



OH5 PRIDE REPORT

DISTRICT
GOVERNOR
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MAY 2026



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due by the 27th of the month

SAVE THE DATE:

Ohio Lions State
Convention
May 15-17, 2026
Holiday Inn, Roberts
Center,
Wilmington, OH

Learn to Roar
June 13, 2026
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tolles Career & Technical
Center
7877 US Hwy 42 S
Plain City, OH 43064

Lions International
Convention
July 3-7, 2026
Hong Kong

USA/Canada Lions
Leadership Forum
September 3-5, 2026
Memphis, TN

from the desk of

1VDG GARY LIKENS

Greetings fellow Lions of OH5.

It's May already and even though I am still 1st Vice-Governor or District Governor-elect, I am already on the job. My Cabinet is nearly complete. I am looking to fill two Zone Chair positions to complete the Cabinet.

I want to welcome Dr Alison LaBarre from Columbus Northern who has agreed to become our Youth-Leo Chair. Her enthusiasm and experience working with students makes her the ideal person for the task.

I just spent many hours forming my District Goals and Action Plans. These are required of any District governor-elect by Lions Clubs International. I will post these for anyone to view in July.

With all of the District Conventions behind us, we are looking forward to the State Convention, Friday and Saturday May 15-16. Anyone who is a delegate, please come and vote for our candidate for International Director, PDG Jackie Miller. It will be a close race and she needs all our support..

Just a reminder, Club Officers for the upcoming Lions year must be entered into the Lions Portal by May 15th. If you are having difficulties with the portal, contact me or District Administrator Mike Kerek for assistance.

It's not too late to bring in that friend, co-worker, neighbor, family member. Make them a part of your Lions family this Lions year. JUST ASK!!

Have a great May!

Yours in Lionism,
DGe Gary Likens

TRI-VILLAGE HOSTS TRIVIA CHALLENGE!

The Tri-Village Lions held their 40th semi-annual trivia contest on April 19th at the Hofbrauhaus in Grandview. More than 50 folks showed up to test their wits, share the camaraderie, and compete for bragging rights. Besides the Tri-Village Lions and friends/family in attendance, there were Lions in attendance from the Beechcroft Lions, the Troy Lions, the Marysville Lions, the Worthington Noon Lions, the Canal Winchester Lions, and a large group of newly-minted Lions from the Lions Club at OSU. It was this contingent from campus who scored the highest for a team of visiting Lions, and who earned a spot on our “traveling trophy.”

We look forward to hosting our next trivia contest in the Fall, and we hope to have more Lions, from more clubs throughout the District. Come and join in on the fun.



LIONS GETTING TOGETHER FOR TRIVIA FUN!

On April 19, 2026 the Worthington Noon Lions Club participated in the 40th Semi-Annual Pub Tri-Village Trivia Contest for the first time. Lion Rick Roberts formed a team that represented the WN club at this event. The Club looks forward to participating again in the future.



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!!)



FREE VISION SCREENING DAY

June 6th - Grove City Library

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Healthy vision helps children learn, read and succeed!

Sponsored by the

GROVE CITY LIONS CLUB

Join us during the Summer Reading Program Kickoff for a day dedicated to children's early detection.

COMPREHENSIVE SCREENINGS FOR CHILDREN

- ✓ In-depth, individual vision screenings
- ✓ Conducted by Doctors of Optometry
- ✓ Quick child-friendly process
- ✓ Early detection support and follow-up guidance

PROVIDED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

-  SVOSH (Student Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity)
-  Prevent Blindness Ohio
-  I see Vision Screening Initiative
-  Ohio Vision Center, Lion Dr. Eriq Hall



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Children participating in the Grove City Library Summer Reading Kickoff – and any families who want to ensure their child's vision is ready for learning, reading and growing.



LOCATION



Grove City Library
June 6th
11 AM - 3 PM



PROUDLY SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

The Grove City Lions Club is committed to improving vision health for children and families in our community.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE LIONS OR HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US.

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We Serve.
We Change Lives.
TOGETHER.

Worthington Noon celebrates school volunteers

On Monday, April 27, 2026 the Worthington Noon Lions Club had its annual Worthington Schools “School Volunteer Recognition Program” at the Worthington Education Center. This event is one of our signature community service projects. A lovely reception was held before the official school board meeting. Worthington Mayor, Scott Holmes, Worthington Superintendent, Dr. Trent Bowers, Worthington School Board President, Amber Epling-Skinner, building principals, family members and friends joined our Lions Club members in celebrating our awesome school volunteers during this phenomenal evening. Congratulations to all the volunteers nominated and selected from their respective buildings!!! We applaud them and everything they do for the buildings in which they serve! Each honoree received a certificate, an award pin, a rose, a proclamation from the Mayor and a picture to commemorate the event. We appreciate being able to collaborate with the directors of secondary and elementary education, Emilie Greenwald and Rob Messenheimer who helped facilitate the program process with our awesome WNL Club members!



Mayor, Scott Holmes



School Volunteer Honorees pictured with Superintendent, Dr. Trent Bowers at the top right side of the stairs.



Evening Street School Volunteers, Mr. & Mrs. Widdis with President Ty Nisthauz

Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank Clippers Day



The Columbus Clippers welcome the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank to the award-winning Huntington Park!

Come out and join the family-fun atmosphere with your staff, families, and friends! \$4 for every ticket sold will be donated to the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank.

*Please Note: Prices are "All In" and include the cost of the ticket and applicable fees.

Tickets:

\$15 for Adults

\$13 for Youth/Senior (60 & Older)

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The graphic has a solid blue background. At the top left is the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank logo, which consists of three white curved lines forming a stylized eye. To the right of the logo, the words 'CENTRAL OHIO LIONS' are in a small, white, sans-serif font, and 'EYE BANK' is in a larger, white, serif font. Below this, the text 'Join us for the Eye Bank day at the Clippers' is written in a white, serif font. Underneath that, 'Sunday May 3rd' and '@ 1:05pm' are also in a white, serif font. In the center is a white QR code. At the bottom, the text 'Get your Tickets Today.' is written in a white, serif font.

**Join us for the
Eye Bank day at
the Clippers
Sunday May 3rd
@ 1:05pm**

Get your Tickets Today.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

St Mary's Catholic Church in German Village is interested in partnering with local Lions for Games of Skill at their upcoming Sommerfest on August 7th (evening) and August 8th (all day). You must provide the game and the volunteers to work it. Proceeds from your game will be split 60/40 between your Club and the Church. If you are interested, please reach out to Lion Ashley Ballard, ashley@columbussoutheastlions.org.





A PRIDE OF LIONS!

The Columbus Southeast Lions Club will once again be marching in the Columbus Stonewall Pride Parade on Saturday, June 20th, in downtown Columbus. The parade kicks off at 9am and our Lions are usually near the front, so we should be done by 11am!

No cost to join; all Lions are welcome and Tshirts are provided to all walkers!

Sign up here if you are interested:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FADAC29A3FCC16-61958925-southeast#/>

All Lions are invited to join Lions Project for Canine Companions representatives at upcoming graduation ceremonies at the Canine Companions New Albany Campus! Please RSVP with Ashley Ballard at aballard@lpcanine.org if you plan to attend!

Dates: Fridays - May 15th, August 14th, November 13th

Time: 1:00-2:30pm Eastern

Address: 7480 New Albany-Condit Rd, New Albany, OH 43054

Parking attendants will provide instructions on where to park. Ceremony takes place in New Leash Hall, which is at the back of the campus. Bring tissues!



Thank you for reading!

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PDG Jackie Miller

For Ohio's International Director

Ohio Lions,

We're in the home stretch and the State Convention is just around the corner. ***Please ensure your club delegates are present at the State Convention business session*** and ready to cast their vote for Ohio's endorsed candidate. **I sincerely hope to earn your vote!**

Be part of this historic occasion—consider organizing a district trip and join us for the day. Experience the energy of the business session, enjoy the demonstrations, and witness history as Ohio selects a woman for our next International Director.

I hope you've all had a chance to get to know me through my articles and Convention speeches
A refresher for all:

- I want to be Ohio's International Director to remind Lions to remember why we began this journey of service. I'm committed to carrying our legacy forward with **hope and purpose!**
- **My vision:**
 - Strengthen clubs through **Leadership**
 - Grow **Membership** through meaningful service
 - Champion **LCIF** and our global causes
 - **Represent you** and your voice at the International Level
- Why me?
 - I'm a Lion who is approachable, collaborative, and deeply committed to service
 - I understand grassroots club needs
 - I'm a Lion who leads with heart, integrity, and accountability

Thank you for believing in the power of service to change our world! It's **GREAT** to be a Lion!

Let's Support PDG Jackie Miller for International Director!

Proceeds will be used to support youth, health, and community programs locally, regionally, and where there is a need.

★ **MEMORIAL DAY** ★
REMEMBER AND HONOR

North Hampton
Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, May 23 7:30am-11am

All you can Eat (Dine in or Carry-out)

Pancakes + Sausage

Orange Juice, Coffee, and Milk

Located at Asbury Church on Rt. 41

Bring your
used eyeglasses

Handicap
accessible

Donations accepted
at the door

For more information, visit us at:

www.NorthHamptonLions.com



Tri-Village Lions Club
Presents An Old-Fashioned



**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

May 30th, 8:00-12:00

Grandview Middle School (1600 W. First Ave.)

**ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES,
SAUSAGE, EGGS, JUICE & COFFEE**

BID ON OUR

SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE BASKETS



**TICKETS \$10 – Kids 5-12 - \$5,
KIDS UNDER 5 - FREE**

**A testimonial from a diner
from last year:**

“These pancakes are head-and-shoulders above the rest!!!”

