



# A Servants Heart

**District Governor Lilane Fox**



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## **Excitement is Building for the District OH7 Convention!**

### **Mark Your Calendars: February 28 – March 2, 2025**

We are gearing up for a weekend full of camaraderie, learning, and celebration as we come together for the District OH7 Convention! As your District Governor, I am thrilled to invite you to this special gathering where we celebrate our accomplishments and reignite our passion for service. This convention is more than just a meeting—it's an opportunity to connect and to discover new and innovative ways to serve. There are so many needs out there, and together, we can make a lasting impact. Let's get energized and inspired to live out our Servant's Hearts and finish this Lions year strong!

### **Convention Highlights**

The schedule is packed with meaningful and fun events:

- **Friday Night** kicks off with registration and a relaxed Hospitality Room at the Hampton Inn. Enjoy food, drinks, and fellowship from **6:15 – 10:30 PM**.
- **Saturday** begins with a LEO Breakfast Bar, followed by an engaging Opening Session, service project, and awards. Don't miss the Chipotle Lunch, contests, elections, and more! The day wraps up with a BBQ Dinner, silent auction, and evening hospitality.
- **Sunday** brings us together in our finest for the Grand Entrance, Necrology Service, followed by our Grande Banquet, and an inspiring address from ID Joanne Ogden. Whether you're a seasoned Lion or new to the pride, there's something for everyone at the District OH7 Convention. For detailed registration information, refer to the included form in this newsletter.

Let's make this event unforgettable. I can't wait to see you there!  
We Serve!

District Governor Lilane



**CLUBS NEWS to SHARE ...continues**  
**PICKERINGTON LIONS CLUB**



**1ST ANNUAL PICKERINGTON LIONS CLUB**  
**CHARITY TEXAS HOLD-EM**  
**POKER TOURNAMENT**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 5**  
**CHECK IN 5:00PM**  
**PLAY BEGINS 6:00PM**



**AMERICAN LEGION 283**  
**7725 REFUGEE ROAD, PICKERINGTON OH 43147**

**\$120 BUY-IN AND REBUYS (FIRST TWO HOURS)**  
**\$80 TO JACKPOT POOL / \$40 TO LOCAL CHARITIES**

**CASH PAYOUTS: TOP 15% SPLIT JACKPOT**  
**MAX 10 PLAYERS**

- FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
- ALCOHOL SALES PROVIDED BY LEGION
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- LIONS CLUB 50/50 RAFFLE



**QUESTIONS? PICKLIONSPOKER@GMAIL.COM**

**100 PLAYER LIMIT — REGISTER TODAY!**







# CLUBS NEWS to SHARE ...continues PICKERINGTON LIONS CLUB



**They are everywhere!!!**

The Pickerington Lions met to make some Foster Care Blankets. About 120 blankets, to be exact! We were joined by members of our scout troop 256. Previously, members had already finished about 80 blankets. So here they are: 200 blankets for the District Project! We Serve!

**BLANKETS**

**BLANKETS**

**BLANKETS**

**And MORE BLANKETS!!!**



Pick  
your  
spot  
and go  
to  
town!

A project for EVERYONE!

GREAT Job guys!!





## A Servant's Heart

District: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Schornway 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:

**Conv Registration Deadline:**

Room Rate:

**February 1, 2025 (room rates go up after this date!)**

February 14, 2025

**\$112 + Tax & Fees per night**





# District OH7 Convention

## “A Servant’s Heart”

**Feb 28-March 2, 2025**



**Convention Registration:** Now is the time to get your registrations in for the District Convention in Lancaster. Attached is the Registration form. Please fill out and send it in with your check(s) to Lion Cathy Dardis at 5718 Havensport Road Carroll, OH 43112. Registration deadline is **February 14**. Full Registration is only \$65.



**Hotel Room Reservation:** If you plan to stay overnight or for the weekend in Lancaster, make your room reservations NOW at the Hampton Inn, 2041 Schorway Drive. Rooms are filling up! Reservations can be made by using the QR Code or calling 740-654-2999. Lions Rate is \$112 plus tax per night. **Rate is available until February 1.** If you call, make sure you tell them you are with the OH7 Lions Convention to get the rate! Complimentary breakfast is included in your hotel stay.

**Necrology Service:** As always, we will have a special service at the Grande Banquet to honor the Lions we have lost since the last convention. We are asking all club presidents and secretaries to ensure that all Lions who have passed away since the last convention are reported to our chaplains (Lions Rick and Ollie Tipple) for inclusion in the Necrology Service. **Go to OH7Lions.com** to get the Necrology Reporting form for that. If possible, we would like to have a good, clear photo (electronic or otherwise) of the Lion to use in the service and a small paragraph about that Lion's Service.

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Lori Sanders  
Violet Twp Trustee

### Silver Sponsors

### Hospitality Sponsor

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Maugers' Mini Donuts



## 1ST Vice District Governor Kelvin Hite



Hello all:

Just got a few things to tell you.

We are in the best organization in the world and if we want to stay the best then we need to work as one big club. If you have a fund raiser, invite your neighboring Lions Club to help. Get to know them and you can help them with their

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fundraisers. Some of our clubs don't have that many members to do some of the bigger fundraisers. That is why if we ALL WORK TOGETHER we can get more done.

If you are in Zones 1,3,7,8, I would like to ask you to be a Zone Chair for 2025-2027.

You may say that it's a big job but it's not. I also need Assistant Zone Chair's. I hope to have a class at Leadership school to start you off. Thank you for your consideration.

I hope to see all of you at the District Convention if you have any questions, please get in touch with me at the convention or by phone 614-354-3159 or email

[kelvinhite@gmail.com](mailto:kelvinhite@gmail.com).

Let's fix things together,

1 st VDG Kelvin Hite

**Retention**



**Membership**

**Service**  
**Service**



## 2ND Vice District Governor Tamarra Parker Stephens



Hello Fellow Lions!

I can hardly believe it's February! I hope this message finds you all doing well, and enjoying the recent sunshine after all those cold snowy winter days.

While January was a bit quiet, we'll be starting to ramp up service activities all over the district as the weather warms. Please check in on one another, and ensure that your fellow members have weathered this winter well.

**liontamarra@gmail.com**  
**740-407-4002**

I'd like to remind everyone about our membership goals to increase our Lions family. So, especially as people are getting out and about, please do look for people that you would like to bring into your club. As always, the goal is to bring in more members so that we can do more service. Show others generosity and grace as you meet and familiarize yourself with new people and potentially prospective members. Remember, not everyone understands that community service is done because in our hearts, we believe in something greater than ourselves. For some, community service has been compulsory, or punishment, so please bring attention to the rewards of satisfaction and joy in your own servant's heart when you help someone else in your club or community. This also applies to new members...bring them into the family by making them feel welcome, and a part of something bold and meaningful.

We have a lot of upcoming events in clubs all over the district coming up, please make an effort to support your fellow Lions, and attend their functions. It's always great to develop and strengthen friendships with fellow Lions.

Our biggest upcoming event district-wide is the OH7 Convention at the end of the month, Feb.28-Mar.2. I look forward to seeing you all there for exciting fun and fellowship. It's always a great time, so encourage newer members and/or first time attendees to join you.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing you all soon, not only at our convention, but at your club meetings. I still have quite a few official visitations to make, so please reach out to me at your earliest convenience to set this up.

Thank you for all that you do! Your servant's heart is what makes Lionism a true success. See you at the convention.

Yours in Lionism,  
SVDG Tamarra

***Lion Tamarra Parker-Stephens***

MD13 New Voices  
District OH7 2nd Vice District Governor  
District OH7 GET Coordinator

C: 740-407-4002

***Changing the World One Voice at a time!***





Thank you for your continued support for LCIF. As of January 26, the total donations received and sent to LCIF total \$25,644.00. Individual Lions have donated \$6,000.00. Your financial support is extremely important to those in need around the world. Our clubs and Lions have designated \$10,264.00 of the total donations to specific hurricanes and the recent wildfires in California. Thanks for your donations to help those who have lost so much in these disasters.

The following are highlights concerning Lions and LCIF efforts in California dealing with the disaster:

- \* LCIF has awarded US\$130,000 in grant funding to support Lions in their relief efforts.
- \* Lions in impacted areas are working hard to assess needs, identify opportunities to assist their communities, and mobilize grant funds.
- \*The Lions of California have quickly established a disaster relief committee and are actively coordinating efforts.

We are again having the Melvin Jones Fellowship fund raiser at our district convention. There are 100 boxes with \$10 for each box. Currently 41 squares are sold with the rest to be sold at the cabinet meeting and district convention. This will be our third year for this fund raiser for LCIF.

The previous two winners of a Melvin Jones Fellowship were Lion Sandra Crow from the Danville Lions Club and Lion Gloria Johnson from the Beverly Lions Club. If the winner is already a Mevin Jones Fellow, they may designate another person or receive a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

The Russ Williams Chapter Award which started in 1996 will be given to each club donating \$20.00 per member between January 16, 2024, and January 19, 2025. The club and individual Lions donations in a club are combined to determine the total donation from a club. The Russ Williams Chapter Award clubs are listed and will be recognized at the district convention. All club donors and Lion donors will be recognized with a certificate at the zone meetings in March.

Alexander	East Knox	Marietta Noon	Summit Station
Beverly	Frazeysburg	Millersport	The Plains
Bloom Carroll	Heath	Pickerington	
Carroll	Lancaster -Tarhe	Scenic Hills	

Yours in Lionism,  
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Belpre, OH 45714





## CLUBS NEWS to SHARE ...continues



### BELPRE LIONS CLUB

Once again the Belpre Lions Club has recognized another Veteran for their service. For the month of February **Derek Hadfield** was selected. Derek is a very great young man and it was such an honor to present him with his certificate and yard sign. He also had one of the specially made coaster



It was so exciting to present **Lion Laura Coram** her 10 year chevron dangle. Lion Laura is a very dedicated Lion. She is always coming up with great ideas and is willing to step up and do whatever is needed. Congratulations Lion Laura!



The Belpre Lions Club was extremely excited to be able to present **Sophia Dubois** her scholarship check. She was the female senior selected for Sophia is doing great with her grades. And we are so proud of her.

### MARIETTA NOON LIONS CLUB

Starting the year off right with service! Members of the Marietta Noon club helped pack 100 Cake Kits for our local food pantries - to help us celebrate 100 years of service to the Marietta area!



Each 🍰 kit contained:

- 1 cake pan
- 1 cake mix
- 1 can of frosting
- 1 can of soda

The addition of soda made the cake mix complete, so a recipient didn't need eggs, oil, or milk

50 kits were given to GOSPEL MISSION FOOD PANTRY and 50 to the Greater Marietta Community Food Pantry





**CLUBS NEWS to SHARE ...**



## **THORNVILLE LIONS CLUB**



SUBMITTED

### **THORNVILLE LIONS HELP THE HOMELESS**

The Thornville Lions Club recently met at the home of Perry County Probate/Juvenile Judge Cooperrider, who is a charter member of the Thornville Lioness Club, now part of the Thornville Lions club. The club recently made blankets for the homeless in Perry County and for all those in need. Judge Cooperrider will take the donated blankets to the Homeless Point in Time event for Perry County to be held Jan. 29, 2025 from 1-4 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church located at 201 West Brown St. in New Lexington. Pictured above are Cinda and Fred Habenschuss, Chase Smith, DDS, Judge Cooperrider, Tasia Savage, Camden Savage, Linda and Marty Savage.

Congratulations Thornville Lions for an awesome job! It is always so great to see throughout our District the many areas of service our Clubs do. A double congratulations for the recognition in the newspaper as well Thornville. Others are able to see one of the many ways that we serve within our communities.

The My Very Own Blanket project has touched so many lives throughout. Whether a homeless person or a foster child, they have made a difference in their lives and I'm sure it has changed our lives as well. Hats off to ALL THE CLUBS that have participated in this project.







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



## **DANVILLE LIONS CLUB**

**The 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Danville Lions Club**



# **Raccoon Dinner Program**

**Monday Feb. 3, 2025**



Keynote by:

**BRUCE  
BOGUSKI**



**St. Luke's  
Community Center**

7 W Rambo St., Danville OH 43014

Serving continuously from  
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.\*

Program Ticket DONATION:  
\$15.00 ADULTS  
\$8.00 CHILDREN 11 & UNDER

\*or until the raccoon runs out.

### **PROGRAM**

In the Danville High School Auditorium - 10 W Rambo St.

6:00 p.m. - Danville High School Jazz Band

7:00 p.m. - Keynote Address By

**BRUCE BOGUSKI**

*From Paralyzed to Champion!!*

Our speaker, BRUCE BOGUSKI, was in a car accident at the age of 18 and was paralyzed from the neck down. After two years, he regained full use of his body and went on to become a two-time Ohio state champion in racquetball and played on a state championship softball team. He has been a baseball coach and assistant football coach at the high school level, as well as a tennis coach at the college level.

Today, Bruce spends most of his time making speeches throughout North America. He has made over 1,800 presentations to student groups, educators, associations, chambers of commerce, large and small corporations, secretarial groups, and government agencies. Bruce is the author of several books.

*This years program co-sponsored by Killbuck Savings Bank & Park National Bank.*

*The DANVILLE LIONS CLUB receives incredible community support each year and wants to say THANK YOU to all that assist with this great event!!*

**For additional information:**

Phone 740-507-3898

Email - [DanvilleLions@gmail.com](mailto:DanvilleLions@gmail.com)

See us on Facebook at [Danville Lions Raccoon Dinner](#)

### *Gourmet Menu*

#### **Raccoon**

Dressing  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn Bread  
Vegetables - Slaw  
Coffee - Milk

50/50 Drawings  
Every 1/2 Hour

### *Raffle*



**Ruger American  
Gen 2 243 Win**

- Gun Metal Gray Cerakote
- Spiral Threaded Barrel,
- Picatinny Rail Steel Receiver
- Gray Splatter Adj Comb Synthetic Stock

- Tickets available at door or in community stores.
- Rifle is the only raffle item.
- Need not be present to win.
- Must be picked up in Danville.
- Must be 18 yrs. old to buy ticket and/or win rifle.



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



### ATHENS LIONS CLUB



At their January 21st club meeting, Lion President Tim Hartman officially inducted their "new" member, Lion Adam Pergram (who actually joined the club back in late 2023 - but they had not had the opportunity to officially present him with his member welcome kit from LCI). Lion Katie Hartman is his sponsor (pictured in the middle) Lion Adam - it's great having you aboard!

After the business meeting on January 21st, the club members worked on the "My Very Own Blanket" project spearheaded by the OH7 District Governor, Lilane Fox. Two blankets were completed during the meeting and eighteen others were taken home by Lions Brian Shapiro and Mike Harrington to complete. These will then be donated to the Athens County Children's Services organization (c/o Matt Starkey - their community relations representative).

Lion Katie Hartman instructs the club members present on the process for completing the "My Very Own Blanket" project. Left to right: Lions Adam Pergram, Tim Hartman, Katie Hartman, Brian Shapiro, Jim McLaren, Ryan Ham (and in far back right, Mark Mace).



Lions Mark Mace, Jim McLaren and Ryan Ham working to complete one of the My Very Own Blankets (cutting and tying of tassels along two opposite edges of the top and bottom of the blanket).

See what the tag looks like. They have a space for name, who from and place to add a special message to the recipient.



Lions Adam Pergram, Brian Shapiro, Tim Hartman and Katie Hartman work to complete one of the My Very Own Blankets.







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



### ZANESVILLE HOST LIONS CLUB



The Muskingum County Adult and Child Protective Services (Miss King County children services ) were so happy to accept these adorable handmade blankets made by the local Zanesville Host Lions Club for children in foster care. We appreciate their time, talent, and generosity in making these blankets. Chris Delancey left) with HR/PIO Melissa Wood (right).

### GALLIPOLIS LIONS CLUB

The Gallipolis Lions Club proudly recognizes **Dave McCoy** as their January Veteran of the Month for his unwavering dedication to our country and community. We are deeply humbled by his service and grateful for his commitment to protecting our freedom. Thank you, Dave, for being an inspiration to us all!!



## DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

### WINTER RETREAT

It is no surprise to see at the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat on the first day 1/17/2025

Lions Sue Haban, Sue Diehm, Kay Helm, and Cathy Dardis there ready to have a great time!





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



### LOGAN LIONS CLUB

#### Logan Lions Warm Up Winter Hikers with Donuts and Coffee

The Hocking Hills Winter Hike is always a highlight for the Logan Lions Club, and this year was no exception. From the pre-dawn setup to the last hiker's farewell, our crew was buzzing with energy, ready to serve up some warmth and cheer at the trail's end. Pulling our trailer into place and getting everything organized is always a team effort, but seeing those smiling faces, both familiar and new, as they finished their trek and spotted our setup – that's what it's all about for us. It makes all the planning and early mornings worthwhile. The smell of fresh coffee brewing and the boxes of donuts stacked high were a welcome sight for hikers as they emerged from the trails, often a little windswept but full of stories.



Being out there at the trail's end, you really get a sense of accomplishment from everyone. Hikers would stop by, grabbing a well-deserved cup of hot chocolate and chatting about the trails they conquered. We heard tales of slippery slopes and breathtaking views, all punctuated by laughter and the clinking of mugs. It's a privilege to be a small part of their day, offering a moment of respite and a chance to connect with fellow hikers who had just shared the same experience. Many would comment that the warm drinks and treats were just what they needed after a long, cold hike.



Of course, the Winter Hike is also a crucial fundraising opportunity for the Logan Lions. The donations we collect go directly back into our community, supporting local projects and initiatives throughout the year. Knowing that our efforts, from ladling hot chocolate to braving the chilly weather, contribute to making Logan a better place makes it all the more rewarding. It's a tangible way for us to live out our motto of "We Serve," and it's something we take great pride in. Having our trailer there makes it even easier to serve everyone efficiently.

As the day wound down and the last of the hikers headed home, we packed up our gear feeling tired but incredibly satisfied. The Hocking Hills Winter Hike is more than just an event; it's a tradition, a chance for our community to come together, and an opportunity for the Logan Lions to do what we do best: serve. We're already looking forward to next year!

Mmmm, Mmmm,  
Good!







# HAPPENINGS within the STATE



OHIO LIONS PRESENT

RLLI

REGIONAL LIONS  
LEADERSHIP IN-  
STITUTE

OCTOBER 24-26, 2025

3-DAY WORKSHOP

Learn valuable leadership skills and strategies for overcoming obstacles and create opportunities to strengthen leadership abilities within your club zone, region, and District as well as your work environment and beyond.

Faculty are LCI approved trainers with previous training experience.

Learn about Lions Fundamentals – history, principles and structures, as well as benefits of membership in Lionism!

**Level 1** includes basic skills every business owner utilizes and seeks in great workers! **Level 2** enhances those sessions with management skills every business owner seeks. **Level 3** is by invitation for those who've completed Level 2 in the past and is group project focused.

**Get the word out now to your District about this upcoming event. All 3 Levels will be offered!**

**Pricing will be coming out mid-year!**

**We will keep the price as reasonable as possible. Grants from LCI are being submitted to keep the cost down to all Lions.**

**Mark your calendar now so you can plan to attend and plan your budget accordingly.**



## DISTRICT NEWS for YOU!



### Saying Good-bye to another GREAT Lion!



It is with many heavy hearts that the Chesterhill Lions lost a special Lion. Lion Gloria Myers, 73 years passed away on 1/15/2021 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was a 22 year member of the Chesterhill Lions. She and her husband, Lion Nelson, shared a Melvin Jones Fellow.

She was a chairman for the G.O.O.D. Program and co-chair the scholarship project. She was a dependable Lion who worked at most of the Club's projects and fund raisers. She enjoyed being "just a Lion". She could find some humor in everything she did for the Club. She was such a wonderful person to know. Our deepest sympathy to Lion Nelson and his family. She will be deeply missed.



## EDITOR NEWS...

*Greeting to Everyone,*

*I am soooo excited! Our convention is just around the corner. It is always so much fun to spend time with our fellow Lions. The pride we have in OH7 is shown by the many awards that are given throughout our district. So many fantastic Lion will be recognized and rewarded for the endless ways of service. Even the fun things we do such as, The "Big Cheese" award shows the determination to sale the most cheese within the District. I encourage EVERYONE to try and attend. I hope to see many of you there. Who knows you might be in the next newsletter! We have inherited the reputation of having the most fun, so pack your bags and come and join in!*

*Take Care,*

*Lovin Lionism,*

*Lion Miss Vicki*





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



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**2025**

February 1st-**Convention** room rates per room goes up. Currently \$112.

February 1st-**CHESTEHILL Pancake Breakfast**

February 3rd-**DANVILLE -Raccoon Dinner (see flyer)**

February 5th-3rd workshop training on Growth and Strengthening your Club

February 14th-**CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**February 14th-HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

February 28th-**DEADLINE-** to submit the Leadership class completion

February 28th-March 2nd- **DG LILANE'S CONVENTION!!!**

March 1-2nd **DG LILANE'S CONVENTION continues...**

March 17th- **SAINT PATRICK'S DAY**

April 5th- **PICKERINGTON- Charity Texas Hold'm Poker Tournament**

October 24-26th, 2025-**RLLI** (Regional Lions Leadership Institute)

**Check out the flyer** This is an opportunity to grow not only in Lionism but in your work, environment and beyond.

