia, Myopia, Astigmatism, Anisometropia, Anisocoria and Eye Alignment; instant PASS or REFER results; full refraction recording for follow-up Eye exam. The State Sight and Hearing Committee highly recommends this screener for its reliability and easy use. The machine can be recalibrated with a thumb drive in about 10 minutes. No need to send it in to the factory. There are currently about 20-25 machines in use through the State of Ohio. We have arranged with PlusOptix for recalibration drives at no charge.

I encourage all clubs to think about providing vision screening in their areas. I would be happy to conduct this service while teaching everyone how to use the machine. (only a 5 minute session). The new machine will be centralized with the Lima Host club, giving us a screener in the upper and lower parts of our District. As people become familiar with this Screener I am sure we will need to make another purchase, so I am going to make a proposal to our district cabinet that a special fund be set up for clubs that use the machine make a small "rental" which will be used toward that goal. Thanks to all who have helped me this year. You have been very supportive and cooperative.



## The Ohio Lions Building Trustees 4th Quarterly Meeting Report — PID Jerry Smith, OH1 Building Trustee

During this Lions year, the Building Trustees continue to analyze the condition and needs of the building. Major systems of the building are functioning properly and are in good condition at this time. However, we are aware of future needs of the building and its components. Our expense to have the small amount of lawn moved is a concern to the trustees. We have had an offer from a member in the Grove City Lions Club to mow the lawn. We are going to pursue that prospect with the idea of reimbursing that Lion's expenses.



The building is totally occupied on the first and second floors with good tenants and all are in an up-to-date status with monthly lease payments. Negotiation of the renewal of the SWEA (Southwest Ohio Education Association) lease has been completed. We were able to secure a 5-year lease agreement with SWEA. We will begin negotiations with Hatfield and Associates this fall. Premier Employee's 2 yr. contract is up for a one-year extension on Jan. 1, 2020 so negotiations will begin in that regard shortly.



Next year's budget for the building is due to the Finance and Long-Range Planning committee prior to the State Convention later this month. A preliminary budget request was presented at our meeting and approved for submission.

We also discussed some long-term building improvements to the building. Included in the discussion was replacement windows and tuck pointing the exterior brick on the building. After discussion, the Trustees approved seeking quotes for replacing all second-floor windows and with an option for the west first floor windows depending on costs estimates. The cost of this project, if approved, would come from the Building Restricted Fund. The Restricted Fund comes from the monthly receipt from the Lions General Fund.

The Building Trustees will continue to diligently serve the Lions of Ohio. We do our utmost to operate and maintain the Ohio Lions State Office Building in a responsible manner.

**Can you spot the cell phones on this page?** If you want to get your club's message across, be sure your Web sites and social media sites are listed on the Oh1 webpage. Check the page here: <http://ohiolionsoh1.org/lion-links>

If you don't see your club's URLs listed you can contact Webmaster Rick [webmaster@ohiolionsoh1.org](mailto:webmaster@ohiolionsoh1.org) to add the information.





**Lion Jessica Reichley chairs the District STEPS and Services for Children (Lion Cubs) Committees.** In the picture (left) her service is acknowledged at the Ohio Lions State Convention with a Presidential award.

In her report Lions Cubs Committee Lion Jessica wrote: "As we continue to visit our clubs and even serve our own local clubs, let's keep working together to reach out to our youth not only in service to them, but also in working to include them in our Lionism."

### Lions for Pediatric Cancer Research

In September / October 2019, Lions Club members across Ohio will be hosting and participating in a series of walks to raise money and awareness for pediatric cancer.

Join the 12,000 Ohio Lions; bring family, friends, and anyone else; and let's make a statement the world can hear: Ohio Lions are fighting pediatric cancer, one small STEP at a time! Cancer is the #1 killer from disease in children 15 years of age and younger. Yet pediatric cancer research remains severely underfunded. Lions Clubs throughout Ohio have STEPPED up to raise funds for pediatric cancer research. This race is one of many events Lions Clubs throughout Ohio are launching during the month of September and October to raise funds for Pediatric Cancer Research. Net proceeds from this race will go to oncology research at Children's hospitals throughout Ohio, in the locale of the event.



#### 2019 Scheduled STEPS Events

**OH1 Along the canal at Spencerville on September 29**

OH2 Around the reservoirs at Fostoria on September 29

OH3 at the Akron Zoo on September 8

OH4 at Wingfoot State Park on October 6

OH5 at Reynoldsburg HS Summit Campus on October 5

OH6 at East Lake Park in Dayton on September 14

OH7 at Thornville, "Run for It" on September 14

<https://sites.google.com/view/oh1steps5k/online-registration>

### USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

The 2019 Leadership Forum will be held September 19" - 21" in Spokane, Washington. Keynote speakers include: Sherri DeMao, Founder, CEO and Strategy Maestro of Biz Growth, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President Elect of Lions International, and Joshua Allison, Founder and Chief Ideator for Thinkin Cafe.

Leo Day at the Forum will be on Saturday, September 21". There will also be a Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness. Sightseeing trips before and after the forum are also available.

Registration for the Leadership Forum \$320.00 per person until July 20th, then it will be \$345.00 per person.

For more details and registration see the website: <https://lionsforum.org/> or phone (605) 723-4007,



Yours in Lionism,

**Lion Deb Crawford,  
Chair of the USA/Canada  
Lions Leadership Forum  
Committee**



## Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation Report — District OHI Cabinet

### Meeting NWOLECF Report PCC Darlene Roll, President May 5, 2019

The Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation (NWOLECF) met on November 28, 2018 and on February 18, 2019 and will meet on May 22, 2019.

November meeting highlights include resignation of Treasurer, PDG Craig Gauger, and vision cases:

- 1 case - Assistance with funding for telescopic glasses; NWOLECF provided \$900.00
- 3 cases - Cataract surgery assistance
- 1 case - Assistance for Bioptic glasses; NWOLECF provided \$1,000.00
- 2 cases - CCTV Unit Placed

Several cases are awaiting paperwork from applicants. Added "Are you a veteran?" to the NWOLECF application. February meeting highlights include appointment of new treasurer - PDG Dan Ritter; Policy Manual updates and proposed rewrite of Foundation Treasurer duties; and vision cases:

- 2 cases - Cataract surgery assistance
- 1 case - CCTV Unit Placed
- 2 cases - Convergence disorder - provided \$1,000.00 for each case with agreement that we will provide up to \$1,000.00 go-forward for therapy for convergence cases (not previously covered by NWOLECF). Several cases - awaiting paperwork

Officer and director positions were voted on at the May 22nd meeting in Ottawa. Some clubs who reported attending are Perrysburg Sunrise who reported that several eye cases were discussed concerning cataract surgery and CCTVs for text magnification. We are awaiting arrival of a new eye-screening machine so that more children can be screened for possible eye related problems. One representative from the Holgate club, four members of the McComb club, and two Pioneer area Lions attended. Pioneer Lions took 288 pairs of eyeglasses the meeting for recycling. Portage was pleased to host a meeting and a meal was provided.



## District Membership Report — PDG Dan Ritter, Global Membership Chair

Our district's membership as of May 1, 2019 is at 1637 which is a net loss of -21 for the Lions year. Since July 1, 2018 we have had 86 new members. There were 107 drops which includes 18 deaths of Lions. With recent changes on the LCI website I am no longer able to see how we compare to the other districts in the state.

Over the past several months we have been receiving names of individuals who have expressed an interest in joining Lions Clubs International. These persons have provided contact information on the LCI website and it is distributed to each district by way of the MD 13 GMT Chair PDG Dana Zody. I have forwarded these to clubs in our district and we have brought in one new member through these contacts.

In March of this year I completed required Lions training courses for GMT Chairs and our district received a \$250 grant from LCI for future membership and extension efforts

We will be recognizing those Lions clubs that end the Lions year (June 30) with a net gain of one or more in club membership. These clubs will be awarded a Plus +1 patch by the Multiple District 13 (Ohio) GMT Committee.

**The next four pages are a sample of the Photo History of the Convention provided by OH5 DGE Jackie Christensen**

The District Convention helps unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding. Lions meet to commemorate, to celebrate, to transact District business. In addition to the business meetings there is a Grand Banquet and a Necrology. There is also entertainment, food, and tail twisting raffles. Thanks to the organizers, the workers, and those who donated time and prizes. A special thanks to the Lions of McComb who worked so hard to sell tickets and organize prize distribution. Thanks also to all the Lions from other Districts, the International Family and other great guests.







District 13 OH 1 Convention  
Grand Banquet  
Saturday, February 23, 2019  
6:00 p. m.

Master of Ceremonies – PDG Bill Keller

Introduction of visiting District Governor's – DG Dean Carruthers

Introduction of visiting 1VDG's – 1VDG Don Wiechart

Introduction of visiting 2VDG's – 2VDG Ashley Schmunk

Pledge – 2VDG/1VDG Ashley Schmunk

America – 1VDG/DGe Don Wiechart

Invocation – PDG Ralph Stuebs

Protocol for Grand Banquet – 1VDG/DGe Don Wiechart

Dinner

Introduction for ID Guest Speaker by PDG Jeff Hatfield

Message from ID Geoffrey Wade

Response to ID – 1VDG/DGe Don Wiechart

Council Chair Award Presentation: Presented by DG Dean Carruthers

Council Chair Excellence Award: Presented by DG Dean Carruthers

Presentation of Council of Governor's Plaque: Presented by CC Greg Hess

International President's Certificate of Appreciation Awards: Presented by DG Dean Carruthers and ID Geoffrey Wade.

Gifts to ID Geoffrey and Nancy

Passing of the Gavel

Past District Governors

Winners of door prizes Benediction – PDG Ralph Stuebs

Closing Remarks from DG Dean Carruthers

Announcements by DG Dean Carruthers

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