

February, 2021

# OH5 Pride Report

**District Governor Jason Gray**

**Stronger  
Together**

Hello, Lions!

It is with sadness that I have to announce that we have canceled the OH5 District convention scheduled for March 12-13, 2021. The uncertainty of the current environment, coupled with the restrictions in place at the hotel, made for an environment that would not allow for a successful convention. We are working on securing a location for a district celebration and awards luncheon, possibly in May or June. We hope to have more information coming soon. It was also recently announced that the International Convention in Montreal, Canada, has been moved to a virtual only format (more information on page 2).

With the cancellation of the district convention, we must once again hold this year's elections electronically and/or through the mail. The timetable for the upcoming elections is as follows:

- February 15, 2021 – Delegate forms and Notice of Call for Election will be mailed out
- March 1, 2021 – Deadline for nominations.
- March 15, 2021 – Deadline for Delegate registration.
- March 22, 2021 – Deadline for ballots to be mailed.
- April 22, 2021 – Election Day.

The following positions are open during this election cycle:

- District Governor
- 1st Vice District Governor
- 2nd Vice District Governor
- Building Trustee
- Finance and Planning Representative
- Constitution and By-Laws Amendment (Muirfield Fund)

If you would like to run for any of these positions, please submit your intentions and support letter from you club to: Nomination Committee chair Lion Kelly Hogrell, [kelly@kdinsurancegroup.com](mailto:kelly@kdinsurancegroup.com) by March 1, 2021.

I am happy to pass along the information that the Lions Club International has waived all initiation fees for the remainder of this Lions year. Please work within your clubs and your community to leverage this to gain new members. If you have had contact with potential new members, now is a great time to reach out to them and let them know that the initiation fee has been waived. Remember, any members gained in the next month will go towards beating Indiana and Michigan in the membership challenge.

As many of you may know, ID Steve Thornton's term is coming to a close. ID Steve has done a wonderful job representing Ohio Lions at the International level, and we sincerely thank him for all his dedication and service. As ID Steve's term concludes, we look forward to new leaders stepping forward and are excited to discuss the potential endorsement of PCC Ron Keller. At the upcoming cabinet meeting, the cabinet will discuss the endorsement of PCC Ron Keller for International Director.

Stay safe. Stay well.

District Governor Jason Gray

## 103<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION – VIRTUAL LCICON 2021!

### The 2021 Lions Clubs International Convention moving to virtual event

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Here are some important details about the 2021 convention we would like to share with you now:

- Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- Convention updates and details will be posted here at [lcon.lionsclubs.org](http://lcon.lionsclubs.org) as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE PART OF OUR PRIDE!

It's not too late for YOUR club to have a part in the OH5 Buckeye Mask Project – and earn some points in the District Zone and Club Contest along the way! We know that many clubs have had to forego their regularly scheduled fundraisers and service projects during the past months because of the pandemic. And we know that many Lions are still hesitant about coming together. Now you can join with Lions from throughout OH5 to be part of a service project that is important not “in spite of COVID-19,” but “*BECAUSE* of COVID-19.”

**For each contribution of \$125**, your club can purchase 25 facemasks to be donated for use by vulnerable members of your community. You may choose to donate them to a local food pantry, or a community center, or as a “thank you” to first responders in your area who put themselves in jeopardy every day to serve.



**ADDED VALUE:** To encourage you to take this opportunity to make a difference in/for your community, for every 25 masks you buy, the Tri-Village Lions will send along an additional 25 masks – so you get 50 masks for \$125. It looks like we will all be needing masks well into the Spring (and beyond?). Here is a chance to show folks in your community that the Lions care for their well-being.

Please contact Lion Jane Jarrow, 614-571-5681, [lionjarrow@gmail.com](mailto:lionjarrow@gmail.com) to make arrangements to pick up your masks (or have them delivered or sent to you).

## OHIO LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION (OLERF)

This year marks 63 years that the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) has been committed to finding treatments and cures for blinding retinal diseases. With your support, we have been able to develop new breakthroughs and fund groundbreaking research that provides hope to those living with blinding retinal diseases through our grants and fellowships. However, there is still much more work to be done in the fight against blindness, and we cannot do it without you. Now is the time to renew/continue your dedication to ending blindness and vision loss here and around the world.

You can help OLERF find treatments and cures by continuing your commitment as a supporter to those affected by retinal diseases. Just look at what we have been able to accomplish together however, there is still more work to be done and we will not stop until we have eradicated blinding retinal diseases and restored vision across the world.

- **All funds** received by OLERF **remain in Ohio** for research
- **\$466,248.80 committed last year** for 13 research projects
- Over **\$7 million dollars** have been given to Ohio researchers by OLERF

More than 10 million Americans — and millions more worldwide — live with blinding retinal diseases. Your support brings hope for therapies, treatments, and cures.

Contact PDG Jeff Sweeney for more information or to donate. [jeffsweeney@ameritech.net](mailto:jeffsweeney@ameritech.net)

## SIGHT AND HEARING COMMITTEE

For those of you who don't know there is a misprint in the directory for who to send your donation checks to. All checks should be sent to:

IPDG Jackie Miller  
6728 Cherry Bend  
Canal Winchester, OH 43110

If your club has already made donations to any of the sight and hearing agencies and haven't let us know, please send me an email and let me know your club made a donation, to which organization and for how much so we can keep our records up to date.

I hope you are all staying healthy. If your club is meeting in person or via Zoom, great! Keep working to support your communities and providing the service they need. If your club is not meeting in person, I hope you are at least reaching out and keeping in touch with each other.

There are many organizations out there who still need our help, probably now more than ever. Please keep our sight and hearing organizations in mind:

Sight & Hearing Committee  
Pilot Dogs  
VoiceCorps  
Newsreel  
Paws with a Cause  
PBO (Prevent Blindness Ohio)  
OH5 Eye Care Fund

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any assistance with sight and hearing. If we don't have the answer, we'll find it for you!

## OHIO LIONS YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Ohio Lions Youth Committee reminds Ohio Lions, Lioness members, and Ohio Leos that there are 2 scholarships that must be submitted by March 1, 2021, to be considered.

- LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) - \$2,500 scholarship for a graduating senior who is a child or grandchild of a Lions or Lioness Club member, or is a Leo Club member. Completed LITPC forms go to PID Steve Sherer (information on application form).
- Ohio Lions Leo Scholarship - \$500 scholarship for a graduating senior who is an Ohio Leo Club member. (Completed forms go to Ohio Youth Committee District Youth Chairs as noted on the form.)

Both applications are available by sending an Email to [youth@ohiolions.org](mailto:youth@ohiolions.org). Please note "scholarship application request" on the subject line of the Email.

Contact: Ohio Lions Youth Committee Chair

PCC Darlene Roll

[youth@ohiolions.org](mailto:youth@ohiolions.org)

419-371-5515

## COMPLIANCE – REQUIRED FILINGS

All Lions Clubs must file annual returns with the IRS and Ohio Attorney General. District OH-5 traditionally does well with an average of 95% of our clubs and foundations compliant at any one time. Currently, there are only 3 clubs that are not compliant. However, we also have 5 clubs that do not use the standard Lions year for their filings. The returns for these 5 clubs are now due and should be completed as soon as possible. If any of these clubs need assistance in filing either of these returns, please contact Lion Steve Kaplan ([skpk1984@aol.com](mailto:skpk1984@aol.com)) of the compliance committee.

Columbus Inner City	Club is non-compliant. Both returns are over-due.
Marion Evening	Club is non-compliant. Both returns are over-due.
New Albany Community	Both returns are now due.
North Hampton	Both returns are now due.
Northwestern	Both returns are now due.
Urbana	Both returns are now due.
West Milton	Club is non-compliant. IRS return is over-due.
Woodstock	Both returns are now due.



## FROM THE GLOBAL SERVICES TEAM

Here are two websites that offer some excellent volunteer opportunities for Lions:

<https://www.powerof.org/volunteer>

<https://keepohiobeautiful.org/volunteering/>

The powerof.org is a helpful site especially for virtual services. Voicecorp is a very good volunteer opportunity for sight.

The keepohiobeautiful.org is very insightful in why it's important to volunteer especially during these trying times. When people read it insert "Lions" for "family." This site was *meant* for Lions.

As always as your GST Coordinator I am open for any ideas and willing to help with any questions on MyLion, reporting etc.

Lion Ben Dawson


Current Beechcroft President and District 13 OH5 GST Coordinator

## JUST FOR FUN (AND PROFIT!)

### PDG Association Raffle

To buy tickets, email PDG Jackie Miller at [pdgjackie@gmail.com](mailto:pdgjackie@gmail.com) !

Ohio Lions PDG Association  
Split Pot Raffle  
Donation - \$5.00 per ticket



Proceeds benefit  
Camp Echoing Hills  
and Kamp Dovetail

3 winning tickets  
(1st - \$1,000; 2nd - \$500; 3rd - \$250)  
will be drawn on May 23, 2021

1,000 tickets to be sold.

- You need not be present to win.  
Tickets can only be sold  
by Lions to fellow Lions.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Sold by: \_\_\_\_\_

Drawing on May 23, 2021  
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### March Madness with the Olentangy Lions

Welcome to the NCAA Basketball Season. The Olentangy Lions Club would like to invite you to participate in our 2021 March Madness fundraiser. No basketball skill or knowledge required.

This is the primary source of funds for our club to help the needy in our community.

The game is the same as in previous years. Your \$20 buys a square on a 10 X 10 grid. Names will be added to the grid at random. Numbers will be added to the grid so that each square has a winner and loser value from 0 to 9/ 0 to 9. The number combination for each square you purchase will be emailed to you prior to the start of the tournament. If your winner/loser combination matches the final score of the game, you are the winner for that game.

Games pay between \$10 and \$250 depending on the round. Play-in games are not included. Game starts on Thursday with the round of 64.

Winners will be announced by email after each round is complete.

There is no limit on the number of times you can win. There is no limit on the number of squares you can purchase. Please pass along to anyone else that might like to play.

Make check payable to:  
Olentangy Lions Club  
and mail to:  
Olentangy Lions  
519 Commons Drive  
Powell, OH 43065

*(See entry form, next page!)*





# Olentangy Lions Club

8<sup>th</sup> Annual

## MARCH MADNESS

NO Basketball Skill or Knowledge required

Only 100 tickets will be sold with \$1490 returned to players

\$510 will go to help Olentangy Lions Projects

Contact any member of Olentangy Lions  
or

Mail your entry and payment to:

Bob Dotson  
519 Commons Drive  
Powell, OH 43065

For more information call 614-389-4799 or 740-591-8077

### WINNING AMOUNTS BY ROUND

Round of 64 pays each winner \$10

Round of 32 pays each winner \$20

Sweet 16 pays each winner \$30

Elite 8 pays each winner \$40

Final 4 pays each winner \$100

Championship game pays \$250

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### OLENTANGY LIONS MARCH MADNESS 2021

Tickets are \$20 each. Final score determines winner. One winner for every game starting with round of 64. Entrants name will be placed at random on 10X10 grid. Numbers for grid will be picked at random. Winners determined by the score of each game.

Proceeds benefit **Olentangy Lions Projects**



Olentangy Lions Club  
PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You!

**A SERVICE PROJECT FOR EVERY CLUB WHILE  
STAYING AT HOME – AND WAITING TO COME TOGETHER!  
DO-IT-TOGETHER PANDEMIC QUILT**

The pandemic certainly has put a cramp in our plans and projects during the last year, and continues to pose significant challenges for Lions. We are used to coming together, as a group, to perform community service and to support those in need. But how can we make a difference **together** when we are **apart**?

Here is an ACTIVE service project for any (and every!) club in the district. We still have many masks created by Lions in District OH5 for the Buckeye Mask Project. We are ready to repurpose some of those masks for use in our **Do-It-Together Pandemic Quilt Kits** (that is “Do-It-Together” because it is NOT “do-it-yourself” – this is a group project!!!).

*Each kit contains:*

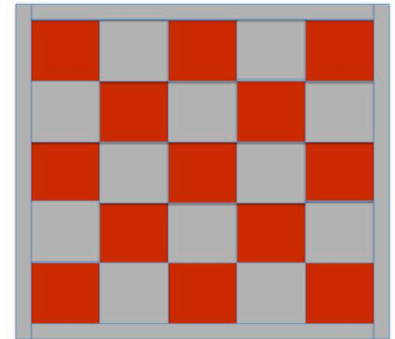
25 different Lions-created facemasks

25 fabric squares (to form a checkerboard pattern), each of which  
YOU will sew a mask onto

4 decorative strips for the top, bottom, sides

One full piece of fabric for backing of the quilt – 48” x 48” finished size

Instructions for sewing a mask onto each square and for compiling the  
quilt from the individual pieces



This is a project that **EVERY** club can do, no matter how large or small.

This is a project that **EVERY** Lion can be part of!

Once the quilt is finished, your club can choose what to do with it. For example, you might donate it to a local library or school for display, as a tangible reminder of the Year of the Pandemic. You might offer it for sale at a local craft show, or auction it off, with proceeds donated to your favorite Lions charity. You might turn the kit over to youngsters in your local school for them to participate in this service project with the support of the Lions Club. Or you may choose to keep it within your club, to be displayed along with your Lions banner and bell, as a formal reminder of how your club members worked together, even while apart.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SEW WELL, AND YOU DON'T NEED A SEWING MACHINE. Everyone who is sewing a mask in a square will need their own needle and thread. That is ALL they will need. The task will be to secure one mask in the middle of one square of cloth, without the stitches showing through on top. That's all!! If you have someone in your club who can sew straight seams on a machine, we'll provide instructions for how to put those squares together. If not, we have folks from throughout the district who have already stepped forward and volunteered to compile the quilt for you. All you need to do is be ready to sew 25 masks in 25 squares.

**Cost to the club? \$150**

*(all proceeds coming back to the Buckeye Mask Project)*

To order your **Do-It-Together Pandemic Quilt Kit** contact Lion Jane Jarrow, [lionjarrow@gmail.com](mailto:lionjarrow@gmail.com), 614-571-5681