



# OH5 PRIDE REPORT

DISTRICT  
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CARL GASS

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due by the 27th of the month

### SAVE THE DATE:

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

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## **A Message of Deepest Gratitude to My District Cabinet**

To My Exceptional Cabinet Team,

As this year draws to a close, I find myself looking back on everything we have journeyed through with a profound sense of pride and immense gratitude. When I stepped into the role of District Governor, I knew the road ahead would demand dedication, but I could not have predicted just how vital every single one of you would become to the success of our district.

This year, we didn't just meet our goals—we made tremendous strides for the Lions Clubs across District OH-5. We faced unexpected odds, navigated periods of diversity, and encountered challenges that could have easily derailed a less committed group of leaders. Yet, every single time we hit a crossroads, this cabinet rose to the occasion.

I want to say this clearly and with the utmost sincerity: these accomplishments could not have been completed by me alone.

True leadership is never a solo endeavor, and any success credited to my tenure is a direct reflection of your hard work, your late nights, your counsel, and your unwavering belief in our shared mission. We didn't operate as a hierarchy; we operated as a true team. Because of that unity, we didn't just weather the storms—we grew stronger through them.

Thank you for your sacrifice, your passion for service, and your commitment to changing lives in our communities. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve alongside you this year. Together, we overcame the odds, and together, we deserve to celebrate these hard-won successes.

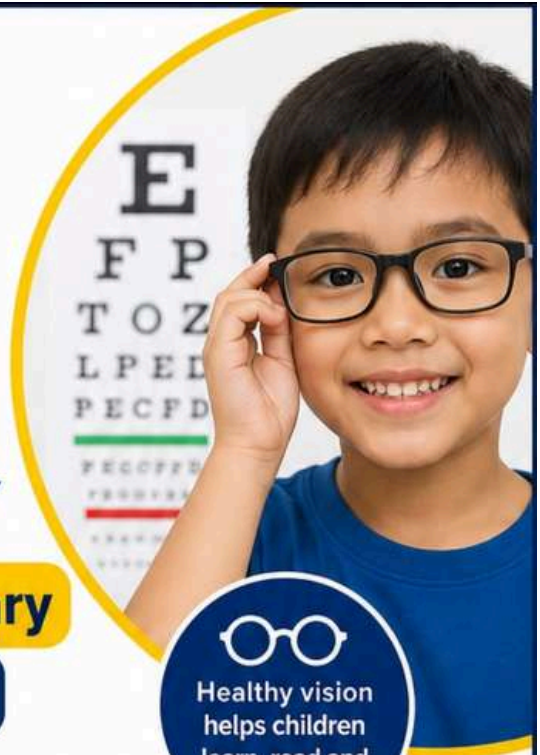
With my deepest respect and gratitude,  
Dr. Carl Gass  
District Governor, Lions District OH-5



# 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.

Lion Stu Koble

✉ Sfkoble@gmail.com

☎ 614-561-1873

We Serve.  
*We Change Lives.*  
TOGETHER.

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## SPECIAL THANKS TO OHIO LIONS FOR OHIO LIONS ENDORSEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



Thank you, Ohio Lions, to my campaign team, family, club, district and to members of Team Lydia for voting me as the Ohio endorsed candidate for International Director! I also want to say a special thank you to PDG Jackie Miller (candidate) – friends for life! I am truly honored and humbled to be part of MD13. As I begin the journey to get elected as an ID, I will bring my dedication, talents and passion for Lionism and life with me every step of the way. I will roll up my sleeves and work for the Lions of Ohio and Lions everywhere. Thank you for your trust and support. I will do my very best to make you proud! Thank you again!!!!

### **Canal Winchester Lions help with Opening Eyes program at Special Olympics**

Canal Winchester is proud to be a part of the vision screening program at this year's Ohio Special Olympics. Participating were Lions Carol Delgrosso, Christina Beargie, Kathy Wetmore and PDG Jeff Sweeney, plus optometrist Dr. Erin Henson- daughter of Lion Carol! Hundreds of athletes received vision screening and prescription glasses throughout the day.

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





## 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](mailto:aballard@lpcanine.org) if you plan to attend!

Dates: Fridays - May 15<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>

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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## Tri-Village Lions Club Pancake Breakfast May 30, 2026

The Tri-Village Lions Club held our annual Pancake Breakfast on May 30, at the Grandview Middle School. We had a record turnout to sample our pancakes, sausage, and eggs. There were 22 Tri-Village Lions there to serve, and we were pleased to have extra help from a member of the OSU Campus Lions Club AND District Governor Carl Gass, who put in 3+ *loooooonnnngggg* hours behind the steam table, dishing up eggs to our diners.

There was a table staffed by our new community partner, the Visionworks store in the Grandview Yard, and another table manned by the Worthington Noon Lions who came to eat and to offer up books for their football pool. We had visiting Lions from as far away as the Troy (to the west) and Canal Winchester (to the southeast!). Good food and good friends!



DG Carl Gass, flanked by  
Tri-Village Lions Al Sulser  
and Tim King



OSU Campus Lion Riley Coers  
flanked by Tri-Village Lions  
Carolynn Thomas  
and Wayne Cocchi

Satisfied Repeat Customer!



Our Kitchen Crew



## “Learn to Roar”

- What:** Lions “Learn to Roar” Leadership Training  
**When:** Saturday, June 13th  
**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 1<sup>st</sup>.  
\$25 each if paid after June 1<sup>st</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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Tolles Career & Technical Center. Doors open at 9:15 am and the first class begins at 10:00 am. Lunch will be catered and will be at approximately 12:00 pm. All classes end at 3:00 pm.

See the attached class schedule, officer requirements, and the registration form. The deadline to register is June 1<sup>st</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 LCI for 2026-2027 will be given these Leadership pins at graduation from Learn to Roar**



# “Learn to Roar” Registration Form

Saturday, **June 13, 2026**

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 below)		<b>Cost: \$20 each before June 1<sup>st</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 1, 2026**