

# **“LIONS TRACKS”**

**Lynchburg Lions Club Newsletter  
Lynchburg, Ohio**

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Summary of Events Since Fall 2023  
(Lion Jim Faust, Editor)**

Seven members of the Lynchburg Lions Club attended the November Zone 7 meeting representing the Lynchburg Club. The meeting was held at the Patriot Restaurant in Hillsboro. It was hosted by the Liberty Lions Club.

Five members of the Lynchburg Club attended the Zone 7 meeting that was held on March 12 at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Hillsboro. The meeting was hosted by the Mowrystown Lions Club.

Lion Jim Faust attended the District Lions Cabinet meeting on February 24 at Chillicothe. Lion Jim serve as a State Trustee for the Ohio Lions Foundation and he also serves as the District Cabinet Parliamentarian.

The Lynchburg Lions Club sponsors the Local Boy Scout Troop #120 and the Cub Scout Pack. One Lynchburg Lions member is currently serving as Merit Badge Counselor for several scouts. One Member serves as Liaison to the Scouts and also serves as the Chaplain/Counselor for the Troop. Several Lions members have attended the Scouts' Court of Honor programs. The Club sponsored the Troop Patrol Leader to Leadership camp last year and will send two Scout Patrol Leaders to the Leadership Camp this summer. The Club will pay the cost of \$450.00 for the two Scouts.

The Lynchburg Club has donated at least \$100.00 to each of the special Lions projects again this year. Recent donations have been made to the Ohio Lions Foundation, Pilot Dogs, Sight and Hearing, Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Youth Activities (Kamp Dovetail), Diabetes Research and Awareness, LPCCI Canine Companions, International Relations, Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank, P.E.T., Lions Quest, pediatric cancer and the STEPS program, and LCIF. The Club also purchased eyeglasses for needy persons in the community. Donations have also been made to the local Food Pantry, the District Lions Convention, the Highland County Children and Adult Society, and the “Shoes for Students” project at the Lynchburg-Clay Schools. The club also paid for the nocturnal education unit at the Elementary School. Both of these school donations were a part of the Club's “Fall into Service” project of Lionism. Donations were also made to help a young student from the Northwest Lions Club to support the student's medical expenses. The Club gave \$500.00 to support a L-C HS student who has been selected to travel to Europe this summer to be in the WWII “D-Day” Honor Band.

\*The Lynchburg Lions Club conducted its annual Christmas Candy sale this fall and early winter. Forty candy varieties were on sale at the Southern Hills Community Bank in Lynchburg and the Highland County Republican Headquarters in Hillsboro. More than

\$25,000.00 was collected this year. Members worked several hundred hours bagging and distributing candy from November through late December. All candy was sold as of January 4. The profit of over \$5500.00 supports the many community service projects.

Lion Jim Faust participated in each of the State OLF Board of Trustees Board meetings this year. The next state OLF Board meeting will be in May at the State Lions Convention.

Several guest speakers and cabinet officials have visited the Club since late summer. They have addressed the dinner meetings and the club was pleased to have them visit.

The Club held its annual Peace Poster Contest for Middle School students in the fall. At least 90 students competed and all were recognized by the Lions Club. The top five were presented special cash awards and certificates. The next seven were presented Honorable Mention Certificates. The winner competed at the District Contest level. Her name is Lacey Warner and her parents are Lynchburg Police Chief Richard and Kristy Warner.

The officers for 2024-2025 will be nominated this spring for installation at the dinner meeting in June.

The club has hosted the Southern Ohio Antique Tractor Pullers' Association pulls for several years. The Pullers Association also held three business meetings at the Lions Club Building this winter. The club also hosts the Lynchburg and Lynchburg-Clay Alumni Committee meetings at the Lions Club Building.

The Club hosted and sponsored Lion Ron Derry and the GOOD program on March 12 at the Lynchburg-Clay Elementary School. All fifth graders heard Lion Ron's presentation. He presented a general session and then conducted special demonstrations in each of the fifth-grade classes. Ten students will receive GOOD shirts at the end of the school year.

The Club will sponsor two scholarships for L-C HS Graduates this spring. Each scholarship will be worth \$500.00.

The Lions hosted the Boy Scout Advisory Committee meeting at the Lions Club Building. The club sponsors both local Scout groups including the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts. The club pays the \$100.00 charter fee for each of these groups.

The District Lions Convention will be held in April at Blue Ash. Lynchburg will have representatives in attendance. At least one Lynchburg Lions member plans to attend the State Lions Convention in May.

The club plans to help fund several village projects that are being planned and it also plans to plant trees and do a community clean-up day for its environmental project.

The club has collected nearly 600 pairs of used eyeglasses and several hundred used pill containers for distribution since November. They were delivered to the recent Zone meeting.