

“LIONS TRACKS”

**Lynchburg Lions Club Newsletter
Lynchburg, Ohio**

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Summary of Events Since Winter of 2024
(Lion Jim Faust, Editor)**

The Lynchburg Club plans to have several members attend the District Officer Training Seminar at Lebanon on July 27. Lion Jim Faust will be teaching the Zone Chair session.

Lion Roger Pence was named both the Zone 7 and overall District Lion of the Year at the District Convention. Lion Roger is a member of the Martinsville Club but he is also an active associate member of the Lynchburg Club. The Lynchburg Club had nominated him for the zone award. Congratulations Roger!!

Lion Jim Faust will attend the District Lions Cabinet meeting in August. Lion Jim serve as a State Trustee for the Ohio Lions Foundation and he also serves as the District Cabinet Parliamentarian. He has recently been appointed to serve as the District OH-6 representative on the Constitution and By-laws Committee. His first official state committee meeting for that group was held on June 29.

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 sent two Scout Patrol Leaders to the Leadership Camp this summer. The Club paid 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. At least 25 different projects and charitable groups have received donations from the club this year. The Club also purchased eyeglasses for needy persons in the community. Special extra donations have also been made to Kamp Dovetail this summer.

The Club gave \$500.00 to support a L-C HS student who was selected to travel to Europe this summer to be in the WWII “D-Day” Honor Band. She presented a summary of her trip at the Lions dinner meeting on July 8. Abbigail Manning was one of only three flute players from the nation to be selected. The club congratulates Abbi for her participation in the Honor Band.

The Lynchburg Lions Club will again conduct its annual Christmas Candy sale this fall and early winter. This sale provides most of the funding for all the donations for service projects that the club sponsors.

Lion Jim Faust participated in each of the State OLF Board of Trustees Board meetings this year. The most recent state OLF Board meeting was in May at the State Lions Convention and the next one will be via Zoom technology on August 18.

Several guest speakers and cabinet officials have visited the Club since last year. DG Brad and 1st VDG Rachelle are planning to attend the Club's dinner meeting on September 9 at the Lynchburg Lions Club Building and the club is pleased to have them visit and give their presentations.

The Club will hold its annual Peace Poster Contest for Middle School students in the fall. At least 90 students competed last year and all were recognized by the Lions Club. The top five will be presented special cash awards and certificates. The first-place winner will be entered in the District Contest.

The officers for 2024-2025 were elected this spring and installed in June.

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

The Club hosted and sponsored Lion Ron Derry and the GOOD program in March 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 received GOOD shirts at the end of the school year.

The Club sponsored two scholarships for L-C HS Graduates this spring. Each scholarship is worth \$500.00. The recipients are Jayden Hixson and Addison West. Both were honored at the L-C Scholarship awards dinner as well as the HS Graduation ceremonies. They will be presented their checks at the Lions Club meeting on August 12 where pictures will be taken in recognition of their service to the community.

The Lions hosted the recent 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 was held in April at Blue Ash. Lynchburg had representatives in attendance. One Lynchburg Lions member attended the State Lions Convention in May. Lion Jim Faust attended the OLF State Board meeting and he also presented the OLF educational seminar during the Saturday morning State Convention break-out sessions.

At the District Convention the Lynchburg Club was presented the first-place plaque in the Small Club division of the Governor's Contest for overall club activities. The Club also received the third-place plaque in the Communications competition. Several other certificates and honors were presented to the club.

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 800 pairs of used eyeglasses and several hundred used pill containers for distribution since November. They were delivered to the recent Zone meeting.

