

THE PRIDE REPORT

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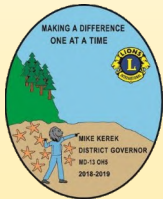
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Making a Difference 1 Lion at a time! Governor Mike Kerek



Fellow Lions, Apologies are in order for this publication coming out late. The convention fell at a difficult time; being at the end of the month, it took all of my time and Jackie's. But we are back on track.

We have three months to go before I become one of the forgotten, and a new district governor takes the helm. But I have three months to make a difference, and I intend to use every moment of it!

I am heartened to hear of a few clubs preparing Membership Nights, and plan on being at all three that I am aware of. This is exciting news! We are at minus 14 Lions as of April 6 – the goal for this year is plus 7. We are SO close! I said at the beginning of the year that this was a critical time for Lions, that we HAVE to turn the tide around. We cannot afford to lose members every year and still sustain the level of service to our communities. The clubs have the tools and the support, but ultimately it comes down to the members asking people to join. As of the writing of this article, over 30 clubs in our district, out of 54, have not brought a new Lion in this year. Imagine where we could be if each club were able to find just one new person to join in the next three months. Just one.

Imagine where each club could be.

Looking back at the convention for just a moment...for those of you who came, I thank you for being a part of it! Almost 200 Lions were present, which for our district is a very impressive number. Your attendance made the event possible. It was a good convention, with many highlights, including raising \$1075 for Diabetes, making over 800 first aid kits for the homeless, our International Director, Gary Brown, got into the spirit and had some fun with everyone, a great Fun Night with great games by Jackie and Deb Horn, and plenty of food thanks to the Reynoldsburg, Franklinton, and Canal Winchester Lions Clubs, and so much more – but it was a 20 minute talk at lunch by a 16 year old named Camron Berio that will always stay with me.

If you haven't heard about Camron, remind me sometime and I'll share the story. But the short version is, Camron was born legally blind, was given a chance to see at a 20/20 level at the age of 13 with a remarkable device if he could only come up with \$15,000, and the Lions of District OH5 helped make that possible. Three years later, he shared his story for all to hear; the frustrations, the depression at times, finally obtaining the life-changing glasses and what that had done for him. The Lions made a difference to him.

What it did for me, and for many others in the room, was the chance to see first hand the impact we make each and every time we help someone out. Usually we don't get the opportunity to witness or learn the results of our efforts, be it in time, energy or money. Camron gave the 150+ Lions present for lunch this gift.

We helped make a difference to that one!

Collectively, and this is not all-inclusive, we are over \$126,000 in donations thus far this year, and over 23,000 service hours. Those are numbers to be impressed by and proud of!

It's been a great Lions year so far, and you have all been a part of it. Let's finish on a strong note!

First Vice District Governor Jackie Christensen

I have enjoyed my year as your first Vice District Governor for 13-OH5. I've had a lot of personal challenges and been very busy with the Lions throughout this District. I'm sorry there were many clubs I didn't get to due to circumstances beyond my control. Thank you all for your service, kindness and dedication to your communities!

I am looking forward to my year as District Governor next year and serving all of you. We have a lot to do and I am looking forward to spending it with all of you and continuing DG Mike's legacy of making a difference in Lionism.

As I talked about last month, District 13-OH5 has the highest percentage of women in Lionism. I am very proud of that. However, that number is still too low and I hope you will join me next year to get even more women in Lionism! Women have a unique perspective to bring to Lions and together between both men and women, young and older Lions, we have a LOT to offer our clubs, our communities, our District, our State and beyond.

At a recent meeting with my own club I was pleasantly surprised to hear a Lions member talk about the convention being her first one and ran down for the rest of the club everything that happened throughout the weekend and how much she learned about the District and especially how much fun she had being there. If you've never been, I encourage all of you to get the same enjoyment and excitement by attending our convention in 2020 celebrating our Ohio Lions Centennial Year! We have a lot to celebrate for the last 100 years and we'll really be having a GREAT time at next year's convention. Come join us so you too can tell your club members how much fun it was!



Don't forget to report your upcoming Club Officers on your PUI01 report to LCI! Our District uses that information to include club officers in our District directory. If we don't have accurate information we have no way of reaching your club and your club won't get important information from the District. So it's not just for LCI purposes. Let's get 100% reporting of this information!

Don't forget to Check out the great pictures from the District Convention later in this newsletter!!

WEST CENTRAL OHIO LIONS EYE BANK

Upcoming Event:

Strides for Life 5K—Eastwood Metro Park
April 27, 2019



APRIL IS DONATE LIFE MONTH!

Donate Life Month, which was established by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations, has been celebrated in April each year since 2003. During the month, the primary focus is to encourage people to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors, as well as honoring those who have changed lives through the gift of donation. For 2019, Donate Life America was inspired by bicycles because of their symbolism of progress, renewal, and the moving circle of life. As shown in the image below, they chose the phrase “Life is a beautiful ride.” and highlighted all the styles, shapes, and sizes of different bicycles to signify that we each carry the potential to save and change lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation.



Deadline for all articles is the 25th of the month. Send to: cwpaws13@gmail.com

Any club information about your upcoming events would be greatly appreciated. The goal is to have many clubs sending in their events. Many Lions throughout our District enjoy traveling to other Ohio Lions Club events and supporting your efforts. Give it a try!!

District News and Information

District Project for the Homeless—UPDATE

Thanks to all Lions who helped with our Service Project! As DG Mike said, we made over 800 kits for the homeless. I am so proud of this District and all that you do! Thanks for making a difference. Many lions took boxes of kits home with them to distribute to their communities. I will be delivering the rest of the kits to the homeless shelters in the Columbus area in the next couple of weeks. For those clubs who would still like to continue this project in your community these are the items we filled the cases with:

- Band-aids (big and small)
- Wet Wipes
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Sample size meds—Tylenol and Aspirin
- Chapstick
- Toenail clippers
- Tissues (small hand pack) - if they fit
- Sewing kits (small travel size)

I hope many of you decide to keep doing this throughout the next year!

Contact 1VDG Jackie at cwpaws13@gmail.com or 614-530-1861 if you have any other questions or need assistance with this project.



“Save-the-Date”

Save-the-Date: **June 15, 2019**. All Lions are invited to attend “**Learn to Roar,**” Lions training school. There will be three different classes going on each hour. Students attending for official club officer training will have one required class to take and three electives. General Lions are welcome to attend any class. You can pick-and-choose topics of interest. Among others, there will be classes on Duties of the Board of Directors, Financial Transparency, Succession Planning, New Voice Initiative, Lion’s insurance, Tail-Twisting, and Engaging our Youth. Come join us on Saturday, **June 15th 2019** at the Der Dutchman in Plain City. Registration will start at 9:00am and the first class begins at 10:00am. Lunch will be catered by the Der Dutchman and will be at noon. All classes end at 3:00pm. Watch for more details including the class schedule and the registration form coming out soon.



Camp Echoing Hills has been serving Individuals with Disabilities for over 50 years - and continues to create opportunities to know and experience Jesus Christ.

Each week of camp we are looking for volunteer groups, individual volunteers, and those who are willing to share their gifts and talents in a variety of ways. We are specifically looking for churches or individuals from churches to help lead worship on a Sunday evening to kick-off each week new campers arrive.

We want to help start off each week in an *environment focused on worship to God*, and help create a space where our campers will begin to feel God move immediately from the beginning of their week at camp, and feel His love.

Dates for Camp:

- Journey Camp (Young Independent Adults) - June 16th-21st
- Encounter Camp (Adults with High Care Needs) - June 23rd-28th
- Cornerstone camp (Older Adults) - June 30th-July 5th
- Impact Camp (Kids + Teens) - July 7th-12th
- Ignite Camp (Young Adults) - July 14th-19th
- Revolution Camp (Adults) - July 21st-26th
- Expedition Camp (Independent Adults) - July 28th-August 2nd

CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

A Note From Your Hearing-Impaired Colleagues: Just Use a Microphone Already

Dear colleague: Today at the faculty meeting, I really wanted to tell you something: "It's not about you." When you were offered the microphone to make your comments, you said, "No thanks, I'm good." But it's not about how you feel using a microphone. It's about how others can best hear. Refusing to use a microphone is like scheduling a meeting in a room accessible only by stairs. And then when your colleague in a wheelchair shows up and asks for a ramp so she can attend, you stand at the top of the steps and say, "No thanks, I'm good."

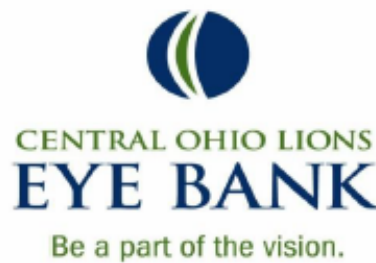
You could use the exact quote, or you could convert it and put in something like this:

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW???

Dear Fellow Lion,

Tonight, at our Lions meeting, I really wanted to tell you something: "It's not about you." When you were offered the microphone to make your comments, you said, "No thanks, I'm good." But it's not about how you feel using a microphone. It's about how others can best hear. Refusing to use a microphone is like scheduling a meeting in a room accessible only by stairs. And then when your a fellow Lion a wheelchair shows up and asks for a ramp so she can attend, you stand at the top of the steps and say, "No thanks, I'm good."





HELEN KELLER SIGHT SAVER AWARD

In 1925, when Lions International was only seven years old, the legendary Helen Keller spoke to Lions members at their annual convention and challenged them to become **“Will you not constitute yourselves *Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness*”**

Quote from Helen Keller in that address: “Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught;” set the Lions’ course. Since this pivotal moment in 1925, the Lions have founded eye banks around the globe and, millions of Lions members worldwide have devoted their service careers to **“hasten the day”** by helping people with visual impairments.

As a tribute to this inspirational woman, The Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank has created the Helen Keller Sight Saver Award. The award is an excellent way to honor an exceptional Lion, Lioness, non-Lion individual, business or organization. Recipients are typically persons or groups who have distinguished themselves on behalf of sight and who see and care for the needs of those less fortunate than themselves.

A \$1,000 donation to the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank allows the donor to present a Helen Keller Sight Saver Award. The award recipient receives a beautiful plaque and pin. The recipient’s name is put up on the Helen Keller award board at the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank. Both the donor and the recipient have the satisfaction of supporting worthwhile Lions projects. Donations can be in the form of a one-time payment or cumulative donations over four years to equal \$1,000.

The Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank was founded in 1973 on the campus of The Ohio State University, thanks to the support of the Ohio Lions clubs. In December of 2005 we moved to our current location at The Eye Center of Columbus. The Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank operates a laboratory accredited by the Eye Bank Association of America for performing comprehensive eye banking service, from donor recovery to microscopic evaluation, donor eligibility determination, storage, and distribution of surgical eye tissues. The Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank with the help of our healthcare community, has been able to provide over 18,000 corneas for transplantation since its founding in 1973. Our goal of advancing eye care through research and medical education is also accomplished with eye research projects and through residency training for physicians who will become eye care specialists. The Eye Bank provides corneas to patients in need, regardless of financial circumstances, insurance status, race sex, country of origin or other demographics

Mission

To restore, improve, and preserve sight by connecting eye donors and educating physicians and enhancing eye research through quality eye banking services.

Vision

To open greater opportunities for sight restoration



CENTRAL OHIO LIONS
EYE BANK

Be a part of the vision.

HELEN KELLER SIGHT SAVER AWARD

Application

Individual Completing this Form:

Name _____ Date _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Contribution Details:

Donor Name (individual, club, company, foundation)

Donor ID _____

Donor Club _____

Donor District _____

Amount of Contribution _____

☐ Full Payment ☐ Installment ☐ Final Installment



Recipient of Recognition: (Individual person)

Recipient: ☐ Be Named Later ☐ Memorial Plaque in memory of deceased

Recipient Name (Exactly as it is to be engraved on plaque)

Recipient ID# (if applicable)

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Club of Recipient _____

Club # _____

District _____

For Memorial List name of Hellen Kellar "Sight Saver" surviving family member to whom Memorial plaque will be given.

(Needed for recognition letter which accompanies plaque.)

Shipping Information:

Ship to Member ID # (if applicable) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Country _____ Postal Code _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Mail Completed Form to: **Helen Keller Sight Saver Award**
 Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank
 Jason Brosious, Executive Director
 262 Neil Ave. Suite 140
 Columbus, Oh., 43215

Club News and Information



Blue Frog and Worthington Noon Lions
have collaborated on a
Buckeye Tie Dye Shirt
with the Lions Logo on the left shoulder

We are taking orders...Till March 1

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Prices: S-XL \$26 / XXL \$28 / XXXL \$30 / XXXXL \$32

The price includes shipping/handling/delivery

****More than 1 name can be on the order sheet
if you belong to the same club.****

Make checks payable to: Worthington Noon Lions

Send form and Check to Judy Schomaker, 5950 Linworth Rd, Worthington OH 43085
or

Email Worthingtonnoonlions@gmail.com to send you a square email to pay with a
credit card

Thanks and Go Bucks



Ticket # Assigned _____

**Sunbury Lions Club
May 11, 2019 Reverse Raffle
Ticket Order Form**

_____ Enclosed is my check (payable to Sunbury Lions Club) for _____ (number) of Reverse Raffle tickets @ \$70.00 each. Each ticket includes participation in the Reverse Raffle, one roasted pork loin dinner, pop, and snacks, and the opportunity to participate in side boards and other games at the event. If you wish for two or more tickets to be put in different names, please print the names on the back of this form and the number of tickets in each name.

_____ I would like to purchase _____ (number) meal tickets @ \$20.00 each. Each meal ticket includes one roasted pork loin dinner, pop, and snacks, and the opportunity to participate in side boards and other games at the event.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST ZIP: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email address: _____

To help us determine an accurate number of attendees, please indicate if you will be attending the event and the number of people attending (should match the number of raffle tickets and meal tickets ordered):

YES/Number _____ No _____

If you are unable to attend the event but would like to split the pot if your ticket is one of the last two tickets remaining, please sign on the line below. In the event that both final ticket holders do not agree to split the pot, the 299th and 300th tickets will be drawn and prizes awarded separately.

Signature: _____

Please remember to return this form to purchase your tickets prior to April 11, 2019 to be eligible for the \$100.00 Early Bird drawing.

Please note: NO tickets will be available at the door. ALL tickets must be purchased prior to the weekend.

Please return this form along with your payment to any Sunbury Lions Club member or mail it to:

Sunbury Lions Club Reverse Raffle
Gary Clark, Chairman
2651 Maple Leaf Ct
Centerburg, OH 43011

Tickets will be returned to you in the mail shortly after receipt of this form and your enclosed check. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Gary Clark at (614) 620-9405.

Club use only:
Date Received: ____/____/____ Cash ____ Check # ____ Amount Received: _____



Plain City Lions Annual Dinner & Auction



Thursday, April 25, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

Der Dutchman Restaurant, Plain City, Ohio

Featured Items:

Hickory Slab (live edge)
coffee table
Perry Beachy

Cordless Hedge Trimmer
Beachy Small Engines

Love seat, Sofa
Air Mattress
From Local Businesses

1 Skid Softener Salt
ASE Feed, Plain City

Stihl string trimmer
Hilliard Lawn & Garden

Adirondack Chair
Yutzy's Farm Market

Perch Dinner for twelve
Roger and Ann Weeks

American Flag
Rick Kaufman

Ohio Flag that flew over the
Ohio Statehouse by Senator
Bob Hackett

Spray-on bed liner
Bullet Bed Liner

Tickets: \$18

Available at these fine retailers or any Lion member

True Value Hardware (see Lion Perry Yoder)

Plain City Druggist (see Lion Joe Craft)

Main Street Treasures (see Linda Peters)

Auctioneers: Geoff Smith, Jay Kurtz and Dan Westlake

District 13-OH5 Convention Photos 2019







State News and Information

Why Vote **#YESPatti** ?

Our Lions Association is blessed with numerous strong qualified candidates for higher office. Lion Dr. Patti Hill is one of those. We believe Dr. Patti is the #1 Candidate for election in Milan, Italy at the 2019 LCI Convention.

Why Vote for PID Dr. Patti Hill?

- She is very knowledgeable, as are others.
- She is very Loyal, as are others.
- She reflects the face of young potential Lions, as many do.
- She is the Most Dedicated Lion we know.
- She cares beyond heartfelt.
- She is second to none, She is the *Only One*!

#YESPatti

State Pins

2019 State pins are available at \$2.00 each and may be obtained from Lions Merle Dutt, Lion Pauline Rogers, Lion PDG Eileen Brenner or Lion PDG Karl Cox. A "NEW" design and a "BEAUTIFUL" pin is a "MUST" to add to your collection.



Lions Club Logo Ohio License Plate Now Available

PLATES NEED TO BE ORDERED BY SEPTEMBER 2019!!! LET'S NOT LOOSE THE HARD WORK WE PUT INTO GETTING THESE PLATES. We need MANY Lions to order these plates throughout the state. GET YOURS NOW!!

Where - WWW.OPLATES.COM or your local Deputy Registrar / BMV

Details - Just request the Lions Club Logo License Plate at the BMV or at WWW.OPLATES.COM. There is a \$25 additional charge for the Lions Club Logo Plate, however \$15 of that charge is a contribution to the Ohio Lions Foundation.

You do not have to wait until your plate needs renewed, you can order the plate now for just the Logo Fee (\$25*), Service fee (\$3.50*), New Plate Fee (\$8.25*) and Postage (\$3.02*) If also renewing your license plate the Annual Vehicle Renewal Registration Fees apply. *Costs may vary dues to local taxes Please check WWW.OPLATES.COM or your local Deputy Registrar/BMV for the actual cost and fees *

Contact - If you have Questions please contact PDG Joe Jackson, shoelessjj71@gmail.com







International News and Information

Your New Lion Account

Welcome to the Lions Clubs International digital ecosystem!

Here you'll find a variety of helpful, easy-to-use products designed to simplify and improve your service.

MyLCI

Tools for Lion leaders.

- Manage your membership
- Check club voter eligibility
- Document & plan conventions
- Check application status

GO

MyLion

Connect. Serve. Report.

- Report service
- Create district & club profile
- Plan service projects
- Connect with other lions
- Create personal profile

GO

Shop

Buy all things Lions.

- Order club essentials
- Order awards, pins and more
- Get great Lions gifts

GO

Insights

Increased knowledge. Increased impact.

- Explore membership trends
- Explore club trends
- View service activity impact
- Track Foundation donations

GO

For more information contact Lion PDG Jeff Sweeney at: sweeney.17@osu.edu

