



OH5 PRIDE REPORT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MIKE KEREK | AUG 2023 | LY 23-24



FEATURED CLUB: TROY

Our August Featured Club has 81 years of service to their community! [p. 9](#)

LETTERS FROM LEADERSHIP

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SAVE THE DATE

USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum
Reno, Nevada
Sept. 21-23, 2023

Cabinet Meeting
Lions State Office Building
4074 Hoover Rd, Grove City
Aug. 9, 9:30 a.m.
Open invite, please RSVP if attending

Pizza Party Training
Marion's Pizza in Troy, OH
Sept. 14, 6-8 p.m.

Pizza Party Training
VFW Post 7201, Marion, OH
Oct. 9, 6-8 p.m.

OLPCF- HOW YOU CAN HELP

IPDG Debbie shares exciting new research, and info on how your club can help. [p. 4](#)

TRADING POST

Clean out your Lions storage! [p. 5](#)

OH5 CALENDAR

Each Pride Report will now have a calendar of District events, meetings, and deadlines for easy reference! p. 10

FROM DG MIKE KEREK

THIS IS THE YEAR WE WANT ALL CLUBS TO **SHINE!**

We have a new program, the Club Engagement Initiative. Any club that gets at least one new member this year, has at least one new officer this year and gets at least one officer trained, (via any of the district trainings, through a Guiding Lion, or through personal training from either the DG, GLT, or ZC,) does at least one new service project and gives one new donation, and has at least one new officer for next year, will qualify for special recognition. We, as a district, have pledged to help clubs attain these goals if asked. We also want clubs to strive for the LCI Club Excellence Award – if you think your club will qualify, let your zone chair or me know so we can help with the process of applying!

We are starting a new District Calendar, which will be available every month in the Pride Report and will also be available in other venues that we are working out. We want our members and our clubs to be informed of upcoming events that pertain to the district.

YOU, as individual clubs and individual Lions, must embrace change before it can happen. Lions is, at the root, club based. You have to plan and execute the service projects and fundraisers, recruit and orient new members, file the taxes and maintain the compliance. It is up to you to make your club relevant in today's society, today's culture, and that may mean changes in how you operate.

But the district level has a responsibility as well, to be a resource you can count on in a myriad of ways, and that is a goal we have set for ourselves. Help with promotion? We have our district newsletter and Facebook group, which you can post to. Help with the computer reporting? Contact me anytime. Have an event you want us to attend and participate in, maybe lend a helping hand? As long as you let us know and we don't already have something lined up with another club, we're there. Ideas for new projects? Help with membership inductions? Need assistance figuring out who to contact to help a person in need? Yes, yes and yes, we have the ability to do all these and more. You just have to ask.

The solution to the problems starts with...us. It's a team effort.

DG Mike Kerek

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FROM CC DAVE STOCKUM

A good question is “What does the Council Chairperson do?” Basically, there are two main responsibilities that go with the position. One, the CC enables the Council of Governors to effectively run the Multiple District during their year in office. Creating an agenda, along with the MDS, for the Council of Governors’ Meetings and chairing the Meetings enables the CoG to oversee and help enact legislation that is needed to keep MD13 serving Ohio Lions effectively. The CC also acts as a resource person for the CoG, as well as for all Lions in the multiple district. A second responsibility of the CC is to serve as the chairperson of the GAT, the Global Action Team.

The GAT is made up of the Global Service Team, the Global Leadership Team, and the Global Membership Team. In addition to MD13 officers, these teams have officers in the State’s seven sub-districts. These groups have a MD13 Chairperson elected annually by the incoming District Governors who promotes their respective aspects of MD13 Lionism. The CC mainly supports and to some degree directs these Lion leaders. Lions Clubs International is suggesting a New Voices Chairperson as a new addition to the GAT. Although it is not required yet, MD13 is in the vanguard of multiples and districts promoting this addition. Educating Ohio Lions about New Voices will be a major emphasis this year, and Lion Tamarra Parker-Stephens has accepted leadership for this task.

As Council Chairperson this year, it is my goal to fulfill these responsibilities to the best of my ability, and as a subsidiary function, keep the membership of MD13 informed of service, governance, and growth in all respects of Lionism. Newsletters are one way to stay informed. If you aren’t on the MD13 Newsletter Mailing List, go to ohiolions.org and follow the links to get enrolled. Using “eNews Service” in the search box, you will find a page on which #3 directs you to the way to get enrolled for direct mailing of the MD13 Newsletter. I am looking forward to serving our multiple district as the year progresses. International President Dr. Patti Hill’s theme is Changing the World. I believe small change(s) can make a big difference!

Best wishes for this Lions Year in respect
to health, happiness, and service!

Council Chairperson Dave Stockum



Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation (OLPCF)

Since 2019, when the foundation began, OLPCF has awarded grants to research hospitals that are involved in pediatric cancer research. This year, their \$25,000 grant was awarded to Nationwide Childrens Hospital in Columbus. The research project, headed by Dr. Benjamin Sunkel, is working to: “uncover specific mechanisms and new avenues by which SWI/SNF mutations lead to cancerous cell phenotypes in diverse tissue settings, allowing for more precise tumor classification, accurate disease prognosis, and identification of treatment opportunities”.

Obviously, I have selected one sentence from a very technical write-up regarding the research that is being done, but if they are successful in being able to identify the type of cancer, children can be treated earlier and with a better chance of survival.

You might ask where the Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation gets its support. Easy, from the clubs and individual Lions within our district and throughout the state of Ohio. Your support is a lasting legacy in helping children diagnosed with this horrible disease.

As your clubs begin the new Lions’ year, please consider including OLPCF in your philanthropic donation budget. Check out www.olpcf.org to learn more about the foundation and consider giving a Journey of Hope Award to a deserving Lion in your club.

Serving with you as we are
“Changing the World”,

IPDG Debbie

District OH5 OLPCF Trustee



IPDG Debbie presenting the foundation check to Dr. Benjamin Sunkel.

OH5 Trading Post- Take 2!

Last month we introduced the idea of a “trading post” for the Lions of OH5. Our trading post doesn’t really require a trade – we’ll provide something for nothing!!! Chances are that you have leftovers from service projects, or decorations from parties or fundraisers, or procedural guides for projects that could be carried out by others – all stored in

“somebody’s garage” or scattered through basements in your member’s homes. Here’s a chance to pass those extras on to other clubs who can put ‘em to work – and get them out of YOUR garage!!!

We invite you to offer up all your leftovers for use by other clubs in OH5. We will leave you to figure out how to get the items from/to each club. This space will merely offer up the possibility.



Last month, the Tri-Village Lions offered up 8 large (make that LARGE!) sandwich board signs that we offered to give to other clubs. The Worthington Lions, the Gahanna Lions, and the New Albany Lions have all taken us up on the offer and claimed two signs each. Except... in the meantime, we found four MORE of these sandwich boards in someone else’s garage. So we still have six sandwich boards available, if you want ‘em!!! The sandwich boards stand 4’ high, and the sign board section is 36”x24”. They are made of plywood, so they are heavy – which means they are also very sturdy. We used to set them out on the curb areas as folks were approaching an intersection at which we were collecting for White Cane Day. The pictures here show the front and back of the signs (back is blank) and you are free to cover over or repaint with anything you want. We don’t want them back!!!! If your club would be interested in having one of more of these sandwich boards, please contact Lion Jane Jarrow at lionjjarrow@gmail.com. They are yours for the asking!!!

This month, we thought we’d offer up something else. Last year we made first aid kits (hard-sided glasses cases stocked with bandaids, antacid, aspirin, alcohol wipes, etc.) for the local homeless shelter. We have pieces miscellaneous from those kits available (a couple hundred bandaids, a couple dozen packets of aspirin, etc.). If anyone else is planning to carry on a similar project any time soon, we’ll be happy to turn over the supplies we are holding, and you can add to create all the kits you choose to compile.

If your club would be interested in having one of more of the sandwich boards, or the supplies for the first aid kits, please contact Lion Jane Jarrow at lionjjarrow@gmail.com. They are yours for the asking!!!

We hope others will get in the spirit of things and offer up items from your own club for our Trading Post. You can send information to me, or directly to newsletter editor Christina Beargie.

Lion Jane Jarrow

OH5 Global Service Team Coordinator

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Diabetes News

New Diabetes Chair is Kelly Hogrell and continuing as Vice Chair is Kenny Spafford. We'd like to encourage each club, as they complete their budgets, to consider a donation to American Diabetes Association, Central Ohio Diabetes Association, or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation . Please be sure to record the donation in the MyLion app so we can track our District's diabetes help. Donations & service projects should be recorded.



Also, I encourage all clubs to send participants to the JDRF One walk in their area. The Columbus walk was in May last year. We can do a prize for the club with the most walkers!! See their website at: <https://www.jdrf.org/socentralohio/> for events and walks. We are looking forward to working with clubs to boost our diabetes service & contributions. Kenny & I will be sending out fundraising & service project ideas in the upcoming months. We will also be visiting clubs and zone meeting to meet with you all. Thanks for your help!!

NOTES FROM PDG JOE

Reminders for zone chairs: your zone meetings should request that meeting participants bring LEGOS for donation to either Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus or Dayton Children's Hospital in Dayton. Patients in the pediatric cancer program need the LEGO kits to do something fun during their stay in the hospital.

We also need more LIONS to purchase an OHIO LIONS license plate-SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

In addition, there is a continuing need to assist families in apartment buildings that suffer losses due to fire damage. Please contact Ohio Lions Foundation Trustee PCC Ben Cosgray to assist the reporting process.

WE SERVE!

Following the International Lions Club meeting in June, newly elected International Director Ron Keller sent back this message: “Nothing made me more proud last week in Montreal than to be sitting in an international board meeting hearing President Brian Sheehan talk about how MD-13 was the only multiple district worldwide to achieve 100% reporting. It was an AWESOME FEELING Team Ohio.”

What that means is that every Lions Club and LEO Club throughout the state participated in at least one service project, and reported it back to LCI. We owe thanks to folks at both the District and State levels who shepherded the reporting process, to make sure everything was reported back. But the effort began with the willingness and enthusiasm of every club – and every Lion! – to serve. It was an impressive accomplishment, and one that we want to build on in the current Lions’ year!

To kick off our effort to double down on that commitment to service, a Week of Service is being planned for Lions and LEOs statewide, October 9-16th. Start planning now for your club to join with Lions throughout OH5 and MD13 as we remind our communities that WE SERVE!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jane Jarrow – GST Coordinator

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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

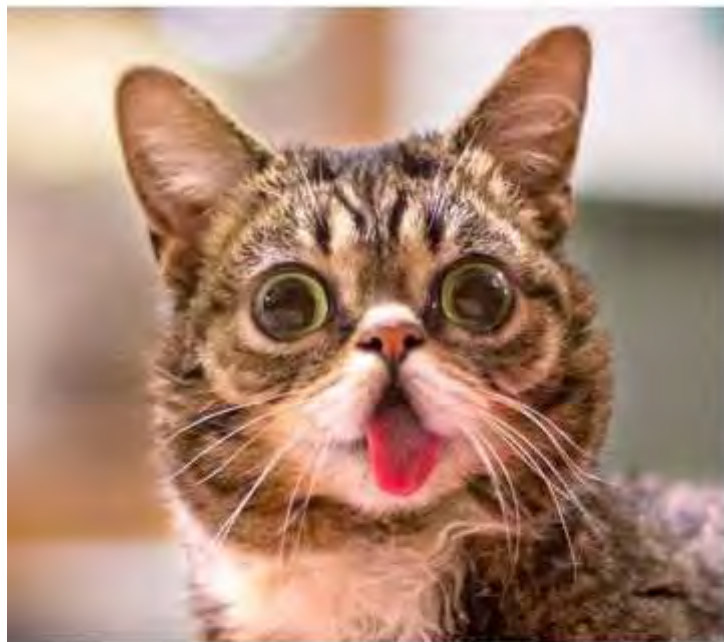
In 1975, actress Carolyn Jones read a document as a tribute at the International Convention. Who originally presented it and what was it about?

There's still time to answer last month's trivia!



The Lions Funnies

You might be a Lion if more than half



of your shirts are 'roaring' with pride in the closet!

August Feature Club: Troy Lions

The Troy Lions Club is in its 81st year of service. They have included Tipp City and Piqua in their service area, after those two clubs have folded. Vision assistance remains their primary focus. However recently they have become more involved in the areas of food insecurity and pediatric cancer.

The members have made a determined effort to be less of a check-writing club and more of a visible hands-on service club. They hold tea parties at local nursing homes, pre-school vision screenings, community paint nights, information booths, and participate at Wreaths Across America. They developed a fun bean-bag toss game while wearing vision-condition-simulating glasses that is used at multiple events.

Troy Lions also sponsor the Newton Leo Club. Leos assist the Lions with their Strawberry Festival booth and the Lions assist with the Leo's Pancake breakfast. Troy Lions also partner up with the Optimist Club for their Avenue of Flags project, and with another youth group that helps the Lions sort used eyeglasses.

Troy's signature project is their hearing aid recycling program, where used hearing aids are collected and, with the help of a local audiologist, re-programmed and provided to needy individuals for free.



If you would like to be a featured club for the district, submit your club's story to districtOHNews@gmail.com today!

Lions Club International District OH5 Calendar

July 2023			October 2023		
Date	Event	Description	Date	Event	Description
July 1, 2023	Annual Reporting	Start Year-End Club Reports and Audit process	October 1, 2023	Peace Poster & Essay Contest	Last Day to Purchase kits from LCI
July 1, 2023	Sales Tax Report	Pay Quarterly Reporting	October 1, 2023	Sales Tax Report	Pay Quarterly Reporting
July 1, 2023	LCI & State/District Dues	Pay LCI & State/District Dues July 2023	October 9, 2023	District Pizza Party Training	Pheasant Township All welcome. Covers Compliance, Membership and Service
July 1, 2023	Peace Poster & Essay Contest	Purchase your Contest Kit from LCI			
August 2023			November 2023		
Date	Event	Description	Date	Event	Description
August 1, 2023	Legal Filings	Review Legal Filings (Incorporation, Vendor License, Constitution)	October 1, 2023	Peace Poster & Essay Contest	Last Day to Purchase kits from LCI
August 6, 2023	Ohio Lions Council Meeting	First Council Meeting - State Office Bldg	November 4, 2023	Ohio Lions Council Meeting	2nd Council Meeting - COLEB
August 14, 2023	Zone 3 Meeting	Location: Der Dutchman in Plain, City @ 6 pm	November 4, 2023	Super Braxton Pediatric Cancer Run	Reynoldsburg HS - Summit Campus
August 19, 2023	District OH5 District Cabinet Meeting	Location: Ohio Lions State Bldg, Grove City @ 9:30 am	November 11, 2023	District OH5 District Cabinet Meeting	Location: Northridge Lions Bldg @ 10:30 am
August 30, 2023	Zone 5 Meeting	Location: Old Worthington Library, 820 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085 in the Owl Room @ 6 pm	November 15, 2023	Annual Reporting	Last day for Year-End Club Reports and Audit process
			November 15, 2023	Peace Poster & Essay Contest	Postmark deadline to send winning club poster to DG
			November 15, 2023	Zone 3 Meeting	Location: Der Dutchman in Plain, City @ 6 pm
			November 29, 2023	Zone 5 Meeting	Location TBD @ 6 pm
September 2023			December 2023		
Date	Event	Description	Date	Event	Description
September 6, 2023	Zone 2 Meeting	Location: North Hampton @ 6:30 pm	December 7, 2023	Zone 2 Meeting	Location: Northridge @ 6:30 pm
September 14, 2023	District Pizza Party Training	Troy, Ohio All welcome. Covers Compliance, Membership and Service			
September 21-23, 2023	USA/ Canada Forum	Reno, Nevada			

<div>Lions Club International</div> <div>District OH5 Calendar</div>						
January 2024			April 2024			
Date	Event	Description	Date	Event	Description	
January 1, 2024	LCI & State/District Dues	Pay LCI & State/District Dues January 2024	April 1, 2024	Sales Tax Report	Pay Quarterly Reporting	
January 1, 2024	Sales Tax Report	Pay Quarterly Reporting	April 2024	2024 - 2025 Club Officers	Elect club officers & do PU101	
January 12-14, 2024	Ohio Lions State Winter Retreat	Location: Salt Fork State Park				
January 15, 2024	Zone Lion of the Year & COG Awards	Zone chairs select Zone Lion of the Year and send to DG any potential COG Awards				
February 2024			May 2024			
Date	Event	Description	Date	Event	Description	
February 2024	2024 - 2025 Club Officers	Start to select 2024 -2025 Club Officers	May 17 - 19, 2024	Ohio State Convention	Location: Double Tree, Worthington, Ohio	
February 10, 2024	Ohio Lions Council Meeting	3rd Council Meeting - State Office Bldg	May 2024	Memorial Golf Tournament	Lions do Litter detail @ Golf Tournament	
February 24, 2024	District OH5 District Cabinet Meeting	Location: Pilot Dogs @ 11:00 am				
February 26, 2024	Zone 3 Meeting	Location: Der Dutchman in Plain, City @ 6 pm				
March 2024			June 2024			
Date	Event	Description	Date	Event	Description	
March 6, 2024	Zone 5 Meeting	Location TBD @ 6 pm	June 2024	Learn to Roar	Club Office Training, Plain City, Ohio	
March 15 -16, 2024	District OH5 Convention	Location Deer Creek State Park	June 2024	Zone Chair Training	Zone Chair Training	
			June 21 -25, 2024	International Convention	Melbourne, Australia	
For Questions, contact Gary Holloway (Phone: 614-598-6218) or (Email: gary.holloway.ohio@gmail.com)						



OH5 Lions Presents



PIZZA PARTY TRAINING

September 14, 2023

Marion's Piazza
1270 Experiment Farm Rd.
Troy, OH 45373
(order from menu)



October 9, 2023

VFW Post 7201
1614 Marion-Marysville Rd.
Marion, OH 43302
(pizza bar app. \$15)



An opportunity for those who could not make it to Learn to Roar to get some Lions training!

- 3 15-minute sessions will be presented: Lions & the Law, Service Made Simple, Lions 101.
- Open to ALL Lions, not just officers!
- Two dates, 2 locations, same format.
- Relaxed atmosphere—you won't even realize you're learning!
- Short, concise presentations with resource handouts provided.
- **RSVPs are required!** If you don't let us know you're coming, we won't have handouts for you!

Agenda (both evenings)

6:00-6:30 Talk/Drink/Order
6:30-7:00 Eat
7:00—8:00 Sessions

RSVP to GLT PDG Jackie Miller

pdgjackie@gmail.com

Or text 614-530-1861

Include location you will be attending!
Seating is limited, first registered, first served.



You and a guest are cordially invited to attend the
**Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank's
50th Anniversary Celebration**

October 4, 2023, 6 pm
At The Boathouse
679 W. Spring St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Emcee: PDG Norman Cupps

Tickets \$50

Mail checks payable to COLEB
262 Neil Ave, Ste 140, Columbus, OH 43215
PayPal also available online at
www.COLEB.org

(click on "donate", "support our mission")

***No reservations accepted at the door**

RSVP by September 20, 2023

Hor D'oeuvres 6 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

Open Bar • No Formal Attire

info@coleb.org

(send a note after paying via PayPal)