

June, 2021

# OH5 Pride Report

***District Governor Jason Gray***

**Stronger  
Together**

Happy June! Summer is finally here, I think!

On May 15<sup>th</sup> we were able to hold our OH5 District celebration in Waldo Ohio. We had the distinct pleasure of welcoming 77 Lions to the wonderful event. We were proud to host PID Don Noland and his wife Lion Betty. Thank you to all that were able to attend and welcome our guest to OH5!

We have thousands of amazing Lions in the State of Ohio and in our district that help to make their communities, their clubs, and their District stronger through their hard work. We were able to honor some of those with awards at the Celebration. I am excited to announce the recipients of these awards.

## **Council of Governors Awards of Merit**

**Lion Steve Fifer** – Northridge Lions Club – Secretary

Lion Steve and the Northridge Lions Club were faced with difficult situations within their club and lost many members at the end of the 2019-2020 Lions year. He did not make excuses or find the easy way out. He guided his club to work harder to make sure they became stronger all while continuing to support their community. Through the first half of the 2020-2021 Lions year, the Northridge Lions Club has inducted 6 new members with Lion Steve sponsoring 2 of them. Lion Steve is a second-generation Lion that has a long and proud history of helping his Lions club and his community. With Lions like Steve, we are truly “stronger together”.

**PDG Jeff Hatfield** – Marysville Lions Club – Zone Chair/Secretary/Membership Chair

PDG Jeff is a true Lion through and through. He represents all the good things that a member of Lions can be. PDG Jeff does not wait to be asked if he can help, he volunteers where he feels there is a need and makes his club, his community, his zone, and his district stronger because of it. When faced with a challenge in other zones he was willing to help and mentor new zone chairs. His leadership and communication have set a high bar for all Zone chairs to follow. PDG Jeff has been a wonderful mentor to me and has made suggestions that have made the District stronger.

**ZC Toni Gray** – Grove City Noon Lions Club – Zone Chair

Lion Toni's enthusiasm and willingness to help is second to none. She has an uncanny ability to recruit Lions to help in her club and in the district. When Lion Toni is asked to help with a project, she always seems to show up with a group of Lions that are willing to help with anything. Her leadership within her club and her zone have truly led to new opportunities for both. She is a passionate and hardworking Lion that makes others around her work towards being better Lions.

**CT Loretta Sweeney** – Canal Winchester Lion Club – Cabinet Treasurer

CT Loretta is a true mentor that is willing to share her knowledge and guidance to make her club and district stronger. She displays passion for her community and making it better in

everything she does. We look forward to her next leadership step and support her in her upcoming roles.

**Lion Jen Luttrell – Columbus Beechcroft Lions Club**

Lion Jen did a wonderful job preparing for the convention. She was constantly presenting great ideas that would have made OH5's 2020-2021 conventions one of the best ones on record. Her research and dedication to the convention was truly inspiring. The countless hours that she spent on zoom, at conventions, and taking notes unfortunately will not come to fruition at the convention. Nonetheless, her hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated by myself and the members of OH5.

**ZC Cathy Hill – Prospect Lions Club**

ZC Cathy served her area communities and Lions clubs for three years as one of the best zone chairs OH5 has ever seen. She excelled at communication and creating a team atmosphere that gave her clubs the comfort to seek her help and guidance at every turn. When her three-year term was over, she took some time to regroup until she found a new need and volunteered to fill the need of a zone chair for a member that was unable to fill the position. She brings great energy and enthusiasm to everything she does. She is a great role model for all Lions.

**GMT Linda Rosine – Grove City Noon Lions Club – GMT/President**

GMT Linda is new to working at the district level and has done a wonderful job this year. She has brought new ideas and a great energy to every task she has performed. She has an amazing desire to perform all tasks and responsibilities at the highest levels. She not only took on the role of GMT this year, she also agreed to be a member of the convention committee while serving as the President of her club. I look forward to and thoroughly enjoy her phone calls where she tries so hard to make sure everything is taken care of. GST Linda, it has been a privilege to work with you and get to know you this year. Thank you for everything you do to make your club, your community, and your district stronger.

**Council Chair's Award of Excellence**

**ZC Debbie Bolyard – Reynoldsburg Lions Club – Zone Chair/Secretary**

ZC Debbie's hard work and dedication has not only helped to strengthen her community and her club, it has also helped a countless number of kids battling cancer. Her passion of helping kids with cancer has led to more Lego kits than can be counted. She has spearheaded programs that help to keep kids entertained while receiving treatments, making their battle a little easier. ZC Debbie and her family have also put in countless hours helping to raise money for local children's hospitals. If you have ever had the opportunity to hear her speak about her passion, you will understand when I say, it is a true passion of hers. Thank you ZC Debbie for everything you do and for helping to make better days for children fighting cancer.

**Presidential Award**

**Lion Jane Jarrow – Tri-Village Lions Club**

Lion Jaen leads by example in everything she does. She helped to create a face covering service project that quickly grew to help protect thousands of people, not only in the district but in the multiple district. She is a tremendous supporter of LCI objectives in helping to support many of them while championing community service and Membership. Lion Jane sponsored two Lions this year!

## **Presidential Award for Leadership**

### **GST Lion Ben Dawson – Beechcroft Lions Club**

GST Ben constantly provides leadership in his community and within his club serving as president for the last two years. GST Ben welcomed the opportunity to serve at the district level and to share his expertise and leadership with the district. GST Ben has worked tirelessly to find and promote new service projects to the district. His dedication and leadership is a great example to all of us.

## **Presidential Certificate of Appreciation**

### **Lion Carolyn Smith – Bradford Lions Club**

Lion Carolyn sprung into action when a family in her community was devastated by a fire. She worked tirelessly to make sure they were provided for and worked with the Ohio Lions Foundation to get them much needed supplies. Lion Carolyn took the mantra “where there’s a need there’s a Lion” to heart and made sure people in need in her community were taken care of when in need.

### **Lion Tim Kemper – Woodstock Lions Club**

Lions Tim is a true leader that continued to lead during difficult times. He is dedicated to leading his Lions club and making sure they are ready when members of the community are in need. He has been instrumental in guiding his club forward and adding new members.

### **Lion Christina Beargie – Canal Winchester Lions**

Lion Christina is a first year Lion and she hit the ground running. She was a Lion for only a few weeks before she started to work in her community and her club to make them stronger. She conducted a membership survey to see where the club could strengthen and took the results back to the club to help it grow. She was pivotal in helping the Canal Winchester Lions win the Governors Contest for clubs under 35 members. She collected the points and pushed her club to try new things.

### **Lion John Kerwin – Tri-Village Lions**

Lion John has been a strong leader for his club. He is always looking for new ways to serve and is never satisfied with the status quo. He has a leadership style that allows the members of his club to explore new ideas and projects while providing support and guidance along the way.

## **Governors Contest Winners**

### **Zone of the Year – Zone 7 – ZC Toni Gray**

### **Club winner for over 35 members – Tri-Village Lions Club**

### **Club winner for under 35 members – Canal Winchester Lions Club**

## LOOKING FORWARD – LOOKING BACK CHALLENGES BEHIND US AND AHEAD

For the past Lions year, 25 district governors in the Midwest Lions Alliance (Michigan, Ohio & Indiana) have given their best to serve their districts. Service, Leadership and Membership have all come into play. As Lions Clubs International has termed it, they have built their “legacy”. This has been a year of genuine testing. The new normal was anything but normal. This past year tested our governors. All the years of preparation and road maps turned into unfamiliar territory. At times it was a maze. Dead ends followed by trial and error to do their best at leading almost 30000 Lions in our 3 states. A successful governor, be it in service, leadership or membership was truly flying by the seat of their pants. Listening to our governors over the past year, there were times when they felt challenged, cheated, happy, heart broken, exhausted and exuberant. This group of governors have had the full range of emotions. Some of them lost genuine friends to sickness. Others had to lead their districts through loss. All of them lost out on face-to-face inductions as governors. The option of getting together, enjoying each other’s hospitality, was not an option.

Sad story? Yup. Tragedy? Tragic things happened, but the actions of our leaders were anything but a tragedy. This group of governors were tested to a higher degree than many of us have ever seen. Think about it. Do service, but don’t have a gathering. Get new members, but don’t talk with people. We all should have been good at leadership and training. Hold on a minute though. Most of the governors never used communication platforms such as Zoom. They learned. They led. They made the most of it. (Some of us may say that we got so good at Zoom, it is time to forget a little!)

Do you ever wonder what it was like when Melvin Jones started to lay down the

very foundations of our organization? What the training was like? Hint... There was not any. How did he communicate? It wasn’t Zoom! How many districts and members were there? Zero! The weight of the organization fell on his shoulders. Clearly, he had to overcome unknowns. So, what did Melvin Jones have? We could all agree he was motivated. The heart of a Lion! He had a desire for service.

It was also very apparent that Melvin Jones was a team builder and player. From the moment he invited other organizations together to form Lions Clubs he was working with others as a team. He understood that many hands make light work. He understood that in order to accomplish really great things, we had to come together as a team. This still holds true today. With enough mind and muscle power almost any challenge is within our grasp. Pool our resources and the Lions are one formidable force.

This past year we have seen this determination firsthand in the leaders and Lions around us. It was remarkable how our leaders organized and came forward. Instinctively they knew that the service must go on. The knowledge that we must go on was not so remarkable. The fact that we stopped talking and started the walking was the important fact. It wasn’t about a legacy to protect. It was so much more natural than that. It was about a legacy in the building. The growing and maturing of our organization. More than any recent year, we were challenged, tested, and are emerging stronger and more determined. This past year gave us the opportunity to live the Melvin Jones quote more than ever.

***You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.***

***Melvin Jones***

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The quote is old. But this year we proved it true. This year took the quote off the paper and put it into the heart of our organization. We were moved, and we made a difference.

AS we close out this year, bear in mind our leaders and the challenges. We came together as a team. Take the time to honor our leaders. Stand when your governor enters the room. Follow the lead and act as a team. Sometimes leaders and challenges don't fit the goals and plans. Leaders and Lions seize the moment, form teams and move forward.

Cheers!

Dave Wineman, Area Leader

PS... Be an important part of the team. Make it a point to seek out your DGE or other leader and ask if you can pitch in. What you are asked to do may not have been in your plan. It may be a genuine opportunity to be a leader!

## NEWS FROM THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

As next year's State GLT Coordinator, I wanted to get started a little early, to find out what kind of leadership training opportunities the Lions of Ohio would like to be part of.

A GLT Survey that I would love to have Lions complete can be accessed here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScID4XDXZYgtmyNKHE7s8V4H7jwICuSnV0Zw13FDg2tab8cdg/viewform>

On the next page, you will find a flyer for the upcoming RLLI in November. The sooner we get the word out the better! Mark your calendars now!

Any questions, don't hesitate to let me know.

IPDG Jackie Miller  
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## NOTES FROM DGE JOE JACKSON

How to Help OH5 Clubs:

Please report club officers, membership, service activities, and meeting location, time, schedule to LCI. Currently, 32 of 51 clubs have not reported anything to LCI; if you need help, email or call me.

Clubs should designate a safety officer to review each club activity from a safety standpoint and identify potential hazards. A self-inspection checklist is available from Lions Clubs International. All steps should be taken to reduce liability. Non-recommended activities include firework displays or sales, dunk tanks, tractor or tractor pulls, snowmobile, go-kart, skateboard, and other races.

Please consider encouraging your club members to add the Pride Report to their email list; only twenty percent of district members are currently receiving this mailing. The others are missing ideas and information provided by the Pride Report. They can email Lion Jane Jarrow at [janejarrow@aol.com](mailto:janejarrow@aol.com) to be added.

Congratulations to DG Jason and other cabinet members for great efforts under unusual circumstances.

Lastly, strongly consider attending Learning To Roar on Saturday, June 12 via zoom; if you need help with zoom, call or email me to find a helper. A special mailing about Learn To Roar is coming to you with this newsletter.

Respectfully,  
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Joe Jackson  
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## HELP US HONOR THESE FALLEN LIONS

Does anyone know the club affiliation for  
Lion Robert House or  
PDG Dr. Wenfell Lotz  
Please contact Lion Joe Jackson  
[shoelessjj@gmail.com](mailto:shoelessjj@gmail.com)



Mark your calendars for November 13th and 14th, 2021! Regional Lions Leadership Institute will be held this year.

# RLLI

The RLLI program is designed to build the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them to assume leadership responsibilities at the district level.

We hope to have all 3 levels of RLLI this year—registration permitting—so get the word out to your clubs.

**Contact: PDG Jackie Miller**

**pdgjackie@gmail.com**

**Mobile/Text: 614-530-1861**

Location: TBD

This will be a hybrid program. To keep the program to 2 days, there will be on-line assignments prior to the in-person sessions on Saturday/Sunday.



## CLUB AND DISTRICT NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### PIG OUT!!

### Westerville Lions' Own Pulled Pork Dinners.



**\$12 Adult Meal - Pulled pork sandwich, 3 sides & cookie**  
**\$6 Kids Meal - Pulled pork slider or Beef hot dog, side & cookie**  
**Carry-Out or Inside and Outside Dining**  
**will be available with limited seating.**

**Pre-Orders Only Order by Tuesday, June 1st**

**For more info and ordering, see**  
**"Westerville Lions Club" on Facebook**

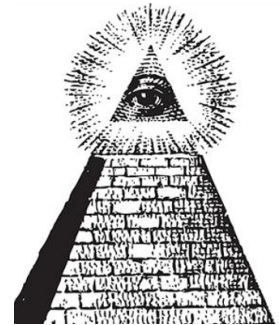
**Sunday**  
**June 6th**  
**4pm-8pm**



**Pick up at**  
**American Legion Hall**  
**393 E. College Avenue**  
**Westerville**

## Learn secret wisdom

Save-the-Date for the next "Learn to Roar."  
Club officer and general Lion training will  
be held Saturday, June 12, 2021.



**See more information about LEARN TO ROAR in the  
accompanying Special Edition.**

### NOTES from the MD12 Convention

**(Enthusiastic!)** Vote to endorse PCC Ron Keller as a candidate  
for International Director.

The MD13 By-Laws amendment Article III STANDING COMMITTEES, Section 11-  
State Convention, Section 12-Winter Retreat Committee, and Section 14  
Appointment and Election to State Committee. **PASSED**

The MD13 Constitution Article VIII-State Revenue, Section 1-Amount, Division and  
Billing per Capita Tax billing cycle date change. **PASSED**



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# SWEET CORN FESTIVAL

*It's ear-resistable fun!*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 9, 2021 - Millersport, Ohio

It is now “full steam ahead” as the Sweet Corn Festival Committee announces plans to host the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweet Corn Festival, September 1 – 4 at Historic Lions Park in Millersport.

The State of Ohio had several mandatory social-distancing rules that included a ban on most mass gatherings since March of 2020. Now that Governor DeWine has issued new health orders allowing the return of Ohio’s fairs and festivals, we hope patrons will attend this year’s four-day event the Wednesday thru Saturday before Labor Day.

“We will do everything possible to comply with the latest health and safety guidelines issued by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Department of Health to protect the health and safety of our community, patrons and volunteers” said Ron Keller, General Chairman. “We will work closely with the Fairfield County Board of Health during our planning efforts.”

Patrons, volunteers, staff, vendors and suppliers will need to avoid physical contact. If everyone wears facial coverage, maintains social distancing, carry hand sanitizer and follow posted COVID signage, our guests can have a safe and fun-filled experience. There may be social distancing rules in place for the entertainment venues, so guests are encouraged to bring their own seating and cluster in groups of 10 people or fewer. Individuals should stay home if they have a fever, cough or other signs of COVID.

“We have every intention of hosting the 2021 Sweet Corn Festival for the public good in an effort to help 65 Central Ohio non-profit organizations rebuild their depleted treasuries after doing their part to serve those in need during the COVID Pandemic above their normal charitable giving. The health and safety of our volunteers, participants, sponsors, and community continues to be our top priority. The return of the Festival will be a big boost for Millersport and the greater Buckeye Lake area,” said Keller.

The Festival has relied on donations during the shut-down to help maintain Historic Lions Park. The State of Ohio only provided state funding for county fairs in 2020. We want to publicly thank everyone that helped us through difficult times. Donations can still be made online using the Festival website. The Festival continues to be the largest fundraising project of the Millersport Lions Club and we are always looking for service minded people to join our team because “kindness matters.”

Those interested in keeping up with Sweet Corn Festival news should continue to visit the website ([www.sweetcornfest.com](http://www.sweetcornfest.com)) or follow us on Facebook.