OH5 PRIDE REPORT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR GARY LIKENS

OCTOBER 2026

TROY LIONS ENJOYING A GAME!

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due by the 27th of the month

SAVE THE DATE:

Super Braxton 5k
November 7, 2026
Reynoldsburg
Summit High School

Ohio Lions Winter Retreat
Jan 15-17, 2027
Salt Fork State Park

District Convention
March 12-13, 2027
Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center
Springfield, OH

Ohio Lions State Convention
May 21-23, 2027
Embassy Suites
Dublin, OH

from the desk of

DG GARY LIKENS

Greetings OH5 Lions.

Hard to believe that the first quarter of my year as Governor has come and gone. July was filled with travel, directories and generally settling into the job.

August was the month of tornados, floods and high winds. I learned alot about LCIF and how quickly they respond when there is a disaster. Participated in my first Council of Governors meeting, held my first Cabinet meeting and attended my first three Zone Meetings as Governor.

September began with a trip to Mempis for the USA/Canada Forum. It was great to connect with old friends and make some new ones. The Leadership training at the Forum is outstanding. I would highly recommend the Forum to any Lion in a leadership position. Next year's Forum will be in Huntsville, Alabama September 16-18.

Closer to home, September was Membership month in OH5. Led by District Membership Chair (GMT) Fred Porter. We began September at -17 . Meaning that since July 1st, we lost 17 more members than we gained. However, by the end of the month, our membership rose to +6. Quite a turn around. Great work by everyone in the District, especially FVDG Fred and SVDG Stu Koble. We are seeing a Membership surge that we want to continue into October and beyond.

Remember more members means more service. That is, was, and always will be what Lions are all about. If any Club or individual has an issue please feel free to contact me via email, text, or call.

Yours in Lionism,
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Updates from Troy Lions Club

Dayton Dragons Visit

Thank you to Deborah Miller and Health Partners for inviting the Troy Lions to their volunteer's party. We enjoyed a day watching the Dayton Dragons play baseball from the Kona Big Wave Dragons Lair. This included a free shirt, hat and all the food you could eat. We appreciated the kind gesture and had a grand time.

Cherry Street Market

Troy Lions set up their "Vision Education Bean Bag Game" at the Cherry Street Market. 36 adults and 44 children wore the vision-altering goggles (simulates various eye conditions) and tried to toss the bean bags into the Lion's mouth.

Reynoldsburg Lions Special Feature

The Reynoldsburg Lions have been BUSY! See their special update flyer attached at the end of this newsletter!

Thank you for reading!

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SUNDAY, November 1, 1:00-5:00 PM

41st SEMI-ANNUAL Pub Trivia Contest

The Tri-Village Lions Challenge You!!

Albert Einstein is all dressed up and ready to join us at our new venue – the Hofbrauhaus in Grandview. Will we see you there?

Did you know that Albert Einstein was a Lion???

(He wasn't. But if he HAD been, he probably would have been really good at Trivia!!)

LIONS TRIVIA CHALLENGE!

In addition to competing for the overall honors (and prize!) for the contest, those Lions Clubs that field a team of 4 (Lions, family, friends) to play on behalf of their club will also be eligible to win LIONS BRAGGING RIGHTS – a "traveling trophy" that currently bears the names of the Worthington Noon Lions (twice!), the Beechcroft Lions (twice!), and the Ohio5sters (a whole bunch of times)!

WHEN: Sunday, November 1
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

WHERE: **The Hofbrauhaus**
Grandview Yard -800 Goodale Blvd
Columbus, OH 43212

Questions? CONTACT: Lion Jeff Davis
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We Serve
TRI-VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

$10/person entry fee

MOVIES, MUSIC, HISTORY, PEOPLE SPORTS, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!
Tempt your taste buds and take a chance on some of this year's themed raffle baskets, as well!

All proceeds are used to fund the service and philanthropy work of the Tri-Village Lions

REYNOLDSBURG LIONS CLUB

SUMMER 2026 • A SEASON OF SERVICE

COMMUNITY • SERVICE • COMPASSION

From celebrating our community to responding when our neighbors needed us most, Reynoldsburg Lions have been busy serving all summer.

4TH OF JULY — AMERICA 250

Community Outreach at the 4th of July celebration

Lions participating in the RCA 4th of July Parade

The Reynoldsburg Lions Club was proud to marshal and participate in the Reynoldsburg Community Association's 4th of July Parade as our community celebrated America 250. Lions also provided community outreach and activities throughout the celebration.

REYNOLDSBURG TOMATO FESTIVAL

Vision-Impaired Target Game	Kids' games & giant bubbles	Fun for all ages

Each year, the Reynoldsburg Lions have the honor of running the kids' games at the Tomato Festival. This year brought plenty of smiles, including our Lions Vision-Impaired Target Game and a variety of hands-on activities for local children and families.

REYNOLDSBURG FLOOD RELIEF — LIONS ANSWER THE CALL

Lions and community volunteers working in the aftermath

WHEN OUR NEIGHBORS NEEDED HELP, WE WERE THERE.

The devastating August floods left many Reynoldsburg families facing tremendous loss. The Reynoldsburg Lions Club responded with donations, hands-on community outreach, and continued collection of needed items.

$5,000 OLF GRANT

Our club was awarded a $5,000 OLF Grant in Walmart gift cards to help community members devastated by the floods.

We continue to collect items for our neighbors through the Reynoldsburg Hope Center who lost everything.

LIONS IN ACTION

CONTINUING TO SERVE AFTER THE STORM

Direct outreach with flood-affected neighbors

Donated supplies gathered for families

Volunteers helping with cleanup & recovery

The work continued long after the water receded. Lions helped gather and move donated goods, connect with affected residents, and support ongoing recovery efforts. Through the Reynoldsburg Hope Center and community partners, we are continuing to collect items for neighbors who lost everything.

CARE FOR THE COLD & COMMUNITY CARE

Picking up hundreds of donated coats

Joseph's Coats of Central Ohio — Our Lions continue to partner with Joseph's Coats of Central Ohio, helping collect hundreds of donated coats for upcoming Care for the Cold events.

September Pet Food Drive

Helping Hands & Hope Center — In September, the Lions held a pet food drive supporting Helping Hands Food Pantry and our neighbors at the Reynoldsburg Hope Center.

ADOPT-A-ROAD — KEEPING REYNOLDSBURG CLEAN

A COMMITMENT THAT CONTINUES

Monthly Adopt-A-Road cleanup on Taylor Road

Our Reynoldsburg Lions continue the monthly Adopt-A-Road program in partnership with the City of Reynoldsburg, helping keep our adopted section of Taylor Road clean and welcoming.

Service is more than a single event—it's a commitment to our community, month after month.

WE SERVE REYNOLDSBURG

Thank you to every Lion, volunteer, partner, donor, and community member who continues to make a difference.

9th Annual

Super Braxton

Pediatric Cancer 5K Run/Walk

November 7, 2026

Reynoldsburg HS Summit Campus
8579 Summit Road, Reynoldsburg, OH

100% of net proceeds will go to pediatric cancer causes.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Braxton Long lost his 3 year battle with cancer on July 24, 2017 at the age of 8 years old. He loved life, was optimistic and kind by nature, and had a smile on his face to the end.

$82,000+ RAISED FOR RESEARCH AND COUNTING!!

From the free kids race where kids 12 & under win a medal, to Star Wars characters, plenty of food, awards and a forgiving but accurate 5K route, this event is perfect for both the competitive runners and families out to walk alike!

Event Schedule

7:30—9:00 Registration
(Performing arts center. Same day registration available.)
9:00am Kids Fun Run (FREE)
9:30am 5K Start

Please note: Registration cut-off for guaranteed shirt sizes is October 20. We cannot guarantee your shirt size will be available after this date.

For more information, forms, or to register, please visit the District OH5 Lions site at district13oh5.org

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Registering for (Please Check One):

_____ I'm registering as a regular participant (Age:_____)

_____ I'm registering as a Virtual Walker. (Walk on your own time, your own schedule, but you are still supporting the cause. **Please note, we cannot ship shirts to Virtual Walkers due to high postage costs.**)

_____I am a former or current pediatric cancer patient, or immediate family member. (Age:_____)
(FREE to these families, but this registration form is still required.)

If using this form for multiple participants, please add each additional person in the lines below:

_____ Age:_____ _____ Age:_____

Contact Information:

Name: _____ Team Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZC: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Shirt(s) needed: _____CM _____CL _____S _____M _____L _____XL _____2XL _____3XL
Please note: shirt sizes are only guaranteed for participants who register by October 20. We will do our best to accommodate sizes for registrations received after this date, including race day registrations.

Enclosed please find my payment of $_____ Ck #: _____
(Additional donations are appreciated and can be included in the check or money order.)
$30/person which includes T-Shirt, bib and chip. *(No charge for pediatric cancer families, but registration still required.)* Make checks payable to **Reynoldsburg Lions Charitable Fund** and mail to Super Braxton Pediatric Cancer Run, c/o Reynoldsburg Lions, P.O. Box 575, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. Contact **reynlions@outlook.com** with questions, or call or text to 740-412-4692. **Registrants and sponsors can also register at district13oh5.org. Hosted by the Reynoldsburg Lions Club & the Reynoldsburg HS Leos Club. Sponsored by District 13 OH5 Lions.**

ATTENTION: Citing safety concerns, Reynoldsburg Police have restricted the route starting this year. The 5K race route will be entirely on the Summit Road school campus. Everything else remains the same.

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EVENT SPONSOR FORM

Please Check one of the Options Below:

_____ **GOLD $1000** (on Sponsor Banner at event; PA announcement before/end of event, name and logo on event shirts, 2 free registrations to race)

_____ **SILVER $500** (on Sponsor Banner at event; PA announcement before/end of event, name and logo on event shirts, 1 free registration to race)

_____ **BRONZE $250** (on Sponsor Banner at event; PA announcement before/end of event, name on event shirts)

_____ **MILE MARKER $100** (on Sponsor Banner at event; PA announcement before/end of event, name on event shirts)

_____ **In Kind or Other Amount** (Anything is appreciated—snacks, water, money, etc)

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZC: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ **This donation is tax deductible. Please check here if you need a letter.**

Enclosed please find my payment of $_____ Ck #: _____
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