

OSU - Libby Ramge is our "lead" student. She has a long history of Lionism in her family. Her Father and grandfather are members of Marysville and she has previously been an officer in the LEO club. Since this is a new "start-up" we are encouraging students to join from all fields of study unlike the previous club comprised solely of Optometry students. Libby has a texting campaign going on to encourage students to call her for more info. With the help of AI we developed a handout for students that's eye catching and to the point. Classes don't start until August 26th. Kudos to GMT Fred Porter for kickstarting this project.

Columbus Westside - We have a commitment from 2 officers at the Heartland Bank on W. Broad who asked to join the Lions. They have offered their bank as a place to meet and would like to become involved in community service projects as soon as possible. We are currently working to identify other potential's member's with the intent of starting a noon branch club. A meeting is forthcoming with management from The Grand Casino.

Hilliard (rebuild) - we have contacted the welcome center and the chamber of commerce in Hilliard concerning our intention to increase membership. They have an active community with much going on, including a food truck festival, night of networking, celebration at the station and a regular farmers market just to name a few. We will be participating in as many of these activities as possible to promote Lions.

Delaware (rebuild) - we will be participating in the " first Friday" event to be held on September 5th. We continue to help the club with projects and exposure in the community to gain additional members.

Springfield Haitian community - we have been in contact with the leaders of this community on several occasions. They were facing deportation effective September 2nd. The federal court blocked that order until February 3, 2026. It's a community of 15,000+. We have decided to put a hold on our efforts at this time until their future in the community is more clear.

GMT Fred Porter and myself are working hand in hand to strengthen those clubs in need of additional membership. We will also be working to find opportunities to start new clubs wherever possible. We all need to work together to encourage our clubs to ASK potential members to join. Sometimes opportunities present themselves and we need to take advantage of those opportunities. I would be glad to attend club meetings to help with membership growth.

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