

“LIONS TRACKS”

**Lynchburg Lions Club Newsletter
Lynchburg, Ohio**

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Summary of Events Since Summer 2025
(Lion Jim Faust, Editor)**

Six members of the Lynchburg Lions Club attended the December Zone 6 meeting representing the Lynchburg Club. The meeting was held at the Highland South Kitchen Restaurant. It was hosted by the Mowrystown Lions Club.

The Lynchburg Club will host the Zone 6 Meeting on Monday, March 9, at the Lynchburg Area Joint Fire and Ambulance District Firehouse. The club will provide a complete soup supper and several door prizes.

Lion Jim Faust attended the District Lions Cabinet meeting on February 21 at Chillicothe. Lion Jim serves as a State Trustee for the Ohio Lions Foundation and he also serves as the District Cabinet Parliamentarian and the District representative on the Constitution and By-laws committee.

The Lynchburg Lions Club sponsors the Local Boy Scout Troop #120 and the Cub Scout Pack. One Lynchburg Lions member is currently serving as Merit Badge Counselor for several scouts. One Member serves as Liaison to the Scouts and also serves as the Chaplain/Counselor for the Troop. Several Lions members have attended the Scouts' Court of Honor programs. The Club sponsored the Troop Patrol Leaders to Leadership camp last year and will send two Scout Patrol Leaders to the Leadership Camp this summer. The Club will pay the cost of \$500.00 for the two Scouts.

The Lynchburg Club has donated at least \$100.00 to each of the special Lions projects again this year. Recent donations have been made to the Ohio Lions Foundation, Sight and Hearing, Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Youth Activities (Kamp Dovetail), Diabetes Research and Awareness, LPCCI Canine Companions, Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank, P.E.T., Lions Quest, pediatric cancer and the STEPS program, and LCIF. The Club also purchased eyeglasses for needy persons in the community.

Donations have also been made to the local Food Pantry, the District Lions Convention, the Highland County Society for Children and Adults, the Lynchburg-Clay HS and Hillsboro HS Athletic Boosters, and the “Shoes for Students” project at the Lynchburg-Clay Schools. The club also paid for a special education unit at the L-C Elementary School. Both of these school donations were a part of the Club's “Fall into Service” project of Lionism. The club also donated to the three special LCI service projects.

The Lynchburg Lions Club conducted its annual Christmas Candy sale this fall and early winter. Forty-one candy varieties were on sale at the Southern Hills Community Bank in Lynchburg and the Highland County Republican Headquarters in Hillsboro. More than \$34,000.00 was collected this year. Members worked several hundred hours bagging and

distributing candy from November through late December. All candy was sold as of January 4. The profit of over \$6500.00 supports the many community service projects.

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

Several guest speakers and cabinet officials have visited the Club since late summer. They have addressed the dinner meetings and the club was pleased to have them visit. The club hosted a "Save a Warrior" program's guest speaker in November and the club donated \$250.00 to that project. The club hosted DG Rachele, 1st VDG Ben, 2VDG Tony, and Cabinet member Stacy at their January dinner meeting. They also hosted ZC Bea at the February meeting.

The Club held its annual Peace Poster Contest for Middle School students in the fall. At least 90 students competed and all were recognized by the Lions Club. The top five were presented special cash awards and certificates. The next seven were presented Honorable Mention Certificates. The winner competed at the District Contest level. Her name is Harper Barnett. The club also sponsored a student in the District Peace Essay Contest. She won both the District and State Contests and she will be honored at the District Convention in Blue Ash and the State Convention in Wilmington. Her name is Maci Berger and her parents are Carl and Stephanie Berger of the Pricetown community.

The officers for 2026-2027 will be nominated this spring for installation in June.

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

The Club will host and sponsor Lion Ron Derry and the GOOD program on March 17 at the Lynchburg-Clay Elementary School. All fifth graders will hear Lion Ron's presentation. He presents a general session and then conducts special demonstrations in each of the fifth-grade classes. Ten students will receive GOOD shirts at the end of the school year.

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

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

The District Lions Convention will be held in April at Blue Ash. Lynchburg will have representatives in attendance. At least two Lynchburg Lions members plans to attend the State Lions Convention in May. Maci Berger and her parents will also attend both the

District and State Lions Conventions. She is the student who won the Peace Essay contest and was sponsored by the Lynchburg Lions Club.

The club plans to help fund several village projects that are being planned and it also plans to plant trees and do a community clean-up day for its environmental project. It plans to donate at least \$10,000.00 for the new community shelter house at the Covered Bridge area Park this summer. The club is also a sponsor of the huge USA 250th Birthday celebration that will be held in Lynchburg and Highland County this summer.

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

The Club plans to install two new members in March. They are Tim Minton and Trenton Powers. A big WELCOME to both of these great new Lions.

The club extends its sympathy to Lion Marilyn Bain for the loss of her husband Bob. He will be missed by many in the local community.