

# OH 1 DISTRICT NEWS

Congratulations on a great start to the 2022-2023 Lion Year! At the time of this submission, 35% of our clubs have submitted over 75 service projects to MyLion. We would like all clubs to have a service project posted by December 1 so we can report at the District Convention we have achieved the MD13 goal of 100%.

We are also undertaking a District Service Project of donating \$20,000 to pediatric cancer research and treatment protocols. We should be well underway on this when we introduce a proposal from Ebeid Children's Hospital in Toledo for a Community Impact Grant in the range of \$6000. We recently were awarded a Community Impact Grant of \$2000 for the Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation to purchase two handheld vision enhancers. These grants are possible due to the generosity of OH1 clubs and individual Lions who have made donations to the LCIF. International President Brian Sheehan is challenging all Lion leaders; club, district and state, to make personal donations to LCIF to set an example for supporting LCIF. Over \$1 billion has been provided by LCIF for disaster relief, disease research, vision enhancement, environmental preservation – you get the picture - since its inception. Our district, through the efforts of the Lima Host Club, recently received a grant from LCIF of nearly \$100,000 to support the construction of an All-Access Playground at Lima's Marimor School. I encourage all our clubs and district leaders to make a donation, no matter how small or large. Small change can make a big difference! If every club and district officer made a donation of \$5 to LCIF, the total

Donations can be sent to: PDG Barbara Plaughter, 62 Anna Circle, Bluffton, Ohio 45817. Make the check out to: LCIF.

I visited seven more clubs in August. I had a great breakfast with the folks at Delta/Liberty and a super picnic at Arlington. Arcadia, Bryan, Sylvania Sunrise, Bluffton, Huntsville/Indian Lake, and a Region Meeting at Kalida were also good road trips. I am scheduled to visit Coldwater, Celina, Archbold, Lima Host, Rockford, and Riverdale Community this month, as well as region meetings in Napoleon and Cridersville. The USA/Canada Forum in Calgary is also on the calendar so it will be a busy, but excellent, Lions month. I enjoy seeing old Lion friends and making new ones on these visitations. Let me or any of the other district officers know if we can be of assistance. The directory is in the process of being distributed this month to club presidents and secretaries. PDG Nick Schmunk did a great job on it. If you notice any addresses, phone numbers, etc. that need corrected, let Nick know we can correct them in the online version that will be posted on the website, [ohiolionsoh1.org](http://ohiolionsoh1.org).

Best wishes for a great September as school with all its activities resume.



**GOVERNOR DAVE  
STOCKUM**

Thoughts from 1VDG Lion Deb

September is here and fall is in the air, although personally I will hang on to summer as long as I can. As clubs make preparations for apple festivals and other fall activities, we should make plans to attend these happenings in other communities and help out when needed. We need to support each other. It will make us stronger and better Lions.

MD13 is promoting October as "Fall Into Service" month. Be sure to report and advertise all of the fantastic projects and events you do not just in October, but every month. Last year MD13 was the only Multiple District in the world to achieve 100% reporting to LCI. Let's not wait until the end of May to achieve this again. It is possible to reach 100% by the end of October! It is important that once we reach this goal that we also maintain it. As International Lions we are able to hand out more grants and contribute more toward serving our communities when others partner with us. Once others see that Lion clubs are committed to serving, then others are more willing to partner with us. More hands more service. Many clubs have appointed a club administrator to help the secretary with reporting.

I look forward to seeing you as I continue to visit clubs throughout September. Be kind, have fun and keep safe. Now go do what you do best. Together we can!



**Thoughts from  
1VDG Lion Deb  
Crawford**

Fall is my favorite season of the year. It is a time of settling and getting into routines. School has started, the colors are vibrant, and Lions clubs are back in full swing. It's a breath of fresh air.

Now that we are together again, I would like to remind you of several things. First, be sure to put your activities on MyLion. It is important to share the wonderful and exciting services and projects you have completed. Second, while you are doing that, please fire off a picture and caption to the news editor-me. I love to showcase events big and small. Third, mark your calendars for important upcoming events such as STEPS walks, Fall Into Service, the Peace Poster contest, and yes, event Winter Retreat. Make sure you can attend the District Convention and maybe even the State Convention in the spring. It is always a good idea to have fellowship with other Lions. You can meet new and interesting people and share ideas and resources. So, what do you say?

I have enjoyed each of my visitations so far and am looking forward to many more memorable visits. So, get involved, share, have fun! Let the Lions ROAR in OH!! Have a successful September and cya soon.

Together We Can



**2nd VDG Lion  
Susan Davis**

## OH1 CABINET MEETING

**AUGUST 27, 2022**

### SUMMARY

The OH1 District Cabinet Meeting on August 27, 2022, was attended by 28 Cabinet Members, all who were approved as voting members for the remainder of the Lions Year. Budgets for the 2022-23 year and 2023 Convention were offered and accepted. There is a substantial amount in the district savings account. DG Dave Stockum reminded vice district governors, region chairs, and zone chairs there is an account for mileage reimbursement in the budget. All reports were accepted. We regret that OLF Chair Jack Preston resigned his office and are appreciative of his service the past two years. DG Dave will temporarily fill the office until we elect a successor in the November Cabinet Meeting. If you are interested in this office, please contact DG Dave prior to that meeting. We extend our hopes for a successful recovery from back surgery to Zone Chair Marshall Royer and recovery from a stroke to Pin Chair Leon Grace. GST Chair Carol Collins of the Sylvania Sunrise Lions Club supervised a campaign on behalf of the Sylvania Area Family Services to support 56 families who were totally displaced by a major apartment complex fire on July 15. 93 \$50 Walmart Cards were distributed to 50 families, including 37 children. Seven cards remain with the Family Services to support the needs of displaced families unable to reach the Center on the distribution days. We are grateful for the Ohio Lions Foundation for their financial support of this effort. The "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" project was approved by the Cabinet, and in conjunction with the district project, permission to seek a Community Impact Grant totalling \$5899.44 to Russell J. Ebeid Children's Hospital in Toledo was also approved. MD13 Council Chair Kevin Reidy, a guest from the Multiple District, spoke on two District Programs, including a campaign to support the transportation of the Ohio State School for the Blind's Marching Band to the 2023 International Convention and the "Fall into Service" effort next month. PCC Darlene Roll won the 50/50 drawing and donated her share to the Band Campaign. Thank you, PCC Darlene. The Multiple District would like each district to donate at least \$3000 to the effort. Checks can be made out to Ohio Lions, Inc. with "band" on the memo line and sent to PDG Michael Gibbs at PO Box 175, Rushsylvania, Ohio 43347. Meeting adjourned.

District Governor Dave Stockum

Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell them, "Certainly I can!". Then get busy and find out how to do it.

Proverbs 18:2



## CLUBS CORNER

### Sylvania Club Benched It!



Sylvania lions dedicated 2 park benches at Burnham park in Sylvania on August 4.

### Bluffton Lions Club Welcomes Two New Members

District Governor Dave Stockum welcomed Diane Almanon and Jim Bemiller, pictured below with their sponsors.



From L to R – DG Dave Stockum; Diane Almanon with sponsor Lion Barbara Plaughter; Lion Jim Bemiller sponsor with Jacqueline Bourassa.

Thank you Lion Barbara Plaughter

## Perfect Attendance!

At the August 16th meeting in Bluffton....

Perfect attendance pins for 2021-2022 were awarded to the following members...Lions Barbara Plaugher, Jim Bemiller, Don Hostetler, Gene Long and Dennis Morrison (not present).



## Bellefountain Gives to Schools

Four boxes of much needed school supplies were donated to a deserving teacher at Bellefountain Schools. She expressed her surprise and appreciation for the gift.

## Bellefountain Welcomes A New Member

District Governor Dave Stockum installs new member Ashley Ford pictured with Lion President Michael Coder and sponsor Lion Darlene Roll.





## 2022-2023 MD13 Global Membership Team

OH1-1VDG Deb Crawford, OH2-Melody Barnes, OH3-PID Steve Thorton,  
OH4-IPDG Judy Young, OH5-Linda Rosine, OH6-Beth Cauley,  
OH7-PDG Ollie Paxton-Tipple, MD13 Coordinator PCC Kenny Schuck



## ROARING 4 MORE LIONS- ASK 1, GET 1, KEEP 1!

Ohio Lions,

Last year MD13 came the closest it has come to positive membership growth in 40 years. This improvement has not come by chance, but through the efforts of recent Governor teams, membership chairs, and Lions throughout the state working to bring new people to Lionism. Membership is crucial to our organization for a number of reasons. It takes members to perform projects, and the more members the lighter the load. More members also allows us to take on more projects and have a greater impact in our communities. Also, it takes funds to run our organization, larger member numbers help to keep dues low and the programs and support the organization provides strong. This year we want to build on the ground work that has been laid down in the past and continue to improve on the success of last year. It is possible and we can reach the objective of returning MD13 to positive membership growth. We want to see everyone **ROARING 4 MORE LIONS!** To reach the objective of membership growth, there is three keys we are asking every member to assist in.

**ASK 1:** We would like every member to Ask at least 1 new person to join Lions.

**GET 1:** We would like everyone to not only ASK another person to join, but put forth the extra effort to make them a new member.

**KEEP 1:** Every year we lose members because they feel un-involved. Not only is it important to ASK 1 and GET 1, it is just as crucial to make every member feel involved, welcome, and apart of our organization. Ensure they feel comfortable, involved, and welcome at meetings and functions.

Together we can make a difference. Together we will make a difference! If you need assistance in any area of Ask 1, Get 1, Keep 1; or a membership initiative, do not hesitate to reach out to your District GMT coordinator or to me.

PCC Kenny Schuck MD13 GMT Coordinator

[kennyschuck@gmail.com](mailto:kennyschuck@gmail.com)

(This is an abbreviated version of the report due to space. Editor)

**Leos  
Roar!**

Youth (Leo, Peace Poster)

**Leo Clubs – How do you sponsor a Leo Club?  
(From the Lions Clubs Website – [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org))**

Sponsoring a Leo club provides Lions with opportunities to mentor and empower young leaders while fostering a commitment to community service.

Through involvement with a Leo club, Lions can energize and inspire members and even increase the sponsoring club's community exposure, attracting potential members such as young professionals, students, parents, and families.

There are 6 steps:

1. Establish a Framework - Determine if the new Leo club will be community or school-based; Alpha (ages 12-18) or Omega (18 – 30).
2. Identify Potential Leos – Obtain names from youth groups, friends, relatives, schools, and other places.
3. Invite Prospective Leos to an information meeting – Explain the philosophy of the Leo Club program and answer questions concerning requirements for membership, Leo service activities, and sponsoring Lions club. Distribute application forms and invite interested youth to join.
4. Host a Formation meeting – Organize a Leo Club formation meeting to elect Leo club officers, discuss potential projects, accept the Leo Club Constitution and Bylaws, and determine the place and time for club meetings.
5. Complete Required Paperwork – Complete the Leo Club Organization Report with proper signatures, provide a list with the names of the club's founding members, and submit the report to the Leo Club Program Department.
6. Plan an Installation Ceremony – Once the Organization Report has been approved, the sponsoring Lions Club should organize a meeting to present the Certificate of Organization and install Leo Club officers. Include an installation ceremony.

Financial Obligations:

- The Leo Club organization fee is a one-time fee of \$100 and includes the costs involved in processing the Leo Club Organization Report, Certificate of Organization, Leo Club officers' kit, Leo Club sponsor kit, and Leo lapel pins for each original Leo Club member.
- Lions Clubs are also billed an annual Leo Club sponsor levy of \$100. This pays for Leo Club program materials, mailings, club record maintenance, communications, awards, and program resources.
- If a Leo Club is cancelled, the Leo Club Termination Form must be received by the Leo Club Program Department by October 31 to receive levy credit for the current year only.

Please contact Lion Darlene Roll at [youth@ohiolions.org](mailto:youth@ohiolions.org) for more information.

Thank you for your support of Youth and Leo Activities!

## IN THE ZONES AND REGIONAL NEWS

### District 13 OH1 Region 3 Update

Club officers in Region 3 (Zones 7, 8, and 9):

Zones and Clubs are:

- Zone Chair 7 Don Wiechart
  - Convoy, Mendon, Middle Point, Rockford, Spencerville, Venedocia, Willshire
- Zone Chair 8 Marshall Royer
  - Celina, Coldwater, Coldwater Leo, Cridersville, Lima Host, Wapakoneta, Waynesfield
- Zone Chair 9 Jim Hickman
  - Bellefontaine, Huntsville/Indian Lake, Rushsylvania, West Liberty

Region Meeting – September 29th, 6:00 p.m., at the Cridersville United Methodist Church.  
*Details will be sent to clubs in late August.*

- We are asking all clubs to be represented at one of the Region Meetings. If someone in Region 3 is unable to attend that meeting, Region 2 will meet on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Dick's Steakhouse in Kalida. Contact Region 2 Chair 1VDG Deb Crawford at [dcrawford14@woh.rr.com](mailto:dcrawford14@woh.rr.com). Region 1 will meet on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the park in Napoleon (more details on that one to be provided).
- Agenda items include District goals, reporting service, and compliance procedures. There will also be discussions about service projects, scholarships available to Leo Club members and Lions Club children/grandchildren, along with other upcoming news.
- Those in attendance at the Region 3 meeting are asked to wear clothing in their favorite school colors.

Upcoming activities around the district & state:

- October 9<sup>th</sup> to October 16<sup>th</sup> – Ohio Lions Fall into Service
  - Join Lions and Leos throughout Ohio working in their communities to do what we do best - WE SERVE!
    - Perform a service project suited for your community.
    - Send your Letter of Commitment to participate to your Global Service Chairperson.
    - Perform Service.
    - Share – Report it to LCI on MyLion
    - Post – On social media and share with your community through local news outlets.
- Walk A Mile in My Shoes (for Pediatric Cancer)
  - More details coming soon.
- Fundraising to send the Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band to Boston to the 2023 Lions International Convention – Ohio's band!
  - More details coming soon.

Thank you all for the work you do in your communities and beyond.

Region 3 Chair – Lion Darlene Roll

District OH1



## NWOLECF

### NWOLECF – Who, What, Where, When, and Why?

There may be some Lions in District 13 OH1 who do not know much about the Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation, Inc. (NWOLECF). This month, we'll take the time to share some information.

- The NWOLECF is a primary service activity of District OH1.
- EVERY Lion, in every club in District OH1, is a member of the Foundation.
- Contributions come from several sources, but most are donated by District OH1 Lions Clubs. THANK YOU, LIONS and LIONS CLUBS for your support.
- The Foundation is an all-volunteer group with no paid staff and minimal expenses.
- The Foundation is a 501(C)(3) tax deductible organization.
- Founded in 1988, the Foundation will celebrate 35 years of service in 2023.
- There are four (4) quarterly meetings, announced on the district website, Email to Lions Clubs, and through the district newsletter.
  - Every OH1 Lion is encouraged to attend the meetings.
- The goal of the NWOLECF is to help those who would otherwise “fall through the cracks” of government safety net programs or who have no insurance coverage.
- The expectation is that most referrals to the Foundation will come from local Lions Clubs.
- The Foundation medical director reviews and consults with the applicant's surgeon to choose the best treatment option before approval.
  - NWOLECF works hard to negotiate the lowest cost for the treatment needed.
- Lions Clubs may help with eye exams and glasses. NWOLECF may cover surgical procedures and vision equipment, following case review and approval. Those include:
  - Corneal transplants
  - Cataract surgery
  - Laser eye treatments for diabetes and other diseases.
  - Other approved kinds of eye surgery including retina.
  - Assistance with the purchase of special, expensive glasses and vision equipment.
  - Closed circuit television (CCTV) magnifiers for sight impaired people\*.
  - Braille and auditory machines for blind people\*.
    - \*Equipment is loaned to sight impaired people without charge for as long as needed.

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- Items the NWOLECF will NOT do:
  - Provide ordinary eyeglasses, white canes, contacts, and exams.
    - Local Lions Clubs provide those items.
  - Pay for anything without prior approval.
  - Pay for the services of out of state doctors.
  - Take applications from anyone out of the boundaries of District OH1.
  - Pay if the applicant has insurance of any kind that would cover the service.
- Required forms found on the District OH1 website must be completed and submitted.
- Website: [ohiolionsoh1.org](http://ohiolionsoh1.org) and then find NWOLECF under District Service Activities on the home page.

Lion Darlene Roll

NWOLECF President

## IMPORTANT EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Necrology

We want to be sure to honor the memory of the Lion members who have passed away this Lions year. Please send the name, picture, and brief description of the Lion's service to PDG Lion John Davis. This information should be sent by April 1<sup>st</sup> so that we can include it in our District service in April and the State service in May. Thank You!

### MD13 OH1 2022-2023 District Project

#### Walk a Mile in My Shoes

for Pediatric Cancer Research and Treatment

OH1 Goal: \$20,000

for more information, click on:

<http://www.ohiolionsoh1.org/project-walk-a-mile/258-walk-a-mile>

Ohio Lions

*Fall Into Service*

October  
9-16, 2022



**October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits  
**November 15:** Postmark deadline for clubs to send winning poster to DG Dave Stock

**Ohio Lions PDG Assn. Raffle**

Tickets On-Sale Soon!

Donation - \$5.00 per ticket

Proceeds benefit the Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band (OSSBMB)

5 winning tickets (1st-\$500; 2nd-\$250; 3rd-\$125; 4th-\$75; 5th-\$50)

**will be drawn on February 11, 2023**

You need not be present to win.

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold

District Coordinators

OH1 PCC Darlene Roll

OH5 PDG Lynn Thomas

OH2 PDG Francis Hensel

OH6 PDG Norman Cupps

OH3 PDG Rob Murry

OH7 PDG Sue Diehm

OH4 PDG John Woodside

Questions? Please contact PCC Darlene Roll

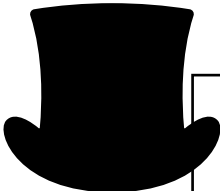
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**Mark your  
calendars  
January 13, 14,  
15 2023**

**Ohio Lions Winter Retreat**



Do you have a special skill, talent, interest or hobby? We would love to hear from you at **Winter Retreat!** If you are interested in presenting to your Lions friends, let me know. It is only 45 minutes! We would like to get to know your hidden secrets!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 22 – Region One Meeting at Rotary-Lions Building in Napoleon at 6:30 pm. Contact Region Chair John Cordes for reservations. (see note at the bottom of the page)

\*September 29 – Region Three Meeting at Cridersville United Church at 6:00 pm. Contact Region Chair Darlene Roll for reservations. (see note at the bottom of the page)

November 5 – Quarterly Council of Governors Meeting (10:00 AM @ State Office)

November 15 – Compliance Deadline for clubs on Lions Year accounting

November 19 – Second Cabinet Meeting (10:00 AM at Henry's in Ottawa – breakfast buffet)

November 20 – December 17 – Zone Meetings TBA (Convention, Club Reports)

2023

January 13-15 – Winter Retreat (Deer Creek State Park)

February 12 – Quarterly Council of Governors (1:15 PM @ State Office)

February 25 – Third Cabinet Meeting (possible zoom hybrid TBA)

February 26 – March 18 - Zone Meetings TBA (Convention, Officer Election reminder, Club Reports)

April 1 – Deadline for registration to District Convention

April 14-15 – District Convention @ Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay

May 15 – Compliance Deadline for clubs on January 1 – December 31 accounting

May 19 – Final Quarterly Council of Governors Meeting (Marriott Columbus/Dublin)

May 19-21 – MD13 Convention at Marriott Columbus/Dublin

June – TBA Potential End of Year Picnic

July 7 – July 11 – LCI International Convention (Boston)

- Club members can attend any region meeting that fits their schedule or location needs. Simply contact the appropriate Region Chair to make a reservation so there is enough food.