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### SAVE THE DATE

Ohio Leo State Convention Waldo, OH Feb. 24, 2024

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

Ohio Lions State Convention DoubleTree Columbus/Worthington May 17-19, 2024

> Learn to Roar Tolles Career Center June 8, 2024

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### FROM DG MIKE KEREK

We are coming up on the convention quickly. I hope many of you will consider coming to Deer Creek and participate in this year's event.

Because the convention is not about me. It's not about you. It's about US, celebrating service to others as a team. It's about connecting with like-minded people from around the district in fellowship, conversation, learning, serving through the planned project, and congratulating those who have gone above and beyond and are being recognized for their efforts. It's about emphasizing the "We" in our organization's motto in a way that discussion in club meetings cannot duplicate. The OH5 Convention is for and about the Lions and guests who want to have fun with others who share their interests. (Yes, folks, guests are welcome, families are welcome. Dress for comfort. We just want you there!)

But don't delay! Deadline to get a room at the lodge is Feb 14 (a separate call to the lodge, reference the Ohio13oh5 Lions convention to get the special rate) and registration for the convention itself stops March 1. (You can register either via mail or online at district13oh5.org on the home page, where the links are both there.)

We've had a great year so far, but this is not the time to take your foot off the gas! Keep finding new members and getting them engaged in new projects...then report them. Keep doing the things that Lions have done for over 100 years around the world - being someone's hero!

DG Mike

### LEO SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications are available on the Ohio Lions website (www.ohiolions.org) and then click on "Leo" at the top home line to go to that page. On the lower left are the following:

### 1. LITPC Scholarship Application

The Lions International Trading Pin Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of US\$2,500 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion, Lioness and/or a member of a Leo Club.

2. Ohio Lions Scholarship Application - for Ohio Leos only

Two (2) \$500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating senior Ohio Leos.

The deadline for both scholarships is March 1, 2024.

Any questions, please contact youth@ohiolions.org.

Submitted by Ohio Lions Youth Committee
PCC Darlene Roll, Chairperson & OH1 Chair
OH2 - PDG James "J.J." Jeavons
OH3 - Lion James Feils
OH4 - Lion PAt Bissler
OH5 - Lion Bill Phythyon
OH6 - Leo-Lion Robert Borger
OH7 - PDG Fred Boring

#### **OHIO LEO STATE CONVENTION**

Attached to this newsletter is the registration form for the Ohio Leo State Convention on Saturday, February 24, 2024, in Waldo, Ohio (between Marion & Delaware, Ohio). We encourage you to attend- the registration form is included with the flyers at the end of this newsletter.

This is a wonderful 1 day event to bring Leos and advisors together to learn about what each club does and how you serve. There will also be leadership training and a service project. We have heard that in the past, Leos have said that the state convention was one of their favorite activities. There are some items we need your help with regarding this event - even if no one from your club attends:

- Will your club be attending the Convention? Yes or no. (Need that info by January 9th.)
- If attending, while registration is needed by February 9, 2024, we need to know shirt sizes for attendees by January 12, 2024. Please Email that information to <a href="mailto:youth@ohiolions.org">youth@ohiolions.org</a>.
- If attending, we are asking each club to prepare a tri-fold "storyboard" that shares information about your club, pictures, etc. to tell who you are and in what ways you serve your community and beyond.
- If attending, there will also be time to share your "Best Project" with attendees. Think about one project that is your favorite and prepare a presentation.
- The Waldo Food Pantry will be our service project at the convention. They have shared that the items most needed are toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, all-purpose cleaners, and glass cleaners. We are encouraging clubs to bring these items to the convention.
  - If you are not attending, would your club like to participate in this project or provide similar items to a pantry in your area?

### Our Ongoing Commitment to Service

Congratulations to the Lions of District OH5. We have, once again, hit the 100% mark in reporting our service activities (that is, every club in the district has reported in!). Statewide, 96% of the Lions from all seven districts have reported in, so we will almost certainly match our 100% reporting status, statewide, from the last two years. That's a remarkable feat among Lions worldwide – we are the ONLY district to reach that mark. But... what have you done for us lately!?!

As Lions, we can't afford to sit on our laurels. There are people out there who need our help and support. The fact that every club in District OH5 reported at least one service project in the first half of the year just goes to show that we can do it all again before the year is out. WE SERVE!!

Meantime, did you know that your zip code matters more than your genetic code? I heard a fascinating speaker last week. Shiloh Todorov is with a group called Families Flourish. The organization "empowers families to address their total needs over a 3-year period, reversing historic barriers by fostering greater inclusivity, equality, opportunity and access to housing, education, and family wellness." The program centers on intensive one-on-one coaching and advice on everything from handling finances, to career guidance, education, wellness, and housing goals. It begins with three years of rental support in safe, quality housing. Just by moving families into better (resource heavy) neighborhoods (zip codes!), they have seen dramatic change in the family income, credit scores, and health. Families Flourish children in their newer, healthier homes had dramatically fewer emergency room visits over the course of their first year in the program.

Many of the families participating in the program come directly from homelessness (living in shelters, in their cars, or doubled up with another family by necessity). They are being rehoused in 17 communities across the Central Ohio area, including many of the areas represented by OH5 clubs. In the last few years, Lions have honed in on the urgent need to support families experiencing food insufficiency. The availability of safe and healthy housing – and all that comes with it! – is equally urgent for some in our community. Perhaps there is a way your Lions Club can help. If you would like to have a speaker from Families Flourish visit your club, contact Shiloh Todorov, 614-787-7129, www.familiesflouish.org.

Empowering Change

for Generations

Yours in Lionism, Lion Jane Jarrow GST Coordinator



### **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

How many people did Lions serve GLOBALLY in Lions Year 2022-2023?

There is still time to answer the January trivia!





### **2024 CALL TO CONVENTION**

District Governor Mike Kerek invites you to the OH5 2023- 2024 Convention. The District OH5 convention is March 15-16, 2024 at Deer Creek State Park Lodge and Conference Center, 22300 State Park Rd 20, Mt. Sterling, Ohio 43143.

Join us Friday evening for a costume contest, free food, and drinks. Chris Waller will be doing the painting class again for those interested too.

Saturday is jam packed with activities such as hearing the Martin Family (Foundation Fighting Blindness) at the luncheon, attend the educational sessions in the afternoon, participate in a Service project and attending the Grand Banquet Saturday evening with keynote speaker PID Bruce Beck.

The cost is \$90 for the complete convention (including luncheon & Grand Banquet), \$40 for the Luncheon only, \$50 for Grand Banquet only and Friday festivities are free. Lodging at Deer Creek State Park is extra- book by 2/14 to get the Lions rate. Use code OLD5.

Attached to this newsletter are the Registration form, Business Meeting Delegate form and the Convention Agenda. Mail the registration form and club delegate form to PDG Jackie Miller, 6728 Cherry Bend, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110. If you want to register online, visit <u>district13oh5.org</u>.

Are you a partner agency?

There are two ways to participate in the District Convention on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Deer Creek Lodge: reserve a space for a display and or present a quick overview of your agency's mission such as the Ohio School for the Blind, Newsreel, Prevent Blindness Ohio, Pilot Dogs, or The Ohio Lions Foundation. Presentations will be Saturday morning after Necrology with limited time (3 minutes) to inform registered guests what your agency does to serve the District.

### What's New from Worthington Noon?

1. Worthington Noon Lions Club sponsors a successful "Holiday Sock Drive" for two homeless shelters

On 12/23, the Worthington Noon Lions Club completed their "Holiday Sock Drive for the Homeless." Bags of socks were collected, evenly divided and donated to the Van Buren Center and the Y Family Center homeless shelters in the Central Ohio region. Many may not be aware that the Van Buren Center is the largest homeless shelter in the nation and houses 3 different types of units. Worthington Noon Lion President, Brenda Toler and Lion Rea Beasley delivered hundreds of socks at the conclusion of the drive. The WNL Lions appreciated all who donated and made this community service project successful. Socks are one of the most requested by the homeless shelters.

### 2. Worthington Noon Lions Club Makes Toy Donation

On 12/20 the Worthington Noon Lions Club donated 3 bags of toys to the Worthington Fire Station for the "Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive Campaign." Firefighters 4 Kids is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide toys at Christmastime for youth who may not otherwise receive them due to their family's needs and/or personal tragedy. Every year, for the past 40 years, Firefighters 4 Kids has distributed toys to thousands of children.

### 3. Lion Gary Holloway is a new Melvin Jones Fellow

Congratulations to Worthington Noon Lions Club treasurer, Lion Gary Holloway, on being named a Melvin Jones Fellow!!!! \*\* \*\* This Fellowship Award is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. District Governor Mike Kerek presented the award to Lion Gary at the 11/30 Zone 5 meeting. We celebrated Lion Gary at our WNL Club December general membership meeting. We are so proud of Gary and appreciative for the many hats he wears in service to the Lions Club.







### CONGRATULATIONS MARION OHIO LIONS CLUB!

On Saturday, January 27, District OH5 welcomed the Marion Ohio Lions Club at their Charter Night event. Held at the historic Harding Hotel in Marion, the night included speakers, new member inductions, officer inductions, and a meal.

The new Lions were welcomed by a Past International Director, over half of the MD-13 District Governors, the Council Chair, PDGs and PCCs, and Lions from at least 10 Clubs within our district. Start up donations were given to help the new Marion Lions get a head start with service.

What a great turnout to show our newest Lions that that they are not just welcomed, but SUPPORTED by their fellow Lions. Congratulations!



### FROM CC DAVE STOCKUM

Happy Winter. That second week of January was cold weatherwise, but hot in Lions Land. The thermometer reached zero, but we added sixty new members in the first two weeks of January. Best wishes to the new club at Willoughby Hills, which chartered with 33 members on January 18. January 27<sup>th</sup> the Marion Lions Club celebrated its new charter. We need to average 85 new members a month for the remainder of this Lions Year to reach the LCI goal of 957 new members for the year. Incidentally, the Constitutional Area noted the fine job we are doing recruiting new members and raised the initial goal of 918 to this new number. Great job on the plus side, but we need to put a dent in the minus membership category. We must focus on retention of our current members to make membership growth a fact. Club satisfaction surveys, direct contact with inactive members, and increased and publicized service are all ways to stem losing members.

I am confident when you see the Recruiters Passport program unveiled at the Winter Retreat and disseminated to local Lions by mid-February, you will be further encouraged to get out in your communities and "Ask One (or two or three...)" to be part of our Lions family. Speaking of the Winter Retreat, over 140 Lions gathered at Salt Fork Lodge for an enjoyable and educational MLK Weekend. Sessions ranging from Bigfoot to New Voices were well-presented, and old and new friendships were re/established.

Besides the Recruiters Passport Program, I am challenging each club to be a 100% club in service, leadership and membership. Each club will receive a postcard after the February 10 Council of Governors Meeting challenging them to submit a report using the Lions Portal (we are almost at 100% in MD13 already), to submit their PU-101 officer report to LCI by May 15, and to finish the year +2 in growth. I will check the statistics for each club mailing me the completed postcard at the end of the 2023-2024 Lions Year and send the successful clubs a 2"X 2" banner pin designating them a 100% Lions Club in service, leadership and growth for 2023-2024. If the year were to end today, 47 of our 353 clubs would receive this designation. This is a personal challenge and funding for it is not coming from MD13 funds! I believe we can achieve this and am "putting my money where my mouth is."

Let's go; let's grow... in service and in membership. Let's be leaders in the field of charitable organizations and in our own clubs and districts. Have a great February.

**CC** Dave











# Ohio Lions and Wendell August Forge Are honored to present a limited edition ornament

At the 1925 Lions International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller presented her challenge to the Lions to be her "Knights of the Blind"

Her cause lives on as today's Lions provide vision services worldwide as one of eight global initiatives.

For a suggested minimum donation of \$18 (US dollars) for the hand forged aluminum and \$23 for the bronze version, with all proceeds benefiting Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), you will receive a one of a kind memento, with Helen Keller's digital signature.

All Ohio Lions LCIF Leadership will have these to offer in person. All others can purchase through WAF website directly at **wendellaugust.com/lcif** 

WAF and the Ohio Lions thank you in advance for your donation and sharing in a piece of Lions International history.

This fundraising project is brought to you by the LCIF Leadership team of MD13 Ohio.

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# Ridgedale Lions Club



21<sup>st</sup> Annual 2024



## Daytona 500 Dinner & Auction







Saturday, February 17, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM, DINNER AT 5:00 PM, AUCTION FOLLOWING



All Occasions Catering 6989 Waldo Delaware Rd Waldo, OH 43356



### JOIN US AND GET INVOLVED

- Buy a ticket for \$15 and enjoy a fun evening at the auction, which will include a ½ chicken dinner with sides prepared by All Occasions Catering.
- Buy an auction item and support the Ridgedale Lions Club service projects.

Tickets are available by calling a Ridgedale Lions Club member at or 740-244-6258. Limited number of tickets available.

LIVE AUCTION OF 1/24 SCALE NASCAR COLLECTORS DIE-CAST CARS. IF YOU ARE THE TOP BIDDER FOR A CAR IN THE LIVE AUCTION, THAT WILL BE YOUR CAR IN THE FEBRUARY 18, 2024 DAYTONA 500.

Many more ways to win! - Total purse over \$2,500!

The evening will include a SILENT auction with many NASCAR collectibles among other various non-NASCAR items.

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED BY THE **RIDGEDALE LIONS CLUB** TO SUPPORT THE CLUB'S DONATIONS AND SERVICE PROJECTS.



# LEARN TO ROAR

**Leadership Training** 

### **\*** SAVE THE DATE!!

JUNE 8, 2024 - 10 AM-3 PM



Tolles Technical Center Plain City, OH

Leadership training for Lions
Officers AND Members

Registration and Information on sessions will be coming out and sent to all clubs in the coming weeks.



# MD13 – Ohio Leo State Convention - 2024 <u>February 24, 2024</u> – All Occasions Catering & Banquet Facility 6989 Waldo-Delaware Road, Waldo, Ohio 43356

All Ohio Leo Club members, advisors, and interested Lions are invited to the 2024 Ohio Leo State Convention. Below is the registration information for the event. If you have questions, please Email <a href="mailto:youth@ohiolions.org">youth@ohiolions.org</a> or call 419-371-5515.

Deadline for registration – Friday, February 9, 2024

Day's Events (Tentative Schedule)

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Welcome, Icebreaker, Scavenger Hunt, Get-to-know other attendees

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. LCI Leadership Session – Time Management

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch, Review Best Project Displays & Club Information

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Best Project Presentations

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Service Project for the Waldo Food Pantry

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wrap-up and Departure

Registration Fee - \$10.00 per person; due when submitting registration form. Checks payable to Ohio Lions. The fee includes lunch and a 2024 Leo State Convention t-shirt.

Please send form and money to: PCC Darlene Roll, 1385 Township Road 216, Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9644.

Leo Club:	Advisor:	Contact #:

Attendee Name	Attendee Contact #	Attendee Email	Shirt Size

Please use additional paper, if needed.

Total Attendees:	Total Amount Enclosed:

### District Governor Mike Kerek Invites You To The

## OH5 2023-2024 Convention



### When:

March 15-16, 2024

### Where:

Deer Creek State Park Lodge & Conf. Center 22300 State Park Rd 20 Mt Sterling, OH 43143

### Cost:

Friday Night Free \$40 Luncheon \$50 Grand Banquet \$90 Whole Convention\* \*(Lodge Room Extra)

### Attire: **Lions Casual**

Friday Night: Come relax, enjoy free food and drinks, play cards, enjoy the fireplaces, socialize, etc. Back by popular demand, Chris Waller will be doing the painting class again for those interested! Family friendly, but free adult beverages will be available as well. Costume Contest: dress as what YOU perceive a Hero looks like! (Costume contest open to all ages!)

#### Saturday:

Necrology

Business Meeting, Foundation/Agency reports, Nominations

Lunch: (noon) Special Guests the Martin Family (Foundation Fighting Blindness) Elections

Sessions: GMA (Global Membership Approach—learn how to increase membership & satisfaction!)

District/Other Resources for Clubs (You don't have to do it all alone!)

Service Project: Packing care bags for children in Dayton & Nationwide Children's Hospitals

Grand Banquet: (seat 5:30, start 6:00) Keynote Speaker PID Bruce Beck

Make sure to visit BlueFrog & all the other agencies while you're there!

To register online, visit district13oh5.org Or mail your registration by March 1, 2024 Room Rates end Feb. 14. Register today!

### OH5 District Convention Agenda March 15-16, 2024 Deer Creek State Park Lodge

### **Friday:**

4:30 – 7:30pm Registration & Delegate Registration Open

7:00pm Welcoming Remarks

Costume Contest – come as what YOU perceive a Super Hero looks like!

7:30 – 9:30pm Painting With Chris (Limited seats available!)

7:30 – 10:00pm Hospitality Rooms Open. Parlor Room Open for cards, etc

Other Bar, fireplaces, etc available

#### Saturday:

7:30 – 5:30	Registration Open
7:30 – 1:30	Delegate Registration Open
9:00-9:30	Necrology
9:30 - 9:45	Break
9:45 - 10:45	Business Meeting & Agency Reports
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00 - 11:45	Nominations
12:00 – 2:15	Lunch
2:30 – 3:15	Elections
3:15 – 3:30	Break
3:30 – 4:15	Session 1 – <b>GMA</b> (Global Membership Approach – learn how you can improve your
	club!)
4:15 - 5:00	Session 2 – What's Out There? Resources for Clubs to Assist in Services
3:30 – 5:00	Service Project: Activity Bags for Children in Children's Hospitals (Dayton & Nationwide)
5:00 - 5:30	Break
	Dignitaries to report for pictures
5:30 – 6:00	Grand Banquet seating
6:00 - 9:00	Grand Banquet

Blue Frog will be present, as will various agencies.

Come enjoy the ambience of Deer Creek State Park Lodge!

Network with fellow Lions from around the district and state.

#### Meals:

Lunch Potato Bar Buffet with trimmings

Banquet Italian Buffet

Gluten free meal available if indicated on registration form

Registration ends March 1! Get your forms and checks in soon!

### 2024 OH5 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

http://district13oh5.org/

March 15-16, 2024 Deer Creek State Park Lodge 20635 State Park Rd 20, Mt Sterling, OH



FRIDAY NIGHT FUNSATURDAY LUNCHSATURDAY LUNCHSGRAND BANQUET		FREE \$40			
Room Rates are <b>\$120/Night + Tax</b>		Club Name			
Call for Reservations: Deer Creek State Park Lodge Phone 740-869-2020		District:			
Please make your own room reservation  Room rates are good until February 14					
Name	Club/District Position	Entire Convention \$90	Lunch \$40	Grand Banquet \$50	Friday Night ONLY
Please make checks payable to: <b>Distri</b> REGISTRATION <u>DEADLINE</u> IS MARCH 1, 2024  Please Note: NO MEALS may be purchased after		MAIL TO:	PDG Jackie 6728 Cherry Canal Wincl 614-530-180 pdgjackie.@	y Bend hester, OH 4311 51	0



# Lions District 13-OH5 District Convention Credentials Form

Club Name:	
Number of Members:	

### **Certification of Delegates**

In accordance with Article VII, Section 2, of the District 13-OH5 Lions Constitution which states that each chartered club in good standing is entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof (5), who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day, we the undersigned, do certify that the following Lions have been duly appointed to represent our Lions Club. All Past District Governors, in good standing, shall be considered a Delegate-at-Large and entitled to one (1) vote, in addition to the delegate quota of their respective club. Nothing herein shall be construed to allow any person more than one (1) vote.

DELEGATES MUST ALSO REGISTER AT THE CONVENTION. DELEGATE REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 1:30 PM.

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		District Governor's sign	ature	



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### **Application for Advertisement Space in the DISTRICT 13-OH5 Convention Booklet**

http://district13oh5.org/

Please reserve space for us in the District 13-OH5 District Convention Program. We understand that acceptance of this contract and advertising space is subject to the approval of the District 13-OH5 Lions Inc. and Convention Committee are not responsible for errors or omissions beyond reasonable diligence and control. Copy of advertisement or camera ready copy is herewith submitted with payment no later than Feb. 15, 2024.

### **RATES**

business card Size Advertisement (black & white)	\$ZU.UU
Half Page Advertisement (5"x4" horizontal – black & white)	\$30.00
Full Page Advertisement (5"x8" vertical – black & white)	\$50.00
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