

April, 2020

OH5 Pride Report

District Governor Jackie Miller



Fellow Lions, my friends, these are certainly unprecedented times we are living through right now. I hope you are all still healthy and staying safe! We are all in this together and we'll get through it together as Lions always do. Please keep in touch with me and let me know what our District Cabinet can do for you and your club.

You'll find many things in this newsletter to help your club continue to serve within your community even in the light of our stay at home orders. We can still reach out to our communities and be effective, see the article about what the **Westerville Lions Club** and the **Tri-Village Lions Club** have done. Hopefully, those and the other articles in this newsletter will get you all thinking about what your club can do. And be sure to still get together as a club – through email, teleconference, or any other means. Please keep in touch with each other.

I am so sorry we did not get to have our District Convention! I was looking forward to celebrating with all of you and enjoying our 100th year of Lions celebration. We were planning on having a LOT of fun and I'm sorry you all didn't get to join me in that celebration. I'm including a few pictures in this newsletter of some things you would have seen at the convention. ☺

District Officers

District Governor

Jackie Miller
Cwpaws13@gmail.com
614-530-1861 (M)

1st Vice District Governor

Jason Gray
Jj1550@hotmail.com
614-517-3042

2nd Vice District Governor

Joe Jackson
Shoelessjj71@gmail.com
937-307-4581

CST

Loretta Sweeney
lorettasweeney@ameritech.net
614-834-1516

Newsletter Editor

Jane Jarrow
JaneJarrow@aol.com
614-571-5681

Council Chair

Lydia Houser
lmhyoyo@aol.com

I was looking forward to giving out some awards. Although most were a surprise, and a few are being held back for the State Convention – which hopefully we will still be able to have – I am listing as many as possible in this newsletter. If we do not get the chance to have the State Convention, I will let you all know the rest of the awards so you can congratulate those individuals for their hard work for our District this year. When our social distancing is over and we are all able to get out and about again, I'll make my way to your clubs and give out those awards and celebrate in a small way with you all.

CST Loretta is working on getting checks written to return everyone's registration fee, please be patient, we will get your check to you soon.

CST Loretta is also mailing this weekend the voting ballots for all those who were already registered for the convention and turned in a delegate form. As stated in the email I sent to everyone, LCI approved our voting via this means. When you get your ballot in the mail, please complete it and return it to CST Loretta in the self-addressed, stamped envelope that is in your mailing. Please return **no later than April 15, 2020!** We'll announce those results in next month's newsletter.

Please read, stay in touch, and stay connected!

Yours in Lionism, DG Jackie

Dear Ohio Lions,

We are at the end of March and we have and continue to face new challenges in Lions and in our everyday life. COVID 19 has changed the way we live, work, volunteer, etc. As a Lion, it prevents us from having in-person meetings, doing many of our service projects or fundraisers, etc. I hope that you are continuing to stay in contact with each other and your communities the best you can while following the social and distancing criteria provided by our government.

This new "normal" provides us an opportunity to "think outside of the box" to keep our clubs functioning, our Lions being contacted, meetings being held, elections conducted and a host of other things. How many clubs are doing "virtual" meetings/get togethers? There are many ways that you can get together using some of the technology of today (Zoom, Go-To Meeting, WebEx, etc.). If you want to participate using this technology but do not know how, please get with your District Governor and they will help you. If someone doesn't have a computer, call them. Most of the technology has the ability to connect via phone.

We need to reach out and be talking to our Lions and maybe even doing a project or two. These projects don't have to be the normal ones but it can be something new. There are some clubs making face masks; some are putting stuffed animals in their windows to brighten someone's day driving/walking by; some are delivering food; some are making calls to check in on someone; hang a flag outside, and the list goes on. What have you thought of that you can do? We are looking for ideas. Lions have always been the leader of the pack so why not now? What are you doing to stay in touch and keep Lionism alive as we face these challenges?

Have you thought about what you can do for recruiting new members? This might be a good time to work on a list of people you know such as: friends, church, neighbors, co-workers, political, etc. You can then provide them to your club membership chair and work on recruiting them. Take the time to look at the Ohio Plan and the templates; they are located on the Ohio Lions website. You can have an electronic meeting to put everything in place to move forward at the appropriate time. There's no better time to start looking for new members than now!

Another nice thing to do is to pick up the phone and make a call to a Lion. Let them know you are thinking of them and just wanted to check in. Any Lion can do this. It really makes a difference to let someone know you care.

The District Governors are accomplishing alternatives for the election of the Governors and some state committee positions utilizing mail or electronic methods. The rules will come from your district. We also have club elections which need to occur and this is being done via mail or electronic methods. These are new ways of doing business for most of us but there is no challenge too large that Lions cannot overcome.

Many of our conventions have been cancelled/postponed and Officer/Leadership training has been postponed. The District Governors are working on alternatives and new dates.

Our State Convention is still scheduled and we will keep you updated if something changes.

Lions are strong and courageous. Most of us know someone who has been affected by COVID 19. We need to keep everyone in our thoughts.

I hear people saying that "Kindness Matters". Are you just saying the words or are you truly practicing it and being kind? If there is ever a time to be kind and show kindness, it is now.

If you have questions, reach out to your district or you can contact me via email or phone. The District Governors are there to help you and they are working hard to keep Lions moving forward. Thank you for all you are continuing to do for our Lions and our communities. **We Serve!**

Stay safe and healthy.

In Lionism,

LYDIA M. HOUSER, MD13 Council Chairperson, lmhyoyo@aol.com

Scenes We DIDN'T See!

Recognition and Awards for a Year of Accomplishments

(Perhaps the most disappointing part of not being able to come together for the OH5 District Convention is that we missed being able to honor all those Lions who have been done so much, throughout the year, to represent the best of what Lionism is all about. They may not be able to hear our applause from a distance, but we hope those recognized and honored below know how very proud we are of them.)

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Our Peace Poster Winner is **Brea Lane** from **Big Walnut Middle School**. Sponsored by the **Sunbury Lions Club**. Brea's quote about Peace is:

"Peace: The foundation of humanity and what brings us all together."

(Lion Jackie) "This one spoke a lot to me about peace all over the world... including outer space! If you look closely you will see dotted lines between one country and another as well as the plane heading overseas and to the spaceship. Pretty amazing!"



COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST WINNERS

Clubs over 30

1st Place – **Tri-Village Lions Club**

2nd Place – **London Lions Club**

Clubs under 30

1st Place – **Troy Lions Club**

2nd Place – **Groveport-Madison Lions Club**

LEO AWARDS

Recognition for the following LEO Clubs:

Big Walnut HS LEO Club

Columbus Inner City LEO Club

Graham MS LEO Club

Jonathan Alder LEO Club

Kenton Ridge HS LEO Club

Marysville HS LEO Club

Newton LEO Club

Northeastern HS LEO Club

Ohio State School for the Blind LEO Club

Reynoldsburg HS LEO Club

Ridgedale HS LEO Club

Westerville LEO Club

MD13 Statewide Recognition –

Ridgedale LEO Club

2nd Place LEO Club of the Year!!

LION CATCHER AWARDS

#1 Lion Catcher Award

John Thomas – *Woodstock Lions Club* (4 Members)

Scott Pape – *Dublin Lions Club* (4 Members)

#2 Lion Catcher Award

Barb Phillips - *Marysville Lions Club* (3 members)

Bonnie Gamary – *Dublin Lions Club* (3 members)

Chuck Rees, Sr – *Gahanna Lions Club* (3 members)

Steve Hoyt – *Franklinton Lions Club* (3 members)

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW GUIDING LION

Lion Lynn Thomas
Prospect Lions Club

NET MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARDS

1st Place (8 Members)

Dublin Lions Club

2nd Place (7 Members)

Troy Lions Club

**Highest Net Membership
By Zone**

**Zone 7 - Lion Stu Koble
Zone Chair**

HUNGER CHALLENGE

Many clubs will be getting a banner patch for completing the Hunger Challenge. There's still time to report your club having done something for hunger to earn this banner patch:



NEW LION OF THE YEAR – LION APRIL DARLING

It's become almost a standing joke in the Reynoldsburg Lions Club. A question is asked, "Can anyone...?" You fill in the blank. With a roll of her eyes, this Lion says, "I'll do it." And she does.

Whether it's about getting donations, walking the street, contacting someone, arranging something, it doesn't matter, she does it. Always voluntarily, and she always follows through. Always.

Lion April helped with the Super Braxton 5K, arranging all the food, the police presence, the shirts, the awards. She arranged all the door prizes for the bowling tournament. She is also



soliciting numerous items for the Reynoldsburg Lions Club upcoming auction. She gathered items for the Care for the Cold. If there is something going on with the club, you can guarantee she will be actively involved and will be a major reason for the success. She was volunteering for the Reynoldsburg Lions Club before even becoming a member, but little did they know when she finally made the commitment what they were getting!

Lion April seems to know everyone in town, and knows how to make people bow to her will. She's relentless. She's the only person Lion IPDG Mike Kerek ever knew that caused a police lieutenant to call him to request that the Reynoldsburg Lions Club call her off of him and

his officers because they weren't doing what she wanted on behalf of the club.

She is 100% a Lion. But she's also 100% a PTA president (for the last 8 years), 100% a dedicated single mother of two children, working two jobs while raising her children, and she recently took on being a member of the local Chamber of Commerce as well. Lion April is on the Tomato Festival committee, is in charge of the Taste of Reynoldsburg, and has her hand in a few other things in town. Somewhere in each week it's assumed she sleeps and eats, but no one honestly knows where she finds the time.

A First Year Lion of the Year should be someone who has an immediate and positive impact on his or her community and club. If those are the parameters for the award, this Lion has exceeded those requirements and redefined them. Lion April Darling is, without question, a First Year Lion of the Year!

DISTRICT BOWLING TOURNAMENT: AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Team High Series Scratch	Men	Reynoldsburg Strike Force
Team High Series Scratch	Mixed Adult	Westerville
Team High Series Scratch	Mixed w/Youth	Sunbury "Gutter Ballers"
Team High Series Handicap	Men	Sunbury "Split Happens"
Team High Series Handicap	Mixed Adult	Grove City Noon
Team High Series Handicap	Mixed w/Youth	Whitehall Area/Reynoldsburg
Team High Game Scratch	Men	Reynoldsburg Strike Force
Team High Game Scratch	Mixed Adult	Westerville
Team High Game Scratch	Mixed w/Youth	Sunbury "Gutter Ballers"
Team High Game Handicap	Men	Sunbury "Split Happens"
Team High Game Handicap	Mixed Adult	Ridgedale
Team High Game Handicap	Mixed w/Youth	Whitehall Area/Reynoldsburg

Ind High Series Scratch	Women	Judie Schoyer	Canal Winchester
Ind High Series Scratch	Men	Austin Ballestero	Reynoldsburg
Ind High Series Scratch	Youth	Josh Coyan	Sunbury
Ind High Series Handicap	Women	Ann Daugherty	Ridgedale
Ind High Series Handicap	Men	Jim Raab	Sunbury
Ind High Series Handicap	Youth	Hannah Darling	Reynoldsburg
Ind High Game Scratch	Women	Judie Schoyer	Canal Winchester
Ind High Game Scratch	Men	Austin Ballestero	Reynoldsburg
Ind High Game Scratch	Youth	Josh Coyan	Sunbury
Ind High Game Handicap	Women	Beth Plahn	Westerville
Ind High Game Handicap	Men	Jon Gray	Sunbury
Ind High Game Handicap	Youth	Eli Darling	Reynoldsburg

Traveling Trophy

Reynoldsburg Strike Force



NEW VOICES AWARDS

These awards represent gender parity and diversity and seek to increase the number of women, young adults and underrepresented populations within our association. Those Lions who strive for excellence in each area include:

SERVICE – Regularly participate in service projects and perform service that reaches a diverse group of people.

IPDG Mike Kerek has been instrumental in his club's service projects, including Care for the Cold, serving homeless people. I've not seen many clubs that do as many service projects as the Reynoldsburg Lions Club and IPDG



Mike has helped this club come up with and perform many of them. This club does something service or fundraising related once a month at least. IPDG Mike has really shown me what doing service is really all about!

MEMBERSHIP – Works to recruit and retain new members, welcoming diversity in the Lions Family. **Lion Stu Koble** has worked tirelessly trying to help us recruit a club in German Village and has never given up. He is also planning on helping with trying to form a Korean Club and an Asian Club. We don't know where it will go, but we'll see what happens. Lion Stu has been having some health issues this past year, so please pray for him. We know he will be back at it soon.



LEADERSHIP – Leaders who strive to be inclusive and show excellence, including hosting meetings, and organizing projects and teams. **Lion Cathy Hill** shows leadership all over the District. Leadership does not always involve being out front and Lion Cathy shows that quietly in the background.



She is always encouraging everyone, including your District Governor, and always has a kind word for everyone she meets. She is a small, but mighty force, and the clubs in her Zone love her. She has great ideas to assist clubs and is always helping them when and where needed.

MARKETING – Works to spread the Lions' message to all corners of the world. Lions who use marketing channels such as social media, printed newsletters, email, etc., to promote their club with excellence. **Lion Jane Jarow** is the only Lion to come to mind on this award. There isn't any other Lion I know of who markets their club like Lion Jane does the Tri-Village Lions Club. I doubt there's a Lion out there who hasn't heard on a regular basis what is going on with the Tri-Village Lions Club.



PLEASE CONGRATULATE ALL THESE LIONS AND CLUBS ON THEIR AWARDS!

ZONE CHAIR OF THE YEAR: LION CATHY HILL (ZONE 4)

(From DG Lion Jackie Miller)

I chose ZC Cathy as Zone Chair of the year because she is a fabulous zone chair! Lion Cathy agreed to remain ZC for me for 1 more year beyond what she was required to do because I asked her too. When I thought about my cabinet I wanted to get as many women on board as I could to show their leadership. Lion Cathy had already shown that leadership and I wanted to hang on to her.

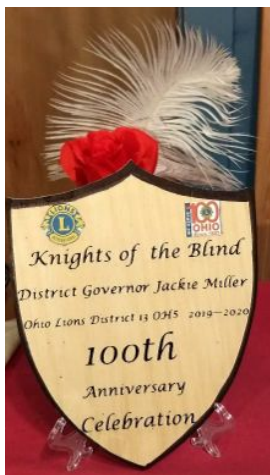
She and I have become such great friends over the past couple of years and I am blessed to know her. ZC Cathy regularly communicates with her clubs with such a wonderful positive attitude about everything, including the blessing of every single Lion and person she comes into contact with, and she always cc'd me on every email she sent out. As I was challenged personally this past year she was always there for me, cheering me and on being right behind me all the way with blessings. I wouldn't have made it through that trying time without friends like her being there for me.

ZC Cathy does the same thing with her clubs. She helped her clubs succeed and was always there to visit with them and help them with their service projects and solve any problems they had, including cabinet members when needed, and always had blessings for everyone every single time. She is constantly communicating with her clubs and sharing information with them from the District, State, LCI and other Lions Clubs. It was ZC Cathy's idea to offer members a chance to come and enjoy the convention without having to eat and spend the kind of money it takes to feed people at a convention but yet allowing them to still be able to sit in and enjoy the festivities they wouldn't get a chance to see otherwise.

Thank you, Lion Cathy, for sharing your wonderful personality and leadership with District 13 OH5 Lions!



SOME PICTURES OF THINGS YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN AT THE CONVENTION!





In Loving memory of those who served



Zone 1

Zone 2

PDG Don Hart
James Kinnison
Bill O'Brian

Fletcher Lions
West Milton Lions
West Milton Lions

Zone 3

John T. Adelsberger
Ray Chamberlain
Mike McMahan
Leroy Holt

London Lions
London Lions
London Lions
Milford Center

Zone 4

Scott Hale
Robert Queen
Robert Smith
PDG Don Caprino

Pleasant Lions
Ridgedale Lions
Ridgedale Lions
Prospect Lions

Zone 5

Doug Smith
Rita Couch
Brian White
Jeff Brantner
PDG Dan Smith
Dick Meloy

Columbus Northeast
Columbus Northeast
Columbus Northeast
Tri-Village Lions
New Albany Lions
Columbus Northern

Zone 6

Mary Saunders
Bob Weißenmayer
Vern Gogolin
Pauline Rogers

Columbus Southern Pine
Gahanna
Reynoldsburg
Whitehall Area

Zone 7

George Felkner
Cheryl Fahy
Peggy Gantzer
Jack Harding
Marilyn Bain

Columbus Southeast
Grove City Noon
Grove City Noon
Grove City Noon
Grove City

I Am Learning How To Live

by Jamey Wysocki

I am learning how to live
In a new way
Since that day
You were taken away.

I am learning how to live
With the things left unsaid
Knowing I got to say them
With every tear that I shed.

I am learning how to live
By embracing the pain
Knowing that you live on
Through the memories that remain.

I am learning how to live
Knowing I will never again see your face
And I have peace knowing
You're in a better place.

I am learning how to live
Knowing you're in God's care
It gives me the strength to move on
And makes the pain much easier to bear.



WE SERVE!



“Social distancing” may be deemed *necessary* in the midst of these extraordinary circumstances, but it is not a concept that is necessarily *comfortable* for Lions. Our motto – “*We Serve*” – has led us to anticipate that we will be working in concert with our fellow Lions to support others in the community who need our help. If we can’t gather together to serve... indeed, if we can’t get out of our houses!... how can we continue our commitment to service? Let us count the ways...

What you read on the pages that follow are a collection of ideas as to how the Lions of OH5 can continue to serve others while still being mindful of the significant restrictions we are under in Ohio these days. Some of these ideas are boxed in **blue**. Those are ideas that are included for you to consider as a Club. Some of the ideas are boxed in **maize**. Those are ideas that are suggested because you are a Lion, and are looking for ways to serve when and where you can.

LENDING SUPPORT – WHILE EATING WELL!

While our restaurants are closed for in-house dining for the time being, many restaurants in our communities are open for carryout food. Often, you can order online, you can ask for delivery options, or you can stop in with an order and take your meal to go. Especially if your club regularly eats at an eating establishment, you want to support that local business during this difficult time, just as they support us regularly. We encourage you to **BUY AT LEAST ONE MEAL A WEEK** from a local restaurant during this time. Let them know, when you stop in, that you are from the Lions Club.



STAYING INDOORS? ASK A LION FOR HELP!

Are there members of your Lions Club who should be especially careful of their health during this crisis and who are taking the “stay at home” order VERY literally? We hope *everyone* is staying safe. But there may be other Lions who *are* able to get out to run necessary errands. Figure out who needs help and who is able and willing to provide it and put them in touch. Consider establishing one contact for the club who will take requests and find someone to help. We take care of our own!

Can You Offer Help on a Long Term Basis?

LOOKING FOR CHEMO ANGELS

The Chemo Angels program offers support to those who find themselves in the most challenging situation of their lives – battling a cancer diagnosis and undergoing IV chemotherapy or intensive immunotherapy treatment.

Chemo Angels volunteers support their “buddy” throughout their journey with cards, uplifting messages, supportive words and lots of positive energy, providing patients the comfort and confidence of knowing they are not alone in their fight.

Want to learn more?

<https://www.chemoangels.com/angel-pre-app>



GIVE YOUR WRITE ARM TO A SOLDIER!

It isn't only on Veterans Day or Memorial Day that we should take time to remember, and to thank, the many brave men and women in uniform who continue to serve our country. Watch this 17th anniversary "thank you" message from Operation Gratitude

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xv1ZQKHfYfdk&feature=youtu.be>

and then sit down and write some letters. How about one a day? Write them, save them, and when we are finally able to get back together, your club can box up all the letters from your club and send them along.

CLEAN YOUR CLOSET (FOR A PURPOSE!)

As long as you are spending so much time at home, why not do something that needs doing anyway – in a way that will help others!?!

Consider spending some time going through closets, cupboards, attics and basements. Create separate piles of the things you find that you no longer need to keep. You might create one pile of old clothes that are in good enough shape they could be used by others. How about all those extra cords, broken gadgets, and used up electronic gizmos that can be set aside in a pile to be responsibly recycled through an eWaste recycling project? Old (but usable) dishes, glasses, and kitchen equipment can certainly find a home. Do you have books that you no longer need, or board games that haven't been played in too long?

Create your own categories of "I'm done with these" items and when the crisis is over, we'll help you find places to share your collections, or pick them up and deliver them for you.

GIVE YOUR WRITE ARM TO A LION!

While we may be "stuck at home," let's take a few minutes to think about our fellow Lions who are just... stuck!!! The nursing homes and assistive living facilities are all locked down tight. While we know the "no visitors" rules have been put into place for everyone's safety, it must be very lonely and isolating for our friends and fellow Lions who are cut off from everyone these days. Let's let them know we miss them and are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. If there are Lions from your club who are currently living in assisted care facilities, send their addresses to everyone in the club and encourage each Lion to send something to each of them once a week.

A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR?!?

You may not make pies as good as the ones from Der Dutchmen (or maybe you do!), but whatever your specialty, we bet you know someone out there who would appreciate it! Bake a pie, or cookies, or prepare your favorite recipe, and share it with neighbors who are feeling alone and isolated. You don't have to meet with them face-to-face to drop off some goodies and let them know you care.

SPEND YOUR DOWNTIME DOING IMPORTANT RESEARCH!

Here is an interesting opportunity for folks who have way too much time on their hands, stuck at home in front of the computer. You can participate in active research projects (from scientific studies, to historical reviews, to ???) at <https://www.zooniverse.org/projects> . Just browsing through the available list of projects is fascinating, but here is a chance to find something of interest to you and to put your time to work furthering knowledge of the subject for others.

STILL HAVEN'T FOUND SOMETHING OF INTEREST? WE BET YOU CAN FIND SOMETHING HERE!

If none of the other opportunities you read about here pique your interest, we have a suggestion for where you might look for something yourself. Go visit:

https://www.catchafire.org/volunteer?name_filter=&type_filter=1&type_filter=2&page=1

There you will find invitations to participate in more than 200 projects that you can do for an hour, or for a couple of weeks. Some ask for your time to take a phone call from a researcher. Some are from nonprofits looking for help in updating their procedures or evaluating their web presence. There is something for everyone, and we can help. We're Lions. WE SERVE.

ALTERNATIVES TO FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS

Just because you can't get your Club members together doesn't mean you can't get your Club members together!!! There are a number of options available for "virtual meetings" and LCI is planning a Web Series to provide support/instruction. You can get more information here:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/blog/Need-to-host-virtual-meetings-These-tools-can-help>

Wait! You say not enough of your members have sophisticated technology (and the sophistication to use it? How about meeting through a free conference call? Bet they can all use the telephone!!! You can get more information at <https://www.freeconferencecall.com> .

CARING FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS

Just as people everywhere are being impacted by the coronavirus, the stay at home order, and the many folks laid off from work, many household pets are being impacted, as well. Who cares for Tabby when her owner gets ill? How will Buster's owner be able to buy dog food if he is out of work? How will the animal shelters deal with the influx of animals that need care because their owners can't? Go visit this site, read about these concerns, and think of something YOU can do to help locally:

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-faq>

This is just the start! We hope that in reviewing these pages, you will find some way to continue your service while staying close to home. Recognizing that there will be more ideas that coming up in the days to come, we hope to provide a weekly "update" to this newsletter in the weeks to come. We invite you to submit ideas for service, stories you read of those who are helping others in this trying time – and simply updates about how you are doing as the Tri-Village Lions are apart, but NOT alone.

If you need help...

If you want to help...

If you have an idea for how to help...

Please share!

*Not all of us can do great things, but
we can all do small things with great
love.*

Mother Teresa

*Small acts, when multiplied by millions of
people, can transform the world.*

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Looking at the map for some weekend travel ideas.



Raw toilet paper for sale \$20



Some assembly required

**HOW TO PROPERLY
GREET SOMEONE DURING
THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK**



**If the schools are
closed for too long, the
parents are gonna find
a vaccine before the
scientists...**



Beast: The castle is your quarantine now. You can go anywhere you wish, except the West Wing.

Belle: What's in the West Wing?

