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From the Editor:

OH6 Convention is Apr 24-25 this month, come on out for a great time! MD13 convention is May 15-16 in Wilmington. Come out to vote on the International Director candidates!
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. A LOT of fundraisers the next month, support each other!!

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DG Rachelle Powers

Fellow Lions,

As your District Governor, I am excited to share several important opportunities for service, connection, and growth this April. Our District Convention will be held April 24–25, and I truly look forward to coming together with each of you for a weekend of fellowship, learning, and inspiration. This is our time to celebrate the incredible work happening across our district, exchange ideas, and strengthen the friendships that make our organization so special. I encourage every Lion to attend and be part of shaping our future.

April 19–25 also marks our Week of Service with a focus on the environment. I ask each club to take part by organizing projects such as park cleanups, tree plantings, recycling efforts, or other community beautification initiatives. These projects not only improve our communities but also demonstrate our commitment to protecting the world around us.

Membership growth continues to be one of my top priorities. I challenge each of you to simply “just ask” someone to join us. When we share our passion for service, others want to be part of it. Every new member strengthens our ability to serve and expands our impact.

I am proud of what we are accomplishing together, and I am grateful for your dedication. Let’s continue to grow, serve, and make a difference—together.

Yours in Lionism

DG Rachelle Powers

1VDG Ben Dunn

April has arrived. Easter is not far away. Easter Bunny candy sales for Clubs in our District have been good. Spring is upon us. Spring is traditionally a time of renewal & growth. We need to continue our service to your community & to humanity to grow personally & as an organization. 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. 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 next service initiative is Environment during April 18 – 26, 2026. Your project can be as simple as 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.

Please encourage your clubs to participate in the various club awards that are in the back of our District directory. Recognition is a great way for all of us to improve.

Please submit all necrology reports as soon as possible this week to be in our Necrology Service during our District OH6 convention. Please send these to CST Jay Carey, DG Rachelle Powers & 1VDG Ben Dunn.

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. Furthermore I am impressed with our membership growth during March. A brand new LEO club was chartered in March in Wilmington & we have been seeing membership growth surpassing previous years. Our membership will not grow if we do not ask others to serve with us.

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.

Be Kind & Catch Service;

Ben Dunn 513-405-2786
Brdunn1284@gmail.com

2VDG Tony Winner

Message from Your 2nd Vice District Governor

Dear Lions,

As we move into April, it's hard to believe how quickly this Lions year is going. It has truly been a great experience getting out to visit clubs, attend meetings, and see all the amazing work being done throughout our district.

This past month has been filled with productive zone meetings, and I appreciate the opportunity to connect with so many of you and share ideas. There continues to be a lot of positive momentum across our clubs, and it's exciting to see the growth and service taking place.

As we head further into the spring, we are getting closer to our District Convention and State Convention. If you haven't already made plans, I strongly encourage you to attend. These events are always a great time for fellowship, learning, and celebrating everything Lions have accomplished this year.

Let's continue to finish the year strong. Please remember to keep reporting your service in MyLion, as every project helps tell the story of the impact we are making in our communities.

Thank you for your continued dedication and service. It has been a pleasure working with all of you, and I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming weeks.

In Lionism,

**Tony Winner
2nd Vice District Governor**

PCC LYDIA HOUSER
FOR OHIO MD13 ENDORSED CANDIDATE
FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



Our Voice Counts: The Power of Lions in Service

Making a Difference, One Act of Kindness at a Time

As members of Lions Clubs International, our greatest strength lies not only in our hands but also in our voices. Every time we speak up for those in need, we amplify hope and compassion throughout our communities. Our voice is a powerful tool—it inspires others, raises awareness, and brings people together to serve a greater purpose.

It is important to use our voice as Lions because, through advocacy and storytelling, we shine a spotlight on causes that might otherwise go unnoticed. Whether we are organizing a local food drive, supporting vision screenings, or standing up for vulnerable populations, our voices help rally support and resources. By sharing our experiences and the stories of those we serve, we motivate others to join our mission, become members and extend our reach far beyond what we could accomplish alone.

No act of service is too small. Whether you are helping one person or a thousand, you are making a tangible impact on someone's life. Every meal served, every eye screened, and every word of encouragement spreads ripples of kindness throughout the world. Each act reminds us that service is not measured by the number of people reached, but by the depth of care and compassion we offer.

As Lions, we are united by our dedication to service. By raising our voices—individually and collectively—we create lasting change in our communities and inspire others to do the same. I believe if we continue to speak out, serve with heart, and show that by working together, we can touch lives and spread kindness—one act at a time.

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>. Or follow my candidate's page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586735977187>

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



PDG Jackie Miller
For Ohio's International Director

Ohio Lions,

As April arrives, I hope you've had the opportunity to read the recent articles and get to know me a little better. If you have, then you know how deeply service has shaped my life—and continues to do so today. While I've supported many service organizations over the years, Lions is where my heart truly belongs. It will always be number one for me. I believe in what we do, I trust how our funds are used, and my passion for Lionism is unwavering.

We still have a few conventions ahead, and I'm looking forward to connecting with many of you along the way. The State Convention is quickly approaching, and this year, we have a truly historic moment ahead. For the first time, Ohio will elect a woman as International Director—and you will help decide who that will be.

I am honored to be in running alongside PCC Lydia Houser, and I respectfully ask for your support. Please ensure your club delegates are present at the State Convention business session and ready to cast their vote for Ohio's endorsed candidate. **I sincerely hope to earn your vote.**

Be part of this historic occasion—consider organizing a district trip and join us for the day. Experience the energy of the business session, enjoy the demonstrations, and witness history as Ohio selects its next International Director.

You can learn more about me by reading my bio in the April edition of the MD13 eNews, available at the end of the month. If you're not already on the distribution list, simply email **MD13enews@gmail.com** to be added.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication to Lionism. It's GREAT to be a Lion!

Let's Support PDG Jackie Miller for International Director!

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 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

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



**Application for Advertisement Space in the 2026 District 13 OH6 Convention
Commemorative Program**

Please reserve space for us in the Annual District 13 OH6 Convention Commemorative Program. We understand that acceptance of this contract and advertising space is subject to the approval of the District 13 OH6 and that the Convention Host Committee is not responsible for errors or omissions beyond reasonable diligence and control. Copy of advertisement or camera ready copy is herewith submitted with payment no later than April 10, 2026.

Rates

- Business Card/Quarter page \$25
- Half page \$40
- Full page \$70
- Inside Front or Back Cover \$90
- Outside Back Cover \$100

All checks & money orders payable to District 13 OH6 and "Convention Ad" on memo line.

Mail to: PDG Ric Houser, 4791 Blue Spruce Ct., Dayton, OH 45424

Enclosed is a check or money order in the amount of \$_____ covering full payment for our advertisement.

Name/Company/Club: _____ District _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Authorized Signature

Date

Send this form, payment and camera ready advertisement to:

PDG Ric Houser, 4791 Blue Spruce Ct., Dayton, OH 45424

Ranger3201@gmail.com

Program Editor: PDG Lion Ric Houser

Ranger3201@gmail.com

937-520-1936

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Thank you for your support!

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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**

Any additional items may be brought to the convention, there will be a location to drop off items.

LCIF Report

PDG Elaine Newberry, District LCIF Coordinator

An update on Hurricane Melissa that hit Jamaica on October 28th, 2025. So far LCIF has made a \$15,000.00 emergency grant which was used to help over 600 households. LCIF has also made a \$100,000.00 catastrophe grant for hospitals, schools, and churches that were destroyed--focusing on helping to restock schools with desks, chairs, etc. as they are rebuilt. These donations are hard at work and making a world of difference.

Why should Lions support LCIF? There's nothing more central to being a Lion or Leo than service. It's why we joined; it's what we do. Through our support of LCIF, the Foundation provides Lions the resources needed to take on issues we care about, bringing about real and lasting change. By donating to LCIF, your club and you can help change the world.

Grants are given not only for disaster relief, but also for vision, diabetes, hunger, pediatric cancer, the environment, and so many other needs. As Lions, we are there to help where there is a need. All donations from Clubs, individual Lions and Leos are available for future Melvin Jones Fellows or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows once \$1,000.00 has been donated. They can be named now or later. It is a very nice way to honor or recognize a fellow Lion. Several clubs have chosen to name Melvin Jones Fellows this year. Congratulations to these new Fellows and to the Clubs for doing so.

Donations are also added to the District and Club Grants program where Districts can receive grants for worthwhile projects. Thank you to all Clubs and individual Lions who have made donations this Lions year. Some individuals gave this past month of January in honor of Melvin Jones's birthday. There are the Presidential gold, silver, and bronze pins again this year for individuals who give \$50.00, \$100.00, or \$200.00. Some Lions like collecting these pins. No matter what you can give, every donation is appreciated and needed. If you or your Club hasn't donated yet this year, there is still time to do so. You can donate on line or give to me, and I will send it in for you. You will still get the credit.

Thank you to all for your donations to LCIF.

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

Mental Health Initiatives

Lions Clubs International is one of the world's largest service organizations, founded on the mission of empowering volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding. Lions have long focused on vision care, disaster relief, youth programs, hunger, and environmental efforts. In recent years, mental health has become an important and growing priority, as communities across the world face increasing challenges related to stress, isolation, anxiety, depression, and access to care.

The Lions' mental health initiative emphasizes awareness, education, advocacy, and community support. The goal is to reduce stigma, promote early intervention, and help individuals feel supported and connected. Through partnerships with local schools, health organizations, and community groups, Lions are uniquely positioned to bring compassionate outreach and practical resources directly to the people who need them most. Clubs often focus on youth mental health, caregiver support, and building environments where people feel safe discussing emotional well-being.

Mental health service projects can take many forms, allowing clubs to tailor efforts to their community's needs. Educational workshops are a meaningful starting point. Clubs can host guest speakers such as counselors, school nurses, or mental health professionals to talk about stress management, suicide prevention, and coping skills. Distributing green ribbons and informational materials during awareness months can also spark conversations and show visible support.

Youth-focused programs are especially impactful. Lions can sponsor school-based initiatives that teach resilience, kindness, and emotional literacy. Creating "calm rooms" or relaxation corners in schools, donating sensory supplies, or supporting peer mentoring programs can help young people feel supported. Clubs may also provide scholarships for students entering mental health fields, encouraging future service and care within the community.

Community connection projects are another effective approach. Lions can organize wellness fairs, support groups, or family resource nights that provide access to local services. Care packages for individuals experiencing crisis, appreciation events for first responders and healthcare workers, or partnering with shelters and senior centers can help address emotional needs while strengthening relationships.

By focusing on education, compassion, and practical support, Lions Clubs can play a powerful role in promoting mental health and well-being. Through small acts of service and consistent outreach, the organization continues its legacy of improving lives—helping communities feel seen, supported, and stronger together

Yours in Lionism,
Kasie Flatt-Jeffers

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

Wilmingtonohiolions@gmail.com

**D13OH6 District February 28, 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 be at booth #9 (near the main stage) 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 would like Leos from our district to participate in the event, talk with the visiting youngsters about Lionism, and encourage them to take the Climate Change quiz.*

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

Any new environmental Initiatives?

Working with 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.

THANK YOU, FROM LEBWCO

As Executive Director of the Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio, I am incredibly proud to share the impact of our collective work in 2025. This year marked yet another record-setting achievement for our organization, with the highest number of donors and transplants in our history. These accomplishments reflect not only growth, but the strength of our partner programs and the dedication of our entire team.

Across all locations—including Dayton, but also Lifeline in Columbus, Solvita in Toledo, and Lifebank in Cleveland—have worked together to serve donor families with compassion and to honor the gift of sight. Our Dayton program continues to serve as the foundation of our operations, supporting both transplant and research efforts. Through this work, we are able to extend the impact of donation beyond transplantation, by advancing research and improving outcomes for future recipients.

In 2025, our team helped restore sight to more than 2,400 individuals. Additionally, we processed over 700 of those corneas to meet surgeon specification. Each transplant represents a life changed, and each donor represents a legacy carried forward.

This level of impact is only possible because of the exceptional people behind the work.

I want to personally recognize and thank our staff. Their professionalism, commitment, and care are evident in every aspect of what we do—from donor referral and recovery to processing and placement. They consistently go above and beyond to ensure that each donor is treated with dignity and that every opportunity to give the gift of sight is maximized.

Our success this year is a direct reflection of their dedication. I am honored to lead such a talented and mission-driven team, and I look forward to building on this momentum as we continue to expand our impact and serve more individuals in need.



Shannon Schweitzer
Executive Director
Lions Eye Bank of
West Central Ohio



3309 Office Park Dr
(937)396-1000
donatesight.org

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 Her phone number is 513-695-2924, ext. 3105. Their address is 24W 1st Street, Franklin, OH 45005.

Please reach out to Grace for additional information.

Daybreak - Dayton's only Youth Emergency Shelter

Hello! I'm Gina Soldano, the grant writer at Daybreak. I'm reaching out to see if you'd have any interest in someone from our organization sharing a bit about what we do at one of your meetings? Daybreak is the only Youth Emergency Shelter in the Miami Valley, but we provide more than shelter. Through Daybreak, youth ages 10-24 (and their children) receive integrated services including transitional housing, clinical mental health, employment support, onsite job training, drop-in services, outreach, parenting services, and case management. Our mission is safety and stability for all youth. We've been serving unhoused youth in the Miami Valley since 1975. We're having our annual Open House April 30, 2026 from 4PM-6PM at [701 S Patterson Blvd Dayton, OH 45402](#). We would love to see you and any interested members there! This event is open to the public and free admission. Attendees will get a tour of our facilities and have a chance to ask questions and learn more about what we do. Thank you for your time and your work in the community!

**Best,
Gina Soldano**



District 13 OH 6 Lions Officer and Member Training

Who: District 13 OH 6 Lions and Leos Club Officers as well as any club members that would like to learn more about the Lions organization or become a Lion's leader in their club in the future.

What: Informative training by experienced leaders from our district and state to help you be better prepared as a leader in your club and district.

When: Saturday, June 13, 2026 8:30am -12:30 pm

Schedule: 8:30-9:00 Registration (Coffee & donuts)
9:00-11:45 Lions Training Sessions
*More details to come once schedule is complete
Lunch 11:45-12:30

Where: Resurrection Lutheran Church
1270 N. Broadway St. Lebanon, OH 45036

Cost: This training is being provided at no cost to you!

How to sign up: The club president or secretary should RSVP GLT (Global Leadership Team) Coordinator Mary Bookman at mbookman82@gmail.com. Please let Mary know the name of your club, a list of the names of members attending and if they are officers, what office they hold. Please email Mary no later than Sunday, June 7th.

Questions: Contact Mary Bookman by email or call/text 513-850-6816.

District/State/International Calendar

Apr 20, 2026	4 th 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
June 13, 2026	District Officer Training, Resurrection Church, Lebanon, OH
July 2-7, 2026	International Convention, Hong Kong, China
Sep 3-5, 2026	USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Memphis, TN



The graphic features the Lions International logo on the left. On the right, a blue and yellow banner reads "40/20 CHALLENGE". Below this, the text says "20 new members in the next 40 days". Further down, it states "There's no time like the present to bridge the membership gap and finish this Lions year STRONG and POSITIVE!". At the bottom, it says "ONE new member every TWO days to achieve this goal, JUST IN TIME FOR WORLD WIDE INDUCTION DAY April 25, 2026 YOU CAN DO IT!". The background shows a bridge over water at sunset.

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

Next Meeting
TBD

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
mvliondd@gmail.com

Next Meeting
TBD

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

Next Meeting
TBD

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

Next Meeting
TBD

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

Next Meeting
TBD

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

Next Meeting
TBD

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

Next Meeting
TBD

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

Next Meeting
TBD

FUNDRAISERS



Contact PDG Ric Houser to purchase (\$5.00)

**Clubs Known Selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies:
Miamisburg, Mowrystown, Wilmington**

Vandalia Lions Rose Sale



It's Rose Sale Time, Lions!

Roses are \$19 per dozen (red guaranteed).

**Please call Lion Debbie Bartone (937-620-4783) with your totals by 8:00 PM
on Friday, March 6, 2026—Early updates brighten her day!**

Pickup Day: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

10:00 AM–Noon at the home of Lion Nan & Bill Danzig.

It's time to spread some spring joy one dozen at a time!



VANDALIA LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISING EVENT*



*All Proceeds will serve our local
Community!*

**April 7, 2026 | Tuesday
2PM - 9PM**

**Waffle House in Vandalia
380 E. National Road
Vandalia, OH 45377**

*Sign in at Waffle House from 2PM to 9PM to support the
Vandalia Lions Club Fundraiser.

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

Name _____
 Email _____
 Phone _____

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Lions Club Easter Bunnies



175 g Milk Chocolate

**Contact any
Miamisburg
Lions Club
Member
\$6.00**

*100 g Bunnies available in
White Chocolate &
No Sugar Added Milk Chocolate
Cello wrapped with bow.*





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Join us on
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BINGO BASH

PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES

Tickets are 1 for \$25.00 or 2 for \$45.00*

* Food is included in the cost of the ticket. Lunch starts at 1:00PM

Win one Bingo, second win, pass to a friend



Saturday, April 11, 2026
Doors open at 12:30 PM
Bingo starts at 2:00PM



Vandalia Senior Citizen
21 Tionda Dr. S.

Vandalia Lions Club

All proceeds will serve our local community projects.

Cincinnati
Host
Lions
Club
Presents:




BENEFITTING: THE CARING PLACE

Clothing & Food Pantry in Pleasant Ridge



Fantasy Contest
\$20/entry. Select 4
golfers prior to 4/9/26.
Top 3 entrants with the
lowest sum of scores for
their golfers wins. All
golfers must make the
cut. Prizes include:
brand name golf gear &
bags, golf course & SGN
gift cards!

Dine-to-Donate
Silverton Cafe Sunday,
4/12/26, 7201
Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45236
1:00-5:00. 10% of all
sales donated



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Questions: 859.446.1905 OR
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The Cincinnati Host Lions Club is hosting a contest called Masters for Meals to take place during the Masters golf tournament. Everything raised benefits [The Caring Place Food Pantry](#), a food & clothing pantry in Pleasant Ridge, serving Golf Manor, Pleasant Ridge, Silverton, and Kennedy Heights. Our contest runs virtually 4/9-4/12 so be sure to join before the tournament starts on 4/9! Our dine-to-donate & final round watch party will take place at Silverton Cafe 1:00-5:00 on Sunday 4/12.

Bellbrook

Lions Beth & Cathy receiving 15yr chevrons, Lion Ernie receiving his 50yr chevron. Rebuilt the pitcher's mound and prepping fields at the middle school.

Camden

Sip & Paint night on 3/7 was cancelled.

Carlisle

Fish Fry on 3/20, sold out! Spring Bazaar will be 5/3 from 1-5 at the den.

Chillicothe Evening

Blood Drive on 3/23. Upcoming projects include Project in the Park, Spaghetti Dinner, Paint Party, 50/50 Raffle, and 4th of July Flags. No booth at Ross Co Fair this year.

Cincinnati Host

Masters for Meals golf tourney on 4/12, flier in fundraiser section. Will be at the Cincinnati Earth Day Green Career Fair in April.

Eaton-Lewisburg

Feather Party on 3/26.

Fairborn

Donation for scholarship for Wright State African American Jubilee event. Highway cleanup on 4/18.

Fairborn Leo

Childcare dates over the next few months to assist FPS during their PTO events. Semi-annual Giovanni's fundraiser on 3/10. Donation of water and snacks for Senior Trip to NYC. Chamber Easter Egg hunt on 4/4 from 10-230. At Central Park. Highway cleanup on 4/18. Cincy Earth Day event on 4/19 from 12-5 in Washington Park.

Germantown

Pancake Breakfast on 3/28. Easter Egg hunt on 4/4 at noon at Kercher Park.

Jeffersonville

Pancake Breakfast on 3/28.

Lebanon

Collecting plastic for bench and collecting eyeglasses.

Lebanon Leo

Food drive at Lebanon Kroger on 3/7 to collect for the Food Pantry & Warren Co Advocacy Center.

Liberty

Provided a relief basket with household items to a couple that had a house fire in Feb.

Lynchburg

Lynchburg sponsored the District Essay winner for the Peace contest and subsequently, the State winner.

GOOD program on 3/17.

Mad River

Celebration Baskets raffle in March. Fish Fry & Monte Carlo night on 3/27.

Mason**Miamisburg**

Pancake Breakfast on 3/21 at Applebee's in Springboro. Chocolate bunny sales for \$6 as well in fundraiser section.

Miami Valley

Raffle night event on 3/6. Dine to Donate at Hickory River on 4/8, flier in fundraiser section. Next Basket Raffle event will be 9/18 from 6-9pm.

Monroe

Easter Egg Hunt on 4/1.

**Mount Orab**

Collecting eyeglasses. Volunteering at the local food pantry.

Mowrystown

Collecting eyeglasses. Collecting pill bottles to recycle. Selling chocolate bunnies for \$6. Will award a \$500 scholarship at Whiteoak this year.

New Holland

Collecting eye glasses and pill bottles.

Northmont

Working on finding a teacher to run the Leo Club.

Ripley

Celebrated their 40th anniversary charter this past month.

Ross

Final Four fundraiser on 4/4, flier in fundraiser section. Easter Egg hunt on 4/4 at 11am, athletic fields at Ross HS.

Vandalia

Rose Sale right now, pickup on 4/8, see flier in fundraiser section. Dine to Donate at Skyline on 3/10. Waffle House fundraiser on 4/7, flier in fundraiser section. Bingo Bash on 4/11. Garage sale in 6/17-20/2026.

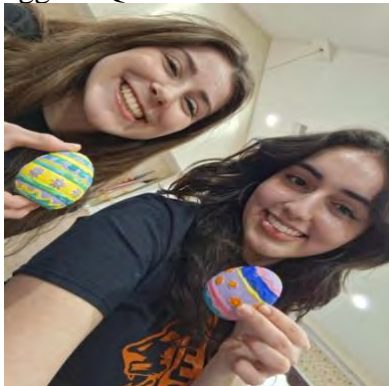
Washington CH

Helped unload supply trucks on the 1st and 3rd Friday for the local food pantry.

Collecting plastic for a NexTrex bench.

Waynesville Leo

Made t-shirt bags at Mar meeting. Coloring easter eggs at Quaker Hts.



Easter bunny meet & greet on 3/28. Helped with Waynesville Business Expo on 3/28. Kroger food drive on 4/11 from 9-5 in Centerville. Earth Day event on 4/22. Quaker Hts prom on 5/2.

West Carrollton

Easter Celebration on 4/4 from 12-2 at the Soccer Complex.

Wilmington

Recycling plastic for a Trex bench. Collecting pill bottles. Collecting can tabs to benefit RMHC. Selling chocolate bunnies for \$6 each.

Wilmington Leo

Officially on the books as of 3/13, Haley (DG Rachelle's daughter) serving as the first President.



Leo Corner

- Make sure you have updated your rosters and have added your Leo officers for the 2026-27 fiscal year. Hold your club elections in the April/May timeframe so that you may be able to add them before the July 1st 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. 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. 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 7th 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 (Available) -- \$2.00

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



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: _____

District Offices Held: _____

Major Areas of Service in Lionism: _____

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

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