

January, 2021

# OH5 Pride Report

***District Governor Jason Gray***

**Stronger  
Together**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!

Well, thank goodness 2020 is finally over!! As we look forward to 2021 with maybe more optimism than we have for any other year in a very long time, to wish you a year of happiness and health. As we continue to move forward, we encourage you to take precautions that not only keep you healthy but keep those you love and the members of your family healthy. We hope to meet again soon in person as I am sure we all long to see the smile of those around us. Until then, please stay safe and a wonderful start to 2021.

I am disappointed to announce that the District Bowling tournament this year has been cancelled. I would like to personally thank the Grove City Noon Lions club for all of the hard work they put into setting up this event. I am sure it was going to be wonderful.

Please remember to continue to turn in your club and zone competition points. Even if your zone did not move on to the next round, your club is still in the running for club of the year. Please send points to your Zone Chair and copy me on the email.

Thank you for everything you do, and have a safe and happy New Year.

DG Jason Gray

**FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG JOE JACKSON**

## ***Necrology Data Needed:***

Club officers, please email me the names of any members that passed away since March 2020. Although I am aware of some data, I cannot rely on LCI for total accuracy as some clubs do not report their data consistently.

## ***\$10,000 College Scholarship Opportunity for a Budding Artist***

Check out the information about this scholarship opportunity from The Gallery Connection greeting card company, and pass it along to youngsters or art teachers at schools in your area: <https://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>

## ***Remembering the Lions Who Came Before***

Listening to a recent LCI webinar, I was reminded that Lions come from all walks of life – even the famous ones! Admiral Richard Byrd, President Jimmy Carter, basketball star Larry Byrd, and astronaut Neil Armstrong (from Wahpakoneta, OH!) were all Lions. Perhaps Lions need to remember that no service is too small or large when it benefits a program, culture, family, or individual.

Many thanks!

Respectfully,

1VDG Joe

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## **Happy 2021!**

As I sit here writing this article it is December 31<sup>st</sup>. I have heard many people say, "Good riddance 2020, what a horrible year!" Yes, it was a difficult year for all of us, but it also came with some bright moments; one of our children received another chance at life with a transplant.

I am sure you can come up with your own personal bright moments too, which got me thinking about our Lions symbol. You know the story, one lion's head looking back, the other looking to the future. I invite you to take a few moments to not only reflect on those bright moments in your own life in 2020 but also your club's bright moments. Even with curfews, riots, and a pandemic you continued to serve those in need. Share those moments with your club members, remind them how powerful they have been in the lives of others, and how your club could not have gotten by without them!!



Looking to the future, what does 2021 hold for you? A new job? A new chance to start over. For your club, maybe you have been thinking about newer or better ways to serve those in your communities. As horrible as this pandemic has been, it has caused us all to look at how we serve and how with a little bit of innovation we changed how we function as a club to reach others. WOW!! What a great job you all have done!

As you usher in 2021 with family and friends, I hope you make a resolution to keep looking forward, for yourself, your family, and your club. Consider inviting a friend to serve along side of you. As Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Happy New Year!!! Stay safe and Serve strong!!

2<sup>nd</sup> VG Debbie Luttrell

## **STILL KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND**

As we begin a new year, we reflect on the state-of-the-art in support for people who are blind and visually impaired, past and present!

January 4<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of Louis Braille's birthday (born in 1809 in France), and is *World Braille Day*. An accident in childhood led to his blindness and to mastering new skills for interacting with the world. At the age of 15, he adapted a military night writing system into what became the effective tactile literacy system that we know as braille.

World Braille Day reminds us that literacy (the ability to use symbol systems to comprehend and compose - to make meaning and communicate) is a critical component to success and well being.

Meantime, a new app created by a company in Spain (NaviLens) works with colorful squares on subway walls that can be detected by an unfocused phone camera from

40 feet away. The squares activate audible instructions and timetables to help people who are blind and visually impaired access the same information that is easily available to people with vision. The system is already in use in Barcelona and has found success in New York City's subway. Above ground, it is used at schools for the blind and in museums hoping to make art more accessible. Want to read more?

<https://tinyurl.com/NextGreatTransitHack>



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The Grove City Noon Lions have chosen to cancel this year's Bowling Tournament (February 6<sup>th</sup>). We want everyone to stay safe and healthy. We

look forward to the opportunity to host the event in 2022, when we can call be together again!

## TRI-STATE LIONS MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

### Lions of Ohio,

You may have heard by now that the Lions of Ohio have challenged the Lions of Michigan and Indiana in membership recruitment. We are calling it the Tri-State Lions Membership Challenge. This is to see who can bring in the most new members and retain current members beginning **December 1** through **March 31**. Although the final prize for the winner has not yet been determined, the real prize of this contest comes in stronger clubs and more hands/members to serve our communities.

Does your club need more members? Does your club want more members? Is your club ready for more members? I am sure all of you are answering yes, definitely, and absolutely; but is that really the case? Does your current membership want to expand their impact in your community? Is your current membership willing to accept new ideas, new goals, new leaders? Is your current membership ready for change? After answering the last three questions, are you still confident in your original answers? Every Lion asks what has happened to our organization? Why aren't we getting new members? What will it take to turn it around?

I believe the main reason we find our organization where it is, comes from the fact that we have become comfortable. We are comfortable seeing the same people who are going to chair the same projects when we attend the meetings twice a month. We are comfortable renewing the club budget each year, making the same \$50 dollar donations to the same causes that we first budgeted 25 years ago. We are comfortable with the budget because that fund raiser still makes the same \$500 that it did the first time we did it in 1995. We are comfortable doing that project with a couple less members, because after 25 times we have it down pat. We have become comfortable with the same person or couple of people being club president and some are comfortable just doing the office instead of worrying about where a new officer may take us. Maybe it's time we become uncomfortable!

If we are to revitalize our clubs and thereby have a greater impact in solving the needs of our communities, we need to leave our comfortable surroundings. We need to look at our current services and projects from a critical perspective. \$50 in 1995 has the purchasing power of \$28.46 today. \$500 in 1995 adjusted for inflation is worth \$284.58. What does this mean? Although we are giving the same support to a cause that we did 25 years ago, we are in fact only providing that cause with about half the value of what we originally did. If our fund raiser is making the same as it was 25 years ago, then it is only providing about half the service that it did. I do not point this out to dishearten anyone. My point is we have to evaluate why, where, when and how we operate, and determine if we are actually accomplishing what we want to. Can we increase the income from a fund raiser or do we need another one? Do we continue to support all our causes the same or do we consolidate to better serve the ones that are truly important to us?

With new members come new perspectives and new ideas. Many new members may look at \$50 as not something to get overly excited about. They may look upon spending several hours at a fund raiser to earn \$500 as not a worthwhile use of their time. Please, please understand that I am not criticizing \$50 donations and \$500 fundraisers, all clubs including mine have them. I use these as examples of how and why we must be open to new perspectives, and how our comfort zone may not be appealing to perspective members. Many believe after many years of service they don't want to put forth additional efforts, and that is understandable. However, if we *(continued on next page)*



don't recruit new members and update or add to our programs we will just fade away and all our successes will just be memories for a while.

We all want new members for our clubs, and by utilizing programs like THE OHIO PLAN and JUST ASK we can get them. We also need to keep them once they are Lions. For that I strongly encourage clubs to use programs such as THE BLUEPRINT FOR A STRONGER CLUB and THE CLUB EXCELLENCE PROGRAM, as well as providing a strong member orientation on being a Lion and what it means. Let's strengthen our clubs immediately and for the long term. Even with the pandemic, we can work together to review how our club functions through email, phone, electronic media, and Zoom. Through Facebook and Zoom we can recruit new members; believe me it is being done! Again these things maybe well beyond our comfort zone, but in the end we can take great comfort in knowing our organization will be serving our community long after we are no longer able. If you want assistance in any of this, please contact your District leadership. They are ready, willing, and able to help your club continue to grow.

Yours in Lionism,  
**CC Kenny Schuck**  
**MD13 Ohio 2020 - 2021**  
LIVING TO SERVE

## WINTER RETREAT – JANUARY 15-17... WE'RE ON!!!

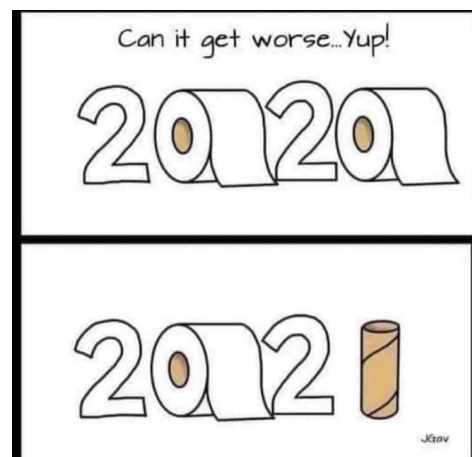


While so much else has had to be cancelled this year, the Winter Retreat is still on!! It isn't too late to decide to join the Lions of MD-13 at Salt Fork State Park on January 15-17.

Registration ends January 4

All necessary safety precautions and protocols will be followed, but there are Lions who choose to come together to be reminded of their common purpose and vision. Are you one of those Lions? You can find registration information at <http://www.ohiolions.org/news-events/coming-events/71-ohio-lions-winter-retreat>. For more

information about plans for the weekend, you may want to contact Winter Retreat Chair Lion Debbie Horn at [Country\\_girl740@yahoo.com](mailto:Country_girl740@yahoo.com).



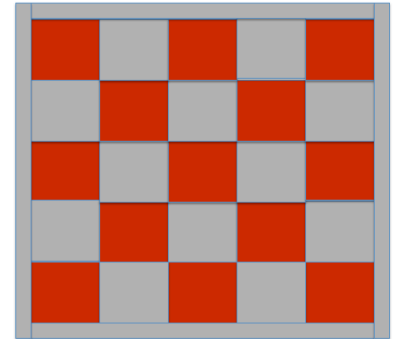
**A SERVICE PROJECT FOR EVERY CLUB WHILE  
STAYING AT HOME – AND WAITING TO COME TOGETHER!  
DO-IT-TOGETHER PANDEMIC QUILT**

The pandemic certainly put a cramp in holiday festivities for everyone this year, and continues to pose significant challenges for Lions. We are used to coming together, as a group, to perform community service and to support those in need. But how can we make a difference **together** when we are **apart**?

Here is an ACTIVE service project for any (and every!) club in the district. We still have many masks created by Lions in District OH5 for the Buckeye Mask Project. We are ready to repurpose some of those masks for use in our **Do-It-Together Pandemic Quilt Kits** (that is “Do-It-Together” because it is NOT “do-it-yourself” – this is a group project!!!).

*Each kit contains:*

- 25 different Lions-created facemasks
- 25 fabric squares (to form a checkerboard pattern), each of which  
YOU will sew a mask onto
- 4 decorative strips for the top, bottom, sides
- One full piece of fabric for backing of the quilt – 48” x 48” finished size
- Instructions for sewing a mask onto each square and for compiling the quilt from the individual pieces



This is a project that **EVERY** club can do, no matter how large or small.  
This is a project that **EVERY** Lion can be part of!

Once the quilt is finished, your club can choose what to do with it. For example, you might donate it to a local library or school for display, as a tangible reminder of the Year of the Pandemic. You might offer it for sale at a local craft show, or auction it off, with proceeds donated to your favorite Lions charity. You might turn the kit over to youngsters in your local school for them to participate in this service project with the support of the Lions Club. Or you may choose to keep it within your club, to be displayed along with your Lions banner and bell, as a formal reminder of how your club members worked together, even while apart.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SEW WELL, AND YOU DON'T NEED A SEWING MACHINE. Everyone who is sewing a mask in a square will need their own needle and thread. That is ALL they will need. The task will be to secure one mask in the middle of one square of cloth, without the stitches showing through on top. That's all!! If you have someone in your club who can sew straight seams on a machine, we'll provide instructions for how to put those squares together. If not, we have folks from throughout the district who have already stepped forward and volunteered to compile the quilt for you. All you need to do is be ready to sew 25 masks in 25 squares.

**Cost to the club? \$150**

*(all proceeds coming back to the Buckeye Mask Project)*

To order your **Do-It-Together Pandemic Quilt Kit** contact Lion Jane Jarrow, [lionjarrow@gmail.com](mailto:lionjarrow@gmail.com), 614-571-5681.



## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE, TO MEET, TO GROW

### ***Please support and donate...***

*District OH-5 Lions Clubs & Leaders:*



*This year, Lions Clubs International Foundation continues to celebrate 50 plus years of empowering Lions to make a profound difference. LCIF is funded entirely by charitable donations of Lions, and our friends and partners, the foundation has awarded US\$ 1billion through 13,000 grants focused on vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian programs.*

*Campaign 100 is the most ambitious fundraising effort in LCIF history, Campaign 100 will span three years and seek to raise US\$300 million. By June 30, 2021, Campaign 100 will empower Lions to serve 200+ million people each year and ensure resources to increase service impact to our communities, our country and worldwide.*

*I respectfully ask that you and your clubs raise funds through various strategies such as asking individual members to make a gift or pledge, dedicating a fundraising event to Campaign 100, making a gift to LCIF from your club funding and asking members of your community or area to make a gift.*

*Through the "Lions Share Program" LCIF has designed to recognize donors for three levels of support by providing a pin based on the level of support given. These levels are as follows: for individual donations of US\$50.00 the donor will be eligible to receive a gold 1-star pin, donations of US\$100 a gold 2-star pin and for donations of US\$200.00 or more a 3-star pin.*

*It is also important to note that donations made for the "Lions Share Program" are also eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship and Campaign 100 recognition.*

*As you prepare for your yearend philanthropic donations as well as your individual donations please consider supporting LCIF and Campaign 100.*

*In closing, in 100 years LCI has proven that Lions united in service can transform lives to millions. With the help of every District Lion and every District Lions club LCIF through Campaign 100 will be poised to expand our global causes and to offer financial support to those millions that are in need.*

*Asking for your financial help is not easy especially during these strange yet difficult times with COVID-19. I understand that each dollar you receive comes with work and commitment. I have served as a District Governor twice and know what great clubs and Lions we have in District OH-5.*

*Please help me help others through LCIF and Campaign 100.*

*Your generous club or individual donation can be sent to myself at this listed address:*

*PCC Dave Risen  
1219 Hilton Drive  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068  
H-614-864-9819  
C-614-212-3488*

*I welcome any questions or comments and wish you all the very best Holiday and New Year ahead.*

*PCC Dave Risen  
District OH-5 LCIF Coordinator*

# Ohio Lions District 13 OH5 CONVENTION

Join us for

## A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Recorded races - Raffles - Auctions - Fun!!

**Horses on sale now!**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2020**

**Doors open 6:30 pm - First race 7 pm**

### \*\*\*\*\*OWNERS BONUS\*\*\*\*\*

If your horse wins its race, you win \$100 and a place in the Champions race! If your horse wins the Champions race, the pre-chosen OH5 Charity of your choice wins 75% of the net profit for the evening (other charities listed will receive an equal payout of the remaining 25%)

~See your Zone Chair or District Governor Team for owners slips!

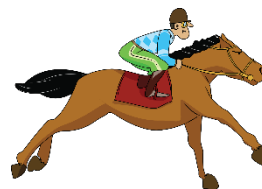


## 2020 OH5 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

<http://district13oh5.org/>

March 13-14, 2020

Double Tree Hotel Columbus/ Worthington  
175 Hutchinson Ave, Worthington, OH



ENTIRE CONVENTION ..... \$75  
FRIDAY NIGHT FUN ..... FREE  
SATURDAY LUNCH ..... \$30  
GRAND BANQUET ..... \$40  
CONVENTION ATTENDANCE ONLY (No Meals) .....\$5

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Rates are **\$85/Night + Tax**

Call for Reservations: 614-885-3334

Double Tree Hotel Columbus/Worthington

Please make your own room reservations and ask for the Ohio Lions District OH5 rate

**Room rates are good until February 19, 2021.**

Name	Club/District Position	Entire Convention \$75	Lunch \$30	Grand Banquet \$40	Convention Attendance ONLY \$5
				French Pork Chop or BBQ Beef Brisket	
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Please make checks payable to: **District OH5 Lions, Inc.**  
Luttrell

MAIL TO:

Lion Jennifer

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2021

**Please Note: NO MEALS may be purchased after this deadline!**

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Columbus, OH 43215  
614-439-3447

[Luttrellzoo@hotmail.com](mailto:Luttrellzoo@hotmail.com)

Special Meal Requirements: Gluten Free ☐ Vegan ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_