



# A Servants Heart

## District Governor Lilane Fox

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### Behavior Becoming a Lion: Upholding the Lions Code of Ethics



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As members  
of Lions Clubs  
International,

we hold ourselves to the highest standards of service, integrity, and camaraderie. The Lions Code of Ethics serves as our guiding light, defining the values and principles that shape our behavior and actions. This Code is not just a set of rules; it is a way of life. It challenges us to be the best versions of ourselves, to lead with kindness, and to act with integrity. By doing this, we not only enhance the reputation of Lions, but inspire others to join us in creating a better world.

As Lions, let us continually reflect on our behavior and ask ourselves: Does my conduct honor the Lions Code of Ethics? In doing so, we ensure that our legacy of service, fellowship, and excellence endures for generations to come.

Here are key tenets of the Lions Code of Ethics and what they mean for our behavior as Lions:

#### 1. Show Sincere and Unbiased

**Friendship** - We strive to treat each member and individual we serve with respect, empathy, and fairness. We foster genuine connections across all walks of life.

**Becoming Behavior:** Always approach others with warmth and openness, putting understanding and compassion at the forefront of every interaction.

#### 2. Practice Honesty and Integrity -

We are trusted leaders in our communities, and that trust is earned through consistent honesty, ethical decision-making, and transparency in our actions.

**Becoming Behavior:** Fulfill commitments with reliability, avoid misrepresentation, and take pride in being truthful even in challenging situations.

**3. Be Loyal to Our Cause** - Our dedication to service is unwavering. Loyalty to the mission of Lions Clubs International means putting the needs of the community above personal interests

**Becoming Behavior:** Support fellow Lions, remain active in club initiatives, and champion the causes that align with our purpose.

**4. Avoid Criticism That Harms** - Constructive feedback fosters growth, but unkind or unnecessary criticism can divide and harm. Lions are encouraged to handle disputes with tact and to resolve differences privately and respectfully.

**Becoming Behavior:** Offer solutions, not negativity. Be mindful of the impact your words may have and always strive to uplift rather than tear down.

#### 5. Serve With Dignity and Humility

- Service is at the core of who we are, and it must always be carried out with respect for the dignity of those we

assist. We serve not for

recognition but for the fulfillment of making a difference.

**Becoming Behavior:** Act with humility, never seeking personal gain or accolades, and always ensure that service is given with honor to the recipient.

**6. Strive for Excellence** - Every Lion is encouraged to perform their duties to the best of their abilities. Excellence in service and leadership reflects our commitment to making a positive impact.

**Becoming Behavior:** Pursue continuous learning, set high standards for yourself, and inspire others through your dedication and example.

**7. Be Generous in Giving** - A Lion's heart is generous and selfless. Whether giving time, resources, or expertise, we contribute without expecting anything in return.

**Becoming Behavior:** Share your talents and blessings freely, ensuring that the generosity you extend aligns with the core mission of bettering the lives of others.

Together, let's serve and lead in ways that truly make us proud to be Lions. May your holidays be blessed,

In Lionism,  
DG Lilane





## 1ST Vice District Governor Kelvin Hite



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I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Did you eat too much?

Did you watch too much sports?

Did you have a good time with family and friends?

Thanksgiving is not just in November, as a Lion we have Thanksgiving all the time. Just think about it for a minute, at almost every Lions meeting, we eat, sometimes too much.

Don't we help at a lot of sports events, and don't LIONS have a good time with your Lions family. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for what we have and the fellowship with others all over the world. Just remember some of our Lions family do not have it as good as we do.

If you have it in your heart to help someone out a little, don't forget LCIF and our family in OHIO, OLF. We all work together and we can make a difference in someone's life.

Robin and I have been making our club visits and enjoying every minute of it. If I have not called you yet, I will soon. Already booking in February.

Please make it clear that we are visiting you so we can meet all of you. We are NOT spying on you for any reason. If we can help you, I will, if I can't, I will find someone that can. JUST ASK.

Robin and I would like to wish all a safe and MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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**Retention**



**Membership**

**Service**  
Service





## 2ND Vice District Governor Tamarra Parker Stephens



Hello Fellow Lions!

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This month's message will be short(er) and sweet... Firstly, I hope everyone had a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. I am grateful for so many things in my daily life, for being a Lion, and I am also grateful for you, and all of the wonderful service that you do. As I look through social media and Lions newsletters, I am proud of all the incredible work you are doing in your clubs, and I'm honored to count myself amongst the life-changing Lions of OH7. I am looking forward to seeing all of the amazing service projects that you will do to provide comfort, care, and compassion to the people around us.

I know there will be many holiday parties and gatherings, and I encourage you to truly celebrate the impactful work that you do, as well as what will be done in the future. We are truly working towards something greater than ourselves, and I encourage you to serve boldly as we end the calendar year, and beyond.

In closing, I'll just remind you to continue to be a wonderful example of Lions in your community activities, to continue to invite those affected by your service to join you in serving others, and to continue to reach out for any help that you or your club may need.

May all have a blessed season, as you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's, and all of your other festive occasions. Reach out to one another in friendship and fellowship, leaving no Lion behind as we celebrate the most moving time of the year.

Be well, be loving, be hopeful, be healthy, and be a Lion.

Yours in Lionism

*Lion Tamarra Parker-Stephens*

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*Every day is a gift*





Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

Each of you makes me proud to be a Lion in a GREAT and GENEROUS District of Lions. As Thanksgiving approaches, I am THANKFUL and take great pride in your support for our International Foundation. I said I would color my hair RED for the Cabinet meeting in November and all eight zone meetings during the month if individual Lions donated at least \$3,000 to LCIF before the end of October. You have exceeded that goal with individual donations of \$3,605 processed through October (the month is not closed out yet). The total donations, including clubs, now stand at \$19,739, which is almost 54% of the goal set for us for this Lions year. I included a picture in case you missed your zone meeting.

The following is a copied story about how one man has a greatly improved life and no longer is at risk for Diabetes (one of the eight focus areas LCIF provides grants) because of Lions and an LCIF grant.

“It’s a 12-minute drive from **Len Dompke’s** suburban Chicago home to Edward-Elmhurst Hospital. Straight down York Road, four quick stop lights, and a sharp right into the parking lot. Traffic-wise, it’s easy. Yet, the first time Dompke made the drive, it was one of the hardest of his life...a ride straight into the tough stuff. Like soul-searching, breaking decades-old bad habits, and adopting healthier ones. Dompke – a 60-something husband, father, grandfather, and friend – knew if something didn’t change, he’d become one of the **400** million people worldwide living with Diabetes. It was time to get healthy forever.

With a \$95,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions partnered with Edward-Elmhurst to develop *Jumpstart Your Health*, a program providing education and resources to low-income adults at risk of developing Diabetes. Lions, backed by LCIF and Edward-Elmhurst health professionals, are trained as ambassadors who can advocate for diabetes prevention and facilitate *Jumpstart* meetings. It’s a classic example of Lions doing what they do best – SERVE!

Dompke, who had tried, unsuccessfully, to become healthier on his own, made the drive to Edward-Elmhurst each week for a year, finding *Jumpstart*, LCIF, and Lions to be the lifeline he needed to become educated, stronger, 80 pounds lighter, and **no longer at risk of Diabetes**. “Thank you, Lions!” said Dompke. “I want everyone to know how much good you’re doing for communities every single day.”

Always remember the theme of DG Lilane Fox:

## A Servant’s Heart

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## MARKETING and COMMUNICATIONS



Lion Kevin Plummer



I wanted to share an idea I came up with the other day. .

The Logan club donated to their local Operation Santa Claus by purchasing one of the display trees downtown. The organization sold them for \$65/tree and included a wood plaque at the base with our club name and logo on it.

While in Walmart trying to decide what to do to decorate this tree. I got 5 strings of 100ct multicolor lights, 2 strands of blue and 2 gold garland, and a spool of white ribbon. I figured that works for a base

We pulled all the lights from 2 strings of lights and then all the blue and yellow lights from the other 3. This gave us 100 blue and 100 yellow lights which we reassembled into 2 strings of alternating colors.

We made ornaments using a pack of stickers I purchased months ago from Temu that are all these cute 2 inch lions (I picked them up for 2 bucks a pack and was keeping them for some freebie thing if we ever needed them). Anyhow, I picked up a pack of 50 candy sleeves in the cake decorating section of WalMart and some address labels. We printed out 25 labels with 2 QR codes on each, these codes are set to open a person's email client on the phone, fill it in with a subject of Information Request and the email asking for contact. All the person needs to do is hit send, nothing else as it is



all done. We cut those stickers in half and placed one on the back of each lion sticker. Then we placed the stickers in the candy sleeves, folded the top over and secured it. Using a paper punch, we put a hole in the top and looped blue and yellow rubber bands in to make hangers. Finally we 50

printed additional labels in blue and green saying "I am a sticker, please take me home! Merry Christmas from the Logan Lions Club". These labels were placed at the top of the sleeve and then hung on the tree!



We plan to check the tree every few days and fill in with additional sticker ornaments as needed. Sharing this "out of the box" marketing idea with everyone so you can possibly use it this season.



## CLUBS NEWS to SHARE



### HEBRON LIONS CLUB



Pictured are: Lions Rose, Lion Matt as the Lion, Lion Sharon, Lakewood HS Senior Kenna Parkison, Lion Connie and Lion President Clifford. The two in the front are Lion Sharon's children, Samuel and George.

The Hebron Lions Club recently held a food collection drive. 371 food items were received and then donated to the Buckeye Lake Food Pantry.

WE SERVE!



(Pictured left to right) Lion Rose Mason, Lion President Clifford Mason and the other three are staff from Buckeye Lake possible LEADS!

### RECOGNITION at the CABINET MEETING



Congratulations! To PDG Sara for receiving the District Excellence Award during her time as Governor. DG Lilane is presenting her with a pin. We all know she did and fantastic job and a well deserved award!





## CLUBS NEWS to SHARE ...

### BELPRE LIONS CLUB



Belpre Lions Jolene Reeder (Secretary) and Steve Reeder (Treasurer) delivered a box load of pop tabs ( 8 huge gallon bags) to the Columbus Ronald McDonald House.



Belpre Lions Club Veteran of the month for December was William (Bill) Harpold. President Miss Vicki presented his yard sign, certificate, and a specially made magnet thanking him for his service; on behalf of the club. Bill is an awesome person and is known throughout the community.

## Collection of unperishables

The Belpre Lions Club spearheaded the Holiday Lights Parade. Canned goods and unperishable items were collected for the local school children. Thirteen individual boxes were made with at least 30 plus items per box. The community graciously donated over 472 items. We were so grateful for the wonderful response.







## CLUBS NEWS to SHARE ...(continues)



Lion Greg Randolph, OH7 LCIF Coordinator, is doing his annual raffle to raise \$\$ for LCIF. He is selling squares on the attached document for \$10 per square.

Sales will continue thru the District Convention. The winner will receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship for themselves or to donate to another deserving Lion.

**Contact Lion Greg with questions or to reserve your space!**

# Celebrating 50 years



Several Lions within the District were able to attend the 50 Year Celebration of the OLCEB50th Year Anniversary. Not all are shown, some may have already left.





### MT. VERNON LIONS CLUB

## AWESOME!!

Lions Donna and Joe Gutridge were going from Mount Vernon south on State Rt 13 towards Newark and about 3 miles out They were surprised with this billboard! How cool is that! I guess they needed to thank Ohiolions.org So they did. They wanted to let them know that it was a welcome sight.



The Mount Vernon Lions Club presented Carter with a braille typewriter. Shanyfelt reached out to Lion's Club treasurer Joseph Gutridge, asking if the organization has ever been approached with donating a braille typewriter. "He (Gutridge) wanted some more information and obviously they wanted to call the school of the blind and put all the homework behind it," Shanyfelt said. "I know this definitely is not a cheap thing, and I didn't ever expect them to fully pay for this."

Shanyfelt received a call back from the Lions Club, saying the club will pay for the \$810 braille typewriter in full.

The Mount Vernon Lions Club held a special meeting and presented a 7 year old boy in the 2nd grade at the Ohio School for the Blind in Columbus a Braille Writer He was very excited as he opened the package his support team of Father ,Grandmother , and stepmother attended and were excited and very thankful for our gift to him.

The Mount Vernon Lions club with the pre-screening team just completed testing 8 preschools. Elementary and middle schools had screened over 700 students and have purchased 5 pairs of exams and glasses so far. They then held a Charity Corn toss tournament on the 19th with proceeds going to backpack for hope program and they now are holding their annual poinsettia sale and donating to Food for the hungry.



## CLUBS NEWS to SHARE...(continues)

### JACKSON LIONS CLUB



Don and I were very privileged to begin our Thanksgiving Day by being the giving part of the latest Project Hug. 399 stuffed animals donated since it started. Kindness and caring can matter so very much to an individual. Proud to be a Jackson Lion

The smiles on their faces says it all. Great job Jackson Lions for adding so much joy to several others.



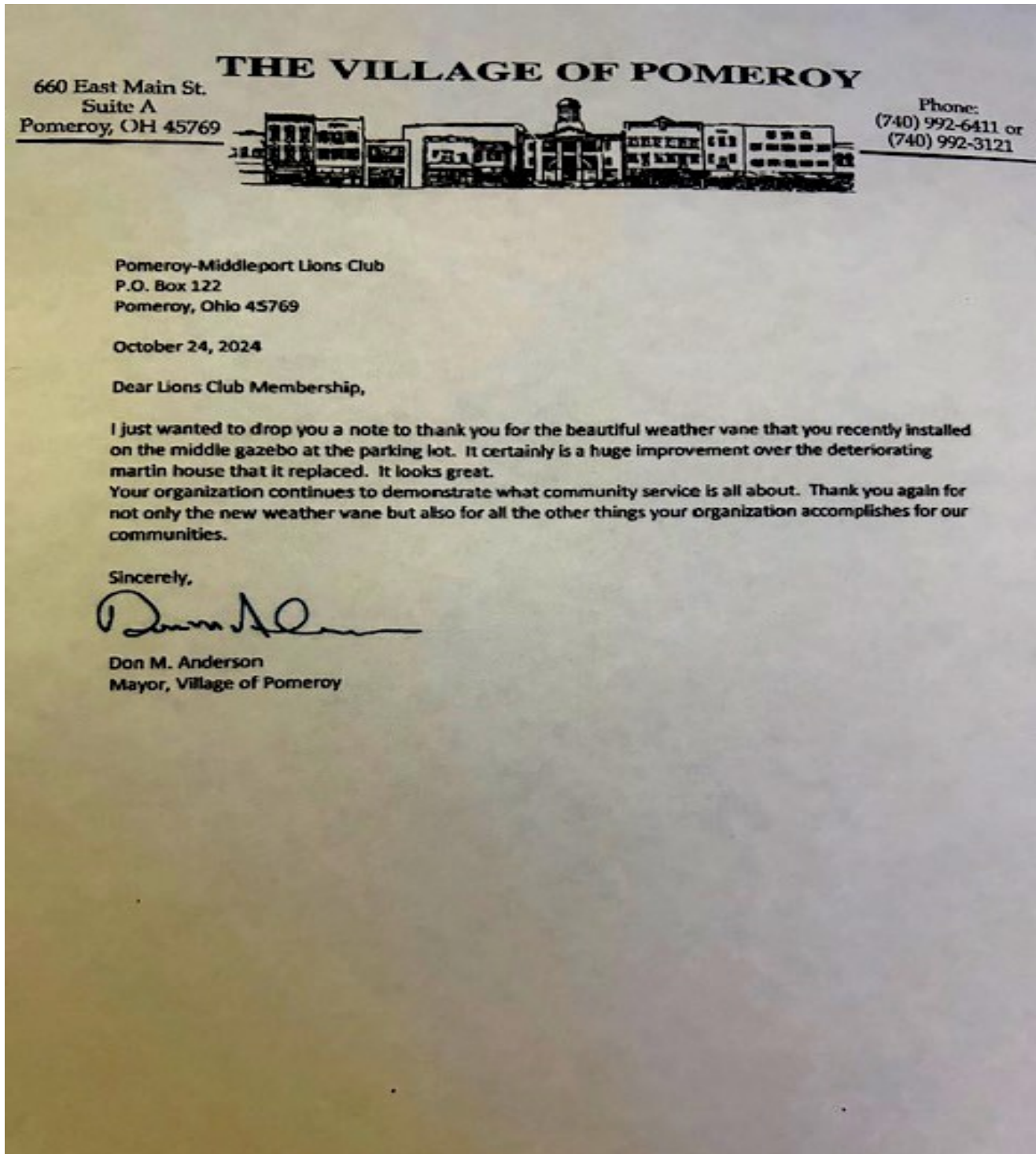


## CLUBS NEWS to SHARE...(continues)

### POMEROY-MIDDLEPORT LIONS CLUB



In last month's newsletter the Pomeroy-Middleport Lions Club had installed a new weather vane in the middle of the gazebo. A wonderful example of service to the community. Below is a letter of Thanks from the Mayor. To the Pomeroy-Middleport Lions. Congratulations for providing and installing a wonderful piece of history to the Village. WE SERVE!





# HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE WINTER RETREAT



## 2025 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 17, 18, 19, 2025

REGISTRATION FORM  
MAUMEE BAY STATE PARK RESORT  
OREGON, OH

### REGISTRATION:

Full registration paid by December 1, 2024 will be **\$125.00**. Full registrations December 2, 2024 – January 3, 2025 will be **\$140.00**. No registrations will be accepted after January 3, 2025. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 2082 Stringtown Rd, PO Box 155, Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: [ohiolions@gmail.com](mailto:ohiolions@gmail.com). To use your credit card: go to [www.ohiolions.org](http://www.ohiolions.org) & use PayPal and send your registration form to the address above. **NO CANCELLATIONS WILL BE REFUNDED OR REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JANUARY 4, 2025.**

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat!

District

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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Will attend Lion's Pin Art (\$3 fee) \_\_\_\_\_ (LIMITED TO 32 PEOPLE)

Will attend Sip and Paint (\$25 fee) \_\_\_\_\_ (LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE)

Interested in the Beer Tasting (??fee\*) \_\_\_\_\_ (LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE/per session: 2 duplicate sessions offered)

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Fee for Beer Tasting is unknown at this time: will confirm your participation once price is known.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal.

Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Session Facilitators

\_\_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ would help as a session facilitator at the Winter Retreat.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel at

<http://www.maumeebaystateparklodge.com> or by phone 1-800-282-7275. Room reservations prior to November 30, 2024, may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat (Block code #1094EB) group rate of \$124.00/night plus tax with 1 to 4 persons per room. After November 30<sup>th</sup> the room rate may increase. The resort only has a limited number of rooms and may sell out. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Check out [www.maumeebaystatepark.com](http://www.maumeebaystatepark.com) for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!





# NEWS FROM THE LEOS



## MUSKINGUM VALLEY LEOS

*Awesome Job!*



Muskingum Valley Leo's completed 8 blankets for DG Lilane's District Project.

They also did two Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

They also put up American Flags around their Veteran Memorial for Veterans Day

This small group of Leos do a powerful job of service for their community in the Beverly area !

## RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL LEOS

The Gallipolis Club is so proud of the River Valley High School Leo club and their work at the blood drive. They had exceeded their goal of 31 units and had a total of 39 units, meaning the drive



*Great  
Job  
Leos!*



will save up to 117 lives. Don't you just love these kids and their commitment to service. Go Leos!







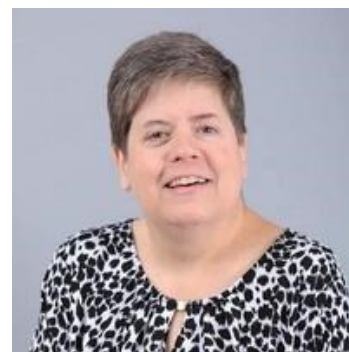
## DISTRICT NEWS for YOU!



**Raffle tickets for the 2025 OH 7 PDG Association Gun Raffle are now ready for distribution to all PDG's.** PDG's should plan to pick up at least a dozen tickets at the cabinet meeting and start selling to raise funds for Kelvin and Robin as they assume office next summer. If a PDG will not be able to attend cabinet, please let PDG Fred Boring know of a designee to pick up his/her tickets. Tickets are \$10 each, and only 250 will be sold. Any Lion can purchase a ticket for himself/herself, or for family members. The raffle prize this year is a choice between a Smith & Wesson SV 40 handgun fitted with a Crimson Trace laser sight, or a 4+1 Bolt action Legend 400 rifle with Weaver 9x 40 scope.



With a heavy hearts we said good bye to an amazing Lion. Lion Fran Heimerl touched many lives within the Lions family. She had sent many of us a card of encouragement. She had such a humble heart. Willing to help however she could. Her numerous battles with cancer, emphasized her fighting spirit. You always saw her with such a happy face. She was a member of the Heath Lions Club. Prayers to her family and her fellow Lions of the Heath Club and throughout the District and State. She will be missed by so many.



## EDITOR NEWS...

### *Greeting to Everyone*

*I hope each of you had a joyful Thanksgiving. As we reflect back upon the many blessings that has been given to us as a family and as Lions serving our communities is even more important than ever. So many are hurting for numerous reason, thus our act of kindness will certainly make a difference and change a life. You never know that a difference you can make. As Christmas is coming upon us, remember why many of us celebrate and blessings upon those who celebrate another time. Thanks so very much for the few Leo Clubs that submitted an activity or activities to share with District. We are blessed abundantly with phenomenal LEOS. They deserve to be commended for their service as well!!*

*Loving Lionism,*

*Lion Miss Vicki*





## CLUBS NEWS to SHARE... (continues)



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 7th- **CHESTERHILL**-Monthly Breakfast

December 7th- **PATASKALA** -Holiday parade, will be after the Cookie walk!

December 8th-**BEVERLY** -Christmas Display and Treat Auction

December 25th-**CHRISTMAS DAY**

### 2025

January 1, 2025 **NEW YEARS DAY**

January 17th-19th, 2025-**OHIO LIONS WINTER RETREAT**-(see flyer)







## A Servant's Heart

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Return this form with check made payable to **Ohio Lions District OH 7 Inc.** and put Convention on the memo line and mail to:  
Lion Cathy Dardis - 5718 Havensport Road - Carroll, OH 43112  
**CONVENTION HOTEL:** Hampton Inn - 2041 Schorway Dr - Lancaster, OH 43130  
**To Reserve your room:** Scan the QR Code Below or call 740-654-2999 and mention the Lions Convention to get discounted rate



**Room Reservation Deadline:** February 1, 2025 (room rates go up after this date!)

**Conv Registration Deadline:** February 14, 2025

**Room Rate:** \$112 + Tax & Fees per night