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### From the Editor:

Winter Retreat is in the books! We've got the MD Leo Convention coming up on 2/28, District Convention in late Apr, and MD Lions Convention in Wilmington where PCC Lydia will be running to get her name on the International Director ballot. Show up and vote! Let me know if you'd like me to visit your club to talk about starting a LEO Club. Had many visits 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

## **Growing Together: Recruiting, Membership, and Membership Night in March**

**Membership is the heartbeat of Lions Clubs. It is through our members that service happens, leadership develops, and our impact continues to grow across OH 6. As we move into the spring season, March presents a perfect opportunity to focus intentionally on recruiting and strengthening our membership.**

**Recruiting is not simply about numbers—it is about inviting people to be part of something meaningful. Every Lion has a story worth sharing, whether it's helping a neighbor, supporting a vision screening, or building lifelong friendships through service. When we share those stories, we inspire others to serve alongside us.**

**Hosting a March Membership Night is an excellent way to showcase who we are and what we do. Clubs are encouraged to host an engaging, welcoming event that highlights local service projects, fellowship, and the personal rewards of being a Lion. Keep it simple, make it fun, and most importantly—make it personal. A friendly invitation can make all the difference.**

**Strong membership ensures the sustainability of our clubs and our ability to serve future generations. By recruiting new members and supporting current ones, we strengthen our clubs and our district as a whole.**

**Clubs looking for guidance or support are encouraged to reach out to PCC Lydia Houser, who is available to assist with the Ohio Membership Plan. Her experience and leadership can help clubs develop strategies tailored to their unique needs.**

**Feel free to reach out to PDG John Hibbs (GMT), 1st Vice DG Ben, 2nd Vice DG Tony or myself to attend or help in any way.**

**Together, let's make March a month of growth, connection, and renewed commitment to service.**  

**Yours in Lionism**

**DG Rachelle Powers**

# 1VDG Ben Dunn

February has started. Stores have Valentine's Day decorations, cards & candy for sale. We need to take time to give thanks & express our appreciation for our closest supporters. Our spouses & partners in service need & deserve our kindness & gratitude. Without their support our mission would be greatly diminished. I want to take this time to express my gratitude to each of you, your family & 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 service projects & log them in the Lions Portal. 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.

Our District convention will be held on April 24 – 25, 2026 at Embassy Suites Blue Ash, 4554 Lake Forest Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45242. Please complete the attached registration form & contact the Embassy Suites to reserve your spot. We are going to have a Country Fair! Dress will be casual.

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. Our membership will not grow if we do not ask others to serve with us.

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  
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# **2VDG Tony Winner**

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

**Dear Lions,**

**February is off to a great start, and I want to share how much I enjoyed the Winter Retreat. It was a great time, and I was truly glad to see so many Lions there. The fellowship, conversations, and shared ideas made it a very meaningful event.**

**As we move through this month, I'm really looking forward to all the club visits we have scheduled. Getting out to see clubs, hear what you're doing, and spend time with members is one of the best parts of serving as your 2nd Vice District Governor.**

**Before we know it, the District Convention and State Convention will be here. I strongly encourage everyone to attend both events. They are always a lot of fun and a great opportunity for fellowship, learning, and celebrating all that Lions do.**

**Thank you for everything you continue to do in your communities. Your dedication and service make a real difference. As always, please remember to report your activities in MyLion so we can continue to share the story of the impact Lions are making across our district.**

**I look forward to seeing many of you in the weeks ahead and continuing to work together in service.**

**In Lionism,**

**Tony Winner  
2nd Vice District Governor**

## PCC LYDIA HOUSER

FOR OHIO MD13 ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL  
DIRECTOR  
A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME



I am PCC Lydia Houser of the Mad River Lions Club, OH6, in Dayton, Ohio and I am running to be Ohio's endorsed candidate for International Director. I joined the Mad River Lions in 1999 and have served in leadership positions in numerous roles continuously since 2000. I was Governor of 13 OH6 in 2018-2019 and served as MD13 Ohio Council Chair in 2019-2020 during Covid. I have served as Executive Director for the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation for seven years. I was elected to the state's Liaison Committee in 2022 and served through 2025.

I am married to fellow Lion PDG Ric Houser. My parents, PDG Freda and Lion Buck Wagner, were instrumental in me becoming a Lion. Lions are a family affair with my parents, husband, daughter (DG Rachelle), son-in-law Josh, and now grandchildren involved in Lions.

After a 39-year career at Wright- Patterson Air Force Base, I retired as the Chief of Configuration Management, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Special Operations Forces Directorate managing a multi-billion-dollar portfolio.

Ohio's endorsed candidate for International Director should epitomize leadership in all areas of Lionism. I bring values-based leadership, executive experience, my talents as motivator, trainer, and presenter, and years of membership experience – from club rebuilding to new club development and mentorship. I am an experienced team leader, and I value my reputation as a Lion of integrity, innovation, and initiative.

Lions are more than a service group to me—they are a global family and a lifelong source of friendship and inspiration. Working side by side to serve others motivates us to meet needs with kindness and compassion. I believe that leadership means service, collaboration, and transparency.

For more detailed information, my full bio and answers to some specific questions are on the State web site: <https://www.ohiolions.org/news-events/news/827-meet-the-candidates-for-international-director>.

As Lions, we can be the change by "Sharing Kindness – One Act at a Time".

If you have questions or requests, please contact me by email at [LMHYOYO@aol.com](mailto:LMHYOYO@aol.com) or via phone at (937) 609-6594.



*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**



# Shoe the Love!

Your closet clean-out can support kids fighting cancer!

## Pediatric Cancer Shoe Drive!

Bring your gently used or new pairs of shoes to your District Convention or State Convention!

- Boots to ballet shoes,
- Sandals to soccer cleats
- Official dress or casual tennis shoes
- Tie shoelaces or rubber-band pairs together for easy sorting - we will take them all if they're gently used or new!



in partnership with

Every pair donated help raise funds to support kids and families fighting pediatric cancer through *Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation* and *Kids Get Cancer Too!*




There will be a Golden Shoe award for the district and Club who donate the most pairs of shoes!

**Contact your District OLPCF Representative for more donation information!**




## 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.



A vintage-style poster for the OH 6 Lions Convention. The text is arranged in a central column, with decorative flourishes. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a table with bottles, a teddy bear, a pie, and a guitar, all separated by stars. The entire poster is enclosed in a decorative border.

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

# April 24-25, 2026

## Friday Evening (6:30pm)

Registration  
Dinner (Mexican) - Come dressed up for the County Fair and have some fun! Entertainment and games.

## Saturday Morning

Necrology Service  
Seminars  
Luncheon with  
ID Bert Nelson  
Peace Poster/Essay Awards  
Exhibits Ongoing  
County Fair

## Saturday Afternoon

District Elections  
Meet ID Bert Nelson  
Club Awards  
Seminars/Spouse's Program  
Service Project for Veterans

## Saturday Evening (5:30pm)

Banquet Seating  
Grand March  
Grand Banquet

**NOTE:** Blue Frog Promotions will be available Friday afternoon/evening and all day Saturday with many items of Lions paraphernalia.

## Directions to Embassy Suites

4554 Lake Forest Dr, Blue Ash, OH 45242

—Two miles South of I-275 on Reed Hartman Highway. One mile west of I-71 on Reed Hartman Highway- Pfeiffer Road Exit.

—From 171 N, ext 15, Pfeiffer Rd Lft on Pfeiffer Rd to Reed Hartman Hwy, 1 block & lft on Lake Forest Drive to hotel.

—From 175 take I275 east to Reed Hartman Hwy, right appx 2 m & rt onto Lake Forest Dr

**Hospitality Room (Redwood) will be open each night.**

- To Show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.



# 13 OH6 Lions and Friends of



**are invited to ....**





# 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.**



## OH 6 Cabinet Appreciation

And

“Moovin for Lions”

## County Fair and Mexican Dinner



District Governor Rachelle Powers and Lion Josh

Invite OH 6 Cabinet Members and a Guest

To attend

The OH 6 2026 Cabinet Appreciation Dinner

Friday evening, April 24, 2026 at 6:30pm

Embassy Suites

4554 Lake Forest Drive

Blue Ash, OH 45242

**Reservations needed.** Please respond with a completed Convention Registration form to PCC Lydia Houser, (937) 609-6594, no later than April 2nd.

**DO NOT PAY FOR THIS MEAL IN YOUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION**

Email is LMHYOYO@aol.com

Cabinet Members—we are looking forward to seeing you Friday, April 24th for the 2025-2026 Cabinet Appreciation Dinner and Lions Night. We will be having dinner and an evening of enjoyment with fun entertainment focused on the County Fair theme. Dress is lions casual or dress up in your favorite County Fair clothes. Who knows, you might win the costume contest! The dinner will start at 6:30pm, we will have entertainment and afterwards Governor Rachelle will be sharing her appreciation to all the Cabinet Members and introducing International Director Bert Nelson and Lion Pam.

Cabinet Members—Payment for your full convention registration is \$71.00 (Saturday lunch/dinner). Friday night is **NO COST** for Cabinet

Member and Guest. **Please annotate this on your registration.**

**Hello Lions,**

**This is a wonderful opportunity to come out and support Prevent Blindness Ohio (PBO) while enjoying lunch and enjoying Former U.S. Ambassador & Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Tony Hall.**

**The event is:**

**Date: February 27, 2026**

**11:30 a.m. Registration & Networking**

**Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Program**

**Location: Presidential Banquet Center**

**4548 Presidential Way, Kettering, OH 45429**

**See the attached for more information. PBO supports our Lions Clubs with vision exams and glasses as well as providing vision material, etc.**

**You can come to the event as an individual, get your club to sponsor or even invite people/companies you work with to join this event.**

**I hope to see many of you there. Get registered today!**

**Sincerely,**

**PCC Lydia Houser**

**BELOW**



# 25TH PEOPLE OF VISION CELEBRATION



**This year we will be hearing from Former U.S. Ambassador & Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Tony Hall.**

Tony Hall is not only a three time Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, a former U.S. House Representative, and former U.S. Ambassador, but he is also the Founder for the Hall Hunger Initiative. Tony Hall has dedicated his career and personal life to being an advocate for ending world hunger. Come join Prevent Blindness Ohio while we listen to Tony Hall talk about his endeavors and how he faced challenges. This is a conversation you won't want to miss! Learn new leadership skills, problem solving techniques all while helping your community!

Date: February 27, 2026  
 11:30 a.m. Registration & Networking  
 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Program  
 Location: Presidential Banquet Center  
 4548 Presidential Way, Kettering, OH 45429



**Tony Hall**

**Speaker:**  
**Tony Hall**  
 Former U.S. Ambassador & Nobel Peace Prize Nominee



**Adam Aaro**

**Moderator:**  
**Adam Aaro**  
 News Director for ABC/Tea affiliates in Dayton, OH.

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

**What's Included**

	<b>Small Business Sponsorship \$500</b>	<b>Individual Seat \$75</b>
<b># of Seats</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Program Book Ad Size</b>	<b>Half Page</b>	
<b>I Want This Sponsorship</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information**

Form of Payment:  
 Send invoice for amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check enclosed payable to Prevent Blindness Ohio  
 Credit Card: VISA/MC/AMEX/DISCOVER in amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Billing Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I can't make it, but I would still like to make a donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Send forms/checks to Andrea Kennedy: Prevent Blindness Ohio, 31 S. Main Street, Ste 429, Dayton, OH 45402  
 andreak@pbohio.org | 937.974.7268

**NOTE: Tickets will NOT be sent out. Receipt of your pledge or check assures your reservation. Business Attire.**

## **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

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Mobility Carts



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

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## D13OH6 District January 31, 2026 Newsletter Input

### Environmental Initiatives News & Notes

#### The 2026 Cincinnati Earth Day Festival will be held on Sunday, April 19

This year's event, themed "Green Cincinnati" will be held on Sunday April 19, Noon until 5 pm, in the Washington Park in Cincinnati. The event is FREE. Moving the festival back to Over-the-Rhine places the event at the center of the region it serves, transforming the park into a living model of the Green Cincinnati Plan. The festival expects to draw 8,000 attendees from across the tri-state region.

The Cincinnati Host Lions will have a booth at the Earth Day Festival. Lion Pat Niskode' and family will again sponsor the Lions Club Climate Change Quiz. First, second, and third place winners get cash prizes. Winners are selected from the winning entries in a random drawing.

We will keep the quiz participation open through the following Saturday, April 26 to for the District Conventioneers.

#### Did you ever wonder if the United States is Earth's Punching Bag for Extreme Weather?

**Well, wonder no more. It is.** Blame geography for the U.S. getting hit by stronger, costlier, more varied and frequent extreme weather than anywhere on the planet, several experts said. Two oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, the Rocky Mountains, jutting peninsulas like Florida, clashing storm fronts and the jet stream combine to naturally brew the nastiest of weather.

That's only part of it. Nature dealt the United States a bad hand, but people have made it much worse by what, where and how we build, several experts told The Associated Press.

Then add [climate change](#), and "buckle up. More extreme events are expected," said Rick Spinrad, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

[Tornadoes](#). [Hurricanes](#). [Flash floods](#). [Droughts](#). [Wildfires](#). [Blizzards](#). Ice storms.

Nor'easters. [Lake-effect snow](#). Heat waves. Severe thunderstorms. Hail. Lightning. Atmospheric rivers. [Derechos](#). Dust storms. Monsoons. [Bomb cyclones](#). And the [dreaded polar vortex](#), which is causing the current stretch of nasty weather. <https://apnews.com/article/tornadoes-disasters-extreme-weather-why-af8acdcb330cff39d689efc187cd17b7>

#### Any new environmental Initiatives?

Working with two new school districts in Hamilton County to initiate the Bags-to-Benches programs. Let me know if need help in initiating new Bags-to-Benches programs in schools for the 2025-26 academic year.

Please report on any new environmental initiatives you may have undertaken. Thanks.

Yours in service,

Lion Pat Niskodé,

D13OH6 Environmental Initiatives Lead



# 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**

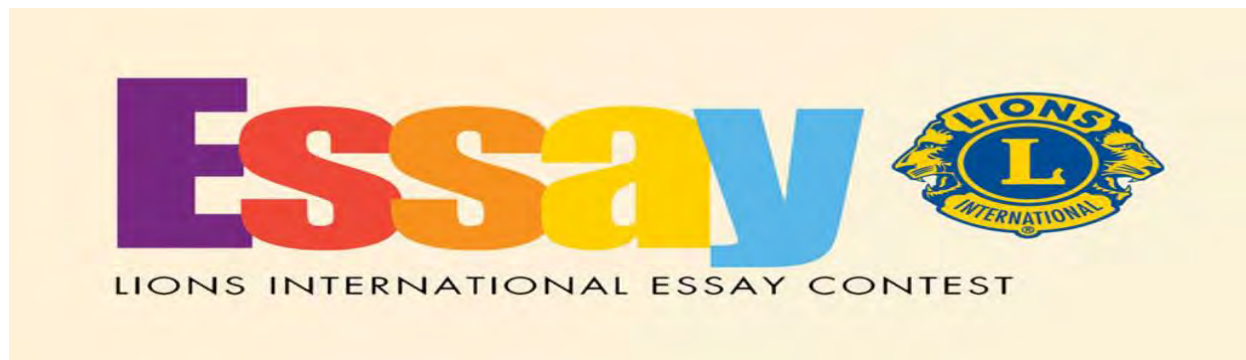
**The school has many needs that Lions/Leos can assist with such as making care bags, donations, etc. If your club is looking for a worthwhile project to assist our youth who want to change their lives, this is a great place to assist.**

**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

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



**Winner of the Peace Essay for MD13 was sponsored by the  
Lynchburg Lions Club**

## 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 18:30**  
**Marion's Pizza**  
**3443 N Dixie Dr**  
**Dayton, OH 45414**

**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**  
**3/2/26 19:00**  
**Sibcy Cline Office**  
**103 Oregonia Rd**  
**Lebanon, OH 45036**

**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 19:00  
Lynchburg Firehouse  
8123 SR135  
Lynchburg, OH 45142**

**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)





**Join the Northmont Lions Club for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Taco Bingo!!**

- February 7, 2026
- \$30/ person
- Commemorative Taco Bingo Survivor T-shirts (Pre-Order only - \$15 each)
- Early bird Registration closes on January 23, 2026 (\$25/ person)
- Make checks payable to Northmont Lions Club (Send to Holli Gover at Northmont Middle School, 4810 W. National Rd. Clayton, OH 45315, OR Venmo @Brandon-Knecht-2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member Names: (no more than 5 per team)

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| 2: _____ | Shirt Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL) |
| 3: _____ | Shirt Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL) |
| 4: _____ | Shirt Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL) |
| 5: _____ | Shirt Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL) |

IMPORTANT NOTICE: In entering any of the aforementioned events and participating therein, the event participants, all team members, and guests hereby express intent to release and waive any and all claims, demands, actions, or cause of action whatsoever against Northmont Lions, event sponsors, participating restaurants, their respective subsidiaries and affiliated corporations, their shareholders, directors, officers, employees, agents, and insurance carriers, and their heirs, successors and assigns from all claims that I and others may have or claim to have, as a result of participation, to the fullest extent permitted by law, and I hereby grant the right to publicize, broadcast, and use the names above in promotions related to the event for all related and incidental purposes. Please note that if any disrespectful or vulgar actions or words are directed towards any event volunteers or staff, or if alcohol is taken outside of the designated bars, may result in individual ejection from the event without refund. IF YOU DRINK, PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY.



# Mad River Lions Club

## Celebration Baskets RAFFLE

Drawing March 16, 2026  
7:30p.m. Via Facebook Live

**1st Prize**

**Celebration Basket**



**2nd Prize**

**Travel Basket**



**3rd Prize**

**Kitchen Basket**

**DO NOT HAVE TO BE  
PRESENT TO WIN**

Proceeds help those in need

**DONATION - \$5.00 A TICKET OR \$20.00 FOR 5 TICKETS**

**CONTACT A MAD RIVER LIONS CLUB MEMBER FOR TICKETS**

THE MAD RIVER LIONS CLUB CAN ALSO BE LOCATED ON FACEBOOK

**Lion Rick Taylor 937-838-6902**

**PDG Ric Houser 937-520-1936**



**YOU'RE INVITED TO A FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT**

## **Miamisburg Lions Club**

**Tickets: \$10.00**  
**Date: 03.21.2026**  
**Time: 8am - 10am**

See organization for ticket purchase prior to event.

***For tickets, contact:***

Mary Fritts  
 (937) 760-0290  
 cmamjfritts@rocketmail.com

***Event will be held at:***

Applebee's Dayton  
 105 N Springboro Pike  
 Dayton, OH 45449  
 937-436-3222

**Ross Lions Club**  
**10th Annual Final Four Fun Night**  
 Saturday, April 4th, 5:30 to 11:30, Shooters Hamilton

**\$125 per couple includes:**  
**1 Scoreboard square, Dinner for 2 from Jocko's,**  
**Soft Drinks, Beer and Wine**

\*Payout \$1000/halftime, \$1500/final of each game

*Winner need not be present to win, 21 and over only at event*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**Bellbrook**

Awarded Lion Zack Cline as their Lion of the Year.

**Chillicothe Evening**

Blood Drives on 1/19 and 3/23.

**Fairborn**

Provided Shoes for the Shoeless a check for \$1,100+.

**Fairborn Leo**

Concession dates multiple dates this basketball season.

Childcare dates over the next few months to assist FPS during their PTO events.

Donated \$100 to the Fairborn YMCA.

**Lebanon**

Collecting plastic for bench and collecting eyeglasses.

**Lynchburg**

Annual donations made to 15 different Lions and local orgs. 2 \$500 scholarships this spring. \$250 to Save a Warrior program. Donated funds to the elementary school for materials and shoes for students.

**Mad River**

Selected by Riverside's Chamber of Commerce's Member of the Month for Jan. Celebration Baskets raffle going on now, flier in fundraiser section.

**Mason**

1,150 lunches were packed for Mason, Kings, and Deer Park students.

Served food at Impacting Tomorrow for 204 families and clothing for 134 families.

**Miamisburg**

94<sup>th</sup> charter celebration on 2/4, flier in fundraiser section.

**Mount Orab**

Collecting eyeglasses. Volunteering at the local food pantry.

**Mowrystown**

Collecting eyeglasses. Collecting pill bottles to recycle.

Food Drive 1/3-11 benefitting the Bright Local Food Pantry.

**New Holland**

Collecting eye glasses and pill bottles.

**Northmont**

Working on finding a teacher to run the Leo Club.

Held their annual Holiday Taco Bingo scheduled for 2/7/26 starting at 11:30am at Northwood Elementary.

**Peebles**

Gave away winter clothes on 1/24.

**Ross**

Final Four fundraiser on 4/4, flier in fundraiser section.

**Vandalia**

Held a Dine to Donate at Skyline on 1/6.

\$200 donation to the Butler Performing Arts Association. Will assemble VA bags on 2/19.

Bingo Bash on 4/11. Garage sale in 6/17-20/2026.

**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 Leo**

Planted over 250 flowers to bloom in Spring 2026.

**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/TyoareM9tHq54MCh6>

### 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.

[https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md\\_MSufQ32Ysa31cT7S.jpg.pdf?v=1&utm\\_source=Eloqua&utm\\_campaign=MEM\\_EN\\_October%20Leo%20eNews\\_2021&utm\\_medium=email](https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_MSufQ32Ysa31cT7S.jpg.pdf?v=1&utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=MEM_EN_October%20Leo%20eNews_2021&utm_medium=email)

### Waynesville Leo President Ashlyn Callahan 2025-26



2026 State Leo pins will be available soon!  
Contact Leo Lion Robert Borger to order.  
This is the 7<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) \$1.00  
2026 – CUSTOM (February 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.**

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 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



## **Leo Club Deadlines**

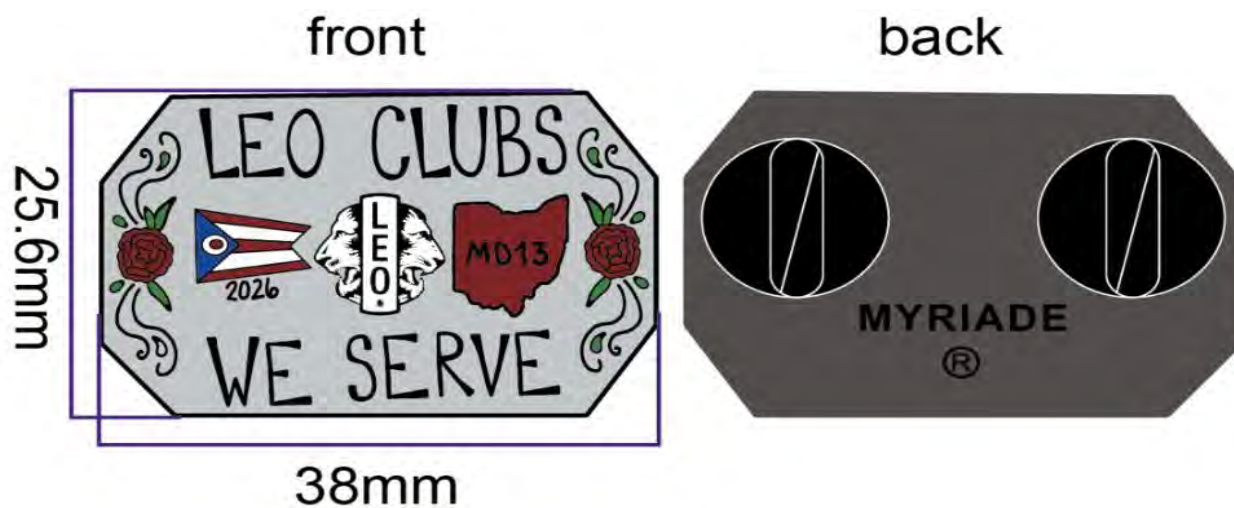
**Ohio Lions Leo Scholarship**

**Due 3/1/26**

**LITPC Scholarship**

**Due 3/1/26**

**All advisors received the pdf's for the above. If you need another copy, please reach out to District Leo Chair, Leo-Lion Robert Borger**



# 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





2024-2025

## Leo Club Excellence Award

The Leo Club Excellence Award recognizes clubs that have demonstrated superior performance in serving others, developing and executing creative fundraisers, exercising effective leadership, enhancing the public image of Leo clubs, and completing administrative operations.

Leo Club Name	District	Country
Taranto	108 AB	Italy
Chiavari-Sestri Levante	108 IA2	Italy
Oradea Black Eagle	124	Romania
Fairborn	13 OH6	United States
North Gwinnett High School	18 I	United States
Skagit Valley	19 O	United States
Melbourne Next Gen	201 V14	Australia
Falcon	201 WA	Australia
Kowloon	303	Hong Kong, China
University of Kelaniya	306 B2	Sri Lanka
St. Joseph's Private School	308 A2	Malaysia
Brickfields Asia College	308 B1	Malaysia
Sam Tet N.T.S. School	308 B2	Malaysia
Feni Muhuri	315 B2	Bangladesh
Dhaka Glorious Banashree	315 B3	Bangladesh
Kanakapura	317 A	India
Punganur Noble	317 E	India
Jewels of Pathanamthitta	318 B	India
Kolkata Midtown Glory	322 B1	India
Guwahati Umang	322 G	India
Thane North Star	3231 A2	India
Mumbai Western Suburbs	3231 A3	India
Indore	3233 G1	India
Dondaicha Legacy	3234 H2	India
Uppidamangalam	324 F	India
Biratnagar Central	325 C	Nepal
Kathmandu Kipu	325 H	Nepal
Lekhnath Simsar	325 I	Nepal
Pokhara Peace Chautari	325 K	Nepal
Kathmandu Prayasnagar	325 L	Nepal

### 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:

CST/PDG Jay Carey  
635 Albin Avenue  
Washington CH, OH 43160  
buckeyejcarey@outlook.com

DG Rachelle Powers  
2908 Oak Grove Rd  
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

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

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)  
[www.ohiolions.org](http://www.ohiolions.org)  
[www.district13oh6.org](http://www.district13oh6.org)

[Click here](#)

[bluefrogpromo.com](http://bluefrogpromo.com)

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Southwest Ohio Lions 13 OH6

@OhioLions13OH6

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 INTERNATIONAL**



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

Leo-Lion Robert Borger

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(937) 856-6945



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 THIS VALENTINE'S DAY!**

