

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



# FEATURED CLUB: WESTERVILLE

Notes from the Westerville Lions Club p.10

# LEADERSHIP

DG Mike Kerek and Council Chair Dave Stockum's messages to our District pp. 2-3

#### OFFICERS/CONTACT

District Governor | PDG Mike Kerek mjkerek@msn.com

1<sup>st</sup> VDG | Lion Toni Gray tgray@pilotdogs.org

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG | Lion Carl Gass <u>carl.gass@yahoo.com</u>

IPDG | IPDG Debbie Luttrell ohiolions@gmail.com

Cabinet Treasurer | PCC Dave Risen drisen@insight.rr.com

Cabinet Secretary | Lion Gary Holloway gary.holloway.ohio@gmail.com

Send newsletter articles to: districtOH5news@gmail.com

due by the 27th of the month

#### SAVE THE DATE

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

Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank 50<sup>th</sup>
Anniversary Celebration
Villa Milano
Oct. 4 6 p.m.
RSVP by Sept. 20

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.

# F&P STATE COMMITTEE

Interested in serving in a new capacity at the State level? PDG Dave shares how! p.4

#### **TRADING POST**

Clean out your Lions storage! <u>p. 5</u>

#### **WE SERVE!**

This month had service highlights submitted by 6 Clubs! What's your club working on? Let us know!

#### FROM DG MIKE KEREK

We are so busy helping others, we forget there is an entire support system in place that can help us!

Help us financially by offering services that can help stretch our club dollars that much further. Help us organizationally by cutting through red tape. Help us expand our service potential by offering services we wouldn't be able to provide otherwise.

What am I talking about? Your own OH5 District Cabinet and associated agencies and foundations!

Need an operation for cataract or glaucoma for someone economically challenged? Try the OH5 Eye Care Fund. Special glasses for the visually impaired? OLF has options there. Optometrist visits and prescription glasses? Use Prevent Blindness Ohio. A family with a child who has cancer can get gas cards from the Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation and other assistance from the Sam Bish Foundation.

Pilot Dogs provides not only dogs but also mobility training. People who are sick or who have family members who passed can be comforted by our Wellness Committee. Camp Echoing Hills offers special needs kids an opportunity to enjoy a week away from home in a camp designed just for them while giving family members a break from the day-to-day care. Summit Station UMC has a Free Store, run by Lions and church members, that has food, clothes, and other items – they have 100+ customers a month. The list continues.

We are going to offer a session at the OH5 Convention that addresses the resources available to clubs, but for now open up your directories, which the zone chairs are distributing. You can also find it on our district website, district13oh5lions.org, which has a wealth of information on it. (The directory is password protected; contact your zone chair or

Our GLT is offering additional training for anyone to participate in the Pizza Party Trainings and Portal training; GST is offering service ideas for clubs small and large; and GMT is working on a new club in Marion and has a bunch of information and handouts available. We're also working on an orientation.

You have a plethora of options available to you at your fingertips. The Cabinet and associated Agencies and Foundations were created for and are available for your club's use, to provide service to your community members. Please, use them! Contact information for many of them are in the directory, which is available at district13oh5.org to all Lions – contact your zone chair for the password.

Finally, don't forget that if you need help reporting something in MyLCI or MyLion, I can assist you and am happy to do so. Please make sure your membership is up to date and all those amazing things your club is doing is reported in MyLion!

DG Mike Kerek

mjkerek@msn.com

Lions of MD13,

I'm working on a change-up! Yes, I'm growing a Winter Beard. I'm starting a little earlier than usual, but I want this to be a great beard just like I want us to have a great year. That word change keeps coming up in our communication this year for at least two reasons. One, International President Dr. Patti Hill's motto is "Changing the World." I really like her idea that by making small choices we decide how our future will unfold. Given that we, MD13, are an organization of over 9000 members and that we have demonstrated we know how to work together, we can make a big difference in our world by many "small" efforts. Two, given that MD13 has lost about 60% of our membership in the past 40 years, we need to make changes in the way we do our membership business. Two strategies for retaining members involve doing more service and communicating with our membership to find out what their needs and desires are. Another way is to utilize our Tail Twister. Clubs with active, innovative Tail Twisters have fun meetings that members look forward to attending. Another way to retain members is to have an active Lion Tamer or morale officer. Have someone (or more than one) responsible for greeting members at meetings. Call members who don't attend and ask why. This is a good assignment for club vice presidents. These "small" changes aren't really changes at all. They are common sense solutions to prevent members from losing interest in the club. Strong clubs do these things routinely. Strong clubs find ways to serve their communities, motivate their members to participate in that service, and recognize their members need to be appreciated so the clubs can prosper and grow as they add new members who want to "change their world" by serving their fellows in need. One change we made at our first Council of Governors Meeting was to create an ad hoc committee to explore the New Voices platform. In doing this, we aim to not only add members, but to listen better to current members who feel they aren't heard. Our District Governors are determined to turn this downward trend in membership around. Let's do the small things that make our clubs alive and well. IP Patti wants to "Change the World." IPP Brian Sheehan told us last year that "Together WE Can!" He's correct. Let's Serve.

# Council Chairperson Dave Stockum



#### **SWOT**

What is SWOT? These letters are an acronym which stands for the words: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. Lions International offers this platform as a way to analyze your club and move forward in a more effective manner.

Two major threats to membership growth many of our clubs face are the boring meeting and the unappreciated member, which are detailed in my message this quarter.

Looking at all four of these characteristics for your club is a great way to begin your Lions Year. A little analysis and planning can go a long way to having a successful year!



#### OH5 F&P Candidates Needed

Interested Lions in OH5 need to announce their candidacy for the OH5 position on the MD13 Finance and Long Range Advisory Committee (F&P) that will start July 1, 2024, for a 3-year term. The election will be held at the OH5 district convention March 15-16, 2024.

This committee is one of the most important committees in the MD13 Ohio Lions as they look at long-range needs, trends, strengths, and weaknesses. They then try to develop solutions to improve the Lions in Ohio. Finally, the better ideas are shared with the Council of Governors and/or the Lions in Ohio for their approval and implementation. In their spare time, F&P also looks at yearly budgets and quarterly financials.

A passion for planning, guesswork, being comfortable with being wrong, and creative thinking are great skills to have. Lions with diverse backgrounds and ages are an asset as "...let's do what we've done the last 20 years..." rarely works. An understanding (or willingness to learn) budgets and financials is helpful. To be fair, the MD13 funds and budgets are complex enough that it typically takes several years to gain an understanding.

The current OH5 rep has served F&P for over a decade and a change of viewpoint and ideas is needed and appreciated.

Interested? Talk to Governor Mike, IPDG Debbie, VGs Toni and Carl, or me with any questions. I am happy to offer some background and thoughts whenever requested.

PDG Dave Luttrell 2023-2024 OH5 F&P rep pdgdave@luttrellzoo.com 614 459 0821

#### **OH5 TRADING POST**

Our trading post is doing wonders at cleaning out the garages of the Tri-Village Lions. But there must be other clubs who have things to share, as well!!! 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. Why not send an email NOW, while you are thinking of it, and tell us what you have to offer. We'll be back in touch before the next newsletter for details! lionjjarrow@gmail.com

#### **SEPTEMBER OFFERINGS:**

Posted by Tri Village Lions:

In addition to first aid kits for the homeless, the Tri-Village Lions have compiled "personal care kits" that could be handed out at homeless shelters and soup kitchens. Our kits included a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, a comb, and a nail clipper. You may have other things in mind. But we have about 100 tubes of shampoo/conditioner, 144 tubes of toothpaste, and more than 100 combs that we would be happy to hand over to someone else to add to and distribute.



Posted by DG Mike Kerek (Contact <u>mjkerek@msn.com</u>):

- I have an electric "burning log" that is good for decorative or ceremonial no heat.
- Brand new mop and broom stand with separate holes for about 6-8 different items
- Two quilt racks in excellent shape don't think either has ever been used

#### From the "den" of 2VDG Carl Gass

As summer comes to an end I have many fond memories of fellow lions, their service partners, and just good spirited people across District 0H5. From town to town, city to city, district to district. From training to training, inductions to inductions, and celebrations to celebrations. I have found one major common frame of interest with these community spirited people.

They are all, coming together....to make tomorrow.

Tomorrow can be better....if we Dream it.....Believe it......and Achieve it.

Wow, what a great organization to be apart of at this time in our lives.

**Lion Carl Gass** 

2nd Vice District Governor

#### NEWS FROM MARION COUNTY- CLUBS CAN DO MORE WHEN THEY WORK TOGETHER!

Three Lions clubs in one school district, Green Camp, LaRue and Prospect Lions Clubs joined efforts and delivered over \$700 in school supplies to Elgin High School and Middle School.

Do YOU have a service project that could grow with the help of another club? You know what we say... just ask!



#### **NOTES FROM PDG JOE**

#### **CALLING ALL CLUBS:**

Have you ordered a kit for students participating in the Peace Poster/Essay contest? All students ages 11-13 can participate: private and public school students are eligible to participate. In addition, students being homeschooled may be sponsored by a club.

All posters and essays must be submitted to District Governor Mike Kerek by **November 15.** 

Let's give kids a chance to win a district, state, or international prize!

PDG Joe

#### SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

The Lions of MD13 are intent on putting service front and center for the new year of programming. Once again, we will push to be sure that every Lions Club in the state performs at least one service project (*and reports it to LCI*) during the year. The Lions of Ohio have achieved 100% participation for two years running... and we figure the 3<sup>rd</sup> time is the charm!

To kick off the campaign, October has been designated as a month of service for Lions throughout Ohio (see next page). We are hoping that every club will plan and carry out at least one service project during the month. In addition to reporting back to LCI, the more local publicity you can generate about your activities, the more we can remind our friends and neighbors, statewide, that the Lions are here, we are active, WE SERVE.

LCI President Patti Hill has chosen her theme for the year to be "Changing the World." Whatever other service projects you take on throughout the year, we hope you will consider participating in a broad effort to change the world — using your loose change! You can read more about Ohio's mason jar project on the pages that follow.

As you plan your service agenda for the year, keep in mind these hints: You don't have to find a project that every member of your club can participate in for it to be a useful project. Whatever service you perform is more than would have gotten done if you hadn't tried. If you can only put together 50 first aid kits because you had fewer hands-on-deck than planned... that is still 50 people who will receive those kits than if you hadn't tried.

Last year's LCI President Brian Sheehan reminded us that "Together We Can!" While you don't need every Lion in your club to participate in each project, remind them that *every* Lion in your club can be proud of whatever service is done in the name of your club.

Remember, too, that "Together We Can" is a reminder that your service projects need not be planned or implemented alone. Don't hesitate to invite Lions from other clubs to lend a hand for bigger projects, so that more can be done and more people can be served.

Regards to all as we embark on another year of service – TOGETHER!
GST Lion Jane Jarrow
lionjjarrow@aol.com



# A Fall Service Project for EVERY Club, EVERY Lion! MAKE CHANGE Happen!

Summary of the IDEA of this service project: Each Lion in your club should receive <u>two</u> mason jars, labeled appropriately, to collect loose change to be donated to support the project/philanthropy of your choice.

Lions are Changing the World...

... with YOUR loose change!

Be Someone's Hero!



- This is a project that every Lion in your club can participate in; if they aren't at the meeting when you pass out the mason jars, have someone deliver jars to the folks who weren't there. Stress that this is something that you hope the entire club will do TOGETHER
- The first jar is for the Lion. The second is to give to someone else (friend, neighbor, coworker?) and ask them to join in the project. The purpose of the second jar is two-fold: it has the potential for doubling+ the money that each Lion contributes to the cause chosen. Any money that comes in through that second jar is money that that Lion brought in. If they hadn't asked that someone else to participate, that money wouldn't have been contributed; (2) we know that the best way to bring in new Lions is to get them to participate in service/activities first, and then bring them into the fold with the opportunity to do more. Every second jar that is given out is another potential Lion participating!!!
- You can choose, as a club, a goal for the money to support (be it a specific project or the
  general "project budget" idea). You can let everyone vote on where the groups' contributions
  will go, or you can pick two or three options that are high on your (group) list of priorities and
  let each Lion designate where they want THEIR money to go when they turn it in. That way,
  each Lion will know that they are making a decision, AS A LION, as to how their
  service/support will be directed.
- You can get mason jars in various sizes, but 16 oz jars are recommended. Hopefully, they will get filled up more than once over the course of the Lions year, and Lions may like seeing that they have accomplished something by filling their jar. Consider issuing quart-sized, resealable baggies along with the mason jars. The idea would be that when the jar is full, they bring back the money from the jar in the baggie... but keep the jar to fill again. This can be a year-long, ongoing project (where Lions bring back their bags of change to any meeting and turn them over to the project chair to be counted and credited. Seeing money come in on a rolling basis (and keeping an ongoing tally to be announced at meetings and put into your newsletter or communications) is a way of reminding the Lions to participate and reminding them that they are Lions. Keep stressing that they ALL can take the credit for what they are doing as a group, no matter the size of their individual contribution. They are a part of the whole.
- LOGISTICS: My exploration suggests that Walmart is the cheapest/easiest place to buy mason jars in bulk, and if you are getting enough of them, Walmart delivers for free. The 16 oz jars run about \$.91 cents each. On the next page you will find a copy of a flyer that could be handed over with the second jar. An electronic version of that flyer, and a copy of the template for the label shown (Avery # 5815) are posted to the District's website, along with this summary sheet. Don't hesitate to get creative and produce your own flyer/label with information specific to your club!

Questions? Feel free to ask! Lion Jane Jarrow lionjjarrow@gmail.com 614-571-5681



#### 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 what year did LCI completely pay off the mortgage to LCI headquarters in Oak Brook?

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



### The Lions Funnies

YOU MIGHT BE A LION IF...

YOU HAVE MORE THAN 3 DOZEN
PAIR OF USED EYEGLASSES IN YOUR GARAGE

#### **August Feature Club: Westerville Lions**

This year our Lions Club has truly been busy as usual. I was telling someone last week that I've now been a Lions Club President at three different clubs and I can truly say The Westerville Lions Club has been one of the most active, with the most accomplished I have ever seen though I've not seen them all. We have had an extremely successful year. Our accomplishments has been challenging, time consuming, expensive, exhausting, frustrating, yet one of the most rewarding things that we do.....or we wouldn't do it.

Just look at some of the things we have accomplished (not in order):

Pancake Breakfast Rudolf Run

Christmas Parade Scholarships for students
Several Highway Clean-ups Excellent Membership Drive

Caring and Sharing

These are just some of the events and activities we completed with several more coming still.

I would like to thank the board of directors that has guided this club this year as the work they do often unseen is sometimes difficult but necessary. We met those challenges to the best of our abilities. A heart felt Thank You to our Board of directors...

And last.... It's important to thank the membership at large for you time, effort, work and your faith in Lions. We will always be most proud of this "Westerville Lions Club". Thank you for a wonderful year.



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

# \$5000 Donated to Hilliard Food Pantry

The Hilliard Lions Club has partnered with the Ohio Lions Foundation to donate \$5000 to the Hilliard Food Pantry. This donation, in the form of Walmart gift cards, will be distributed to needy families served by the Food Pantry.



On Sunday, July 9, the warehouse adjoining the Hilliard Food Pantry had a fire. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but the fire destroyed the food storage warehouse and caused water and smoke damage in the pantry. As a result, all food was damaged and could not be distributed.

PDG Dave Luttrell (Hilliard) presents the \$5000 Walmart gift card donation to the staff and volunteers working at the pantry. The pantry stopped working for 2 minutes to be able to get everyone in the photo – they very much thank the Ohio Lions Foundation and the Hilliard Lions for this help.

#### **GREETINGS FROM LONDON!**

We welcomed one new member in August. A 25 year old woman named Sydney Hanley. We gave Sufficient Grace a \$2000 donation. We finish our summer long Cash Raffle. The cash prizes of \$750, \$500, & \$250 were given to the winners. Our upcoming event, THE EYEBALL, an early Halloween party is scheduled for September 30th. Go to London Lions e-clubhouse page to see our poster for details and ticket info or see the end of the Pride Report for a flyer!



Looking for a way to help with the disasters in Slovenia, and Hawaii? Know that you have a safe, effective, and responsive way to give through YOUR Lions Clubs International Foundation. See the end of this newsletter for a flyer with more information about how LCIF responds to natural disasters. To give, you can visit <a href="https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate">https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate</a> and select "Disaster Relief" fund- or talk to your club about donating together to make your gift go further.





#### Westerville Lions Club

#### Celebrating 95 Years of Community Service

#### YOU ARE INVITED

You are cordially invited to join us for an unforgettable evening of celebration as we mark the 95th Anniversary of the Westerville Lions Club. We take immense pride in the legacy we have built together, serving our community with dedication and passion. Come together with fellow Lions, distinguished guests, and community leaders as we reflect on our accomplishments and look toward the future with hope and excitement.

# 95th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, October 8, 2023 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM The Point at Otterbein University 60 Collegeview \$55 per person Dressy Casual

#### Dinner Buffet Main Course

Panko-crusted chicken breast with fresh basil, tomato, and mozzarella with balsamic glaze Shaved top round of beef in a Cabernet demi-glace sauce



Westerville Resident **David Tolley** Musician, Composer, Entertainer. On The Tonight Show with Johnny

J&J RECALL ACOUSTIC CLASSIC ROCK



- LIVE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
- HORS D'OEUVRES AND CASH BAR
- GAMES AND TRIVIA CONTESTS
- FELLOWSHIP AND HISTORY

QUESTIONS? Email us at <a href="westervillelions95@aol.com">westervillelions95@aol.com</a>
Purchase tickets at <a href="mailto:eventbrite.com">eventbrite.com</a> or send a check to
Westerville Lions 95th Lori Lampel 523 Munich Pl. Westerville, OH 43081



## Ohio Lions

# Fall Into Service

### October 2023

Join Lions and Leos throughout Ohio, working in their communities and Changing the World, one project at a time

- 1. Create a service project suited for your community
- 2. **Invite** your friends, family, and community to serve with you
  - 3. Perform Service

#### 4. Share!

-- Report it on the new Lion Portal
 -- Post on social media and
 Share with your community through
 local news outlets



## 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 Villa Milano 1630 Schrock Rd Columbus, OH 43229

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 <a href="mailto:info@coleb.org">info@coleb.org</a> (send a note after paying via PayPal)



#### 6th Annual

#### **Super Braxton**

Pediatric Cancer 5K Run/Walk November 4, 2023

Reynoldsburg HS Summit Campus 8579 Summit Road, Reynoldsburg, OH





# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Braxton Long lost his 3 year battle with cancer on July 24, 2017 at the age of 8 years old. He loved life, was optimistic and kind by nature, and had a smile on his face to the end.



#50,000+ FOR RESEARCH AND COUNTING!!

From the free kids race where all children 12 and under win a medal, to princesses and Star Wars Characters, plenty of food, awards and a forgiving but accurate 5K route, this event is perfect for both the competitive runners and families out to walk alike!

Event Schedule
8:00-9:00 Registration
(performing arts center)
9:00 Kids Fun Run (FREE)
(event start location)
9:30 5K Start

Please note: registration cut-off for shirts is Oct. 15. We cannot guarantee your shirt size will be available after this date.



For more information, forms, or to register, please visit the District OH5 Lions site at district13oh5.org





# 25.3 million people are displaced each year by disasters<sup>1</sup>

#### **FLORENCE MEETS GOLIATH**



When Hurricane Florence pummeled already-soaked southeast North Carolina with 26+ inches of punishing rain, residents of the economically disadvantaged area quickly learned returning

to "normal" takes time. It takes backbreaking hard work. It takes money.

Some things just aren't in abundance for this area.

Lions – so often there in the wake of natural disaster and who know the realities of restoring dignity and "real life" – got right to work using LOIF grants help Lions restore everyday life for victims of natural disaster.

a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant.

"Everyone was suffering post Florence. Kids needed warm coats, shoes, school uniforms and supplies. Everyone needed food," said Past District Governor George Holston. "Lions were determined to be bigger and stronger than Florence. With the grant, we continue transforming the lives of children attending two schools, one of which provides vulnerable students with services promoting physical, emotional, and social development."

LCIF grants help Lions restore everyday life for victims of natural disaster. "With our remaining funds, we continue creating the next chapter in this story of hope," said Holston.





## Natural Disaster Knows No Borders

Many of us can't imagine losing everything. But being victimized by natural disaster is the reality for *someone's* family, *someone's* friend, *someone's* neighbor.

HURRICANE IRMA HITS U.S., CARIBBEAN

Lives claimed: 97 Estimated damage: US\$52B HURRICANE MARIA DECIMATES PUERTO RICO

> Lives lost: ~3,000 Impact: US\$93B

HURRICANE FLORENCE WREAKS HAVOC ON CAROLINAS

Lives taken: 53

Damage: US\$24.5B

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES RAGE

Camp Fire destroys: **18,500** buildings

Mendocino
Complex Fire chars:
450,000 acres

Damage: US\$24.5B

2018 2018

HURRICANE MICHAEL BLOWS IN

Winds: 160MPH

Reduced to rubble: Mexico Beach, Fla.<sup>2</sup>

lcif.org/disasterrelief

THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, NATURAL DISASTER LOOKS LIKE THIS:



2017

90% of all

2017

natural disasters are water-related<sup>3</sup>

25.3 million

2018

people are displaced each year by sudden disasters<sup>4</sup>

Annual economic losses are estimated at

US\$250B-US\$300B<sup>5</sup>

**LCIF AND LIONS** 

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

The past 50 years have seen a **390% increase in natural disasters globally**<sup>6</sup>. LCIF and Lions have been there. To date, LCIF has awarded US\$134 million for disaster relief worldwide through:

PREPAREDNESS
GRANTS
support preparing for
future relief efforts

UP TO US\$10,000 EMERGENCY GRANTS support immediate and

mid-term needs

US\$5,000 -US\$10,000 COMMUNITY RECOVERY GRANTS support short-term cleanup and repair

UP TO US\$20,000

MAJOR CATASTROPHE GRANTS

fund reconstruction after large-scale natural disasters<sup>7</sup>

SOURCES/NOTE: 1,3,4,5 United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination; <sup>2</sup>for timeline, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; <sup>6</sup>International Disaster Database; <sup>7</sup>awarded at discretion of Lions international president and LCIF chairperson; grant limits subject to change



LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

Disaster relief is just one cause area supported by LCIF and Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

SUPPORT YOUR SERVICE BY SUPPORTING YOUR FOUNDATION

lionsclubs.org/donate

			ub Internation OH5 Calendar	nal			
July 2023				October 2023			
Date	Event	Description	Date	Event	Description		
July 1, 2023	Annual Reporting	Start Year-End Club Reports and Audit	October 1, 2023	Peace Poster & Essay Contest	Last Day to Purchase kits from LCI		
		process	0 . 1 . 1 . 1 . 1				
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	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	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		5 F		
	USA / Canada Forum	Reno, Nevada					
otember 21-23, 2023	OSA/ Callada i Olulli	nenoj nerada					
ptember 21-23, 2023	USAY Canada Forum	Tello, Telloud					

Lions Club International  District OH5 Calendar								
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			
lanuary 12-14, 2024	Ohio Lions State Winter Retreat	Location: Salt Fork State Park	7.p 2021	Log 1 Log old ollicers	Elect olds childers at do 1 0101			
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 202	24		May 20:	24			
replually 2024			INIQY 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					
	Event	Description	Date	Event	Description			
Date	LTOIL	Dooription	Duto	Lvone	Boompton			
Date					CLION: T.: DI. C. OI.			
<b>Date</b> March 6, 2024	Zone 5 Meeting	Location TBD @ 6 pm	June 2024	Learn to Roar	Club Office Training, Plain City, Ohio			
	Zone 5 Meeting District OH5 Convention	Location TBD @ 6 pm Location Deer Creek State Park	June 2024 June 2024	Zone Chair Training	Zone Chair Training, Plain City, Onlo			
March 6, 2024	-							