

OH5 PRIDE REPORT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DEBBIE LUTTRELL | FEB. 2023 | LY 22-23



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Marysville Evening Lions help with a great food program [More on p.7](#)

ON OUR WAY TO 100%

Lion Jane Jarrow shares our progress in the GST report [Page 4](#)

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SAVE THE DATE

District 13-OH5 Convention
Doubletree Worthington
March 10-11, 2023

New Voices Symposium
Deer Creek State Park
May 6, 2023

Ohio Lions State Convention
Marriott Columbus Northwest
May 19-21, 2023

Learn to Roar
TBD
June 10, 2023

OLERF

Another way for your club to serve- and a great speaker opportunity! [p.5](#)

AND MORE...

Please see the flyers attached at the end of this Pride Report for *important information and deadlines* regarding registration deadlines, District events, and service reports, upcoming events and fundraisers by our OH5 Lions Clubs!

FROM DG DEBBIE:

Lots going on in the district:

District Bowling Tournament – Saturday, February 11th hosted by the Grove City Noon Lions. Please consider putting a team together, or just signup yourself and they will match you with other single bowlers to make a team. A Great event to bring your potential members. *(Editor's note: registration was due Friday 2/3- for questions please contact Lion Toni Gray tgray@pilotdogs.org)*

District Convention: March 10 – 11, 2023 at the DoubleTree Hotel on Hutchinson Ave. (I-270 at Rt. 23 in Worthington. Our guests for the weekend are Past International Director Gary and Lion Cheryl Anderson from that state up North. Friday night will be a tailgate party, with March Madness just around the corner, wear your favorite team's gear. Lots of food and games and Sip & Paint. Saturday will not only feature our memorial service, business session and nominations of our future leaders, it will also showcase 2 service projects a Steps Walk and packing 250 snack bags for Ronald McDonald House. Our Luncheon speaker will be Tracy Kronk from Sufficient Grace. Our day ends with the Grand Banquet. I look forward to seeing you there.

State Convention: May 19-20th at the Columbus Northwest Marriott Hotel at Tuttle Mall. The guests for the weekend will be 1st Vice President Dr. Patti Hill and her husband, Lion Greg Holmes.

Dues Increase: On the ballot at the State Convention will be a dues increase of \$5.00. Within this Pride Report is a letter from our Finance and Planning member PDG Dave Luttrell. At the November Council of Governor's meeting a major discussion was held about the dues increase after a 5-year budget projection in August showed funding falling into the red in five years. Since then, inflation has taken off and shortened the projection in four or less years. The COG was reminded that state and district dues have not been raised since 2009. So, F&P presented a proposal to raise those dues by \$5.00 a year effective in 2023-24, if approved at the state convention. There was much discussion about this increase coming at the same time as the \$7.00 International dues change over three years. Even after all those increases, if approved, it comes to about a \$1.00 a month increase. The proposal was approved by the governors to put the dues increase on the ballot at the state convention in May for a registered delegate vote.

Zone Meetings – I look forward to seeing you at the next round of zone meetings.

Thank you for all you are doing in your communities.

DG Debbie

Please share this letter with each of your members.

In May 2023, the delegates to the State Convention will vote on a proposed \$5.00 dues increase. This will be the first dues increase since July 2010.

The two administrative funds [State Council and Office Operations] are estimated to go to \$0.00 in the 2025-2027 timeframe as they are losing about \$25,000 total each year.

Since July 2010 the Ohio Lions have lost over 4000 members or approximately \$48,000 a year in lost revenue. Clearly, if we had these members there would be no need for a dues increase at this time.

With the \$7.00 LCI dues increase approved last June, this additional \$5.00 for MD13 dues totals \$12.00 a year. This is \$1.00 a month. While no dues increase is desirable, an additional \$1.00 a month is not a significant burden.

The Council of Governors with the assistance of the Finance and Planning Committee has adjusted the dues allocation multiple times to delay a dues increase as long as possible. Over \$10 of the total \$12.16 annual dues is going to State Council and Office Operations. Additional adjustments will not avoid a dues increase. Costs have been reduced as much as practical without eliminating additional services. This proposed \$5.00 dues increase is the best choice for the future of Lionism in Ohio.

All delegates are urged to vote for this dues increase.

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Norman Cupps
Finance and Long-Range Planning Chair

Article submitted by PDG Dave Luttrell F&P OH5 rep.
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WELL DONE, OH5!

While we won't know for certain until the monthly reports are filed, it appears that the Lions of OH5 have already matched our performance from last year in getting every club in the district (Lions and Leos!) to report on at least one service project. This goes along with the larger effort, statewide, to see the Lions of MD13 be at 100% reporting at the end of the year (June 30). Last year, MD13 was the only multiple district IN THE WORLD to reach that goal, and we intend to do it again!

More important than the reporting, though, is what that reporting represents. It means that every club in our district is actively serving in some capacity. Think how many lives have been touched by the efforts of Lions across our district. WE SERVE.

Of course, we don't want to stop here. If we can all provide service in the first six months of the year, there is no reason we can't double that by June. We hope you continue to serve, and continue to report that service and share what you are accomplishing with LCI and with the Lions of OH5 (through this newsletter!).

Remember, too, that you can serve as individual Lions, as well as your club's joint efforts. You can read about just such an opportunity to serve with an organization called Be My Eyes. It requires nothing more than a smart phone and a willingness to make yourself available for phone calls. We hope you'll consider giving some time in support of our oldest mission as Knights of the Blind.

Lion Jane Jarrow

GST Coordinator – OH5

Be My Eyes
Lions Fulfilling Their Role as
Knights of the Blind

Every day, sighted volunteers lend their eyes to solve tasks, big and small, to help blind and low-vision people lead more independent lives.

Blind or low-vision person requests assistance:
 As a blind person, whenever you need visual assistance, the volunteers are happy to help. Through the live video call, the blind individual and a volunteer can communicate directly and solve a problem.

Sighted volunteer receives video call:
 As a sighted volunteer you can help just by installing the Be My Eyes app. A blind user may need help with anything from checking expiration dates, to distinguishing colors, reading instructions, or navigating new surroundings.

It costs nothing to participate. The only technology you need is a smart phone. If you know how to use your phone, you can provide a valuable service to a blind user on the other end of that phone call.

Want to know more? Visit <https://www.bemyeyes.com>
 Make sure to check out the "Community Stories" reached from the navigation bar across the top of the website, to get a feeling for how the app works.



Win this fantastic piece of Ohio State history! Contact your favorite past district governor or come to the District Convention to get your raffle ticket!

District 13-OH5 Past District Governors Association, Inc.



Raffle for a Framed Heisman Trophy print signed by all five Ohio State Heisman winners.

Winner will be selected during the PDG meeting on June 29, 2023

Cost: \$10 per ticket (must be a Lion to purchase ticket)



(View larger size)

Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation

The Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (<https://OLERF.org>) is your foundation dedicated to providing research for ending vision loss.

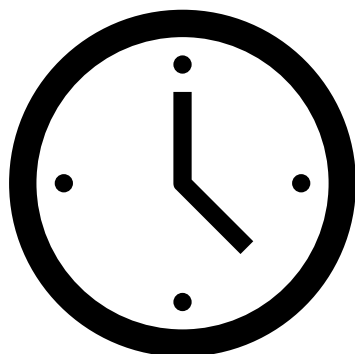
You can help OLERF find treatments and cures by continuing your commitment to our foundation. All funds received by OLERF remain in Ohio for research.

- \$646,386 committed last year for 14 research projects
- Over \$7 million dollars have been provided to Ohio researchers by OLERF

Learn more by going to our website or requesting a speaker to come to your club. We're all here to serve, let's serve under the Lions name.

PDG Jeff Sweeney, District Trustee
(jeffsweeney@ameritech.net)





APPROACHING DEADLINES!

Make sure to check out the attached flyers for important deadlines!

- Make sure any deceased Lions are entered appropriately into MyLCI no later than **February 15th** so we can be sure to honor them at this years' convention. Any entries after that time will be honored in 2024. Contact 1VDG Mike Kerek at 740-412-4692 or email mjkerek@msn.com
- Deadline to register for the OH5 convention is **February 28th**. See the registration form at the end of this newsletter. Note that room registration ends **February 15th**- so if you need a room, act fast!

OLENTANGY LIONS CLUB

On January 5th, we held our first meeting of the month. We discussed upcoming projects, budget, and speaker Melissa Carlson shared her presentation about Parkinson's disease, specifically information about her gym for Parkinson's patients, pDNextSteps at 4140 Tuller Rd #110, Dublin, OH 43017.

On January 16th, The Olentangy Lions Club came together as One Olentangy during The MLK Day of Service to honor the life and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a donation drive for our community partners. Thousands of items were collected for people in need. Lions Club also collected hats and glasses (*photo right*).

On Jan. 19th, we held our 2nd meeting of the month. Lion Ram shared about the Indian culture including customs, arts, and social institutions. It was very interesting and informative. Then, he shared a video of his oldest son's wedding and his younger son's engagement. Thank you to Lion Ram! Following the meeting, we counted glasses and hats from the MLK Day of Service.



From the Marysville Evening Lions Club:

Blessings in a Backpack is a nationwide 501(c)(3) charitable organization that puts together weekend meals for “food insecure” kids across the county. 260 bags are sent home on Friday with food and snacks for the week-end. The Marysville Evening Lions Club has donated funds from an auction to BIB and helped fill bags for the weekly distribution.

Kathi Kinney, Marysville
Evening Lions Club
President



WORTHINGTON NOON LIONS KEEPING BUSY!

The Worthington Noon Lions are proud to share:

- Delivered 1,820 school supply items- including three \$100 teacher gift cards and 99 Ohio State t-shirts during their first semester school drive, bringing total donations for the first semester of the school year to 1,919 items for the three Fifth Grade classes at Slate Hill Elementary. *Pictured below left to right: Slate Hill Principal Julie Gulley, First Vice President Lion Brenda Toler and Lion Coss Sweeney.*
- President Lion Tim Lee delivered 3,800 pairs of eyeglasses to SVOSH!
- Returned to the Worthington Resource Food Pantry's volunteer "rotation" on 1/9/23 to assist with bagging food for distribution the first Monday of every month. Kudos to Lion Leah Shields who was the first to sign up to volunteer.
- Celebrated the conclusion of their Football Bowl Pool fundraiser, which is only one part of their two high performing annual fundraisers, co-chaired by Lions Tom O'Leary and Gary Holloway.



What great things does YOUR club have to share? Let us know!
Message districtOH5news@gmail.com with your pictures and stories!



NEWS RELEASE

Two Buckeye trees added to Prospect Park

Prospect Community Park now has two new Buckeye trees, thanks to gifts from the Prospect Lions Club and Marion Flywheels Car Club.

The two organizations donated the Autumn Splendor Buckeye trees in appreciation of the free use of the park for the Classic Car Show on Labor Day weekend. This was the second year of the show, featuring classic cars, some dating back a century.

Rick VanGundy of Inspirations Landscaping in Warrensburg, Ohio and his crew planted the trees this fall near the park's playground.

They were assisted by Lions Club member Ben O'Dell who is also a member of the Prospect Park Commission. He thanked the Park's maintenance personnel for their intensive work before and after the trees were planted.

O'Dell and Lion Rick Carey, who is also a member of the Flywheels Club, had discussed the gift of the trees as a demonstration of thanks for the free use of the park.

O'Dell said, "The Buckeye tree is the state tree of Ohio, so it's a perfect legacy to give to our community park. Autumn Splendor is a beautiful tree with red foliage in the fall and will be an attractive addition to the park."

VanGundy added, "This hybrid is about 10 feet tall and will grow to about 35 feet high with nice fall color."

The Classic Car Show has been a success with more than 200 cars, trucks, motorcycles and other classics on display. Admission for visitors was free.

Prospect Lions and Flywheel Club split the proceeds of the event, which comes from registration fees paid by drivers of the classic cars. Prospect Lions use the income to provide scholarships to local students.

Lions Club members have voted to place two plaques indicating identity of the species and the donation by the two organizations.

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For more information, contact

Lion Bob Bender

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bobbender300@gmail.com



Rick VanGundy of Inspirations Landscaping with Autumn Splendor Buckeye tree at Prospect Community Park. Photo by Ben O'Dell.



Rick VanGundy of Inspirations Landscaping and assistant prepare to place Autumn Splendor Buckeye tree at Prospect Community Park. Photo by Ben O'Dell.



Rick VanGundy of Inspirations Landscaping places Autumn Splendor Buckeye tree at Prospect Community Park with assistance from Lion Ben O'Dell. Photo by Bob Bender.



Rick VanGundy of Inspirations Landscaping shows Autumn Splendor Buckeye tree at Prospect Community Park with Lion Ben O'Dell. Photo by Bob Bender.

2022-2023 District OH5 Convention

<http://district13oh5.org/>

March 10th & 11th, 2023

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Columbus/Worthington

175 Hutchinson Ave, Columbus, OH 43235

Convention Total \$80.00

****Please Note: NO MEALS WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER THE DEADLINE****

Room Total \$90 Per /+tax (Includes Breakfast) **** ROOM REGISTRATION ENDS ON FEBRUARY 15TH, 2023****

Club Name:

Club Position:

Friday Night: Join the madness and wear your favorite team outfit. We will have corn hole and other tailgate games as well as painting. Painting is limited to the first 20 people and there is a \$5.00 fee to participate.

Painting: _____

Menu:

- Lunch: TBD
- Dinner: TBD

Food Allergies: Gluten _____ Vegetarian _____ Nut _____

Name	Lunch \$30.00	Dinner \$45.00	Business only \$5.00 (No Meals)	Whole Convention \$80.00

Please make checks payable to:

District OH5 Lions, Inc.

359 Sitterly Road NW

Canal Winchester, OH 43110

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS February 28, 2023

****Please Note: NO MEALS WILL BE REUNDED AFTER THE DEADLINE****

OH5 CONVENTION

NECROLOGY

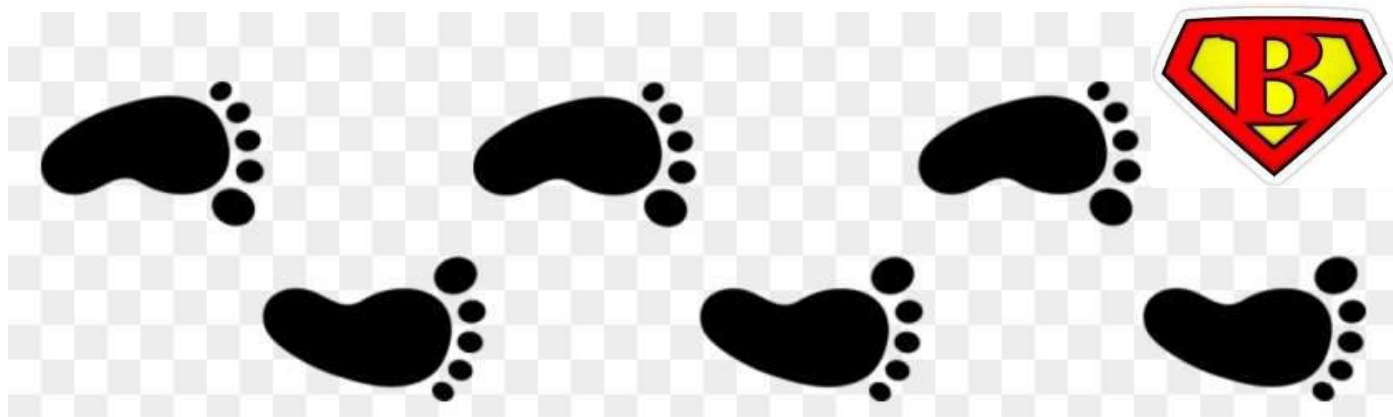
NOTICE

THESE ARE THE NAMES THAT HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO MyLCI (and a couple that have not, but I have been made aware of.) If I am missing a name, or if you have NOT dropped a member due to being deceased yet, PLEASE let me know to mjkerek@msn.com as soon as possible. We do NOT want to miss honoring our deceased Lions at the Necrology service at the 2023 OH5 Convention.

NAME	CLUB	ZONE
DAVID BARNECUT	GAHANNA	6
JOHN R COLLINS	NORTHRIDGE	2
DALEEN K. DOTSON	OLENTANGY NOON	4
JOHN EBERTS	COLUMBUS SOUTHEAST	6
THOMAS H EDWARDS	GAHANNA	6
JACQUELINE GILES	COLUMBUS NORTHEAST	5
PAUL HOLT	TROY	2
Dr. YVONNE KEREK	REYNOLDSBURG	6
FRED W MICHALSKI	COLUMBUS NORTHERN	5
JOHN NEER	WOODSTOCK	3
WILLIAM W NEVIUS	NORTHRIDGE	2
LARRY RAUGH	NORTH HAMPTON	2
CHARLES R RING	WESTERVILLE	5
JANE SHOAF	TRI VILLAGE	5
LOWELL R SHOOK	NORTHRIDGE	2
JOHN STEINBERGER	SAINT PARIS	2
THOMAS L WEBER MR	COLUMBUS FRANKLINTON	7
CARL WEISENBARGER	ARCANUM	1
WILLIAM WILDMAN	GROVE CITY	7

Any additions to the list after Feb 15, 2023, will be added to 2024 convention's necrology to be honored. MyLCI will be used to create the final list, so make sure all drops are in!

Questions or any corrections? Contact 1VDG Mike Kerek at 740-412-4692 or email mjkerek@msn.com



MD13 OH-5 District Convention

Steps Walk Fundraiser

*District Super Braxton supporting
Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation*

Get your steps in at the OH5 District Convention!

You can bring your donations to the convention

Name: _____ Pledge \$ _____

Name: _____ Pledge \$ _____

Name: _____ Pledge \$ _____

Name: _____ Pledge \$ _____

Name: _____ Pledge \$ _____

*Make tax deductible checks out to: Reynoldsburg Lions
Club Charitable Fund (they have a 501c3 set up)*

Ridgedale Lions Club



20th Annual
2023



Daytona 500 Dinner & Auction



Saturday, February 18, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM, DINNER AT 5:00 PM, AUCTION FOLLOWING

IGF Sale Pavilion
2730 Harding Hwy W. (State Route 309 West – Near Big Island)
Marion, OH 43302

JOIN US AND GET INVOLVED

- Buy a ticket for \$15 and enjoy a fun evening at the auction, which will include a BBQ dinner with sides.
- Buy an auction item and support the Ridgedale Lions Club service projects.

Tickets are available by calling a Ridgedale Lions Club member at _____ or 740-244-6258. Limited number of tickets available.

LIVE AUCTION OF 1/24 SCALE NASCAR COLLECTORS DIE-CAST CARS.
IF YOU ARE THE TOP BIDDER FOR A CAR IN THE LIVE AUCTION, THAT
WILL BE YOUR CAR IN THE FEBRUARY 19, 2023 DAYTONA 500.

Many more ways to win! – Total purse over \$2,500!

The evening will include a SILENT auction with many NASCAR collectibles among other various non-NASCAR items.

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED BY THE **RIDGEDALE LIONS CLUB** TO
SUPPORT THE CLUB'S DONATIONS AND SERVICE PROJECTS.



Westerville Lions
PO Box 597
Westerville, Ohio 43082-0597

Westerville Lion's 35th annual Pancake Breakfast

All the pancakes you care to eat

Saturday March 18, 2023

Church of the Messiah

51 North State Street, Westerville

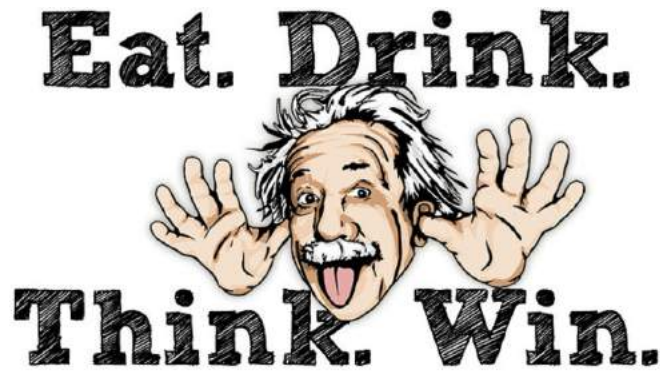
*All proceeds go to Westerville Lion's Philanthropic
Programs*

Cost: Adult \$8.00, Children \$4.00

Time 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Contact any Westerville Lion for tickets
or get tickets at the door

SUNDAY, March 19, 1:00-5:00 PM
33nd Tri-Village Lions Pub Trivia Contest
The Tri-Village Lions Challenge You!!



Did you know that Albert Einstein was a Lion???

(He wasn't. But if he HAD been, he probably would have been really good at Trivia!!)

LIONS TRIVIA CHALLENGE!

In addition to competing for the overall honors (and prize!) for the contest, those Lions Clubs that field a team of 4 (Lions, family, friends) to play on behalf of their club will also be eligible to win LIONS BRAGGING RIGHTS – a “traveling trophy” that currently bears the names of the Worthington Noon Lions (twice!), the Beechcroft Lions (twice!), and the Ohio5sters!

WHEN: Sunday, March 19
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

WHERE: Smokehouse Brewing Company
1130 Dublin Rd, Columbus, OH 43215

Questions? CONTACT: Lion Jeff Davis
lionjeffd@aol.com

\$10/person entry fee (\$40 per team)



MOVIES, MUSIC, HISTORY, PEOPLE SPORTS, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Tempt your taste buds and take a chance on some of this year's themed raffle baskets, as well!

SAVE THE DATE!



New Voices Symposium

May 6, 2023

Deer Creek State Park

**MORE INFO
COMING
SOON**

