

June, 2020

OH5 Pride Report

District Governor Jackie Miller

Fellow Lions of District 13 OH5, I am a bit sad as I write this, my final article as your District Governor for District 13 OH5! I have so many fond memories this past year I will never forget. Thanks for riding along on this journey with me, for your friendship, and mostly importantly for your service to Lionism! **Please remember there are MANY whose lives have been changed because of what you all do for your community!!!**



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

I am so sorry we did not get to celebrate together for the District Convention as well as with the rest of the Ohio Lions for our State Convention. I am hopeful we will still be able to have the Centennial Celebration we are planning in the Fall for the 2019-2020 Lions Year. When we are able to have that kind of a crowd together, **PLEASE** join us and let's celebrate our 100 years as Ohio Lions!! What joy it will be to see you all again!!

Now, some serious business. It is very sad hearing from some of you as well as from my Zone Chairs that many of our clubs are NOT keeping in contact with their club members or doing any kind of service work at all, big as well as small clubs. Your club needs to reach out to your

members, keep communication going and keep in contact with your club members! In this day and age, it is not hard to have teleconference calls, at a minimum, with all club members. There are plenty of free services out there for this...and *everyone has a phone!* Even just sharing emails with your club members is better than nothing, yet many of you are NOT doing either one.

PLEASE, fellow Lions, for the sake of your clubs, your members, and especially your communities, **REACH OUT** to your fellow club members!! I cannot say this enough. I want you to consider for just one moment how much your club's service to the community has meant to them all these years and how much **WILL** be lost if you cease what you are doing and/or disband your clubs. **MANY** folks in your community will suffer from the loss of your Lions Club and/or members.

We do not want to risk losing ANY club because you are not communicating with your members!! If you haven't heard from your club, reach out to them and find out why not! In this time of social distancing there are still **MANY** things your club can do to service your community. If you do not know what to do, **PLEASE** call me, email me, or text me. I will get you in touch with many clubs who are still doing wonderful things in their community...because, my friends and fellow Lions, **NOW** is the time we especially need to be doing that service so our communities know we are still here and more vital than ever to our communities and are ready and willing to help. (see page 2)

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These clubs can tell you what they have been doing and how to find ways to still serve your community.

We have, unfortunately, had to make the decision to cancel the in-person Learn to Roar training due to conditions beyond our control with the Der Dutchman. HOWEVER, we are STILL HAVING THE LEARN TO ROAR!! We will be doing our Leadership Training remotely this year (online/phone). This means there is NO REASON why everyone should not be able to join. You don't have to have a computer or a Zoom account or anything like that. **We all have a phone, right?** A phone is all you need to join the Leadership Training!!

For those of you who already paid the fee to join the in-person training, we will be refunding those monies. This remote training will cost you NOTHING! There will be documents available before the meeting to download and follow along and you can also download them after the training. Please see the information for the training and the rest of the details in this *Pride Report*. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any officer with questions regarding the training.

We will also, on July 11th, be having a remote (online) awards presentation for the 2019-2020 Lions Year. Since we did not get to have the District Convention and were not able to present awards to the District, it is still so important that we be able to do that and recognize and congratulate those Lions who have gone above and beyond in your District this year! More information will be forthcoming on that celebration. We will be having an exciting time – yes, even online – and you may even get to see International Director Justin Faber joining us. This is in the planning stages right now so we'll have more information for you in next month's *Pride Report*, if not sooner. But please mark your calendars now so you can join us on July 11th!

Lastly, Fellow Lions, thank you for allowing me to be your District Governor for our Centennial Year! I have made so many new Lion friends and family and gotten so much closer to many of you and I cherish it all more than you could ever know. You have made me proud to be a Lion and shown me what true Lionism is all about and how important it is to serve our communities. But mostly, you have shown me how much you all care about your communities and how important it is for you to serve their needs and THAT is priceless!! God Bless you all, until we meet again, please stay safe and stay healthy.

Yours in Lionism,
District Governor Jackie Miller

From Council Chair Lion Lydia Houser

It's been a hard year for the Lions of MD13. We have lost 182 Lions across the state. We have also lost a few clubs, but gained two. While we are still faced with restrictions for getting out in the state of Ohio, I am sure many of you are working to keep your district growing, keep our clubs active, do service activities, etc. This is a great opportunity to work on a "names list" so you can move forward with recruiting new members, or you could host a meeting via a web link (i.e., Zoom, Google Hangouts, GoTo Meeting, etc.). You can continue hosting meetings via electronic methods to keep your club active and people who don't do computers are able to dial in on their phones. How about starting a phone chain to contact your members to say hello? You can also create a project phone chain to reach out to the elderly, students, etc. Why not put a stuffed Lion or animal in your window to let others know you are there and provide a little joy? There are so many things you can do as Lions while we stay at home. Take some time to "think outside of the box" then reach out to others. We have Lions shopping for those who cannot get out, taking dinners to elderly, making face masks, reading to children, etc. The possibilities are endless. You can even install a new member using electronic media (try it!).

Don't give up on being a Lion, and continue to work and recruit members in a different way. You can do it!

OH5 Lions Come ROARING Back!

(As things begin to open up around us, the Lions of OH5 are starting to cautiously emerge from the stay-at-home orders and explore what can be done to pick up where we left off – serving our communities and sharing that commitment with friends and fellow Lions. Here is a rundown on the opportunities every Lion in the District can be part of – and we hope you will!)

LEARN TO ROAR – June 22

We won't be face-to-face for this year's *Learn to Roar* on **June 20**, but the only thing we'll have to miss is the great midday meal from Der Dutchman restaurant. The District's day of leadership training is going to happen – remotely! All of the same sessions that were planned for June 22nd will still be offered, and every Lion in the District (not just the club officers, but EVERYONE) is welcome to participate.

Typically, the training begins at 10:00 AM, with two 50-minutes time slots, three sessions per slot, being presented before lunchtime. We break for a Der Dutchman lunch buffet, and then start in again, with two 50-minute time slots, three sessions each, before the training is complete and Lions offer feedback on the information and training they just received. That is EXACTLY what will happen this year (except you have to supply your own lunch!).

Look over the sessions to be offered (listed here) and determine which session you would like to attend during which time period. Then you can visit the District's website and download the handouts/slides for each session in advance, so that you have them in front of you as the speaker is talking. In the same place you find the handouts, you will find a phone number and a computer link for each session. If you are going to attend the session by phone, you need only dial that toll-free number at the right time for the session to be able to hear the presentation. If you are comfortable with video meetings (or you are willing to explore the possibility!), instead of just listening on your phone, you can just click on the link provided to watch the session and see the speaker.

Because no one has to travel further than their computer screen (and maybe not even *that* far if you are using your telephone) to take advantage of the training, there is no charge and there is no preregistration necessary. You just call or click in at the appropriate time and learn what Lions are doing these days to fulfill our commitment to service.

More information will be sent out in separate mailings over the next few weeks. For now, save the date and plan to join us on June 20 – and LEARN TO ROAR!

LEARN TO ROAR: June 20th **10:00-10:50 (Choose one)** **Engage Your Members**

Retain your current members. Motivate them to be active in your community and club.
DGE Lion Jason Gray

MyLion

Learn the latest on this ever-evolving too. Reach more volunteers, improve communication.

PDG Lion Mike Kerek

The Basics – New Member Orientation

Confused by Lion's terminology and abbreviations? Come learn the basic design of the Lion's world.

PDG Lion Micheal Gibbs

11:00-11:50 (Choose one)

Handling Messy Meetings

Do your meetings run smoothly, and most motions carry unanimously? Learn why this is a bad thing. *(Required for Club Presidents)*

Lion Steve Kaplan

Secretarial Duties

Learn the many important duties of a secretary, including taking minutes, record-keeping, and reporting *(Required for Club Secretaries)*

PDG Lion Dave Luttrell

Not Your Grandfather's Club

To succeed, your club must keep up with the times. Social media, electronic communications and more.

PDG Michael Gibbs

1:00 – 1:50 (Choose one)

Board Members

Board members have different legal responsibilities from club members. Learn the roles of each.

Lion Steve Kaplan

Tail-Twisting

Promote fellowship among your members. Make meetings more enjoyable. *(Required for Tail-Twisters)*

DG Lion Jackie Miller

Healthy Membership in Unhealthy Times – Will Your Club Survive COVID-19?

Communication and a focus on service – together they will help your club survive and thrive as we grapple with the impact of the pandemic. *(Required for Membership Chairs)*

Lion Jane Jarrow

Learn secret wisdom!

Save-the-Date for “Learn to Roar.”
Club officer and general Lion
Training Saturday, **June 20, 2020.**



2:00 - 2:50 (Choose one)

Financial Oversight

What club members should know about financial policy and what they should expect from their treasurer. *(Required for Treasurers)*

Lion Steve Kaplan

Lions Family Cub Program

Make your club family friendly. Learn about Lion's new program for small children.
Lion Debbie Horn

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Lion Jane Jarrow

District Awards and Honors

District Governor Jackie Miller is planning a final celebration of the 2019-20 Lions year just ending. The chosen date is July 11th. There will be an in-person meeting if an appropriate venue can be identified, but Lions throughout OH5 are invited to join in by phone or by Zoom session and have a chance to say “thanks” and “congratulations” to those Lions of OH5 who have made significant contributions at their club, district, and community level.

We may not have a fancy banquet meal to accompany the festivities, but that doesn't mean it won't be a special event. Our newly discovered ability to connect from afar means that we can not only “bring in” Lions from across the District, but some special guests, as well. Please mark your calendars for July 11th and join us as we mark celebrate a year of service.



Enjoy Fun in the Sun – and Serve!!! Memorial Tournament, 2020

Each year the Memorial Tournament donates \$15,000 to Lions District 13 OH5. In return, we volunteer at the tournament to help with litter control. The \$15,000 that we receive each year is used for different philanthropic projects throughout our district. This year, the Memorial Committee voted to donate up to \$2000 to each zone in our district to help ease the pain in our communities during the pandemic. The committee also voted to donate an additional \$2000 to the zone that helped the most people in their community.

This year more than ever, the committee is looking for new volunteers to help at the tournament. The tournament is being held from **Wednesday, July 15th thru Sunday, July 19th**. Interested Lions can reach each of the captains listed below.

Wednesday 7/15 – PDG Ray Byers	rbyers@pilotdogs.org
Thursday 7/16 – Lion Kirby Witmer	kirbyw7@outlook.com
Friday 7/17 – Lion Ted Elsey	marionauto@gmail.com
Saturday 7/18 – PDG Ray Empson	gempson@juno.com
Sunday 7/19 – PDG Jeff Hatfield	buckeyeguy5@hotmail.com
Monday 7/20 – PDG John Fischer	johnfish77@att.net



(Jack Nicklaus and Pat Cantlay, 2019)

Volunteers are really needed on the busiest days of the tournament (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). Please consider volunteering at this event. You will have a chance to meet new lions, watch amazing golf and have fun, all with appropriate safety protocols in place. Most important, you will have a chance to serve our communities as we continue to pay forward.

Lions License Plates

Ohio Lions only purchased 177 special plates. Although each plate generates funds for the Ohio Lions Foundation, the Foundation needs new funding to replace funds used for disaster relief work.

Many clubs in the district have no members with Lions Plates; in the current dismal economic climate where events and fundraisers are delayed or cancelled, it is imperative to maintain adequate funds in the Ohio Lions Foundation.

Thanks you for your support!

Respectfully,
PDG/1VDGE Joe

Looking For Input

OH5 Lion Debbie Horn has been chosen to head up the Winter Retreat Committee for MD13, 2021. The Committee is seeking your input. What would **you** like to hear/see/do at the Winter Retreat? If you have attended the event in the past, what did you enjoy most? Help us make next January's Winter Retreat a weekend full of interesting information, fun, and fellowship.

Please visit the survey by June 10th at:
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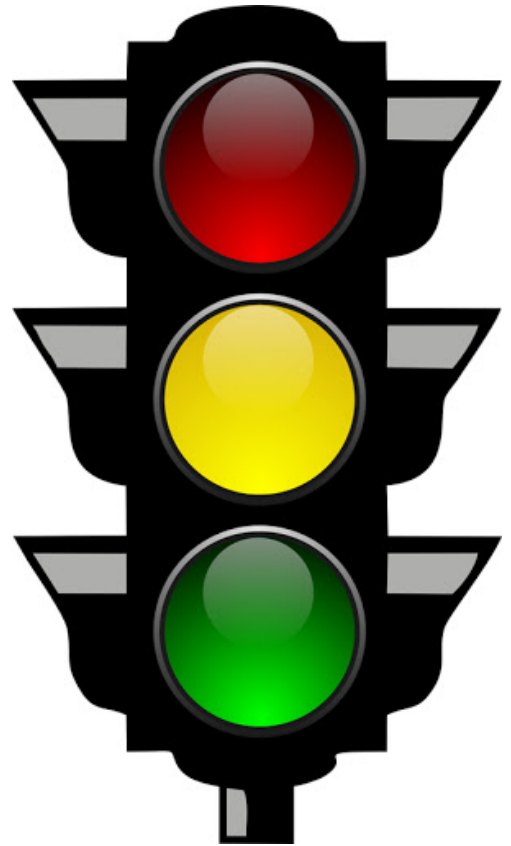
Ideas and Support from LCI

Within every club, zone, and district, we have three types of Lions.

Red Light Lions - We are sheltering in place until the virus is eradicated from the face of the earth. Each of these Lions want to stay engaged and help as they can. As a leader, we need to be mindful that they are important to our organization. We must be respectful of their thoughts.

Yellow Light Lions – We will meet and serve if safe practices are in place. Each of these Lions want to begin to adjust to a new normal and move past the self-imposed quarantine. As a leader, we must capture their excitement and enthusiasm, or risk them leaving our clubs.

Green Light Lions – We are ready to serve, meet and lead as we have always done. Each of these Lions want everything to be just like it was for the past decade. As a leader, we must also build upon their willingness to take action.



As we move into the 2020-21 year, with new club officers, how do we find a solution to blend the needs of these three groups? At the end of the day, we realize that to continue to serve, we must retain the members that we have, while finding creative ways to engage others.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

Redefine “Service” to include serving our members during this time of need.

Our **Red-Light Lions** can be charged with serving the club by checking on all members and communicating club events to members and the community.

Our **Yellow-Light Lions** can be charged with finding new ways to safely serve or to find safe way to continue the traditional service projects.

Our **Green-Light Lions** can take the responsibility of interacting with the community and continuing to provide exemplary service, in accordance with guidelines published by the local governments.

Redefine meetings to include the use of a digital or remote format

While for over 100 years most Lions Clubs have met in person, at least twice a month, we must now find a way to blend the needs of these three groups of Lions. Many clubs have moved to a Zoom-type meeting, with the option to call in on the phone. In other clubs, there is a group ready to get back to a more traditional meeting. Socialization is a key benefit for our members. However, when we consider the needs of all three groups, our meetings may need to be simulcast to those who feel safer at home. Also, our dues may need to be unbundled, if the cost of meals are included.

(Adapted from a message sent by PID Jerome Thompson, Global Action Team Leader, Area 1)

LCI Board of Directors Take Steps to Help Our Clubs

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted the work of Lions around the world. In many cases, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors has passed a resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- **Flexible payments** – No clubs will be suspended or cancelled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.
- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 – December 31, 2020.

These measures will help Lions facing financial hardships, and give our clubs hope, encouragement, and an opportunity to start the new Lion year with renewed energy and optimism.

This may be a time of great need, but we will overcome this together. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity. That is who we are, and what we do.

So let us stand together. And let us remember just how important we are to our communities and the world.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Every day, Lions and Leos around the world are serving safely to ensure the health and safety of their communities, and themselves. Head to the **Serving Safely** page for the latest information and resources to help your club stay connected and serve safely.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/serving-safely>

At the Club Level

The Worthington Noon Lions have been having their own “Corona Contest” over the last two months. Lion President Ciss Sweeney randomly assigned numbers to everyone on the club roster. The first week, she picked a number and that individual got a \$10 Panera gift card, compliments of the club. That winner got to pick the number for the following week’s winner... and so it goes. A fun way to keep in touch!

Over the last month, individual members of the Olentangy Noon Lions have found ways to serve their community while staying home and staying safe. Lions Ram and his family have put in more than 80 hours of time in creating masks to be distributed to people in individuals who are needy and/or at high risk throughout the Powell area. To date, more than 150 masks have been shared, and there are more on the way.



Meanwhile, Olentangy Noon Lion Julie Prather helped organize a Graduate Parade to recognize the 2020 graduates from the Oak Creek Neighborhoods in Lewis Center, OH. It wasn't only the high school graduates who were recognized in this parade. Kindergarten, 5th graders, and 8th graders moving on to the next level in their education were also celebrated. Family and neighbors applauded the procession as the youngsters paraded through the neighborhood streets.





On the 4th – Let Them Eat (Red, White, and Blue!) Pie!!! HELP FEED THE HUNGRY



With support from the community during the 2019 Holiday season, the Tri-Village Lions turned a new fundraising project into a service project. In addition to buying pies from Der Dutchman Restaurant for their own holiday enjoyment, buyers had the opportunity to purchase pies to be donated to homeless shelters and soup kitchens throughout Central Ohio. More than 150 pies were donated to *feed the hungry*.

We have had to forego so many traditions over the last few months. Perhaps it is time for a familiar 4th of July celebration. There may be no parade this year, but what is more American than apple pie (or cherry, or blueberry!!!). We invite Lions Clubs throughout OH5 and MD-13 to join us in helping to address LCI's hunger initiative by donating pies through the Tri-Village Lions' upcoming sale. The cost for pies is \$15/each. **Individuals or Lions Clubs can donate 5 pies at the cost of \$75, or 10 pies for \$150.** All proceeds from this activity are used to support the many service and philanthropic activities for which the Lions are known.

The donated pies will be a combination of three All-American favorites from the Der Dutchman menu – Cherry, Apple, and Blueberry (red, white, and blue!). You can designate which shelter/soup kitchen in Central Ohio should receive your donation, or you can make arrangements to have someone pick up your pies on the delivery date and share them with a facility in your home community.

	# of pies to be donated:	\$\$\$ donated
Community Kitchen		
Holy Family Soup Kitchen		
New Haven Shelter		
Huckleberry House		
YWCA Family Shelter		
Commons at Third		
Commons at Buckingham		
WE WILL PICK UP PIES TO BE DONATED		

Total # Pies:

Total Due:

Name (Name of Club/Contact): _____

Street Address: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Email address (if available) _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ARRANGE PAYMENT BY CHECK, CONTACT Lion Tom Dolbow, tom@dolbowinsurance.com or call/text Lion Tom at 614-774-0706.

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY Monday, June 15, 2020.

(Pick up for those wishing to distribute locally will be on July 3rd in Upper Arlington.)



Or, at least, you WILL have mail soon!!!

Keep watching your inbox for more information about:

Learn to Roar – June 20, 2020

District Award and Honors – July 11, 2020

A District-wide service project under development

Tri-Village Lions Pie Sale (to feed the hungry) –
Going on NOW!

And a great deal more information from the Lions of
OH5 as we *ROAR* back into action!