



# A Servants Heart

## District Governor Lilane Fox

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### Mid-Year Membership and Training Update: Let's Build Lionism in Southeastern Ohio Together



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My fellow Lions, as we step into the second half of the Lions year, it's the perfect time to reflect on our progress, evaluate where we

stand, and renew our commitment to making a difference in our communities. Southeastern Ohio needs Lions more than ever that are willing to serve and bring hope to those who need it most. Together, we can achieve great things by focusing on the needs of our communities and spreading the spirit of Lionism.

#### Membership and Club Officer Training Goals

At the beginning of this Lions year, we set ambitious yet achievable goals to strengthen our district:

- **One new club**
- **111 new members**
- **Reduce average drops by 10% (124 or fewer drops for the year)**
- **Net growth of +1**

**25% of club officers (president, secretary, and treasurer) completing training**

#### Current Status

Here is where we stand today:

- **New Clubs:** While we have not yet chartered a new club, we are actively working in two promising areas.
- **New Members:** We've welcomed **46 new Lions** to our district. Every new Lion represents hope and potential for stronger communities.

- **Member Drops:** Unfortunately, **73 members** have been dropped, leaving us at a net loss of **-21**. While this is a challenge, it's also an opportunity to focus on retention and reengagement.

**Club Officer Training:** We're at **22% completion** for club officer training. We only need **four more officers** to complete their training to meet our goal! This can be done by watching a training video on our district website ([www.OH7Lions.com](http://www.OH7Lions.com)) or completing the officer learning path on the Lions

Portal's Learn App.

#### The Road Ahead

Despite the challenges, there is so much we can achieve in the coming months. Here's how you can help:

#### 1. Attend the Growing Lions

**Workshop** If you're passionate about helping your club grow or want to help start new clubs, this workshop is for you! All sessions are virtual and start at 8 PM EST on the following dates:

- \*Wednesday, January 8
- \*Wednesday, January 22
- \*Wednesday, February 5

Advance registration is required. After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email with meeting details. Sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/AreasCDGrow>

#### 2. Focus on Member Retention and Recruitment

Every Lion makes a difference, and every member we retain strengthens our district. Reach out to dropped members and ask how we can reengage them. Encourage friends, family, and community leaders to join us in serving Southeastern Ohio.

**3. Complete Club Officer Training** If you're a club president, secretary, or treasurer, and haven't completed training, now is the time!

**Promote Lionism** Share your club's service projects and success stories with your community. Let's inspire others to see the impact we're making and encourage them to join our mission.

**A Call to Action** Lions of Southeastern Ohio, our communities are counting on us. The work we do is more important than ever, and it starts with each of us recommitting to the ideals of Lionism. Let's finish this Lions year strong by growing our membership, strengthening our leadership, and serving our neighbors with pride and compassion.

Together, we can make a difference. Let's continue to lead, inspire, and live our lives with A Servant's Heart!

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Lilane



## A Message from District Governor Lilane:



Join Our Upcoming Workshops to Enhance Your Club's Impact!

Dear Lions,

Are you passionate about your club and what you do to help your community? Would you like to be able to do more? Well, we think this may help you do just that!

**Please join us in the upcoming virtual workshops designed to help you grow and strengthen your Lions Clubs.** These sessions, hosted by the Global Action Team Area 1D, will provide you with valuable tips and tools to start new clubs and enhance membership in existing ones. And with more Lions, you will be able to do more.

**Our workshops will cover essential topics such as:**

- Mission to Grow, Resources, Club Types & Formats
  - Promoting New Clubs and Inviting a New Generation
  - Recruitment Models and Tips
- Formation Meetings, Club Process & Approval, and Launching the Club

Each session will include a 120-minute virtual learning component, success stories, and assignments to help you apply what you've learned. By participating, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with your District Growth Team, strategize, and potentially charter a new club by the end of the 6-week session.

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- Wednesday, February 5

Advance registration is required. Please register at <https://bit.ly/AreasCDGrow>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with details on how to join the meetings.

## PICKERINGTON LIONS CLUB



What's a party without some fun? Zone Chair Dave King wanted to make sure there was some. "King" of fun!!

Some of the attendees of the Pickerington Lions Christmas Party.



Lions Andrea and Craig Turner doing kitchen duty.



Lions Club or Leo Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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:**

**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 at left 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. You may use the attached 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.

### Gold Sponsors



### Silver Sponsor







## 1ST Vice District Governor Kelvin Hite



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope Santa was good to all and finds everyone in good health. Let's start this year off with a big bang, by retaining the members we have and looking for new members. Remember all you have to do is ASK.

**kelvinhite@gmail.com**

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To all Zone Chairman's, let's try to make the last round of zone meetings for the year outstanding for DG Lilane. There are a lot of things going on that you need to know and pass on to your clubs. You are the glue that holds the district together. We only had one Zone with 100% clubs showing up. Please try to get your clubs to come. Start working on them now.

To all Lion members of OH7 Please try to come to your zone meeting you don't have to be a officer to come. Just come and have FUN with us as each club tells us what you have been doing. Other clubs might get some other service ideals out of hearing yours, that is sharing ideas the easy way. Hope to see some more members this round.

We all have to work to serve the community, and we can by working together. If anyone needs help with anything PLEASE call one of us and we will help you.

Have a happy and safe new year.

Till next month,

1st VDG Kelvin Hite

**Retention**

**Membership**



**Service**  
Service



## 2ND Vice District Governor Tamarra Parker Stephens



Hello Fellow Lions!

Happy 2025! I pray this year brings you love, joy, fellowship, and service. Live long and prosper.

**liontamarra@gmail.com**

**740-407-4002**

First, let me thank you for all of the outstanding service you have all done in 2024. This December, I have really enjoyed seeing all of the Christmas activities, parades, floats, Santa breakfasts, gift giving, and service to veterans and the homeless. This month has been truly life-changing for so many.

Second, moving into 2025, let's make sure to keep up the good work of service for our communities. Since we had an amazing 2024, we're sure to have a very successful year. Let's make ourselves even more visible in our communities. Great service attracts great people. Make sure to invite others to join you in this incredibly important work that we do.

Speaking of membership...I'd like to remind you that you have three membership workshops coming up this month: All sessions are virtual & begin @ 8 PM EST (Eastern), Wednesday, January 8, Wednesday, January 22, and Wednesday, February 5. Please register in advance.

Thirdly, fellowship is at the core of being part of the Lion family. Ask your friends and family to join you. Don't forget to cultivate the Lion friendships that you already have... maybe start with the Winter Retreat on January 17-19 at Maumee Bay.

Lastly, please remember that you have resources at your disposal. Your officers and cabinet are at the ready to help your club to succeed. Your club's health and success mean more service for our communities, and after all, isn't that what we Lions do?

Please reach out to me to schedule my club visitation. And, please reach out if you need anything. Be well. Be safe. Be ready to serve boldly.

Yours in Lionism  
2VDG Tamarra

**Lion Tamarra Parker-Stephens**  
MD13 New Voices Coordinator  
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 December 26, the total donations processed by donor services are \$20,744.00 with the month of November almost complete. Individual donations are \$3,930.00 and the remaining \$16,814.00 from our clubs. Currently the following clubs have made LCIF donations this Lions year:

Alexander	Duncan Falls Philo	Pickerington
Athens	East Knox	Rushville Union
Belpre	Heath	Summit Station
Bloom Carroll	Jackson	The Plains
Carroll	Licking Valley	Zanesville Host
Centerburg	Millersport	

One of the eight focus areas of support provided by LCIF is for Childhood Cancer. “Your child has cancer” are four gut-wrenching words no parent ever wants to hear. For many in Wisconsin, those words are linked to the vital services provided at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. This hospital cares for two-thirds of the state’s young cancer patients.

With the number of children needing life-saving bone marrow transplants expected to rise, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin desperately needed additional costly treatment technology. Lions Clubs International Foundation and caring Lions stepped in and provided funding and hope to families in times of utter darkness and doubt.

With a \$100,000.00 Matching grant from LCIF and funds raised locally, the hospital purchased equipment that gives children a better chance to enjoy healthier tomorrows and long productive lives. The hospital’s capacity to treat young cancer patients also expanded with the new equipment. Now, an additional 150 children and their families have hope for the future. This matching grant has helped to change children’s futures for the better.

Always remember the theme of DG Lilane Fox:

### **A Servant’s Heart**

Yours in Lionism,  
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Belpre, OH 45714





## CLUBS NEWS to SHARE

# BEVERLY LIONS CLUB



The Beverly Lions Club members have more than 40 blankets that they will be presenting to children in foster care in Washington County.

Delivering the blankets to a very appreciative group for a very worthy cause. WE SERVE



“Tis the season to be busy serving!



We served cookies and hot chocolate after the community Christmas Parade.

We decorate the gazebo in Dodge Park each year for Christmas.



The chamber members enjoying the luncheon.



Club members served the area Chamber of Commerce Christmas luncheon.



The 19th Beverly Lions Christmas Auction was a great success! We will be donating \$3600+ to both Diabetes Research and Childhood Cancer.



A well deserved annual Christmas Dinner and a recharge of our service batteries.



The Lions relaxing after the luncheon.



Lion Anah Mahoney is presenting the story of Lions and Leos at the Fort Frye Community Day.







### BELPRE LIONS CLUB

Each month the Belpre Lions Club has been recognizing different Veterans throughout the city. The Belpre Area Veterans has submitted their selection for the Veteran of the month. Because of the limited meeting time during the holidays we presented our January Veteran of the Month, Gary Henderson his yard sign, certificate of appreciation, and a special hand made magnet thanking each of our honorees for their service.



The Apple Butter of your Eye royalty did double service projects during the holiday. They rang the Salvation Army bell and collected donations for the Belpre Lights. A variety of fabulous displays shown throughout the city.



Enjoying some hot chocolate to take the evening chill off.



They are so excited to be out there and help however they can. Getting first hand experience of service is so heartwarming. So proud of this wonderful group of young people!





## CLUBS NEWS to SHARE ...



# MARIETTA NOON LIONS CLUB

The Marietta Noon Lions Club signed 500 cards for the Armed Forces Retirement Homes in both Washington DC and Gulfport, MS and 80 cards for The Harmar Place Community staff and residents.



Marietta Noon Lions have been busy elfing at recent meetings for the holidays

They also delivered meat and cheese trays with crackers to the four Marietta City Schools for their teachers as a thank you for helping our local youth every day.







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



### LICKING VALLEY LIONS CLUB

The Licking Valley Club honored our local Peace Poster Winners during our December meeting. We are proud to work together with the LVMS Art Department.



Lions and Leos alike helped with the Elves in Action project!

### HEATH LIONS CLUB



In November the Heath Lions volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army and raised them \$1737.70



Sadly they lost two members by death  
Lions Fran Heimerl and Harolen Wargo.



In November the Heath Lions graciously hosted the Zone 2 meeting.

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



### PATASKALA LIONS CLUB



Congratulations! To the Pataskala Lions Club for the fantastic success of this phenomenal project. With the support of other community companies and such it was indeed a remarkable accomplishments.

### RUSHVILLE UNION LIONS CLUB



Several of the Rushville Lion members volunteered their time to ring the bells at the local Kroger during the holiday season. Great Job!

Congratulations to the 2024 scholarship winners! (Front row L-R) Rylee Huffer, Alyssa Tipton, Aaliyah McCafferty (Back row L-R) Kameron Waits, Ron Rowley, Zachary Long (Not pictured) Jace Shumway, Mimi Thomas, Wyatt West, Gabriella Young, Avery Long, Sophia Taylor, Kyla Welling





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



### JACKSON LIONS CLUB



Our club's My Very Own Blanket District Project blankets have been delivered to Intergrated Services for Behavioral Health today. Pictured is Lion Irene Whaley- fringe knoter extraordinaire - creating one of the blankets.

Great job! Lion Irene!

### HEBRON LIONS CLUB

Hebron Lions Club presented several bags and boxes of sweatpants and sweatshirts to St. Lukes Church in Vanatta. Hebron Masonic Lodge F & AM 116 and the Licking Valley Lions Club donated several bags of clothing to the cause. Members of the Hebron Club also received cash donations to purchase additional items. The clothing was donated to the church, and they distributed the items to several unhoused folks in Licking County



Lion President Clifford and Lion Rose are pictured with Linda Bline from St. Lukes Church.

### ZANESVILLE HOST LIONS CLUB

The Zanesville Host Lions were honored to provide Rachel Bigham, the vision impaired teacher in the Zanesville City Schools, \$500 to purchase large print library books for her low vision students. Rachel has been trying to print the books requested by the students on her computer but it is time consuming and expensive to print. These books will make it possible for the low vision students to enjoy reading the series of books the other students are enjoying and discussing. Pictured is Lion Jeff Williamson, Teacher Rachel Bigham, a student at John McIntire School, and Lion Ann Knight.



Making a difference!







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



### THE PLAINS LIONS CLUB



The Plains Lions hosted their Annual Tree Lighting Event on 12/13/2024.

Their royalty, The Plains Indian Mound Festival invited visiting royalty from local festivals to join in caroling during the event. All royalty received a gift bag, a badge & a charm. Every child received a candy cane & gift bag



containing goodies along with a visit with Santa. Families enjoyed free hot cocoa, fresh fruit, delicious cookies, holiday movie and a free home smoke detector. The extra cookies & fruit were donated to local Senior Citizens



facilities. On 12/15/2024, Lion Tamara & Lion Jessica chaperoned our royalty donating gift bags while caroling at local nursing homes.







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



### GALLIPOLIS LIONS CLUB

The Gallipolis Lions Club once again took on the task of shopping at Walmart or over 120 Gallia County children all thanks to the generous donations from individuals and businesses of approximately \$13,000. The Hat Drive has allowed our law enforcement community and the Gallipolis Lions Club to give back to our community for 17 years now. It would be an understatement to say that we are thankful for the support that has continued to be donated for this program. Your generous support from the Gallia County is very humbling and such a honored to serve you once again!! Thank You!



A big shout out to all those who came out to help shop for this heartfelt cause.

### AMANDA LIONS CLUB



**JANUARY 18, 2025**

**3-6 pm**

**\$12**

You can purchase a ticket from an Amanda Lions member.



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### 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



### LICKING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL LEOS

On two different Friday nights, the LV Lions, Leos and friends served our community as Elves in Action. Network. Additionally, we welcomed the LV Golf Team as well as a Boy Scout troop as partners in service on those nights.



The LVHS Leo Club volunteered at The Lookup Center Christmas Shop.



Leo Elves making a difference.



### JACKSON LEOS

Leos ringing the bell for The Salvation Army today and helping to make local kids and their families have a better and brighter Christmas time this year.





## DISTRICT NEWS for YOU!

### IPDG SARA'S MEMO...



Start the new calendar year by strengthening your club with leadership!

The **officer training videos** can be found on [oh7lions.com](http://oh7lions.com) here:

<https://www.e-district.org/sites/13k/page-8.php> or They are uploaded and can be viewed on the page: **"Contest Forms, Training, Map and Lion Resources"**

For credit, view and submit the passcode for the class to [lionsaracamacho@gmail.com](mailto:lionsaracamacho@gmail.com) by 2/28/25.

Credit will be added to your Lions Club transcript for officer training credit for this lions year.

Thank you for your dedication to Lions, your community, and the world by helping strengthen your club through training!



Saying good  
bye to another  
member of the  
Lions Family

With a heavy hearts we said good bye to an amazing Lion. Lion Roger Smith of the Licking Valley Lions Club has passed, Lion Roger served as the Secretary of the Club for many years. He was an Melvin Jones Fellow also. A memorial gathering will be held on January 2nd at the Henderson Vanatta-Stickle Funeral Home in Newark. 4-7pm visitation. No Lion service will be held. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends for their loss.



## EDITOR NEWS...

*Greeting to Everyone*

*Happy Happy New Year! It doesn't surprise me that OH7 continues to be of service throughout all our communities. Lions Clubs of MD13 OH7 Serving Hearts never ceases to amaze me. We are so blessed with numerous dedicated Lions, that go above and beyond our motto of "WE SERVE". The many PDG's and other fantastic Lions in leadership have set a very high standard and example of dedicated. (Present, past and future) Keep the club news coming.*

*Loving Lionism,*

*Lion Miss Vicki*



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



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **2025**

January 3rd-**DEADLINE** for **Registration for Winter Retreat** (\$140.)

January 4th-**CHESTERHILL Pancake Breakfast** (weather permitting)

January 8th- 1st workshop to Help Grow and Strengthen your Club

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

January 18th-**AMANDA LIONS CLUB** - Spaghetti Dinner

January 22nd-2nd workshop for Growth and Strengthening your Club

January 31st-**Convention Contest Forms** are due!

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

February 1st-**CHESTERHILL Pancake Breakfast**

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 (see info in newsletter below)

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