



A Servants Heart

District Governor Lilane Fox



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**Building Stronger Clubs through Leadership,
Compliance, and Innovation**

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Leadership School – May 10

Join us for our District Leadership School on Friday, May 10, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM in Albany, Ohio.

This training is for incoming Club Officers, District leadership positions, and anyone interested in learning more about topics like AI for Lions using new Lions Virtual apps, and best practices for club success.

Learn more about Lions Virtual Apps here: <https://lionsvirtual.org>

Compliance Alert – IRS Tax Exemption

If your club has lost its IRS tax-exempt status (even by accident), immediate action is needed. Without IRS recognition, your Lions club is at risk of losing its charter. Clubs can apply for reinstatement through the IRS using Form 1024 or 1023-EZ, depending on your situation. Please use the link below to research your club. Best results can be achieved using your EIN number. Helpful link: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>

Branding and Legal Compliance – Action Required

Foundations, charities, or other nonprofits operating separately from a chartered Lions club but using the Lions name or logo must immediately contact Lions Clubs International Legal Division for review and approval. LCI is actively monitoring unauthorized use and may take enforcement action. For guidance, visit: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/legal-resources>

Final Thoughts

Leadership, compliance, and innovation are key to a successful future. Let's continue to honor the Lions brand with pride, act responsibly, and work together to build even stronger clubs and communities. Lions exist because we care about our communities and want to help others. So let's make sure we can continue doing that for many years to come in District OH7!

Thank you for your commitment and service by living out your Servant's Heart!

DG Lilane



Ohio Association of the Deaf/Blind to Hold Retreat in August



Here is a great opportunity for District and Ohio Lions to help out a small group of Ohio citizens who deal with the same challenges that Helen Keller dealt with: They are blind and deaf.

The Ohio Association of the Deaf/Blind is holding a 4-day retreat in Marengo, Ohio, on August 14 - 17, 2025. The retreat will include indoor and outdoor activities, plus a variety of workshops and classes to give attendees the tools they need to navigate in today's hearing/sighted world.

As you can imagine, this retreat will have huge costs associated with it and the OADB (a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization) is busy fundraising to cover their costs. They are reaching out to corporate donors as well as Lions for help.

The Pickerington Lions Club has sent a \$500 donation for the retreat and we are challenging all other clubs in the district to donate some amount to this worthy project.

Please make your checks out to: Ohio Association of the Deaf/Blind (put Retreat Donation in the memo line)

PO Box 763

Brice, OH

Questions can be directed to the OADB President, Donna Schultz at donna.schultzdb@gmail.com



DG Lilane continues to Serve wherever she goes!



We are at the OH5 District Lions Convention at Deer Creek State Park. We just finished packing 250 bags of items for moms and kids in homeless shelters. Bags include personal care products, blankets, towels and washcloths, toys and stuffed animals for the kids and pacifiers and baby bottles for toddlers among other things



OH7 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6
9-945				Vision Screening - Mary Bumpus		Leadership Training Opportunities - Sara Camacho
10-1045	President's Training - Lilane Fox	Treasurer Training - Dan Osborn	Zone Chair - Cathy Dardis	OLF - Fred Boring	Youth Exchange - PDG Sue Diehm	
11-1145	Lion's History Brian Fox	Compliance - Dan Osborn	LCIF - Greg Randolph			District Governor Team - PID Ron Keller
Lunch						
1-145		Committee Chair - Sara Camacho	Secretary Training - Cathy Dardis	Lions Portal - Kevin Plummer	Membership Chair Tamarra Parker-Stephens	
2-245	AI - Lilane Fox			Service Project Ideas - DGe Kelvin Hite	Recruiters Passport Tamarra Parker-Stephens	

Here is the schedule for the Leadership School, It is taking place on **Saturday, May 10, 2025**.

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about how your elected role in your club and how you can grow and serve your community. Registration: **8am-9am**

Location: Alexander H S- 6015 Ayers Road, Albany, Ohio 45710



1ST Vice District Governor Kelvin Hite



Hi everyone, it's hard to believe it's May already.

Robin and I have been running around to Conventions, Club meetings, Service events. I have 5 more Clubs to visit. Will be calling you soon.

I have Two important things to bring up.

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1 - I need every club to get your Officers in the Portal NOW.
Do not wait until they are installed.

This is the information we need to start the District Directory. For those of you that did not change make sure your information is current.

2 – If you are an Officer this year, you have to get trained for that position. On May 10th, Leadership School will be held at Alexandria High School in Albany, Ohio, commencing at 9 am. Lots of different classes, lunch, and FUN.

I have seen one club helping another club, this is great. I would like to see more of this. We are all Lions, and we all are doing this to Serve the community.

The spring weather is warmer so we can get out and do our service.

Lions International President Elect A.P. Singh said at one of our meetings, that he would like us to do 2 more service projects this year and ASK people to come to your next club meetings. Then get them to join. But the first thing you must do is ASK THEM.

Be safe, have Fun, till next time,

DGe Kelvin Hite,

We SERVE

Retention **Membership**



Service
Service



2ND Vice District Governor



Hello fellow Lions,

I hope this message finds you well, and enjoying what looks like true spring in Ohio. April has been relatively quiet for me, although I have attended more zoom meetings than I can count.

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As we move towards the end of our Lions year, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your important service, and your efforts in reporting your service activities. We are one or two percentage points away from reaching our 100% service reporting goal for the entire state of Ohio. Please congratulate yourselves, and know that we are proud of you. Also know that we have set a high bar for Lions worldwide, and I am proud to be an Ohio Lion

It's been wonderful to see springtime activities starting up again, namely car shows, fish fries, roadside and neighborhood cleanups, and of course, it's always wonderful to see smiling Lion faces in the sunshine.

I'm very excited to see that the new club effort Lithopolis is having an organizational meeting soon, and truly hope that we can start this club before the end of the year. Kudos to GMT Scott Stewart and ZC Dave King! The new club effort Baltimore is getting closer to an organizational meeting, and that should also happen in the next few weeks. So far, the committed charter members are very enthusiastic, and I believe that this club will be a success

May will be filling up before you know it, so I'll go ahead and wish you a Happy Mother's Day, Congratulations on graduations, and have a blessed Memorial Day. I am grateful for all who have sacrificed for our freedom. Thank you.

Lastly, I hope to see you at the Ohio Lions State Convention later this month. This is an historic opportunity to celebrate Lionism at the very site where Helen Keller challenged us to become nights for the blind. Please don't miss out.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Tamara Parker-Stephens

MD13 New Voices Coordinator

District OH7 1st Vice District Governor Elect

District OH7 GET Coordinator

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TRAVELING WITH PID RON and KITTY



PID Ron and Lion Kitty were the international guests for the District 11-E-2 Lions Convention in Gaylord, Michigan. Photo is us with DG Dennis & Linda Gosha **DG Lilane & Brian Fox** are good friends of Dennis & Linda.

One of the stops PID Ron and Lion Kitty visited was District 11-E-2 Lions assembling 365 hygiene bags for homeless shelter in northern Michigan.





Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Thank you for your continued support for LCIF. As of April 25, the total donations received and sent from our district to LCIF total \$34,169.00. Thank you to Lions and Clubs for your donations with Lions donating \$9,005.00 and clubs donating \$25,164.00. Over \$1.3 billion has been awarded in grants since 1968.

Please attend the District Lions Leadership School on May 10th at Alexander High School with many learning opportunities including a class about LCIF.

I am highlighting a couple of LCIF supported projects with one using a District and Club Community Impact Grant like our district has used in the last few years and the other using an LCIF Hunger Grant.

Ohio

The Painesville Lions Club used a District and Club Community Impact Grant of US\$6,503 to help create the five-day Painesville Safety Town training program in collaboration with parks and recreation, public works, police, firefighters and more. In response to recent tragedies with children in the community, this event was introduced to provide incoming kindergarten students with skills in the areas of pedestrian safety, fire safety, bike safety, water safety and train safety. With 20 children participating, 81% of parents felt their child's safety knowledge increased and 90% of parents would recommend the program to others, according to post-event surveys.



Texas

To fight hunger in the Texas counties of El Paso, Hudspeth and Culberson, 12 Lions clubs in District 2-T3 partnered with the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger food bank to purchase a refrigerated semi-truck funded by an LCIF Hunger Grant of US\$100,000. Poverty and lack of access to food sources combine to create great need in these counties. The mobile pantry will serve 450-500 families per week, at 5-12 sites. Area Lions can volunteer for mobile pantry food distributions, directly helping those in need.



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CLUBS NEWS to SHARE ...



ATHENS LIONS CLUB

Members of our local Lions Clubs once again conducted preschool vision screening at Amesville Elementary School today (April 2, 2025) at the request of Deb Richter with the Athens Meigs Educational Support Center. Thirteen children were screened for vision health and two children were referred to a formal exam by an eye professional.

Thanks to the following area members for Lions their support today:

The Plains Lions Club:

Warren Jeffers

The Athens Lions Club

Tim Hartman
Gary Wharton
PDG Bill Schultz
Mike Harrington



The Beacon School took delivery of the Cuddle Swing for which our Athens Lions Club donated funding to have their old damaged one replaced. We hope the school gets many years of service from the new Cuddle Swing

The Athens Lions Club and the Athens Art Guild provided financial support to the Beacon School to enable the students to attend an immersive art museum in Columbus called "OtherWorld". Both entities provided \$500 to cover the cost of admission for the students. The exhibit is an immersion in sensory stimulating exhibits. For more information - see their website: <https://www.otherworld.com/>.

Members of the Athens County Lions Club performed preschool vision screening at Coolville Elementary School. This service was performed at the request of Deb Richter with the Athens / Meigs Educational Support Center, and completes the preschool vision screening requested across five area schools.

At Coolville, 11 students were screened for vision health and 3 referrals were made for a professional eye exam. Again thanks to our dedicated screeners:



The Plains Lions Club Member Warren Jeffers (and vision screening leader for the day) Athens Lions Club Members Tim Hartman, Gary Wharton and Bill Schultz.

Screening totals for all five schools tested this Spring:

127 students screened , 16 referrals to an eye professional
14 notifications to parents and school staff on potential for color deficiency, 3 additional referrals by PlusOptix Autorefractor where LEA testing indicating passing results (not currently approved by State of Department of Health - but expected to be approved for next screening standard).

Lion Gary Wharton conducts visual observation testing on a student while Lion Tim Hartman in the background looks on.



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BELPRE LIONS CLUB

Several of the Belpre Lions attended Chesterhill's Lions monthly breakfast. We all had a wonderful time and delicious food of course. If you have never gone you are missing out on some really great food. On the left is Lion Gary (little cub Braxton) and Kendra Webb. Then we have young Charlotte, Lion Steve, Lion Jolene, and Mason Reeder. Last but not least, on the tail end is Lion Vicki



DGe Kelvin and Lion Robin (hidden on other side of DGe)

were one of our guests. DGe Kelvin shared his goals for his upcoming year and encouraged us to keep asking for others to become members. We appreciated him coming and sharing his vision. He also reminded us about the upcoming Leadership School.

Our other guest for the evening was Ryan Lemley. Our schools in Belpre are extremely old and falling apart. The board has been trying to get a levy passed to no avail. Mr. Lemley showed the plans

and explained the different phases that would need to be done. Our kids deserve to have updated technology in a functional facility. He was very helpful to explain more clearly, what the plan is, hoping for the vote.



We were very egg-cited to be a part of both the Parkersburg Easter Parade and the 1st Belpre Easter Parade's. Afterwards our members helped out with the Glow in the dark Easter Egg hunt that was put on by Belpre Nazarene Church.

We handed out flyers for our upcoming Spaghetti dinner and silent auction fundraiser on May 4th 4pm

-6pm and our helpers threw out candy to the crowds.





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BELPRE LIONS CLUB



The Belpre Lions proudly re-established the presentation of the G.O.O.D. program to the third grade classes at Belpre Middle School. Pictured are the students for Mrs. Simpers, Mrs. Roberts, and Mr. Watson. Each child was presented with a T-shirt, certificate of acknowledgement, a small Lions pin and a stuffed Lion. It was a joyful occasion for all. (Twelve students were honored - 2 from each class for each half of the year.)

A special shout out to Simmons Insurance for graciously sponsoring the G.O.O.D. Program this year!



Each month the Belpre Lions Club has the privilege of honoring a local veteran for our Veteran of the Month program. For the month of May we were thrilled to honor Robert "Bob" Hadfield.

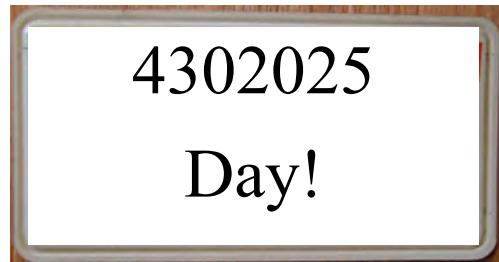
Pictured are: President Lion Miss Vicki and Bob Hadfield. We want others to recognize our local Veterans, thus we provide a sign to be displayed in their yard showing our appreciation!

HEBRON LIONS CLUB

The Hebron Lions showing their Support for the Village by participating in the celebrating of 43025 day! 4-30-2025 which is also the zip code for Hebron'. They were offering lemonade, water, and iced tea during the event.



They also have Sponsored three \$500.00 scholarships for Lakewood High School seniors.





BELPRE LIONS CLUB

SPAGHETTI

Fundraiser and Silent Auction

May 4th

4-6 PM

**Donation only
Kids FREE**

Come and enjoy spaghetti, salad, roll and dessert. Tea, Lemonade, Coffee and Water.

Over 15 different baskets to bid on



Proceeds go back into our community. Help us to be able to purchase glasses, give out scholarships, and assist with community needs.

**Belpre Nazarene Church
1301 Putnam Howe Dr. Belpre**



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BEVERLY LIONS CLUB



The Beverly Lions Club wishes to thank everyone who came to their pancake breakfast. It was well attended. Your support is deeply appreciated.



The kiddos had so much fun gathering up the eggs at the Beverly Lions egg hunt and Breakfast with the Easter



The Beverly Lions served as the route guides for the Annual 5K Bunny Hop Run/Walk



Both the Beverly Lions and the Muskingum Valley Leos teamed up for a highway clean up! Great job!



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JACKSON LIONS CLUB



The last of the 212 “carrots” have been delivered. In addition to the Lions involved, Thanks to the help of the Buckeye Community Services DayHab participants who made and delivered to Jenkins. They even had extra help from the Easter Bunny!



HEATH LIONS CLUB

The Heath Lions completed their annual Easter Egg Hunt on 4/19 and had 1500 Eggs, and 250 Treat bags for the kids. The Easter bunny from the sheriff's dept of Licking county was there too! The radio station T 100 was there also. The areas were sectioned off by age group and they had a special needs area for the handicap and autism. There were 19 baskets of goodies and 32 stuffed animals and they gave a little animal to 0 to one age group.

In May The Heath Club will serve the meal to the 8th graders from Heath city schools, as it will be Youth and Government day. It will be held at the fire station on Heath Rd. There will be the mayor and other dignitaries.



Meal to be catered by Lee's chicken.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

Well it's May and those showers are still falling. I am sure many of them in July and August we w clubs are getting geared up for their busy time of the year. Fairs, Festivals and all those other summer events. I hope many of you will be attending the OH7 Leadership School on May 10th. It's always fun and so informative, however, meeting new and seeing fellow Lions is always great! Keep those articles coming especially letting us know what ideas you have done in your community. Sharing ideas will help us all grow. Until next time have a great month.

Lovin Lionism

Lion Miss Vicki



CLUBS NEWS to SHARE ...(continues)



GALLIPOLIS LIONS CLUB

It was a profound privilege to represent the Gallipolis Lions Club, alongside Amy Wahl and Janette Conner, in donating cozy blankets and cuddly bears to the Pediatric Department at Holter Medical Center this morning. The "My Favorite Blanket Program" is a testament to the power of community compassion, made possible by a grant from Lions Club International to Southeastern Ohio, which enabled the creation of over 1,000 special blankets designed to bring comfort and joy to children. Knowing that these small gestures can have a lasting impact on young lives is a truly empowering feeling. We are honored to have had the opportunity to share this gift with the kids at Holter Pediatric Department, embodying the Lions' core belief in making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.



Pictured are: Amy Wahl, Janette Conner, Nikki Hogan, Kaylee Gillman, Haley Coon, and Chris Homer.



At the Gallipolis Lions Club meeting the members completed a service project. They assembled 24 birthday cake kits for Court Street Ministries. These kits were presented to Lori Hall of Court Street Ministries so that they can be given to their guests with birthdays in April. It is a privilege to partner with such an outstanding organization that cares about the community. Pictured are Lori Hall of Court Street Ministries receiving the birthday cake kits from Lions President Tommy Saunders.



We want to extend our gratitude to the Gallipolis Lions Club for their amazing donation of handmade blankets to be distributed to some of the children we serve. We are honored that they thought of our program, and we know our kids will love the blankets.

Pictured here holding a few of the blankets are Lion's Club member and CASA Volunteer Ollie Tipple, Meigs-Gallia CASA/GAL Program's Volunteer Coordinator Jaelea Phoenix, and Lion's Club President Tommy Saunders.



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PLEASANTVILLE LIONS CLUB

Pleasantville Lions Club presents

QUARTER AUCTION

Saturday, May 3, 2025
Doors Open at 12:00pm
Auction Begins at 1:00pm

Paddles are just \$5.00 each!
Concessions available
50/50 Raffle

Never been to a Quarter Auction before? No problem!
We'll show you how easy it is to play! Bring a roll or two of quarters for bidding and cash for paddle purchase. This is a fun and inexpensive way to get great products for just quarters!

Pleasantville Community Center
207 W. Columbus St.
Call 710-468-2237 for questions!





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MILLERSPORT LIONS CLUB



Lion Sharon Steingass received a District Lion of the Year Award for exceptional service. Sharon was instrumental in rescuing the Millersport Area Food Pantry quadrupling the families served. At the same time she jumped into the position of Club Secretary with both feet and was a frequent participant at the Festival Fun meetings throughout the Summer.

IPID Ron Keller gave a fitting tribute to Lion Dave Roshon who tragically passed away. Dave was a fourteen year member of the club. He was always present at the Festival helping keep the grounds clean and running the recycling program.



LIONS PARK CLEAN UP DAY

A good crew showed up for the first FUN meeting on April 19th. A lot of twigs and nuts were removed. Richard and Kelvin mulched the old leaves that we couldn't get to last fall. We ended the morning with hot soup and cornbread.



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MILLERSPORT LIONS CLUB



SWEET CORN FESTIVAL

It's ear-resistable fun!



Exile
Friday August 29

Legendary Band Exile to Headline the Sweet Corn Festival on Friday, August 29th. The Sweet Corn Festival is thrilled to announce that Exile, the chart-topping country rock band, will headline the festival on Friday, August 29, 2025. Known for their timeless hits like "Kiss You All Over," "Give Me One More Chance," and "Woke Up in Love," Exile promises an unforgettable night of music and memories. Formed in the 1960s and still going strong, Exile has captivated audiences for decades with their unique blend of rock and country, amassing more than ten No. 1 hit singles and a loyal fan base. Their high-energy live performances and deep catalog of classic songs make them a perfect fit for one of Ohio's favorite end-of-summer traditions. Admission to the concert is free. The show will take place at the Brookover-Harlow Pavilion with music starting at 8:30 PM. The Sweet Corn

Festival, running August 27–30, 2025, features free concerts, family-friendly entertainment, rides, games, a grand parade, and of course, all the hot, buttered sweet corn you can eat. Located at Historic Lions Park in Millersport, this beloved community event has something for everyone.

GET EXCITED!
2025 Sweet Corn Festival Headliners



The Oak Ridge Boys

The Sweet Corn Festival is proud to announce that The Oak Ridge Boys, one of the most celebrated vocal groups in country music history, will headline the festival on Saturday, August 30, 2025. With legendary hits like "Elvira," "Bobbie Sue," and "American Made," the group is sure to bring a show-stopping performance to the festival's final night. Known for their distinctive four-part harmonies and chart-topping success, The Oak Ridge Boys have been entertaining audiences for over five decades. With numerous Grammy, CMA, and ACM awards to their name, they continue to delight fans with high-energy shows and timeless classics. The concert is free and will take place at the Brookover-Harlow Pavilion. Music begins at 8:30 PM, so bring a chair, grab some sweet corn, and get ready for a night of unforgettable music under the stars.



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LICKING VALLEY LIONS CLUB



The Licking Valley Lions Club hosted its annual Hotcake Hop Breakfast with the Bunny this morning! We greeted and served approximately 200 guests which included Lion friends, Leos, cubs, and community members. Our guests enjoyed pancakes with sprinkles and bacon! The LVMS Leo Club hosted craft and game stations for the kids while our bunny hopped around talking, coloring, high-5ing and posing for pictures. It was a great day!



Don't forget the milk and OJ!



Mixing up the pancake batter



Bacon, bacon lots of bacon!
Mmmm good.



A very happy helper!



Poor Bunny is wiped out. He did a lot of jumping!.



CLUBS NEWS to SHARE...(continues)



MARIETTA NOON LIONS CLUB

We are so proud of our Bridge of Heroes and can't thank our corporate sponsors enough for their annual support!

At their lunch meeting, the Marietta Noon Lions had the opportunity to thank their corporate sponsors of their Bridge of Heroes project for 2024.

Thank you to the following sponsors who were able to attend:



Iesa McVey with the
Belpre Chapter #541
OES,



President Eric Clark of the
Belpre Area Veterans,



Sylvi Caporale from
American Flags and Poles

Thank you to both Pioneer Group and McAlarney Pools, Spas & Billiards for their support even though they weren't able to attend.

Kim Betz with Edward
Jones



Jessica Daye and Daniela
Hedges from People's Bank



Earl George from
Lodge #609.



Their first display of the Bridge of Heroes will be Memorial Day weekend! #WeServe



NEWS FROM THE LEOS



JACKSON LEOS



The Jackson Leos enjoyed volunteering at the Dog Pound Yard Sale to set up for their sale that was held the other evening. There are lots of goodies!

RUSHVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEOS



Thanks to our students' kindness and generosity, the RMS Leo Club collected over 100 stuffed animals for the Columbus Children's Cancer Hospital! The donations will bring comfort, smiles, and love to so many brave kids facing tough battles.

We are incredibly proud of our students for stepping up and showing what it means to give from the heart. This wouldn't have been possible without the amazing support of our entire school community — thank you for making a difference!

MUSKINGUM VALLEY LEOS



Leo Garin Schaad (Muskingum Valley) won **Ohio Leo of the year for OH7**.

Congratulations Garin!

Muskingum Valley Leos step up to help with the highway clean up along with the Beverly Lions Club





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DATES TO REMEMBER:

2025

May 3-**PLEASANTSVILLE**-Quarter Auction **1pm** (see flyer)

May 3-**CHESTERHILL**-Monthly Breakfast **7am-10am**

May 4-**BELPRE LIONS**-Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Auction **4pm-6pm** (see flyer)

May 4-**LANCASTER LIONS**-Bowling Strike for Sight Fundraiser (see DENS)

May 10-Denny Irwin **Leadership School**-Alexander High School- .9am-3pm

May 16-18- **Ohio Lions State Convention**-Celebrating Centennial Speech of Helen Keller (info at ohiolions.org/state-convention)

May 22- **BEVERLY LIONS**-delivery of Roses from their sale.

May 31-**THORNVILLE LIONS**-7th Annual Golf Outing-check on DENS

August 14-17-**Ohio Association of the Deaf & Blind** holding a Retreat (see p. 2)

August 27-30-**MILLERSPORT SWEET CORN FESTIVAL**

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

