



# "We Can FIX IT"

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November Newsletter

**Lions District MD13 OH-7 – From the Desk of DG Kelvin Hite**

## **District Governor's November Message**

Dear Lions of District MD13 OH-7,

As we approach the end of the year and the holiday season, I want to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your dedication, service, and the spirit of Lionism you bring to our communities. November is a time for reflection and gratitude, and I am truly grateful to lead such a passionate and committed group of Lions.

## **Highlights of October**

Service Projects: Many clubs across our district participated in fall food drives, vision screenings, and community clean-ups. Your efforts continue to make a meaningful impact! Please keep sharing your project photos and stories with me so we can celebrate your success together.

## **Upcoming Events in November**

World Diabetes Day – November 14: Lions play a key role in raising awareness of diabetes and supporting those affected. Consider organizing a diabetes screening or educational event in your community.

Thanksgiving Service Projects: As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let's remember those in need. Many clubs organize meal deliveries, food baskets, or volunteering at shelters. Please report your service

activities on The Portal.

## **Spotlight: Club in Action**

This month, we recognize the Marietta Lions Club for their outstanding work with local youth through their annual eyeglass recycling drive and vision screening events. Your commitment is an inspiration to all!

## **Important Reminders**

Membership Reporting: Please ensure your club's membership data is up to date in The Portal by November 15.

Officer Training: Online officer training modules are available—make sure your club officers have completed their respective sessions.

## **A Final Thought**

As Lions, our collective efforts brighten the lives of those we serve. Let us continue to lead with kindness, generosity, and a spirit of unity. Thank you for all that you do and best wishes for a joyful and meaningful November.

Yours in Service,

DG Kelvin Hite

District Governor, MD13 OH-7

"We Serve" – Together, We Can!

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.

**"WE CAN FIX IT"**





## 1st Vice District Governor Tamarra Parker Stephens



Dear Fellow OH7 Lions,

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As we conclude Mental Health Awareness Month, it's the perfect moment to pause and reflect on the broader meaning of health, not only personal, but emotional and organizational as well. Lions have long been known for serving others, yet we must also take time to care for ourselves and our clubs. Just as physical well-being sustains the body, mental and emotional wellness sustain the heart of service. A healthy Lion is an inspired Lion, and an inspired Lion energizes a thriving club.

Our legacy is built on the compassion, dedication, and resilience of those who came before us. They forged the path of service that we continue to walk today. But legacy is not only what we inherit, it's what we add to it. Every time we support one another, share laughter at a meeting, or comfort someone through loss, we strengthen the fabric of Lionism and ensure that future members will find meaning and belonging.

To keep that legacy alive, we must keep looking forward. The vitality of a club depends on the new ideas, abilities, and perspectives that new members bring. Inviting others to join us isn't simply about growing numbers, it's about expanding possibility. Each new Lion carries a spark, a skill, a talent, and a passion that can ignite new projects, refresh old traditions, and connect us to our changing communities in creative ways.

In the spirit of *Star Trek*, let us dare to "explore strange new worlds" of service. The future belongs to those who imagine it, to those who believe that innovation, empathy, and unity can create a better tomorrow. Like the crew of the Enterprise, we each have a role to play, and together, our diversity of strengths forms an unbreakable team.

So let us move boldly forward, tending to our own wellness, caring for our fellow Lions, nurturing the health of our clubs, and welcoming the next generation of leaders. The mission of service continues, and the future is bright. Together, we will *Serve Boldly* and ensure that the legacy of Lionism lives long and prospers

Yours in Lionism,

*1st District Governor  
Tamarra*

*Every Day is a Gift!*



## 2nd Vice District Governor Kitty Keller



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### Hello Lions!

Festival week arrived for the Millersport Lions—and truly for almost everyone in Millersport! We were busy putting the finishing touches on preparations before the fun began.

### Aug/Sept/Oct Message



The festival kicked off at **6:00 p.m. with the Grande Parade** on Aug 27 and wrapped up on **Saturday night with a free Oak Ridge Boys concert at 8:30 p.m.** We closed out the celebration with the **Major Prize Drawing of \$10,000 at 11:00 p.m.** at the Major Prize booth. Each year we strive to make the festival bigger and better, and we feel this year was one of our best. Join us next year on Sept 2 – 5, 2026.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all the Lions who lent a hand during the four-day event, as well as to those who were out enjoying the food, games, rides, and entertainment. Your support and spirit are what make this tradition so special.

In September, PID Ron and I had such a great time visiting Zone Meetings and reconnecting with our District Lions family. It's always wonderful to be back in Ohio, sharing ideas, laughter, and camaraderie with friends old and new. Under DG Kelvin's leadership, each Zone has been shining a spotlight on their top two service projects, and the stories have been so inspiring. With so many creative and meaningful efforts, the conversations flowed easily, full of thoughtful questions and encouragement from our district leaders. We're looking forward to carrying that same energy into our next round of meetings in November!

Ron and I also attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, and as always, it was an inspiring weekend. Catching up with our friends from CA1 and CA2 was extra special, and the seminars were outstanding. A special shoutout goes to 1st VDG Tamarra Parker-Stephens, who facilitated the Recruiters Passport seminar program she created a few years ago that is now being used not only in CA1 but in several other countries, as well. She truly made us proud!

Cyndi Condrey and I attended the **Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) on Oct 24-26 at Deer Creek State Park** – Cyndi was in Level 1, and I was in Level 2. Our leaders were inspiring, and I learned so much from them as well as the discussions with the group who was in the Level 2 class.

PID Ron & I attended the Centerburg Lions meeting in October. First, Civil War Veteran Corporal Abner Peeler Allen who was a color bearer at the assault on Ft. Gregg on April 2, 1865 was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, and the Centerburg Lions will be honoring him with a bronze marker to place on his grave in 2026 during the 250th American Celebration. In addition, they have several service projects to name just a couple - the 5K Run, Heart of Ohio trail cleanup – as well as several others throughout the year. .

Respectfully,

2nd VDG Kitty Keller



**SHARING NEWS...**



# IMPORTANT NEWS!

## Compliance Article

IRS and Ohio Attorney General Reports are due for most Clubs and Foundations **by November 15th.**

As of 12/28/25 @ 12:00 Noon there are:

12 clubs/foundations that their IRS report is due.

12 clubs/foundations that their IRS report is overdue.

22 clubs/foundations that their OAG report is due.

4 clubs/foundations that their OAG report is overdue.

Attention:

District MD13 OH7 Clubs

Please check out the status of your club. It is essential that you bring your club standing CURRENT! Any questions? Contact Lion Dan.

## DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

**DATE:** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

**WHERE:** RUSHVILLE UNION CLUBHOUSE  
2960 LOGAN-THORNVILLE RD.  
RUSHVILLE, OH 43150

**TIME:** 10:00 AM ZONE CHAIRS WITH DG KELVIN  
10:00 PDG ASSOCIATION (HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED WITH PDG RICK TIPPLE)  
11:00 FULL CABINET LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED BY RUSHVILLE UNION CLUB

If you have a cabinet position that has a report, please have your report emailed to CS Cathy by Monday, November 10th, 2025. It would be greatly appreciated. If you need your report number, please let me know.

Thank you,  
We Serve!

CS Lion Cathy



# Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Inc.

**Research Today . . .  
Vision Tomorrow**

## Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation

The Lions, and Lions Clubs, of District OH-7 are leading the way in support for Eye Research in MD-13, Ohio. Information regarding awards and applications may be found at <https://ohiolionseyerresearch.org/j/index.php/lions-resources> .

Thank you! Often, our research dollars fund early, leading edge, research that leads to breakthroughs in treatments and procedures. A recent summary poster for research supported by you can be viewed at <https://ohiolionseyerresearch.org/j/index.php/component/attachments/download/44>

The activities of the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Inc. are to be primarily directed toward the further research into the cause and the treatment of eye diseases and disorders, including diabetes. The Foundation supports eye research institutions throughout Ohio by providing resources and funds contributed by Lions Clubs and the public or private sector. The Foundation also provides education relevant to vision research and promote goals of Lions Club International. OLERF Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxJvcxJilV8>

You make a difference!

Best regards,

**Earl Paazig**  
**OLERF Trustee, District OH-7**

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Submitted by: Lion Earl Paazig, OLERF District OH-7 Trustee







## Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank

The Lions, and Lions Clubs, of District OH-7 are lead the way for donations in support of eye tissue processing and support for medical procedures to prevent blindness and improve vision. Thank you!

The Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank has developed a page on their website related to the Helen Keller Sight Saver Award. Those individuals and clubs proving donations meeting the criteria for the award may use this web page to download the application for awards. Donations can be a single donation or accumulate over a four (4) year period to qualify. If your Lions Club has donated \$1000 and have someone that is deserving of this award do not hesitate to apply today. The Helen Keller Sight Saver award information with a link to the application can be found at <https://www.coleb.org/HKSS/> If the link doesn't work, email me and I'll forward a copy.

As we progress through the remaining Lions Year of 2025-2026, I ask that you continue to provide leadership in MD13 for continuance of our partnerships for vision-saving operations. You make a difference!

Best regards,

Lion Earl Paazig

COLEB Lions Board Member  
COLEB Operating Board Member  
District OH-7

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Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank (Lion Earl Paazig)





## SHARING CLUB NEWS...

# ATHENS LIONS CLUB



### Athens Lion Mike Harrington assisted in Vision-To-Learn Children's Vision Screening in Vinton County

Our Athens Lions Club Member Mike Harrington helped conduct vision screening on Thursday and Friday (Sept 25/26) of this week across Vinton County School District. Approximately 1200 children (Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade) were screened for vision health as part of the iSee Vision Screening Program for Southeast Ohio administered through VisionToLearn. Each child was screened with a PlusOptix S12C autorefractor. Any child that was identified for a referral will receive a free eye exam and eye glasses (if appropriate) from a VisionToLearn Vision Van, which will come to the school district at a later date. Many thanks again to Heather Taggart with VisionToLearn for her leadership with the screening event. For more information on the iSEE and VisionToLearn program in Southeast Ohio, see: <https://visiontolearn.org/where-we-work/ohio/> and <https://visiontolearn.org/.../isee-with-vision-to-learn.../>.



### Athens Lions Club donates Socks to the 10th Annual Athens Area Stand Down

Athens Lions Club donated 125 pairs of socks to the Athens Area Stand Down event this year. The socks were purchased through Athens Lions club member Jim McLaren with Mac's Work Wear and provided to event organizers. The event was held on Friday, October 3rd at the Athens County Fairgrounds. The term "Stand Down" comes from military vernacular, referring to the wartime practice of allowing exhausted combat units time to rest and recover away from the battlefield. At secure base camp areas, troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment. Stand Down events are grassroots, community-based intervention programs designed to help our nation's homeless "combat" life on the streets. Homeless individuals are brought together in a single location and are provided access to the community resources needed to begin addressing their individual problems and rebuilding their lives. For more information on the Athens Area Stand Down, please see: <https://www.athensareastanddown.org/>.



### Athens Lions Club Donates Puzzle Books to Marietta Memorial Health Systems Emergency Department in Athens

Our Athens Lions Club donated a series of puzzle books to the Marietta Memorial Health Systems Emergency Department in Athens on Thursday, October 2nd. Twenty one puzzle books were donated to be served to older children, young adults and developmentally challenged patients and visitors who come through the Emergency Department..

Pictured below: (left to right) - Lion Dave Gehlauf, Marietta Memorial Health Volunteer Supervisor Cindy Hall and Lion Tim Hartman





## SHARING CLUB NEWS continues...

### ATHENS LIONS CLUB... continues



#### Athens Lions Club prepares Personal Care Bags for Clients of Athens County Food Pantry

Our Athens Lions Club held our first meeting of the month of October (10/7/25) at the Athens IHOP Restaurant. In addition to a regular business meeting, our club also conducted an in-meeting service project of preparing personal care bags. One hundred bags were prepared, with each bag including: soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, a toothbrush and a comb. The bags will be donated to the Athens County Food Pantry to be distributed to their clients. Our Athens Lions Club held our first meeting of the month of October (10/7/25) at the Athens IHOP Restaurant. In addition to a regular business meeting, our club also conducted an in-meeting service project of preparing personal care bags. One hundred bags were prepared, with each bag including: soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, a toothbrush and a comb. The bags will be donated to the Athens County Food Pantry to be distributed to their clients.



Athens Lions prepare personal care item bags.  
Picture (seated) - Lions Tim Hartman and Ryan Ham, (standing) Lions PDG Bill Schultz, Steve O'Neill, Jim McLaren, Katie Hartman and Mark Morris.

Athens Lions prepare personal care item bags.  
Pictured: Lions Katie Hartman, Jay Beam, Steve O'Neill, PDG Bill Schultz, Mark Morris, Mark Mace and Jim McLaren. (Hidden behind: Lions Tim Hartman and Ryan Ham; not pictured (photographer) Lion Mike Harrington).



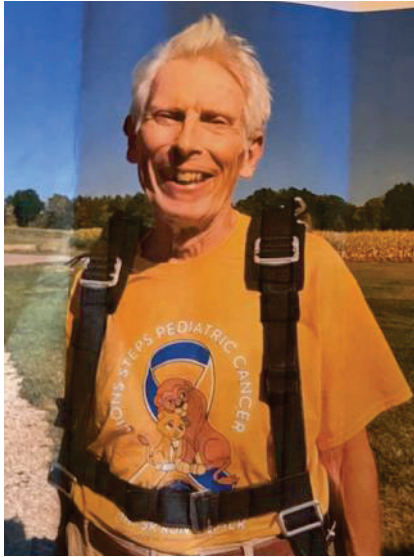




## SHARING DISTRICT CLUB NEWS...



### CHESTERHILL LIONS CLUB



Why is this Lion wearing such heavy suspenders?

PDG Stan Starling of Chesterhill will “jump” to lengths in order to promote Lions Steps. PDG Stan shows his passion in whatever cause he is involved in!

Such an inspiration to many fellow Lions!

### ZANESVILLE HOST LIONS CLUB



The Zanesville Host Lions had a successful Ohio State Basket Raffle which provided \$1500 to the Zanesville LifeWise program, \$350 to Nashport LifeWise, \$350 to Frazesburg LifeWise and \$350 to West Muskingum Lifewise Programs. Thanks everyone for supporting us. Brad Clark was the winner of the Ohio State Basket.



## SHARING CLUB NEWS...



### BELPRE LIONS CLUB



President Jolene Reeder presented Malcolm Stribin as our October Veteran of the Year. It is always an honor to recognize a veteran for their service to our country.



Another successful Belpre Homecoming Booth in the books. The Belpre Lions Club continues to please the crowd with their Walking Taco (Taco in a Bag) and the sweet treat of Walking smores.



How about a FREE hayride! Lion George Gilbert touches the hearts of kids and adults alike as they enjoy a fun time on their hayride. For the last few years Lion George has graciously provides this activity at our Apple Butter Stir Off.



Our doggie pageant always provide a variety of cute dogs in costume. So much fun watching them strut their stuff. This year's Doggie of the Year is smiling for the camera.





## SHARING DISTRICT NEWS ...



### *Notes from your Editor...*



*Greetings to my Lions family,*

*Thank you so very much to those who sent cards, called, and especially prayed for my recovery. I still have away to go but it feels great being back as your newsletter editor.*

*I really appreciate EVERYONE for submitting club news, articles, and just general information provided by my Ace reporter(s).*

*I have discovered that my brain is still recovering because my quick refresher course on newsletter 101 was desperately needed.*

*I missed so many wonderful things your clubs has done. I hope each of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Please remember those who are alone or have recently lost a loved one. Most important cherish the time you will spend with family, friends, and those you serve.*

*Lovin Lionism,*

*Lion Miss Vicki*

## **Saying goodbye to a precious friend!**



It is with a very heavy heart to share the heartbreaking loss of a VERY DEVOTED previous Lion. She was the heart of the historical club FREDERICKTOWN. (no longer in existence) **Lion Janice Harris** served with a heart of service. She will be deeply missed. For those who attending PDG Mary's convention, Lion Janice had crocheted over 100 of the adorable Lion heads as a souvenir. She was so creative and very talented. PID Ron had the privilege to speak with her shortly before she passed after being diagnosed with cancer. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to her family and friends.





**SHARING CLUB NEWS...**

## **PICKERINGTON LIONS CLUB**



**100% of the proceeds is donated to Veterans!**



### **PICKERINGTON LIONS CLUB** **Pizza Challenge**

**11.13.25 | 5:30-8 PM**

**Combustion (Upstairs)**

**Calling all Pizza Connoisseurs: Join us for a family-fun event where you get to taste side-by-side slices from area pizzerias. And you be the judge! Vote on Best Crust, Best Sauce, Best Cheese, Best Pepperoni, Best Specialty, and Crowd Favorite.**

**5:30-6: VIP Ticket Access (Be the first in line for pizza and drinks with a limited number of attendees.)**

**6-8 p.m.: Presales and Door Admissions**

**Presale: \$15 VIP Access Tickets [Limit 50]**

**Presale: \$8 Adults | \$5 kids (10 and under)**

**Door: \$10 Adults | \$5 kids (10 and under)**







## SHARING CLUB NEWS...



# MILLERSPORT LIONS CLUB

### SHE ATTENDED THE VERY FIRST SWEET CORN FESTIVAL. SHE WAS 9 YEARS OLD.

During this year's festival, I received a call about a woman who wanted to meet with me, and I am so glad she sought me out. This story is worth sharing.

The woman was Maureen Skidmore of Venice, Florida. She is 88, and manages a thrift store four days per week. Her granddaughter, Stephanie Helle, is a member of the Millersport Village Council. Maureen and her late husband Joe raised their family in the house we purchased from her in 1987. From the time Gate 6 was created until the house was sold, the Skidmores fed the Gate 6 workers and deputies and also left the doors unlocked so they had access to a bathroom. That is indeed a good neighbor. She stops by the house from time to time when she is visiting to observe the changes the house has gone through since we purchased it. She still calls it "home."

She informed me this year that she can fondly remember attending the very first Sweet Corn Festival with her parents. She was 9 years-old. Her parents owned and operated "Wright's Drugs" along the boardwalk of the old Buckeye Lake Amusement Park. She worked there until she became an adult.

Maureen wanted me to tell the rest of the Millersport Lions Club that she has been amazed and impressed with the continual growth of the festival from a one-day street festival to a huge four-day extravaganza. She also had high praise for us remaining true to our roots by still making it a priority for area non-profit organizations to raise needed funds for their charitable causes. I wish you all would have had the opportunity to meet her. - **Ron Keller**



November 2025



Ohio Leo Club Members

*Design a State Leo Pin Contest*

Sponsored by the Ohio Lions Youth Committee

Deadline for Entry – November 24, 2025

This contest is open to active Ohio Leo Club members.

In order to be considered “active”, there must be a Leo application form with the Leo Club and/or sponsoring Lions Club on file for the Leo submitting a design.

A copy of the application form must be submitted with the entry.

Application must be signed by a parent if the Leo is under 18.

Application must be signed by the Leo Club advisor.

The Leo Club must have 2025-2026 club advisor information on The Portal.

The design must be an original design created by the Leo submitting the entry.

Only one entry per Leo Club member will be accepted.

The pin that is designed will not be larger than 1-3/4” x 1-3/4”.

A drawing on paper should be no larger than 8-1/2” x 11” paper (with the design smaller than that size).

The pin must represent all Ohio Leo Clubs and members, not just to a specific area or theme.

The pin must include the Leo emblem (as shown on LCI), “MD13” and the year, “2026”, on the pin.

The individual Leo winning the contest will receive a monetary award and certificate.

Pins will be sold by Leo Club members statewide along with members of the State Youth Committee and any profit made will be donated to a project chosen by Ohio Leos (the State Leo Project).

Entries must be postmarked or E-mail dated (with the completed entry form and design attached) no later than November 24, 2025. Entries postmarked or E-mail dated after that date will not be considered.

Entries are to be mailed to Leo-Lion Robert Borger, 60C Beam Dr, Franklin, OH 45005. If by Email: [youthoh6@ohiolions.org](mailto:youthoh6@ohiolions.org).

If you have questions, please contact Leo-Lion Robert Borger at [youthoh6@ohiolions.org](mailto:youthoh6@ohiolions.org) or (937) 856-6945.





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



### **NOVEMBER**

NOVEMBER 11TH-**ZONE 2 MEETING** -NEWARK LIONS CLUB

NOVEMBER 11TH-**VETERANS DAY**

NOVEMBER 13TH- **PICKERINGTON LIONS PIZZA CHALLENGE**

NOVEMBER 13TH-**ZONE 6 MEETING**-BEVERLY LIONS

**NOVEMBER 14TH-WORLD DIABETES DAY!**

NOVEMBER 15TH-MEMBERSHIP DATA REPORTED TO PORTAL **BEFORE**

NOVEMBER 15TH- **NOVEMBER CABINET MEETING**

**RUSHVILLE-UNION CLUB HOUSE**

NOVEMBER 17TH- **ZONE 4 MEETING**-PICKERINGTON LIONS

NOVEMBER 18TH- **ZONE 3 MEETING** -ZANEVILLE HOST CLUB

NOVEMBER 19TH- **ZONE 1 MEETING**- Highland Pizza, 6530 Ohio 229, Marengo, OH

NOVEMBER 20TH- **ZONE 7 MEETING** POMEROY-MIDDLEPORT LIONS

NOVEMBER 24TH DEADLINE FOR LEO PIN CONTEST!

NOVEMBER 27TH- **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**NO INFORMATION SUBMITTED FOR ZONES 5 AND 8**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK DENS FOR MORE DETAILS ON  
EACH ZONE MEETING!!**



# **WE SERVE**

