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Thoughts from Governor Bill



Wow! District OH-1 Convention has come and gone. What a tremendous weekend we had. ID Jennifer Ware was as advertised, a great speaker, a warm and friendly person, and a terrific Lion. We had a wonderful turnout of attendees this year. Our numbers were a little higher than in previous years. Some of this was due to the visiting candidates for International Director. Our district endorsed PDG

Michael Gibbs as our candidate. He will go on to run in May against the other 4 gentlemen. I feel we have a great person in Michael and would love to see him emerge as the winner and be Ohio's next ID.

I was proud to hand out council chair awards to Amy Murphy, Rebecca Dent, Sheryl Burnette, Dean Carruthers, Craig

Gauger, Deb Crawford and Jessica Reichley. Don Wiechert received the council chair award of excellence. Our Presidential awards went to Don Moses, Leon Grace, Gloria Gilcher, and Bill Smith. These were all very deserving Lions and I was happy to present them with these honors.

We are winding down to the last 2 months of my year. We still need to bring up our membership we are down from the beginning of the year and I would like to get back to where we started. At your service projects please ask people to join. This is a great venue to attract new members, people want to help out but sometimes do not know how to get involved. Do not be afraid they may say no, every no gets you that much closer to a yes.

I want to take a moment to thank all members of my cabinet this year. You all made the year fun and you made OH -1 an example for the other districts in the state. I am proud of all we accomplished this year. I am excited for our future as a number of new faces will become zone chairs and move into cabinet positions. I congratulate Governor Elect Dean on working hard to form his cabinet.

We travel to State Convention this month. We will vote on many issues. We have the ID vote. Also, we will vote on a dues increase, the STEPS program becoming a foundation, and a constitutional amendment. These are important issues and we need to make decisions that will affect the future of Lions.

Respectfully,

District Governor

Bill Niejadlik

Deadline for the June Newsletter is May 24, 2018

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

**District OH1 Convention Awards
Friday, April 20, 2018.**

Service Awards

Bellefontaine
Bluffton
Holgate
Kenton
McComb
Napoleon
Perrysburg Sunrise
Pioneer
Portage
Sylvania Sunrise
Wauseon
Waynesfield
West Liberty

Humanitarian Awards

Bluffton
Defiance
Deshler
Findlay
Glandorf
Holgate
McComb
Napoleon
Pioneer
Portage
Spencerville
Sylvania Sunrise
Wauseon

Governor's Contest**0-20 Members**

1. Findlay
2. Waynesfield
3. Pioneer

21-30 Members

1. Perrysburg Sunrise
2. Sylvania Sunrise
3. Portage

31+ Members

1. Bluffton
2. Kenton
3. Wauseon

**District OH1 Convention Council Chair
Awards and Presidential awards recipients
Grand Banquet Saturday, April 21, 2018.**

Council Chair Awards

Lion Amy Murphy
Lion Rebecca Dent
CS/PDG Sheryl Burnette
1st VDG/DGE Dean Carruthers
PDG Craig Gauger
Lion Deb Crawford
Lion Jessica Reichley.

Council Chair Award of Excellence

2nd VDG/1st VDGE Don Wiechert

Presidential Awards

Lion Don Moses
Lion Leon Grace
Lion Gloria Gilcher,
Lion Bill Smith.



PDG Barbara Plaughter accepts the service award for the Bluffton Lions Club.



Lion John Grime obtains the Humanitarian Award for the Napoleon Lions Club.



PDG John Davis of the Findlay Lions Club receives the Governor's contest patch for a club with 0-20 members.

(More Governor's contest photos on page 3)

A Line From VDG Dean



Hello Lions of OH1

We Have just completed a great and fun District Convention in Findlay on April 20th – 21st. I want to thank everyone for their vote to elect me as District Governor. We begin a new Lion year on July 1st. I am asking all officers to feel free to contact my cabinet members and myself with any questions, concerns or suggestions on how we can continue to make and keep OH 1 the great district that it is.

I still need Zone Chairpersons for the following Zones D, E, & G. If any current or Past Presidents would be interested in being a Zone Chairperson, I want to hear from you. Please contact me by email bigb31353@gmail.com or call me on my cell 567-525-2582 if you need more information regarding the Zone Chair duties.

I am available to visit your club for a meeting, to induct new members, install officers, to assist with membership recruiting, to support your projects, or make awards presentations. 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 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/DGE Dean

District OH1 Convention "Governor's Contest" Friday, April 20, 2018.



PDG Craig Gauger of the Perrysburg Sunrise Lions Club accepts the Governor's contest patch for a club with 20-30 members.



PDG Barbara Plaughter of the Bluffton Lions Club obtains the Governor's contest patch for a club with 31+ members.

District OH1 2018 Club Officer Training Report

Fellow District 13 OH1 Lions,

I want to thank all Lions in District 13 OH1 that participated in the 2018 Club Officer Training on April 7th. It was a spectacular Training with a lot of fun, fellowship, and learning. I know all that attended went home having learned something new from the training. Thank you to all Lions that took a few hours out of your busy Saturday morning to participate. Through your leadership and dedication, your clubs will continue to grow and be successful. If your officers were not able to attend this year, we hold this event every year around April/May, and hopefully you will be able to attend in the future. I would like to thank the Holgate Lions Club for hosting our Club Officer Training this year at St. John's Lutheran Church.

This was the most successful Officer Training that we have had in many years. We had a total of 17 clubs from the district participate, which is equivalent to 29% of our clubs. That was up by 7% from last year's Club Officer Training. We had a total of 54 Club Officers from the district participate, which is equivalent to 23% of all the Club Officers within the district. That was up by 8% from last year's Club Officer Training. Club Presidents/Vice Presidents almost doubled from last year's attendance, and Club Treasurers tripled in attendance from last year.

Again, thank you all for a great Club Officer Training, and I hope we can continue the trend upwards for next year and years beyond.

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Nick Schmunk
District 13 OH1 GLT Coordinator



District OH1 2018 Club Officer Training attendees.

Membership Award Winners at the District 13 OH1 Convention

The Ohio Global Membership Team (GMT) was please to recognize the following Lions Members and Clubs at the District Convention held at Findlay, Ohio on April 20 and 21. All membership numbers were based on the period of February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018.

The Arcadia Lions Club was honored for first place in club growth during the noted period with a net increase of 7 members which was a 28% increase. Celina Lions Club received the second place award with a net increase of 6 members which was an increase of 14%.

District D Zone Chair 1st VDG Don Weichart was awarded the top membership increase for a Zone which was a 3% increase.

There was a tie for the top two "Lion Catchers" in District 13 OH 1. Lion Judy Beeker of the McComb Lions Club, and Lion Mark Shadbolt of the Wauseon Lions Club, each sponsored three new members. Each of these members was awarded the #1 Lion Catcher Pin by the GMT.

Clubs are reminded that Plus +1 Banner Patches will be awarded later this year for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Each club having a net membership increase of one or better for this Lions year will receive these awards in the fall.

PDG Dan Ritter
GMT Chairperson



PDG Dan Ritter presents Lion Judy Beeker of the McComb Lions Club with a #1 Lion Catcher Pin for sponsoring three new members this year.

Communications from 2nd VDG Don Wiechart

Hello my fellow Lions of OH1. It was a great time this past weekend at the convention in Findlay. Congratulations Governor Bill and Lion Ellie on a successful year and convention and best of luck to Governor Elect VDG Dean Carruthers in the year ahead.

I would like to take this time and thank everyone for their support this year as your 2nd VDG And thanks for your confidence in electing me as VDG. I won't let you down. I would especially like to thank Past DG Harold Merkle and Past DG Ben Pacey for nominating me and seconding my nomination. Thanks gentlemen. One advantage Dean and I have going forward is our past DG's for advice and encouragement when needed.

That said, my fellow Lions, three months of this Lion year still remain and you always want to finish the year on a high note and continue the momentum into the next year. I'm also looking forward to finishing the year strong by visiting a few more clubs left on my schedule and helping our own Michael Gibbs getting him elected International Director. Good Luck Michael!

Finally, it would be great to see a lot of you at state convention in Columbus May 20-22, in Las Vegas June 29-July 4 at International convention and this fall at USA Canada Forum, just literally down the road in Columbus, September 19, 20 and 21.

Again, congratulations on a great year and let's finish strong.

Yours in Lionism VDG Elect and 2nd VDG Don Wiechart

**District OH1 Convention Council Chair Awards
Grand Banquet Saturday, April 21, 2018.**

MD13 Council Chair Betty Robbins presents Lion Becky Dent with a Council Chair Award. Lion Becky will be the District Newsletter editor 2018-2019.



CC Betty & DG Bill bestows Lions Deb Crawford and Jessica Reichley with Council Chair Awards.



1st VDG Elect Don Wiechart receives the Council Chair Award of Excellence. .

OH1 Lions Clubs Service Activities Briefs

Bluffton: 95 cell phones sent for recycling, 95 small ink cartridges and 29 large cartridges sent in for recycling, 54 pairs of hearing aids sent for refurbishing to be given to kids or hospice patients and 1,393 pairs of glasses collected and sent to a sorting center in preparation for third-world missions.

McComb: Donation of \$100.00 to McComb High School Honors Night and donated 111 pairs of eyeglasses to VOSH.

Sylvania Sunrise: Sylvania held their city wide business expo at Tamo-Shanter. Sylvania Sunrise Lions Inc had a booth that was announcing info on the Kelly Miller circus for in the late summer. Also encouraging joining our organization. We also gave away free gift cards to Meijers and the circus.

Van Buren: Collect and send in used ink cartridges to a recycle center. Clean up a 3 mile stretch of a township road.

Rushsylvania: Picked up the trash on our adopted highway.

Holgate: Inspected houses for special needs adults and decorated the village with Easter decorations and picked up trash along two miles of St. Rt. 108 north of Holgate .

Bryan: Provided a spaghetti supper for the senior citizens of Williams County and provide musical entertainment for them after the meal, assisted in the set up and tear down of the Red Cross Blood Drive and gave 1500+ pairs of used eyeglasses to the Pandora Sorting Center.

Findlay: One eye case was reviewed and approved for an 11 year old school boy.

Huntsville Indian Lake: Donated books to the local library reading action program.

Pioneer: Donation was made to Boy Scout 25 for camp funds for disadvantaged members and birthday gifts were taken to 4 Evergreen Nursing Home Residents.

Ada: Club sells and delivers bulk landscaping mulch. Proceeds go to Scholarship awards and other activities. Since 2000 we have given \$70,000 in scholarships to local students from the sale of mulch.

Perrysburg Sunrise: Two Lions drove a blind person home from a friends house giving them a chance for personal relationships.

Happy Anniversary

Bellefontaine Lions Club-May 26,1947 (71)

Grover Hill Lions Club-May 25,1948 (70)

Wapakoneta Lions Club-May 23,1950 (68)

Upcoming Events

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

May18-20, 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.

Invite a Member for Your Chance to Win \$750!

Wherever we serve, we inspire others to make an impact. And when our clubs grow, our impact grows. That's why I am asking every Lion to invite a friend or family member to serve with us. You can even earn a special prize of US\$750 when you sponsor new members in your club.

Here's how the new member sweepstakes works:

Sponsor a new member between April 1 and June 15, 2018 to be eligible to win.

You will receive one entry for each new member sponsored and be automatically entered into a drawing for your chance to win US\$750.

Two winners per constitutional area will be selected at random and notified by email.

Sincerely,

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal

Your International President

District OH1 Convention Grand Banquet Saturday, April 21, 2018.

DG Bill and Lion Ellie Niejadlik entering the Grand Banquet.



ID Jennifer Ware address the Lions at the District OH1 Convention. She was an amazing speaker. One word describes her, Awesome...



ID Jennifer and DG Bill present Lion Leon Grace with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation.

**TAILGATE PARTY**

Thursday, September 20th



Show your team spirit at Thursday Night's Tailgate Party by wearing your favorite team gear... jerseys, hats, shirts, etc.

Come to the 2018 USA/Canada Forum in Columbus a few days early or leave a few days late and schedule a fishing charter on Lake Erie.

Visit <http://2018columbuslionsforum.com/destination/destination/tours/fishing-charter/> for more information



2018 Guiding Lion Training



The 2018 Guiding Lion Training will be held at Henry's Restaurant in Ottawa, Ohio on May 26, 2018. Henry's address is 810 N. Locust St. Ottawa, OH. The training will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Training will be for any Lion that wishes to be a Guiding Lion to help their club and/or other struggling clubs.

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established, or determined as priority designation (struggling clubs). Guiding Lions are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring club or established club president. Guiding Lions are limited to serving no more than two new clubs at any point in time.

Guiding Lions assist a club to:

Be successful in its first two years of operation

Orient and train club officers and members

Motivate and support club growth and development

Locate resources available to assist the club

Participants must register with PDG Nick Schmunk, GLT Coordinator, no later than May 13, 2018. Please email the registration form to PDG Nick at njs_schmunk@hotmail.com. Please put Guiding Lion Training in the Subject line.

(Club Name) Lions Club Zone _____ District _____

Participants: _____

Participants: _____

Participants: _____

Participants: _____

Any Lion can be a Certified Guiding Lion; however, a Lion must have served as Club President prior to being assigned to another Club.

MAY 18-20, 2018

Marriott Columbus NW
5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin OH 43017

Hotel reservations are available at the Marriott Co's, NW and can be made directly through the hotel at the following number: (614) 791-1000. Daily rate: \$129.00+tax. Please mention Ohio Lions to receive this rate. Reservations received after April 26, 2018 will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

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CONVENTION REGISTRATION – DEADLINE, MAY 1!

- 1 - Full Registration - \$100 (includes all meals and activities)
 - 2 - Business Registration Only (NO Meals) - \$15
 - 3 - Friday only - \$40(dinner/Auction & hospitality)
 - 4 - Saturday/Sunday only - \$65 (seminars/Sat. Lunch, business mtgs./hospitality & Sunday Grand Banquet
 - 5 - Saturday only - All activities & Lunch - \$30
 - 6 - Grand Banquet only - \$35 (see meal choice)
 - 7 - Children under 10 - Full reg. \$36 or per meal: \$12.00
- NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 5th.**

Convention Schedule:

Friday – dinner & **FORUM** Auction
Saturday – Business, lunch, leadership sessions, voting (dinner on your own) & Musical Entertainment
Sunday – Memorial Service, Grand Banquet Luncheon (Mark your choice of entrée)
A: Top Sirloin **OR** **B:** Grilled Salmon

PLEASE PRINT

Club Name/District: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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FIRST 200 FULL REGISTRATION ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE A 2018 MD-13 STATE CONVENTION PIN

Total Due

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