



# "We Can FIX IT"

## District Governor Kelvin Hite

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Dear Fellow Lions,

As we enter the final month of 2025, I want to take a moment to celebrate our accomplishments and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. December is a time of reflection, gratitude, and giving—a season that aligns closely with the values we uphold as Lions.

### December Service Focus: Supporting Our Communities

Many families in our district face unique challenges during the winter months. I encourage all clubs to consider seasonal projects such as food drives, coat collections, and support for local shelters. Your creativity and compassion make a real difference. Please share your project successes and stories with the district; we love highlighting your impact!

### Membership Matters

Our district's strength lies in our members. This December, let's focus on inviting friends, family, and neighbors to experience the joy of service. Consider hosting an open house or service day to showcase the impact Lions make in our community.

### Reminders & Announcements

- Club officers: Please submit your updated club rosters and contact information by 12/15.
- Don't forget to log your December service activities in the Portal to ensure our district's efforts are recognized.
- We are seeking nominations for the 2026-2027 District Leadership Team. Interested Lions should contact 1VDG Tamarra Parker-Stephens by 12/31.

On behalf of the entire district leadership team, I wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season. Thank you for your dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to service. Together, we continue to make a lasting difference.

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Kelvin Hite



With the wrench we tightening up on projects , goals, and friendships..

Our hammer enables us to pound things into place to secure them.

And the saw let's us cut through the obstacles that keep us from growth and more service.

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# 1st Vice District Governor Tamarra Parker Stephens



Dear Fellow Lions,

As we reflect on the many wonderful activities shared during our recent round of Zone meetings, I want to express heartfelt gratitude for the creativity, compassion, and dedication shown by each of our clubs. Every service project, fundraiser, and fellowship event tells a story, one of Lions seeing a need and answering with kindness. These are not small acts. They are poignant and life-changing, both for those we serve and for those who serve. Every time a

Lion reaches out to a neighbor, a child, a veteran, or a stranger in need, we are reminded of the power of service to transform lives...including our own.

In that same spirit of connection, let us not forget our fellow members who we haven't seen in a while. A simple call, card, or message can remind them that they are valued, missed, and never forgotten. Reaching out may rekindle their sense of purpose and bring them back to our clubs. When we strengthen the bonds within, our clubs grow not only in number, but in heart. A healthy club is one where members feel seen, supported, and inspired...a true community within a community.

As the gift-giving season approaches, let us also remember to give ourselves the gift of inspiration. Encourage new ideas, new perspectives, and new members who bring their own talents and passions. Each person who joins us expands our ability to serve and enriches the tapestry of our collective mission. Through them, we continue to grow, evolve, and boldly explore new ways to make a difference.

Like the crew of Star Trek, we are on a continuing mission, to seek out new possibilities for service, to engage our world with empathy, and to strive for a future built on hope and unity. Let us move forward together, grateful for the past, present in our service, and ready to chart the next horizon, because in Lionism, as in the stars, there are always new frontiers of compassion waiting to be discovered.

Yours in Lionism,

Tamarra

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## 2nd Vice District Governor Kitty Keller



### 2VDG Kitty's December Column:

The time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day has the potential to be the best days of the entire year for the public to witness the kindness that Lions and Leos spread throughout the communities they serve. Observing your members working together as a highly efficient team could be the deciding factor as to whether someone might

generously donate funds, clothing, toys, or food to your next Lions/Leos service projects.

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Remember that old saying that reminds us that “action speaks louder than words?” Our actions in the role as a Lion or Leo could also be the deciding factor into whether someone says to you, “how do I join your club?” We live in a society where people have so many things tugging for their time commitment. This is your chance to share with others the satisfaction, thrill, and motivation to get from helping others.

Don’t forget the members you haven’t seen for a while. When was the last time they attended a meeting, responded to an email, or helped at your fundraiser or service project? They might be sitting at home ill, unemployed or have recently become a caregiver. It doesn’t take long before a valued member can become a forgotten member.

When was the last time you called on an absent member? Many time it doesn’t take much to let someone know how much they are valued. Next time send them a card, drop them off a small gift bag, or show up at their residence with a cup of coffee or tea and a donut to sit down with them to share the latest club news. This is what we call retention and it’s where our actions speak louder than words.

For ideas and tips to bringing in new members, be sure to attend the Urban Club Development Workshop register by January 6, 2026. Workshop is on January 24, 2026.

**URBAN CLUB DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

**WORKSHOP BENEFITS**

- ✓ Understanding Urban Dynamics
- ✓ Identifying Urban Opportunities
- ✓ Cultivating Specialty Clubs & Join Together Clubs
- ✓ Tools and tips for club development
- ✓ Networking Opportunities

**WHO'S INVITED?**

- ✓ District officers and GETs
- ✓ Extension team members
- ✓ All Lions interested in developing new clubs and urban branches

**JOIN US!**

Ohio Lions logo

Lead to Serve Serve to Lead

Saturday, January 24, 2026  
9am to 4pm

Millersport Lions Club  
2905 Chautauqua Blvd,  
Millersport, OH 43046  
Lunch provided

Register by January 6  
<https://forms.gle/dkYJ1kAGc5rE31456>

get@ohiolions.org  
419-565-7693 GET Tim Kershner  
440-670-7746 POC Kerry Parker

Hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season and a blessed New Year!!

SVDG Kitty



## SHARING NEWS...



### MORE TRAVELS WITH PID RON



PID Ron was the speaker for the Adena Lions 80th Charter Celebration at the Cadis Country Club. He presented Club President Chuck George with a banner and congratulations letter from International President I. P. Singh.



OUCH!! 2nd VDG Kitty's car has a really big boo boo!



Oh no! PID Ron borrowed 2nd VDG's car and WHAM!!! One of those furry critters decided to say hello! PDG Stan, you now are forming the "Deer meet and greet club" you n longer are alone.



## SHARING NEWS... around the District.



### ZONE 3 Leaders at work: Assistant

Zone Chair, Jason Henderson , whom is also the President of Pleasantville as well as the Mayor. Zone Chair Dan Osborne, DG Kelvin Hite, 2nd VDG Kitty Keller, and 1st DG Tamarra-Parker Stephens are ready for the meeting to continue.

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS with MD13 2VDG

MD13 2VDGs with PID Pat Vannett of North Dakota at the Council of Governors Meeting on November 1 at the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank



## THORNVILLE LIONS CLUB

Did you know that the Thornville Lions Club has their very own “SANTA”? This picture looks like one out of a Holiday magazine or movie where Santa is waiting for the children to come and visit him!





## SHARING CLUB NEWS...

### HEATH LIONS CLUB



Lions Leah Angus and Netti Nau rang the Salvation Army bell at Kroger in Heath. Several other members took different shifts to help as well.

The Heath Lions Club graciously volunteered a total of 4 hours for the Salvation Army, ringing the bells and collecting donations. Each group rotated the time between 8am till Noon. They were able to collect a total of \$249.51 for this wonderful cause.



Lions Jolleen Hannah and Teresa Belmesch.



Lions Vickie Boychan and Carol McLaughlin



Lions Cindy Prince and Herb Wise. (in center)

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## SHARING CLUB NEWS continues...

# CHESTERHILL LIONS CLUB



### WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CHESTERHILL, OHIO?

Nestled within the rolling hills and valleys of picturesque Morgan County, is the quaint Village of Chesterhill, Ohio. Founded by Quakers in 1834, it didn't take long for this community to establish its reputation of caring for those in search of a better life. The town became a regular stop for run away slaves on the Underground Railroad.

Chesterhill has only 276 residents, with maybe another 1,000 people living in Marion Township. The medium household income is \$33,750 and good paying jobs are far away in Marietta, Athens, or Zanesville. Residents take pride in their community but maintaining a quality of life is a daily challenge.

The Chesterhill Lions Club was chartered in 1954 and has become the nucleus of the community. Besides the churches and the fire department, the Lions have become the driving volunteer force to support the area's struggling families. Most of their funds are raised on the first Saturday of every month at their "Famous Country Breakfast Buffet" at the Chesterhill Lions Community Center on Boxer Mayle Road.

Sadly, the community center needs urgent repairs and upgrades to enable the Chesterhill Lions to continue to serve others in one of the few handicap-accessible buildings in the area. They are currently raising funds for a new roof, new HV/AC unit, a new hot water heater, numerous kitchen upgrades, and much more. They are in the process of assembling a list with estimates to share with potential donors.

The Chesterhill Lions Club is a 501 C 3 non-profit organization. Any donation for any amount will be appreciated, plus they will gladly accept donations of labor, material and/or equipment. Checks or money orders made payable to CHESTERHILL LIONS CLUB can be sent to PDG Stan & Nancy Starling, 7666 Doctor Whitacre Lane, Chesterhill, OH 43728. If more information is needed, contact Stan or Nancy at 740 525-5148 or [nastarling@yahoo.com](mailto:nastarling@yahoo.com)

If you are up for a road trip on the first Saturday of any month, visit Chesterhill for a home-cooked breakfast at the Lions Community Center, check out the Quaker Meeting House, hike the Buckeye Trail, explore Henman Cave, see the Union Hall Theater, visit the Multicultural Genealogical Center or have a hearty lunch at the Triple Nickel Diner.

Can you or your club lend a helping hand to a Lions Club that is the heart and soul of their community?

*Article submitted by PID Ron Keller on behalf of the Chesterhill Lions*



## SHARING CLUB NEWS continues...



# PLEASANTVILLE LIONS CLUB

**DECEMBER 5 - 15**  
COLLECTION ON MONDAY, DEC. 15TH AFTER 12PM



JOIN THE PLEASANTVILLE LIONS CLUB FOR A

## FOOD DRIVE

**HELP DONATE TO THOSE IN HUNGER!**

**HOW IT WORKS:**  
Place any un-expired canned good or non-perishable food item in the bag and place the bag on your porch or step on Monday, December 15th by 12:00 noon and the Pleasantville Lions Club will be around that afternoon/evening to collect bags.

You can also bring donations to the Municipal Office (101 S. Main St., Pleasantville). All donations go to local food pantries.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 740-468-2237.**

PO BOX 554, PLEASANTVILLE, OH 43148  
Meetings held 3rd Monday of the month at Pleasantville Community Center

**We Serve**

The Pleasantville club partnered with area churches and participated in Samaritan's Purse. They filled over 30 boxes with much needed items and a toy for the child receiving the box. The boxes that they were able to fill will be shipped all over the world to needed countries and families.



## Diabetes Awareness

In October the club hosted a Diabetes Awareness event with the Pleasantville Sociables Club. Fairfield Medical Center provided a speaker to discuss diabetes, the effects, and how to live with the disease. This event was attended by more than 30 residents from the area.



**LUNCH**  
**with**  
**SANTA**

Pleasantville Community Center

**Saturday | Dec. 13th**  
12pm - 2pm

**Enjoy a FREE lunch & visit with Santa!!**

[www.VillageofPleasantville.com](http://www.VillageofPleasantville.com)



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## SHARING DISTRICT CLUB NEWS...



The Gallipolis Lions Club presented the Flags for First Graders program to students at Ohio Valley Christian School and Washington Elementary.



Pictured are Lions Rick Tipple, Ollie Tipple and Jeri Howell



PDG Rick Tipple gives the students more information on the flag.



The students learned about the flag and what it represents and how to treat the flag with respect.



Each First Grader received their own flag to take home.



## SHARING CLUB NEWS...



# BELPRE LIONS CLUB

We are so very excited and honored to announce our **December Veteran of the month**. Our very own Belpre Lions Club member Bill McAfee! We appreciate Bill not only for his military service but for the many years he's spent helping to create and serve our wonderful Belpre Lions Club! Thank you so much Bill!



A little late, but nonetheless very well deserved. We had the privilege of being able to present the **November Veteran of the Month to Bill Meriwether**. Bill is a U.S. Navy veteran and we had the great opportunity to visit and meet his family last night. Thank you so much Bill for your service

The Belpre Lions Club participated in a fund raiser for the local Boy Scout Group 91. A variety of organizations, businesses and such. Along the archway for the Holiday Lights display trees were decorated by those wanting to donate to the Scout Group.



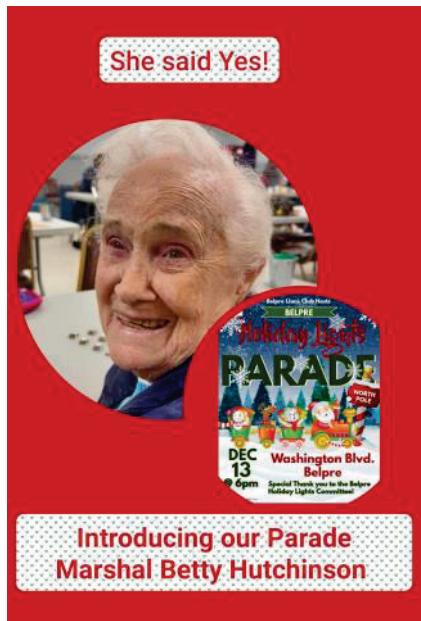
Pictured is the completed tree decorated by the Belpre Lions Club.



## SHARING CLUB NEWS...



## BELPRE LIONS CLUB continues...



We are so excited to share the news of who the Parade Marshal will be for our annual Holiday Lights Parade!! None other than the young at heart Betty Hutchinson!



This sweet lady will be 100 years young on the day of the parade! 12/13. Please share our excitement by cheering and yelling HAPPY BIRTHDAY as she starts off the parade at 6 pm Saturday 12/13.

## MILLERSPORT LIONS CLUB



The Millersport Lions hired a contractor to restore the west side of the Charles Holliday Covered Bridge at Historic Lions Park in preparation for America's 250th Celebration in 2026. The bridge was built in 1879.



A collaborative effort between TWC, The Millersport Food Pantry, and the Millersport Lions Club delivered over 100 donated coats for the needy of Fairfield County. Millersport Lion and Food Pantry Volunteer Kris Keller with Lion and Foundation Dinners Director Rick Chrysler who accepted the coats on behalf of Foundation Dinners where the coats will be distributed.



## SHARING CLUB NEWS...

# BEVERLY LIONS CLUB



Beverly Lions Adopt-a-highway clean up.

The Club presented gas card from OLPCF to the family of a patient.



Beverly Lions decorating the gazebo in Dodge Park for Christmas.



PDG John and Lion Kay with their two new members.



Our Club hosted the Zone 6 meeting with about 33 were present.



Lions and American Legion attended three school Veteran's Day assemblies.



# NEWS FROM THE LEOS



## MUSKINGUM VALLEY LEOS

Muskingum Valley Leos helping at the Dodge Park Christmas lighting on November 30th 2025. The Leos handed out Christmas cookies with the Beverly Lions who handed out hot chocolate.



## Notes from your Editor...



Dear Lions family,

I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Get ready for the days to fly by even faster than last month. December is going to be even busier.

There are so many activities happening within our own families as well as our Lion families. It seems that this is time of the year the world shifts into high gear. Not only are people busy with preparing for the holidays they also seem to take the time to not see others. Thankfully the season plays a big part in reminding us to show compassion to others. As a Lion "WE SERVE" wherever, whenever, and to whomever is in need. That is why I love being a Lion.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Lovin Lionism,

Lion Miss Vicki





## SHARING CLUB, DISTRICT, AND STATE NEWS...



## DECEMBER

December 5th-15th **PLEASANTSVILLE LIONS**- Food Drive (see flyer)

December 11th **LICKING VALLEY LIONS**-Stuff the Stockings Project

December 13th **BELPRE LIONS**- Holiday Lights Christmas Parade -6pm

**PLEASANTSVILLE LIONS**- Breakfast with Santa (see flyer)

December 25th **Merry Christmas**

December 31st **New Year's Eve!**

## JANUARY

January 1st **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

January 16-18 Winter Retreat-Deer Creek State Park Lodge



# WE SERVE

