

OH5 Pride Report

District Governor Joe Jackson

September, 2021



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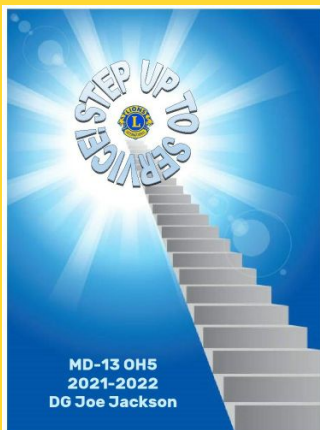
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OH5 District Dates
Zone 3 – September 2
Zone 2 – September 22
Zone 5 – September 28
Zone 6 – September 28

OH5 Convention
March 11-12, 2022



From the District Leadership

Look for updates from DG Joe Jackson (pg. 2), Lion Jackie Miller, MD13 GLT (pg. 11), Lion Steve Kaplan, OH5 GLT (pg. 4), Lion Ben Dawson, OH5 GST (pg. 4), and Lion Dave Risen, OH5 LCIF Coordinator (pg. 10)

ROARING BACK from the Pandemic

This month, we focus on Lions' service. It is time to restart some of the projects that were impossible last year, but also to rethink how you serve, as a club and as individual Lions (page 7).

For the Canal Winchester Lions , Coming Back is a Walk in the Park!

Their annual Paws in the Park activity went virtual in 2020, but the Canal Winchester Lions are back this year with everything they were doing – and more! (page 3)

New LEO Club in Westerville

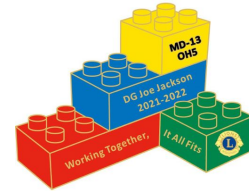
The newest addition to our Pride, the Westerville Lions are pleased to sponsor a new LEO club. See pictures of the club installation celebration from August 29th (page 12)

FEATURE ARTICLE – 20 Years Later

On September 11th, Shirley Brooks-Jones was on a plane, returning from Europe, when the 9/11 attacks closed US air space and diverted her plane to Gander, Newfoundland. Her story of those days in Canada, and the kindness of strangers, is also a story of Lions, and a reminder that kindness matters. (page 8)

“Working Together, It All Fits”

Alerts and Reminders from
District Governor Joe Jackson



Kindness Matter Service Award

What: An award to recognize clubs with high impact service projects

How: The project must be reported in MyLion; download the nomination form

Deadline: All nominations must be completed and electronically submitted by OCTOBER 31 to serviceactivities@lionsclubs.org

Content: Programs must focus on Lions cause areas: diabetes, vision, childhood cancer, environment, and hunger.



Clubs should contact DG Joe Jackson regarding their nomination (shoelessjj71@gmail.com).

Please review the rubric being used to rate nominations.

A Threat to Lions Eye Banks

Wherever you live in Ohio, the new struggle for Ohio Eye Banks is a for profit company underpricing ocular tissue sold to hospitals and surgeons. Kentucky has a law that compels physicians and surgeons to buy ocular tissue from Lions Eye Banks only. Perhaps Lions Clubs and the Eye Banks that serve their areas will design a political effort to protect Ohio Eye Banks through legislation.

Eye Banks are non profit; please support their proactive programs.

Congratulations to the Westerville Leos

Congratulations to the new Leos of the Westerville Leo Community Club! Members were installed on August 29, 2021 and look forward to serving their community. Lions Clubs are encouraged to form Leo clubs with junior or senior high students. My understanding is that Westerville Lions worked on starting this community club for over a year. Contact DG Joe if your club wants to start a Leo club; we have several LIONS available to help.

Canal Winchester LIONS Roar Back With Their PAWS IN THE PARK

FREE PUBLIC EVENT

NO PRE-REGISTRATION



Bring your best friend to enjoy
games, demonstrations, pet-friendly vendors and more

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

STRADLEY PARK, CANAL WINCHESTER 9AM-12NOON

<https://www.facebook.com/CanalWinchesterLions>

Canal Winchester is Roaring Back with our Annual Paws in the Park Event on 9/18/21 from 9am-Noon at Stradley Park in Canal Winchester. It is a free event for participants. We will have games, events, and vendors for you & your furry friend. Proceeds benefits Pilot Dogs. There is also a raffle for a dog themed afghan: \$1/ticket, \$5/6 tickets. You do not have to be present to win. Contact Lion Kelly Hogrell at kelly@kdinsurancegroup.com to buy your raffle tickets.

Last year, we had to cancel our in-person event, even though it is held

outdoors. Our event chair, Carol DelGrosso, and her committee did an outstanding pivot to hold a virtual fundraiser utilizing Facebook. They raised \$445.00 through a trying time.

We are very happy to be back in person this year, though Carol and her team had to adapt to COVID regulations. Since the planning for the event began early in the year, we had to include health rules that have since expired. Our club is excited to be getting back into the community with one of our signature events.

Are Your (LIONS) Taxes Due?

If your club uses the standard fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) then your IRS return and Ohio Attorney General return for 2020-2021 is now due. Please file both of these returns as soon as possible. The IRS is getting more aggressive in its enforcement and the Attorney General



will fine the club \$200 for missing the deadline. Filing instructions are available on the district website. If you need further assistance, please contact Lion Steve Kaplan at skpk1984@aol.com.

FOCUS ON SERVICE

From Lions Ben Dawson, OH5 GST

Hopefully, this year we can continue in-house meetings and outside services. It was definitely a trying time last year. Zone chairs – I would like to be invited to meetings, and also to individual club meetings. I am here to help in any reporting problems and help in obtaining services.

I have seen that some clubs are not showing activity. If I can be of any help in bringing these clubs forward, please let me know.

If you need more volunteers to carry out a project, don't be shy about partnering with another club.

During the week of October 17-23, the Lions of Ohio will once again be focusing on service when we *Fall Into Service*. We encourage each club to perform or complete a service project and report it so that both your club and our district get the credit they deserve (see p.5-6).

You can plan a significant community outreach during that time, or consider performing a simple service project at your meeting! Last year, about 30% of the clubs in the district participated. I would like to double that this year!

Yours in service,
Lion Ben Dawson
OH5 GST Coordinator
Bdawson3@mac.com



Ohio Lions Fall Into Service

October 10-17

You create the Service best suited for your community...

Let your GAT know your club is participating ... (email your Governor, GLT, GST or GMT)

Perform Service (or complete service) between October 10-17

Report your service to LCI

Join your fellow Lions, and Leos throughout Ohio as we work to safely do what we do best...

WE SERVE!



OHIO LIONS FALL INTO SERVICE WEEK
OCTOBER 10-17, 2021
Letter of Intent

Please include the Lion/Leo Club as a participant in **Ohio Lions Fall Into Service Week**. This club will participate and report a service project(s) performed or completed October 10-17.

Club Name: _____ District _____ Zone: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____@_____

Local/Community Paper: _____ Phone: _____

I would like help (check all that apply):

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Project Ideas | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning how to Report Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning how to advertise Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Using Service as a Membership tool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working with a Leos club | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning how to work with other organizations in the community | |

Date

King Lion or Secretary

Please email the completed form to your District GST on or before September 22:

OH1 Lion Mark Eddings marke4563@gmail.com

OH2 Lion Debbie Reidy debre51@aol.com

OH3 Lion Josie Prokop lionjosiep@gmail.com

OH4 Lion Roger Mansfield rmansfield9233@yahoo.com

OH5 Lion Ben Dawson liondawson38@gmail.com

OH6 Please send to Lion Josie Prokop

OH7 Lion Tamarra Parker-Stephens liontamarra@gmail.com

We've had a year of being apart, of disruptions to our service projects and fundraisers. It is time to get back to work. Each month we will provide news and ideas about how Lions throughout OH5 are *Roaring Back* from the Pandemic.



Rethinking How We Serve

Traditionally, Lions identified a few service initiatives each year that would be dubbed a “LIONS SERVICE PROJECT” (capitals on purpose). Typically required significant advance planning and coordination and everyone in the club was encouraged to turn out and be part of “OUR SERVICE PROJECT” (capital on purpose!). Many of those projects simply weren't possible this past year (since we couldn't get everyone together) – but that's OK because in this day and age there are different models of service out there. Look into projects that can be carried out by a handful of members. The more of those you have available, the more your members can pick and choose the ones they want to be involved in, without feeling like they need to be involved in everything. And there ARE community service projects that can be done from home. Those are good for members who can't come to meetings or who aren't ready to come to meetings just yet.

What about the service projects that you WERE doing regularly and successfully before the pandemic. DON'T DROP THEM NOW. Even if it is only for one year (and then you choose to retire that project and move on to new models), this is a time to make your members feel as comfortable as possible with coming back to the Lions, and that means providing them with things that are familiar to them, as much as possible. You don't have to wait to start new things, but you shouldn't be in too much of a hurry to change what they know and feel comfortable with.

Think about your club members. Who are your workers? Do you have folks who are ready to get out and put in several hours of work alongside their fellow lions? Do you have members who are ready to serve, but are limited in their time and energy and are looking for more sedentary projects? Do you have members who rarely turn out for meetings or service projects but might contribute if you made it easy to work from home? Think about finding smaller projects that fit any/all of those categories.

Strategies for Choosing and Implementing Service Projects

Celebrate Individual Efforts – You have Lions who serve in other ways and other organizations all the time. Acknowledge their contributions to Meals on Wheels, or Big Brothers, or their church service, or... Be proud of what Lions do to serve the community in **every** way.

Think Small – Look for projects that need to be done, but that don't need a lot of people to do.

Good Artists Copy, Great Artists Steal! – Look around at what others are doing for ideas of how to put your own members to work. The fact that someone else is also doing that service doesn't make the service of the Lions any less important.

Collaborate – it doesn't take away from the service your Lions are doing in any way to have them joined by, or to join in with, Lions from another club, or non-Lions from your community.

Look for Projects That Are Timeless – we are used to thinking of service projects as being held at a certain time and being finished at a certain time or by a certain date. There is nothing wrong in having service projects that are never-ending.

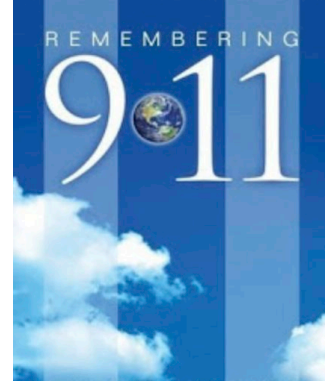
Extend the Impact of Your Project – take something you are planning to do already and add more service to it.

20 Years Later

*The Tri-Village Lions honor Lion Shirley Brooks-Jones
for her story... and for her example!*

The Summer edition of the *LION* magazine featured an article called, “Twenty Years Later” (P.32). It is about remembering 9/11 and the involvement of Lions, then and now. The first Lion profiled in that article is Lion Shirley Brooks-Jones, a member of the Tri-Village Lions Club (although she was just “Shirley” then – she didn’t become a Lion until later!!!).

On September 11, 2001, Shirley was aboard Delta Flight 15, from Frankfurt, Germany, to Atlanta when the pilot advised passengers about “a slight emergency” and announced the plane would be landing in Gander, Newfoundland. The emergency was the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and aboard United Flight 93 flying high above a field near Shanksville, PA. When the FAA closed US air space until further notice, planes en route to US destinations were diverted to airports everywhere.



Most of us remember, all too vividly, the events of 9/11. Next week, we will mark the 20th anniversary of that awful day. That is a day for remembrance, and for honoring those who were lost, as well as the stories of heroism and bravery that emerged from that tragic day. But there were other stories that were triggered by the 9/11 attacks. We think those stories need to be heard, and remembered, as well. Shirley’s story is one of them.

You may have read something about the hit musical, “*Come From Away*,” playing on Broadway and on tour across North America. It is the story of the people in and around Gander, Newfoundland, who opened their hearts and their homes to the “plane people” – almost 7,000 folks who were traveling on 38 international flights from Europe to the US, and whose planes were diverted to Gander (a community of fewer than 10,000) when US air space was closed down on that day. The promos for the play say, “On 9/11, the world stopped. On 9/12, their story began.” It may seem odd to think of a feel-good musical making people laugh and smile, and playing on Broadway, only a few blocks from Ground Zero. But *Come From Away* gives a much-needed glimpse of how people can – and do – respond in such dire circumstances. And it is heartening to remember that.

There are many stories that have been shared, over the years, about the remarkable response from the “everyday heroes” who greeted the unexpected arrival of those international



flights and passengers with graciousness, thoughtfulness and, most of all, kindness. There wasn’t a stove or an oven in any residential home in Gander or the surrounding towns that wasn’t involved in cooking the food needed to feed all those people. There were the volunteers who went out to the airport to rescue the dozens of pets, in cages, in the holds of those 38 planes, and who cared for them while the planes were grounded. And there were the school bus drivers who were on strike, but learning of the catastrophe, walked off the picket lines in their tiny towns and drove their busses to Gander to provide transportation from the airport to surrounding towns where the “plane people” were welcomed by the kind and caring residents. The passengers included a

group of terminally-ill children, flying to Disney World as guests of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, who were all taken, with their caregivers and others, to a single facility to be housed for that time. The locals mounted a giant party for those three hundred people, complete with balloons, ice cream and cake, and a visit from local mascot “Commander Gander” (a Canadian Goose).

And there were Lions. Shirley Brooks-Jones got her first pair of badly needed glasses, as a youngster, through the kindness of the Columbus Downtown Lions Club. More than 50 years later, in 2001, she found herself stepping off the bus that shuttled a group of passengers from Delta Flight 15 from their plane on the Gander runway to the Lions Centre in the tiny town of Lewisporte, Newfoundland. Shirley has often remarked on her first thought upon arrival – “The Lions are still taking care of me!” Shirley will be in Lewisporte on September 11th of this year, remembering what was, and spending time with those strangers, who became dear friends.

There is much more to her story. Early in 2002, Shirley was the speaker at a Tri-Village Lions Club meeting, sharing the story of her experience during that anxious time, and telling us about being housed and cared for by the Lions of Lewisporte. She came to tell us her story – and she never left. **LION** Shirley joined the Tri-Village Lions that night, and has spent the intervening years giving back to the community in her role as a Lion, and reminding us what the Lions are all about – SERVICE – and that kindness matters. In 2016, Lion Shirley was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship – via Skype! She was in Newfoundland on that evening, surrounded by Lewisporte Lions. It was service, come full circle.

Lions everywhere share in the primary mission of the organization, best summed up by our motto – *WE SERVE*. Lions are continually looking for opportunities to serve, both as individuals and as a group. The stories of kindness and selfless service that characterize the response to the tragedy of 9/11 nurture our souls and remind us that what we do, every day, matters.

If you would like to have Lion Shirley Brooks-Jones share her story of giving – and giving back – directly with your Lions Club, she is available to speak in person or, for those at a distance, by remote connection. You can contact Lion Shirley Brooks-Jones through the Tri-Village Lions at trivillagelions@aol.com.



The Tri-Village Lions are sending a plaque to the Lewisporte Lions to commemorate their service to the “plane people” in the days following 9/11.

***On 9/11, the world stopped.
On 9/12, their story began.***

On this, the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the

Tri-Village Lions 

offer our thanks and appreciation to the



Lewisporte Lions

and their neighbors and friends for your
kindness to strangers in those dark days
(and for giving us Lion Shirley Brooks-Jones!)

Opportunities To Give, To Meet, To Grow

Please support and donate...

District OH-5 Lions Clubs & Leaders:

This year, Lions Clubs International Foundation continues to celebrate 50 plus years of empowering Lions to make a profound difference. LCIF is funded entirely by charitable donations of Lions, and our friends and partners, the foundation has awarded US\$ 1 billion through 13,000 grants focused on vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian programs.



Campaign 100 is the most ambitious fundraising effort in LCIF history, Campaign 100 will span three years and seek to raise US\$300 million. By June 30, 2021, Campaign 100 will empower Lions to serve 200+ million people each year and ensure resources to increase service impact to our communities, our country and worldwide.

I respectfully ask that you and your clubs raise funds through various strategies such as asking individual members to make a gift or pledge, dedicating a fundraising event to Campaign 100, making a gift to LCIF from your club funding and asking members of your community or area to make a gift.

Through the "Lions Share Program" LCIF has designed to recognize donors for three levels of support by providing a pin based on the level of support given. These levels are as follows: for individual donations of US\$50.00 the donor will be eligible to receive a gold 1-star pin, donations of US\$100 a gold 2-star pin and for donations of US\$200.00 or more a 3-star pin.

It is also important to note that donations made for the "Lions Share Program" are also eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship and Campaign 100 recognition.

As you prepare for your yearend philanthropic donations as well as your individual donations please consider supporting LCIF and Campaign 100.

In closing, in 100 years LCI has proven that Lions united in service can transform lives to millions. With the help of every District Lion and every District Lions club LCIF through Campaign 100 will be poised to expand our global causes and to offer financial support to those millions that are in need.

Asking for your financial help is not easy especially during these strange yet difficult times with COVID-19. I understand that each dollar you receive comes with work and commitment. I have served as a District Governor twice and know what great clubs and Lions we have in District OH-5.

Please help me help others through LCIF and Campaign 100. Your generous club or individual donation can be sent to myself at this listed address:

*PCC Dave Risen
1219 Hilton Drive
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
H-614-864-9819
C-614-212-3488*

I welcome any questions or comments and wish you all the very best Holiday and New Year ahead.

*PCC Dave Risen
District OH-5 LCIF Coordinator*



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.

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.

Contact: PDG Jackie Miller

pdgjackie@gmail.com

Mobile/Text: 614-530-1861

The Newest Members of Our Pride

On Sunday, August 29th, the Westerville Lions Club was proud and honored to install fifteen high school age students into a newly formed Leo Club. We, as a club, are excited to watch this group grow into their service roles and succeed in all their endeavors.



THINGS TO DO! (MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!)

The *Prospect Lions Club* is co-sponsoring a car show,

Location: Prospect Village Park

When: September 4th 2021

Time: 12:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Co-sponsor: Marion Flywheels

Lions will also be selling
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs



ALL ARE WELCOME!



Do you love Ohio State Football?

Then you'll absolutely love The Worthington Noon Lions 2021 Ohio State Football Pool. ***An amazing 52 chances to WIN!*** Fun every week in all 13 B1G TEN season games. A "Season Pass" is only \$30. Payout is \$25 per quarter with the B1G TEN Championship game paying \$50 per quarter!

Join the FUN!

You'll love the adventure!

The Worthington Noon Lions have only a few "Season Pass" booklets left. To have one drawn from the remaining few and forwarded on to you (even after the season begins), contact Worthington Noon Lion Bob Scheetz (614-889-6209) or write to WorthingtonNoonLions@aol.com



BEXLEY LIONS CLUB - 2021 GOLF OUTING!!

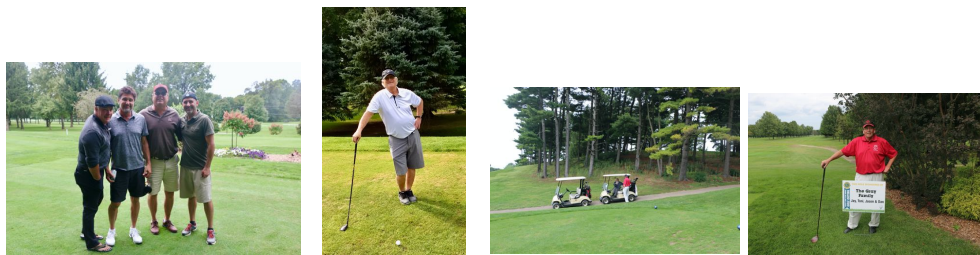
Haven't spent any time at the lake or on the beach this year? We have all the **WATER** and **SAND** you need!! Call 3 of your friends, coworkers, family, or golf legends and come play in the Bexley Lions Club fall Golf Outing and support a great cause!

Friday September 10th

9:00 AM Shotgun Start

THE LINKS AT GROVEPORT

- \$80 per Golfer
- \$100 Hole Sponsorship
- \$5 per mulligan, limit 4 mulligans per player
- \$5 Raffle tickets – Prizes & GRAND PRIZE
- **WINNERS/ SENIOR WINNERS/ PUTTING COMPETITION**
- Boxed lunch



Send inquiries and responses to: bexleylionsclub@gmail.com

The Bexley Lions Club asks that all players adhere to any updated COVID 19 regulations provided by the golf course and that we work together to comply. If required, please bring your mask and keep social distancing in appropriate settings.

A Unique Celebration for a Unique Lions Club

Join the Tri-Village Lions

September 26, 2021

At their 70th (+!!) Charter Celebration

7:00 – 9:00 PM - \$25

Amelita Mirolo Barn

4395 Carriage Hill Lane, Upper Arlington, OH 43221



Special Guest Speaker:

PID Lion Steve Thornton

An elegant reception with an array of mouth-watering
hors d'oeuvres to sample, and a truly impressive dessert bar!

Join us for a chance to celebrate 70+ years of support to our
community as we review the fun, fellowship, and SERVICE that
has been the hallmark of the Tri-Village Lions for all that time.

An Awesome Selection of Items in Our Silent Auction
OSU Memorabilia, Tickets for Upcoming Events, Catered Meals,
Original Art, Select Antiques, and more!

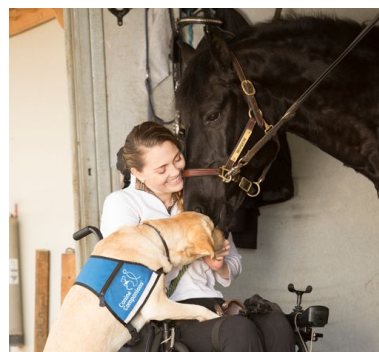
To reserve your tickets, write to trivillagelions@aol.com or Tri-
Village Lions, P.O. Box 12721, Columbus, OH 43212



Canine Companions North Central Region
7480 New Albany Condit Road, New Albany, OH 43054
Thursday, October 14, 2021
6 p.m. et

Join us for an evening under the sparkling lights of the new North Central Training Center to celebrate and support Canine Companions. The evening will begin with a stroll through campus, while browsing online auction items during our cocktail hour. The main event will include a presentation of inspirational stories from our graduates, and we'll cap off the evening with an interactive opportunity to fund our mission, all while showcasing our expertly trained service dogs.

ATTEND. DONATE. SPONSOR.



There are many ways you can support Sit. Stay. Sparkle North Central. Aside from attending in person, you can sponsor the event or donate an item for the online auction. To donate an item or for additional information, please contact our Community Events Coordinator Meredith Harrison, at mharrison@canine.org.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

> Register today at canine.org/sitstaysparklencr