



# District 13 OH6 Newsletter

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## From the Editor:

We are officially through half of the Lion year! Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Winter Retreat is right around the corner, see you there, I'll be running a session. Let me know if you'd like me to visit your club to talk about starting a LEO Club. Two clubs got chartered last year and we've got another on the way in Wilmington. Meeting with Beavercreek this month. Let's keep it up! I'm visiting with many clubs to start this year! Let's keep this Lion year going strong! I also collect pill bottles for the district and bring them to Matthew 25.

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# DG Rachelle Powers

**Happy New Year, Lions of District OH-6! As we welcome a brand-new year, we are also presented with a fresh chapter filled with opportunity, growth, and continued service to our communities. The turning of the calendar is more than just a change in date—it is a reminder that each day brings new chances to make a difference.**

**This new year invites us to reflect on the incredible service already accomplished across our district while looking forward with optimism and purpose. Our clubs continue to show what it truly means to serve with heart—whether through vision services, hunger relief, youth support, community events, or reaching those in need. I am inspired daily by your dedication and compassion.**

**A new year is also a time for growth. Growth in membership, leadership, and impact strengthens our clubs and ensures Lions remain a powerful force for good. I encourage each club to explore new service opportunities, invite new faces to join our mission, and empower members to step into leadership roles. Sometimes growth begins with a simple conversation—just ask.**

**As we move forward together, let us embrace collaboration, creativity, and unity. Every act of service, no matter the size, leaves a lasting mark. Together, we can continue building stronger communities and brighter futures.**

**Thank you for your commitment to Lionism and for all you do. May the new year bring health, happiness, and renewed energy for service. I look forward to all we will accomplish—together.**

**Yours in service,  
District Governor Rachelle Powers**

# 1VDG Ben Dunn

I hope everyone had a great Christmas or Hanukkah & I am wishing each of you a Happy New Year. May your New Year be prosperous. Each New Year we reflect & institute changes in our lives. I want to take this time to express my gratitude to each of you & your clubs. Your service to your community & to humanity is commendable. I believe each of us has had an act of service touch our heart or we would not be a Lion. I hope each Lion serves more people each year. The lives you touch through service magnify each year. Please remember your elderly or disabled neighbors & help them with clearing snow from their drives & sidewalks. Each year elderly persons have heart attacks shoveling snow. I want to remind everyone about our Service initiatives. We are encouraging every club to conduct the following service projects & log them in the Lions Portal; Hunger January 3 – 11, 2026 & Environment April 18 – 26, 2026. Your service project can be as simple as writing appreciation cards to first responders, a food drive for a charity or collection of funds / donation to a charity & planting a tree or holding a cleanup day. Regardless of the size of your club or project, we all are Lions because we SERVE. I encourage you to work together and help each other with fund raising & service projects. We must continue supporting each other in serving our communities & fellow human beings. I promise you will gain more friends.

Winter retreat is quickly approaching. I encourage all of you to join us at Deer creek State Lodge for a weekend of fun, comradery & relaxation on January 16th thru 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Please register early & take advantage of the discount. You will not be disappointed.

Membership continues to need our attention. Please remember & participate in wear it Wednesday. Wear your Lions, hat, pin or jacket. Talk about Lions & invite someone to your next fund raiser, meeting or better yet your next service project.

I am looking forward to meeting you and your club. Please let our Leadership team or I know if there is anything we can assist you or your club with. Be kind to yourself & others. Serve with pride because each of you & your clubs make a difference. You facilitate making & keeping a better community & world.

Yours in Lionism;  
Ben Dunn 513-405-2786  
Brdunn1284@gmail.com

# **2VDG Tony Winner**

## **Message from Your 2nd Vice District Governor**

**Dear Lions,**

**As we begin a new year, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope the holiday season brought you time to relax, reflect, and enjoy time with family and friends.**

**January is always a great opportunity to reset and look ahead, and I'm excited about what this new year holds for our district. It has been a pleasure continuing to work with and visit clubs, and I look forward to even more opportunities to connect with you in the months ahead.**

**I also hope to see everyone at the Winter Retreat on January 16–18. This is always a great time for fellowship, learning, and planning as we move forward together as Lions.**

**As we move forward, let's continue the great work you are doing in your communities and remember to report your service in MyLion. Every project matters, and your reports help show the incredible impact Lions are making across our district.**

**Thank you for your dedication and commitment to service. I'm looking forward to a productive and meaningful year as we work together to strengthen our clubs and our district.**

**In Lionism,**

**Tony Winner  
2nd Vice District Governor**

## **SCAM EMAILS**

**Scam emails are a daily situation that we need to be aware of. Technology has gotten better and scammers are using emails that are close to those they are supposed to be from. Scam emails are arriving daily and they usually want you to buy gift cards. DO NOT BUY GIFT CARDS for any person in leadership unless you have verified it personally with them. Always verify the person. We have directories, an on-line directory, the Lions Portal, etc., with information but the best way to know if something is correct or not is to directly contact the person who is supposedly asking. DO NOT GET SCAMMED. Once again, nobody from any leadership will ever ask you to purchase gift cards as an emergency transaction. This is a scam. Please report any suspicious emails as spam.**



## 2026 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 16, 17, 18, 2026

REGISTRATION FORM  
DEER CREEK STATE PARK RESORT  
MT. STERLING, OH

### REGISTRATION:

Full registration paid by December 1, 2025 will be **\$130.00**. Full registrations December 2, 2025 – January 3, 2026 will be **\$145.00**. No registrations will be accepted after January 3, 2026. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 2082 Stringtown Rd, PO Box 155, Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: [ohiolions@gmail.com](mailto:ohiolions@gmail.com). To use your credit card: go to [www.ohiolions.org](http://www.ohiolions.org) & use PayPal and send your registration form to the address above. **NO CANCELLATIONS WILL BE REFUNDED OR REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JANUARY 4, 2026.**

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat! District

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Will attend Sip and Paint (\$30 fee) \_\_\_\_\_ (LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE)

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal.

Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### Session Facilitators

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ would help as a session facilitator at the Winter Retreat.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel by calling 1-800-282-7275 and ask for the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat block. Room reservations must be made prior to December 1, 2025 to get the \$129.00/night plus tax rate.

After December 1<sup>st</sup> the room rate may increase. The resort only has a limited number of rooms and may sell out.

The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Check out [www.deercreekstatepark.com](http://www.deercreekstatepark.com) for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!

## **PCC Lydia Houser**



**Lion Lydia joined the Mad River Lions Club, Dayton, Ohio, in March of 1999. Since joining, she has served as Tail Twister, Board Director, Membership Chairman, Service Chairman, Assistant Secretary, Vice President (3rd, 2nd, 1st) and President. She is chairperson of the Mad River Lions Constitution & By-Laws Committee, Vision Committee, Morale and Welfare Committee, Food Pantry and the Scholarship Committee and is on numerous other committees of the club. Lion Lydia stays involved in her club's fundraisers and service projects. She has served as Zone Chair, District 13H Newsletter editor (2008-2012), Lioness Liaison, North American Membership Initiative Chairperson, GLT, New Voices Chairperson and, Convention Tail Twister for many years. She is the district committee Region 1 Chairperson, USA/Canada Forum representative, and Convention Chairperson.**

**Lion Lydia served as OH6 2VDG, 1VDG and DG then was elected as Council Chairperson (2019-2020) where she led the way utilizing creative ways of communications/meeting due to COVID. From 2022-2025, she was a member of the Liaison Committee, where she served as secretary for two years. She is the Executive Director for the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation since 2019 and board member since 2012. She is also on the board of the Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio (2022) as well as on the Executive Board of Prevent Blindness Ohio Miami Valley (2022) where she is Community Services Committee Chairperson (2024). She was previously on the board and Executive Board of Pilot Dogs (2019-2023). Lion Lydia was also on the USA/Canada Forum Ohio committee for the 2018 USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio. She has been a moderator at the USA/Canada Forum multiple years. She also participates in the Alliance of Lions Foundations. Lydia has taught and continues to conduct numerous seminars at many Lions training events and conventions. She has her Bachelor's from Lions University.**

**Lion Lydia is a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. She has 100% attendance since joining the Lions. Lion Lydia has received numerous awards: two International President's Letters of Commendation and Awards, five International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation, James T. Coffey Fellow,**

**three Council of Governor's Awards of Merit, Council Chairman's Award of Excellence, and the WR "Dick" Bryan Award. She became a Guiding Lion in 2016 (currently guiding the Miami Valley Lions and previously the Peebles Lions) and has been a Club Excellence Facilitator.**

**Lion Lydia is married to fellow Lion PDG Ric Houser. They have four children - Chris, Jason, Jeremy and Rachelle - and eleven grandchildren. Lydia's parents, PDG Freda and Lion Buck, were instrumental in her becoming a Lion. Lions is a family affair with her parents, husband, daughter (DG Rachelle), son-in-law Josh and now granddaughter working to form a Leos club. Serving together is extra special when the family works together to make a difference. (It seems more logical to have these two sections together.) Lion Lydia retired from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base after 39 years as the Chief, Configuration/Data Management, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Special Operations Forces Directorate managing a multi-billion-dollar portfolio of programs. She was also an instructor teaching many classes for Air Force employees and contractors. She is involved in her church, schools, Hope for Riverside, clothes distribution for families in need, and women shelter projects.**

**Lion Lydia has served as a Sunday school teacher for youth and named Sunday school teacher of the year. She coached cheerleading for ten+ years for grade school and high school youth and served as Cheer Athletic Director for six years where her squads received numerous awards. She also coached co-ed volleyball and softball for adults. She is recognized on the United States Air Force Museum Hall of Fame for her leadership and received numerous awards for her service to the government. She was named in Who's Who of American Professionals.**

**In her spare time, Lion Lydia enjoys traveling (especially cruising and going to the Smoky Mountains), reading, shopping and sports. She is an avid Kentucky Wildcats basketball fan and Ohio State football fan who loves watching her beloved teams.**

**As you can see by my "Bio" above, Lions are a large and very important part of my life. My personal involvement in my community and my professional career, training and experience have prepared me to be a candidate for International Director. I respectfully ask all Lions to consider supporting me as the Ohio Lions candidate for International Director.**



*PDG Jackie Miller  
For International Director*

Hello everyone! I want to introduce myself. I am PDG Jackie Miller from OH5 and I am running for International Director. Many of you already know me as I've been all over the State for many years. Maybe we met at your convention when I was taking pictures, maybe at a meeting giving a Helen Keller presentation, or maybe just having fun at a Lions event. If we haven't met yet, I hope we do soon.

As an International Director for Ohio, my vision is to motivate Lions to remember why we began this journey of service. I'm committed to carrying our legacy forward with hope and purpose. I believe that service begins with hope – and I'm committed to inspiring it in every Lion I meet!

I joined Lions in 2004 and I have become more active in Lions every year. To learn more about me, you can read my bio on the State web site: <https://www.ohiolions.org/news-events/news/827-meet-the-candidates-for-international-director>. I've accomplished a lot in Lions and my personal life; I cannot wait to share more next month.

# LIONS & LEOS WEEKS OF SERVICE 2025-2026



The Weeks of Service centers around significant international days, highlighting the impact of Lions through the world. Lions are encouraged to do service that greatly impacts their communities while also finding sustainable ways to increase service impact, visibility of the Lions brand through consistent periods of service.

## THE 3 FOCUS AREAS FOR THIS FY INCLUDE:



### MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

**LIONS SERVICE WEEK** WILL BE ON  
**OCTOBER 4-12, 2025**



### HUNGER

**LIONS SERVICE WEEK** WILL BE FROM  
**JANUARY 3-11, 2026**



### ENVIRONMENT

**LIONS SERVICE WEEK** WILL BE FROM  
**APRIL 18-26, 2026**

## SAVE THE DATE - OH6 DISTRICT CONVENTION

The OH6 district convention will be April 24-25, 2026, at the Embassy Suites in Blue Ash, OH. ID Bert Nelson, of Minnesota, will be our guest speaker. Mark your calendars now! We are looking forward to a great weekend celebrating our lions of OH6. This year's theme will be a "County Fair" type event. Plan on wearing your country best and attending this great convention! Contact PCC Lydia Houser at: [LMHYOYO@aol.com](mailto:LMHYOYO@aol.com) if you have questions, want to host a fair booth, etc.

JOIN US FOR A  
**COUNTY FAIR**  
 OH 6 LIONS  
 CONVENTION  
 APRIL 24-25, 2026  
 EMBASSY SUITES  
 BLUE ASH, OHIO  
 GAMES ★ PRIZES ★ LIVE  
 MUSIC  
 PIE  
 BAKE  
 OFF  
 DRESS CODE: COUNTRY BEST

# LIONS OF OH6 COLLECTING ITEMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS



CONTACT 2ND  
VDG TONY WINN  
ER AT  
LIONTONYWINNER  
@GMAIL.COM  
TO SIGN UP FOR  
THE ITEMS YOU  
WOULD LIKE  
TO DONATE

200 BAGS WILL BE CREATED AT DISTRICT  
CONVENTION IN APRIL 2026.  
DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO ZONE METS  
OR DIRECTLY TO THE CONVENTION

### OH6 Convention Project – Collection Bags for Homeless Veterans

Bags	Lions Rachelle & Josh
Knit Hats	Fairborn (200)
Tuna Packs & Chicken Salad	Miami Valley (200)
Toothpaste	Wilmington
Shampoo	Beth Cauley, Wilmington
Deodorant	DG Rachelle (60), Fairborn (140)
Toothbrushes	Wilmington
Gloves	Wilmington
Snack Crackers	Mowrystown
Drink Mixes	West Carrollton
Q-Tips	Miami Valley (200)
Band-aids	Miami Valley (200)
Chapstick	Miamisburg
Socks	Fairborn Leo's
Cotton Balls	Miami Valley (200)
Combs	West Carrollton
Hand sanitizer	Beavercreek (100), Fairborn (100)
Wipes	Waynesville Leo's
Tissues	Miamisburg
Blankets	Fairborn
Floss	Wilmington
Mouthwash	Mason
Lotion	Vandalia
Conditioner	Wilmington
Razors	Mason
Cookies	Vandalia
Hand warmers	Dayton
Ponchos	Beavercreek (100), Fairborn (100)
Flashlight	Fairborn
Flossers	Miami Valley (200)
Feminine products	Waynesville Leo's, Fairborn
Body wash	Wilmington Leo's
Clip on sunglasses	Lynchburg (100)
Toilet Paper	West Carrollton
Paper Towels	West Carrollton
Mini Notebooks	Wilmington
Bandanas	Lebanon

**Contact DG Rachelle and 2VDG Tony if your club would like to add/contribute to the list.**

# URBAN CLUB DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

OHIO LIONS



## WORKSHOP BENEFITS

- ✓ Understanding Urban Dynamics
- ✓ Identifying Urban Opportunities
- ✓ Cultivating Specialty Clubs & Join Together! clubs
- ✓ Tools and tips for club development
- ✓ Networking Opportunities

## WHO'S INVITED?

- ✓ District officers and GETs
- ✓ Extension team members
- ✓ All Lions interested in developing new clubs and urban branches

## JOIN US!



- ✉ [get@ohiolions.org](mailto:get@ohiolions.org)
- ☎ 419-685-7693 GET Tim Kershner
- ☎ 440-670-7746 PCC Kerry Parker

Lead to Serve  
Serve to Lead

A. P. SINGH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, PRESIDENT 2025-26

Saturday,  
January 24, 2026  
9am to 4pm

**Millersport Lions Club**  
2905 Chautauqua Blvd,  
Millersport, OH 43046

Lunch provided

Register by January 6  
<https://forms.gle/dkYj1kAGc5rE3i456>



## **Global Service Team (GST)**

**A great way to showcase your service and identify as Lions is to make sure you are wearing Lions attire for your activities and even in your daily life. DG Rachelle has challenged all our Lions and Leos to "Wear It Wednesday" where you wear some kind of lions attire each Wednesday to advertise lions. Did you know that many people will ask what your shirt, pin, hat means when they see you wear it? That opens the door for you to tell them about lions and all the great things you do. Take the challenge! Let someone ask you about lions then ask them to join you serving during an activity, a meeting, etc. They could be your next member.**

## **LCIF Report**

**PDG Elaine Newberry, District LCIF Coordinator**

**Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) belongs to every Lion and empowers the service and impacts Lions everywhere. This is our Foundation and a little of what LCIF does.**

**Global Causes: From vision and hunger to the environment, diabetes, childhood cancer, and disaster relief—LCI and LCIF are deeply committed to tackling these global challenges together.**

**LCIF is the only Foundation to empower Lions service worldwide, investing more than \$1.3 billion in grants since 1968. LCIF magnifies Lions work through saving sight with 9.6 million cataract surgeries, empowering youth through Lions Quest, providing hope through \$140 million in disaster relief grants and in combating measles by immunizing more than one hundred million children. Together, we offer hope and impact on lives.**

**There is a tremendous amount of need, and I hope all our District Clubs and individual Lions will be able to make a donation this Lions year. LCIF again has the Presidential pins available to individuals who make a donation of \$50+, \$100+, and \$200+ to LCIF. I have those pins available and would be only too happy to pass them out. LCIF is asking all Lions to make at least a \$5.00 donation, and I will accept the donations at Cabinet and Zone meetings and pass them on to LCIF in your name or you can donate on line. Remember donations from Clubs and individuals go towards a future Melvin Jones Fellowship. A nice way to recognize a fellow Lion.**

**Leave a Lion Legacy. I would like to mention the Lion Legacy program. As a Lion, you've done so much for so many. To ensure generations of Lions to come can continue serving those in need, consider creating your Lions legacy by including a gift to LCIF in your will. With a lasting gift to LCIF, you'll empower Lions worldwide to deliver kindness and compassion to those in need well into the future. Learn more at: [lcif.myplannedgift.org](http://lcif.myplannedgift.org).**

**I will take donations at District and Zone meetings or mail a check made payable to LCIF to me at 1460 Gath South Road, Sardinia, OH 45171.**

**Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do. Lions "WE SERVE"**

**PDG Elaine Newberry  
District 13 OH-6 LCIF Coordinator**

**Tony Winner**  
 718 Berlin Rd  
 Wilmington, OH 45177  
 937-545-9806  
 22 July 2025

**Dear Lions Club Members of MD13 OH6,**

I hope this message finds you well and energized for another year of meaningful service. I'm reaching out to ask for your support for a project that is changing lives in the most direct way possible—by giving people the gift of **mobility**.

For several years, I've been working with **PET/Mobility Worldwide**, a nonprofit that builds and distributes rugged, hand-cranked mobility carts to individuals in developing countries who have lost the use of their legs due to disease, injury, or birth defects. These carts offer people a way to regain their independence and dignity.

My specific part in this mission is building the **handles** for these mobility carts and **shipping them to Columbia, Missouri**, where they are assembled and sent overseas. This effort costs approximately **\$5,000 per year** to cover materials and shipping. Currently, the PET account has only **\$700**—far short of what's needed to keep this project going strong.

That's why I'm asking you and your fellow Lions to consider including this effort in your **club's budget** for the year. Every contribution—large or small—makes a real difference. If several clubs pitch in, we can fully fund another year of this life-changing work.

Please take a moment to discuss this with your club, and if you have any questions or would like me to speak at one of your meetings, I'd be more than happy to do so.

Thank you for your time, your compassion, and your continued dedication to service.

Yours in service,  
**Tony Winner**



# Recycle Inkjet Cartridges- Empower Mobility !



Inkjet  
cartridges

=



Mobility Carts



**Tony Winner**  
**OH13 District 6**  
Representative  
**937-545-9806**

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# Newsletter

## Free Diabetes Education!

Diabetes Dayton offers free, ADA accredited, Diabetes Self-Management Education classes. The class is great for those living with pre-



diabetes or type 2 diabetes. Topics include things like choosing foods and reading labels, understanding lows and highs, and blood glucose monitoring. Classes are held monthly but registration is required and space is limited. Call 937-220-6611 to reserve your spot today! A big THANK YOU to our friends at the Levin Family Foundation for supporting diabetes education and a healthier community!



## Emergency Supply Assistance

Are you familiar with the Diabetes Emergency Supply Assistance Program (DESAP)? Those living with diabetes may be able to receive free diabetes supplies two times per year. We can also cover the cost of insulin or insurance co-pays for those who qualify once a year. For more information or to see if you qualify for assistance, contact our office at 937-220-6611.

## **Greater Ohio Virtual School (GOVS)**

**The Greater Ohio Virtual School (GOVS) is a tuition free public community school serving grades 7-12. As a top rated Dropout Prevention and Recovery School, GOVS provides an asynchronous, online curriculum that covers all Ohio content standards necessary to earn a high school diploma. Both at the Student Center in Franklin and virtually, GOVS provides a full continuum of services including:**

**mental health services**

**access to school and community supports through a resource coordinator**

**assistance in meeting graduation pathway requirements**

**work-study (earn credit!)**

**tutoring**

**intervention and special education services**

**academic coaches**

**The school has many needs that Lions/Leos can assist with such as making care bags, donations, etc. If your club is looking for a worthwhile project to assist our youth who want to change their lives, this is a great place to assist.**

**Contact is Grace Hill and she is the resource coordinator. Her email is [grace.hill@mygovs.com](mailto:grace.hill@mygovs.com) Her phone number is 513-695-2924, ext. 3105. Their address is 24W 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Franklin, OH 45005.**

**Please reach out to Grace for additional information.**

## District/State/International Calendar

Jan 16-18, 2026	Winter Retreat, Deer Creek St Park, Mt Sterling, OH
Feb 21, 2026	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting, Chillicothe, OH
Feb 28, 2026	State Leo Convention, Colonel Crawford HS, Crestline, OH
Apr 20, 2026	4 <sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting, Zoom
Apr 24-25, 2026	District Convention, Embassy Suites, Blue Ash, OH
May 15-17, 2026	State Convention, Roberts Center, Wilmington, OH
May 16, 2026	District Caucus, State Convention
July 2-7, 2026	International Convention, Hong Kong, China
Sep 3-5, 2026	USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Memphis, TN



## Zone Meetings

**Region 1 (Zones 1-4): Chair: PCC Lydia Houser**

**Zone 1: Camden, Eaton-Lewisburg, Germantown, Oxford, Preble Shawnee Leos, West Alexandria**

**Chair: Lion Gary Soper**  
 9260 Greenbush Rd  
 Somerville, OH 45064  
 765-220-1765  
[gary@sistermaide.com](mailto:gary@sistermaide.com)

**Next Meeting**  
 3/12/26

**Zone 2: Beavercreek, Bellbrook, Dayton, Fairborn, Fairborn Leos, Mad River, Miamisburg, Miami Valley, Northmont, Northmont Leos, Stebbins Leos, Vandalia, West Carrollton**

**Chair: Lion DD Walker**  
 7640 Forest Green Ct  
 Dayton, OH 45414  
 937-610-8867  
[rn911rn@aol.com](mailto:rn911rn@aol.com)

**Next Meeting**  
 3/3/26

**Zone 3: Carlisle, Lebanon, Lebanon Leos, Madison, Mason, Monroe, Springboro, Waynesville, Waynesville Leos**

**Chair: Lion David Bond**  
 870 Tam O Shanter Way  
 Monroe, OH 45050  
 513-594-4563  
[bondmachineco@aol.com](mailto:bondmachineco@aol.com)

**Next Meeting**  
 2/25/26

**Zone 4: Cincinnati Host, Cincinnati Western Hills, Goshen, Goshen Leos, Northeastern, Northeastern Leos, Ross**

**Chair: Lion Mark Phillips**  
 6126 Misty Creek Dr  
 Loveland, OH 45140  
 513-833-3596  
[phillips markw@yahoo.com](mailto:phillips_markw@yahoo.com)

**Next Meeting**  
 2/26/26

**Region 2 (Zones 5-8): Chair: Joy Cox**

**Zone 5: Good Hope, Jamestown, Jeffersonville, New Holland, Port William, Washington C.H., Wilmington**

**Chair: Lion Jerry Spahr  
10001 West Lancaster Rd  
Jeffersonville, OH 43128  
740-606-9734**

**[jdspahrfarms@gmail.com](mailto:jdspahrfarms@gmail.com)**

**Next Meeting  
3/4/26**

**Zone 6: Greenfield, Leesburg, Liberty Township, Lynchburg, Martinsville, Mowrystown, New Vienna, Paint Valley**

**Chair: Lion Bea Fryman  
2641 St Rt 321  
Sardinia, OH 45171  
937-515-8633**

**[thefrymans1969@gmail.com](mailto:thefrymans1969@gmail.com)**

**Next Meeting  
3/9/26**

**Zone 7: Manchester, Mount Orab, Peebles, Ripley, Ripley Leos, Seaman, West Union**

**Lion Cynthia Rader  
89 Church St  
Peebles, OH 45660  
937-205-3005**

**[cyndirader@hotmail.com](mailto:cyndirader@hotmail.com)**

**Next Meeting  
3/10/26**

**Zone 8: Beaver, Chillicothe Evening, Piketon, Waverly, Waverly Leos**

**Chair: Lion Sheila Blevins  
240 Frontier Dr  
Chillicothe, OH 45601  
740-649-9012**

**[sheilablevins@gmail.com](mailto:sheilablevins@gmail.com)**

**Next Meeting  
2/24/26**

## FUNDRAISERS



Contact PDG Ric Houser to purchase (\$5.00)



The Mowrystown Lions Club

**FOOD DRIVE**

benefiting the Bright Local Food Pantry  
will be held January 3-11, 2026.

Items most needed are:

Cereal, Peanut Butter,  
Vegetable Soup, Mashed Potatoes,  
Fruit Cocktail, Peaches, and Pineapple!



*Please help us serve those in need.*

Collection boxes will be at  
Chuck Wait Tire, Mona Lisa's Restaurant,  
Mowrystown Post Office and  
The Celtic Cottage (in Sardinia).



**Bellbrook**

Made and delivered 250 fruit baskets to widows and widowers.

**Camden**

Held a Kids Night Out for parents to go do Christmas shopping on 12/20.

**Carlisle**

Prepped food baskets together for those in need.

**Chillicothe Evening**

Blood Drives on 11/24, 1/19, and 3/23.

**Fairborn**

Donated 110 poinsettias to the VA's Community Living Center. Donated another 70 to Wright Rehab, 78 to Fairborn Asst Living, and 80 to Trinity of Fairborn. Donated profits to Shoes 4 the Shoeless.



Annual Christmas Project had 462 applicants, 140 were sponsored by groups, churches, and individuals, the other 322 received food vouchers from the Lions Club to do holiday shopping.

**Fairborn Leo**

Concession dates multiple dates this basketball season. Leo's helped with FPS' Family Literacy Night. Officers met for their semi-annual year in review on 12/30. Childcare dates over the next few months to assist FPS during their PTO events.

**Goshen**

Purchased Christmas gifts for 24 seniors as a part of the Clermont Co Adopt a Senior program.

**Lebanon**

Collecting plastic for bench and collecting eyeglasses. Wrapped packages for a family and collected stuffed animals and blankets for the Child Advocacy Center.

**Liberty**

Gave away a Reds Experience Basket to a lucky winner. Also gave away a tool basket to a vet for the Vets' Recognition event. Another basket given away to another vet.

**Mad River**

Project Share Raffle Basket on 12/4.

Breakfast with Santa event on 12/6 at Mad River JHS.



Project Share food packing on 12/13.

**Miamisburg**

Had a float in the Holiday Parade and passed out candy and bracelets.

**Miami Valley**

Dine to donate held at Skyline Chili on 12/12.

**Mount Orab**

Collecting eyeglasses. Volunteering at the local food pantry.

**Mowrystown**

Collecting eyeglasses. Collecting pill bottles to recycle.

Christmas Parade on 12/6.

Food Drive 1/3-11 benefitting the Bright Local Food Pantry, details on the flier in fundraising section.

**New Holland**

Collecting eye glasses and pill bottles.

**Northmont**

Working on finding a teacher to run the Leo Club.

Held their annual Holiday Raffle on 12/12 to support the Northmont FISH Pantry.

Taco Bingo scheduled for 2/7/26.

**Peebles**

Christmas Celebration on 12/6.

**Piketon**

Donated \$300 to the Pike Co Children's Christmas Fund.

**Stebbins Leo**

Project Share food packing on 12/13.

**Vandalia**

Waffle House fundraiser on 12/2 in Vandalia. Bingo Bash on 4/11. Garage sale in 6/2026.

**Washington CH**

Helped unload supply trucks on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday for the local food pantry. Collecting plastic for a NexTrex bench.

**Waynesville**

Craft Bazaar being held on 12/6 at Waynesville Elementary.

**Waynesville Leo**

Pancake Breakfast at the Lions Craft Bazaar on 12/6. Laid over 1,300 wreaths at the Miami Cemetary as part of Wreaths Across America.

**Wilmington**

Recycling plastic for a Trex bench. Collecting pill bottles.



# Leo Corner

- Make sure you have updated your rosters and have added your Leo officers for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Hold your club elections in the April/May timeframe so that you may be able to add them before the July 1<sup>st</sup> fiscal year hits.
- OH6 District Leo Chair Robert Borger would love to come talk to your club as a guest, please reach out to him at 937-856-6945 or at [rborger6@gmail.com](mailto:rborger6@gmail.com). He is also available to help you and your club with anything you may need including recruiting help, fundraising, and service activity ideas.
- [Leo Club Advisor webpage](#)
- [Leo Club Advisor Training](#)

## Service Reporting Form for Leo Clubs

<https://forms.gle/TvoareM9tHq54MCh6>

## Leo and Leo-Lion Cabinet and Council Liaison Positions

The Leo or Leo-Lion cabinet and council liaisons are one-year non-voting appointed positions developed to incorporate young leaders and strengthen Lions districts and multiple districts. These optional positions were approved during the April 2021 International Board of Directors meeting. For Leos and Leo-Lions it is an opportunity to further their leadership skills, use their experience to improve the Leo Club Program, and represent the diverse views of young people in our organization. For Lions leaders, it is an opportunity to incorporate younger voices and perspectives at district and multiple district levels and build stronger Leo and Lion connections. These roles may function much like the Leo-Lion liaisons that are appointed to the international board of directors. The ideal candidates are respected young people who have demonstrated strong leadership skills and are current active Leos or members of the Leo-Lion membership program.

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## Waynesville Leo President Ashlyn Callahan 2025-26



2025 State Leo pins will be available soon!  
 Contact Leo Lion Robert Borger to order.  
 This is the 6<sup>th</sup> in the collection.  
 2020 – white (SOLD OUT)  
 2021 – red (Available) \$1.00  
 2022 – blue (Available) \$1.00  
 2023 – burgundy (SOLD OUT)  
 2024 – teal (Available) \$1.00  
 2025 – CUSTOM (Available) \$2.00  
 2026 – CUSTOM (March 2026) -- \$2.00

**The 2026 State Leo Convention will be on Sat Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at Colonel Crawford High School in Crestline, OH. Registration form is below.**

Exciting news from LCI! The "new" CUB program has been announced. This is a piece from their brochure & the CUB Guide: found under "CUB Program" on the LCI website.

This special program is designed for kids ages 12 and younger to teach them the joy of volunteering and help them develop a lifelong dedication to helping those in need. **Cubs don't need to be related to a Lions member to participate** — they just need to be ready to help and have fun.

Cubs are children aged 12 of age or younger who are interested in service and show commitment to a given Lions club. A Cub club can be formed when five or more Cubs are working together with a Lions club. A Cub club may be held responsible for certain tasks at a Lions-planned event or may even plan their own events and hold their own fundraisers. If a Cub club forms, a Lion member should be designated as the contact to the Cubs and reported in MyLCI.

Please contact [youth@ohiolions.org](mailto:youth@ohiolions.org) if you have any questions. (Please note - we are still working through the Guide and brochure, too!)

## IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT LEO ACTIVITY & MEMBERSHIP REPORTING IN LION PORTAL - NEW ACCESS LEVEL CHANGES EFFECTIVE NOW

As we share these very recent changes regarding who CAN and CAN'T enter Activities and Membership in Lion Portal for Leo Clubs...Just keep looking at the calming ocean waves in the background and the cute yellow rubber duck in the corner...Namaste.

### Who Can Manage Leo Activities:

- Leo Club President
- Leo Club Secretary
- Leo Club Advisor

### Who Can No Longer Manage Activities:

- Sponsor Club President
- Sponsor Club Secretary
- Sponsor Club Administrator
- District Administrator

### Who Can Manage Leo Members and Officers:

- Leo Club President
- Leo Club Secretary
- Leo Club Advisor
- Sponsor Club President
- Sponsor Club Secretary
- Sponsor Club Administrator
- District Administrator

Questions? Email DG Sue at:  
[lionsue23a@gmail.com](mailto:lionsue23a@gmail.com)





# Attention Ohio Leos



## Join us for the Annual Ohio Leo State Convention

Where: Colonel Crawford High  
School-5444 Crest line Road,  
Crestline, OH 44827

When: February 28, 2026

Registration Deadline: January 21,  
2026

"Kids Helping  
Kids"



### What to expect:

- Learn more about the Lion's Project! (Canine Companions)
- Earn prizes by playing the Leo History Kahoot
- Give back to the community by participating in a service project aimed to help children in hospitals
- Learn more about diabetes awareness and the connection it has to Leos and Lions

### Schedule Breakdown:

9:30-10:00 a.m. -

Registration

10:00-10:45 a.m. -

Welcome/Get to know each other

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. -

Activities

12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. -

Lunch/Project table Gallery Walk

1:15-2:00 p.m. - Best Project

Presentations

2:00-2:45 p.m. - Service

Project

2:45-3:00 p.m.- Departure





**MD13 – Ohio Leo State Convention - 2026**  
**February 28, 2026 – Colonel Crawford High School**  
**5444 Crestline Road, Crestline, OH 44827**

All Ohio Leo Club members, advisors, and interested Lions are invited to the 2026 Ohio Leo State Convention. Below is the registration information for the event. If you have questions, please Email [youth@ohiolions.org](mailto:youth@ohiolions.org) or call 419-371-5515.

Deadline for registration – Wednesday, January 21, 2026 (in order to have shirts in time for the convention)

Day's Events (Tentative Schedule)

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Welcome, Icebreaker, Get-to-Know Each Other Activities
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Learn Events – Canine Companions, Diabetes Info, Kahoot Activity, Service Project
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch and Share Time (Best Projects displays)
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Best Project Presentations
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Service Projects – Diabetes Walk and Hands-on Projects
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wrap-up and Departure

Registration Fee - \$20.00 per person; due when submitting registration form. Checks payable to Ohio Lions. The fee includes lunch and a 2026 Leo State Convention t-shirt.

Please send form and money to: PCC Darlene Roll, 1385 Township Road 216, Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9644.

Leo Club:	Advisor:
	Contact #:

Attendee Name	Attendee Contact #	Attendee Email	Shirt Size	Special Diet

Please use additional paper, if needed.

Total Attendees:	Total Amount Enclosed:
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### Necrology Report

District 13 OH6

Ohio Lions

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the information requested on this form as soon as possible for any member who passes away between the 2025 and the 2026 District Conventions. At the District 13 OH6 Convention in 2026 we will honor the deceased Lions and Lioness members at the Necrology Service.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Joined Lions (Lioness): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Offices Held: \_\_\_\_\_

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District Offices Held: \_\_\_\_\_

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Major Areas of Service in Lionism: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include a photo to be used for the services

Please submit copies of this form and photo (will be returned if requested) to one of the following:

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635 Albin Avenue  
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buckeyejcarey@outlook.com

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Lynchburg, OH 45142  
[mpowers18@hotmail.com](mailto:mpowers18@hotmail.com)

1VDG Ben Dunn  
1325 Cross Creek Dr  
Loveland, OH 45140  
[brdunn1284@gmail.com](mailto:brdunn1284@gmail.com)

May also CC District Chaplain PCC Don Robinette at [md13cc@gmail.com](mailto:md13cc@gmail.com)

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## Resources

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 District Website  
 Online District Directory  
 Blue Frog Promotions  
 Lions Club International Store  
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 District Twitter "X" Page

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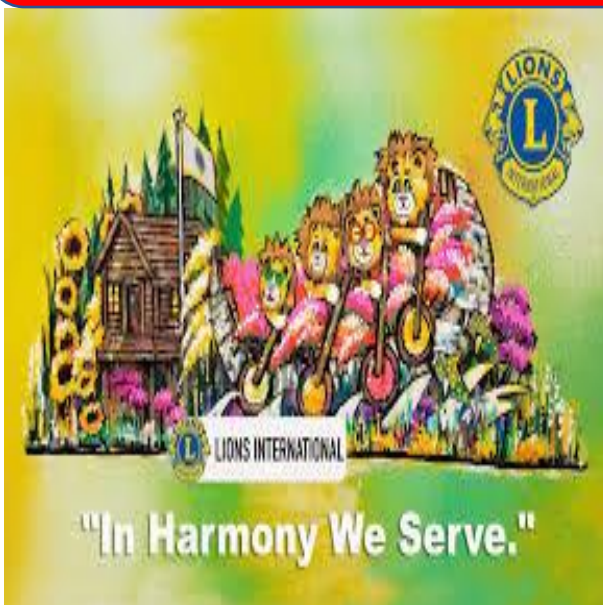


Please send your monthly club service projects/fundraisers by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month!

Leo-Lion Robert Berger

[rborger6@gmail.com](mailto:rborger6@gmail.com) or [youthoh6@ohiolions.org](mailto:youthoh6@ohiolions.org)

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# A Note From Shannon

It is hard to believe that 2025 is almost over. This last newsletter of the year largely highlights our growing community presence. As you review the next several pages, it is important to understand that we have not always had the ability to strengthen ties with the community the way we have over the last couple of years. This part of our program has historically been an area of weakness for us, as it is not directly correlated to the operational aspects of the eye bank. Having said that, it should have been a higher priority.

One of the biggest things that I have learned both as a director and as someone who has also worked on the clinical side of the eye bank is that trust is key and transparency goes a long way in creating that trust. Early on, I learned this as it pertained to our team and interactions with the hospitals, surgeons, and community partners.

More recently though, by happenstance, I encountered someone in our community that shared her experience in donating her loved one's eyes. During that conversation, she shared with me her discomfort about the donation due to a lack of knowledge about our organization and the process of donation itself. As I thought about this feedback more, I realized that it is one of the most significant takeaways I have received in a long time - and it makes sense. We generally dislike and are uncomfortable with unfamiliar scenarios. That is when it really hit me.

Community presence is key to creating a level of comfort and knowledge about donation. The more we are out there and can tell our stories and share our mission, the more people will remember and understand what we are about.

As we reflect on the most recent community interactions ending this year, I can assure you that 2026 will involve more. We have increased the number of events we plan to attend in efforts to continue to deepen our ties in the community. In fact, if you know of a community event where you think our eye bank should be represented, please let me/us know. You can email me directly or reach out to [community@lebwcoonline.org](mailto:community@lebwcoonline.org) to set something up.

Thank you for your continued support of donation. Helen Keller said it best when she said, "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."



**Shannon Schweitzer**  
Executive Director  
Lions Eye Bank of  
West Central Ohio



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# Community Events

Over the last six months of 2025, the Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio participated in a wide and vibrant variety of local events aimed at spreading awareness on eye donation. Our outreach strategy focused on engaging with many segments of the Dayton population, ensuring the life-enhancing information about eye donation reached as many people as possible.



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# Community Events

Our most visible participation was at the Air Force Marathon held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. This high-energy event allowed us to connect with over a thousand runners, veterans, and military families, promoting eye donation and its profound impact on the lives of recipients.

Education was another key priority. LEBWCO staff attended the Career Day at the Dayton STEM School, speaking with the next generation of medical professionals and scientists. We chatted with students on all the processes of eye banking, from recovery and evaluation to distribution. We hope that we demonstrated that a career in eye donation is a pathway to meaningful, high-tech work.

Our team was also present at the City of Dayton Health and Wellness Fair, the Dash for Donation in Columbus, and the Health and Wellness Expo / Abiding Christ Lutheran Church in Fairborn. These events provided even more opportunities for one-on-one conversations with community members about the donation process and the impact of eye donation.



# Chili Cook Off

In October, the Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio spiced things up with its annual Chili Cook Off, a much-anticipated event that provides a necessary moment for team building and decompression after a busy quarter of sight-restoring work. This year's competition was fierce, showcasing a vast array of different recipes.



Judges for this year's competition included members of the Dayton Lions Club in addition to staff members. The winner, who took home the coveted trophy for the best chili, was Michelle Kirk, a valued member of our Quality Assurance (QA) team. Michelle's win was celebrated by the whole team, recognizing her culinary skills!

Beyond the spirited culinary competition, the event offered a wonderful opportunity to appreciate our physical workspace. The Cook Off served as a great reminder that while our work is critical and requires intense focus, taking time for camaraderie and enjoying time together is essential for a healthy and high-performing team.



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# WVU Wet Lab

In mid-October, LEBWCO crossed over Ohio's borders to partner with WVU in hosting a wet lab session for resident ophthalmologists. The event, hosted in Morgantown, provided residents with hands-on training in the most advanced corneal transplantation techniques. The focus within the wet lab was on both procedures and practicing sutures.



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# WVU Wet Lab

Members of our team traveled to the site to lead the instruction. This initiative serves two vital purposes; it reinforces our commitment to medical education and strengthens surgeon skills that ensure optimal utilization of the gift of sight. The success of the WVU wet lab underscores LEBWCO's growing reputation as a regional leader in ophthalmological training and tissue provision, demonstrating that our impact is truly Dayton, and beyond.



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# LEBWCO Thanksgiving

As November drew to a close, the Lions Eye Bank team paused to reflect and share gratitude during a special LEBWCO Thanksgiving celebration. The celebration highlighted the spirit of giving that defines the holiday season and mirrors the selfless acts of our donors and their families.

Held as an extended team luncheon, the event featured classic holiday dishes and heartfelt thanks from the leadership team. It was a moment of togetherness, reinforcing the collective commitment to our mission as we headed into the final stretch of 2025. The atmosphere provided a warm and supportive environment for staff to connect outside of their daily operational roles, fostering deeper team bonds. Moments like these give us a chance to give thanks that we have the ability to help our community, and serve to highlight that LEBWCO is a community bound by compassion.



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

Wishing you the best from all  
of us at LEBWCO



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# Kettering Night Out

In early August, the Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio proudly participated in Kettering's highly anticipated "Kettering Night Out" held at the beautiful Fraze Pavilion. This community-focused event provided a fantastic platform for our staff to step out from the eye bank and connect directly with the residents we serve.

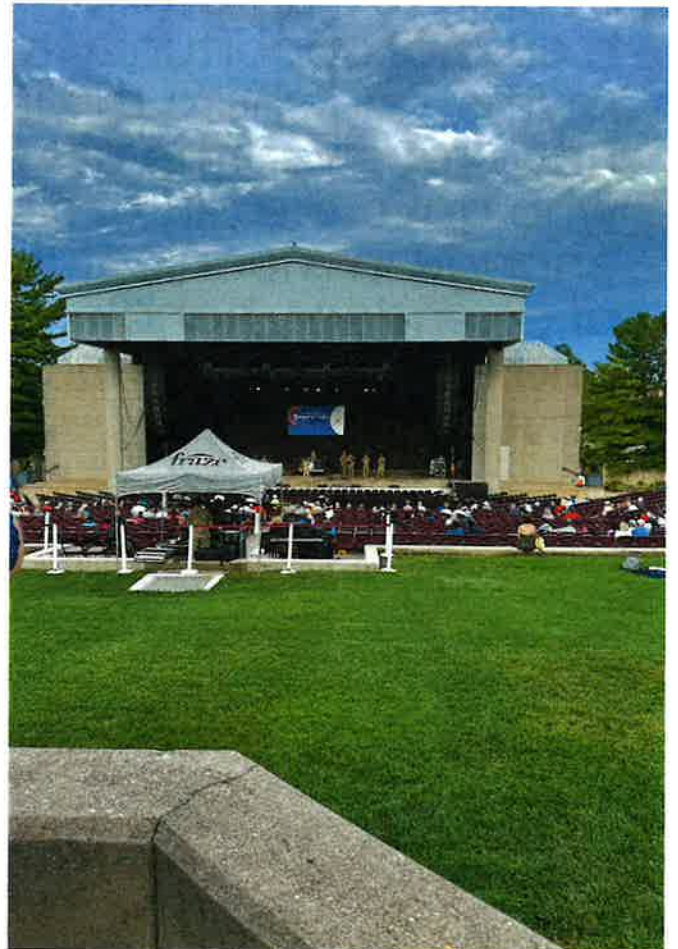
Our goal for the evening was the same goal carried with us at all community events; to spread awareness about the life-changing power of eye donation. Eye donation remains a topic many people are unfamiliar with, and events like this offer a crucial opportunity to answer questions, dispel myths, and share the inspiring stories of those who have received the gift of sight or had a loved one who gave the gift of sight. The event allowed us to engage in meaningful conversations with hundreds of attendees, handing out educational materials and explaining the profound impact one donor can have.



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# Kettering Night Out

The overwhelmingly positive reception from the Kettering community was encouraging. It reinforced our commitment to being an active, visible part of the Dayton area. Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to further expand our community presence by attending similar "Night Out" events hosted by other cities across the region. We believe that regular, face-to-face interaction is key to fostering trust and ensuring that everyone in our service area understands the importance of registering as an eye, organ, and tissue donor.



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# Grants / Wetlab

The second half of 2025 marked a pivotal period of growth and investment for the Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio driven by the successful acquisition of two crucial grants that will enhance our training and practice capabilities. These funds were utilized specifically for the creation of our new, state-of-the-art wet lab; an initiative

designed to elevate both internal eye bank practices and the skills of corneal surgeons across the Dayton area and beyond!

We were profoundly honored to receive a generous \$9,000 grant from the Dayton Foundation. This vital contribution served as the cornerstone for the initial funding and furnishing of the wet lab space, transforming a concept into a functioning reality.



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# Grants / Wetlab

Following this, the Levin Family Foundation demonstrated their commitment to sight preservation by awarding us a \$5,000 grant dedicated to putting on a variety of wet labs throughout 2026. The combination of these grants has allowed us to officially launch the space for use in both eye bank training and surgeon skill development.

This facility is particularly crucial for practicing complex procedures like Descemet's Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK), a partial-thickness corneal transplant that requires extreme precision. Our own team utilized the lab for the very first time in mid-November, focusing on refining tissue preparation and handling techniques.

Highlighting the lab's importance for surgeons, we had the distinct honor of hosting Dr. Khaled from Egypt in November. Dr. Khaled visited the facility specifically to learn how to perform DMEK procedures, emphasizing the significance of the training resources we can now offer. The wet lab not only supports the continuous education of our own staff, but also provides a necessary resource for surgeons. This investment in infrastructure is an investment in the future of sight restoration.



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# Khoa Visiongift Visit

September brought an exceptional educational opportunity to LEBWCO with the visit of Khoa D. Tran, PhD, the Vice President of Research & Development for Lions VisionGift. Dr. Tran's expertise provided our team with forward-thinking insights into the future of ocular research and how we can maximize the life-changing potential of every single donor.

Dr. Tran's presentation focused on two critical areas: cutting-edge ocular research opportunities and the demonstration of how to further dissect a research globe to maximize its utility. In the past, research tissue might have been used for one or two studies. Dr. Tran outlined advanced techniques that allow us to utilize almost every part of the eye for multiple, diverse, sight-restoring research projects.

This meticulous approach ensures that the selfless gift of a donor is utilized as much as possible, contributing to research advancements in glaucoma, macular degeneration, and numerous other pervasive eye diseases. His visit was deeply inspiring, reaffirming LEBWCO's commitment to supporting not only corneal transplantation but also groundbreaking medical research.



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This kind of hands-on, expert demonstration elevates our operational standards and ensures that our staff remains at the forefront of the field. By dedicating more tissue for restorative research purposes, LEBWCO continues to play a vital role in developing the next generation of treatments and cures for vision loss, proving that the vision for tomorrow starts with research today!



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# The Personal Impact

## *Story from a grateful recipient*

Dear wonderful donor family,

My name is Lynne, and I live in Pennsylvania. I am so sorry for the recent loss of your family member. My heart goes out to you. But, without their generosity, I would eventually have gone blind.

For decades, my vision deteriorated to the point where, with new glasses, I was unable to read any of the letters on the optometrist's wall screen. They were completely invisible! I was referred to a cornea specialist. Never had I heard of the two hereditary cornea diseases that I had in each eye. (Now my three children are aware.) I had struggled with these progressive diseases for decades. The doctor recommended a transplant.

I'm thrilled with the vision in "my new eye"! I thought we got a new TV! Before the surgery, all black items, on screen or in print, were medium to light gray. I could not read my phone or computer except in dark mode. My eyes gave me pain from daylight, even on cloudy days. That's stopped, thanks to you. I couldn't read a newspaper for the past several years. Now I can!

I've always enjoyed sewing, knitting and crocheting but my eyesight wouldn't allow it. I hope to soon get back to those things.

Eyesight is so important. Thanks to your loved one, my eyesight is better than in decades. It truly is! I'm so very appreciative.

Sincerely,

Lynne 

Lynne

# Get Involved with us!

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