Lions District 13-OH 5
Compliance Report

The mission of the Ohio Lions Club Compliance Committee is to effectively educate, encourage, monitor, and assist Ohio Lions Clubs and Foundation to meet their fiduciary duties and filing requirements. Our goal is to achieve 100% compliance with the filing requirements of the IRS, Ohio Attorney General, Ohio Secretary of State, Ohio Department of Commerce, and the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Returns for both the **IRS** and **Ohio Attorney Genera**l are due by November 15th for all clubs that use the standard fiscal year of July 1 to June 30.

Reports to the Ohio Department of Commerce for **Unclaimed Funds** are due by November 1st for all clubs regardless of their fiscal year. The updated procedures are much easier to use. There are new filing instructions available on the Lions district and state websites. Please send an email to the Lion Steve Kaplan at skpk1984@aol.com when you complete this filing.

All clubs are strongly encouraged to **incorporate** as a non-profit organization with the Ohio Secretary of State office to increase the protection of club members' personal and real property. A "Statement of Continued Existence" is due every five years to maintain this status.

All 501c4 Lions Clubs must collect and submit **sales tax** from the public when selling tangible taxable products as a fund-raising project. All clubs are strongly encouraged to get compliant if applicable. The state has begun to monitor social media platforms for clubs advertising taxable events. The fines and penalties for not being compliant can be quite severe.

If you need assistance with any compliance topic, please do not hesitate to contact Lion Steve Kaplan at skpk1984@aol.com.

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