



OH5 PRIDE REPORT

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DECEMBER 2025



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due by the 27th of the month

SAVE THE DATE:

Ohio Lions Winter
Retreat
Jan. 16-18, 2026
Deer Creek State Park

District Convention
March 13-14, 2026
Embassy Suites by Hilton
Columbus
2700 Corporate
Exchange Dr, Columbus
43231

Ohio Lions State
Convention
May 15-17, 2026
Holiday Inn, Roberts
Center,
Wilmington, OH

Lions International
Convention
Jul. 3-7, 2026
Hong Kong

Peace Poster Contest

The Worthington Noon Lions Club is thrilled to announce the 2025- 2026 Worthington School District Peace Poster winners sponsored by their club, who entered the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Congratulations to all the students who participated this year. The Lions International Peace Poster Contest is an international contest that encourages children, ages 11 to 13 to creatively express what peace means to them. This year’s contest theme is “Together As One.”

Isla Helinski from Worthingway Middle School earned first place at the Worthington School District level and will advance on to the Ohio Lion District OH-5 Competition.

The following 3 students also “placed” at the local Worthington School District Level:

Myla Miller from McCord Middle School earned second place.

Katherine (Katya) Popova from McCord Middle School earned third place.

Victoria Montero Ortega from Worthingway Middle School earned fourth place.



Congratulations to these four students who will receive a monetary award and be recognized at their Middle Schools “Nights of Excellence” in the spring. The Worthington Noon Lions Club received 105 art entries this year, and hope to receive even more for next year’s competition. All 5 middle schools are encouraged to participate each year. The participating middle school art departments that sent entries this year will also receive a monetary art department donation in recognition for their collaboration.



Marysville Lions bringing Thanksgiving to those in need

The Marysville Evening Lions Club along with a Leo from Marysville High School packed over 150 Thanksgiving food boxes with the Byron Saunders Foundation – Union County Chapter, spreading warmth and hope this holiday season! Plus, we proudly presented a donation to the Union County Chapter.

Grove City Lions



Grove City Lions presented Brittany Long, mom of late son Braxton, with 100 LEGOS to be donated to the Pediatric Cancer Ward at Children's hospital. Left to right is DG Carl Gass, Lion Kim Heffinger, GET Stu Koble, Brittany Long, Lion Jen Uhrin and Zone Chair Amanda Jones.

The Grove City Lions presented nearly 10,000 pair of eyeglasses to SVOSH for recycling. These glasses were collected from a dozen locations around town. The cases were removed and will be used on a future project to benefit the homeless.



Troy Lions at the Newton Craft Fair/Lions Vision Toss



MD13 Donation to the Dayton Children's Hospital





Ohio Lions Winter Retreat



From OH5 Winter Retreat Chair Lion Amanda Jones~

We have created a fun-filled event this year with not only Lions sessions but also fun activities such as a pain-n-sip. **Flyer and registration forms are at the end of this newsletter!** The Winter Retreat is not here for just the sessions, as you do not have to attend sessions all day. Enjoy your time with your fellow Lions. Make new friends and have great discussions that could turn into something you could use in your club. We grow together!!

The service project for the Winter Retreat is for the Pilot Dog program. We will be collecting specific items needed for Pilot dogs and instead of asking your clubs to purchase the specific items, you may donate and the Retreat Committee will purchase the items and transport everything to Deer Creek. A Representative from Pilot Dogs will be attending and collecting items collected. If the clubs would like to collect the items and bring them to the Winter Retreat, please let Lion Amanda know.

To make this even more fun! We will be presenting the winning club with an award for the most donated. The deadline for donations so we can go shopping will be January 10th, 2026. Let's show up OH5!! We hope to see you all at the Retreat!

Donation information:

Address: 1035 Pleasant Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Venmo: @LionAmanda

Zelle: 614-549-0910

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you all for your support!

Yours in Lionism,

OH5 Winter Retreat Chair,

Amanda Jones

Thank you for reading!

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www.e-district.org/sites/district13oh5/	www.facebook.com/DistrictOH5



PDG Jackie Miller, District 13OH5 GLT

December 2025

District OH5 Lions,

I hope many of you joined me in GIVING TUESDAY and did something to give to LCIF, whether that was a donation or service of some kind.

Lately there have been torrential monsoon rains and cyclones which have swept through regions of South and Southeast Asia, bringing catastrophic flooding across Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The deluge caused massive flooding and deadly landslides, submerging entire communities, destroying homes and cutting access to essential services. In several regions, roads and bridges collapsed or were washed away, and power, water and communications networks were severely disrupted.

LCIF was there to mobilize funds in major catastrophe and emergency grants of more than \$500,000 to empower Lions in the impacted areas to help their communities recover. This is what we do as Lions!

January is Hunger initiative so think ahead what your club can do to help those in your community who might be living paycheck to paycheck; unsure if they can feed their children or even themselves. Government funded programs have been interrupted and still not fully in place. Christmas is coming. We have elderly, our neighbors, the homeless, school children, those who are ill – so many with food insecurity. Think of ways you can reach out! What can your club do for those in need? There are plenty of community partners we can collaborate with not just for January, but for the ENTIRE year. Make a phone call. Have a food drive. Give a glimpse of hope to someone that there are others out there who do care!

100% of EVERY donation you make benefits LCIF grants and programs, every gift – large AND small – MAKES A DIFFERENCE to someone in need!!

LCIF Coordinator PDG Jackie Miller
pdgjackie@gmail.com



PDG Jackie Miller, District 13OH5 GLT

December 2025

District OH5 Lions,

I hope you all have a Blessed Christmas Season!

We will have those additional training sessions in the coming months. As soon as I get word on the locations being scheduled we'll get word out to you on when and where they are so you can join us and get some of the training you missed at Learn to Roar last June. I encourage you all to consider making the time to join us next year for the actual Learn to Roar that will be held once again at Tolles Technical Center. You will get so much more out of it than these additional trainings. And we have one of the smaller Districts in geographical distance, so it's really not that hard to get to please consider joining us then.

Are you filling out your GLT Content Form? I Hope so...It's attached if you need it. I'm excited to see who's going to send one in. I've heard from a few of you who are working on it and that got me excited, so join the rest of your District Lions and get in on the fun! I hope you have met a few new Lions along the way that's part of the point of the whole contest. Forms are due by **March 1st**. But if you are done before that, you can send to me when it's complete.

We are working on getting info to put on an ELLI for next year. This is an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute. For all Lions members who have served on a club committee and not yet attained the position of club president. You learn valuable leadership skills and strategies for overcoming obstacles and create opportunities to strengthen leadership abilities within your club. MDS Debbie and I are working on pricing to keep it much more reasonable than at any other time and keeping it local – in downtown Columbus! So stay tuned for more information.

There is NEW information on LCI's site for Learning in the Lions Portal. Have you been there? What do you think? Need help?

Let me know if I can come and visit your club? I'd love to talk with your club about all things Leadership!

I'm happy to report that 1VDG Gary has asked me to be his GLT for next year so you're all stuck with me for another year. 😊

Yours in Lionism,

GLT PDG Jackie



OHIO LIONS



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
- ✓ Extention team members
- ✓ All Lions interested in developing new clubs and urban branches

JOIN US!



- ✉ get@ohiolions.org
- ☎ 419-685-7693 GET Tim Kershner
440-670-7746 PCC Kerry Parker

Lead to Serve
Serve to Lead

A. P. SINGH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2025-2026



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/dkYj1kAGc5rE3i456>



ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER FOR DISTRICTS AND LEO CLUB NEWSLETTERS



The Lions International Pin Trading Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of US\$4,000 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lions or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, “WE SERVE”. During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed US\$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders’ slogan, “Lions First”.

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student’s goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by **March 1, 2026**.

We encourage all graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions or members or who are members of Leo Clubs to participate in our Scholarship Program.

Steven D Sherer, Secretary

Name of Pin Trading Club Scholarship Chairman

1090 Thomas Drive SW

New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

lionpidsteve@gmail.com

Please place the above message in your sub-district and district bulletins and post on your websites. Please be aware that Scholarship Applications and information are on the [LITPC website](#).

2025-26 OLERF Trustees and Appointees

Updated 10/23/25

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COME JOIN US!



**FOR A WINTER RETREAT
JANUARY 16-17-18, 2026
at
DEER CREEK STATE PARK LODGE**

**at Mt. Sterling, Ohio
online at OhioLions.org**

**Registration by December 1, 2025-\$130
4 meals included**



**Visit with the Global Action Team
Members:**

PCC Kerry Parker, Regional GAT
PDG Jackie Miller, GLT
PCC Dave Stockum, GST
Lion Tim Kershner, GET
PCC Mike Kerek, GMT



**Enjoy These Sessions
and more...**

“So, What is that Sound About?”
Origami
Paint 'n Sip
Outdoor Adventures and
Performances
Explore Your Family Tree
A Little History
Young's Jersey Dairy
Culinary Adventures
Sing Along
Board Games and Euchre
Pilot Dogs
Pilot Dog Service Project



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**OHIO LIONS
WINTER RETREAT**

2026 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 16, 17, 18, 2026

**REGISTRATION FORM
DEER CREEK STATE PARK RESORT
MT. STERLING, OH**

REGISTRATION:

Full registration paid by December 1, 2025 will be **\$130.00**. Full registrations December 2, 2025 – January 3, 2026 will be **\$145.00**. No registrations will be accepted after January 3, 2026. Make all checks payable to: “THE OHIO LIONS” and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 2082 Stringtown Rd, PO Box 155, Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: ohiolions@gmail.com. To use your credit card: go to www.ohiolions.org & use PayPal and send your registration form to the address above. **NO CANCELLATIONS WILL BE REFUNDED OR REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JANUARY 4, 2026.**

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat!

District

NAME: _____ EMAIL _____

NAME: _____ EMAIL _____

NAME: _____ EMAIL _____

Will attend Sip and Paint (\$30 fee) _____ (LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE)

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal.

Registrant’s Name: _____

Needs: _____

Registrant’s Name: _____

Needs: _____

Session Facilitators

_____ Yes, _____ would help as a session facilitator at the Winter Retreat.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel by calling 1-800-282-7275 and ask for the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat block. Room reservations must be made prior to December 1, 2025 to get the \$129.00/night plus tax rate.

After December 1st the room rate may increase. The resort only has a limited number of rooms and may sell out. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Check out www.deercreektatepark.com for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!

Wish List

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1264J8QULGDPW>
No jab canes

shelter beds

<https://shelterbeds.org/donate/390520>

- Paper towels
- Disinfectant wipes
- Handsoap refill
- White copy paper (8.5" x 11")
- New or gently-used winter coats and rain jackets for students (M, L, XL)
- Windchimes, kites, and windsocks for puppy area

https://www.chewy.com/g/pilot-dogs_b85890641

Nylabone Power Chew Durable Dog Toy Bacon, X-Large

Chewy Gift Cards Chewy

GoughNuts Ring Dog Toy, Green, Original

GoughNuts Ring Dog Toy, Orange, Original

KONG Classic Dog Toy, Large

KONG Classic Dog Toy, X-Large



2026 District OH5 Convention
 www.district13OH5.org
 March 13th & 14, 2026
 Embassy Suites Columbus Hotel
 2700 Corporate Exchange Dr.
 Columbus, OH 43231



Entire Convention \$100
 Friday Casino Free
 Saturday Lunch \$40
 Saturday Session..... \$3
 Grand Banquet \$60

Club Name: _____
 Contact: _____
 Phone or email: _____

Friday Night: Casino *Please note, you can buy casino money at the event

Hotel Room: Includes free happy hour on Friday night and free Saturday morning breakfast.
 \$169 for a suite with 2 doubles with sleeper sofa and \$149 for a 1 king with sleeper sofa. The rates are per night+tax.

Room deadline is February 13, 2026 ****Please mention the Lions event for this rate****

Food Allergies: Gluten ___ Vegetarian ___ Nut ___ Seafood _____

Name	Entire Convention \$100	Saturday Business & Lunch \$40	Grand Banquet only \$60	Pre Order Casino \$10 Minimum	Saturday Session: Lion Pin Art \$3.00	TOTAL

Please make checks payable to:
 District OH5 Lions, Inc.
 359 Sitterly Road
 Canal Winchester, OH 43110

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 16, 2026

Service Project: Collecting vegetable seed packets for the Mid-Ohio Collective, personal care items and Veterans activities backpacks.

Questions: Lion Jen Luttrell - E: luttrellzoo@hotmail.com

****Please Note: NO MEALS WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER THE DEADLINE****

DISTRICT OH5

SILENT AUCTION!

We are excited for our upcoming MD-13 Convention!!!!

Requesting Clubs and/or Zones to donate a Silent Auction basket.

Please contact Jen
@luttrellzoo@hotmail.com to come
your club



Silent Auction held during the Grand Banquet on Saturday

A vibrant red poster for a 'Casino Night' event. At the top, a fan of four aces (clubs, hearts, spades, diamonds) is displayed, flanked by two gold stars. Below this is a central dark brown rectangular sign with a glowing orange border, containing the text 'CASINO Night'. Underneath the sign are two red dice and a yellow ribbon. The background is red with white stars and falling playing cards. At the bottom, there are stacks of colorful chips (red, green, blue, black) and a central oval containing the event time.

CASINO *Night*

**POKER - BLACK JACK - ROULETTE -
TEXAS HOLD'EM**

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

MARCH 13TH

PURCHASE YOUR MONOPOLY
MONEY AND HAVE A GREAT TIME

**7:30-10:30
PM**

WHO WILL BE THE BIGGEST LOSER?
WHO WILL BE THE BIGGEST WINNER?

PIN ART

Workshop



**JOIN LION CHRISTINA
AT THE DISTRICT
CONVENTION PIN
ART SESSION TO
LEARN HOW TO MAKE
THE PERFECT
DISPLAY FOR YOUR
LIONS PINS.**

\$3.00

**ADD TO YOUR
REGISTRATION
AND JOIN THE
FUN!**

✧ OH 5

Service Project

M.A.S.H Food Pantries and Veterans Honor Garden

Provides essential services to Veterans, Military families, and survivors in Central Ohio. Providing food, toiletries, and hygiene items monthly.



Service Project - Part 1

- ✧ The Veterans Honor Garden service project. We as a district will be collecting seed donations at the 2026 Convention.

We are asking all clubs to begin collecting seeds



Service Project - Part 2

- ✧ Collections of regular size personal care items
**Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash,
and Deodorant**

We are asking all clubs for a donation



Service Project - Part 3

- ✧ We will be preparing Game packs for Veterans during Friday, Casino Night!
We hope to see volunteers to help pack bags!

STRIDES WALK

Come and join us for our OH5 Strides Walk in honor of Lion Kenny Spafford.

The Strides Walk has a special place in Kenny's heart and DG Carl Gass and his committee would like to honor Lion Kenny at this 2025-2026 OH5 Convention.



MARCH 14TH

4-4:45 PM

Weather permitting location