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Thoughts from Governor Bill



Namaste! The Devine in me salutes the Devine in you. These are the words of our new International President, Nasar Aggarwal. He reminds us that our motto this year is WE SERVE. We have been serving our communities for the last 100 years, but now is the time to realign our projects for our second century of service. We are planning to serve 200 million people by the year 2021.

Our new centennial service challenge will is as follows.....

- 1 Environment
- 2 Vision
- 3 Hunger
- 4 Diabetes
- 5 Pediatric Cancer



We shall protect and improve our environment to make our communities a healthier place to live. In vision we will help prevent future cases of blindness through vision screenings and educational events. Improving access to healthy food for vulnerable populations in our communities. Make people aware of the epidemic diabetes has become worldwide. New tour challenge is Pediatric Cancer. Only 3 percent of all monies currently raised for cancer research goes toward pediatric research. These are very ambitious goals, but with 1.5 million Lions working together we shall accomplish our agenda.

Please remember to promote all your service and fund raising activities. Use Facebooks, twitter and all other social media in your advertising. If we are to get younger members we must haunt the areas were they hang out. The more members we have the more we can accomplish.

Lion Ellie and I would like to thank the clubs we have visited so far for their kindness and generosity. I am revising my visitation schedule and will have the District Webmaster release it soon. My theme this year is Soaring through Service. I am sure we will reach new heights.



In remembrance of PDG Marvin Crawford

Youth Committee

Have you heard the phrase, “It’s a Secret – One of Ohio Lions’ Best-Kept Secrets”? Do you know what that secret is? The secret is “Youth”!

The Ohio Lions State Youth Committee promotes and coordinates youth-related activities throughout Multiple District 13 and each District Youth Committee Chair, along with the District Leo Chair and the Lions Cub Program Chair, serve throughout District OH1. All of your district chairs are willing to help clubs become more involved with youth-related projects.

What are some of the ways that your club can do that? Consider involvement with some of these youth-related activities and events:

- *STEPS Walk (5K Run)* – for Pediatric Cancer Research – at Ohio Northern University on Sunday, October 1, 2017
- *Peace Poster & Peace Essay Contests* – Peace Poster Kits available until October 1, 2017 – work with your local school or an organized youth group to have youth ages 11-13 on November 15, 2017, create posters or visually impaired youth prepare essays
- *Leo Clubs* – We have 5 clubs in District OH1 (Coldwater, Columbus Grove, Hardin County, Ohio Hi Point and Swanton. Do you know that Leo Club members enjoy helping with Lions’ projects – and bring new energy to Lions clubs?
- *Lions Family Cub Programs* – What is a way to get new, younger members? Consider a Cub program. If a parent is a Lion, there are activities for young children to be involved in activities – both during meetings and with projects.
- *The GOOD Program* – This program, offered by Lion Ron Derry, is motivational and a great way to be involved with your local schools.
- *Liberty Day Foundation Program* – Liberty Day booklets containing the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution are available for \$1.00 per booklet from the Youth Committee. There are even lesson plans, etc., that can be used to help youth learn about these documents.
- *USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum* – September 20-22, 2018 (yes, in a little more than a year from now), Ohio Lions will host the Forum in Columbus. More than likely, on Saturday, September 22nd, there will be a “Leo Day”. Leo Club members and advisors, please put it in your calendar now to attend that day – and other days if you can.

As you can see, there are numerous ways in which to become more involved in youth-related projects. Please let us know how we can help your club to be more involved.

For the Youth, Leo and Cub programs,

In Lionism,

PCC Darlene Roll



A Line From VDG Dean



Hello Lions of OH1

Club Secretary's & President's please note: One of my duties as 1st VDG is the memorial service at the District Convention for those Lions who pass during the year. I am asking all club secretaries that after they have reported the passing on their MMR reports to send me an email with a short Lions Bio & a picture of the Lion so we can make sure to include them in the memorial service, please do this right away and not wait till just before the convention.

Some clubs are still showing in Internationals records as no report of new officers, Secretary's please make sure you have submitted your PU 101 to International and a copy to the Cabinet Secretary.

Last year there were quite a few clubs that showed no activities on their monthly reports in MYLCI, even when they did report membership numbers. Please try to complete both reports quickly and accurately every month.

An Early start: I am beginning to put together my cabinet for the 2018-2019 Lion Year, any Lion in the District who is interested in being considered for a position on the 2018-2019 cabinet is asked to contact me either in person, by phone, email or letter advising your interest and the position or positions you would be interested in serving. Every year the incoming governor also has a challenging time filling the local positions of Zone Chairperson, the zone position does involve some local travel of 1 visit to each club in the Zone, and occasional travel to a district meeting. You as zone chairperson can work with the clubs in your zone to visit the clubs on a schedule that works for both you & the clubs. Please think about serving your Zone and District in a position beyond the club level. If you are interested or would like more information about these positions, I will be glad to answer your questions. My contact information is located at the end of this message & the District directory that will be out soon.

I am available to visit your club for a meeting, to answer any questions you may have, to induct new members, to assist with membership recruiting, to support your projects, or make awards presentations, install officers. I consider it an honor to attend your meetings and projects and represent our District and Lions International. Please contact me if there is anything I can do to assist you.

Please also add me to your newsletter & email lists. My contact information: email me at bigb31353@gmail.com (if you have problems with that email use ndc1353@hotmail.com) or call me on my cell 567-525-2582 anytime or day between 8:00 A.M. – 11:30 P.M.

"WE SERVE"

Yours in Lionism, 1st VDG Dean

Deadline for the September Newsletter is August 24, 2017

Submit your newsletter items to Newsletter Editor PDG Bill Keller at newsletter@ohiolionsoh1.org

Communications from 2nd VDG Don Wiechart

Fellow OH1 Lions,

Many of you know me but to some of you I am still a stranger. My name is Don Wiechart and I will be your new OH1 2nd Vice District Governor. A little about myself: I'm 50 years old a resident of Spencerville, Ohio nearly my entire life. I'm a graduate of Wright State University and I have worked as a financial advisor for 27 years.

I joined the Spencerville Lions Club in 1996 when Lion Clarence Zimmerman invited me to the club picnic. Thank you Lion Clarence, RIP my fellow Lion Friend. Since joining I have served as club President and secretary and have served several years as a Zone Chair. I look forward to assisting Governor Bill and 1st VDG Dean in making this year successful. I also look forward to visit many of your clubs this year and I am willing to work with you to help make your club successful as well.

Have A Great Year! Yours in Lionism! Don Wiechart.

Lions Clubs International Peace Essay Contest

"The Future of Peace" is the theme of the 2017-18 Peace Poster Contest. The contest is open to youth ages 11, 12, and 13 as of November 15th, 2017. Please consider contacting art teachers in your middle schools to continue their interest in the Lions Peace Poster Contest. **Kits need to be purchased from LCI by October 1st.** To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at 630-571-5466 or order online through Club Supplies. If you have any questions on how your club can help youth continue, **"The Future of Peace"** please contact Lion Jessica Reichley at 419-721-4052 or email kjreichley@yahoo.com.

Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest

The Peace Essay Contest theme is **"The Future of Peace."** The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2017. The essays can't be longer than 500 words in length. The Lions of District OH1 look forward to continuing to support youth who are visually impaired and their vision of how we can share **"The Future of Peace"**. For additional information please contact Lion Jessica Reichley at 419-721-4052 or email kjreichley@yahoo.com.

Lions Clubs International Parade Chicago 2017

Ohio Lions MD13 Float

Holgate Lions Club**75th Charter Night Celebration**

Monday Aug. 21, 2017 at 6:30pm

Holgate United Methodist Church

677 Joe E Brown Ave (St. Rt. 18) Holgate OH

\$10.00 per person

Reservations by August 13th to

Lion Franell Nelson 419-264-7585

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DGE ribbon pulling ceremony at the Lions Clubs International convention in Chicago.



PDG Micheal Gibbs of the Rushsylvania Lions Club obtains a 10 Diamond Progressive Melvin Jones pin from IPIP Dr. Yamada at the Melvin Jones pinning ceremony in Chicago.



Perrysburg Sunrise Immediate Past President Faith Gauger (L) and DG Bill Niejadlik (R) present a W. R. Dick Bryan award to Lion Cecelia Lambert.

Happy Anniversary

Archbold Lions Club-August 28,1958. (59)
Columbus Grove Lions Club-August 14,1945. (72)
Holgate Lions Club-August 17,1942 (75)
Toledo Host Lions Club-August 3,1920 (97)

Upcoming Events

August 9, 2017: NWOLEFC meeting (page 6)

August 11,2017: Sylvania Sunrise Circus

August 11-13, 2017: COG Meeting.

August 12, 2017: State committee meetings

August 21, 2017: Holgate 75th Charter Night Celebration
6:30pm Holgate United Methodist Church

August 27, 2017: District Cabinet Meeting at Henry's
2 pm for GLT and GMT Meeting and 3 pm for cabinet meeting. **Note: Cabinet Meeting Dress code will be shorts, Lions Vest or Dress Vest.**



Lions Arliss and PDG Barbara Plaughter from Bluffton, represent VOSH at the Lions Clubs International convention in Chicago.

Zone F will be holding their first Zone Meeting on, September 13, 2017, at Henry's Restaurant in Kenton, Ohio. Meal will start at 6:30 at a cost \$9.00 with business meeting and program following.

All Lions are welcome to attend.

Please send reservations to PDG John Davis.

Email jdavis1952@hotmail.com or call 419-306-7003.

Look for additional information sent to each club in Zone F.



Northwest Lions Eye Care Foundation

All 13 OH1 Lions are members of this foundation. Come to this meeting and see what YOUR Foundation is all about!

**IMPORTANT: Foundation Meeting
Wed. Aug. 9, 2017**

Findlay American Legion
120 W. Front St. Findlay

Time: **6:30pm** Cost: **\$10**

Reservations by **Wed. Aug. 2nd**
to Lion Bob Segna 419-308-1906
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- . Cost of new vision technology discussion
- . Election of 2-year Director
- . Cases & More items for vote

OH1 Lions Clubs Service Activities Briefs

Glandorf: Worked on Centennial Legacy project shelter house. Added trim boards around the structure and beams as well as cleaning up debris.

Perrysburg Sunrise: 7 bags of food were donated and a Progressive Melvin Jones awarded to Duane Miller at the Lions Club picnic .

Bellefontaine: Sold steak sandwiches at the Logan Co Fair and donated 9 dozen buns to their local food kitchen that was left from the fundraising at the fair.

Sylvania Sunrise: 237 glasses collected.

Defiance: 50 pairs of eyeglasses were collected and patient assisted with eye care services .

Bluffton: 215 participants in the annual bike ride to raise money for the bike path. Twenty two Lions members volunteered to help with the event.



Lion Steve Seagrave of the Delta – Liberty Lions Club (center) pictured here receiving a Presidential Award Medal (second highest award presented at the District Level) from Past International Director Lion Jerry Smith (left) as recognized by the District Governor Lion Sheryl Burnette (right), for his outstanding service to his community and his Lions Club.

Lion Steve was instrumental in forming the newly chartered club of Delta – Liberty, while sponsoring many of the new Lions club members in his club. He has served as Club President this past Lions years and has served his community and club with distinction while encouraging those in his club to promote their clubs service activities and helping those in need within their community's.

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

LCIF is looking for volunteers for the new Club LCIF Coordinator position

The Club LCIF Coordinator is an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation in your club. This person will share LCIF stories, motivate fellow Lions to support LCIF, and enable LCIF to advance its humanitarian work both locally and globally!

Appoint your Club LCIF Coordinator in 5 easy steps!

1. Announce the open position at your next club meeting
2. Educate members on the roles and responsibilities
3. Identify club members who are passionate about LCIF
4. Nominate and appoint a Club LCIF Coordinator for your club
5. Enter required Club LCIF Coordinator information in MyLCI

As club president, you are responsible for appointing your Club LCIF Coordinator. What an exciting way to be part of the future of LCIF! The Club LCIF Coordinator is nominated by your club's nominating committee, elected as a member of the club's board, and serves a one-year term until reelection the following year. The Club LCIF Coordinator works closely with local leadership and communicates directly with LCIF District Coordinators to ensure alignment with district goals.

Once your nominating committee is ready to appoint to this important position, enter that information into MyLCI. We'll take it from there!



STEPS - Ohio Lions Walk for Pediatric Cancer Research at Ohio Northern University, Ada, OH
Sunday, October 1st, 2017 at 8:00 AM
More information will be available in the September Newsletter.



President's Message

Dear Lion,

Growing up in Batala, India, I witnessed the amazing power of service firsthand. I watched daily as the Golden Temple—the holiest of all Sikh temples—operated one of the world's largest soup kitchens, distributing up to 300,000 meals to people of all ages, races and denominations.

I knew I wanted to do something to change Batala and the world. And I found that opportunity as a Lion. It changed my life. And the longer I served, the more I realized just how important our motto, "We Serve," truly is. That's why it's my theme for the year.

I also realized that as individuals we can only do so much. But when we work together, 1.4 million of us can make the impossible a reality. Just imagine the impact of each of us serving just one more hour per week—that's 73 million more hours of service each year. That is **the Power of We**.

I realized that solving our world's greatest problems is within reach when we work together to change lives and make the world a better place through service. That is **the Power of Service**.

And I began to see how we could take advantage of our global presence by engaging Lions in communities all over the world. That is **the Power of Action**.

As your international president, it is my honor to guide this great organization into our next century of service. You can learn more about my vision for Lions and download my presidential program by visiting the president's program page. I can't wait to work with you to make this vision of our second century of service a reality.



Sincerely,

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal

Your International President



Support Our New Global Causes

Service defines us. It's why Lions change the world, day after day. Set your sights on new and emerging needs in your community and the world by supporting our new global service framework. Learn more about our **new global service focus, diabetes**, which impacts more than 420 million people around the world. And put the Power of Service into action by taking part in the Centennial Service Challenge, which is a great way to support the new framework.

Share the service framework with your club. Let's make this our biggest year of service ever!



You Can Still Earn Centennial Recognition

We are beginning the final year in our Centennial Celebration, and it's your last chance to earn your Centennial Membership Awards. So encourage your Lions to invite new members. Not only will they earn their Centennial Sponsor pin and certificate, they'll increase your service impact and put your club on track for its own Centennial recognition.

Visit the Centennial Membership Awards page today for more information!



PDG Nick Schmunk inducting the Swanton Leo Club Officers for this Lions year.

Pictured from left to right is: Lion Holly Lawson, PDG Nick, President Tristan, VP Johnny, Secretary Emily and Treasurer Amy.

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