

REPORT FROM ZONE 2 TO DISTRICT 13 OH5, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

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The next Zone Meeting for Zone 2 will be hosted by Troy at 6:30 on Wednesday, March 6. All District officials are welcome to attend. Zone 2 has a net gain of five members since last July 1. All clubs have been encouraged to meet all of the District goals as well as DG Mike Kerek's personal goals. Most of the clubs have tried a new project, made a first time donation to an organization, reported on projects, gotten training for officers, and added at least one new member. Clubs have also been encouraged to attend the District Convention and report their new officers by May 1. My Zone goal was to have clubs collaborate on projects or meetings and this has happened in several cases.

Northridge assisted the Springfield National Trail club in December by allowing them to use the Den for a fundraiser. Northridge invited all the clubs in Zone 2 to the club's annual Christmas Party. The event was well attended by the clubs and District officials. Springfield National Trail suggested a guest speaker about local preparations for the April 8 eclipse. It was decided to hold the event at Northridge on January 10, combine it with a chili cookoff, and invite all the clubs in the Zone. Five of the six clubs were represented at this meeting.

The North Hampton Lions Club has 23 members with a net gain of two since July 1. They are active with projects and have attended trainings, Zone Meetings, and joint meetings. However, they have not reported on membership for four months as they have transitioned to a new secretary and new treasurer. North Hampton makes good use of social media.

The Northridge Lions have 40 members and are plus three in membership since July. They completed their 66th annual Christmas Tree Sale in December and have a variety of projects, some of them new, in planning. It is an active, growing club but could do a better job using social media. Northridge is making efforts to change from a club that mostly does fundraising to giving community service projects equal billing. Half of the members are new in the past four years and change is occurring.

The St. Paris Lions Club has 24 members with no net gain or loss this Lion's year. They will proudly host their 56th annual pancake breakfast on March 2 from 7-12 at Graham Elementary School. They make use of social media and are an active club with a good reputation in the community.

The Springfield National Trail Lions have only 10 members with a net loss of one since July. They use social media and have been involved in Zone and joint meetings. They had a successful fundraiser in December and support their community well but could do more if they could get more membership.

The Troy Lions Club has 24 members with a net gain of two. They are an active club with good leadership and use of social media. They have an impressive variety of projects and support their community well. They are well respected in their community.

The West Milton Lions Club has only 10 members with a net loss of one since July 1. They do not use social media much and do not often attend District, Zone, or joint meetings or attend trainings. They have one major fundraiser, a chicken BBQ, but need help to run it, and have a tradition of conducting blood drives. With additional members they could do more.

At the March 6 Zone 2 Meeting we will take a close look at the goals for the year. Clubs that have not met all of them will, hopefully, be able to do so in the closing months of the year. We want to have a frank evaluation of where we are and where we want to go as clubs.

In a few months I will be closing my two year term as Zone 2 Chair. Lion Paul Harrison from Northridge has been selected as my replacement and we will work to make the transition smooth. I will remain willing, as a Guiding Lion, to assist any club in my area that needs a helping hand.

Lion Steve Fifer, Zone 2 Chair