



# OH5 PRIDE REPORT

**DISTRICT  
GOVERNOR  
TONI GRAY**

MARCH 2025



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due by the 27th of the month

### SAVE THE DATE:

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

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

Learn to Roar  
June 21, 2025  
Tolles Career Center  
Plain City  
*See flyers at end of  
newsletter for info!*

International  
Convention  
July 13-17, 2025  
Orlando, FL



## From DG Toni

Fellow Lions,

The District OH5 Convention is just around the corner, and you won't want to miss this incredible opportunity to celebrate our service, reconnect with fellow Lions and be inspired for the future! This year's convention promises to be a weekend full of fellowship, learning, and motivation as we reflect on our impact and look ahead to new opportunities to serve our communities.

This convention is more than just a meeting-it's a chance to come together as a district, celebrate our accomplishments, have some fun, and complete a service project for the Real Deal Santa. The Real Deal Santa provides gifts and personal care items for mothers and children in need, through the YWCA.

Plan to participate in a Pinewood Derby on Friday night! Bring your own car or borrow one from the scouts. Make a centerpiece for a table representing the holiday of your choice to be raffled off at the grand banquet. Bid on an incredible silent auction item. Participate in a Strides Walk for Diabetes or attend a session on the Lions Portal.

Whether you're a longtime Lion or new to the organization, there's something for everyone.

We can't wait to see you there!

Yours in Service,  
DG Toni Gray



*Featured photos  
from the 2024  
OH5 District  
Convention  
Service Project!*



## Delaware Lions Club ROARING in their community!

4 new Lions volunteered to work at the Common Grounds free store helping to check in guests, guide them around the store and make sure they got a hot meal. We served over 60 people. Some were homeless, some were living in their vehicles and others just trying to make ends meet.

It was truly an inspiring evening! These new members have the heart of a LION.

PS- We asked another young volunteer to join the Lions and he accepted!



## Cards and QR code!

Grove City Lions purchased 10 packs of playing cards for Lo-Vision seniors at the Traditions Senior Center. Well received and very much appreciated by those seniors who needed some vision help to play cards. An inexpensive project, only \$5 per pack. We attached a card each of the packs to show our Lions logo and QR code for those interested.

*Editor's note: Lion Stu Koble is happy to share information about how to make QR codes that can advertise YOUR club- easy to carry, easy to hand out, easy to SCAN! Contact [sfkoble@gmail.com](mailto:sfkoble@gmail.com)*



## STEPS Donation

The photo represents LIONS of **both Districts OH5 & OH6** who sponsor a STEPS activity every year to raise funds for research in pediatric cancer. LIONS greatly appreciate donations from both clubs and individual sponsors.





## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION



### OH5's LCIF Response to LA Wildfires

Anyone interested in supporting California efforts should make gifts to LCIF's Disaster Fund, noting that their gift is intended for California wildfire relief. LCIF is tracking all gifts made for the California wildfires.

Please notify our District LCIF Coordinator, PCC Dave Risen, of contributions at [drisen@insight.rr.com](mailto:drisen@insight.rr.com), and to be added to our giving list in the Pride Report, please email [districtoh5news@gmail.com](mailto:districtoh5news@gmail.com)

- Westerville Lions Club: \$2,500 to North Carolina AND \$2,500 to California
- Worthington Noon Lions Club: \$500 to California
- Canal Winchester Lions Club: \$200 to California

*Gifts of ALL sizes are meaningful- how can your club help? Individual donations can also be made at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>- your personal donation still credits your club's giving!*



### Troy Lions continue a **Valentine's** Service Project!

All 431 Valentine cards will be distributed by Feb 12th in time for Valentine's Day for area Skilled Nursing centers and a Senior Day Program. Congratulations Troy Lions, this is our largest card distribution from our club members since we started the cards for seniors.

### Westerville Fundraiser

#### *Pancake Breakfast*

- Saturday, March 15, 2025
- 8-11 a.m.

#### **For more information:**

<https://westervillelions.org/upcoming-events/>

#### **For tickets:**

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thewestervillelionsclub/1570509>

## Grove City & Grove City Noon- Serving Together!



### Fun and service go together!

Traditions Senior Center asked for help to serve meals and drinks at their annual "Senior Prom". Both clubs came through in fine fashion with 8 members to assist those seniors that needed help. It was both gratifying and fun to help out! Proud to be LIONS!



### OH5 Convention Info

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

[www.Deercreekparklodge.com](http://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](mailto:luttrellzoo@hotmail.com)
- See more into in flyers at end of newsletter
- For online payment you can use Venmo to send to treasurer PCC Jay Gray:

**<https://venmo.com/u/pccpdg>**



## Help raise funds for the District Eye Care Fund- by doing your grocery shopping!

Link your Kroger card to the Eye Care Fund!

The more households that participate, the more money we raise! If you have not already linked to another organization, please consider linking – no cost for you but raise \$ for the district eye care fund

1. Go to:  
<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>
  2. Login or create account
  3. Choose the Community Rewards link
  4. Search for the foundation - "Ohio Lions Foundation – OH5 EYECARE FUND"
- Organization number: HJ813



### Donation Summary

Status:

**enrolled**

Organization Name:

**OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION - OH5 EYECARE FUND**

Enrollment Date:

**03/02/2020**

Organization Number:

**HJ813**

## Thank you for reading!

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<a href="http://www.e-district.org/sites/district13oh5/">www.e-district.org/sites/district13oh5/</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/DistrictOH5">www.facebook.com/DistrictOH5</a>

# 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**

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Questions: Lion Jen Luttrell - E: [luttrellzoo@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

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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?**



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All Proceeds will be donated to LCIF



**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**

# DISTRICT OH5

## Friday Night Hospitality

# RACING

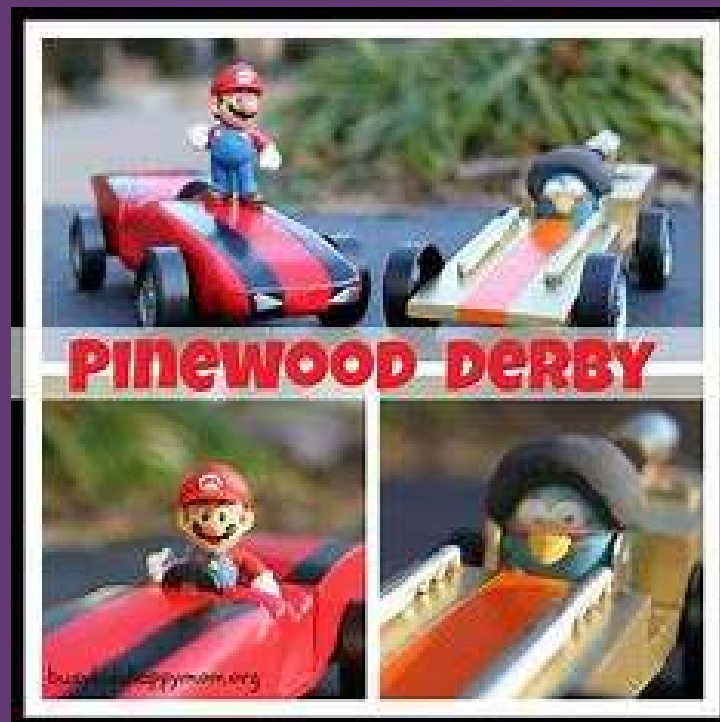
HELLO ALL RACERS AND PINEWOOD DERBY ENTHUSIASTS! IT'S TIME TO SHOW OFF YOUR ABILITIES AND COMPETE FOR GLORY IN THE PINEWOOD DERBY RACING CHAMPIONSHIP.



**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





## “Learn to Roar”

**What:** Lions “Learn to Roar” Leadership Training  
**When:** Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Time:** Doors open at 9:15 am. Classes run 10:00 am until 3:00 pm  
**Where:** Tolles Career & Technical Center, 7877 US Hwy 42 S, Plain City, OH 43064  
**Cost:** Includes: registration, course materials, room rental & lunch  
\$20 each if paid by deadline of June 13<sup>th</sup>.  
\$25 each if paid after June 13<sup>th</sup> or at the door.

All Lions are invited to attend “Learn to Roar,” Lions training school. There will be three different classes going on each hour. Students attending for official club officer training will have one required class to take and three electives. ALL Lions are welcome to attend any class. You can pick-and-choose topics of interest. Check out the attached class descriptions. There is something for every Lion. Officer-elects (only those listed on their club’s PU-101) will receive their appropriate leadership pin (seen at bottom). All Lions, whether an officer-elect or not, will receive a diploma and are welcome to come, learn something new, and network with your fellow Lions.

Come join us on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at Tolles Career & Technical Center. Doors open at 9:15 am and the first class begins at 10:00 am. Lunch will be catered by Subway and will be at 12:00 pm. All classes end at 3:00 pm.

See the attached class schedule with class descriptions, officer requirements, and the registration form. The deadline to register is June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Lion PDG Jackie Miller at [pdgjackie@gmail.com](mailto:pdgjackie@gmail.com) or 614-530-1861 with any questions.



President



Secretary



Treasurer



Tail-Twister



Membership Chair

**Only officer-elects listed on PU-101 form for 2025-2026 will be given these Leadership pins at graduation from Learn to Roar**



# "Learn to Roar" — Class Schedule — 2025

**Saturday, June 21, 2025**

Pick one class to attend each hour

## 9:55 Opening and Welcome - Room 324

Time	Title	Description	Required	Room	Instructor
10:00 to 10:50	<b>Recruiting &amp; Retention - The Key to a Successful Club</b>	<b>Recruiting</b> - New ways to recruit members to your club. <b>Retention</b> - Why Retention is important for a club and how different action items help to improve retention in your club.	Membership Chair	Room 323B	Gary Hollaway
	<b>Service Projects to Scale</b>	Whether you have a club of 10, or a club of 50, you can mount service projects that fulfill your mission and serve your community. This session will provide examples of service projects that fill a critical need and how they can be carried out by clubs, large and small.		Room 324	Jane Jarrow
	<b>The President and Vice President Team</b>	By working together, the club can achieve success	Presidents/Vice Presidents	Room 323C	Steve Kaplan

11:00 to 11:50	<b>Board of Directors Training</b>	Solid board structure for successful Lions Club operations	Board of Directors	Room 323C	Steve Kaplan
	<b>Secretaries/Club Administrators</b>	Provide the support your club needs without being dragged down. Learn about reporting, officer inactions, liaison functions, and more.	Secretaries & Club Administrators	Room 323B	Mike Kerek
	<b>Our District Committees and Foundations</b>	What are the Committees in our District, what do they do and how do they serve our District? What are the Foundations in our District, how do they help our		Room 324	Debbie Luttrell

**12:00 to 12:50**

**Lunch Break**

1:00 to 1:50	<b>Enhance your Leadership Skills</b>	Become a better leader, in Lions, in Life		Room 323C	Steve Kaplan
	<b>Lions Portal</b>	Still struggling with the portal? Bring your laptop and/or tablet and we'll help you figure out how to get around in LCI's site to find anything you need to find.		Room 323B	Jeff Sweeney
	<b>Lionsism is F.U.N.</b>	Join in on the Friendly, Unique and Nuttiness of what it means to be a Lion! Come see what the fuss is all about and join in on all the F.U.N.! If you don't leave laughing, you don't know how to be a good tail twister; so it's time to learn!	Tail Twisters	Room 324	Jackie Miller

2:00 to 2:50	<b>Club Finances</b>	Proper procedures, reports, compliance, and oversight	Treasurers and Compliance	Room 323C	Steve Kaplan
	<b>Furture Lions</b>	In some areas of our District we have large Leo Clubs, what are we doing to convert them to Lions in the future?	Youth	Room 324	Bill Python
	<b>Effective Use of AI Technology</b>	As Lions, our mission is to serve, and AI can amplify our efforts in ways we've never imagined. Whether it's enhancing communications or driving innovative solutions to longstanding challenges, AI holds the key to our next chapter of impact. Join us for this exciting journey into the world of AI. Let's learn, innovate, and lead the way together.		323B	Stu Koble

**2:50 Meet in Room 324 for conclusion, to pick up Certificates, get your pins, and turn in evaluations**

**Presenters**  
**Guests**

Wifi access: **Tconference** access to laptops; PW: **accessdenied**  
Wifi access: **Tguest**; no password needed



## **“Learn to Roar” Registration Form**

**Saturday, June 21, 2025**

Classes are from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Doors open at 9:15 am

Tolles Career & Technical Center

7877 US Hwy 42 S, Plain City, OH 43064

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name of Lion</b>	<b>Will be attending as: (circle office)</b>		<b>Cost: \$20 each before June 13<sup>th</sup>.</b> \$25 after or at door (Includes school, room rental, and lunch)
	President-elect Secretary-elect Treasurer-elect	Tail-Twister-elect Membership Chair-elect Other (Director, etc.)	
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**Total submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Lions District 13 OH5**

Submit this registration form to: PDG Jackie Miller  
6728 Cherry Bend  
Canal Winchester, OH 43110

Registration **Deadline: June 13, 2025**



**Reynoldsburg Lions Presents:**  
**6th Annual Auction!**  
**May 1, 2025 6:00pm start**  
**(Dinner Starts 6:00pm, Auction 6:30pm))**  
**Summit Station Lions Building**  
**7600 Summit Road, Pataskala, OH**



**Auctioneer:**  
**Jeff Carroll**



**Live auction items include sports memorabilia, collectibles, antiques, household items and consignment.**

**Silent Auction**

**A wide assortment of choices for those who enjoy the silent auctions!**

**Door prizes will be drawn for throughout the evening. Who knows, you could be a lucky winner!**



**Cost only \$15 for your meal, door prize ticket and bid card. Limited seats are available - buy your tickets now! *(Event is open to the public. Tickets may be purchased from any Lion, through Venmo, or by credit card through our Facebook event page. Tickets purchased online will be available at the door in the name of the credit card holder.)***



**Please check us out on Facebook! For questions or ticket information, please contact Dave Risen at (614) 212-3488, drisen@insight.rr.com, or Mike Kerek at (740) 412-4692, mjkerrek@msn.com. Tickets can be purchased through the event link on Facebook!**

**100% of net proceeds go to philanthropic causes, including but not limited to vision related, pediatric cancer, diabetes, environment, and hunger!**



Mother Nature is giving you a second chance. We had to postpone our Trivia Contest because of bad weather in February. Hope to see you in March, instead!!!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16 , 1:00-5:00 PM**  
**38<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual CANTINA Trivia Contest**  
*(Same fun – different setting!)*

Speedy Gonzalez thinks HE has all the answers.  
How about you?

*Come join us for our next  
**CANTINA** Trivia Contest  
And show us what you've got!!!*

**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 (four times!).



WHEN: Sunday, MARCH 16th  
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

WHERE: El Vaquero Restaurant  
3230 Olentangy River Rd,  
Columbus, OH 43202

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



**\$10/person entry fee**

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

Take a chance on some of this year's themed raffle baskets!  
*All proceeds are used to fund the service and philanthropy work  
of the Tri-Village Lions.*

TRI-VILLAGE LIONS INAUGURAL

# PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

APRIL 5, 2025

AT

*Pickle & Chill*

• TEAMS OF TWO •

EVERY PARTICIPANT GETS A T-SHIRT!

EARLY BIRD  
SPECIAL!

**\$150/TEAM**

**LIONS SPECIAL**  
**Thru April 4**

MEDALS AWARDED FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE  
TEAMS IN BOTH SKILL LEVELS





# SWEET CORN FESTIVAL

*It's ear-resistable fun!*

Looking for a simple and effective fundraising solution for your club, charity, or organization's next community service project? The Millersport Lions Club offers a "turn-key" fundraising opportunity through their Major Prize Ticket sales for the annual Millersport Sweet Corn Festival.

There's no initial investment needed. Your members can keep 50% of every ticket they sell, and simply return the remaining 50% along with ticket stubs and any unsold tickets before the festival's opening day (August 27th, 2025). With attractive top prizes, supporting worthy causes, and a 78-year history – these tickets are an easy sell.

If you would like more information about this proven fundraiser or place an order for an allotment of Major Prize Tickets, contact Lindsay Drumm at 614-400-4886 by text or email [drumm.89@osu.edu](mailto:drumm.89@osu.edu) today. Lindsay serves as the Chairman of the Grand Prize Booth for the Sweet Corn Festival.

**The grand prize is \$10,000, with a \$2,500 second prize and a \$500 third prize.**

The Sweet Corn Festival is the oldest and largest annual project of the Millersport Lions Club which was founded in 1946 and will be held on August 27-31 at Historic Lions Park in Millersport. Patrons can enjoy hot dripping ears of sweet corn, a large midway, tractor pulls, square dancing, contests, clogging, our heritage village, and lots of festive foods. There is a grand parade on Wednesday at 6:00 pm; queens' pageant on Thursday at 7:30 pm; national headline artists on Friday and Saturday at 8:30 pm; and a 5-K Run on Saturday at 9:00 am.

Come see why we are ear-resistible fun! Admission is FREE, \$20 per vehicle parking fee. For more information go to our website: [www.sweetcornfest.com](http://www.sweetcornfest.com)