



OH5 PRIDE REPORT

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due by the 27th of the month

SAVE THE DATE:

Ohio Lions Winter
Retreat
Jan. 16-18, 2026
Deer Creek State Park

District Convention
March 13-14, 2026
Embassy Suites by Hilton
Columbus
2700 Corporate
Exchange Dr, Columbus
43231

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

Lions International
Convention
Jul. 3-7, 2026
Hong Kong

from the desk of

1VDG GARY LIKENS

Another month as FVDG, another month closer to the big chair. Training has been amplified, club visits multiplied, zoom meetings intensified. Days are long, miles adding up, and I am enjoying every minute, I especially enjoy club visits. Meeting people, helping both clubs and individuals to become ultimate Lions.

I am continuing my work with the Olentangy Lions club. We have added four members and just completed a service project with another project in November.

I just completed a fantastic weekend of training at Deer Creek Lodge (bathrooms were open). The Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI), was well worth the time and effort involved. I would recommend it to any and all Lions who want to learn to be a better Lion. Thank you PDG Jackie Miller and PCC Kerry Parker for their excellent instruction.

I will continue to serve my District as well as my home club, the London Lions, to the best of my ability.

FVDG/ZC Gary Likens
Secretary, London Lions

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

Nov 1: Super Braxton singing
National Anthem

Nov 1 Council of Governors
meeting

Nov 4 St Paris visit and new
member induction

Nov 5 Olentangy event

Nov 6 Consitution and By-laws
zoom.

Nov 8 Cabinet Meeting

Nov 10 Convention Committee

Nov 12 Zone 6 meeting

Nov 16 DG elect Group 31 zoom

Nov 18 Laura Lions meeting

Nov 19 Olentangy event

Nov 23 Olentangy service event

Nov 25 Greencamp visit

Marysville Lions Club

The Lions Club of Marysville, OH does a lot for our community that you may not be aware of, with many of their volunteer and fundraising efforts going toward vision, hunger, the environment, supporting our youth... and the list goes on!

For example... They collect and distribute eyeglasses, fight alongside organizations like Blessings in a Backpack to combat hunger and food insecurity, and they've provided FOUR benches around town made from plastic they've collected!



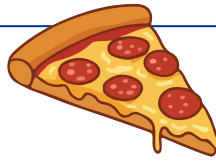
So it was an honor to have them join us again this week to pack 156 blessings bags for us to send home with enrolled students this weekend. They are a big part of what makes Marysville great!



Grove City Lions Fight Hunger!

1 hour, 100 P & J sandwiches to fight hunger for those in need at Jordan's Crossing.

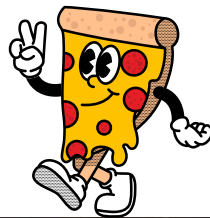
Pizza Night in Marysville



The Marysville Evening Lions Club, in proud partnership with the Marysville Eagles Lodge, hosted its highly anticipated Pizza Challenge on September 27, 2025. Held at the Eagles Lodge, the event brought together community members for an evening of delicious competition, laughter, and local pride.

Thanks to the generous support of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and the Eagles Lodge, the Pizza Challenge was a resounding success. Attendees sampled a variety of mouthwatering pizzas while rallying behind a shared cause—raising funds for Union County Mobile Meals.

Through ticket sales, donations, and spirited participation, the event raised over \$4,000 to support Union County Mobile Meals, a vital program that delivers nutritious meals to homebound residents throughout the county.



Worthington Noon Sponsors Blood Drive



The Worthington Noon Lions Club is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive in honor of one of our dedicated Lions, Dr. Trevor Bourgeois. This event will be at the Old Worthington Library on Friday, November 21, 2025 from 11 am to 5 pm. Trevor was diagnosed with aplastic anemia and has to receive frequent transfusions. We are encouraging people to donate blood on November 21st in honor of Lion Trevor who is so special to us. Below is a flyer fellow Lions can share with their family, friends and contacts to help us with this endeavor. The flyer explains how to schedule an appointment by calling the Red Cross or using the sponsor code, "Trevor" if registering online. Thanks in advance to all who are able to donate.

Prayerfully,

Lion Dr. Brenda Kay Toler 🦁📌

Donate Blood

IN HONOR OF Trevor Bourgeois



A loving husband and devoted father to three beautiful girls, Trevor has a passion for Christ and loves spending time with his friends and family. This January, Trevor was diagnosed with severe aplastic anemia. Without the lifesaving donations of blood, Trevor would not be here today. "Every time I get a transfusion, I always wish I could thank whoever donated. I may not be able to personally thank them, but I can thank each and every one of you who donates. It truly is the gift of life.

Old Worthington Library

**Friday, November 21, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 P.M.**



Meeting Room
820 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Give blood 11/17-12 for an exclusive pair of Red Cross x PAC-MAN socks, while supplies last!

Schedule your appointment today!

To schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org,
sponsor code: Trevor or call 1-800-RED CROSS



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OHIO LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION (OLERF)



The Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) operates as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization, dedicated to discovering treatments and cures for blinding retinal diseases. Your ongoing support and donations directly fund grants and fellowships for researchers across Ohio. These researchers are at the forefront of innovative breakthroughs, driving progress and giving hope to individuals affected by retinal diseases. While significant advancements have been made, the journey to eliminate blindness is ongoing—and your commitment is crucial now more than ever. Please consider renewing your support to help end blindness and vision loss in Ohio and around the globe.

By sustaining your support and advocacy for those impacted by retinal diseases, you help drive the search for effective treatments and cures. Together, we've achieved remarkable progress, but much work remains. OLERF is steadfast in its mission to eradicate blinding retinal diseases and restore sight worldwide.

- Every dollar contributed to OLERF is invested directly in **Ohio** for vital eye research.
- \$110,000 has been earmarked for research initiatives in 2025-2026, with multiple ongoing projects continuing to fulfill their grant and fellowship commitments.
- OLERF has awarded over \$8 million to Ohio-based researchers, supporting major advancements in the field.
- Significant progress has been made through our funded research. Visit our website to explore informative videos and learn more: <https://ohiolionseyereseearch.org>

Vision impairment ranks among the top ten disabilities for adults over 18, and it's one of the most common disabling conditions in children. Vision-related disability causes a substantial emotional, social and economic toll for millions of people including significant suffering, disability, loss of productivity, and diminished quality of life. An estimated 3.8 million Ohioans have vision problems and, as the population ages, this number will continue to increase. The estimated financial burden to the Ohio economy due to vision problems, refractive errors, visual impairment, and blindness is \$6.1 billion annually.

Every District in Ohio is represented by an OLERF member. You can reach out for further information, request a speaker for club or district meetings, or make a donation. OLERF takes pride in the research achievements made so far and is committed to maintaining its leadership role in advancing eye research in Ohio. It is important to remember that when it comes to our eyes, “We have one pair and no spare”. Help us fund critical vision research with your donations. The list of trustees is attached to this newsletter and we encourage clubs to reach out to their District Trustee for more information- every bit counts!

Springfield National Trail brings “Ohio Made Goodies!”

Hello, Lions,

The Springfield National Trail Lions Celebrate Ohio fundraiser is now in full swing. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, November 9th at 5pm.

The offerings are in the attachment to this Newsletter. Please share with others that you believe would enjoy any of these items. You can place your order by one of three ways - sending an email to SNTLions@yahoo.com, by notifying any of the members, or by calling (or texting) Treasurer Carol Miller at 937-624-5404. Be sure to include all of your contact information.

Deliveries will be made before Thanksgiving -- think appetizers before the big feast!

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Carol Miller
Secretary/Treasurer
Springfield National Trail Lions

Thank you for reading!

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PDG Jackie Miller Wants to Visit Your Club!

Sharing the Mission of the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank Across District 13 OH5

Past District Governor Jackie Miller is inviting clubs throughout District 13 OH5 to schedule a program visit to learn more about the incredible work of the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank (COLEB).

As Lions, we proudly uphold Helen Keller's challenge to be "Knights of the Blind." The Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank continues that legacy by restoring vision through corneal transplants, supporting donor families, and promoting eye donation awareness across our region.

During her visits, PDG Jackie shares moving stories of individuals whose lives have been transformed through the gift of sight — and highlights how Lions Clubs play a vital role in making that possible. Her presentation also offers practical ways your club can stay engaged, from supporting donor registration campaigns to volunteering and fundraising for vision programs.

"When we talk about the Eye Bank," Jackie says, "we're talking about hope, healing, and the power of service. Every Lion in OH5 helps make sight possible for someone in need."

Why Invite PDG Jackie?

- Learn how the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank serves communities in our district.
- Discover new ways your club can participate in sight-related service.
- Celebrate the Lions' historic impact on vision and eye health.

Schedule a Visit Today

PDG Jackie is currently scheduling club visits across District 13 OH5 for the coming months. Don't miss this opportunity to host an engaging and inspiring program at your next club meeting!

Contact:

PDG Jackie Miller

Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank Coordinator

 [pdgjackie@gmail.com]

 [614.530.1861]



Together, let's continue to bring vision, hope, and service to our communities — one club visit at a time.



ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER FOR DISTRICTS AND LEO CLUB NEWSLETTERS



The Lions International Pin Trading Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of US\$4,000 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lions or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed US\$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by **March 1, 2026**.

We encourage all graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions or members or who are members of Leo Clubs to participate in our Scholarship Program.

Steven D Sherer, Secretary

Name of Pin Trading Club Scholarship Chairman

1090 Thomas Drive SW

New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

lionpidsteve@gmail.com

Please place the above message in your sub-district and district bulletins and post on your websites. Please be aware that Scholarship Applications and information are on the [LITPC website](#).

2025-26 OLERF Trustees and Appointees

Updated 10/23/25

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Delivery Address: _____

We apologize for our inability to take credit at this time.

****New item this year**

Item:		#	Total Cost	Item:		#	Total Cost	Item:		#	Total Cost
Marble Cheese	\$7			Maple Syrup \$14 for Pint or \$24 for Qt				Malted Milk Balls	\$4		
Colby Cheese	\$7			Honey	\$8			Peanut Squares	\$4		
Cheddar Cheese	\$7			**Spiced Chai Beverage Mix	\$6.90			Cashew Halves	\$4		
Baby Swiss Cheese	\$7			** Gourmet Hot Chocolate Mix – 8 oz	\$6.90			Mixed Nuts	\$4		
Mild Swiss Cheese	\$7			**Spiced Chai Mix & Hot Chocolate gift set 8 oz each	\$11.90			Cranberry Trail Mix	\$4		
Lacy Swiss Cheese	\$7			Coffee Regular	\$12.90			Total Cost of Single Items:			
Pepper Jack Cheese	\$7			Coffee Decaf	\$14.90						
Gouda Cheese	\$7			Smales Hard Pretzels – 25 Ct.	\$11						

Basket Charge is \$3 per basket to cover cost of wrapping.

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**Celebrate
Ohio!**

**When you support the Springfield National Trail Lions Club,
you contribute to local, state, national and international projects.**



Join us, and help us Celebrate Ohio by purchasing Ohio products!

Orders Due by November 9, 2025 **~ Delivery dates:** November 20-26, 2025

Thank you!

Marble (Colby and Jack)
By Pearl Valley Cheese 12 oz



\$7

Colby
By Pearl Valley Cheese 12 oz



\$7

Cheddar
By Pearl Valley Cheese 12 oz



\$7

Baby Swiss Cheese
By Pearl Valley Cheese 12 oz



\$7

Mild Swiss
By Pearl Valley Cheese 12 oz



\$7

Pepper Jack
By Pearl Valley Cheese 12 oz



\$7

Gouda By Pearl Valley Cheese
12 oz



\$7

Ohio Maple Syrup 1 Pint

Johnson
Maple
Syrup



\$14 Pint
or
\$24 Qt

Seven Cs Honey



\$8

Hemisphere Coffee Roaster
Spiced Chai 8 oz



\$6.90

Smales Hard Pretzels
Large Bag of 25



\$11

Coffee— House / Burg Blend
By Hemisphere Coffee Roasters
12 oz Ground



\$12.90

Coffee— Decaf/Mad River Blend
By Hemisphere Coffee Roasters
12 oz Ground



\$14.90

Chocolate Malted Milk Balls 7oz
By Trophy Nuts



\$4

Lacy Swiss is Back! By Pearl
Valley Cheese 12 oz.



\$7

Peanut Squares 6oz
By Trophy Nuts



\$4

Cashew Halves 5oz
By Trophy Nuts



\$4

Mixed Nuts with Peanuts 6oz
By Trophy Nuts



\$4

Cranberry Trail Mix 6oz
By Trophy Nuts



\$4

Your SNT Lions Friends:

Bill Brunz Christina Conover
Karl Cox Kay Cox
Tim Cross Kelly Manion
Carol Miller Leslie Robey
Billye Rodgers Sharif Rodgers
Dave Smith Kitty Smith

A vibrant red poster for a casino night event. At the top, a fan of five playing cards (Ace of Clubs, Ace of Hearts, Ace of Spades, Ace of Diamonds, and a fifth Ace) is displayed. Below the cards is a central sign with the text "CASINO Night". The sign is surrounded by stars and a string of lights. Below the sign are two red dice. At the bottom, there are stacks of colorful chips (red, green, blue, and black) and a central oval containing the time "7:30-10:30 PM". The background is red with white stars and a subtle pattern of playing cards and dice.

CASINO *Night*

**POKER - BLACK JACK - ROULETTE -
TEXAS HOLD'EM**

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

MARCH 13TH

PURCHASE YOUR MONOPOLY
MONEY AND HAVE A GREAT TIME

**7:30-10:30
PM**

WHO WILL BE THE BIGGEST LOSER?
WHO WILL BE THE BIGGEST WINNER?

DISTRICT OH5

SILENT AUCTION!

**We are excited for
our upcoming MD-13
Convention!!!!**

**Requesting Clubs
and/or Zones to
donate a Silent
Auction basket.**

Please contact Jen
@luttrellzoo@hotmail.com to come
your club



**Silent Auction held
during the Grand
Banquet on Saturday**

✧ OH 5

Service Project

M.A.S.H Food Pantries and Veterans Honor Garden

Provides essential services to Veterans, Military families, and survivors in Central Ohio. Providing food, toiletries, and hygiene items monthly.



Service Project - Part 1

- ✧ The Veterans Honor Garden service project. We as a district will be collecting seed donations at the 2026 Convention.

We are asking all clubs to begin collecting seeds



Service Project - Part 2

- ✧ Collections of regular size personal care items
**Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash,
and Deodorant**

We are asking all clubs for a donation



Service Project - Part 3

- ✧ We will be preparing Game packs for Veterans during Friday, Casino Night!
We hope to see volunteers to help pack bags!

STRIDES WALK

Come and join us for our OH5 Strides Walk in honor of Lion Kenny Spafford.

The Strides Walk has a special place in Kenny's heart and DG Carl Gass and his committee would like to honor Lion Kenny at this 2025-2026 OH5 Convention.



MARCH 14TH

4-4:45 PM

Weather permitting location