



A Servants Heart

District Governor Lilane Fox



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The Power of the Circle: Membership, Service, and Leadership

Lions, have you ever thought about our organization as a continuous, unbreakable circle? At the heart of everything we do—our ability to serve, lead, and grow—is a cycle that connects **membership, service, and leadership** in a powerful way. When this circle remains strong, our clubs thrive, our impact expands, and our leadership strengthens. But if any part weakens, the entire structure is at risk.

Membership: The Force Multiplier

Everything starts with our members. Each new Lion brings fresh energy, ideas, and talents that help us make a greater impact. The more members we have, the more hands we have to serve. A strong membership base allows our clubs to expand service projects, reach more people in need, and create a lasting difference in our communities.

Service: The Heart of Lions

Service is what defines us. It's not just about giving back to the community—it's also about **supporting those who serve alongside us**. When Lions come together for service and fundraising projects, we learn from one another, grow stronger as a team, and create opportunities for leadership development. By working side by side, we build camaraderie, mentor one another, and help each other become better leaders.

Leadership: Strengthening Our Clubs

Leadership doesn't happen overnight—it develops through experience, training, and the support of fellow Lions. As members take part in service and club activities, they gain confidence and skills that prepare them for leadership roles. Strong leaders create strong clubs, and strong clubs attract more members. **If you are a Lion, you are a leader in your community already!**

Keeping the Circle Unbroken

The magic happens when these three elements—**membership, service, and leadership**—work together in a continuous cycle:

- More **members** enable more **service**.
- More **service** creates opportunities for **leadership development**.
- Strong **leaders** build **stronger clubs**, attracting even more **members**.

The cycle repeats, growing our impact and strengthening our organization.

If this circle is broken—if we stop growing, if we stop serving, if we fail to develop leaders—our ability to fulfill our mission is weakened. It takes all of us, working with motivation, will, and commitment, to keep the circle strong.

Lions, let's continue this cycle together. Let's **grow our membership, serve our communities, and develop leaders** who will carry our mission forward. Because when we keep the circle unbroken, there's no limit to what we can achieve.

We Serve. We Lead. We Grow. Let's do it together!

DG Lilane



CLUBS NEWS to SHARE
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
- ONSITE SECURITY PROVIDED - NO WEAPONS
- LIONS CLUB 50/50 RAFFLE



QUESTIONS? PICKLIONSPOKER@GMAIL.COM

100 PLAYER LIMIT – REGISTER TODAY!



1ST Vice District Governor Kelvin Hite



Hello Linos,

I would like to thank all the lions for coming to the OH-7 Convention and showing your support, you have in me for, District Governor. I am learning a lot every day and trying to keep up with it.

kelvinhite@gmail.com

It was wonderful to see and hear all the clubs doing so much and getting recognized for all the challenging work you did this year.

I know it has been cold this winter, but it is getting closer to spring and warmer weather. Let us get thinking about all the service jobs that your club will be doing and add two more for me. Don't forget to ask someone to join when you are out there.

I need some help with some good members that has been President or secretary to step up to be Zone Chairs and Assistant Zone Chairs. It is one of the easiest jobs out there and an enjoyable time. We will train you at the Leadership School on May 10, 2025, or June 14, 2025, at Zone Chair Training. Please let me know if anyone is interested. We need Zone Chairs for Zones 1,3,7,8 and Assistants in Zones 1,3,4,6,7,8.

If there is anything you need just call, text, or email us any time.

WE SERVE,

DG-e Kelvin Hite

Retention

Membership

**JUST
ASK**

**Service
Excellence**



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2ND Vice District Governor Tamarra Parker Stephens



Hello Fellow Lions!

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying these spring-like days. Let's hope that the cold weather and gloomy days are behind us.

February was quite a whirlwind, and March is shaping up to be even busier!

Albeit busy, last month was quite inspiring for me. Some highlights are: tales from Danville's Annual Racoon Dinner, great networking and ideas from the online Growth Workshop including learning about exciting new Lions AI resources, proudly representing OH7 with DG Lilane and 1VDG Kelvin at the quarterly MD13 Council of Governors meeting, which also included a New Voice report, Recruiter's Passport distribution, and a VDG training session, presenting a Member Orientation for the Pleasantville Lions Club, attending the Annual MD13 Leo Convention with my own club-sponsored Laker Leos and 1VDG Kelvin, not to mention my regular club and BOD meetings, other visitations, and getting ready for our district convention... Whew!

So, why did I mention all of those activities? It's because I want to show you where and how I am inspired and encouraged by all of our fellow Lions. Their work, play, and projects refill my mind with ideas and inspiration, as well as my heart with warmth and hope for all of the things we can and will do as Lions in the future. Yes, sometimes it feels busy, but mostly it keeps me motivated to be the best Lion I can be, and to be involved with the most impactful service possible.

Thank you for all that you do, and for being a Lion. Together, our servant's hearts truly are changing lives and making our mark in communities far and wide.

Convention Thoughts

What a wonderful convention we had! DG Lilane, Convention Chair Brian Fox, and the Lions of Pickerington were the major players in putting on a great convention to celebrate this Lions year; Congratulations and thank you!

ID Joanne Ogden and PDG Angie were friendly and inspiring guests. They each shared their passion for innovative service with us, which included ideas on how to make ideas into action, and took the time to get to know many Lions in attendance.

Congratulations to DG elect, Lion Kelvin Hite as he takes on the gavel of leadership on July 1. Thank you for entrusting me with your support as 1VDG elect. I am honored to serve the Lions of OH7.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Tamarra Parker-Stephens

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District OH7 1st VDG Elect
District OH7 GET Coordinator
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Changing the World One Voice at a time!



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Thank you for your continued support for LCIF. As of February 26, the total donations received and processed from our district by LCIF total \$29,979.00. As a reminder the goal set for our district is \$36,620.00. Donations to LCIF from around the world currently total \$42,456,361.94. Every gift helps us achieve our fundraising goals and enables LCIF to award more grants to enhance our service.

Our district has again used our District Community Impact Grant for humanitarian service. The funds are available by returning 15% of undesignated donations made by clubs and Lions the previous Lions year (2023-2024). Our grant was \$3,180.00 which was used to purchase 265 blankets from My Very Own Blanket to be completed by Lions and Leos and given to foster children in our service area.

We are again having the Melvin Jones Fellowship fund raiser at our district convention which is a way to donate \$1,000.00 to LCIF. There are 100 boxes with \$10 for each box. After all squares are sold a winner will be drawn at our convention. The winner will be known by the time you read this but not as I write. This will be our third year for this fund raiser for LCIF. If the winner is already a Mevin Jones Fellow, they may designate another person or receive a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

This is taken from the 2023-2024 LCIF Annual Report which was recently published. The following highlight a couple of grants awarded by LCIF. Lions all over the world have found unique ways to support families facing childhood cancer. In Ribeirao Petro, Brazil, the Lions of District LC6 decided to help expand a family hostel with a \$80,602 LCIF Childhood Cancer Grant, so the Children with Cancer Support Group can serve an additional 27 children and their caregivers each year. The second grant expands services at a diabetes camp. Camp Sweet Life is an overnight type 1 diabetes camp in Southern Minnesota for youth eight to 15, with a day camp option for children aged five to seven. Lions of District 5M-2 recognized the significance of supporting the expansion and enhancement of the camp, so they decided to apply for a grant. LCIF awarded Lions a \$37,500 Diabetes Grant to fund medical supplies, counselor training and programmatic expenses to enhance camp experience.

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CLUBS NEWS to SHARE ...



EAST KNOX LIONS CLUB

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SPRING GUN SHOW

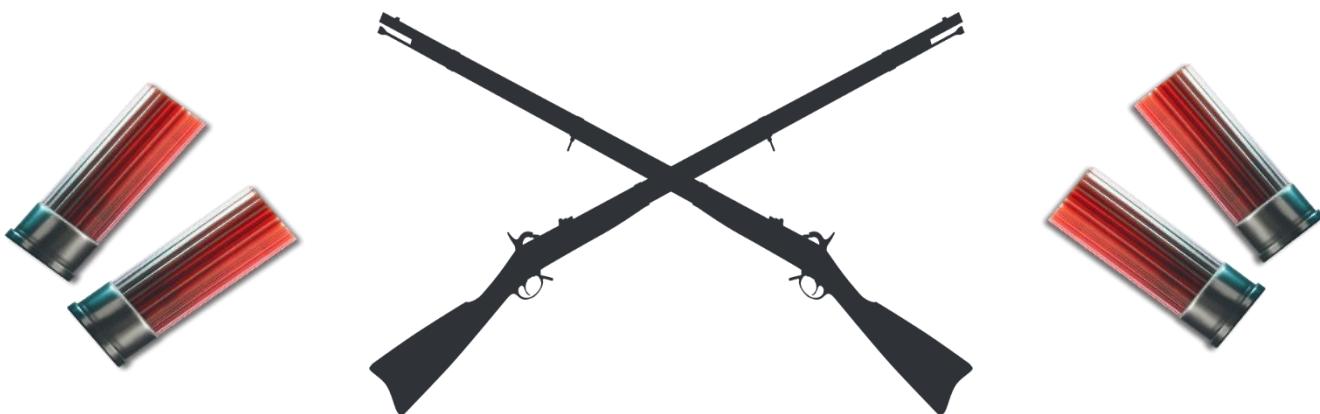
9:00 ~ 2:00

SATURDAY ~ MARCH 8, 2025

**Floral Valley Community Center
850 Crestrose Drive, Howard OH 43028**

**8 FT TABLES ~ \$25.00 each
Set up ~ 7 am
Admission - \$5.00 per person**

**Raffles - Drawings
Concessions**



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ATHENS LIONS CLUB



The Athens Lions Club held their first meeting of February at the Athens IHOP Restaurant. They welcomed two guests - Mark and Candi Morris, who have decided to join their club! Welcome Mark and Candi. Also pictured on the right is Lion Jay Beam.

Lion Katie Hartman led her club on another in-meeting service project to pack candy for Valentine's Day. The candy will be donated to an area hospital to thank our health care workers for their support to our community.



Lion Jim McLaren, guest Mark Morris, Lions Katie Hartman, Dave Gehlauf, Mike Harrington, Ryan Ham assemble candy bags.



Lions Dave Gehlauf and Tim Hartman donate Valentine's Day Candy bags to Ohio Health O'Bleness Hospital in Athens. (pictured above) They also donated Valentine's Day Candy bags to Marietta Memorial Health Systems - Athens Campus. (pictured left)



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ATHENS LIONS CLUB continues...



Club members show several of the blankets prepared as part of the OH7 District Project "My Very Own Blanket" - which will be donated to the Athens County Children's Services this week.



Athens Lions Club members Mike Harrington (left) and Dave Gehlauf (right) visited with Matt Starkey (center) with Athens County Children Services and donated 20 blankets prepared by our club as part of the Lions OH7 District Wide project chartered by our District Governor, Lilane Fox.

WELLSTON LIONS CLUB



The Wellston Lion's Club would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for helping to support the Wellston Lion's Club Santa float project.

- *Ohio Valley Bank *Darrow Insurance
- *Jerry's Do It Center *Happenings Bistro
- *Jeff and Ceil Plummer *Atomic Credit Union
- *Jackson Firefighters Association
- *Hamden Firefighters *People's Bank
- *Linda Patton Halley Unique Finds and Bins
- *Jackson Lion's Club

And many anonymous donors who donated money to us along the way. Thank you to our Santa Float Crew: Charlie Patton and Gannon, Matt Garvey, Chris O Boyle drivers Anna Lewis and Dennis Case, Jennifer Case, Kerry Rafferty, Teresa Lemaster, Linda Patton Halley, Dawn, Donna and Jenna Lewis. Please support the Wellston Lions Club with our fundraising events throughout the year and support our sponsors as well. See you in July!



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MARIETTA NOON LIONS CLUB

Marietta Noon Lions got together for their annual Christmas party!



From a white elephant auction to reindeer games, fun was had by all! Food, fun, and fellowship are major tenants of our Club - with Service as our foundation! All of our DaVinci's Restaurant and Santee Sweets leftovers went to EVE, Incorporated



Thank you to Detective Schwendeman of the Washington County Sheriff's Office - Marietta, Ohio for bringing us the most up to date information on common scams and ways to keep ourselves safe!

What is Lions?
Lions are like minded people who have fun whilst giving KINDNESS.
To become a lion.
JUST ASK!



We Serve



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ROSEVILLE LIONS CLUB

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ROSEVILLE LIONS CLUB CAR SHOW

DATE & TIME: Sunday, April 27, 2025

RAIN DATE: Sunday, May 4, 2025

LOCATION: Community Bank Branch Parking Lot

Route 22, Maysville Pike, South Zanesville

Registration: 11 am- 2 pm AWARDS: 3pm



Registration: \$15.00

Trucks, Motorcycles, and Tractors are Welcome



Dash Plaques to the 1st 50 Vehicles

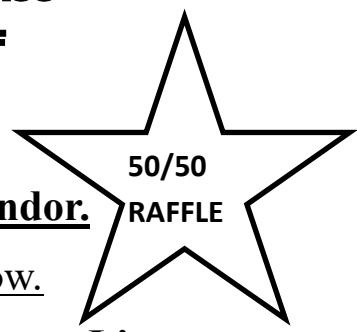
OUR PROCEEDS HELP IN OUR TOWN WITH:

**THE GOOD PROGRAM IN OUR SCHOOLS,
SEEING EYE DOG PROGRAMS, EYE GLASS
PURCHASES, & DISASTER RELIEF**



There will be “Oldies” music and a Food Vendor.

Please note: This is not a professionally judged show.



**TEN TOP AWARDS plus DJ Choice, Participant's Choice, Lions
Choice, and the Community Bank Award.**

For More information: Contact ED Gamble 740-503-3524

**THANKS TO COMMUNITY BANK FOR THE USE OF THEIR
PARKING LOT**



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Welcome to the Lions Family!

BEVERLY LIONS CLUB



Sponsor Diana Oliver (left) and PDG John Shreve (right) welcome our newest Lion Jeff Oliver to the BLC. Lion Jeff was inducted on Feb. 6th.



MILLERSPORT LIONS CLUB

Albright into their Club. Welcome aboard, we're looking forward to serving with you!



LICKING VALLEY LIONS CLUB

The Licking Valley Lions Club welcomes Lion Kathy Mehler (right) into the club. Her sponsor is Lion Rosanne Nethers. (left) Lion Ron McLeish did the induction. .

GALLIPOLIS LIONS CLUB



It was my honor to sponsor five new members into the Gallipolis Lions Club this evening. Their induction via candlelight ceremony was a memorable experience, and awarding them the Lion Pin Emblem was a proud moment for me as a Lion. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Travis Schultz, April Schultz, Amy Wahl, Janette Conner, and Shayne White. Thank you Ollie Paxton Tipple for doing the induction ceremony for us.

CLUBS NEWS to SHARE ... (continues)



MILLERSPORT LIONS CLUB



SWEET CORN FESTIVAL

It's ear-resistable fun!

Looking for a simple and effective fundraising solution for your club, charity, or organization's next community service project? The Millersport Lions Club offers a "turn-key" fundraising opportunity through their Major Prize Ticket sales for the annual Millersport Sweet Corn Festival.

There's no initial investment needed. Your members can keep 50% of every ticket they sell, and simply return the remaining 50% along with ticket stubs and any unsold tickets before the festival's opening day (August 27th, 2025). With attractive top prizes, supporting worthy causes, and a 78-year history – these tickets are an easy sell.

If you would like more information about this proven fundraiser or place an order for an allotment of Major Prize Tickets, contact Lindsay Drumm at 614-400-4886 by text or email drumm.89@osu.edu today. Lindsay serves as the Chairman of the Grand Prize Booth for the Sweet Corn Festival.

The grand prize is \$10,000, with a \$2,500 second prize and a \$500 third prize.

The Sweet Corn Festival is the oldest and largest annual project of the Millersport Lions Club which was founded in 1946 and will be held on August 27-31 at Historic Lions Park in Millersport. Patrons can enjoy hot dripping ears of sweet corn, a large midway, tractor pulls, square dancing, contests, clogging, our heritage village, and lots of festive foods. There is a grand parade on Wednesday at 6:00 pm; queens' pageant on Thursday at 7:30 pm; national headline artists on Friday and Saturday at 8:30 pm; and a 5-K Run on Saturday at 9:00 am.

Come see why we are ear-resistable fun! Admission is FREE, \$20 per vehicle parking fee. For more information go to our website: www.sweetcornfest.com



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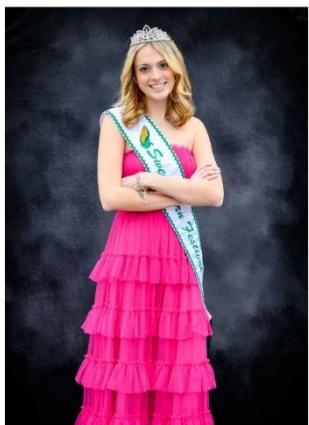


MILLERSPORT LIONS CLUB



President Diana Keller and Lion Barbara Nokes held a "Banner Bee" on Feb 1st to attach a backlog of patches and awards to the club banners. Cyndi Condrey, not pictured, also participated

Sneak Peak at the 2025 Festival



Just released photos
Left: Reigning Queen Allison Bonito. Everyone who has met her praise her intelligence, grace and poise. Those aspects certainly shine through in the official photographs.

Right: Durant Amusement announced that they will be bringing their brand new Expo Wheel to the festival this year.



A crew of Lions cleared the new section of the clubhouse so that a new floor could be installed. They returned three days later to put it all back. The upgrade replaces a 60 year old tile floor that had greatly outlived its expected life. It was replaced by 21st century luxury vinyl tile which is the current standard for commercial flooring installation and enhances the look and functionality of the space. While costly, it will save thousands of dollars in upkeep over the life of the floor as compared to trying to extend the life of the previous floor. The work crew included Lions Shawn Carter, Michael Starr, Richard Neff, Steve Shover, Kelvin Hite, Ron Keller, Patti Betts, and Betsy Wolf, with special shout out to Lions Cyndi and Jim Condrey who moved the entire contents of the office out and then came before anyone else to move it all back in place.





CLUBS NEWS to SHARE...(continues)

LICKING VALLEY LIONS CLUB



HOTCAKE HOP

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES * CRAFTS * PICTURES WITH THE BUNNY

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

8:30 AM - 11 AM

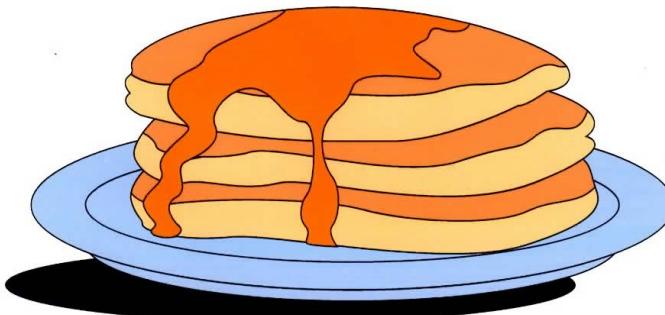
LICKING VALLEY ELEMENTARY

1510 LICKING VALLEY RD, NEWARK, OHIO

TICKETS: \$10 EACH, UNDER 2 FREE

Register via Venmo @LVLions (preferred). Include family name and total number of tickets.

*Tickets ARE sold at the door



Pancakes, bacon, juice/milk will be served



**All proceeds benefit
the LV Lions Club**



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BEVERLY LIONS CLUB



Beverly Lions served about 100 people at their Community Lunch on February 22nd. We served a variety of soups with corn bread, crackers, veggies, and cookies.



Lions Doug Harshbarger and Rhiannon Loane auctioning off items to Beverly Lions at their annual White Elephant Auction. Auction items are wrapped or bagged with hints that may or may not have anything to do with what is actually being bid on.



Beverly Lions wait for their chance to bid on items. Funds from this activity go to our administrative account.

GALLIPOLIS LIONS CLUB



The Gallipolis Lions Club proudly recognizes Richard Tipple as their February 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, Richard, for being an inspiration to us all!



CLUBS NEWS to SHARE...(continues)



BELPRE LIONS CLUB



Lions George Gilbert (left) and Laura (taking picture) visited the Arcadia Nursing home to share some Valentine love to both the residents and staff.



Our other nursing and rehab facilities were visited as well. Lion Jolene Reeder delivered care bags to Rockland Rehab. And Belpre Landing. They also included Valentine cards for each of the residents.

The Belpre Lions Club presented their March Veteran of the Month, Don Burch with his certificate of appreciation and yard sign. His wife Becky (left) came with him. He was sincerely grateful to be thanked for his services. He was also presented with some patriotic novelties.



Pictured are a few of the many blankets the club worked on to present to the Washington County Foster Home. (left to right) Lions Jack Coram, Jolene Reeder (sec) Steve Reeder (treas.) Gary Webb, Miss Vicki (pres.) Kendra Webb, Rose Scott, Laura Coram, and George Gilbert.



HAPPENINGS within the STATE



Ohio Lions State Convention

Celebrating Centennial Speech of Helen Keller
May 16-18, 2025

Sawmill Creek Resort
400 Sawmill Creek Drive
Huron, OH 44839

419-433-3800

International Guest: **PIP Frank Moore**

Ohio Lions State Convention Registration

Full Registration

A completed registration form must be sent to the Ohio Lions State Office regardless of the method of payment you choose. The registration deadline is **April 26, 2025**.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations are available at the **Sawmill Creek Resort** for the special daily rate of **\$159+tax**. Please call the hotel directly at **(419) 627-2106** and mention **Ohio Lions** to receive this rate. Room reservations received after **April 12, 2025**, will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates.

The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.





NEWS FROM THE LEOS



LICKING VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL LEOS



The Licking Valley Middle School Leo Club sponsored a drive and collected items to create bags full of things that will provide some comfort to those who are unsheltered. Over 100 bags were donated to The Warming Center

MUSKINGUM VALLEY LEOS



The Muskingum Valley Leos on February 9th handed out carnations to community members to show their love and appreciation at Sponey's IGA



. Leo Garin attended the Leo convention on February 22nd. Garin presented projects completed by the Leos and met Leos from all over Ohio.



EDITOR NEWS...

Greetings to EVERYONE!!!

It has finally arrived! Our CONVENTION, a time to honor so many great Lions, Recognize the outstanding acts of service within our clubs, and FANTASTIC District! This issue of the newsletter is a regular news letter of the activities within the clubs.

FYI Another issue of the newsletter will be coming soon!! It will be loaded with different events at the Convention. “WE SERVE” Something that I am so proud of our District setting a great example. I hope each of you enjoy this issue of the newsletter as well as the CONVENTION SUMMARY ISSUE coming soon. Please don't be afraid to congratulate your fellow club members and Lions throughout the District and State. Many wonderful things have been done and many more will continue to be done. Kind words will go a long way.

Take Care,

Lovin Lionism,

Lion Miss Vicki





CLUBS NEWS to SHARE... (continues)



DATES TO REMEMBER:

2025

March 8th -**EAST KNOX**- Spring Gun Show-9am-2pm (see flyer)

March 13th-**ZONE 6** meeting-**Chesterhill** (see DENS)

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

March 20th- **ZONE 1** meeting-**Warsaw** (see DENS)

March 26th- **ZONE 2** meeting-**Pataskala** (see DENS)

March 27th-**ZONE 8** meeting-**Coal Grove** (see DENS)

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

April 12th-**LICKING VALLEY**-Hot cake Hop-8:30am - 11:00am

April 27th-**ROSEVILLE LIONS CAR SHOW**-(see flyer)

May 4-Rain date for ROSEVILLE CAR SHOW

May 10-Denny Irwin Leadership School-Licking Valley H.S.9am-3pm

May 16-18- **Ohio Lions State Convention**-Celebrating Centennial Speech of Helen Keller (see Information in Newsletter pages)

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

