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Service Ideas for the Holidays

• Visit an elderly relative and listen to their stories. Share a cup of tea with them.
• Reach out to a single person who may be spending the holidays alone, and invite them to your house for dinner.
• Serve at a local food pantry or dinner. Share homemade cookies.
• Donate food or gift cards. Contact your local FISH organization or food pantry to see what they need.
• Check on elderly neighbors. Shovel their walks. Offer to take them to church services.
• Visit the residents at a local nursing home. Get a group together and sing holiday songs. (psst. They won’t care if you can’t sing well!)
• Ask for donations in your name instead of gifts. Think of LCIF, other Lions charities, Heifer International, etc. Shop at other Lions club fundraisers.
• Send a card or letter to a wounded or sick veteran, or caregivers, through http://www.homefronthugs.org/operation-healing-angel/
• Remember our first responders who work tirelessly through the holidays to keep us safe.
• Remember that sharing a smile, a hug, or your time with even just one person, can change the world.
I want to think the Lions of 13 OH6 for all that has been accomplished our first half of the year. As a district we have partnered and helped with food packing of over 300,000 meals in one day, partnering with ADA with their Tour De Cure to raise over $160,000, and our own MD 13 STEPS project for pediatric cancer research. In its first year 13 OH6 raised over $2,000 to go to Children's of Dayton and Cincinnati for research. We have worked hundreds of hours in service and contributed in the raising of at least $300,000 to help those in need. This does not even bring into consideration the hundreds of hours of services and thousands of dollars raised by our district clubs in helping the communities they live in. We are living this year’s district motto: Serve Unum Sumus.

From club reports and visits of zone meetings, we have recruited a fair number of new lions to help us as we live up to our pledge, where there is a need there is a lion. Please keep in mind one of my goals this year is to raise our new membership to 35 percent women from its average of about 22-25 percent.

Carol and I look forward to our visit of as many clubs this month as we can fit in, whether it is pancake breakfasts, dinners or projects, we always enjoy the company of our fellow lions. More likely than not, we will be bringing at least one grandchild if it's a pancake breakfast.

Use the Power of We, and challenge your club to be more of a presence in helping with your community's needs. Know that no matter how blessed we are, there are many who truly have needs we can do something about,

As always make sure you are having fun with your club projects and invite your family to help. Lastly Carol and I hope this Holiday Season is a blessed one for all, and be safe in your travels.

Yours in lionism,
DG John Bond
Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos!

It is hard to believe that December is here already! November was extra busy with Zone meetings as well as a Cabinet meeting. It is so interesting to attend the Zone meetings to hear all about the great things that each club is doing and to provide ideas to other clubs on something that they might be able to do. At the Cabinet meeting, CC Betty Robbins was able to join us for a fantastic pot-luck meal, great meeting where we heard about all the things going on with our committees and we even were able to choose the winner of the Peace Poster contest. I can tell you that it was a difficult decision on choosing a winner of the Peace Poster and we had a tie several times. The vision of these young students are amazing and each of them should be proud of their posters and the thought behind why they drew them.

During these last few months and now as we are into December, I know each club is very busy. I have had some yummy pancakes, dinners, bought lots of raffle tickets, attended meetings, getting ready for Breakfast With Santa, providing food for families in need, etc., and I am still smiling and having fun and it is all because of you, our OH-6 Lions. I had the opportunity to sit down with our Governor John, PDG Roger Dixon, Lion Ric Houser and the Tour de Cure chairperson Chastity to discuss lessons learned and what we all can do to get better in preparation for 2018 Tour de Cure. Of course, the biggest thing is to get out Lions out there to help, to ride, to run, to walk, etc. Visibility is key and the Tour de Cure committee is excited for 2018 and it will again be at the Cincinnati Zoo. I can tell you that it is a wonderful location and worthwhile event to support so start making plans to be part of that team of Lions next year. We need all of you to help make it successful!

I know that December brings on the added stress of holidays, shopping, wrapping gifts, cooking, etc., while also accomplishing many worthwhile Lions projects. Please remember that we are all one “team” which stands for “together everyone achieves more” and that “I” is not part of that word. Help each other out and never be too proud to ask for help. I know we can use all the help we can get but sometimes we forget to ask. After all, we are the largest service organization around and our Lions are the best and are always willing to serve! Keep recruiting and keep up the great work you are doing to make a difference. It is truly appreciated by all! I wish you a very happy holiday season! Remember our troops, those not able to be with us, those that have lost loved ones and all of our Lion families. Please let me know when you are having activities so I can come when my schedule permits. My email is: LMHYOYO@AOL.COM and my phone number is (937) 236-5254. I am here to serve you! Happy holidays from Lion Ric and me!

1VDG Lydia
PDG Charlie Newland

- Keep it Stunningly Simple, KISS -

Submitted by: PDG Charles Newland, District OH6 Extension Chair

The main theme for Lions should be to “Grow Lionism”: Defined as: **Growth** is more than numbers, it’s connecting to our community, making our club the go-to organization for community needs, and personal growth and development of our members. **Lionism** is seeking to make our community a better place to live both locally and globally. Volunteering, being a good neighbor, developing new best friends, nurturing character and compassion, and fostering people skills are some of the elements or a blueprint for success.

There are simply three questions: Why? What? and How?

**WHY!** We do what we do is based on personal perceptions of needs and I will not deal with why you do what you do. However, I’m influenced by seeing and hearing from those around me.

**WHAT!** LCI/Districts has/is developing a Global Action Team which is comprised of Global Leadership Team – Global Membership Team – Global Service Team. All these Teams are intended to assist Local Lions Clubs in Grow Lionism. Your Membership Chairperson “MC” can use these teams for assistance. However, our Lions Clubs do not work well in the corporative atmosphere and must Keep it Stunningly Simple. The ole “Ask One”, “Keep One”, and ‘Start One” says it all. Membership, Retention, and Extension are the main paths to Growing Lionism.

**HOW!** Growth comes for the Club Level. MC with their committee members are responsible for Growing Lionism: However, every single LION must be a contributor. MC are more than recruiters! They are mentors which show community service opportunities to potential members. Mentors show how to master a task, share the task with the mentee, and observe the mentee doing the task. Club Members offer individuals an opportunity to extend their service skills and ideas to their communities and beyond. Lions need to be informative about their current community needs, what work is in progress, work that needs to be done, and possible working toward future community needs.

Club Member required skills: Relationship building – being a great listener – knowing your community – sharing your knowledge, and a working knowledge about our organization.

Knowledge required: John C. Maxwell has recorded the following question: “What is the organization all about? Where is the organization going? How do they plan on getting there? and What role will each member plan?” Simply seek answers to these questions.

So, Keeping It Stunningly Simple: Every Lion must focus on WHY – WHAT – HOW to contribute toward “Growing Lionism” Do what you can do and seek assistances for the tasks that’s beyond your capability by using the Global Teams.

Lead with Vision Finish Strong

* Lion Charlie
District Calendar

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Special Training for Club Treasurers

Sunday, December 17, 2–3 p.m.

Lion Eleanor Haupt (Beavercreek Lions) will host a special webinar via the web on GoToMeeting. She will share her Excel templates for managing club finances and how to streamline reporting and dues statements.

Interested? Please send an e-mail to ehaupt@earnedvalue.biz by Dec 16.
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Zone chairs: please provide the editor with info on future zone meetings.

Email: ehaupt@earnedvalue.biz
Cabinet members voted on the district’s Peace Poster entries. At left: Lion Mike Hathaway holds the second place winner, Beverly Hope from Greeneview Middle School, sponsored by the Jamestown Lions Club. At right, Lion Marty Mace holds the winning entry by Haylee Napper, who attends Wayne Local School. She was sponsored by the Waynesville Lions Club.

IPDG Gary DeFayette thanked all district Lions and presented the district with the District Team Excellence Award. Our district was the only district in Ohio with membership growth.

IPDG Gary was presented with a recognition award from our International President.

Council Chair Betty Robbins attended the cabinet meeting and encouraged district Lions to continue our good work. She spoke about reconciling the IRS 990-N filings, and the need to file them and the attorney general filings on time. She asked us to continue to bring in new members to offset the planned state dues increase.
My name is PDG Tom Zickefoose I'm in charge of the Service Project for the forum in Columbus 2018. We need to raise $4000.00 for our project so I like to challenge all District's to help raise this money. So for the first 40 clubs that send me a check for a $100.00 will have their club name put on the official USA/CANADA FORUM tote bag that is handed out.

So I hope your up for a challenge.

Make checks out to USA/CANADA FORUM and send them to me.

PDG Tom Zickefoose
4300 Canfield Rd.
Canfield, Ohio 44406

Yours in Lionism
PDG Tom Zickefoose
Chairman

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District OH 6 Clubs

We're asking your club if they would please consider a donation to the Ohio Lions Foundation. The OLF was founded in 1985 with the main purpose of helping individuals improve the quality of their lives.

The foundation helps in the following areas: Low vision readers grants, Helen Keller Scholarships, I Pad grants, Trekker Breeze Victor GPS grants, Pre School vision screening grants, James & Betty Coffey Scholarship fund, One Touch Self Defense Classes and Ohio disaster relief grants.

We’ve enclosed a summary of OLF activities and all forms can be accessed at the Ohio Lions Foundation website (www.ohlionsfoundation.org). Please make the checks out to: Ohio Lions Foundation and return the form/donation directly to either one of us so that it can be recorded. If your club wishes to have the donations go to a specific restricted fund write it on the check memo line.

Thank You
OLF Trustees

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Dear OH6 Lions,

Over the last 10 years the costs for my medical insurance has gone up. Deductibles have increased, co-pays have increased, and the cost of my medications has increased. And I’m now 10 years older so I see my doctors a bit more, and have a longer list of meds.

Over the last 10 years the costs for the Ohio Lions state office have also increased, and the costs for training, committee expenses, postage, and many other things have increased as well. After years of adjusting by the Council of Governors and the Finance and Long-Range Planning Committee, additional money is needed from the Lions in Ohio.

At the May 2018 state convention, the delegates will vote to approve a $5 dues increase. This increase will be spread over three years with $2 starting for the term January 2019-June 2019, $2 more July 2019, and $1 more starting July 2020.

The Office Operations fund will run out of money in 2019 and several funds are struggling. This is because we spend $12,000 a year for the building “major repairs fund”. We spend many thousands a year on training for Zone Chairs, and Vice and District Governors and Ohio’s training is some of the best in the world. Mileage for state committee volunteers and leaders is offered to those that request it. These are all reasonable expenses to keep Ohio Lions a strong organization.

Over the last 10 years, we have lost members in Ohio and we are around 12,000 strong. If we had increased membership during this period, this dues increase would not be needed. Since there are fewer of us, yet costs increase, we need to contribute a bit more.

I encourage you and your club to support this change. I hope that you will also look to changing your club dues structure and the first increase starting effective January 2019 was put into place to allow time for that adjustment.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Dave Luttrell, OH6 rep

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Special Request

At the recent cabinet meeting, PDG Charlie Newland talked about a car accident in Clinton County. A 22 year old mother, Hailee Heflin from Hillsboro, died in the crash, and her two year old son is in critical condition. Since it will take about 5 to 6 months for insurance payments to begin, our clubs were asked to consider assisting the family in this terrible time of need. Please send your donations to CST Jay Carey, 635 Albin Ave., Washington CH OH 43160, and write “Heflin Fund” on the memo line.

State Highway Patrol reminds us of this safety tip: if waiting to make a turn, do not turn your car wheels. If struck from behind, you will be forced into oncoming traffic. Keep your wheels turned straight forward. And wear your seat belts... always!
**Good Hope Lions Candy Store**
53 varieties of bulk candy and candy baskets
Open now thru December 24th.

Monday thru Saturday 11am-7pm, Sunday 1pm to 5pm.

Located at 333 W. Court St. in Washington Court House across from KFC.

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**Lynchburg Lions Club Annual Candy Sale**
The Lynchburg Lions Club is selling bulk candy through December at the Southern Hills Community Bank in Lynchburg. Eighteen different varieties are on sale. Stop in during regular business hours and purchase high quality candy at reasonable prices. Thanks for supporting the Lions community service projects.

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**Lynchburg Lions Club**
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
First Saturday of every month
8–11 a.m.
Lynchburg Lions Club building
Welcome to all new Lions!

We are proud to have you join the world’s largest humanitarian organization. Ask your sponsor how you can get involved in a service project.

Beavercreek Lions Club inducted two new members at its Christmas party. From left: sponsor Paul Bales, new Lions Bob and Jeanne Hanseman, DG John Bond, and club president Beth Cauley.

Fairborn Lions Club inducted its newest member, Tom Rittinger at its December meeting.

The Liberty Township Lions were presented their club banner by PDG Gary DeFayette, from the Wilmington Lions Club. At right: President Lion Alex Butler.

DG John Bond had a great time at the Beavercreek Lions Christmas party and won a gift of Czech beer! (Lions Eleanor Haupt and Glenn Gersch in background.).
Chillicothe Evening Lions Club: Lions Joe Sharp and Otto Tuttle rode in the VA Veterans Day Parade with the club’s mascot.

Lions and Leos helped pack meals at A Child’s Hope International.

The Piketon Lions Club has a rather unique program to recognize local high school students. Each month two students, one boy and one girl, are selected to receive high school citizens of the month recognition. Selections are made with the assistance of teachers. What is unique is that the awards are given to students that have performed service duties to others, but they are not the students that are normally in the lime light. Rather, they go about their service to others without public fanfare. The awards, which include a certificate and a modest monetary value are posted each month on the school’s Facebook website. Lion Bruce Hurst suggested the program. Pictured are two of the most recent award recipients Christian Rose and Chance Skaggs.
**Fairborn Lions Club:** This year we signed up 355 families for our Christmas project and found sponsors for 152 families. The number of families signed up was down nearly 100 over last year and hopefully it’s a sign that our economy is improving. On Thanksgiving we prepared and delivered over 300 meals to 120 families.

**Lions Clubs Recognizes Poster Winners**

The *Lynchburg* Lions Club and Lions Clubs International sponsored their annual Peace Poster contest again this fall. The Lynchburg club encourages Middle School students to develop a special poster on a theme related to promoting world peace. A total of 87 students participated in the local contest. The club wishes to thank Ms. Free for supervising the contest at the Middle School. Five winners were selected and they were given certificates and cash prizes. All participants were recognized. The top five winners and their families will also be invited to a special dinner later this winter at the Lynchburg Lions Club building to honor them.

The top five winners this year in order are Logan Warner, Samantha Merry, Americo Brioli, Blake Eyre, and Taylor Stroop. All are sixth grade students at the Lynchburg-Clay Middle School. Logan’s award winning poster was submitted to the District finals for competition at that level. Each Lions Club is encouraged to submit an entry from their local school. The Lynchburg Club is proud to sponsor Logan in the District contest.

(right) Gracie, a sixth grader from Lebanon City School, was the Peace Poster winner for Zone 3, and was sponsored by the Lebanon Lions Club.

**Chillicothe Evening Lions Club:** Lions Cindy Powell, Jim Nickoli and Mike Hathaway represented our club at the OU-C Community Resource & Volunteer Fair Thursday November 16. We had a table and display for students to tell them who we are and what we do as a service organization. We estimate that we talked with about 60 students. Lion Dee Hathaway did a lot of the work setting up the display and preparing hand-out materials.
29th annual Leesburg Luminaria set for Sunday, Dec. 10

The first Luminaria night was held in the friendly village of Leesburg on Dec. 10, 1988 with snowflakes falling softly to cover the sidewalks and rooftops. The town was alight with the glow of candles shining through white luminaria bags.

Since 1988 the Leesburg Lions Club has sponsored this tradition. The Leesburg community businesses, churches and villagers place candles in white bags to light the streets to welcome the Christmas season. An out-of-town judge will select a decoration winner for a cash prize and a street winner (whole street participates) who will receive a free kit for next year. The event starts with lighting of the candles at 5 pm. Santa arrives at 6 pm at Square One and the royal court is recognized at 5:45 at the library.

Luminaria Night is Sunday, Dec. 10 and the downtown businesses will host OPEN houses, complete with goodies to enjoy, the evening will end with an 8 pm community service at the Leesburg United Methodist Church. Free wagon rides around town will be available throughout the evening to view the beautiful lights.

Lions Barbara and Arliss Plaugher, from Senior VOSH, recently visited Chillicothe to pick up some used eyeglasses. In all they received nearly 3,000 pairs of glasses collected and sorted by Chillicothe, 4 boxes of non-prescription sunglasses and broken prescription glasses, and 7 boxes of unsorted glasses from other clubs (most notably Mount Orab). They also took two boxes of used ball caps that the Chillicothe club had collected. Lion Roger Geise deserves a huge “thank you” for his work on our eyeglass project. In addition, Lions Roger and Mike Hathaway are the proud owners of a book Perseverance Missions to the World written by Lion Barbara. The book explains the motivation driving the VOSH program and contains details regarding the many countries VOSH has and continues to serve. The book is available on loan to any interested Lion.
Leo Club News

Fairborn Leos Club: 2 new Leo Club members were inducted by Jocelyn Kennedy and Leo Club Advisor Robert Borger (at left)

(Left) several Leo Club members joined Fairborn Lions at the Fairborn Senior Center in preparing, assembling and delivering over 300 Thanksgiving Dinners to over 120 families.

Chillicothe Evening Lions Club: Lion Nicole Wells conducted the first meeting of the Leo Club we are sponsoring at Zane Trace School last Friday. She was assisted by Lions Cindy Powell, Melinda Stephens, Dee Hathaway, and Mike Hathaway. Work is underway preparing the charter for LCI approval. To date 23 students have signed up and they have elected their officers. Stay tuned, they are an enthusiastic group! Great work Lion Nicole.

Leos helped pack meals at A Child’s Hope International
OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13 OH6 CONVENTION May 5, 2018
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday May 4
4:00pm - ? Check in to Hotel
8:00-9:00pm Decorate convention hall at fair grounds
9:30-11:00 Hospitality at Hotel

Saturday May 5
8:00-9:00am Registration
9:00-9:15 Opening ceremonies
9:15-10:15 Cabinet Meeting
10:15-10:45 Vision screening Judy hacker
10:45-11:00 break
11:00-Noon Memorial in Honor of Lions Lost
noon -1:00 Lunch – Peace Poster Award Presentation
1:30-2:30 District Elections / DGE comments
2:30-3:30 Program
4:00-5:00 club awards/ awards
5:00-7:00 Grand Banquet – Keynote Speaker Lions Clubs International Director Ardie Klemish
Presidential Awards
Lion of the year
Silent auction results
8:00 - ? Hospitality at Hotel

HOTEL REGISTRATION
ROOMS ARE KING OR QUEEN THE RATE IS $104.99 PER NIGHT. PLUS TAX (INCLUDES BREAKFAST). HOTEL
RESERVATION MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL BY CALLING 740-335-9310. MENTION LIONS CLUB
CONVENTION DATES MAY 4TH-5TH CUTOFF DATE IS APRIL 4TH ADDRESS 101 Courthouse Pkwy Washington
Court House, OH 43160
The LION, the international monthly magazine, carried an article entitled “Every Picture Tells a Story” some time ago that is worth reviewing. Many of us take photos of club activities for newsletter, scrapbook, web site or news release purposes. The article reminds us of several key factors about taking photos that we know, but may fail to always consider. For sure, digital cameras make our life much easier than it used to be.

- Move closer. We all tend to shoot photos from too far away. Move in and make things personal and interesting.

- Rather than showing a Lion receiving an award for some accomplishment, show a photo ‘in action” of the Lion doing whatever earned the award. Action photos always tell a story better than passive award presentations.

- Plan ahead. Almost all successful photos involve some careful planning. Think beforehand about the message you want your photo(s) to convey or augment. By doing so it will help you capture the image(s) you need to accomplish your objective.

One final thought. In the past we perhaps conserved the number of photos we took because of film/developing costs. Of course that is no longer a problem. Shoot a bunch of shots and you will have the ability to select the one that is “the best”. Watch the pros, they take many, many pictures and publish but one or two. They even did so before digital technology!