

### **A Servants Heart**

### District Governor Lilane Fox

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On Your Mark, Ready, Set, Go!





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### **Spotlight on Training & Service**

This past month was very productive! August ended with many of us participating in the Millersport Sweet Corn Festival. Following Labor Day, many attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, KY, before finishing our District Zone meetings with a focus on service.

First, I am extending a heartfelt **thank you** to all the Lions who volunteered at our District booth during the **Sweet Corn Festival**. Your hard work helped us raise over **\$1,500** for the **Ohio Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation**, which helps individuals in need access medical care for their eyes and ears. Lions giving of themselves and their time is a testament to the power of service and the generosity of our Lions. Your efforts will make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals who otherwise would not be able to afford the care they need. Thank you for your commitment to this cause and for making our presence at the festival a great success!

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum held in Louisville, KY was one of the largest and an incredible experience for all who attended, offering substantial leadership training and invaluable networking opportunities. One of the most powerful and forward -thinking sessions focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its potential to transform the way Lions Clubs communicate and engage with their communities. The class specifically highlighted the use of ChatGPT to help clubs efficiently write social media posts, marketing materials, and outreach campaigns. By utilizing AI tools, clubs can more effectively reach out to their local communities and even partner with other service organizations to serve more people. The insights gained at this forum will surely help propel our clubs to the next level of leadership and service in today's digital age. I am sure there is more to come on this powerful tool.

And if this wasn't enough, we continued the month with Zone meetings with a focus on **service to our communities.** These meetings reignited our commitment to the Lions motto: *We Serve*. Lions Clubs have always been at the forefront of addressing local needs, and our commitment to service is more important than ever. We distributed some ideas for service projects that are low cost and low manpower that will get you out in front of your community. Service projects are not just opportunities to give back but also a chance to engage new members and strengthen bonds within our Lions family.

Effective leadership is the backbone of any successful Lions Club in serving their community. To enable our club officers to be effective, we are having a fall hybrid club officer training on October 19 at the Millersport Lions Club House. This training will also be shared on ZOOM. And if October 19 just doesn't work for your schedule, we will make recordings available on our District website, <a href="www.OH7Lions.com">www.OH7Lions.com</a>, thru Dec. 31, 2024. These sessions will help you lead with confidence. If you are interested, please email Global Leadership Chair IPDG Sara Camacho at <a href="lionsaracamacho@gmail.com">lionsaracamacho@gmail.com</a>. I hope you will participate in this training opportunity and strengthen your skills and your club!

Whether you're a newly appointed officer or a seasoned leader, remember that the heart of Lions International is service. By working together, focusing on leadership, and dedicating ourselves to our communities, we can make a lasting impact.

Yours in Service,

DG Lilane

### **DISTRICT OH 7 PROJECT**



### **Gov. Lilane's District Blanket Project**

As I have been announcing at Zone Meetings, District OH7 has teamed up with an organization called **MY VERY OWN BLANKET** to make special fleece blankets for kids in foster care as our District Project this year. My goal is for Lions of OH7 to produce at least 400 blankets. My Stretch goal is 800 -- less than 20 per club. Each blanket will have a special tag sewn into it that has the Lions Logo and a place to write your name and a note to the child.

This is an easy project that Lions and Leos of all ages can be a part of. All you have to do is order blanket kits online and follow the instructions provided. Each kit is only \$12, making this an easy and affordable way to provide another service to your community. In fact, this would be a great "Fall into Service" Project over the next few months.

Check out the flyer below and also attached for more details. The website to order kits is: www.myveryownblanket.org/lions-international

Thank you, Lions, for helping OH7 Make its Mark with a Servant's Heart.

DG Lilane



### **CLUBS NEWS to SHARE...**





100% of the proceeds is donated to Veterans!







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## 1ST Vice District Governor Kelvin Hite



Hello OH7, It has been hot with little rain. This is a good time

to stay in the AC and plan some service projects and membership drives.

We went to the Forum had a good time. If you have not been, you should go. It's lot of fun and a lot of training.

I received my Doctorate from the Lions University this year. It was a lot of training and you will benefit from it, I hope.

Time is flying by, and so much still to do. Keep in touch with your zone chairs because they have the up to date information and everything going on.

I hope you all make blankets for our DG Lilane Fox and EAT cheese that the district is selling to help with the District Convention. Two birds with one stone.

All of your District Governors are busy out visiting clubs. If you have not been contacted yet, you will be soon.

We serve!

1 st VDG Kelvin Hite









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### 2ND Vice District Governor **Tamarra Parker Stephens**



Hello Fellow Lions!

I hope this month has been happy, healthy, and productive for you and your clubs. Since I wrote last, I have been quite busy with Lions activities, and I would like to share some of the highlights with you here.

740-407-4002

At the beginning of September, I attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky, and was very happy to see so many of you there. The Forum is such a wonderful opportunity to see old friends, to make new ones, and to network with Lion leaders. It is also a chance to learn about the impact of our service worldwide, and to get great ideas to take back to our own communities.

Once back home, I attended the second half of our scheduled Zone meetings with DG Lilane, and 1VDG Kelvin. We, and several additional cabinet members, all shared important updates with you and your clubs, including updates on our progress and initiatives for this Lions' year. I am truly impressed with all of the impactful work you are doing in your communities, and know that you/we will do fantastic things in the coming months.

One project that I am really looking forward to was rolled out at the recent Zone meetings, is "My Very Own Blanket." I fully agree with DG Lilane's goal of showing foster children across our district that our Servants' Hearts are with them and that they are not alone. Personally, I am looking forward to making these blankets, and encourage you and your clubs will join in on giving local foster children the gift of hope.

Lastly, at each Zone meeting I appealed to you keep your eyes and ears open for any areas that may need a new Lions Club. Please do take a few minutes and jot down any ideas you may have, and pass them along to either me, or one of the Global Action Team members. We can't keep Lionism alive and relevant without your help. Let's continue to grow and thrive for the good of our communities.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Tamarra Parker-Stephens

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Thank you for the support you continue to provide to LCIF. Our foundation exists to support Lions serving in the eight global causes (Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian, Hunger, Vision and Youth). Donor Services recently closed the month of July with all our District Donations coming from individual Lions. The donations for July totaled \$405.

A reminder that a donation of \$20 per member is needed to receive the Russ Williams Chapter Award for a club. This club recognition was started in 1996 with a requirement of \$10 per member. With almost 30 year of inflation, ten dollars in 1996 would be equal to twenty dollars today. LCIF offers additional levels of recognition for a club which follows:

There are multiple levels of recognition to honor clubs based on their per-member average contributions. The levels are as follows.

### All Donors:

Bronze Level - US\$50 per member (within a fiscal year)

Silver Level - US\$100 per member (within a fiscal year)

Gold Level - US\$250 per member (within a fiscal year)

Platinum Level - US\$500 per member (within a fiscal year)

Diamond Level - US\$1,000 per member (within a fiscal year)

### Presidential LCIF Supporter

### Recognizing individual generosity

At LCIF, we deeply value the incredible generosity of our individual donors. To honor your commitment and support, we are thrilled to introduce the Presidential LCIF Supporter program. This initiative aims to recognize and celebrate individuals who have contributed with heart and soul, making a significant impact on our mission.

By participating in the annual program, you become an integral part of our honored supporters. Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credits will be earned based on the one-time donation amount you provide. Your generosity not only earns you well-deserved recognition but also helps us make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.









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I have Presidential LCIF Supporter pins available with eleven Lions receiving the pins so far this year. I also have the below cardboard glasses available with a \$10 contribution to LCIF.



I have announced at the Zone meetings I will color my hair RED at the November Zone meetings and the Cabinet meeting in Beverly if either of the following are achieved:

100 Lions donate \$10 or more to LCIF

\$3,000 is donated by individual Lions be October 31, 2024.

As of today 21 Lions have donated \$1,320 to LCIF which is almost \$63 per person. Thanks to each of you for your financial support.

My last item is to offer a program at your club meeting if you ask. I would love to attend your club meeting and present more LCIF information in my last year as your District Lions Clubs International Foundation Coordinator. If you have questions about LCIF, please ASK.

### THANK YOU!

Always remember the theme of DG Lilane Fox:

### A Servant's Heart

Yours in Lionism, Lion Greg Randolph

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Belpre, OH 45714



### **OH 7 EYEGLASS EXPRESS**



Lions "District 13 OH7 Eyeglass Express" was ready for the first trip to Pandora on September 23 from Belpre, Ohio. There are over 11,250 eyeglasses and 25,000+ (sunglasses and reading glasses).



The trailer has been filled up. Pictured here it still has a little bit more room for a few boxes of glasses.





A helper waiting for trailer to be unloaded.

Totes of eyeglasses stacked neatly are waiting for the next processing step. them!



After the boxes are rolled on conveyor and are separated. They are then divided into the different strengths. Bags after bags are categorized





### **OH 7 EYEGLASS EXPRESS- (continues)**



### **District Eyeglass Trailer Challenge!**

As you may know, District OH7 has taken an important step in our Eyeglass Recycling efforts by purchasing a trailer for the storage and transportation of the thousands of pairs of glasses that OH7 Lions collect each year. Eyeglass Collection Chair Greg Randolph has brought this trailer to several Zone meetings and it has been a big help in safely moving these glasses. He's already taken it to Pandora a couple of times so far loaded with glasses!

The district has created a fund to pay for the purchase, rehab and future upkeep of this trailer and has put out a call to all clubs to donate to this fund.

One of the first clubs to donate was the Heath Lions Club who challenged all other OH7 clubs to match or exceed their donation of \$100. We are excited to report that several clubs have accepted the challenge!

As of the writing of this article, the following clubs have donated to this worthy project:

Heath Jackson Licking Valley Lions Bob & Jeannie Mauger

Millersport Alexander Beverly Duncan Falls-Philo

Pickerington Thornville Gallipolis

Please consider supporting this important step for our eyeglass collection. If every club gave just \$100, we'd be able to pay for the trailer, its registration and its upkeep for years.

If you would like to donate, make a check out to

### **DISTRICT 13 OH7 LIONS**

In Memo, put: (OH7\_eyeglass\_trailer.)

Mail to:

Lion Dan Osborn, 12355 Scout Road Frazeysburg, OH 43822





### THE PLAINS LIONS CLUB

### INDIAN MOUND FESTIVAL



### OCTOBER 4TH - 6TH

The Plains Lions Club announces 2024 The Plains Indian Mound Festival Queen Contestants. (L-R) Kyleigh Hogan, daughter of Kelsey & Anthony Geoghegon of Millfield; Avery Carter, daughter of Ed & Heather Carter of Glouster; Delaney Dean daughter of Earich & Trisha Dean of Carbon Hill; Kylah Messer daughter of Jerry, Mike & Angela Messer of Rockbridge; Mackenzie

Smith, daughter of Merissa Nicholson & Nick McCown of The Plains; Mackenzi Guy, daughter of Tina & David Guy of Glouster; and Baylee Donovan, daughter of Jamie Donovan of Athens. Crowning takes place Sunday, October 6, 2024 at The Plains Community Park after the 2pm parade. (Photo by Tamara Dupler Blake) Our festival opens at 5pm Friday, October 4, 2024 with a car show, food vendors, craft vendors & The Real Deal Blues Band.

Saturday, October 5, 2024 starts at 9am with Baby/Toddler Pageant. Preregistration is required. Lots of free family fun events such as Mound Tour rides on the hour, Atlati Throwing, Face Painting, crafts for children to chose & build, bounce house, Joe Joe the Clown, Wind Drum, COSI, free ice cream, music by Emaline Duquette, Double Shot Band and free karaoke contest that pays cash to the top three singers, Sunday offers more free events such as Magic Show, animal balloons, & more free ice cream for the children. Anyone wishing to participate in parade arrive 1pm at Athens High School. Parade starts at 2pm with ending at the festival at The Plains Community Park.

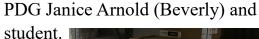
The Plains Lions Club is very proud to announce Danny and Nancy Kasler of The Plains as Grand Marshal's for The Plains Indian Mound Festival. Danny is a Charter Member with The Plains Lions Club for the past 41 years, a Melvin Jones Award recipient and served as Treasurer for 35years. Danny retired from Ohio University after 43 years as Administrator for VP Finance Department. He is Past Master of Amesville Masonic Lodge, Past President & Past Treasurer of Athens County Shriners Club and a 32nd Degree Mason. Danny is in his 15th year as a Volunteer at Athens County Red Cross and was awarded Volunteer of the Year.

Danny served 6 years in the US Army spending 18 months in Germany. He returned to The Plains to marry Nancy as they recently celebrated 63 years together. Nancy retired from Registers Office at Ohio University after 35 years of service, a Volunteer for 20 years at O'Bleness Memorial Hospital and currently a Pianist at First Christian Church in Athens, where Danny is Past Financial Secretary. They have three children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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### ATHENS LIONS CLUB

This week members of local Lions Clubs (including our Athens Lions Club, The Plains Lions Club and Beverly Lions Club) helped the Athens City School System perform vision screening for preschool, kindergarten, first and third grade students. Screening was performed at both Morrison Gordon and East Elementary Schools in Athens.





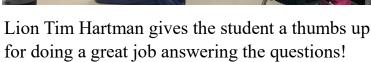
Lions Dave Gehlauf, Gary Wharton, Warren Jeffers and Mike Harrington. (Athens)



PDG Lion Bill Schultz with Plus Optix machine.



Nurse Heidi Shaw and Lion Warren Jeffers.





A total of 538 children were screened for vision health. 72 students were referred for an eye examination by an eye care professional.

### THORNVILLE LIONS CLUB





The Annual Country Fair is a very big vendors already paid, and are shooting for shopping day for those interested in handcrafted items. We currently have over 150 185+! Included is a photo or two - we would love to have Lions from all over the district attend! Great food options, too. Of course, if any OH 7 clubs have something they'd like to do at out craft show (crafts or food), we'd love to accommodate them! They put on a free, basic health screening during the event, too! (Blood Pressure, glucose check, mouth exam).

Its an Ohio tradition and a celebration of craftsmanship! On Sunday, October 20, the beautiful village of Thornville will host over 10,000 visitors and shoppers as the Lions Club celebrates 49 years of promoting handcrafts and local artisans. More than 180 vendors will be selling every kind of handcrafted item imaginable. Refinished antiques, wooden toys, handmade jewelry, fabric crafts, homemade foodstuffs, and much more will be on sale! Ten different food trucks will tempt the crowd with delicious aromas! The Country Fair takes place from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and admission is free! Profits from the fair benefit several local charity groups, as well as the Lions Club. Sheridan Show Choir and others will perform. The Lions will also offer a free health screening (blood sugar and blood pressure) from noon -3:00 pm. Parking is available at Thornville Elementary. Thornville is located just 4 miles south of Interstate 70 on St. Rte. 13. Potential vendors should contact PDG Larry Roberts at: 740-246-6194.

Contact: Lion Fred Boring – phone: 937-407-3400

email: fvboring@yahoo.com



### BELPRE LIONS CLUB



Lion Jose Ortiz is sponsored by Lion Jolene Reeder.



Lion Glada Hall is sponsored by Lion Vicki Boggs.



The Belpre Lions Club is so very excited to be growing in membership!! IPDG Sara had inducted four new members at our club meeting. Unfortunately two of our new members were unable to attend due to other commitments, however, we want them to be included in the celebration. Pictured above from (left to right) are: President Miss Vicki sponsor of Lion Sheila Edmonds, Treasurer Lion Steve Reeder, New Member Lion Gary Webb, sponsored by Secretary Jolene Reeder, Tail twister Lion Jack Coram sponsored Lion George Gilbert. Front row is Lion Kendra Webb, she was

sponsored by Lion Steve Reeder.





# East Knox Lions Club Turkey Shoot



1:00 PM – Sundays Only Sept 29 ~ Dec 1 Campbell's Range 22430 Coshocton Rd

\$3.00 per shot per person Sign up starts at 12 NOON



\*WIN CASH - MEAT
OR GIFT CERTIFICATES
\*DAILY DRAWINGS
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE



Questions - Call Lion Chris: @ 740-358-6399 or Email: <a href="mailto:oldfarmer.2659@gmail.com">oldfarmer.2659@gmail.com</a> or Email: <a href="mailto:addbaskets@gmail.com">addbaskets@gmail.com</a>

\*\*GUNS MUST PASS A GAUGE ENTIRE BARREL LENGTH



### MT. VERNON LIONS CLUB





# CHARITY CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

### WHERE

The Mount Vernon YMCA Sports Center 200 W Chestnut St, Mt Vernon, Ohio, 40350

### WHEN

Saturday 11/16/24 from Noon to 5:00 PM

### WHY

All earnings will be donated to Backpacks of Hope at Lifepoint Church https://lifepointmv.com/ministries/lifepoint-missions/

### **PRIZES**

1ST PLACE: \$1000 AND free entry to our next tournament,

2ND PLACE: \$250 AND free entry to our next tournament.

3RD PLACE: \$200 AND Free entry to our next tournament.

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

Teams of two. (No substitutions.) \$100 per team. (Limited to 32 teams.)

Call/text 330-333-0128 to register or for questions.

### **Details**

15 minute game time. Double elimination.

\*Basic rules/how to play can be found at: https://www.playcornhole.org/pages/rules.

After party at Flappers Bar and Grille Located at 15 W High St, Mt Vernon, Ohio, 43050.

### **BELPRE LIONS CLUB**





The Belpre Lions Club had the honor of presenting their fourth Veteran of the Month. Pictured is Lion Miss Vicki and Donald (Doc) Ery, It was a privilege to give him a Certificate of Appreciation, yard sign honoring him as Veteran of the Month, and personally magnet thanking him for his service

# EDITOR NEWS... a lion JUST

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

### Hi Everyone

Thank you, thank you and thank you!!! Each month I have more and more clubs sending me stuff to share in the newsletter. I love it! I'm still having a few flyers wanting to be difficult and won't let me copy and paste, but that's ok, we always find a solution. It is exciting to see several clubs adding new members. Please include their name, club, and the sponsor's name if possible. I firmly believe that it is so very important to have the new members feel a part of the Lions family. Thanks again and keep those articles coming.

Loving Lionism,

Lion Miss Vicki

P. S. HEY Clubs with Leos, please share some of what is happening with them as well. They are the future and we would like to know what is happening with each of them.

### MILLERSPORT LIONS CLUB



DG Lilane & Lion Brian at the Millersport Corn Festival parade.

Meet Millersport's
President Diana Keller &
husband, Zone 5 Chair
Kris Keller distributing
corn for the "corn eating
contest.".



### OH 7 PEDIATRIC CANCER 5kWALK/RUN



A good turn out of volunteers were at the OH 7 Pediatric Cancer walk/run. (left to right) OLPCF OH7 chair, JoAnn Seaman (Pickerington), Lion Kay and PDG John Shreve (Beverly), ZC Teresa Ponn-Lemaster and Lion Jim Lemaster (Wellston), Lion Kyle Burnworth (Marietta Noon); Lions Steve and Jolene Reeder (Belpre); PDG Janice and Lion Larry Arnoold (Beverly); PDG Stan and Nancy Starling (Chesterhill) and IPDG Sara Camacho.



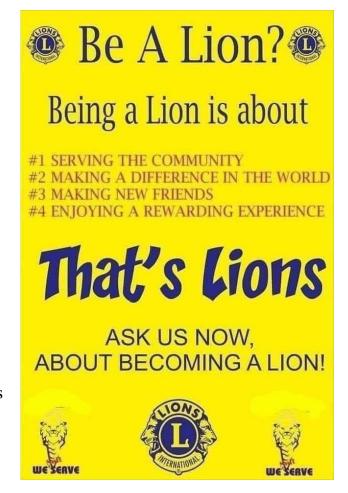
# BLOOM-CARROLL LIONS CLUB AND CARROLL LIONS CLUB

### MELVIN JONES FELLOWHIP AWARDS GIVEN



The 2024 Melvin Jones recipients are as follows (pictured left to right): Lion Karen Smith, Bloom-Carroll Lions Club; Lion Clarence Thomas, Carroll Lions Club and Lion June Queen, Bloom-Carroll Lions Club.

Clarence has been a member of the Carroll Lions Club for over 40 years! Karen and June have been members of the Bloom-Carroll Lions Club for the past 8 years.



**CONGRADULATIONS!!** 





### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

October 4th-6th THE PLAINS Indian Mound Festival.

October 5th- CHESTERHILL-Monthly Shoot (see flyer)

Breakfast

October 6th-**EAST KNOX-**Turkey

Shoot (see flyer)

October 12th -13th BELPRE Apple

Butter Stir Off Festival

October 13th-EAST KNOX-Turkey

Shoot (see flyer)

October 14th-DEADLINE FOR

DISTRICT CHEESE ORDERS

October 18th - MARIETTA NOON-

delivery of Roses

October 19th-OFFICER TRAINING

(see flyer)

October 20th-EAST KNOX-Turkey

Shoot (see flyer)

October 20th-THORNVILLE-Country

Fair-see flyer/application

October 24th-CENTRAL OHIO

**LIONS EYEBANK-**Celebrating 50

years Banquet.

October 27th-EAST KNOX-Turkey

November 2nd- CHESTERHILL-

Monthly Breakfast

November 3rd-EAST KNOX-Turkey

Shoot (see flyer)

November 10th-EAST KNOX-Turkey

Shoot (see flyer)

November 14th-PICKERINGTON-

Pizza Challenge (see flyer)

November 16th-MT. VERNON-Corn

Hole Tournament (see flyer)

November 16th-BELPRE-1st Pizza

Challenge (info to come later)

November 17th-**EAST KNOX** - Turkey

Shoot (see flyer)

November 24th-**EAST KNOX** - Turkey

Shoot (see flyer)

December 7th- CHESTERHILL-

Monthly Breakfast

### **DISTRICT NEWS for YOU!**



Email GLT Sara Camacho at lionsaracamacho@gmail.com

### **OH7 DISTRICT PROJECT**



Great for meetings, family gatherings, parties, holidays, birthdays, Christmas gifts!

\$5 for Cheese, except for extra sharp cheddar(\$6) \$6 for Sausage

Baby & Mild Swiss - Bacon - Chipotle - Colby - Farmers Gouda - Horseradish - Hot Pepper - Marble American - Mozzarella - Muenster - Pepperoni & more

Orders & Money to PDG Mary Bumpus by: October 14

Delivery: November 3 Cabinet Meeting

Make Checks

Payable to: District 13 OH7, Put "cheese" in Memo line

Send orders &

checks to: PDG Mary at 1007 East High Street, Mount Vernon, OH

43050

QUESTIONS: Marybumpus50@gmail.com or 740.485.0115 (leave msg,

PDG Mary will call you back!