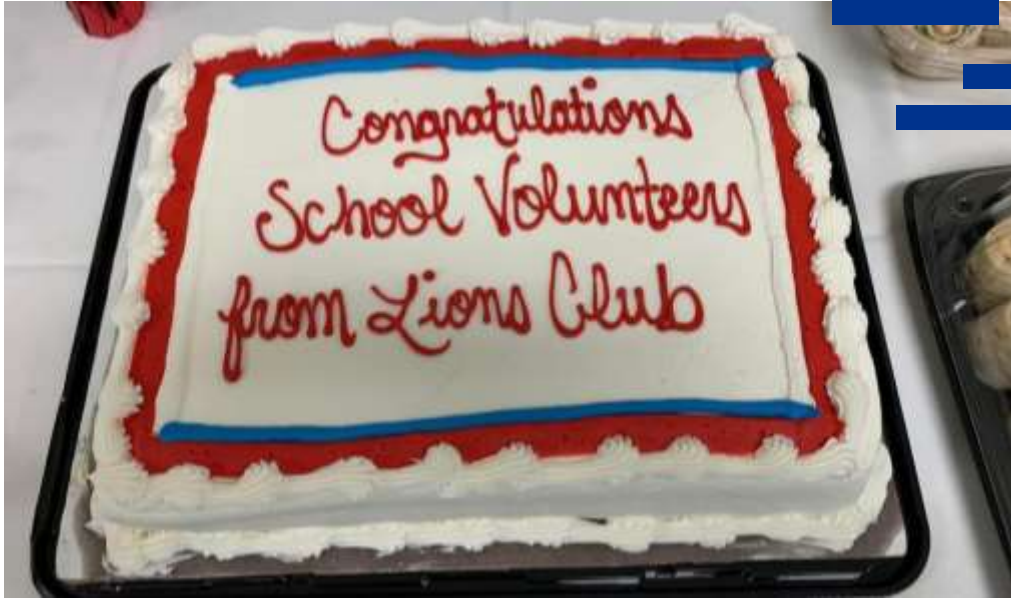


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SAVE THE DATE

Learn to Roar
Tolles Career Center
June 8, 2024

Memorial Tournament
June 3-9, 2024

Lions Clubs International Convention
Melbourne, Australia
June 21-25, 2024

USA/Canada Forum
Louisville, Kentucky
September 5-7, 2024

CONGRATS DG MIKE!

Passing the gavel p.2

LEARN TO ROAR
See flyers- Final call!
Training is JUNE 8!

LAURA LIONS
Save the date!
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Congratulations Incoming Council Chair DG Mike!





Laura Lions Club will be celebrating their “75” Charter Night on Saturday night, September 7, 2024 in West Milton. A catered meal is in the plans with special speaker and music for the evening, with other surprises in the plans. A \$25.00 meal charge will cover evening expense. **Mark your calendar now, save the date!**

A NOTE FROM PDG JOE JACKSON...

OH5 Clubs,

The 2024-2025 Peace Poster contest information is now available at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster#contest> and this year's theme is Peace Without Limits. Although most kids ages 11-13 will create a poster, the essay format allows kids with limited vision to create an essay based on the program theme.

District and club prizes may vary; however, the **international prize is \$5000**. All entries must be submitted to the DG by November 15, 2024. Please consider making the Peace Poster and Peace Essay contests a part of your club's plans this coming year!

PDG Joe

(937) 307-4581



Monthly Trivia Contest



Be the **first** to send the correct answer to the Lions Trivia Question each month and win a \$10 Lions Money prize, to be spent on anything Lions related, from your DG! Please note, these questions will NOT be easy.

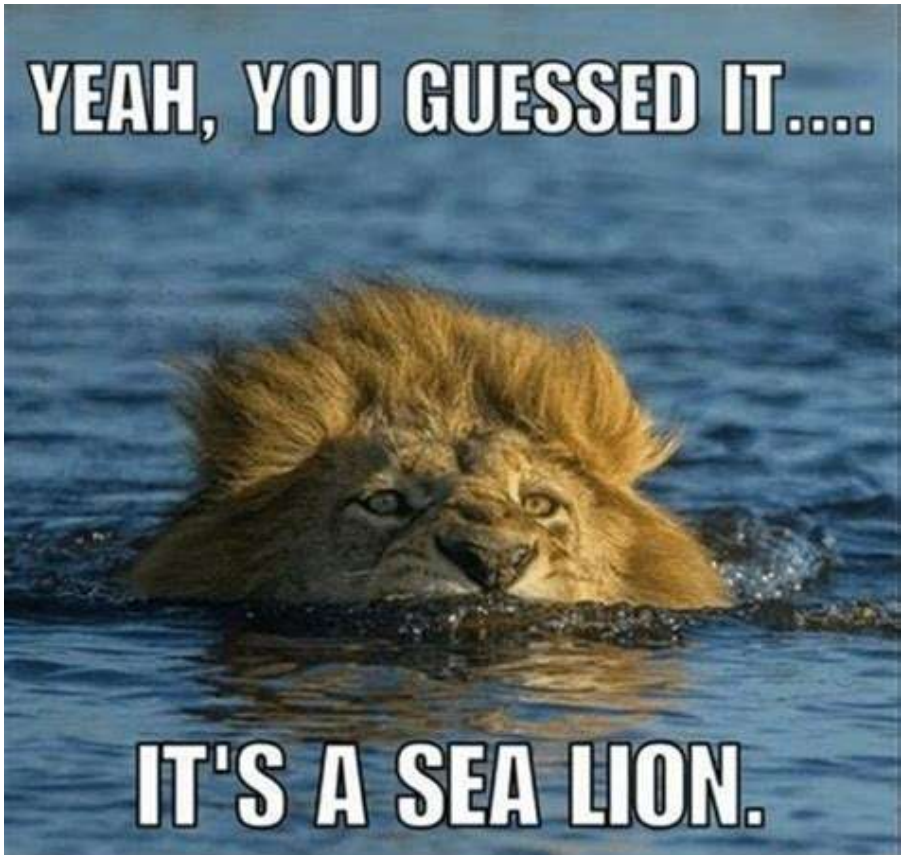
Send answers to districtoh5news@gmail.com

What year did Ohio first become District 13?

The Lions Funnies



YEAH, YOU GUESSED IT....



IT'S A SEA LION.



Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Inc.

**Research Today . . .
Vision Tomorrow**

The Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status organization. OLERF is committed to finding treatments and cures for blinding retinal diseases. It takes your continued support by providing donations for our grants/fellowships to Ohio researchers. Our researchers develop new breakthroughs and conduct groundbreaking research that provides hope to those living with blinding retinal diseases. There is still much more work to be done in the fight against blindness, and we cannot do it without you. Now is the time to renew/continue your dedication to ending blindness and vision loss here and around the world.

We have been able to accomplish so much together however, there is still more work to be done and we will not stop until we have eradicated blinding retinal diseases and restored vision across the world.

- All funds received by OLERF remain in Ohio for research
- \$357,000 committed for research projects for 2023-2024
- Special awards (Leadership, Visionary, Founders, Dick Bryan) available for donations of \$500 or more in a 2-year period
- Over \$8 million dollars have been given to Ohio researchers by OLERF.
 - Major progress by our research funds. Check out the videos on our website to find out more. Go to: <https://ohiolionseyeresearch.org>

Vision disability is one of the top 10 disabilities among adults 18 years and older. It is one of the most prevalent disabling conditions among children and causes substantial social and economic toll for millions of people. This causes significant suffering, loss of productivity and a diminished quality of life.

Half of all blindness is preventable but the number of Ohioans who suffer vision loss continues to increase. The primary causes of loss of vision are cataracts, retinopathy, glaucoma, and age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

Spreading Kindness – a LOT of Kindness!

The Lions of Ohio and of OH-5 outdid themselves at the State convention in May, following through on a planned statewide service project in spectacular fashion. The Lions were tasked with collecting peanut butter, to be contributed to the Buckeye Food Alliance (the student-run food pantry on the main OSU campus in Columbus). The goal was to raise awareness of the issue of hunger on campus, not just at Ohio State, but across the state.



Lions brought peanut butter in bags, in boxes, and even in suitcases! The jars were stacked on a table at the convention site under nifty looking signs fit for a “mountain of peanut butter” – Skippy Summit, Jif Junction, Peter Pan Peak, and Random Range. The display was flanked by two signs, one proclaiming peanut butter as the near-perfect superfood for hungry college students, and one highlighting the 50+ sites around the State of Ohio with student-run campus food pantries. There were even open jars of creamy and crunchy peanut butter included, wafting that wonderful aroma through the room. Lions were invited to grab a tasting spoon and dip in for a free sample, in exchange for a promise that they would check out the poster, look for a campus near them, and return home to explore what their Lions Club could do to help hungry students close to home.

When we ran out of room on the table (and worried about it collapsing under the weight!) the peanut butter was stacked in front of, and under the table. LOTS of peanut butter. In the end, it was estimated that we collected 2271 pounds of peanut butter!!!

Special thanks go out to Lion Stu Koble, of the Grove City Lions, who came and collected all that peanut butter in his truck (with the loading help of Lions from all over the state), then took it down to the Buckeye Food Alliance on Monday, for delivery.

That mountain of peanut butter... that TON of peanut butter... is a great reminder of what Lions can do when we come together. But it was created by collecting the individual jars donated by individual Lions. Individually, and together, WE SERVE!

Lion Jane Jarrow

GST-OH5



More pictures on next page!



COLEB 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Get tickets at <https://www.coleb.org/product/50th-anniversary-ticket>

Thursday June 13th from 6pm-9pm

At The Boathouse at Confluence Park

679 West Spring St.

Columbus, OH. 43215



What's new from Worthington Noon?

The Worthington Noon Lions Club in collaboration with Worthington Schools held an awesome “School Volunteer” Recognition Reception and Program this past May 13, 2024. Each school building nominated one volunteer to be celebrated and recognized for their contributions to the students and learning community! Each honoree received a certificate, a lapel pin, a rose, a proclamation from the Mayor, a copy of their nomination from their principal and a keepsake photo. Congratulations to this year’s honorees! A special thanks to our Superintendent, Dr. Trent Bowers, our Mayor, the Honorable Scott Holmes and our School Board President, Nikki Hudson, for addressing the volunteers and making them feel so special.



Volunteer Honorees



Worthington Noon Club President, Lion Dr. Brenda Toler, and Worthington Schools Superintendent, Dr. Trent Bowers.

FROM CC DAVE STOCKUM

Greetings! As we enter the homestretch of the 2023-2024 Lions Year, first and foremost I want to thank all the MD13 Lions for their service to humanity. Lions International has added a global cause of humanitarian service to include all those things we do that do not fit into the specific areas of childhood cancer, diabetes, sight, environment and hunger. MD13 leadership has done an excellent job of promoting service in all these areas. Disaster Relief, an area we have had to deal with more than we wish this year, and Youth are also designated as Global Causes now.

At the recent MD13 State Convention, we celebrated the outstanding job our multiple district leaders have done this year. The convention could have been marred by the poor service we experienced, especially in respect to food issues, but the fact that attendees practiced, not simply preached, the idea that “kindness matters” enabled us to celebrate the accomplishments of numerous Lions, especially our district governors. We also took advantage of the opportunity to update our knowledge of how our foundations work, to enjoy hospitality provided by our incoming second vice governors and OLRF, and generally to just have a good reunion with members of our Lions family. MDS Debbie Luttrell and PDG John Davis, with a little help from their friends, did a super job at what we believe is our last concession to COVID commitments.

If you like numbers, MD13 has completed almost 8000 service activities this year, serving close to 1.5 million people with 185,000 service hours donated. We have added 856 new members, and if we maintain this pace, we will meet the Constitutional Area Assigned goal of 957 new members. MD13 has 9700 members in 350 clubs at this point, and our clubs have donated over \$190,000 to various causes. Keep this last thought in mind; we have not had a year since 2007 in which we have had positive membership growth. We are hovering around the break even point so a strong June is critical. If each club added one member in the next month, we would end the 17-year losing streak in which we find our multiple district. Keep inviting non-Lions to join our association and keep encouraging non-participating Lions to come back to an active role in our clubs.

PDG Mike Kerek has been selected as the next Council Chairperson, DGe Brad King as the Vice Council Chair, and DGe Lilane Fox as the Chaplain. Congratulations to these Lions, along with DGe’s Susan Davis, Patty Moorman, Mary Ellen Sherer, William Humphrey, and Toni Gray, who will take office in the new Lions Year, 2024-2025. I am confident that they will provide solid leadership and guidance given the support I have received this year.

It has been an exciting year for me, and I thank you all who have graciously welcomed me to club meetings and celebrations, to district events, and through personal interactions. You have followed the Code of Ethics reminder to be liberal in praise and careful in criticism, especially when criticism was due. Bless you all, MD13 pride of Lions.

CC Dave Stockum



“Learn to Roar”

- What:** Lions “Learn to Roar” club officer and general Lion training
When: Saturday, June 8th
Time: Doors open at 9:00 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 1st.
\$25 each if paid after June 1st 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 8th, 2024 at Tolles Career & Technical Center. Doors open at 9:00am and the first class begins at 10:00am. Lunch will be catered by Subway and will be at noon. All classes end at 3:00pm.

See the attached class schedule with class descriptions, officer requirements, and the registration form. The deadline to register is June 1st.

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 2024-2025 will be given these Leadership pins at graduation from Learn to Roar

"Learn to Roar" — Class Schedule — 2024

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Pick one class to attend each hour

Time	Title	Description	Required	Room	Instructor
10:00 to 10:50	Now the you are the Club Membership Chairperson, what do you do?	We will be discussing how to develop a membership growth plan and how to ensure members are properly oriented. Learn to promote your club at service events in the public by working with other officers in the club. Identify opportunities to recruit prospective members and how invite them to join the club. Enhance club visibility, engagement, community impace and utilization of memberhip satisfaction programs.	Membership Chair	TBD	Gary Holloway
	Feeding Hungry Children in YOUR Community: A Step-By-Step DIY Service Project	We will begin with a case study. This year, the Tri-Village Lions were responsible for bringing together a community coalition that provided more than 3000 meals and snacks to hungry children in our local schools – and none of the money needed came from the budget of the Tri-Village Lions! We'll review how that project came about and played out, then help attendees create a step-by-step plan for mounting a workable program in your community.		TBD	Jane Jarrow
	Club's most valuable member is the Vice President	Duties and roles of a successful club's Vice President	Vice Presidents	TBD	Steve Kaplan
11:00 to 11:50	Streamline Your Meetings	Increase efficiency, better engagement, stronger accountability	Presidents	TBD	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	TBD	Mike Kerek
	Recruiters Passport	What is this Recruiter's passport and what's the best way to utilize it with my club members! How do we grow our membership by sharing our service story?		TBD	Tamarra Parker-Stephens
12:00 to 12:50		Lunch Break			
1:00 to 1:50	Financial and Compliance Peace	Worry-free budgeting, reporting, compliance, and oversight.	Treasurers and Compliance	TBD	Steve Kaplan
	District Resources - Where to find the right resources for YOUR Club	Finding the following resources might be tricky: Sight & Hearing Agencies; Lions Foundations; International Relations Agencies; Youth Agencies; Miscellaneous Programs; and District Support Personnel. We'll walk you through the process of how to find these different resources.		TBD	Gary Holloway
	Is That Tail Twisting?	Are your meetings fun or boring! Get members wanting to come back to the next meeting by learning how to get your members excited again.	Tail Twisting	TBD	Jackie Miller
2:00 to 2:50	Success and Sustainability	Board of Directors are the guardians of the club's future	Board of Directors	TBD	Steve Kaplan
	Youth Committee: Leo and Cub Clubs	Youth programs bring ways to see an exciting future	Youth	TBD	Bill Python
	Marketing Your Club on a Shoestring Budget	Over time, Lions have gotten better at finding ways to reach out successfully to keep club members and other Lions up-to-date on your activities. Now it's time to reach out to new audiences. Whether it's for purposes of fundraising, or service, or just to raise your visibility (a step toward recruiting new members), we have to start being more deliberate in our marketing efforts. Come to this session with a tentative calendar of your club's activities for next year, and learn how to identify new ways to get the word out in your community.		TBD	Jane Jarrow



“Learn to Roar” Registration Form

Saturday, **June 8, 2024**

Classes are from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Doors open at 9:00 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 1st. \$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, 2024**

HUNGER ISNT SEASONAL

An “Old-Fashioned Pancake Breakfast”

July 20

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Every July, the Tri-Village Lions hold their annual Pancake Breakfast at the Larson Middle School in Grandview Heights. Last year, members of our community were invited to donate tickets for the breakfast to be shared with families who use the Heart-to-Heart Food Pantry in Grandview.

More than 80 children and adults used those donated tickets to attend the breakfast. One mother couldn't say “thank you” enough – she said that had it not been for the pancake breakfast, her kids wouldn't have had anything to eat that day. Another mother said she thought it was the first time her children had ever been to a “restaurant” – someplace where they went, outside of home, to sit and eat and be served. All who attended courtesy of the community's generosity were grateful.

Their attendance at the Pancake Breakfast was, in part, the impetus for proposing the Tri-Village Packers project. The Tri-Village Lions would like to extend our Packers outreach to include this summer's Pancake Breakfast. We would like to offer donated tickets to the same families who were approached for the Fall and Spring food distribution, as well as to the families who rely on the Heart-to-Heart pantry.

A DONATION OF \$20 WILL FEED A FAMILY OF ANY SIZE.

(the Lions will cover any extras!)

If you (as an individual) or your organization would like to sponsor one or more families to attend the breakfast, you can do so by visiting the Upper Arlington Community Foundation's donation webpage, where you can select the Tri-Village Packers Fund from the dropdown menu under “My donation is for _____”

<https://uacommunityfoundation.com/donate/>





**FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY
DIABETIC DOG
NEED \$13,000 FOR TRAINING**

Marilee Scott is in need to a diabetic dog. She lives in Pickaway County so we don't have a local club to lead this effort. Please consider donating to our District fundraising effort. Her family has saved money for the dog but need money to pay for the training.

Clubs can send donations to: Providing Pawsable
c/o Rebekah Undersander
309 Eastwood Ave
Delphos, OH 45833

If you need more information about Marilee, the dog, or the trainer, please contact Kelly Hogrell (District OH 5 diabetes chair) at kelly@kdinsurancegroup.com. I have an information sheet I can send. Please let me know if your club is sending the donation directly to the trainer. I will be keeping a spreadsheet with donations and pledges. Clubs can also send donations to me to forward on to the trainer. My address is 6661 Diley Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110



EYE BANK

Day at

THE CLIPPERS

JULY 28TH @ 1:05 PM

Join us at the Clippers to celebrate the Eye Bank and Lionism. Get your tickets below!



[HTTPS://FEVO.ME/COLEB2024](https://FEVO.ME/COLEB2024)