



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:

As we continue to serve our communities it's vital that we look toward the future by growing our membership. Every new Lion brings fresh energy, ideas and strength to our mission of service. Inviting someone to join isn't just about asking them to attend meetings- it's offering them a chance to make a real difference in someone's life. When we bring in new members, we're not just growing our clubs; we're expanding our ability to serve. Let's each take the opportunity to invite someone- a friend, neighbor, coworker or family member- to experience what it means to be a Lion. Share your passion for service, tell your story and show how being a Lion, has made a difference in your life. Where there's a need, there's a Lion and we need more Lions!

In Service,
DG Toni



Service Highlight: Worthington Noon Lions



Our Worthington Noon Lions Club has met the “TREE CHALLENGE” environment goal for this year’s project for the state convention that will take place in May. Our club is reporting the planting of 100 trees throughout this club year!! Kudos to our Lion members, Bob and Eileen Brenner who enabled us to reach this goal.

Donation to Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation



The Worthington Noon Lions Club made a \$500 donation to the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation this month at their general membership meeting after hearing a wonderful presentation by Lion Jeff Sweeney who is serving his second term (fourth year) as a district trustee for the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation. OLERF is a 5013c charitable foundation dedicated to helping children and adults with eye problems by funding eye research and student fellowships throughout Ohio. The Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) has been committed to finding treatments and cures for blinding retinal diseases since 1957.

Service Highlight: Tri-Village Lions



Community Coalition

In March, the Tri-Village Lions Club once again headed up a community coalition, dubbed the “Tri-Village Packers,” as they provided food for hungry children in their own community (Grandview Heights, Marble Cliff, Upper Arlington). They say that a picture is worth 1000 words. Perhaps, then, these 5 pictures will provide evidence of these efforts. The Packers purchased, sorted, packed, and distributed more than 5400 food items to 98 children, to tide them over during their Spring Break (when food was not available through the schools). It took the efforts of more than 120 Lions and community members, and more than 280 service hours to make this work – and these neighbors-helping-neighbors have reason to be proud of the effort.

Service Highlight: Marysville Lions



The Marysville Lions Club participated in an Earth Day cleanup service project in Uptown Marysville, contributing their time and effort to help beautify the community.



Speaker Recommendation from Lion Stu Koble

If you don't know Ashley you should. We were intrigued by her presentation at the District convention so we invited her to speak at our club. We were not disappointed! Ashley Ballard is with Canine Companions and a S/E Lion. She has been training a companion pup for the last year and will soon give it up for further and adoption to someone in need. I highly recommend her as a speaker!

<https://lpcanine.org/>

Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Foundation **Opening Eyes®**



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

The Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games will be hosted at Ohio State at Saturday, June 14th. Through the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes® program, athletes receive free health screenings in a fun and inclusive environment.

Many of the positions require no eyecare knowledge and can be learned on site the day of.

What: Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games - Vision screenings

When: Saturday June 14th, 2025

Where: Ohio State campus (inside a building near the RPAC)

Time: 8:00am-5pm

If you'd like to help, please email Dr. Cockerill with your preferred time. Help is needed from 7:45-12:30, 12:30-5:15, or all day shifts.

elizabeth_cockerill@yahoo.com

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/special-olympics-partnership>

BY THE NUMBERS:

455,000+

Special Olympics athletes have received free vision screenings through LCIF's and Special Olympics' Opening Eyes program

194,000+

Special Olympics athletes have received free prescription eyeglasses at Opening Eyes events

22,000+

Lions have volunteered with Special Olympics since 2000

1,100+

Eye care professionals have volunteered their services

Thank you for reading!

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“Learn to Roar”

What: Lions “Learn to Roar” Leadership Training
When: Saturday, June 21st
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

An Old-Fashioned Pancake Breakfast!!!

With the Tri-Village Lions Club

Saturday, May 31, 2025

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Grandview Larson Middle School
1600 W. First Ave., Columbus, 43212

Tickets - \$5
(Children 5 and under eat FREE)



GREAT FOOD!

**PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, EGGS,
COFFEE, TEA, MILK, JUICE**

All you can eat!

(Gluten-free options available)

**A SILENT AUCTION AND SOME
AMAZING RAFFLE BASKETS**





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