



# OH5 PRIDE REPORT

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



## FEATURED CLUB: WORTHINGTON NOON

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*due by the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month*

## SAVE THE DATE

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

Super Braxton 5k  
Reynoldsburg High School  
Sat, Nov. 4, 2023

Ohio Lions Winter Retreat  
Salt Fork State Park  
Jan. 12-14, 2024

OH5 District Convention  
Deer Creek State Park  
Mar. 15-17, 2024

## GROWING MEMBERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE

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## FILING TIME!

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## FROM DG MIKE KEREK

I was asked at a recent meeting what the status of OH5 was. I replied, we have momentum.

- Our membership is at minus 5 as I write this, but I've heard from several clubs that they are bringing in new members soon, and we will be starting the Marion Ohio Lions Club within the next couple of months with at least 21 new members.
- We had a great Learn to Roar this past June, supplemented with Pizza Party Trainings on the west and north regions of the district to accommodate those members. We also had a great zone chair training, and the proof is out there – our zone chairs are doing a great job. Training and leadership development is going well.
- Our LCIF donations are up from last year, augmented by a substantial donation from the Memorial Fund and from various clubs, PDG Association and the District Cabinet. Almost all the money has been earmarked for disaster relief.
- While reporting could be going better, I am seeing more activities going into MyLion. Of all the areas in our district this is perhaps the weakest, but we are working on it.
- Most important, as I have visited the various zone meetings, I am hearing clubs focusing on what they CAN do as opposed to fretting about what they can't. There is where the strongest hope for our association lies.

Every club and member will deal with difficulties, whether it is having to find a new place to meet, start a new fundraiser because a long-time one no longer is viable, loss of a key member or two, or any number of other calamities that can strike with no warning. With rare exception, I'm not getting a sense of giving up in those situations. I'm seeing a circling of the wagons.

But please keep in mind you do not have to do it all alone! That's what the district cabinet is there for. Open the directory – it's full of resources, be it agencies, foundations, or committees that can help your clubs achieve more. Use them, that's why they exist.

We have momentum. With that comes success. Keep up the great work that you are all doing! Every little thing adds up to big effects. Continue to be someone's hero.

DG Mike Kerek

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## JOIN LIONS IN OH5 IN FIGHTING HUNGER - LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Dear OH5 Lions,

I'd like to share an exciting and impactful initiative with you - our commitment to growing the concept of Service-oriented Clubs focused on addressing the pressing issue of hunger in our communities. I'm reaching out to invite you to join me in this meaningful cause, and I'm seeking your assistance and collaboration.

Our primary objective is to increase our club's membership by emphasizing the power of service. To achieve this, we plan to concentrate on a specific multi-club service cause, which is hunger. We have some key questions:

- 1- Can we attract new Lions by making hunger our central focus?
- 2- Can we inspire our current Lions to dedicate their efforts to combat hunger as a cause?
- 3- If you share our passion for this idea and want to get involved, please reach out to me at [pdgdave@luttrellzoo.com](mailto:pdgdave@luttrellzoo.com) or call 614-459-0821.

Our goal is to recruit approximately 50 new Lions, and we have a clear plan in place:

- 1- Recruitment: We aim to bring in new members who are passionate about the cause of hunger. This can be new members in existing clubs, or new members in Service-oriented clubs.
- 2- Fundraising: We'll raise funds specifically for hunger-related initiatives.
- 3- Community Engagement: We'll identify and collaborate with organizations that require assistance.
- 4- Grant Application: We'll apply for an LCIF Hunger grant, but we'll need multiple Lions Clubs to participate and contribute 25% upfront funding for the application. For example, if we raise \$5,000, we can request a \$20,000 grant from LCIF. The more Lions clubs and communities involved, the better our chances of success.

The grant money will be used to support vital infrastructure for food banks, backpack kids programs, and other hunger-related projects. However, it cannot be used solely for purchasing food; it must contribute to sustaining the core mission in the long term.

Are you, Lions of OH5, ready to embark on a district-wide project that will make a difference in multiple communities? Are you willing to commit to recruiting new members, raising funds, collaborating with food banks, churches, and service providers, and applying for and implementing an LCIF grant?

Remember, this is a team effort, and it requires the collective dedication of many Lions. Please let me know if you or your club are interested in exploring the next steps. I plan to provide updates on our progress in the upcoming Pride Report.

Let's make this a remarkable district project, but only with the unity and enthusiasm of numerous Lions working together. **Are you in?**

Warm regards,  
PDG Dave Luttrell



## 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](mailto:lionjjarrow@gmail.com)

## SEPTEMBER OFFERINGS:

Posted by Tri Village Lions:

In preparation for the coming holiday season, is there a club that has need for Christmas tree decorations. Our local library invites local groups to decorate “themed” Christmas trees in their atrium, publicizing what the organization is all about. Last year, the Tri-Village Lions put together all the trimmings needed for a Lions Christmas tree – from lights, to ornaments, ribbons, and boxes to pile under the tree, all with a Lions theme and in Lions colors. If your club would like to decorate this year, we’ll be happy to pass the whole box of decorations along. The only requirement is that next year, YOU have to pass it on to someone else! To make arrangements to claim your Christmas cheer, contact Lion Jane Jarrow, [lionjjarrow@gmail.com](mailto:lionjjarrow@gmail.com).




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Posted by DG Mike Kerek (Contact [mjkerek@msn.com](mailto:mjkerek@msn.com)):

- 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
- Trex plastic bag collections boxes (new)
- 5’ aluminum wheelchair ramp (folds in half for easy storage)

## DIABETES NEWS

REMINDER: November 14th is World Diabetes Day. Please try to have a diabetes service project in November.

- Maybe drop off material at the library – see <https://www.scripps.org/services/metabolic-conditions/diabetes/diabetes-professional-training/handouts> for educational materials to print.
- Do a healthy food taste-testing at the local elementary school – although watch for food allergies.
- Share the link from the CDC to the Do I Have Pre-Diabetes website: <https://doihaveprediabetes.org/> on your website or to your members.
- Wear blue for World Diabetes Day.
- Do a diabetes fundraiser in November.



Feel free to contact Kelly or Kenny for more ideas or help!!

Thanks,

Lion Kelly Hogrell & Lion Kenny Spafford  
Diabetes Chair & Vice Chair

## NOTES FROM PDG JOE

### RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY

This data is from the AARP Bulletin, September 2023:

Free Internet for your phone or tablet- Government Free Internet program if a household of two has an income of less than \$39,440 or if you receive:

- Medicaid
- SNAP
- Housing Assistance
- WIC
- Veterans Pension
- Survivors or Lifeline benefits
- Tribal Assistance Program
- SSI

Get a subsidized 4G Android Tablet for only \$20- Contact MAXSIP TELECOM

866-562-9747 | [Maxsipconnects.com/AARP](https://Maxsipconnects.com/AARP) | [ARP@maxsiptel.com](mailto:ARP@maxsiptel.com)

## **OCTOBER – A TIME TO SHOW THAT WE SERVE**

October is here, and with it comes the third annual push for a week (this time, a MONTH!) of service. The Lions of MD13, statewide, are hoping to see every club do at least one service project in the month of October (see flyer on next page). Actually, there is more to it than that. We are hoping that every club will participate in at least one service project, report that project to LCI, and then make sure to let the people in your community know what you have done. We want the public to know that there are Lions among them, that we are committed to service, and that we are making a difference. Don't shy away from taking credit for your efforts. It is a way of attracting new members, of extending the effectiveness of your service agenda – and of “changing the world” (as LCI President Patti Hill would say!).

Lion Jane Jarrow

Global Service Team Coordinator – OH5





# 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





## 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](mailto:districtoh5news@gmail.com)

What PDG eventually became  
President of the United States?

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



## The Lions Funnies



**DREAM BIG!  
WHEN YOU SERVE, YOU ROAR!**



## October Feature Club: Worthington Noon Lions

The Worthington Noon Lions have two great service activities to share!

- 1- The 2023 Worthington Noon Lions Club School Supply Drive was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who donated to this first community service project of the new club year. The Lions delivered much needed fourth grade class list school supplies, Lakeshore teacher gift cards and OSU draw string book bags to the three fourth grade teachers, Alyssa Srail Gaydos, Taylor Rankey, and Elaine Wilson at Slate Hill Elementary School. Principal Julie Gulley shared that fourth grade in her building is at full capacity this school year. A total of 1,854 items were donated. The gift cards will enable teachers to replenish their classroom supply needs as the school year progresses. The Lions felt this much needed project would assist parents who continue to be faced with such a difficult financial year due to inflation and still recovering from the economic downturn of the pandemic.
- 2- The 12th Annual "Battle of Hard Road" Community Service Project took place Friday, September 15, 2023. This event addressing hunger in the community, is a joint venture between the Worthington Noon Lions Club, Worthington Kilbourne High School, the Dublin Lions Club and Dublin Scioto High School. This year the Worthington and Dublin Rotary Clubs collaborated with the both Lions Clubs to help make this an impactful project. During the week leading up to the battle, WKHS Social Studies teacher coordinator, Lauren Glaros and her counterpart coordinators, Courtney Pope and Alyssa Ritchart at Dublin schools accepted food and cash donations during school hours. Worthington Resource Pantry Executive Director, Nick Linkenhoker provided a fundraising page for online donations.  
This event concluded when the the two high schools played their annual football game. The goal was to see which school could raise the most food and money for their respective community food pantries. Following half time at the game, Worthington Kilbourne High School, whose donations totaled \$2,973, was announced as the "WINNER" of the battle and received the beautiful ceramic Trophy Bowl, which gets traded back and forth between the schools on a yearly basis to the winner. Regardless of which school and community wins, their resource food pantries are the real winners. This is the second year in a row for Worthington Kilbourne High School to take possession of the Trophy Bowl.

# Worthington Noon



Pictured left to right are Slate Hill fourth Grade teachers, Alyssa Srail Gaydos, Taylor Rankey, Elaine Wilson, Worthington Noon Lions Club President, Dr. Brenda Toler, WNL Board Members, Lions Bob and Eileen Brenner and Slate Hill Principal, Julie Gull (Service activity 1 above)

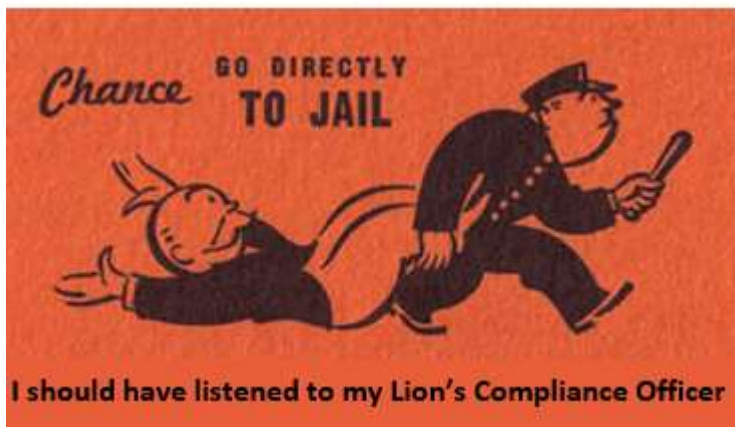


Pictured left to right are International Baccalaureate Worthington Kilbourne High students Peyton Marks, Natasha Sheth, Megan Savage and Will Mathews; and WKHS teacher project coordinator, Lauren Glaros. (Service Activity 2 above)

## FILING DEADLINE APPROACHING!

Most Lions Clubs run on the fiscal year of July 1 to June 30th. This means that their filing deadline for the IRS, Ohio Attorney General, and Unclaimed Funds is fast approaching. Don't let October end without filing these three returns for your club. The penalty for missing the deadlines can be severe. The IRS can take away your income-tax exemption. Attorney General will fine your club \$200, and the Unclaimed Funds fine is \$100 a day!

**Don't wait.** File as soon as possible. Instructions are available on the Lions district and state websites. Help is available by contacting Steve Kaplan of the Compliance Committee at [skpk1984@aol.com](mailto:skpk1984@aol.com).





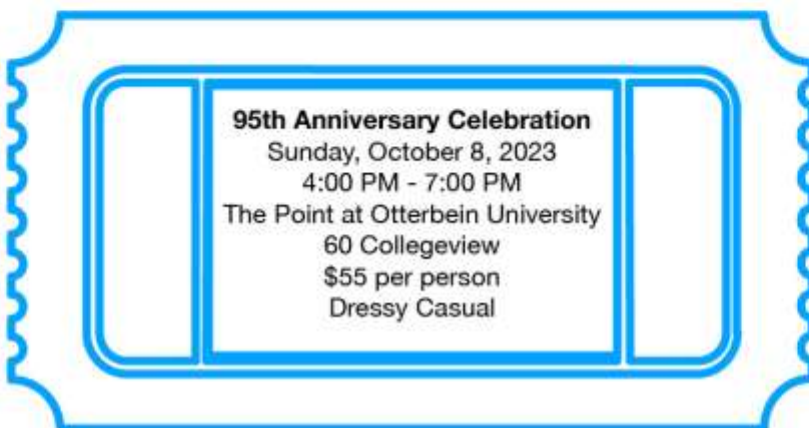


## Westerville Lions Club

### 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.



#### 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-glaze 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 [westervillelions95@aol.com](mailto:westervillelions95@aol.com)**  
**Purchase tickets at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or send a check to**  
**Westerville Lions 95th Lori Lampel 523 Munich Pl. Westerville, OH 43081**





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

**CANCELLED!!**

October 20, 2023, 6 pm  
At Villa Milano  
1630 Schrock Rd  
Columbus, OH 43229

**THIS WILL BE  
RESCHEDULED**

Theme: DDG - Don't Die - Gotta Live  
Tickets \$50  
Mail checks payable to COLEB  
262 Nail Ave, Ste 140, Columbus, OH 43215  
PayPal: [info@coleb.org](mailto:info@coleb.org)  
[www.COLEB.org](http://www.COLEB.org)

(click on "don't die - gotta live" on our mission")

**2024**  
\*No reservations accepted at the door

**RSVP by September 20, 2023**

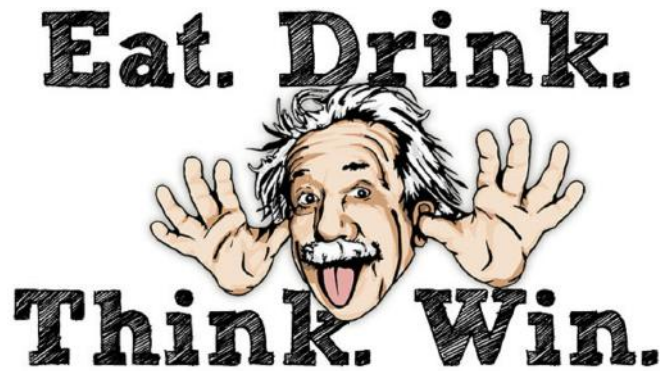
Hor D'oeuvres 6 pm      Dinner 6:30 pm

Open Bar • No Formal Attire

[info@coleb.org](mailto:info@coleb.org)

(send a note after paying via PayPal)

SUNDAY, November 12, 1:00-5:00 PM  
34<sup>th</sup> Tri-Village Lions Pub Trivia Contest  
The Tri-Village Lions Challenge You!!



Did you know that Albert Einstein was a Lion???

*(He wasn't. But if he HAD been, he probably would have been really good at Trivia!!)*

## LIONS TRIVIA CHALLENGE!

In addition to competing for the overall honors (and prize!) for the contest, those Lions Clubs that field a team of 4 (Lions, family, friends) to play on behalf of their club will also be eligible to win LIONS BRAGGING RIGHTS – a “traveling trophy” that currently bears the names of the Worthington Noon Lions (twice!), the Beechcroft Lions (twice!), and the Ohio5sters (twice!).

WHEN: Sunday, November 12

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

WHERE: Smokehouse Brewing Company

1130 Dublin Rd, Columbus, OH 43215

Questions? CONTACT: Lion Jeff Davis

lionjeffd@aol.com

\$10/person entry fee (\$40 per team)



MOVIES, MUSIC, HISTORY, PEOPLE SPORTS, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Tempt your taste buds and take a chance on some of this year's themed raffle baskets, as well!



GROVE CITY NOON LIONS CLUB

# 2023 TAILGATE PARTY

*Annual Fundraiser*

**FRIDAY, NOV. 17**

DOORS OPEN 6 PM | FESTIVITIES BEGIN 6:30 PM

**ADMISSION \$35 PER PERSON**

Purchase tickets at SouthWest Eyecare Inc., 4140 Hoover Road  
614-801-2020 or email [grovecitynoonlions@gmail.com](mailto:grovecitynoonlions@gmail.com)

***Special appearance by the***

OSU Alumni Band, Cheerleaders and Drum Majors

Silent Auction, Raffle, football pool, 50-50 raffle and more

**MID-OHIO FOOD COLLECTIVE | 3960 BROOKHAM DRIVE**

# GROVE CITY NOON LIONS CLUB

## 2023 TAILGATE **RAFFLE**



**TICKETS: \$20 EACH**

Purchase tickets from a Noon Lions Club Member, email [grovecitynoonlions@gmail.com](mailto:grovecitynoonlions@gmail.com) or visit [facebook.com/gcnoonlions](https://facebook.com/gcnoonlions)

### **FIRST PRIZE**



**OSU/Michigan Game Ticket Package - 2 Seats (\$1,398 Value)**

Coach transportation Friday, Nov. 24, Columbus to Detroit and Saturday, Nov. 25, Detroit to Columbus after the game.

Overnight stay in MGM Grand, Saturday breakfast



### **SECOND PRIZE**

**\$500 Visa Gift Card**



### **THIRD PRIZE**

**Columbus Zoo Family Plus Membership (\$218 Value)**

Two adults, same household, either dependent children or grandchildren up to 21 (not both). Includes two guests.



### **DRAWING**

Friday, Nov. 17 at the Grove City Noon Lions Club Tailgate.

Winner's presence not required at the drawing.

***Proceeds benefit local and regional charities.***



## Lions Club International District OH5 Calendar

July 2023							October 2023						
Date	Event	Description		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		October 10, 2023	Zone 1 Meeting	Location: Versailles Lions Club @ 6:30 pm							
August 2023							November 2023						
Date	Event	Description		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 19, 2023	District OH5 District Cabinet Meeting	Location: Ohio Lions State Bldg, Grove City @ 9:30 am		November 4, 2023	Super Braxton Pediatric Cancer Run	Reynoldsburg HS - Summit Campus							
August 21, 2023	Zone 3 Meeting	Location: Der Dutchman in Plain, City @ 6 pm		November 11, 2023	District OH5 District Cabinet Meeting	Location: Northridge Lions Bldg @ 10:30 am							
August 23, 2023	Zone 6 Meeting	Location: China Bell Restaurant in Grove City @ 6 pm		November 15, 2023	Annual Reporting	Last day for Year-End Club Reports and Audit process							
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	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		Date	Event	Description			
September 6, 2023	Zone 2 Meeting	Location: St. Paris Lions Club @ 6:30 pm		December 4, 2023	Zone 6 Meeting	Location: Wing's Restaurant in Bexley @ 6:00 pm							
September 14, 2023	District Pizza Party Training	Troy, Ohio All welcome. Covers Compliance, Membership and Service		December 6, 2023	Zone 2 Meeting	Location: Northridge @ 6:30 pm							
September 21-23, 2023	USA/ Canada Forum	Reno, Nevada											
September 6, 2023	Zone 4 Meeting	Location: Grren Camp Lions Club @ 6:30 pm											

## Lions Club International District OH5 Calendar

January 2024							April 2024						
Date	Event	Description		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		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											
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		Date	Event	Description			
March 6, 2024	Zone 5 Meeting	Location TBD @ 6 pm		June 6-9, 2024	Memorial Golf Tournament	Lions do Litter detail @ Muirfield Golf Tournament							
March 6, 2024	Zone 2 Meeting	Location Troy, Ohio @ 6 pm		June 8, 2024	Learn to Roar	Club Office Training, Tolles - 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)													