



OH-1 LIONS



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Thoughts from Governor Bill



I am considering going to Punxsutawney, Pa. to fit that weather gopher Phil with a pair of glasses, so he sees his shadow and we can have a quick release from this cold, cold winter. Let's start planning our Spring projects, make our club donations to our various committees and make a concerned effort to increase our membership.

Many clubs are saying that they do not have enough members to do various service projects. Try patterning with other organizations such as special Olympic, church groups, libraries, etc. They also need extra hands for their projects so it is a win-win situation. Your community will be improved and you will be introducing people to what Lions can accomplish. A great way to bring new members into our clubs.

Remember that this spring we will be having officer training. This is for all incoming club officers. I know many officers say they have done the job for a long time and do not need any more training. **WRONG.** Experience in a position counts and you can help the new people. Also, things have changed! New and improved methods for Secretaries. Treasurers have new Attorney General rules to comply along with IRS policies. These are important items. Rules and regulations change constantly and we all need to be aware and in compliance. As a District we plan to make everyone aware and teach you how to do your job. Club secretaries need to file **MONTHLY** reports to LCI, yet only two thirds of clubs report. We know you perform service activities, please report them. Clubs in our district have lost their nonprofit designation because their officers have not done their job. The Attorney General and IRS will be leveling fines. We have training available, please take advantage of these classes..

Congratulations are in order for the Defiance club. They have received a LCI grant for Katlin's Kottage. Kudos also to IPDG Sheryl Burnette, who wrote the grant and followed up with the committee. Great job by all.

Remember that club officer elections are coming up. All elections should be done in April with all PU 101's turned in by May 1, 2018.

We still need someone to step into the 2nd Vice Governor position. Interested people should contact 1VDG Dean Carruthers. He will be happy to explain the duties and expectations.

Happy Valentines Day to all.

District Governor. Bill Niejadlik

Deadline for the March Newsletter is February 24, 2018

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



The Delta-Liberty Lions Club recently provided support for the Coach Cory's Backpack Buddies program at Delta Elementary. To support the program a check for \$725 was presented by the Delta-Liberty Lions Club to elementary principal, Ellen Bernal. (Picture: Ellen Bernal, Elementary Principal and Mike Bailey, treasurer, Delta-Liberty Lions Club).

Elementary principal, Ellen Bernal explained that "the Coach Cory's Backpack Buddies program at Delta Elementary is a program that was started by Calla Gilson. Miss Gilson, a Delta resident, began the program in the spring of the 2012-2013 school year. It is a program that is designed to supply supplemental food to families in need. Calla is a member of a group that is committed to serving others. She began the backpack program as an honor to the former principal, Cory Sprow. She approached Delta Elementary with the opportunity to serve the students of the school. We piloted the program in May 2013, by serving 5 families. This year we are serving roughly 80 families, meeting the needs of 105 children. The children we serve receive a backpack on Friday afternoon with food to supplement their weekend meals. The backpacks are returned to school on Monday and then repacked by volunteers for the next Friday. The program runs on the support of local businesses and community groups, either with a monetary donation or a donation to keep the food pantry full." Any other community organization, business, or individuals wishing to support the Backpack Buddies program can contact Mrs. Bernal in the elementary school office at 419-822-5630. Programs support requires donations of \$150 to \$200 per week.



OH1 District Governor Bill & Lion Ellie presenting a check in the amount of \$1052.00 to the Toledo Children's Hospital from the proceeds of our STEPS walk this fall.



Twelve members and guests of the Wapak Lions Club helped the fire department with their Christmas Cheer deliveries and they made deliveries to over 30 households.

"We Serve"



MD13 2018 Ohio Lions All State Band pins are available for \$2.00 each.
Contact Lion Anne Deutschman @ jakgs@dacor.net



**I'm Running for MD13 Ohio Lions' International Director Endorsement.
MTG for ID!**



Curbing my enthusiasm for Lionism is never easy for me. The journey of showing you why Micheal Gibbs should be the next International Director from the great state of Ohio, why I'm the best choice to represent you on the International Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International is now in full swing.

I greatly respect the amazing foundation of Lionism that exists in District 13 OH1. I am well aware it was not done without great thought, commitment, perseverance. I am, in fact, suggesting that we get back in touch with much of what Lions used to be. The service, the dedication, the commitment, the level of knowledge, the feeling of family, the strong connections to our communities, the FUN I keep hearing has been "lost" along the way. I want to go back to all that was GREAT about being a Lion of yesterday.

As the last District Governor of 13E my theme and efforts were about service, Moving Forward and Embracing Change, my logo of a train continuing on its journey but along a slightly different route, stopping at some new stations to let off some old baggage, opening its doors to pick up new passengers, new ideas, new processes. This analogy is still timely. We are still journeying to new stations with faces old and new, trying new ways of doing things, new projects, new focuses, locally and internationally.

So-the second century Lions, the conductors of this journey, what do they look like? Well? Me.

A mix of both old and new I am dedicated, have a fresh perspective and am very flexible (some may use words like "out of the box" or "unconventional" and I find those compliments). I'm committed and well trained through ELLI, ALLI, FDI, Lions University, have completed every course on the LCI Learning Center, and participate in each new webinar that's presented. I am very respectful of the "old", but am ready and able to embrace the "new". I am mindful of the journey MD 13 Ohio Lions has taken so far, but cognizant of the distance yet to go.

As a Lion who works tirelessly locally but also has connections, interests and friends on a global level. I can step forward and work in the best interests of MD13 while tempering that with an understanding of global impact.

I have also tried hard to "put my money where my mouth is". I have never asked any Lion to do something I wouldn't, nor support something I haven't. As a 10th level Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow it's clear I believe in our foundations goals and objectives. Having Jim and Betty Coffey Fellowships and a Dick Bryan Fellowship it's known I support OLF and OLRF. I am an active supporter and Life member of Pilot Dogs. I have been recognized as a Second Century Ambassador for my commitment to Lions Clubs International. I understand well the sacrifice each Lion goes through to support all that it is we ask of them. It hasn't always been easy, but I am committed to supporting our work as Lions to the highest level I can.

I am more than well prepared and am ready, willing, and able, to dedicate all that it takes to be a Lions Clubs International Director, to represent You, the Lions of District 13 OH1 and the best Multiple District in Lions, the great state of Ohio.

I will be at many Club, Zone and other meetings in our district, along with the District and State Conventions where I look forward to catching up with you and discussing Lions Clubs and Service. Thank You in advance for giving me the opportunity to represent you globally through your vote for me at our District and State Conventions.

Yours in Lionism,

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A Line From VDG Dean



Hello Lions of OH1

Current & Past Zone Chairpersons please consider advancing higher in the District by running for the position of Second Vice District Governor. Remember this is a 3-year commitment as you move up to First then District Governor. If you have questions, please ask any PDG or current Vice District Governors.

According to Lions International the District has 14 deceased members since March of 2017. I have made multiple requests for Club Secretaries, or Presidents to send me a picture and short Lion history so we can include them in our necrology service at the District Convention. I have as of December 19th received four responses from clubs.

I am beginning to form my cabinet for the 2018-19 Lion year. I would like to hear from anyone interested in being on my cabinet. If you or any members of your club are interested, please contact me by email bigb31353@gmail.com or call me on my cell **567-525-2582**. Current or Past Presidents who would be interested in being a Zone Chairperson, I want to hear from you. Please contact me if you need more information regarding the Zone Chair duties.

I am available to visit your club for a meeting, 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 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

1 VDG Dean

Centennial Celebration Updates

Congratulations on Doubling Our Service Goal!

When we began our Centennial Celebration, Lions accepted the challenge to serve 100 million people. You not only met the challenge, you went above and beyond—and doubled our Centennial Service Challenge goal! Lions have now served 200 million people around the world, and we're not done yet. Congratulations, and be encouraged to keep serving and changing lives. Let's set a new goal to see how many more people we can serve by June!



The Centennial Celebration Continues in Las Vegas

Let's close our Centennial in style as Lions take the stage at the 101st Annual International Convention, June 29-July 3, 2018, in Las Vegas. Join Lion and Leo leaders from more than 100 countries as they gather in the entertainment capital of the world to celebrate service and friendship. Be a part of history as we celebrate our Centennial highlights and look forward to our future. Registration information is now available!



Communications from 2nd VDG Don Wiechart

Well, I'm sure we all heard the old saying, "Time flies when you're having fun and time flies when you're trying to get things done." Just seems like yesterday we were watching bowl games and some of us recovering from the night before. None the less, this month is almost history.

I hope all clubs have gotten off to a great start this new calendar year. I just attended the Winter Retreat in Salt Fork State Park. Like a lot of these events, before I signed up, I ask myself several questions. Such as: Do I really want to attend this? Do I really want to take the time out of my schedule? Do I really want to spend money on this?

Along with asking myself these questions, I also asked several Lions who have attended the retreat in the past. After consultation with them, I decided to attend and I'm glad I did. The food, great! The sessions, great! And the entertainment was great! Again, Lionism

isn't just service, it is also fellowship.

That being the case may I take a minute to suggest Lions to keep up the great work of serving your community and also, maybe go one step further and consider attending other Lion events outside of your community. You might want to consider attending a zone meeting, NWOLECF (Northwest Ohio Lions Eye care Foundation meeting, of which all Lions are automatically members. Love to see you all at our district convention in Findlay in April! Our state convention in Dublin in May, the Usa Canada forum in September or even The International convention in Las Vegas in July, Love to see many of you at these events. You won't regret it! I know I didn't.

I plan on visiting several more clubs in February and let me make one more suggestion. Your club might also consider hosting an event. Such as: A zone meeting, NWOLECF meeting or even a district convention. I know I will be looking for some place to hold the 2020 district convention if you think your club and community may be interested let me know.

Have a great month in Lionism!

2nd VDG Don Wiechart

News from District 13 OH1 Global Membership Team

In recently reviewing our mid-year membership numbers for the district it should be noted we have exceeded District Governor Bill's membership goals of new members. That goal was 15 new members per quarter and the actual number was 16 for the first quarter and 19 for the second. While this is good news unfortunately we exceeded the number of dropped

members with the goal being 12 per quarter and actual numbers were 25 for the first quarter and 24 the second.

Overall we are at a net loss of -14 as of December 31, 2017 however ending in the plus by the end of our Lions year (June 30) is easily attainable and something we need to strive for in our clubs and district. If you have not done so already please plan a Membership Night as a project to bring in new Lions. Should be need assistance with this please contact GMT Coordinator PDG Dan Ritter as we have a number of tools to help in this endeavor.

An interesting point is the two of our active clubs in the district, Delta-Liberty and Swanton, started out as branch clubs. If you have a community close by without a Lions Club, or a group of individuals within your own town that is interesting in a worthy cause, this may be a fertile area to start a branch club. This branch club concept allows a smaller group of members, around 10 to 20, to immediately start up and operate as a "branch" of an existing "parent" club. While part of an existing club, they are autonomous and can work on projects in their community or area of interest. Again if you would like more information please contact PDG Dan.

PDG Dan Ritter, District 13 OH1 GMT Coordinator

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OH1 Lions Clubs Service Activities Briefs

Bluffton: 1,000 children's books have been donated to organizations for homeless. 41 pair of eye glasses taken to the sorting center, 99 ink cartridges, 9 cell phones and 205 batteries recycled.

Arlington: Donated \$500 towards the community downtown flags.

Ada: 30 kids were screened between two screenings at the Child Development Center and one at Ready Set Grow.

Bellefontaine: Donated 25 packages of chopped sirloin steak to the local food kitchen and collected 29 pairs of eye glasses.

Van Buren: Items collected and donated to a community foundation.

North Baltimore: donated \$100.00 to the District Puerto Rico Legacy Project, donated \$150.00 to the Plus-Optics vision screening machine and \$50.00 to the North Baltimore Local School food bank.

Wauseon: Our club provided funds for a needy individual to receive an eye exam and glasses.

Perrysburg Sunrise: Joint project with local Girl Scout who is collecting eyeglasses for her community service project. 25 pairs were collected. 20 pair are usable and 5 are not usable (will be donated to VOSH).

Findlay: One Eye Case was approved for special frames at a cost of \$110.00. 11 pairs of Reading Glasses were dispersed during the month of January.



Rushsylvania Lions Club held their pancake & sausage breakfast on Saturday, January 20th. The pancake makers Left Lion Dan Green, right Lion Chuck Skidmore, stopped just long enough for me to snap the picture.

Happy Anniversary

North Baltimore Lions Club-February 28, 1949 (69)
 Perrysburg Sunrise Lions Club-February 3, 1983 (35)
 Scott Lions Club-February 11, 1957 (61)
 St. Marys Lions Club-February 25, 2013 (5)
 West Mansfield Lions Club-February 11, 1947 (71)

Upcoming Events

February 10, 2018: State Committee Meetings & 3rd Council of Governors Meeting .

February 6, 2018: Bryan Lioness Firekeepers Casino trip.

February 14, 2018: **Valentines Day.**

February 18, 2018: Henrys in Ottawa, District Cabinet Meeting @ 3p.m. GLT/GMT at 2p.m.

February 24, 2018: 1st Annual State Leo Convention Peace United Methodist Church at Pickerington, OH

March 24, 2018: Lions Day with the United Nations in New York.

April 1, 2018: Leo of the Year Award applications.

April 16-22, 2018: Worldwide Week of Service to Protect Our Planet

April 20-21, 2018: District 13 OH-1 Convention.

April 22, 2018: Earth Day.

April 28, 2018: Lions Worldwide Induction Day.

May 15, 2018: Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101) or MYLCI.

May 18-20, 2018: State Convention.

June 1, 2018: Helen Keller Day.

June 5, 2018: World Environment Day.

June 7, 2018: Lions Clubs International Birthday.

June 29-July 3, 2018: Lions International Convention Las Vegas, Nevada.

June 30, 2018: Close of the 4-year Centennial Celebration.

Combined Zones A, B, & C Meeting on Thursday, February 15th at the Lions/Rotary Community Center Building in Napoleon, OH.

We will begin at 6:30 pm and the meal cost is \$10.

Please RSVP to PDG Ron Meyers at rrmeyers35@centurylink.net by February 12th.



We Serve



LCIF UPDATE

As our clubs in the district begin to consider their humanitarian donations for the final part of this Lion's year, please consider our foundation in your giving. 100% of Lions Clubs International Foundation funds go to the area that is indicated on your check.

Millions of people around the world have benefited through more than 13,000 Foundation grants, which have totaled more than US\$1 billion. The vast majority of LCIF's funding comes through the generous donations from Lions clubs and individual members.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provides grant funding to assist Lions districts in developing and implementing large-scale humanitarian projects. These humanitarian grants help Lions expand their outreach and increase their impact within local and global communities to serve even more people in need around the world.

We Give Sight. LCIF helps to restore sight and prevent blindness by improving eye care.

We Support Youth. Through Lions Quest and other projects, youth enjoy opportunities to develop and succeed.

We Provide Disaster Relief. LCIF is committed to immediate and long-term assistance.

We Meet Humanitarian Needs. Programs improve health, fight measles and provide aid to the disabled and hearing impaired.

Continue to mail your checks to LCIF Coordinator: Barbara Plaughter, 62 Anna Circle, Bluffton, OH 45817

Because a cape would just get in the way.



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Pride of Lions!



Your Lions membership pin tells the world you're proud to be a Lion.

By wearing it every day you welcome questions from people who are interested in the organization and your club's activities. It may even get your club a membership prospect.

Remember to represent your Lions club every day by wearing your pin. It's the easiest promotion around!



USA/CANADA FORUM
COLUMBUS, OH
2018

**USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Columbus, OH (September 20-22, 2018)**



2018 Lions District OH1 Convention

You're Invited to Join
Governor Bill and
Lion Ellie Niejadlik &
ID Jennifer and Lion Jeff Ware



April 20-21, 2018

Findlay Inn



Friday

4-6:00—Registration
6-8:30—Pulled Pork Sandwich Buffet Dinner
Fellowship with All Club Awards
8:30-10:00—Hospitality Rooms & Card Tournaments
Desserts & Drinks...Raffles & Refreshments
Bring your club banners.



Findlay Inn
200 E. Main Cross
Findlay, OH 45840

For Reservations, 1-800-825-1455 or Findlayinn.com.

Saturday

8-5:00—Registration
9:30-10:30—Business Session & Cabinet Meeting
10:45-11:45—Memorial & Necrology Service
12-1:30—Soup, Salad & Baked Potato Bar
Peace Poster Winner & Diabetes Speaker
1:45-2:45—Q&A with ID Jennifer Ware
3-5:00—Business Meeting & Elections
5:30—Governor's Grand Banquet
Chicken Marsala with Pie for Dessert
Special Awards, District & 50/50 Drawing
& 2-\$10 Give-a-ways Per Club.

REGISTRATION

Name	Club	Friday Buffet-\$25	Saturday Lunch-\$25	Saturday Dinner-\$35	NO Meals-\$10	Lion, Lioness, Leo,
		Kids Meal-\$15	Kids Buffet-\$15	Kids Meal-\$15	Reg. Only	Spouse or Guest
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Totals						



Please mail the registration to and make checks payable to—District OH1 Convention,
Convention Chairs Amy & Kate Murphy, 14433 Defiance-Paulding Co. Line Road, Cecil, OH 45821
Phone—419-769-3000 Email—asapphaire@aol.com

Deadline for Registration—April 9, 2018



2018 Lions District OH1 Convention Program Ad Sponsors

Please support our District OH1 Lions Convention by placing an ad, sending in congratulations or warm wishes to our officers, sharing a club project, or by having your name listed in the program as a contributor.

Thank you for supporting the 2018 Convention!

Advertising Rates & Sizes

1/2 Page—8"x 5"	\$100
1/4 Page—4"x 2 1/2"	\$50
Business Card	\$30

Advertiser/Contributor's Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone Number _____
Ad Size _____

Ad Copy or Message _____

Please email all logos or camera-ready ads to—asapphaire@aol.com by April 1, 2018.

Make checks payable to—District OH1 Convention.

Mail this form and check to—Convention Chairs Amy & Kate Murphy, 14433 Defiance-Paulding County Line Road, Cecil, OH 45821.

If you have any questions, email or call Amy at 419-769-3000.

Deadline for Ads & Sponsorships—April 1, 2018.

**Ohio Lions State Youth Committee
1st Annual State Leo Convention – February 24, 2018
Peace United Methodist Church
235 Diley Rd, Pickerington, OH 43147
Registration Form**

Please return this registration form to PDG Sheryl Schlater, 1608 Brook Park Drive, Troy, OH 45373 ***no later than February 10, 2018. E-mail: sas51280@frontier.com. Telephone: 937-335-9537.***

Leo Club Information:

Leo Club Name	City	Sponsoring Lions Club

Leo Club Advisor Information:

Eco-Club Advisor Information:		
Name	Address	City
E-mail	Phone	Comments

Leo Club Members Attending:

[illegible]

Others Providing Transportation:

Name	Name

2018 Ohio Leo Club Convention T-Shirt

Leo Club members, advisors and State Youth Committee members:

- We have an “optional” T-shirt available for purchase to celebrate the 1st Ohio MD13 Leo Club Convention.
- T-shirt will have (in a block “O”) 1st Ohio MD13 Leo Club Convention, February 24, 2018. On the back will be the Leo logo and Ohio MD13.
- The shirts will be tie-dye red.
- Cost - \$10.00 per shirt (sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, etc. – contact us for other sizes).
- All orders are “PRE-PAID” and must be received and paid by February 2, 2018, in order to have the shirts at convention. We may order again after the convention.
- Please make *check payable to “Ohio Lions” and put “Leo Convention shirt” on the memo line.*
- Send orders and checks to PCC Darlene Roll, 1385 Township Road 216, Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9644.



Order Information:

• Leo Club Name	
• Leo Club Location	
• Advisor Name	
• Advisor Contact	
• Number of Shirts Ordered (by size)	
• Size:	Size:
• Size:	Size:
• Size:	Size:
• Size:	Size:
• Total Number of Shirts	
• Total Cost of Shirts	
• Order & Check to PCC Darlene Roll (info at left)	

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