



"We Can FIX IT"

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Dear Lions,

As we approach our much-anticipated District Convention next week, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress we've made together this year and to share a few important reminders. The convention is an opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments, connect with fellow Lions, and chart the path forward for service in our community.

I encourage everyone to finalize your convention registrations if you haven't already, and to review the schedule of events so you don't miss out on any of the exciting sessions, and fellowship opportunities. This is a time to recharge, learn, and be inspired by the collective spirit and dedication of our district.

Thank you all for your hard work and commitment. Let's finish this year strong and make the upcoming convention one to remember!

Yours in Service,

Kelvin Hite

District Governor



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



Hello Fellow Lions,

This round of Zone Meetings has been truly energizing! I am so encouraged by the strong attendance we've seen across the district and deeply proud of the incredible service being carried out in every corner of OH7. Everywhere I go, I hear stories of meaningful impact, clubs meeting real needs, forming new partnerships, and stepping forward with creativity and compassion. There are truly transformative acts of service happening throughout our district.

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We are blessed to have such dedicated Lions in our pride. Your commitment, generosity, and willingness to lead are what make OH7 strong. Each project, whether large or small, reflects the heart of Lionism and reminds us why it is such an honor to serve. Like any great crew on a shared mission, each Lion brings unique strengths and perspectives, and together we accomplish far more than any one of us could alone.

At the same time, I have been learning so much through my FVDG training and am becoming increasingly excited about what lies ahead for us in Lions Year 2026–2027. There is tremendous opportunity before us for service, for membership growth, and for strengthening the bonds that unite us. International First Vice President Mark Lyon has shared inspiring global approaches that emphasize innovation, collaboration, and measurable impact. It feels as though we are charting a bold new course together, exploring new frontiers of service and daring to “boldly go” where our communities need us most. I am truly looking forward to seeing the fruits of these efforts, both worldwide and right here at home. The future is bright, and it is truly great to be a Lion!

I am also very much looking forward to seeing many of you at our District Convention on March 7th at the Crossroads in Lancaster, Ohio. Convention is always a highlight of the year, a time to celebrate accomplishments, connect with friends, and be inspired for the months ahead. If you would like to attend but have missed the registration deadline, please reach out to CS Cathy Dardis to see if accommodations can still be made. We would far rather have you there celebrating with us than miss the opportunity to gather together. Please come join in on the fun!

Thank you for all you do. The momentum is building, and together, we will continue to Serve Boldly.

Yours in Lionism,

Tamarra



2nd Vice District Governor Kitty Keller



SPRING IS THE PERFECT TIME TO REVITALIZE YOUR LIONS CLUB

Spring is the time of new beginnings, characterized by blooming flowers, the awakening of animals from hibernation, the migration of birds towards warmer climates, and it is the time to prepare the soil for

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overflows with symbolism.

Spring is when plants sprout, flowers bloom, birds lay eggs and animals give birth. Basically, spring is the time that nature is reborn. Wouldn't this be an ideal time when your club selects its slate of officers for the year 2026-2027 to encourage emerging Lions to step forward and take a position on the Club Board of Directors?

It's during spring that dormant plants and trees begin to come to life. New leaves start to show, flowers bloom, and nature is reinvigorated. It's symbolic of new beginnings, renewal, and hope. Maybe it is the perfect time to rebrand your club, adopt a new community service project or reach out to those members you haven't seen all Winter long.

When spring comes, people can get out and interact freely. There is no snow blocking roads or doorways. Festivities come alive during spring, hence with Daylight Savings Time arriving on March 8 there is more time in each day to spread kindness, share love and offer hope in each community we serve.

Spring is vibrant. Everything is fresh and strong. There are also a lot of people out and about wherever we go. It seems like a wonderful time to reach out to family, friends and neighbors asking them to help volunteer at your next Lions Club project, attend a Lions networking session or just grab a cup of coffee with a few Lions colleagues and start connecting as new friends.

Recently PID Ron and I had the pleasure of spending quality time with several dynamic and kindhearted Lions Clubs that make a difference every day. Thanks Bloom Carroll Lions for having us on Feb. 5, Summit Station Lions on Feb. 11, Carroll Lions on Feb. 12 and Newark Lions on Feb. 18. ID Chris & Lion Kathy Carlone gave us a fantastic tour of Louisiana back in July of 2023. They were awesome hosts and got us fans of Creole and Cajun cooking.

Please make it a point to meet this Dynamic Lions Couple on March 6-7. They will become your friends for life. See you at the OH-7 District Convention!



TRAVELS WITH PID RON



PID Ron is guest speaker for 100th year Charter for Cuyahoga Falls. Pictured with the Mayor Don Wharton.




40/20
CHALLENGE

20 new members in the next 40 days

There's no time like the present to bridge the membership gap and finish this Lions year
STRONG and POSITIVE!

ONE new member every TWO days to achieve this goal,

JUST IN TIME FOR
WORLD WIDE INDUCTION DAY
April 25, 2026
YOU CAN DO IT!



SHARING NEWS... around the District.



PCC LYDIA HOUSER

FOR OHIO MD13 ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL
DIRECTOR

WHY OHIO NEEDS STRONG INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Ohio Lions needs strong international representation by having an International Director because the Lions Clubs International organization operates on a global scale, influencing policies and initiatives that affect all member clubs. An International Director from Ohio ensures that the unique perspectives, needs, and strengths of Ohio Lions are effectively communicated and considered in international decision-making. This representation helps Ohio Lions stay connected to worldwide service opportunities, fosters collaboration with other regions, and advocates for resources and support that directly benefit their local projects. Additionally, it elevates Ohio's profile within the global Lions community, inspiring greater engagement and pride among its members.



Ohio needs robust international representation to ensure its Lions Clubs are fully engaged in shaping the future of service worldwide. By electing me as the endorsed candidate for International Director, Ohio secures a leader whose vision, passion, and advocacy will elevate its voice on the global platform. I bring a wealth of local leadership experience, a deep understanding of Ohio's unique challenges, and the proven ability to connect those needs with international opportunities. My collaborative spirit and forward looking mindset will empower Ohio Lions to influence international strategies, attract greater resources, and participate in innovative service initiatives. On both the state and world stage, my dedication to serving others, transparent communication style, and unwavering commitment to the Lions' mission make me an outstanding ambassador. Electing me means Ohio's priorities will be championed internationally, while my leadership inspires progress, unity, and pride within communities at home and across the globe.

For more detailed information, my full bio and answers to some specific questions are on the State web site:

<https://www.ohiolions.org/news-events/news/827-meet-the-candidates-for-international-director>. Or follow my candidate's page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586735977187>

As Lions, we can be the change by "Sharing Kindness – One Act at a Time".

If you have questions or requests, please contact me by email at LMHYOYO@aol.com or via phone at (937) 609-6594.



SHARING NEWS... around the DISTRICT



PDG Jackie Miller

For Ohio's International Director



Hello, Lions!

As a candidate for **International Director for Ohio**, I hope many of you have had the opportunity this past month to learn more about me through posts on my campaign Facebook page here. If you haven't yet, I invite you to visit it and get to know my journey and my vision for Lionism.

This month, I'd like to share a little more about where my passion for leadership and service began.

From a very young age, leadership and community involvement were simply part of who I was. I had my own paper route, babysat, and mowed lawns—learning responsibility and work ethic early on. I was active in Brownies and later chose 4-H because I wanted to learn practical skills like cooking and sewing. Thanks to my mom who started teaching me those skills. I still enjoy sewing, knitting, and quilting today.

Service through faith and youth leadership also shaped me deeply. I began teaching Sunday School at the age of 16 and continued well into my 50s, including serving for two years as a teaching coordinator at my church. Along the way, I learned how important it is to guide, mentor, and encourage others.

In school, leadership showed up in many forms. I was a cheerleader in both elementary and high school and served multiple times as Cheerleading Captain. I played in the band, marching with the Flag Corps, and was honored to serve as Flag Corps Captain as well. These experiences taught me teamwork, accountability, and how to lead by example.

That same leadership carried into my professional career. I served on—and chaired—numerous committees, led teams, and was honored to serve multiple years as President of my Toastmasters Club, whose members included our CEO and CFO. I even led our company softball team to a winning season and proudly played on our volleyball team. Whether organizing United Way campaigns or fostering friendly competition between departments to raise funds, I learned how powerful motivated people can be when they work toward a common goal.

When I look back, one thing is clear: **leadership and community service have always been part of my life.** They are not roles I step into—they are part of who I am. That foundation is what I bring with me as I seek to serve Ohio and Lions everywhere as your next International Director.

Looking forward to sharing more next month.

Let's Support PDG Jackie Miller for International Director!



SHARING CLUB NEWS...

ATHENS LIONS CLUB



MELVIN JONES AWARD



The first meeting of the year for the Athens Lions Club was the recognition of two new Melvin Jones Awardees from the club for their strong contributions to our service to the community.

Pictured to the left are Lions Jay Beam (member since 1994) and Katie Hartman (member since 2012) - congratulations to both of these exemplary Lions for their dedicated service!

The first meeting in the month of February was at the Athens IHOP Restaurant. After the typical business meeting, The club conducted another in-meeting service project to prepare Valentine's Day Candy bags.



The bags were donated to the O'Bleness Hospital Emergency Department, The Marietta Memorial Health Systems Emergency Department (Athens), the Athens County 911 Center in The Plains, OH, The Athens County Sheriff's Office, and The Athens Fire Station on Stimpson Avenue.



Thanks once again to our In-Meeting Service Project Coordinator Lion Katie Hartman for pulling together all the wonderful supplies and leading the group through the activity!



Marietta Memorial Health Systems Emergency Department (Athens),



O'Bleness Hospital Emergency Department



NEWS FROM THE LEOS



MUSKINGUM VALLEY LEOS



The Muskingum Valley Leos visiting the Beverly Appletree nursing home in February. The Leos visited with the residents, made Valentine's, laughed, hugged, and snacked on cookies cupcakes. Yum, yum!

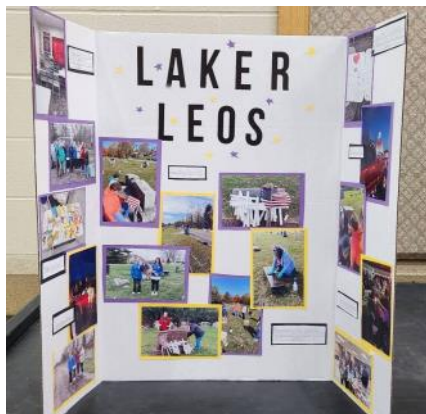


The Muskingum Valley Leos arrived at the Leo conference. Leo Taten Schaad and Leo Garin Schaad in attendance along with Leo Advisor (center) Lion Heather Mahoney.

LAKERS LEOS



MD13 State Leo Convention 2026



Laker Leos from Millersport proudly shows off their trifold informational display!



SHARING MORE NEWS...



RUSHVILLE UNION LIONS CLUB

Melvin Jones Award



Congratulations to Lion Chip Friesner on your recognition as a Melvin Jones Fellow. Thank you PDG Lion Dave Stockum for presenting Chip with this prestigious award. Chip is the embodiment of true "Lionism" and we are blessed to have him in our club!

SAVE THE DATE

Join us in celebrating 75 years of service!

ANNIVERSARY

APRIL 23

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

Mourning the Lost of GREAT Lions...



ATHENS LIONS CLUB

It is with great sadness that we share the loss of a wonderful Athens Lion Tim Hartman, who peacefully passed away the end of January.



Tim was a dedicated member of our club since 1978, serving in numerous club leadership roles including Secretary, Vice President and President. He was a wonderful advocate for service to our community and will be deeply missed by our entire membership and other Lions who knew him.

BELPRE LIONS CLUB

Marvin Sams was a dedicated Lion who loved to serve his community. Due to his health issues he resigned as a Lion after 35+ years of service. He is what you would call a behind the scenes guy. Willing to fix what he could. He also was a large part of the Holiday Lights Committee. He will be deeply missed.



Notes from your Editor...



Greetings Fellow Lions,

It doesn't seem possible hat our Convention is just around the corner! There are only a few Zones that still need to meet, Lots of preparation is being made for ALL the upcoming activities within the Clubs, Zones, and District. The sun has been peeking out whenever it can, giving us that extra burst of excitement for spring to get here. Time for the numerous activities to begin. Don't forget to donate new ot slightly used shoes of all sizes. It is sad to hear about the loss of Lion Tim Hartman (Athens) . And long time Lion Marvin Sams (Belpre) Both will be deeply missed. Keep your club news coming for me to share with the other clubs. Take Care,

Lovin' Lionism, Lion Miss Vicki





SHARING CLUB NEWS continues...



PICKERINGTON LIONS CLUB

2ND ANNUAL PICKERINGTON LIONS CLUB

CHARITY TEXAS HOLD-EM POKER TOURNAMENT



**SATURDAY, APRIL 11
CHECK IN 5:00PM
PLAY BEGINS 6:00PM**



**AMERICAN LEGION 283
7725 REFUGEE ROAD, PICKERINGTON OH 43147**

**\$120 BUY-IN AND REBUYS (FIRST TWO HOURS)
\$80 TO JACKPOT POOL / \$40 TO LOCAL CHARITIES**

**CASH PAYOUTS: TOP 15% CASH PRIZE POOL
TO A MAX OF 10 PLAYERS**

- FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
- ALCOHOL SALES PROVIDED BY LEGION
- ONSITE SECURITY PROVIDED - NO WEAPONS
- LIONS CLUB 50/50 RAFFLE



QUESTIONS? PICKLIONSPOKER@GMAIL.COM

100 PLAYER LIMIT – REGISTER TODAY!



SHARING MORE CLUB NEWS...



BELPRE LIONS CLUB



Several Belpre Lions delivered sweet treats to the staff and Valentines to the residents of our 3 local nursing homes.

Arcadia, Belpre Landing, and Rockland Ridge.



A special benefit dinner was held for Reese, a 6 year old boy with stem cancer. (Medical name: Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma DIPG). The Belpre Lions helped at the benefit and also donated items for the spaghetti dinner. We are also the sponsoring club for his gas card to help with his trip to Houton to participate in a clinical study. His condition is usually diagnosis as terminal.



Pictured ;left to right are: Lions Jolene Reeder, PDG Sara Camacho, Steve Reeder, Laura Coram, and George Gilbert.



Belpre’s Veteran of the month for March was Michelle George. President Jolene Reeder presented her with a certificate of appreciation for her service and a really neat yard sign to display in her yard. We had a wonderful visit with her and her family enjoying soup, with the goodies on the side.



SHARING CLUB NEWS...continues



BELPRE LIONS CLUB



Like other clubs, we have decided to finish up the meeting with a project or two. The task counting the collection of eyeglasses can be time consuming, however, doing it all together doesn't take long at all. Over 300 pairs were counted and boxed up.



Our second project was the State Wide collection of new or slightly used shoes to help with Pediatric Cancer Fund Raiser. We had bagged up two bags of 25 pairs with a few others left. We have more coming to take to the Convention as well. Both of these projects great ways to reach out to those in need.



LIONS
INTERNATIONAL
GLOBAL
CAUSES



SHARING CLUB NEWS...continues



BELPRE LIONS CLUB

Wings Etc. is Helping Us Raise Money!



***Come Help Raise Funds for the
Belpre Lions Club
By Participating in a
Wings Etc. Dine-to-Donate Event!***

- **When:** Sunday, March 8th, 2026
- **Where:** Wings Etc.
1804 Washington Blvd, Suite A
Belpre, OH 45714
740.860.3222

Time: 11:00am—11:00pm

Please dine in or carry out at Wings Etc. of Belpre on 3/8/26 at the times listed above and Wings Etc. will donate 15% of your food & soft drink subtotal to the Belpre Lions Club. **Don't forget to detach the fundraiser ticket and bring it with you to Wings Etc. or show your server a picture of the fundraiser ticket on your mobile device!**

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Wings Etc. Fundraiser Ticket

Please present this ticket to your server or bartender on 3/8/26 and 15% of your food & drink subtotal* will be donated to the Belpre Lions Club.

*excludes alcohol and tax

**flyers may not be distributed on premises before or during event

Help us continue giving out scholarships to 2 Belpre High School seniors each year by attending our Dine to Donate fundraising event!

March 8th from 11am - 11pm head over to the Belpre Wings Etc and be sure to show them this flyer to help us raise money for our Scholarship program. All money raised from this goes directly into our Scholarship funds.



**SHARING MORE CLUB NEWS...
ROSEVILLE LIONS CLUB**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ROSEVILLE LIONS CLUB CAR SHOW

DATE & TIME: Sunday, April 26, 2026

RAIN DATE: Sunday, May 3, 2026

LOCATION: Community Bank Branch Parking Lot

Route 22, Maysville Pike, South Zanesville

Registration: 11 am – 2 pm Awards: 3 pm



Registration is \$15.00



Trucks, Motorcycles, and Tractors are Welcome

Dash Plaques to the 1st 50 Vehicles



**OUR PROCEEDS HELP IN OUR TOWNS WITH:
THE GOOD PROGRAM IN OUR SCHOOLS,
SEEING EYE DOG PROGRAMS,
EYE GLASS PURCHASES, & DISASTER RELIEF.**



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

Please note: This is not a professionally judged show.

**TOP 10 AWARDS plus DJ’s choice, Participant’s Choice,
Lions Choice, and the Community Bank Award.**



SHARING MORE CLUB NEWS...



ALEXANDER LIONS CLUB

Melvin Jones Award



Lion Tom O'Brian (front center) was presented with a Melvin Jones Award at their 54th Charter Night Celebration. Pictured with him are the other recipients from the club that were present.

CARROLL LIONS CLUB



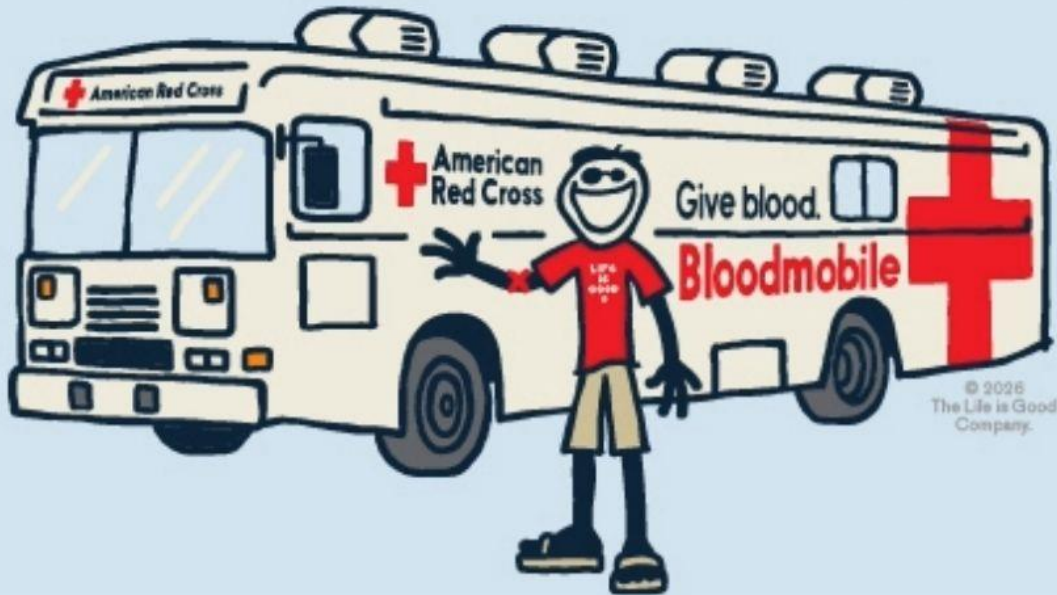
PID Ron, Carroll Lions Club President Tammy Dunlavey & 2VDG Kitty's at their club meeting on February 12.



SHARING MORE CLUB NEWS...
MILLERSPORT LIONS CLUB



LIFE IS GOOD. GIVE BLOOD.



Blood Drive
Millersport Lions Club

Meeting Room
2900 Chautauqua Blvd
Millersport, OH 43046

Wednesday, April 1, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



SHARING MORE CLUB NEWS...

MILLERSPORT LIONS CLUB



Millersport Lions Famous Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

**March 28, 2026
9 AM – 11:30 AM
Millersport Lions Clubhouse**

Breakfast Menu:

- *Pancakes*
 - *Scrambled Eggs*
 - *Biscuits*
 - *Sausage Links*
 - *Sausage Gravy*
- Donation of \$5** (Cash or Credit)
Kids 3 & under are free

Kids age 12 and under can join us for the Easter Egg Hunt at 11 AM.

All proceeds go to support Millersport Lions Sponsored Charities.

WE SERVE

Event will occur rain, snow or sunshine



SHARING MORE CLUB NEWS...

MILLERSPORT LIONS CLUB



The Millersport Lions started repairs and restoration to the Spurgeon General Store at Historic Lions Park. The building is over 175 years old.



Progress continues on the Spurgeon Store at Historic Lions Park in Millersport.



Millersport Lions hosting the LCI Urban Development session for MD-13





SHARING MORE CLUB NEWS...



ATHENS LIONS CLUB



The Athens County Sheriff's Office,



The Athens County 911 Center in The Plains.



Athens Fire Department

BEVERLY LIONS CLUB

Amanda Ciccone, OTR/L from the InMotion Neuro Rehab team spoke to the Beverly Lions Club. Amanda works in the field of occupational therapy for individuals with low vision.





SHARING CLUB NEWS...continues



BEVERLY LIONS CLUB

Beverly-Waterford

Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday

April 4th

12:00 pm



Dodge Park

Preschool through Grade 4

Bring your own baskets

Sponsored by the
Beverly Lions Club & the
Muskingum Valley Leo Club





SHARING CLUB NEWS continues...



BEVERLY LIONS CLUB



Beverly Lions Club
Pancake Breakfast
with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Beverly Methodist Church
8:00 am to 11:00 am

Children \$5 (10 and under)
Adults \$8
\$10 all you can eat!



All proceeds go to the Lions scholarship program
for Fort Frye & Waterford.



SHARING Zone NEWS...



ZONE 7 meeting in WELLSTON



ZONE 2 meeting in SUMMIT STATION

Zone 2 Meeting at Summit Station Lions Club . Perfect attendance for Zone. A clubs were present, plus the possible new club branch - Etna United Lions. Looks like 50 people were there.

Zone 2 LCIF certificates were presented to clubs : Summit Station, Pataskala, Newark, Licking Valley, Hebron, and Heath.



ZONE 5 meeting in PLEASANTVILLE



Zone 5 Meeting tonight hosted by Pleasantville Lions Club

Lion Slingers Tamarra & Ed





SHARING Zone NEWS... continues



CABINET MEETING



PDG meeting at cabinet meeting.



A few words from our current Council Chair Brad King.



Pratti representing Pataskala, and President Arti representing Duncan Falls Philo.

ZONE 3 meeting in DUNCAN FALLS-PHILO

LCIF certificates were given at meeting. Zone Chair Dan Osborn holding certificate for Paul Hoffman in Springfield Township, Nathan

ZONE 7 meeting in THE PLAINS





SHARING Zone NEWS... continues



ZONE 6 meeting in MARIETTA

Almost a full house for the Zone 6 meeting with perfect attendance of all clubs. (Belpre, Beverly, Chesterhill, Marietta Noon, and Scenic Hills)



Pictured is the presentation of Ohio Lions Sight Foundation certificates to Beverly, Chesterhill, and Maritta Noon Clubs.

Several clubs and individuals were given LCIF certificates recognizing their donations to LCIF. Clubs included were: Belpre, Beverly, Chesterhill and Marietta Noon. Individuals where: Lions Greg Randolph, Peggy Byers, Bob Ferguson and Bob Byers.,



Zone 6 Chair Greg Randolph begins the meeting with a warm welcome.

LCIF co-chairs Ollie and Richard Tipple encourage the money jar collects. And shared different grants available through LCIF.





SHARING CLUB, DISTRICT, AND STATE NEWS...



MARCH

- March 1st **HAPPY BIRTHDAY OHIO**
- March 1st **BEVERLY LIONS** -Wings etc. Fundraiser 11am-11pm Marietta
- March 2nd **URBAN CLUB DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP** see DENS
- March 3rd **ZONE 4** meeting at Rushville Lions Clubhouse
- March 4th **ZONE 1** meeting at Weavers Farm and furniture
29217 Mickley Road, Danville, Ohio 43014
- March 7th **OH7 DISTRICT CONVENTION**
- March 7th **CHESTERHILL LIONS CLUB** monthly breakfast 7am-11am
- March 8th **sheleads: A Global Call to Unite** see DENS
- March 8th **BELPRE LIONS** Fund raiser at Wings etc. 11am-11pm -Belpre
- March 28th **MILLERSPORT LIONS** Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt (see flyer)

APRIL

- April 1st **MILLERSPORT LIONS** Blood drive 12pm-6pm
- April 4th **BEVERLY LIONS** Easter Egg Hunt (see flyer)
- April 4th **CHESTERHILL LIONS CLUB** monthly breakfast 7am-11am
- April 11th **PICKERINGTON LIONS** Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament
(see flyer)
- April 23rd **RUSHVILLE UNION** 75th CHARTER Night (more info to come)
- April 25th **WORLD WIDE INDUCTION DAY** (see insert)
- April 26th **ROSEVILLE LIONSCLUB**-Car show (see flyer)



WE SERVE

