



OH5 PRIDE REPORT

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due by the 27th of the month

SAVE THE DATE:

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



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Why consider a donation to LCIF?

As Lions, we are dedicated to serving our communities and the world, but sometimes, the challenges we face require more than just hands-on-service—they require resources. That's where Lions Clubs International Foundation comes in.

For over 50 years, LCIF has been the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, providing funding for humanitarian efforts that change lives. Whether it's disaster relief, vision care, youth programs, or initiatives that fight hunger and diabetes, LCIF ensures that Lions have the support they need to make a real difference.

By donating to LCIF, you're not just giving money—you're giving hope, relief, and opportunity to those who need it most. Together, we can make a difference.

Yours in service

DG Toni

OH5's LCIF Response to LA Wildfires & Hurricane Helene

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, and to be added to our giving list in the Pride Report, please email 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
- Springfield National Trails Lions Club: \$400 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!



How does LCIF mobilize to support disaster areas? Visit this link or scan the QR code to watch a video about the LCIF response to the Texas wildfires:

<https://tinyurl.com/mr37akrp>

Service Highlights



Grove City Lions Club

Rarely if ever have we done a project following our normal meeting but this proved to be easy with the help of all. We sorted approx 1400 pairs of glasses, separating them from the cases, counting then boxing them up for SVOSH. We took it a step further and filled the cases with items needed by the homeless and needy. Band-aids, antiseptic swabs, Q-tips, dental floss, soap, folding toothbrushes, toothpaste, acetaminophen, emergency sewing kits, candy and gum. A big job done in short order with plenty of Lion help!



Westerville Lions Club

The Westerville Lions held their 37th annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 15th. The Lions served 300 persons with tasty pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee, as well as Juice boxes for the kids in attendance. The breakfast brought out most of the Westerville Lion club members. Several Lion club members put their families to work, too! The project generated over \$4,000 in revenue that will be put to good use for philanthropic causes in central Ohio.



Service Highlights

Worthington Noon Lions Club

The Worthington Noon Lions had an excellent guest speaker at their March 11, 2025 monthly meeting. Ms. Hannah Sringer of Open Arms Adoption gave a wonderful overview about her organization and how Lions can be a support to them through community service by assisting with their “book wrapping” projects. The club enjoyed this topic that aligns with our global cause of “Youth.”



Westerville Lions Club

The Westerville Lions interviewed students at each of the city's three high schools during the week of March 17th and selected one student from each school to receive a \$2,500 scholarship. The interview team learned a lot about each candidate and was impressed by the diversity of the student population at each school. Each student spoke enthusiastically about their teachers as well as what the community offers them. The Westerville Lions will present the scholarship checks at the evening of excellence held at each high school in May. The Lion have been offering scholarships to Westerville students for the past 25 or more years and plan to continue the tradition into the future.



Celebrating Our Lions Year

24/25 District Convention

Thank you all the Lions who worked hard to plan, setup, run, and clean up the convention. We appreciate you!



**Friday
fun!**

Friday included a Pinewood Derby and lots of pizza!



AMAZING Agencies



Our brunch speaker, Bart Snow, introduced us to his work as “The Real Deal Santa Claus”

From www.realdealsantaclaus.com:

Transitioning to and establishing normalcy in a homeless setting is extremely difficult and traumatic for children.

When a child is displaced, their world is turned upside down. They are no longer in surroundings they're familiar with or see faces they know, leading to fear and uncertainty. That's why it's vital that kids are still able to be kids, and toys and play are an incredible way for them to do that.

Our mission is to collect enough toys to provide homeless children joy at a time when it's hard to find joy. The holidays are a difficult time in their young lives and we know that something as simple as a toy can help ease their current living situation.

Every single toy donated to Real Deal Santa Claus is distributed to deserving homeless children living at shelters operated by the YMCA of Central Ohio.



team
work



OH5 Lions worked together to fill- and load up- hundreds of bags of supplies to be distributed to those in need through the Real Deal Santa program. Special thanks to Lion Kelly Hogrell for coordinating materials and logistics, and Lion Stu Koble for loading and transporting.





get CRAFTY

The call was made for table centerpieces and gift baskets to be auctioned off to help offset the costs of the convention. Not only did Lions show up, they showed OFF their craft skills! Each centerpiece had a holiday theme.



Thank
you!

Thank you to our banquet speaker, International Director Hans Neidhardt and his partner in service, Shari, who visited us from Potwin, Kansas!

ID Hans's message is that yesterday is gone, and tomorrow isn't guaranteed- so make the MOST of today!





Worthington Noon celebrates Lion Joan Bird

Congratulations to our Worthington Noon Lions Member, Joan Bird who was presented with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow Award for humanitarian service at the MD13 OH-5 District Convention held recently at Deer Creek Lodge Convention Center.

Thank you for reading!

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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 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE
TEAMS IN BOTH SKILL LEVELS





Sausage & Pancake Breakfast

and Silent Auction

Sponsored by: Green Camp Lions Club

in cooperation with Green Camp Fire Dept.

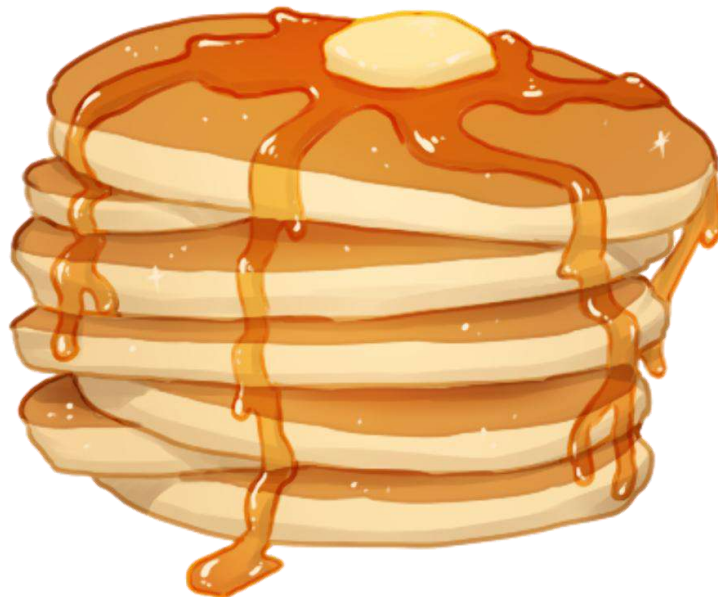
Saturday April 12, 2025

8:00am – 11:00am

Green Camp Community Center

200 Marion St. Downtown Green Camp

Freewill Offering – proceeds to help with Lion's charities & local projects



For more information – call or text - Diana Myers, President 740-360-6385



Plain City Lions Annual Auction



Thursday April 24, 2025

Doors Open at 6:00 pm – Dinner at 6:30 pm

Der Dutchman Restaurant Banquet Room

Plain City, Ohio

Sampling of Auction Items:

Skid of Water Softener Salt – ASE Feed

Adirondack Chair - Yutzy Farm Market

Lunch with Plain City Mayor Jody Carney

Pool Membership for 2 – Village of Plain City, Parks & Recreation

Authentic German Dinner for 8 - Lions Claudia and Brent Hostetler

Stihl 3G56C Leaf Blower – Hilliard Lawn and Garden

Handcrafted Shoe Storage Bench – Lion Perry Beachy

Many more items and new items being donated daily!

Silent Auction Items too numerous to list.

Auction proceeds benefit many mostly local nonprofit organizations.

Come to the auction and support your Plain City community!

Auctioneers: Jason Kurtz, Dan Westlake and Grant Phipps

Special Thanks to Der Dutchman Restaurant for Hosting

Get your dinner tickets (\$25) from any PC Lion or at

Plain City Shell

Plain City Library

Rummell•Brill•Cassady Insurance



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!



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 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



“Learn to Roar”

What: Lions “Learn to Roar” Leadership Training
When: Saturday, June 21th
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 13th.
\$25 each if paid after June 13th 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 21st, 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 13th.

Contact Lion PDG Jackie Miller at 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” 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: _____

Name of Lion	Will be attending as: (circle office)		Cost: \$20 each before June 13th. \$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**

"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	Recruiting & Retention - The Key to a Successful Club	Recruiting - New ways to recruit members to your club. Retention - 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
	Service Projects to Scale	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
	The President and Vice President Team	By working together, the club can achieve success	Presidents/Vice Presidents	Room 323C	Steve Kaplan

11:00 to 11:50	Board of Directors Training	Solid board structure for successful Lions Club operations	Board of Directors	Room 323C	Steve Kaplan
	Secretaries/Club Administrators	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
	Our District Committees and Foundations	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	Enhance your Leadership Skills	Become a better leader, in Lions, in Life		Room 323C	Steve Kaplan
	Lions Portal	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
	Lionsism is F.U.N.	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	Club Finances	Proper procedures, reports, compliance, and oversight	Treasurers and Compliance	Room 323C	Steve Kaplan
	Furture Lions	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
	Effective Use of AI Technology	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