

December, 2019

OH5 Pride Report

District Governor Jackie Miller

Merry Christmas Lions! I want to wish you and your families that best of the holiday season and safe journeys on your travels, if you are traveling during the holidays. I can't believe almost half the Lions year is already gone, where does the time go? I'm sure many of you, like me, are decorating your homes for the holiday season. Christmas is a time of blessings and rejoicing, and sharing time with family and friends. I am blessed to be a Lion and to know that together, we Lions have made a difference in our world! What better gift than to know you have helped someone who will never know who you are.

The Convention will be upon us soon. We still have a lot of work to do planning all the festivities, but you can now find the registration form for the convention in this Pride Report and online at www.district13oh5.org. We are trying something different this year that has never been done because we want as many Lions to join us as possible to help us celebrate 100 years of Ohio Lions!! The cost of registration is mostly the cost of meals. Unfortunately, those keep going up. However, we want to give those who are on a budget or who don't eat that much the chance to join us, without worrying about paying the full price of the registration. We'll charge you a small fee for the administrative work - nametags, convention booklet, etc. We will have seating available in

the back of the banquet hall for those who are not eating but want to join in on the festivities. You can eat wherever you like, and then join us for the festivities that occur during the convention meals. Depending on how many sign up you will either be at a table or sitting in a chair at the back of the hall.

Speaking of the Convention, I'm still hoping NOT to have to wear a jersey from that state up North. **GO BUCKS!** What a great game that was. So sorry, ID Justin, Buckeyes are the best!! However, District 13-OH5 Lions, we are down **(-29)** members from July 1st. You are doing great adding members – thank you so much for that! – **53 added** this year!! However, we **lost 82** to death or resignation from Lions. Deaths can't be helped, but there are many things we can do to help keep Lions in our great organization. Let's do our best to keep those Lions from leaving! Let us know if we can help you.

Next month we'll give you a sneak at the Peace Poster winner in our district...I'm not ready to reveal that one yet. Sadly, we only got winning posters from 3 clubs and this time we did NOT get a peace essay. I hope many of your clubs consider doing this next year with the schools.

Unfortunately, news has come from LCI that an International dues increase will be voted on in Singapore next year. It's a little disconcerting to me because along with the increase they are talking regular yearly increases based on the cost of living. Check the letter at the end of this newsletter. This is all I know about it at



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this time. It may not bode well for future membership, which has me concerned.

Volunteering is hard work, but the rewards are phenomenal, and the joy is incredible. Keep that in mind this holiday season as you think about what it means to be a Lion and share that with others!! Continue the wonderful work you are all doing, and thank you for what you do in your communities! Without Lions this world would be a very different place, I thank God every day for what you all do.

May you all have a very blessed Holiday Season! Enjoy your time with family and friends and be safe.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Jackie



FIGHT HUNGER WITH NEW LCIF HUNGER PILOT GRANT PROGRAM

LCIF Grants are available to Lions districts in amounts of \$10,000 to \$100,000. Hunger Grants support infrastructure and equipment acquisition of Lions' projects focused on alleviating hunger. Funds can be used for a project's capital needs and select project operational expenses during the start-up period.

There are nearly one billion people across the world that experience food insecurity. No one can truly understand the devastating physical and emotional impact of hunger unless they experience it. Through the LCIF Hunger Pilot Grant Program, Lions can support school based feeding programs, food banks, feeding centers, and similar facilities that provide food to people when they need it most.

Examples

Typical project expenses may include:

- Construction or expansion of food banks, feeding centers, and food storage facilities
- Construction or expansion of kitchen or dining facilities as part of a school based feeding program
- Purchase of refrigerators and freezers to store perishable food items
- Kitchen equipment such as stoves and ovens
- Furniture such as chairs and tables for dining rooms and feeding centers
- Vehicles to transport, collect, and deliver food

Application and Deadline

The applications for Hunger Grants are due no later than 90 days prior to the start of the Board of Trustees meetings, which take place in January, May, and August.

A Message From 1VDG Jason Gray

On Monday, November 18th, I had the distinct pleasure of inducting two amazing new members into the Columbus Inner city Lions Club. Justice and Richard area already making an impact in their community. Richard was a former LEO and Justice is a doctor who is truly on a mission to change the world. I was truly honored to be one of the first people to welcome them into Lionism, and I hope you will share the excitement of this wonderful news.



As we continue to welcome new Lions into our clubs and our communities, it is important to remember how we first felt when we joined a club. I know when I first joined, I was nervous and anxious at meetings, wondering if I should share my ideas, and if they would be helpful. Many of our new Lions fact this every time they come to a meeting. I encourage you to welcome them with open arms, listen to their ideas, celebrate their membership, and maybe most importantly, make they feel they are part of the club, not just another person to complete your established tasks.

As the Holiday season continues, my family and I would like to wish you the warmest of Holiday Greetings and wish you and your family safe travels and a Happy New Year.

LET'S GO KROGERING!

(from PDG Jeff Sweeney)

The next time you shop at Kroger, look at the bottom of the receipt. Does it look like mine? Did you know that every three months, Kroger donates to our district's Eye Care Fund through their Kroger Community Rewards program? The more Kroger customers that say they support the Eye Care fund, the higher of a percentage of the overall reward we will receive. Last quarter 19 Lions households participated, and the eye care fund received \$100.38. 19 members is the size of a small club. ...with 57 clubs in our district, imagine if every club signed up just their members! Think of how many people we could help if all Lions and our friends simply connected our Kroger Plus card to the fund?

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 With Our Low Prices, You Saved
\$45.69
 Annual Card Savings \$327.67
 Kroger Community Rewards
 You requested Kroger to donate to
 OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION - OH5 EYECARE FU
 Now Hiring - Apply Today!
 Take Kroger.com

Organization Name
OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION - OH5 EYECARE FUND

Organization Address
PO BOX 21016
COLUMBUS, OH 43221

Enroll

Navigate to <http://KrogerCommunityRewards.com>, sign in or create a Kroger Plus account, then in the "My account" section, connect to "Community Rewards". From there find an "Enroll" button, search for "OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION - OH5 EYECARE FUND" or use the organization number: **HJ813**.

This setting seems to reset once a year in early May, so if you haven't checked recently double check to ensure you are still setup properly.

NEWS FROM THE SENSORY GARDEN AT THE OHIO STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

(From PDG Eileen Brenner)

This will be a series of articles about the Sensory Garden but rather than start with the history of the Garden, I want you to know how students are using the garden.

Un*que What is this? It is a student owned and operated business selling handmade goods. Using herbs grown in the Sensory Garden, they produce wellness products that rely on the power of aromatherapy. Their mission is to develop business skills and engage the community by selling products that ease the stress of day-to-day life.

Not only does the Sensory Garden provide unique interactions with nature for the students of OSSB, but they have found a way to draw valuable learning and life skills from the Garden, as well! THIS is why Lion's have supported and should continue to support the Garden. More about this next month.

SCRIP TALK

(A tip from 2VDG, PDG Joe Jackson)

Do you have trouble reading your prescription labels? Your pharmacy can attach a small electronic tag to your prescription container. It contains the same data as the printed label.



Place the container on the ScripTalk Station Reader and hear the label spoken aloud.

This is part of En-Vision America's Pharmacy Freedom Program. The ScripTalk Station Reader is supplied on loan to the patient at no cost. This is a free program.

Get your talking labels from your pharmacist today. Call En-Vision America at 1-800-890-1180.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND CONFERENCE, 2019

On November 2, PDG Joe Jackson and IPDG Mike Kerek represented the OH5 Lions, promoting a device that audibly reads prescription drugs, called Scrip Talk, at the National Federation of the Blind's 2019 convention. Meantime, Lions Kate Sniderman and Irwin Hott were there representing Newsreel.



Your Invited to the Ohio Lions Clubs Birthday Party



OHIO LIONS 2020 WINTER RETREAT

Deer Creek State Park

January 17-19, 2020

Games * Entertainment * Fellowship
General Sessions * Lion Sessions * Fun/Educational Sessions
AND MORE!

The 2020 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat information and Registration Forms are available on line at www.ohiolions.org.

REGISTRATION

Full registration paid by December 1, 2019 will be **\$120.00**. Full registrations December 2, 2019 - January 4, 2020 will be \$140.00. No registrations will be accepted after January 4, 2020. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line, and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: lionsoffice@ohiolions.org. Or use your credit card and go to www.ohiolions.org & use PayPal.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel at <http://www.deercreekstateparklodge.com> or by phone 1-800-282-7275. Room reservations prior to November 30, 2019 may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions group rate of \$105.00/night plus tax with 1 to 4 persons per room. After November 30th the room rate may increase. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

The Weekend at Deer Creek

All registered Lions will receive a 2020 Commemorative Winter Retreat pin and a 2020 Deer Creek dangler.

This years Winter Retreat theme is "Learning with Lions". The weekend starts with a dinner on Friday night. Saturday earn your "Guiding Lions" certificate, attend classes towards a bachelor and/or master degree at Lions University, find out if you would make a Lion Mentor, join fellow Lions and take part of a service project and many more learning experiences. Be part of Ohio Lions 100th birthday party Saturday night with cake, ice cream, and door prizes. Best of all spend a relaxing weekend in the middle of winter with fellow Lions.....Don't miss this once in a lifetime event.

****SAVE \$20.00 PER PERSON BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2019****
MAKE IT A FAMILY WEEKEND!



We Serve

OHIO LIONS WINTER RETREAT

The 2020 Winter Retreat early bird deadline is quickly approaching which is December 1st. The theme "Learning with Lions" will be different from past retreats. Below is a list of some of the sessions:

"Guiding Lions Certification", PCC Dave Gauch will be conducting a class for Lions to become certified or re-certified Guiding Lions. The 9:00am and 10:00am sessions will be for this class.

"Lions Review", PDG Dave Stockum will be conducting this session to review the past 100 years of Ohio Lions.

"AJ's Crochet Corner", PDG A.J. Westlund has held this session at past winter retreats, so bring your supplies for another fun session.

"Lions Websites", 1VDG Ric Houser is ready to answer those questions about filing LCI's club reports and other new website questions especially how to use MyLion.

"Millennials", Lion Mikaela Ashburn will have a session bringing the Old Lions up to speed and understanding what the Young Lions are thinking.

"Compliance", PCC Dave Risen will update Lions on what the IRS and Ohio Secretary of State are expecting from all of our clubs. This is for all Lions not just Club Treasurers and/or Secretaries.

"Ohio Plan", CC Lydia Houser will conduct a session on how to bring in new club members using the Ohio Plan.

"Helen Keller, The Years after Cedar Point", Helen Keller did more than just challenge Lions to be the Knights for the Blind. Find out more from our own DG Jackie Miller.

"2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Kentucky", The Host committee from Kentucky is hosting next year's Forum. Find out more about the Forum and register for the 2020 USA/Canada Forum.

"Deer Creek State Park", learn more about the park than just deer from the parks Rangers.

"What would a WR be without Cheese", PDG Rita Shishler will be with us for another year of cheese tasting.

"Service Project, Blanket Making", all of the 4:00pm sessions will be using for making blankets to be given to the Ohio Pediatric Hospitals through the Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation. We will have material for about 100 blankets. Be sure to attend for a great cause. Also, bring scissors with you.

There will also be some other sessions. If you would like to do a session please let PDG John Davis at jdavis1952@hotmail.com know immediately. Send him the session name and the presenter.

This year attendees can commit to LCI's global causes, "Helping Hands". They will show the world their commitment with their handprint to support one of the five causes, **Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment and Childhood Cancer**.

A special pin will be given to each attendee to commemorate the Winter Retreat and a birthday party to celebrate Ohio Lions 100th birthday on Saturday night.

Early registration deadline is December 1, 2019. Go to the Ohio Lions website and look for 2020 Winter Retreat. **NOTE:** Lodge reservations must be made through the Deer Creek State Park.

The committee also is requesting the help from all Lions to serve as session moderators. Please contact PDG John Davis or the State Office.

Remember to register by December 1st.

Respectfully,

PDG John Davis
WR Committee Chair
jdavis1952@hotmail.com



2020 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 17, 18, 19, 2020

REGISTRATION FORM
DEER CREEK STATE PARK RESORT
MT. STERLING, OH

REGISTRATION:

Full registration paid by December 1, 2019 will be \$120.00. Full registrations December 2, 2019-January 4, 2020 will be \$140.00. No registrations will be accepted after January 5, 2020. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-808-3170; Email: ohioions@gmail.com. Or use your credit card and go to www.ohiolions.org & use PayPal.

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat!

District

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Children's meals available: Total number of children: _____ (price per meal to be determined)

SPECIAL NEEDS: Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal.

Registrant's Name: _____

Needs: _____

Registrant's Name: _____

Needs: _____

Session Facilitators

☐ Yes, _____ would help as a session facilitator at the Winter Retreat.

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Check out www.deercreekstatepark.com for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!

2020 OH5 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

<http://district13oh5.org/>

March 13-14, 2020
Double Tree Hotel Columbus/ Worthington
175 Hutchinson Ave, Worthington, OH



ENTIRE CONVENTION\$75
FRIDAY NIGHT FUN FREE
SATURDAY LUNCH.....\$35
GRAND BANQUET\$40
CONVENTION ATTENDANCE ONLY (No Meals)\$5

Club Name

Room Rates are **\$85/Night + Tax**

Call for Reservations:
Double Tree Hotel Columbus/Worthington
614-885-3334

District: _____

Please make your own room reservations and use the code: **Ohio Lions – District OH5**

Room rates are good until March 1 2020

Name	Club/District Position	Entire Convention \$75	Lunch \$35	Grand Banquet \$40	Convention Attendance ONLY \$5
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Please make checks payable to: **District OH5 Lions, Inc.**

MAIL TO:

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2020

Please Note: NO MEALS may be purchased after this deadline!

Special Meal Requirements: Gluten Free ☐ Vegan ☐ Other: _____

**** CONVENTION ATTENDANCE ONLY- NO MEALS - this means you are not eating at lunch/banquet but may like to join us for the day and sit in the banquet hall to enjoy those festivities with us.****

LAURA LIONS HOLIDAY LIGHTS

On Sunday, December 8, the Laura Lion Club will volunteer to take gate admission and help with traffic for Lost Creek Reserve Holiday Light Display. Event runs from 6-9 pm, 1.25 mile driving tour, over 50 animated light displays. \$10 a car, \$30 for a large passenger van

SUNBURY LIONS

PEACE POSTER CONTEST, 2019

The Sunbury Lions submitted these photos of this year's Peace Poster contest. In the center picture below, with Lion President Glenn Evans, is teacher Nancy Crawford, from the Big Walnut Middle School, who has helped to make the Peace Poster Contest such a success for the Sunbury Lions. Our congratulations to the winners, and to the club for embracing this project so enthusiastically.



HELP THE TRI-VILLAGE LIONS FEED THE HUNGRY

(without leaving your screen!)

On November 25-27, the Tri-Village Lions delivered more than 100 fresh pies from Der Dutchman Restaurant to homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and the elderly throughout the Central Ohio community. The Lions and their family and friends purchased pies for their own Thanksgiving supper, and had the option of purchasing additional pies to be shared with those less fortunate. The project was such a success, that a donor has stepped forward who wants to see the idea extended through the holiday season.

On our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TriVillageLions>) you will find a composite picture from our Pie Project during this first week of giving. Between now and December, 20, simply LIKE this picture. Our donor will give \$1 for every LIKE, to be used to purchase more pies to be donated at Christmas time.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

I'm watching a 3-year-old pull up apps on a cell phone. Me? I just figured out how to turn mine off without taking out the battery.

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People are excited about the new iPhone, but no one has caught up with the awesome technology of using your blinker when you drive.

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Dear Santa.

This year, all I ask is a big, fat bank account and a slim body. PLEASE, don't mix up the two like you did last year.

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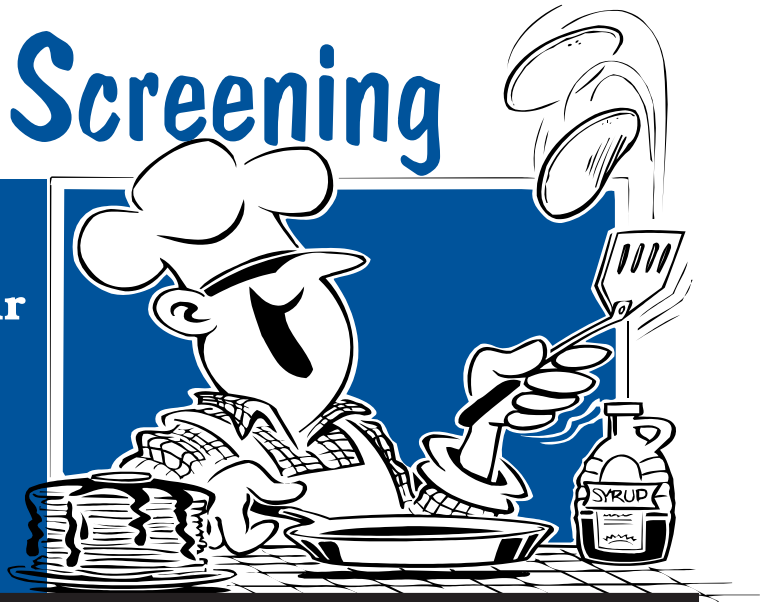
I always wanted to lay naked on a bearskin rug in front of a fireplace. Evidently, Cracker Barrel has a policy against this.



GROVE CITY LIONS CLUB

Free Vision Screening

During the breakfast
don't forget to get your
child's vision
screened. Help us
prevent childhood
blindness.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

WHERE

Grove City United Methodist Church
2684 Columbus Street

WHEN

Saturday, December 7, 2019
7:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

COST

Donations accepted at the door.

Photo with Santa
from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.



Photos: \$10.00 each



All proceeds benefit Pilot Dogs, Inc.
and Grove City Lions' Sight Care Programs.



MAKE THE RIGHT MOVE!!!

Turn in the names of potential leaders.

Leadership Development is critical to the overall success of any organization. Your club, zone and district cannot prosper without good leaders. Once a potential leader is identified, he or she can be provided with information, training, mentoring, and motivation to advance. All Lions are encouraged to be on the lookout for potential leaders and to turn their names and contact information into the District Leadership Committee: Steve Kaplan: skpk1984@aol.com.

Reminder!

Zone 1 Meeting -January 6, 6:30 PM hosted by the Bradford Lions Club. For more information contact Zone Chair Lion John Dilley jdilley9@comcast.net

In the unfortunate event of a Lion member passing, we respectfully ask that you please notify 1VDG Jason Gray, jasongray@pilotdogs.org. We would like to make sure those Lions are recognized and honored at the district convention.



Learn secret wisdom!

Save-the-Date for the next "Learn to Roar." Club officer and general Lion training will be held Saturday, June 20, 2020.



For Sale!

The 2020 Ohio State pin for Singapore is now for sale. The cost is \$2/pin and they will be available from:

Lion Merle Dutt
Lion Pauline Rogers
Lion PDG Eileen Brenner



SUPER BRAXTON LEGO DRIVE

Please help keep this wonderful boy's memory alive by helping with the Super Braxton Lego Drive. You can drop off new Legos at Grace Life Nazarene Church in New Albany, 5 Bean coffee in Reynoldsburg, Exquisite Design Salon in Reynoldsburg, or mailing them to SuperBraxton's LEGO drive 10188 Fairfax Dr. Pickerington, Ohio 43147. If those options don't work for you I can collect them for you! Just contact me, Debbie Bolyard, at 614-202-8907 and I'll pick them up. Thanks so much!
<https://tinyurl.com/SuperBraxtonLegos>





Lions Clubs International

International Board of Directors Approves Dues Adjustment Resolution

Dear CCs, DGs, VDGs, and PDGs,

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

At the International Board of Directors meeting in October, the Board voted to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that will be voted on at the International Convention in Singapore in 2020.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect. The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues by US\$3 effective July 2021, raising dues to US\$46, then adjusted annually for U.S. inflation thereafter. We will use a three-year inflation average not to exceed 3.0% or be lower than 1.5%.

Why an international dues adjustment is needed

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions. A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as a new online learning platform, development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and others tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Why your help is needed

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

We need you to help our members and leaders understand why this adjustment is needed. We have developed an [**international dues adjustment FAQ and PPT**](#) to help you present it to your Lions.

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President