



# OH5 PRIDE REPORT

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due by the 27th of the month

### SAVE THE DATE:

USA/Canada Forum  
Sept. 5-7, 2024  
Louisville, KY

Super Braxton 5k  
Nov. 2, 2024  
Reynoldsburg HS  
Summit Campus

Ohio Lions Winter  
Retreat  
Jan. 17-19, 2025  
Maumee Bay State  
Park

OH5 District  
Convention  
Mar. 28-30, 2025  
Deer Creek State Park

State Convention  
May 16-18, 2025  
Sawmill Creek Resort



## DG Toni Grey

Hello and welcome to a new Lions year! I have big shoes to fill after IPDG Mike. I have to give him a shoutout for preparing me for this adventure. I just returned from the International Convention that was held in Melbourne Australia where myself and 6 others from Multiple District 13, were installed as District Governors. Each of us have set new goals for our districts and have great people behind us to help us meet those goals!

Ohio was recognized at the Midwest Breakfast in Melbourne for 100% reporting. That was a proud moment! Congrats to all of you! The new portal is taking some time to figure out but that's true with anything new. There is help if you need it (I need it too!). Just ask. IPDG Mike and PDG Jackie Miller have already had some training sessions and there are more to come! I've included some pictures from our ribbon tearing ceremony at the convention. If you ever get a chance to attend an international convention, do it!

**LOL**



**LIONS FUNNIES**

When your medieval artist has never seen a real Lion...



**LIONS TRIVIA**

Be the first to send the correct answer to the Lions Trivia Question- last chance to win a \$10 Lions Money prize, to be spent on anything Lions related, from your IPDG Mike!

Send answers to [districtoh5news@gmail.com](mailto:districtoh5news@gmail.com)

*There are 4 PDGs in OH5 who served 2 terms as District Governor. Name them, in order of 1st Term, oldest to newest.*



## DIABETIC ALERT DOG FUNDRAISING REQUEST



OH5 is fundraising for diabetic alert dog training for Marilee Scott. The cost is \$13,000.

Marilee has received her dog, Bailey. Bailey has been evaluated by 2 trainers using the APET (Avidog Puppy Evaluation Test) and Providing Pawsable. Bailey looks like a good fit for Marilee.

Here's our numbers so far:

Reynoldsburg Lions Club \$200

Canal Winchester Lions Club \$500

Urbana Lions Club \$1,000- *They have issued a challenge to other clubs in OH5 to match!*

Individual Donations \$275

**TOTAL so far: \$1,975**

Please let me know if your club can help.

Marilee is starting training soon.

Make checks payable to Providing Pawsable and send to me (Kelly Hogrell, 6661 Diley Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110).

I am keeping a spreadsheet with contributions to keep Marilee updated on our progress.

Please see our June 2024 Pride Report for info about Marilee.

([www.e-district.org/sites/district13oh5/page-10.php](http://www.e-district.org/sites/district13oh5/page-10.php)).



### THE 2024-2025 CONTEST

## Peace Without Limits

For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we're asking our young students to create a poster that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.

Upcoming deadlines:

- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster to the district governor

Reminder from PDG Joe:  
Any LIONS CLUB that wants to sponsor a student ages 11-13, can include any student that doesn't live near a local club. My best example is a LIONS Club member that has grandchildren between 11-13 years old, but live elsewhere.

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# Thank you from IPDG CC Mike Kerek



It is always a bittersweet moment for any District Governor to finish his or her term. For me, finishing my second time around, it's even more so.

The list of successes we, as a district, have enjoyed this year have been numerous. We maintained our 100% reporting for the 3rd year in a row. We exceeded our goal in bringing in new members. We started a new club, a new branch club, (international even!) and there are two Leos Clubs in the works. 100% zone chairs trained, and we had the highest number of club officers trained in the state. We even hit an almost unrealistic LCIF goal, over \$34,000. We tried new things like the Pizza Party Trainings, had a record Super Braxton 5K, and developed a new relationship with the Foundation Fighting Blindness. None of this would have been possible without the support of our clubs and our members. I'm proud to be a part of OH5!

I had an amazing Cabinet to work with on the district level, from (now) DG Toni, 1VDG Carl, an all-star team of zone chairs, and highly qualified and dedicated committee chairs. Words cannot describe my gratitude for their efforts in making this year the best it could be. I don't want to highlight anyone here, because I will forget someone who deserves to be acknowledged; if you were on the Cabinet, you were part of the solution this year. Thank you.

My favorite part of being DG was the opportunity to visit clubs. I know there were a few I simply couldn't make it to for various reasons, and those "misses" are part of the few regrets I have. But the acquaintances and friendships I have made over the last 25 years were certainly strengthened as I made my rounds. I will give a shout out to Green Camp and Columbus East Side, the two clubs I enjoyed being a part of as a Guiding Lion. That was an experience I will treasure for the rest of my Lions tenure. Great people and great Lions all.

Come the evening of June 30, I will step aside and welcome in our new Governor, Toni Gray. She brings a wealth of experience and ideas, a fresh approach, and an outgoing personality. 1VDG Carl Gass and 2VDG Gary Likens round out the Key 3. Our district will be in great hands.

Keep your foot on the gas! We accomplished a lot this year, but there is considerable room for growth, both in membership and service. In friendships and collaborations. In strengthening our clubs and our organization, enabling us to do even more for others.

If you're struggling as a club, or even in just a facet or operation, (such as the new Lions Portal,) lose the pride and ask for help! We all get to that place at times when we hit our limits and don't know how to either get out of a rut or how to get stronger as a club. Start with your zone chair, VDGs, DG Toni, or me – I'll still be District Administrator. Any of us are happy to find the answers you seek, even hands-on help, if the request is made.

You'll still see me around – I'm that bad penny! But until I do see you, I wish you and your club the best year possible. Continue to make a difference in the lives of others and thank you for all that you do!

CC IPDG Mike Kerek

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# HUNGER ISNT SEASONAL

## An “Old-Fashioned Pancake Breakfast”

**July 20**

**8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**



Every July, the Tri-Village Lions hold their annual Pancake Breakfast at the Larson Middle School in Grandview Heights. Last year, members of our community were invited to donate tickets for the breakfast to be shared with families who use the Heart-to-Heart Food Pantry in Grandview.

More than 80 children and adults used those donated tickets to attend the breakfast. One mother couldn't say “thank you” enough – she said that had it not been for the pancake breakfast, her kids wouldn't have had anything to eat that day. Another mother said she thought it was the first time her children had ever been to a “restaurant” – someplace where they went, outside of home, to sit and eat and be served. All who attended courtesy of the community's generosity were grateful.

Their attendance at the Pancake Breakfast was, in part, the impetus for proposing the Tri-Village Packers project. The Tri-Village Lions would like to extend our Packers outreach to include this summer's Pancake Breakfast. We would like to offer donated tickets to the same families who were approached for the Fall and Spring food distribution, as well as to the families who rely on the Heart-to-Heart pantry.

**A DONATION OF \$20 WILL FEED A FAMILY OF ANY SIZE.**

*(the Lions will cover any extras!)*

If you (as an individual) or your organization would like to sponsor one or more families to attend the breakfast, you can do so by visiting the Upper Arlington Community Foundation's donation webpage, where you can select the Tri-Village Packers Fund from the dropdown menu under “My donation is for \_\_\_\_\_”

<https://uacommunityfoundation.com/donate/>





# EYE BANK

*Day at*

# THE CLIPPERS

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JULY 28TH @ 1:05 PM

Join us at the Clippers to celebrate the Eye Bank and Lionism. Get your tickets below!



[HTTPS://FEVO.ME/COLEB2024](https://FEVO.ME/COLEB2024)