OH5 PRIDE REPORT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR GARY LIKENS

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due by the 27th of the month

SAVE THE DATE:

Lions International Convention
July 3-7, 2026
Hong Kong

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 3-5, 2026
Memphis, TN

Super Braxton 5k
November 7, 2026
Reynoldsburg High School

District OH5 Convention
March 12-13, 2027
Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center
Clark State College
275 S. Limestone
Springfield, OH

from the desk of

DG GARY LIKENS

Greetings OH5 Lions,

By the time you read this, I will be half-way around the world at the Lions International Convention in Hong Kong. That is where incoming District Governors from among the 200+ countries that Lions represent will be installed as District Governors.

I am proud and honored to represent the best District in Ohio. I have big shoes to fill as outgoing DG Dr Carl Gass left the District in great shape.I promise to do my best to build upon the momentum built during this past year.

Of course like DG Carl, I won't be doing this job alone. I have two great Vice-Governors in,1st VDG/GMT Fred Porter from Marysville and 2nd VDG/GET Stu Koble from Grove City. They each work tirelessly for the District. Also, a shout out to a great Cabinet. I made very few changes to the Cabinet because, "if it ain't broke don't fix it".
We are all committed to working diligently to continue to make OH5 the premier District in Ohio. Myself, Fred Stu and the rest of the Cabinet are here to assist all Lion clubs and individual Lions become the best example of servants we can be. "We Serve" is not just a motto, it is who we are and what we do.

So let's continue to build the District, work together, and serve our communities After all, WE ARE LIONS!!
Yours in Lionism,
DG Gary Likens
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JULY CALENDAR:

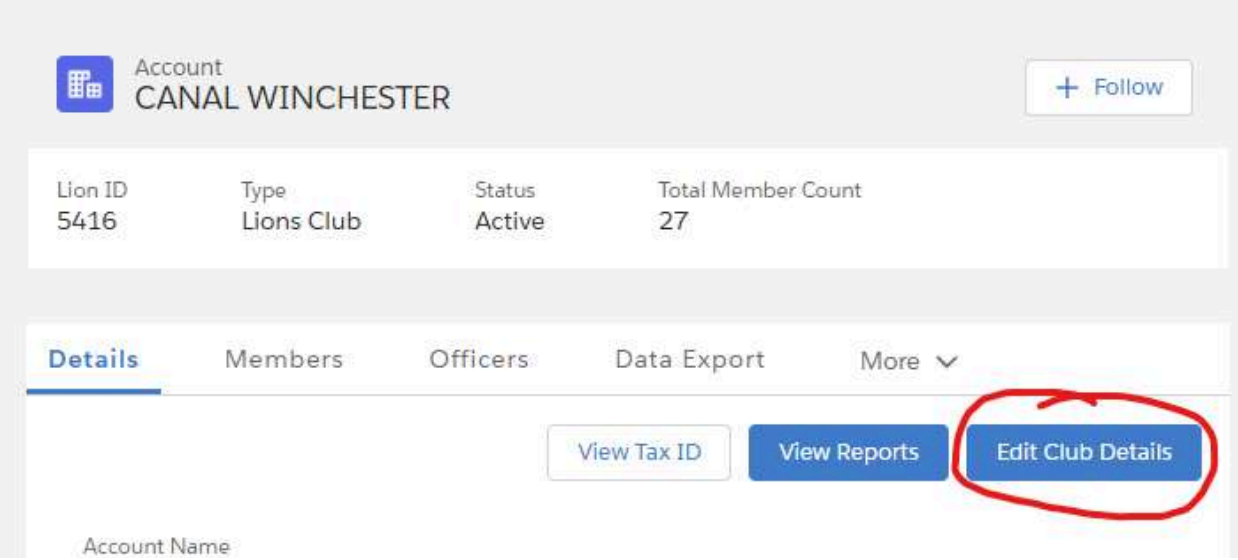
July 1-8 - Lions International Convention Hong Kong
July 13 - Budget Meeting
July 16 - Cols Southeast officer install
July 20 - Key 3
July 21 - London Lions

1st Cabinet Meeting -August 15th @ State Office 10AM.
2nd Cabinet Meeting November 14th @ Northridge Lions 10AM
3rd Cabinet Meeting February 27th @ State Office 10AM

DISTRICT OH5 CONVENTION- March 12-13 @ Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center
Clark State College 275 S. Limestone Springfield, OH

District Directory- is YOUR Club info up to date?

The final district directory is slated for publication mid July. All club information in the directory comes directly from the Lions portal. Double check now to ensure your meeting location, meeting dates, meeting times and club officer information (Officer name, phone number and email) are all accurate!



Check out one our very own OH5 Clubs- Grove City- featured as a story by Lions Project for Canine Companions:
https://www.lpcanine.org/our-stories/grove-city-new-membership

All Lions are invited to join Lions Project for Canine Companions representatives at upcoming graduation ceremonies at the Canine Companions New Albany Campus! Please RSVP with Ashley Ballard at aballard@lpcanine.org if you plan to attend!
Dates: Fridays - August 14th, November 13th
Time: 1:00-2:30pm Eastern
Address: 7480 New Albany-Condit Rd, New Albany, OH 43054
Parking attendants will provide instructions on where to park. Ceremony takes place in New Leash Hall, which is at the back of the campus. Bring tissues!

Thank you for reading!

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TRI-VILLAGE LIONS' SECOND ANNUAL Pickleball Tournament

Friday, Aug. 7, 2026 from 6 pm to 9 pm

@

Pickle & Chill

880 W. Henderson Rd., Columbus, OH

Round-robin play

Teams of Two

Only $100 per Team

Proceeds contribute to Tri-Village Lions' charitable projects, including childhood cancer research, the prevention of blindness, and programs that feed hungry children in the area.

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