



OH5 PRIDE REPORT

DISTRICT
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JANUARY 2025



LIONS FLOAT AT THE ROSE PARADE

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due by the 27th of the month

SAVE THE DATE:

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

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

MD13 State
Convention
May 16-18, 2025
Sawmill Creek Resort

International
Convention
July 13-17, 2025
Orlando, FL

From DG Toni:

The holiday season naturally aligns with the Lions Clubs guiding beliefs of kindness, service, and community. As well as our focus on generosity, compassion and making the world a better place.

This year we've made an incredible impact through service, demonstrating our commitment to spreading joy and uplifting those who need it most.

As we celebrate the season, we



should also celebrate our achievements and look ahead to the opportunities that await us in the new year.

Happy Holidays!
DG Toni



Honor Roll Reminder

The District OH-5 PDG Association takes both pride and great honor in presenting at the annual District OH-5 convention its "Honor Roll" recognition.

The due date for application is January 31, 2025. The criteria and application are attached to this newsletter.

Applications accepted by mail and email to PCC Dave Risen.

Please remember to submit a photo for the online honor roll page!

Honorees can be seen at <https://e-district.org/sites/district13oh5/page-8.php>

OH5 Convention Info

Deer Creek State Park
22300 State Park Road 20, Mt.
Sterling, OH 43143
740-869-2020

www.Deercreekparklodge.com

Registration Deadline is MARCH 14, 2025

- Service Project: Real Deal Santa- please bring a new stuffed animal for a needy child.
- Sponsor A Table: decorate your table- pick your favorite holiday!!
- Questions: Lion Jen Luttrell luttrellzoo@hotmail.com
- See more into in flyers at end of newsletter

Plain City Lions Club



LEOs in action at the DNA breakfast & Trick or Treat for Canned Goods

At the DNA breakfast, Plain City Lions served over 70 people! Thank you to Lion Jenny and Lion Claudia for helping! The Club also had 2 LEOs that helped in the food pantry that morning! Trick or Treat for Canned Goods was a huge success! 23 LEOs collected 643 pounds of food that day!



Troy Lions Club

Troy Lions Club supplied candy for the Troy Rec Youth Center Christmas Stockings to be distributed to the attendees for Christmas.

Lion "Santa" Chris Waller (center) and her elves sewed 80 Christmas Stockings for the Troy Rec center for their Christmas distribution to the attendees at the Rec.

Grove City Lions Club



Christmas Dinner and 85th Anniversary Celebration

Both Grove City clubs joined together for a wonderful Christmas dinner and to celebrate our 85 Anniversary (1939-2024). Several district officers were in attendance including Governor Toni Gray, CC Mike Kerek, 1st VDG Dr Carl Gass, and 2VDG Gary Likens. Our own Lion and Mayor of GC Ike Stage presented our club with a proclamation and spoke to us about the history of Lions in GC. The Junior High Show Choir sang Christmas songs during our dinner making it a joyous evening.

Grove City & Grove City Noon Working Together



Both of the Grove City Lions Clubs joined forces to serve at Traditions Senior Living. 10 Lions helped to make center pieces, serve food, help those who needed an extra hand and cleaned tables. A few of us helped with the meals at the memory care unit and the rest pitched in to make their Christmas dinner a pleasant experience for the residents and their families. This is what Lionism is all about! Proud to be a LION!

Westerville Lions Club



Westerville Lions 2024 Rudolph Run and Winterfest

The Westerville Lion's 2024 Rudolph Run was held on a "balmy" Sunday, December 8th at the Westerville sports complex. Due to perfect weather conditions, over 500 runners participated in the run and they and their family and friends enjoyed games, food trucks, snacks, and entertainment before and after the run. Each runner received a tee shirt, a grab bag with a Rudolph Run key chain, discount coupons from local establishments, and a run bib. Run finishers also received a custom medal.

The Westerville Lions showed up in force, too, as 30 or more Lions and friends helped with run registration, coordinated game activity, directed parking, and helped guide the runners on the course. Bolstered by community support from a wide variety of sponsors, as well as the run registration fees, the Westerville Lions netted over \$22,000 from this event, money that will go back into the community.

Check out the article in The Westerville News about the history of Lions serving in Westerville!

<https://www.thewestervillenews.com/p/its-a-wonderful-westerville-life>



Tri-Village Lions Club



FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY



Feeding Our “Invisible” Hungry Children

Once again, the Tri-Village Lions organized a coalition of civic and service organizations and community volunteers – the Tri-Village Packers – to send home food to hungry children over the Thanksgiving break. Recognizing that even within the thriving Tri-Village community, there are families struggling with food insecurity, our goal is to do what we can, when we can, to support our neighbors in a very tangible and immediate way.

There are a few hundred children who are food insecure in our schools (Grandview Heights and Upper Arlington). There are more than 32,000 children in the Columbus Public Schools who are food insecure, with surrounding communities (Pickerington, Groveport Madison, Whitehall, Canal Winchester) each having more than 10,000 students in need. If you were a governmental agency or an organization focused on making a difference in the fight against childhood hunger, where would you direct your resources? That doesn't mean the children in Tri-Village are less hungry – it only means that they are INVISIBLE to the decision-makers. If WE don't help, no one else will.

So, we did (and will!). Between November 18th and November 26, 120+ community volunteers gave more than 250 service hours. They moved, unboxed, sorted 1200+ lbs of food. They packed more than 4500 food items in 103 bags (including bags for 30 children with special dietary needs/restrictions that required individual packing). Plans are already underway to repeat these efforts for Spring Break, 2025.



Did you see the Lions float in the Rose Parade?

Don't forget to watch the Rose Parade to catch our very own Southeast Lion Ashley Ballard walking with the Lions International float and her future service dog, Sly, from Canine Companions!

The Lions float will be 5th in line, so they will be on TV within the first 15 minutes of the parade. You can watch a replay of the Rose Parade here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/MliWVSG3hL4?si=6idQg9wnWtlhMn5n>



Photo from Southeast Lions Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/columbus.southeast.lions>

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www.facebook.com/DistrictOH5



**OHIO LIONS
WINTER RETREAT**

2025 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 17, 18, 19, 2025

**REGISTRATION FORM
MAUMEE BAY STATE PARK RESORT
OREGON, OH**

REGISTRATION:

Full registration paid by December 1, 2024 will be **\$125.00**. Full registrations December 2, 2024 – January 3, 2025 will be **\$140.00**. No registrations will be accepted after January 3, 2025. Make all checks payable to: “THE OHIO LIONS” and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 2082 Stringtown Rd, PO Box 155, Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: ohiolions@gmail.com. To use your credit card: go to www.ohiolions.org & use PayPal and send your registration form to the address above. **NO CANCELLATIONS WILL BE REFUNDED OR REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JANUARY 4, 2025.**

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat!

District

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

Will attend Lion’s Pin Art (\$3 fee) _____ (LIMITED TO 32 PEOPLE)

Will attend Sip and Paint (\$25 fee) _____ (LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE)

Interested in the Beer Tasting (\$10) _____ (LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE/per session: 2 **duplicate** sessions offered)

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal.

Registrant’s Name: _____

Needs: _____

Registrant’s Name: _____

Needs: _____

Session Facilitators

____ Yes, _____ would help as a session facilitator at the Winter Retreat.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel www.maumeebaystateparklodge.com or by phone **1-800-282-7275**. Room reservations prior to November 30, 2024, may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat(Block code #1094EB) group rate of \$124.00/night plus tax. After November 30th the room rate may increase. The resort only has a limited number of rooms and may sell out. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Check out www.maumeebaystatepark.com for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!

Winter Retreat Sessions

Beer Tasting (additional expense)

Recruiter Passport session

Lighthouse Keepers

Portal Session – Bring your computer/tablet

Lion Pin Craft (additional expense)

Toledo Botanical Gardens

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Sip and Paint (additional expense)

PET - Personal Energy Transportation

Origami

2025 State Convention – Helen Keller Centennial Celebration

Excellent Adventures in Eating

Photography

Liberty Aviation Museum

Personal Tendencies – Let's have fun with who you are!



Lions Clubs International District 13-OH5 PDG Association

District 13-OH5 Honor Roll

Qualifications

- I. Current Lions
 - A. Lion for at least ten (10) years
 - B. Lions who have shown leadership, but is not necessarily a current or past Club Officer
 - C. Made a difference to the club.
 - D. Other Community activities outside Lions
 - E. Lion cannot be a member of the Honor Roll Committee
- II. Nomination Process
 - A. Nomination submitted by any of the following in the district:
 1. A Lion or group of Lions
 2. Club
 3. Zone
 - B. With the nomination submit
 4. Reason for the nomination
 5. Stories about the nominee
 6. Must include a photo of the nominee.
 - C. Nominations shall be postmarked or emailed by January 31st of the current Lions Year.
- III. The total number of inductees will be limited to:
 - A. Maximum of five (5) per year
 - B. Up to one (1) of the five (5) can be deceased Lions.
- IV. Selection of each of the year's inductees will be determined by the Honor Roll Committee

Award

- I. Small Plaque
 - A. Presented to individual inductee or family representative
 - B. Present at District Convention
- II. Lapel Pin
- III. Lions Banner
 - A. With complete list of inductees through the years
 - B. Display banner at events
 1. District Convention
 2. District Officer Training
 3. Zone Meetings

- C. Store in possession of an Honor Roll Committee member
- IV. Display inductee name, photo, and induction year on District Website

Revised on 11/26/24

District 13-OH5 Honor Roll

Requester:

Name:

First

Last

Club: _____ Zone:

Person to be nominated:

Name:

First

Last

Club:

Years in Lionism: _____ (Must be at least 10 years to qualify for nomination)

Attach information on how this Lion:

- Has made a difference to the Club.
- It is active in the community outside of Lions.
- Include stories about the Lion.
- Do not forget to include a picture of the Lion.

Is the award being given posthumously?

Send form to PCC Dave Risen – 1219 Hilton Dr., Reynoldsburg OH 43068
(614) 212-3488 Cell or (614) 864-9819 Home
drisen@insight.rr.com

Deadline: ALL NOMINATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY **JANUARY 31, 2025**

NOTE: Nominations received after January 31, 2025, will not be accepted.

Ridgedale Lions Club



22nd Annual
2025



Daytona 500 Dinner & Auction



Saturday, February 15, 2025

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

All Occasions Catering
6989 Waldo Delaware Rd.
Waldo, OH 43356

JOIN US AND GET INVOLVED

- Buy a ticket for \$15 and enjoy a fun evening at the auction, which will include a ½ chicken dinner with sides prepared by All Occasions Catering.
- Buy an auction item and support the Ridgedale Lions Club service projects.

Tickets are available by contacting a Ridgedale Lions Club member or calling 740-251-7922. A limited number of tickets are available and MUST be purchased by Friday, February 7, 2025.

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 16, 2025 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.

2025 District OH5 Convention

<http://district13oh5.org/>

March 28-29, 2025

Deer Creek State Park

22300 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling, OH 43143

740-869-2020/www.Deercreekparklodge.com



Entire Convention\$100
 Friday Night Fun Free
 Saturday Brunch \$40
 Grand Banquet\$60
 Business only (no meals)\$5

Club Name: _____

Contact: _____

Phone or email: _____

Friday Night: Hospitality & Pinewood car races: Make your own car ahead of time or borrow one from the Boy Scout Troup - cars will be available at the lodge for a \$5.00 entry fee.

Hotel Room: \$139.00/night + tax ****Please mention the Lions event for this rate****

Food Allergies: Gluten ___ Vegetarian ___ Nut ___

Name	Entire Convention \$100	Saturday Business & Brunch \$40	Grand Banquet only \$60	I/We will Decorate A Table	Business only (no meals) \$5.00	TOTAL

Please make checks payable to:
District OH5 Lions, Inc.
 6180 Dietz Drive
 Canal Winchester, OH 43110

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 14, 2025

Service Project: Real Deal Santa – please bring a new stuffed animal for a needy child.

Sponsor A Table: decorate your table – pick your favorite holiday!!

Questions: Lion Jen Luttrell - E: luttrellzoo@hotmail.com

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

JOIN IN ON THE TABLE TOP FUN



OH-5 District Convention Holiday Centerpiece Auction

This will be a competition between Clubs and/or individuals who would like to participate in the fun. All proceeds will be donated to LCIF.

Groundhog Day, Veterans Day, Christmas, Halloween, 4th of July, New Years, etc. So many to choose from!

What holiday will your club come up with?



All Proceeds will be donated to LCIF

DISTRICT OH5

Friday Night Hospitality

RACING

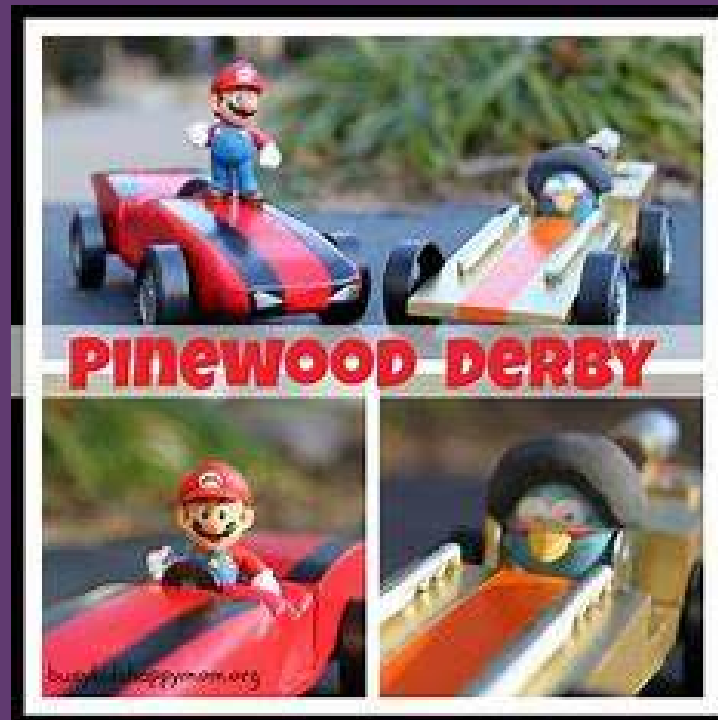
HELLO ALL RACERS AND PINEWOOD DERBY ENTHUSIASTS! IT'S TIME TO SHOW OFF YOUR ABILITIES AND COMPETE FOR GLORY IN THE PINEWOOD DERBY RACING CHAMPIONSHIP.



BRING YOUR OWN CAR OR SPONSOR A CAR FROM THE CUB SCOUTS WITH YOUR \$5.00 ENTRY FEE

Enter as an Individual, Club, or Zone

Kits can be purchased at Amazon



DISTRICT OH5

SILENT AUCTION!

We are excited for
our upcoming MD-13
Convention!!!!

**Requesting
Clubs and/or
Zones to
donate a
Silent Auction
basket.**



**Silent Auction held
during the Grand
Banquet on Saturday**



Application for Advertisement Space in the 105th Annual Ohio Lions State Convention Commemorative Program

Please reserve space for us in the 105th Annual Ohio Lions State Convention Commemorative Program. We understand that acceptance of this contract and advertising space is subject to the approval of the Ohio Lions Inc. 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 March 15, 2025.

RATES

Business Card Advertisement Size (2 1/2" x 2" horizontal – black & white)....	\$35.00
Fourth Page Advertisement (5"x2" horizontal – black & white).....	\$60.00
Fourth Page Advertisement (2 1/2" x 4") -black & white	\$60.00
Half Page Advertisement (5"x4" horizontal – black & white).....	\$85.00
Full Page Advertisement (5"x8" vertical – black & white).....	\$100.00
Inside Front and Inside Back (5" x 8" Vertical Full Color).....	\$110.00
Back Page Advertisement (5" x 8" Vertical- Full Color).....	\$135.00

Check on availability for Page 2, Back Page and Inside Back. (Full Color)

(1st right of refusal from 2024)

Make checks & money orders payable to OHIO LIONS INC. Please specify on the memo line that the payment is for a Convention Program Advertisement.

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: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Authorized Signature

Date

Send this form, payment and advertisement to:

(Does not have to be Camera Ready)

PDG Jim Ferritto 178 East Parkway Dr., Madison, Ohio 44057

440-223-6138 james.ferritto1955@gmail.com

Ads will be reproduced as close to the artwork that is provided. Printer will use discretion if necessary to improve the quality.

Please provide email address if you would like to see a proof _____

Thank you for your support!