

# THE PRIDE REPORT

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## Making a Difference 1 Lion at a time!

### Governor Mike Kerek



Fellow Lions of District 13 OH5,

It is an honor and privilege to serve the 2018-19 Lions year as the district governor.

We have many challenges ahead of us. I have focused on three that I think are the most important:

**Membership:** In July 2016 OH5 had a membership of 1708. July 2017 it was 1626. I started my term with a membership of 1533. These are not sustainable losses. We need to turn the corner THIS YEAR, and it needs to involve everyone. Ask people. Promote asking people with every Lion you see. Encourage membership nights. Have club brochures and applications with you wherever you go. There are no strangers in life, only potential Lions!

**Compliance:** We have the IRS, Attorney General, and the Secretary of State, all stepping up and making things much more difficult for clubs that go OUT of compliance. To stay in compliance is relatively easy and not really time consuming. If you lapse, you have a problem. We need to get ALL clubs in compliance and work hard to keep them there.

**MyLion:** As of July 30, out of 1533 Lions, there were 37 registered users for MyLion. As of June 30, 2019, there will be no more LyLCI, except for reporting membership – all service will be reported on MyLion. There is a HUGE learning curve, promotion, and emphasis in general that is going to need to take place to keep from our district not dropping off the map in reporting. I will be working with PDG Jeff Sweeney, who is our MyLion district trainer, to see what we can do to educate 1500 Lions in 11 months.

If you have a question, concern, comment, criticism, compliment, or anything else, please feel free to contact me – my email is [mjkerek@msn.com](mailto:mjkerek@msn.com) and my phone number is 740-412-4692. Don't hesitate to use them, but at the same time, be persistent! I try to respond to everyone in a timely manner, but it doesn't always work out that way. If I don't respond within 24 hours on an email or that evening with a call or text, try again. Between work, visitations, and life in general, I sometimes don't get to my email as often as I would like. For faster response, phone calls are the best way to go.

I end with these thoughts: International President Gudrun Yngvadottir's slogan this year is "Beyond the Horizon." Don't look to the horizon, she said in Las Vegas, but look beyond to what we cannot see, and make that our mission to attain. I echo that sentiment. We cannot sit back and rest on our laurels; we need to constantly look for new opportunities to grow, to find new avenues to serve, to re-energize ourselves and our fellow members. Stagnation is the beginning of the end.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Lion Mike Kerek

## First Vice District Governor Jackie Christensen

For those of you who went to the State Convention, I hope you had as much fun as I did! It was exciting to have 5 candidates for International Director, all were great candidates but I'm thrilled to have PCC Steve Thornton as our new International Director from Ohio for 2018-2020 as elected to International office in Las Vegas. ID Steve and Lion Becky will represent Ohio well.

While Las Vegas was HOT(!) the International Convention, as always, was enjoyable. It was great seeing Lions from all over Ohio and the world and many of us also enjoyed a few shows while we were in Vegas. You all like to laugh at me, or should I say pick on me, when I'm fanning myself from hot flashes, but PCC Betty Robbins, 2 Lions from OH7, and I enjoyed **Menopause the musical** while we were there, I laughed so hard I nearly peed my pants.



I also had the pleasure of seeing PIP Jim Coffey on Thursday while in Vegas and PDG Bill and I got a chance to chat with him. All Ohio Lions are very sad at the passing of such a wonderful Lion and friend. Personally, he was a great friend and mentor. I know we will all miss him greatly. RIP PIP Jim!



As you all know, Governor Mike took his oath of office at the final Plenary session in Las Vegas. Governor Mike will represent our District well in the next year. Congratulations Governor Mike!

I will be working to contact as many clubs as possible in the eastern end of our District this year so I can come and visit your club. I will not get to everyone but will do my best to at least to get to your events. Anything I can do to help out any of you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your District Officers are here to help you with whatever you need, so please feel free to contact Governor Mike, myself, or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, Jason Gray. And please keep all three of us posted on your upcoming events and club news.

I'm also very sad to report that the RLLI3 group, which I was a part of, was not successful in collecting the needed funds to put a mobile eye screening unit on the road for Ohio. We learned a lot and I've had the pleasure of working with a great group! Although we didn't get what we needed it was a win-win situation because now the Sight & Hearing Foundation can do a lot of good with the money collected and they are already getting requests for assistance. THANK YOU Lions of District 13-OH5 for your support of this program!



## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Emerging Lions Leadership Institute**—Chicago, Illinois—November 3-5, 2018. If you are interested and/or want to gain valuable leadership skills this training is for you! Only 100 Lions from our Constitutional Area will be accepted, so sign up early! Cost to attend is \$125. Application forms can be found here: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/elli-chicago.pdf>

October is **Vision Awareness Month**—start planning now to some vision screenings during this month.

November is **Diabetes Awareness Month**—plan a diabetes screening in your community! See the information in this newsletter for Diabetes screening training!!

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

**Steps Fun Walk**—September 15-16 and 22-23, 2018—6420 Hollansburg Arcanum Rd., Arcanum, OH

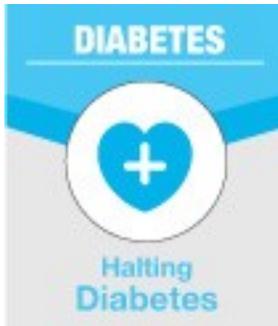
**STEPS/Super Braxton 5K Run/Walk**—See flyer later in this newsletter

Watch for **Zone Meetings** coming up soon in your area—Your Zone Chair will be in touch when meetings are scheduled. Meetings are for ANY club member, not just club officers.

**District Project for the Homeless**—We have been getting plenty of hard eyeglass cases from all of you. Thank you so much for the outpouring of support in this great endeavor in such a short period of time! We probably have 500 or more cases. While we'll still take those cases and continue with this project in the upcoming years, we are now in need of donations to fill these cases and we are looking for donations of the following items:

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

Some of our cases are larger than others and those cases we can get all these items in we'll put them in. Other cases are smaller and we'll cut back on things like tissues packs so we can get all the other items in the cases. We'll label the cases as a "First Aid Kit" and put our Lions logo on the sticker. If we can get enough donations to fill the cases we can begin distributing them to the homeless in January. You can bring these items to your zone meetings and turn them over to one of the officers, or we can pick them up from you when we visit your club.



Lions throughout OH-5 can answer the call for action from LCI by learning how to screen for diabetes in their own community. To date, Lions from 11 clubs through the district have stepped up to go through training and prepare to serve their communities by raising awareness of the dangers of diabetes, and screening glucose levels. Another District-wide training is scheduled for Sunday, August 26, from 3:00-5:00 PM, at the MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale Shopping Center (Upper Arlington, near OSU's campus). Full information will be provided to those who sign up for the training.

The training takes less than two hours, does NOT require any medical knowledge or experience, and it is neither scary, nor complicated (honest!!!). Those who participate will leave prepared to conduct screening, with all materials provided by the Central Ohio Diabetes Association. As we begin a new Lions year, why not get your club involved in a timely and important service project that can be done by a club of any size -- at no cost to the club!

For more information, or to register for the training, please contact Lion Jane Jarrow, 614-571-5681, [JaneJarrow@aol.com](mailto:JaneJarrow@aol.com)

## Hands-On Activity: Who Do You Know With Diabetes?

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Because our fight against diabetes is personal, it's important to understand how diabetes affects our communities—including our fellow Lions Club members.

In this two-part group exercise, club members will reflect on their personal connection to diabetes, then brainstorm ideas for service activities to generate diabetes awareness, encourage prevention, and help people with diabetes get access to life-saving treatment.

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### Part One:

#### What You'll Need:

- Sheets of paper or card stock
- Markers
- Space for club members to sit in a circle

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#### Facilitator Instructions:

1. Organize participants in a circle.
2. Give each participant a piece of paper/card stock and a marker.
3. Ask participants to reflect on their personal connections with diabetes. Ask questions like:
  - "How are you personally connected to diabetes?"
  - "Who do you know who is living with or has lived with diabetes?"
4. Ask participants to write down their connections and turn their paper/card stock face down on their laps when finished.
5. When all have finished writing, go around the circle and ask each person to hold up their card for all to see.
6. Summarize themes and lead a discussion about how diabetes affects many lives in different ways.



100% of net proceeds will go to pediatric cancer causes.

# Super Braxton

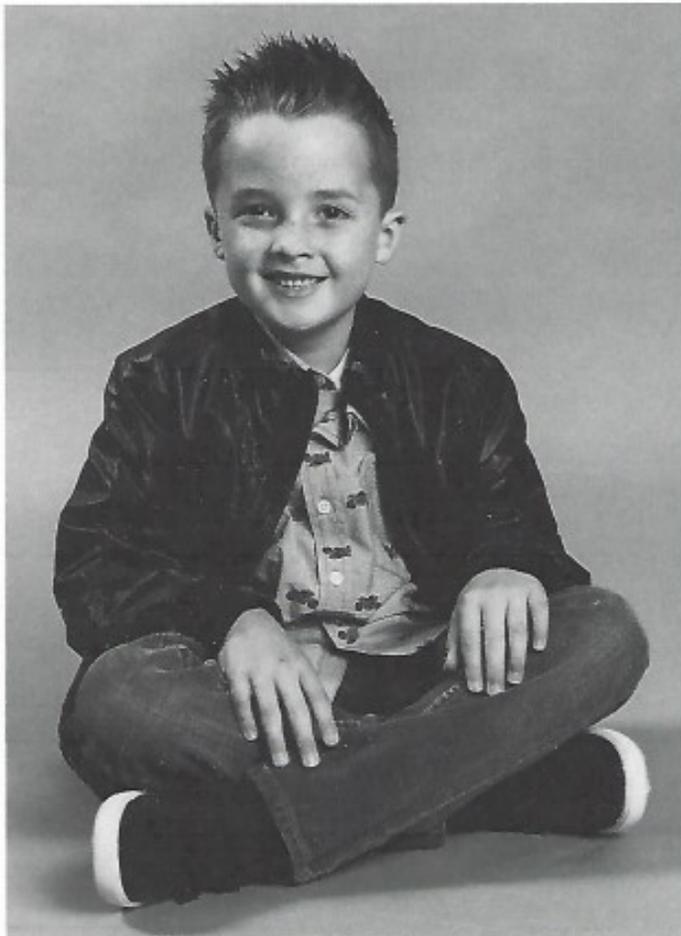
## Pediatric Cancer 5K Run/Walk

### October 6, 2018

Reynoldsburg HS Summit Campus  
8579 Summit Road, Reynoldsburg, OH



# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Braxton Long lost his 3 year battle with cancer on July 24, 2017 at the age of 8 years old. He loved life, was optimistic and kind by nature, and had a smile on his face to the end.

91,250 children lose their lives to cancer every year. 1/285 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer by the age of 20. It's the #1 killer from disease in children 15 & younger. Despite these facts, childhood cancer research is vastly and consistently underfunded.

**REGISTER  
(ALONE, FAMILY  
OR AS A TEAM!)  
OR DONATE  
TODAY!**

For more information, forms, or to register, please visit the District OH5 Lions site at [district13oh5.org](http://district13oh5.org)





## Club News and Information

In the 2nd year of their collaboration, over 25 volunteers from Woodstock, Urbana, St Paris, Mechanicsburg, and West Liberty Lions gathered on July 25th at the Champaign County fairgrounds to spruce up the Lions park prior to the upcoming county fair. Everyone worked hard and gave the park a needed facelift.

Representatives of all the clubs are planning to gather at the fair on Wednesday August 8th (youth day) from 10-6 to administer vision screening to any child that may not have had the opportunity to be tested. They hope to catch any children that may have fallen through the system. Success and camaraderie is their goal!

This is a GREAT way for clubs to work together to serve our communities!

### Need a Speaker??

**Camp Echoing Hills** would like to speak at your club to share what Lions Clubs have done for them over the years and the impact you have had in the lives of hundreds of people each year at the camp. Contact Nicole Sturk, Marketing and Development Director, [nsturk@ehvi.org](mailto:nsturk@ehvi.org), 937-716-1313 x202.

### Upcoming Club Events

#### Canal Winchester Lions Club

Lions Club Challenge—August 18th—click [here](#) for more details  
Paws in the Park—August 25th—see flyer later in this newsletter.

#### North Hampton Lions Club

Annual Street Fair—August 24-25, 2018—4 N. Main St., North Hampton, OH for more information visit their website: [www.NorthHamptonLions.com](http://www.NorthHamptonLions.com)

#### Woodstock Lions Club

Fish Fry—August 25—4-6:30pm. Woodstock Club House

Deadline for all articles is the 25th of the month. Send to: [cwpaws13@gmail.com](mailto: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!!



## Canal Winchester Lions Present

### Paws in the Park



Raffles



Vendors

**When: Saturday August 25, 2018**

**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Where: In the field behind Stradley Park, Downtown Canal Winchester**

**What: Celebrating your DOG! Don't miss the competition.**

- ♦ Dress 'Em Up Relay
- ♦ Obstacle Course
- ♦ Best Trick
- ♦ Musical Chairs



Dog  
Contest

**Registration is free on the day of the event!! Registration is  
from 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.**



9:30 AM—YOGA with your dog

10:30 AM—Competition begins

12:30 PM—Awards and Door Prizes



\*\*\*\*All proceeds benefit, Pilot Dogs Inc., [www.pilotdogs.org](http://www.pilotdogs.org)\*\*\*\*