

# THE PRIDE REPORT

District 13-OH5 Newsletter

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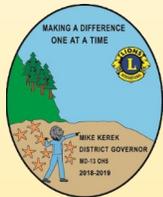
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## Making a Difference 1 Lion at a time! Governor Mike Kerek



First I want to congratulate the Plain City Lions for bringing in 8 new members, with the possibility of 2 additional new members, as a result of a very successful Membership Night! Proof once again that the **Ohio Plan** (available on the district website, [district13oh5.org](http://district13oh5.org)) works! Kudos to PCC Ben Cosgray for organizing the event.

I read an interesting quote from Ann Sullivan, Helen Keller's teacher/friend. "I need a teacher quite as much as Helen. I know the education of this child will be the distinguishing event of my life, if I have the brains and perseverance to accomplish it."

She understood that this would not be an overnight process; that instant gratification was not even an option, but many years of arduous effort, compounded by frustration and physiological barriers, would be the path to success. The results are indisputable; Ann Sullivan's perseverance resulted in Helen Keller's ability to change the world with her message. Helen rightfully deserves the accolades she received, but Ann's contribution is no less significant.

Just as Helen's life changed with the results of a life-altering illness in her childhood, our organization, at least here in the United States, has been hit with a devastating blow as well: the cultural shift in our society that has swept the country over the last decade. For some of our clubs bedrocked in tradition and history, this has severely adversely affected them, in both membership and activities.

Helen had Ann Sullivan to teach her how to navigate through her new reality. We have teachers too, but may have a more difficult time accepting them as such: the younger generation. Like Helen having to trust Ann, we have to do the same. Because the world isn't the same for us anymore either.

We have to understand that this process is going to take time. Perseverance is the key, overcoming obstacles and not accepting defeat – just looking for alternative solutions until something works. Allow the growth to come back slowly and with substance, adapting to the new realities as you do so.

We also have to accept that 20% will STILL do 80% of the work in the clubs. (That has NOT changed in the last decade, and is pervasive everywhere, in every organization, in every community.) If you are one of the 20%, allowing this to frustrate you is counterproductive. You are doing good, important work for your communities. Stepping back or worse, quitting, is only going to hurt the people you serve, and will leave a sour taste of bitterness in you as well. Adopting an attitude of, "If it has to be, it is up to me," and doing what needs to be done is sometimes the best option. Assess what assistance you can get from others, plan accordingly, and make it work, remembering the entire time why you are doing it. You joined Lions to help other people in need.

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## District Governor Mike Kerek (Continued)

At the same time, when we get a new Lion in our club, we need to put them to work. Give them relevant projects. Teach them what you know and let them be an asset. Learn from them and support their passions. If you want active Lions, find ways to allow them to be active. This goes for your old timers as well, by the way; some of them CAN'T do the things they used to, but they can help in other ways if asked. Find ways where they can contribute, and you may be surprised.

I am encouraged by what I have observed around our district. When we are submerged in our own club's problems and see only the difficulties we have to overcome, sometimes it takes an outsider to notice what we're doing right. There is a whole lot of that going on.

Remember our district convention on March 29-30; I hope many of you can make it.

As always, if you need anything, I'm a phone call away.

## First Vice District Governor Jackie Christensen

Fellow Lions, first off let me apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter out! It's been a crazy month, been extremely busy and due to circumstances beyond my control I've had other things take precedence.

Nevertheless, your District Leadership team has been hard at work trying to keep the District running. We have been working on the convention—we hope you all consider joining us there as you're guaranteed to have a great time. Mark your calendars for March 29th and 30th. We've also been hard at work on a 5-year Long Range plan with members of the District. We'll have some great stuff coming up for you in the District for better education and communication.

I had the pleasure of traveling to Tennessee's Lions Leadership Retreat. I gave a few presentations and, of course, gave my Helen Keller speech. When I have a young man tell me I made him cry with my speech, I know my job is done! Here in Ohio, District 13-OH5, you should all be proud. Although they had a nice retreat, our Learn to Roar still beats them all for education to all Lions.

The best part this past month was having the pleasure of talking with some Lions in the Western part of our District about what they can do to help their clubs prosper and grow. We had 5 Lions from District Leadership there and we think we were able to help them. It was quite refreshing to hear them say they didn't feel like they were on an island by themselves and it was nice to know the District really was there to help them. That is why you all have 3 District Officers and a Leadership team behind them. We are here to help any club that needs the help. PLEASE, reach out to us and let us know what your club needs!! We are here to help, not tell you what to do.

The fun part of this month was getting the chance to install 2 new members for the Prospect Lions Club. It was a fun night. Welcome Lions Larry and Rosanna Craft to District 13-OH5 Lions!

## Second Vice District Governor Jason Gray

Happy New Years to everyone! If you are keeping your New Year's resolutions, good for you!

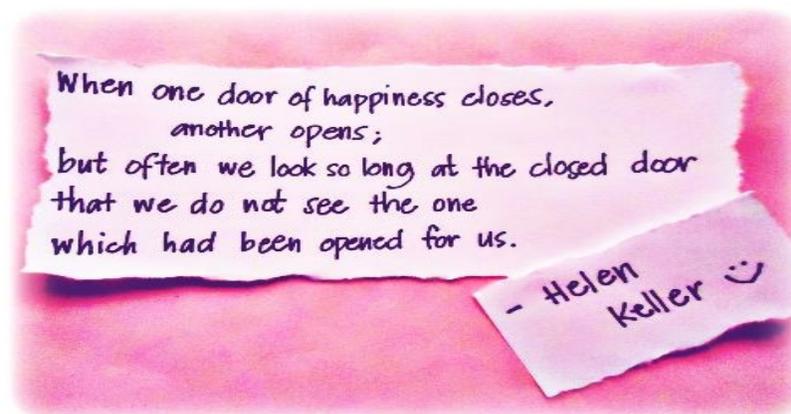
As I continue to visit more clubs and meet more people one of the things I consistently hear from clubs, is we don't hold our meetings like you are supposed to, or like other clubs do. Personally, I think that is **AWESOME**. It is your members' club, your community's club, and your meeting should match those personalities. If your meetings consist of holding a moment of silence, singing songs, telling (appropriate) jokes, or any other fun way to get members engaged, it is a great idea.

When planning your meetings, I would encourage you to keep a few things in mind: Is it fun? What would it look like to someone that attends for the first time? And, Is it informative? First, and possibly the most important, is it fun and worth your time to go. If so, then you are on the right track. Second, I encourage you to look at it from an outsider's prospective. Will they find it inclusive, engaging, and want to come back? Finally, is it informative? Do members leave the meeting with an understanding of what your club and district is doing in your community?

These are questions only you can answer. You understand the personality of your community and your club. I encourage you to keep these three things in mind when planning your next meeting.

Above all, **DON'T BE AFRAID TO TRY SOMETHING NEW**. It will only be scary the first time!

Have a great February and as always, if there is any way we can help, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the District Governor's or Zone Chairs.



**Deadline for all articles is the 25th of the month. Send to: [cwpaws13@gmail.com](mailto:cwpaws13@gmail.com)**

**Any club information about your upcoming events would be greatly appreciated. The goal is to have many clubs sending in their events. Many Lions throughout our District enjoy traveling to other Ohio Lions Club events and supporting your efforts. Give it a try!!**



# District News and Information

## Upcoming Zone Meetings

**Zone 1 Meeting** — February 20, 2019—6:30pm—Bob Evans Restaurant, Greenville.

**Zone 2 Meeting** — February 21, 2019—6:30pm—North Hampton Lions Den, 4 West Main St., North Hampton.

**Zone 3 Meeting** — February 20, 2019—6:00pm—Der Dutchman Restaurant, 445 S. Jefferson Ave, Plain City.

**Zone 4 Meeting** — March 4, 2019—6:30pm—Green Camp Community Building, SR739, Green Camp.

**Zone 5 Meeting** — February 19, 2019—6:30pm—MCL Cafeteria, 3154 Kingsdale Center, Upper Arlington

**Zone 6 Meeting** — February 21, 2019—6:30pm—Francis Stuebe Community Center, 22 S. Trine St, Canal Winchester.

**Zone 7 Meeting** — February 27, 2019—6:45pm—Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2213 White Rd, Grove City

## District Project for the Homeless—UPDATE

**Supplies for our kits are here!** We have more than 500 cases. Special thanks to the Groveport Lions Club who donated money for materials for the cases! We will fill these cases with the following items:

- Band-aids (big and small)
- Wet Wipes
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Sample size meds—Tylenol and Aspirin
- Chapstick
- Toenail clippers
- Tissues (small hand pack) - if they fit
- Sewing kits (small travel size)

*I have made 15 cases so you can see what they look like—see page 5. This will be one of our service projects at the convention. I will need MANY hands to help us fill all these eye glass cases!! I can't do it alone. If you can't be at the convention, PLEASE get in touch with 1VDG Jackie Christensen and let her know how many kits you need for those in your communities. Contact 1VDG Jackie at [cwpaws13@gmail.com](mailto:cwpaws13@gmail.com) or 614-530-1861.*

### Communications Contest

Runs from **Oct 1-Mar 1**. Don't forget if you signed up, make sure you get all your communications information out. Don't forget to make sure DG Mike gets included for all communication.

### Other District Projects

We are continuing our District projects from last year—so at next year's convention don't forget to bring your **Legos** for the kids at Children's Hospital and your **Vegetable Seeds** for those who can't afford to buy vegetables at the grocery store. If you aren't coming to the convention, which we sure hope you do, you can also bring these items to your Zone meeting or get them to your Zone Chair or District Officer when they visit your club or event and we'll make sure they get where they need to go.

### Call to Convention!!

See the District Registration form later in this newsletter. We hope you join us for a fun-filled Convention in March! See you there.

### Legos

Please help us collect new legos for the Nationwide Children's Hospital. Braxton Long (pictured below), during his battle with cancer, he collected Lego sets for all his friends on the oncology floor at Children's hospital. He lost his battle with cancer at age 8 in 2016. Since his death his family has kept his spirit alive by collecting over 5,000 sets of Legos the last 2 years. Please help us keep his memory alive by helping with this Lego drive. The hospital is down to 21 sets and in need of new Legos for these kids facing chemo. Lion Debbie Bolyard will be more than happy to pick up these Lego sets up. Please give her a call for more information at 614-202-8907.



### **EYEGLOSS CASES—FIRST AID KITS FOR THE HOMELESS**



## EYE CARE FUND UPDATE

The eye care fund committee wanted to share some “feel good” info on a recent recipient:

Kim was the recipient of the eye care fund who needed special contacts. Lion Bob Merkle’s Club helped to get her through the eye care fund application process and she was awarded money to assist with the contacts. Kim called Lion Bob to thank his club and let them know she had her new contacts and now has 20/25 vision most of the time. She needed to get insurance to help with replacements she’d need in the future (18-24 months) of about \$750 per eye!! She even got a lead on a part time job. Kim was most appreciative and it’s good to see the eye care funds were well spent!



## “Save-the-Date”

Save-the-Date: June 15, 2019. All Lions are invited to attend “**Learn to Roar,**” Lions training school. There will be three different classes going on each hour. Students attending for official club officer training will have one required class to take and three electives. General Lions are welcome to attend any class. You can pick-and-choose topics of interest. Among others, there will be classes on Duties of the Board of Directors, Financial Transparency, Succession Planning, New Voice Initiative, Lion’s insurance, Tail-Twisting, and Engaging our Youth. Come join us on Saturday, **June 15<sup>th</sup> 2019** at the Der Dutchman in Plain City. Registration will start at 9:00am and the first class begins at 10:00am. Lunch will be catered by the Der Dutchman and will be at noon. All classes end at 3:00pm. Watch for more details including the class schedule and the registration form coming out soon.



## 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Several of Lions service projects are based on family income eligibility. The Health and Human Services Department has published the 2019 Federal Poverty Level guidelines which were effective January 11, 2019.

Family Size	100% FPL	200% FPL	400% FPL
1	\$12,490	\$24,980	\$49,960
2	\$16,910	\$33,820	\$67,640
3	\$21,330	\$42,660	\$85,320
4	\$25,750	\$51,500	\$103,000
5	\$30,170	\$60,340	\$120,680
6	\$34,590	\$69,180	\$138,360
7	\$39,010	\$78,020	\$156,040
8	\$43,430	\$86,860	\$173,720

### District 13 OH5 Lions would like to congratulate:

*District Peace Poster Winner* – Spoorthi Kandalai, Hilliard Lions

*District Peace Essay Winner* – Monica Carreno, Delaware Lions

Spoorthi’s poster was runner-up on the state level, and Monica’s essay won the state and was sent to LCI for judging.

District Governor Mike Kerek and the judging team would like to thank ALL of the participants for their submissions, and encourage them to continue in their artistic endeavors. The decisions were difficult, to say the least!

Posters will be returned to the clubs to be given back to the artists.



## Donation Checks to The Ohio Lions Foundation

Last year your Ohio Lions Foundation celebrated its **thirty second** year of service. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded grants in the total amount of **\$1,889,975**, while its administrative expenses have averaged less than five percent (5%) of revenues.

### Support Your Ohio Lions Foundation

- **Ohio Lions Foundation Helen Keller Scholarship Program** (now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, a total of **11** scholarships are awarded annually to undergraduate, graduate and professional school students at seven state supported universities. The *OLF Helen Keller Scholarship Program* is one of the very few scholarship programs available for visually impaired students pursuing post-graduate courses of study. To date, **over \$676,800** in Helen Keller Scholarships have been given to students in nearly every academic field of study, including nursing, education, rehabilitation, physical therapy, electrical engineering, finance, mathematics, computer/information science, music, law and veterinary medicine.
- **Disaster Relief Grants** (The OLF is proud of its record of being the first organization on the scene with disaster relief funds for direct assistance to victims of floods, tornados and other natural disasters in Ohio). The Foundation has provided disaster relief to flood victims in Deshler, Napoleon and Holgate in Henry County, flood victims in Ripley, Ohio and in Crooksville, Ohio and victims of a devastating fire which displaced residents of a multi-unit apartment building in Medina, Ohio.
- **Low Vision Reader Matching Grant Program** (over 70 low-vision readers have been placed to-date in public libraries throughout Ohio). The program has now been expanded to include matching grants for the acquisition of **iPads** (which come with voice-over technology built-in) for public libraries and senior centers to be made available to visually impaired individuals.
- **Matching grants for sight-related programs and equipment**
  - **Direct grants to qualified blind individuals for acquisition of assistive technology.**
    - With the creation of the **Charles E. Cody Fund** for Aid to the Blind (Through a generous bequest from the Estate of Charles E. Cody), grants are now available directly to qualified blind individuals for the acquisition of Apple iPads (which come with built in voice over technology) and Victor Trek GPS/Reader devices.
    - The Foundation has created the **Tom and Helen Roberds Fund** (through a bequest from the Estate of Helen Roberds) which is dedicated to providing funding for sight-related grants.
  - **Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band.** Let's get behind our nationally recognized **Ohio State School ForThe Blind Marching Band**. The *Ohio Lions Foundation* maintains a Restricted Fund specifically for the support of the OSSB marching band. Donations may be made payable to the "Ohio Lions

*Foundation*" with the designation in the memo line "Ohio State School for The Blind Marching Band Fund", and mailed to the Ohio Lions Foundation, P.O. Box 21016, Columbus, Ohio 43221.

- **Lions Sensory Garden at the Ohio State School For The Blind.**  
The Foundation recently sponsored a series of classes through the "One-Touch Project" which teaches self-defense techniques to blind individuals.
- **Other restricted funds:** The OLF also serves as the trustee for various restricted funds such as the **James and Betty Coffey Endowment Restricted Fund**, the **District OH5 Eye Care Restricted Fund** and the **Lions Sensory Garden Fund** (a District OH5 project).

Please support your Ohio Lions Foundation by contributing to the Foundation's Annual Campaign. **Contributions should be made payable to The Ohio Lions Foundation and mailed to the Ohio Loins Foundation, John B. Cosgray, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 21016, Columbus, Ohio 43221-0016.**

Contributions of \$1,000 (which may be paid over a four-year period) qualify for the Ohio Lions Foundation *Founder's Award*.

See the OLF website for further information about the Foundation and for Grant Applications.

Website: [www.ohiolionsfoundation.org](http://www.ohiolionsfoundation.org) Facebook: [www.facebook.com/olf2017](http://www.facebook.com/olf2017)

The Ohio Lions Foundation is a Section 501(c) (3) charitable foundation and contributions are tax deductible as provide by law.

**WEST CENTRAL OHIO  
LIONS EYE BANK**

**Upcoming Event:**

Strides for Life 5K—April 27,2019



# ThisWeek GERMAN VILLAGE GAZETTE

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January 24, 2019



**Stu Koble (left) and Joe Jackson want to establish a new Lions Club International chapter in German Village. They are looking for members, a regular place to meet and volunteer opportunities in German Village and other South Side neighborhoods.**  
GARY SEMAN JR./THISWEEK

## Lions Club International Proposed chapter would serve Village

By GARY SEMAN JR.  
THISWEEKNEWS.COM

Where there's a need in Franklin County, there's usually a chapter of the Lions Club International ready to step up.

That is not the case, however, in German Village.

Stu Koble and Joe Jackson are looking to change that.

### Video online

Go to the *ThisWeekNews* YouTube channel to watch Lions Club International members Stu Koble and Joe Jackson talk about establishing a chapter in German Village.

"We're a little befuddled," said Koble, immediate past president of one of two

Grove City chapters. "There are Lions Clubs all around German Village. But, at least from our perspective, all the surrounding communities have needs."

"We've thought about this for several years," Jackson added.

The two men said they will spend the next two months trying to sign up 20 members – the basic threshold of any

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Lions Club chapter. Another immediate goal is to try to establish a regular meeting place.

The closest chapters are in downtown Columbus and the Near East Side. The proposed club would serve German Village and surrounding neighborhoods, they said.

“We have resources, manpower and ideas,” Koble said.

Lions Club International, founded in 1916 in Chicago, is a volunteer-run organization. Local dues are \$80 – a one-time sign-up fee of \$15 and \$65 annually. Sign-up fees are waived for those who are veterans, Jackson said.

The club’s original mission was helping the vision-impaired but has dovetailed into many other areas, such as literacy, hunger and assisting those who have diabetes.

All 33 Franklin County chapters have an ongoing mission to collect Legos for children staying at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

The club also collects used eyeglasses that are refurbished and given to those in need and is actively involved with Pilot Dogs, a group that provides trained dogs to the legally blind.

The Lions organization, based in Oak Brook, Ill., has 1.4 million members worldwide, according to its website.

Jackson, immediate past governor of Ohio District 5, which includes 11 counties in central and western Ohio, said a German Village chapter has no particular mission in mind, only to help those who need it.

The nonprofit organization hopes to work with schools in the area in providing vision screenings for students in grades pre-K-12, Jackson said. Other than that, the members would rely on the community to voice its own needs, he said.

Linda Langhorst, a board member and volunteer of the South Side Community Ministries Food Pantry, located inside St. Paul United Church of Christ, 225 E. Gates St. in Merion Village, said she recognizes volunteer opportunities throughout the greater neighborhood, including with her own organization.

“There’s always a need, and matching up need with what people are willing to do is a great project,” Langhorst said.





## Donation Checks to the OH5 Eye Care Fund

The OH5 Eye Care Fund is a restricted fund under the Ohio Lions Foundation Charitable Organization umbrella created to assist OH5 clubs in providing funding to individuals with vision related issues. If the club does not have the financial resources to help qualified individuals to obtain glasses, have eye related surgeries, or to obtain vision assistance device, please complete the Eye Care Fund grant application that is available on the district website ([www.district13oh5.org](http://www.district13oh5.org) under the Resources and Training link).

Donation checks need to be made payable to **The Ohio Lions Foundation** with a notation in the memo line **OH5 Eye Care Fund**. Also, add the club name making the donation, if appropriate, to the memo line.

Banks have become very strict in the past few years and will not cash checks not made payable to the account name. Hence, the checks need to be made payable to **The Ohio Lions Foundation** or **OLF**.

Please help us continue to help those in need of vision assistance. This year we have helped an individual obtain some special contacts to permit her to see, have helped with cataract surgeries and contributed to the purchase of an eVision device for a young lady. We contributed \$3,000 towards the \$6,450 total cost of the device. Our maximum grants are \$3,000.

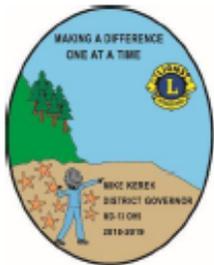
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Mail your donation checks to:  
Ohio Lions Foundation  
PO Box 21016  
Columbus, OH 43221-0016

## DON'T FORGET SCHOLARSHIPS

Pin Traders \$2,500 Scholarship available—A Lions Connection is required—Click [Here](#).

George "Ray" Empson—4, \$1,000 Scholarships are available—Click [Here](#).



## DISTRICT 13 – OH5 2019 DISTRICT CONVENTION

<http://district13oh5.org/>

Crown Plaza, Worthington  
March 29-30, 2019



## Making a Difference

### Schedule of Events – Come Join the FUN!!

#### Weekend Theme – Aquatic/Beach 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

- Best Dressed Contest – Beach Theme
- District Bowling Awards
- Chinese Auction Raffle

#### Don't miss BLUE FROG – Get your Lions Apparel

#### DISTRICT PROJECTS

We'll have 2 collection boxes during the convention for Legos and Vegetable Seeds.

We'll collect and make first aid kits for the homeless or other needy organizations.

#### Saturday's Theme – Making a Difference One at a Time

- Necrology Service – 9:00 AM
- Business Meeting – 9:45 AM
- Nominations – 11:00 AM
- Lunch – 12:00 – 2:15 PM  
(NO Hotdogs this year!!)

Lunch Speaker – Camron Berio – How Lions Made a Difference In My Life

- Elections – 2:30 PM
- Session 1 – 3:00-4:00 pm
  - Lions 101 (The Game)
  - Making First Aid Kits with Eyeglass Cases.
- Session 2 – 4:00-5:00 pm
  - MyLion App
  - STRIDES Walk
- Grand Banquet– 5:30 (Seating) - 9:00 PM
- PLUS: 50/50, Chinese Auction Raffle, Diabetes Screening

#### RESERVE YOUR SPACE IN THE CONVENTION BOOKLET!

We're selling advertising space in the Convention Booklet this year. We'll offer business card size for \$20, ½ page for \$30 and full page ads for \$50. Advertise your business, your club event, or your Governor's Team good luck!

REGISTRATION AND ADVERTISING FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY



DISTRICT OH5 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

<http://district13oh5.org/>

March 29-30, 2019

Crown Plaza, 6500 Doubletree Ave, Worthington, OH



ENTIRE CONVENTION ..... \$70  
 FRIDAY NIGHT FUN ..... FREE  
 SATURDAY LUNCH..... \$30  
 GRAND BANQUET ..... \$40

Room Rates are \$109/Night + Tax

Call for Reservations:  
 Crown Plaza-Worthington  
 614-885-1885

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

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

Please make your own room reservations and use the code: Ohio Lions – District OH5  
 Room rates are good until March 8, 2019

Name	Club/District Position	Entire Convention \$70	Lunch \$30	Grand Banquet \$40

Please make checks payable to: District OH5 Lions, Inc.

MAIL TO: 1VDG Jackie Christensen  
 70 Flintlock Way  
 Canal Winchester, OH 43110  
 614-837-1851  
[cwpaws13@gmail.com](mailto:cwpaws13@gmail.com)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 20, 2019  
 Please Note: NO MEALS may be purchased after this deadline!

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



CENTRAL OHIO LIONS  
**EYE BANK**

Be a part of the vision.

## HELEN KELLER SIGHT SAVER AWARD

In 1925, when Lions International was only seven years old, the legendary Helen Keller spoke to Lions members at their annual convention and challenged them to become **“Will you not constitute yourselves *Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness*”**

Quote from Helen Keller in that address: “Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught;” set the Lions’ course. Since this pivotal moment in 1925, the Lions have founded eye banks around the globe and, millions of Lions members worldwide have devoted their service careers to **“hasten the day”** by helping people with visual impairments.

As a tribute to this inspirational woman, The Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank has created the Helen Keller Sight Saver Award. The award is an excellent way to honor an exceptional Lion, Lioness, non-Lion individual, business or organization. Recipients are typically persons or groups who have distinguished themselves on behalf of sight and who see and care for the needs of those less fortunate than themselves.

A \$1,000 donation to the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank allows the donor to present a Helen Keller Sight Saver Award. The award recipient receives a beautiful plaque and pin. The recipient’s name is put up on the Helen Keller award board at the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank. Both the donor and the recipient have the satisfaction of supporting worthwhile Lions projects. Donations can be in the form of a one-time payment or cumulative donations over four years to equal \$1,000.

The Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank was founded in 1973 on the campus of The Ohio State University, thanks to the support of the Ohio Lions clubs. In December of 2005 we moved to our current location at The Eye Center of Columbus. The Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank operates a laboratory accredited by the Eye Bank Association of America for performing comprehensive eye banking service, from donor recovery to microscopic evaluation, donor eligibility determination, storage, and distribution of surgical eye tissues. The Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank with the help of our healthcare community, has been able to provide over 18,000 corneas for transplantation since its founding in 1973. Our goal of advancing eye care through research and medical education is also accomplished with eye research projects and through residency training for physicians who will become eye care specialists. The Eye Bank provides corneas to patients in need, regardless of financial circumstances, insurance status, race sex, country of origin or other demographics

### **Mission**

*To restore, improve, and preserve sight by connecting eye donors and educating physicians and enhancing eye research through quality eye banking services.*

### **Vision**

*To open greater opportunities for sight restoration*



CENTRAL OHIO LIONS  
EYE BANK

Be a part of the vision.

HELEN KELLER SIGHT SAVER AWARD

Application

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**Individual Completing this Form:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**Contribution Details:**

Donor Name (individual, club, company, foundation)

\_\_\_\_\_

Donor ID \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Club \_\_\_\_\_

Donor District \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Full Payment  Installment  Final Installment



**Recipient of Recognition:** (Individual person)

Recipient:     Be Named Later     Memorial Plaque in memory of deceased

Recipient Name (Exactly as it is to be engraved on plaque)

\_\_\_\_\_

Recipient ID# (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Club of Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Club # \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

For Memorial List name of Hellen Keller "Sight Saver" surviving family member to whom Memorial plaque will be given.

(Needed for recognition letter which accompanies plaque.)

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**Shipping Information:**

Ship to Member ID # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail Completed Form to:**    **Helen Keller Sight Saver Award**  
                                         **Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank**  
                                         **Jason Brosious, Executive Director**  
                                         **262 Neil Ave. Suite 140**  
                                         **Columbus, Oh., 43215**



## Club News and Information

The Bradford Lions with the Bradford Athletic Boosters are having a pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. Serving will be from 7 AM to Noon in the Bradford School Auditoria.

Menu consists of "all you can eat pancakes" served with sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, and beverage.

Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for students, and children 5 and under eat for free.

Profits will be split between the 2 groups with the Lions giving a scholarship, and the Boosters supporting the Athletic Dept.

Kathy Myers 448-2667 Secretary

### Gettysburg Lions Club

- ◆ Gave 6 food baskets within the Gettysburg Community
- ◆ Food drive with held in coordination with the Community Unity and Salvation Army was a success receiving donations surpassed last year's.
- ◆ Gettysburg Lions purchased 56 Lego boxes (!) to be give to Children's Hospital. Rick and Cheryl Gunkle matched funds to make this possible. **THANK YOU GETTYSBURG LIONS!!**
- ◆ Gettysburg Lions will host the February 20th Zone Meeting, 6:30 pm, Bob Evans Restaurant.
- ◆ **Potpie Supper** will be held **March 23rd, 4:30-7:00 pm**, at the Gettysburg Community Park Building.



## Bexley Lions Club

### Cordially invites you to our 3rd<sup>4</sup> Annual Valentine's Wine & Beer Tasting

All Proceeds go to Pilot Dogs Inc.

Tickets: \$45.00 per person

Sponsorships:

Best of Show: \$1,000.00  
(Includes 6 tickets)

Best of Breed: \$400.00  
(Includes 2 tickets)

*Event begins at 6 pm. Celebrate Valentine's Day with your special someone, tour the kennel building, and meet & walk with Pilot Dogs.*

**Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

577 West Town Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

*Parking lot entrance located on Skidmore Street*

RSVP by February 1st, 2019 to

[igray@pilotdogs.org](mailto:igray@pilotdogs.org) or 614-221-6367

Register on the Pilot Dogs website: [www.pilotdogs.org](http://www.pilotdogs.org)

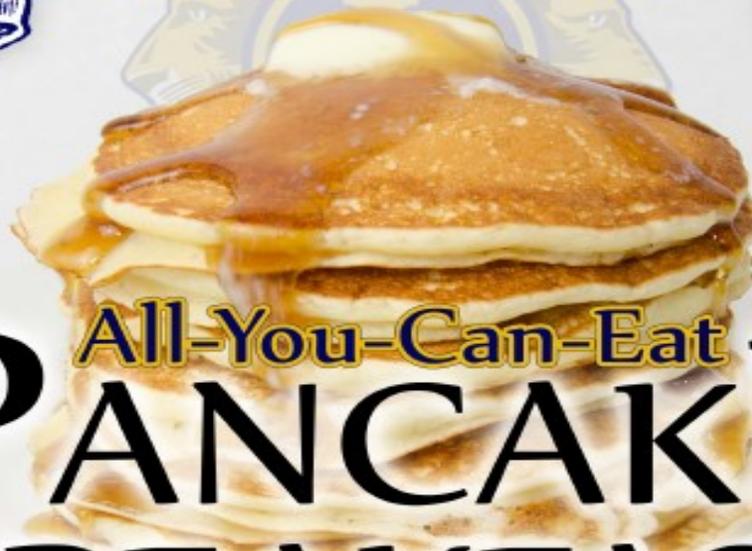
Event Chairpersons:

Ed Straub (614) 296-1278 Jay Gray (614) 221-6367



*Lions Club of Delaware*

**68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**



*All-You-Can-Eat*  
**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST  
FUNDRAISER**

**Sat. Feb. 9, 2019, 7-1 p.m.**

Dempsey Middle School, 599 Pennsylvania Avenue, Delaware, OH 43015

**ADULTS / \$5.00 | 5 & UNDER / FREE**

Includes 3 sausage links, coffee, milk or juice.

*Additional Cost: Eggs & extra servings of meat, milk and juice.*



**Come Support A Great Cause!**

All proceeds to benefit local sight saving projects.

**Food, Entertainment, Raffles & Bake Sale**

[www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/delawareoh](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/delawareoh)



# 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 2019



## RIDGEDALE LIONS CLUB DAYTONA 500 DINNER & AUCTION



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00PM, DINNER AT 5:00PM, AUCTION FOLLOWING

**\*\* NEW LOCATION \*\***  
IGF Sale Pavilion  
2730 Harding Hwy W. (State Route 309 West – Near Big Island)  
Marion, OH 43302

**\*2 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED\***

- Buy a ticket for \$10 and join us for a fun evening at the auction, which will include a ½ chicken dinner with sides prepared by Country Caterers.
- Buy an auction item and support the Ridgedale Lions Club service projects.

**Tickets are available by calling a Ridgedale Lions Club Member at \_\_\_\_\_ or (740)-225-4517. Limited number of tickets available.**

LIVE AUCTION OF 1/24 SCALE NASCAR COLLECTORS DIECAST CARS  
IF YOU ARE THE TOP BIDDER FOR A CAR IN THE LIVE AUCTION, THAT WILL BE YOUR CAR  
IN THE FEBRUARY 17, 2019 DAYTONA 500.

MANY MORE WAYS TO WIN! – TOTAL PURSE OVER \$2,500!

The evening will include a SILENT auction with many NASCAR collectibles among other various non-NASCAR items.

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED BY THE RIDGEDALE LIONS CLUB TO SUPPORT THE CLUB'S DONATIONS AND SERVICE PROJECTS.



**Blue Frog and Worthington Noon Lions**  
have collaborated on a  
**Buckeye** Tie Dye Shirt  
with the Lions Logo on the left shoulder

We are taking orders...Till March 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Prices: S-XL \$26 / XXL \$28 / XXXL \$30 / XXXXL \$32

*The price includes shipping/handling/delivery*

**\*\*More than 1 name can be on the order sheet  
if you belong to the same club.\*\***

**Make checks payable to: Worthington Noon Lions**

Send form and Check to Judy Schomaker, 5950 Linworth Rd, Worthington OH 43085  
or

Email [Worthingtonnoonlions@gmail.com](mailto:Worthingtonnoonlions@gmail.com) to send you a square email to pay with a credit card

**Thanks and Go Bucks**



# Olentangy Noon Lions Club



6<sup>th</sup> Annual

## MARCH MADNESS

NO Basketball Skill or Knowledge required

Only 100 tickets will be sold with \$1490 returned to players

\$510 will go to help Olentangy Lions Projects

Contact any member of Olentangy Lions  
or  
Mail your entry and payment to:

Bob Dotson  
519 Commons Drive  
Powell, OH 43065



For more information call 614-389-4799 or 740-591-8077

### WINNING AMOUNTS BY ROUND

- Round of 64 pays each winner \$10
- Round of 32 pays each winner \$20
- Sweet 16 pays each winner \$30
- Elite 8 pays each winner \$40
- Final 4 pays each winner \$100
- Championship game pays \$250

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### OLENTANGY LIONS MARCH MADNESS 2019

Tickets are \$20 each. Final score determines winner. One winner for every game starting with round of 64. Entrants name will be placed at random on 10X10 grid. Numbers for grid will be picked at random. Winners determined by the score of each game.

Proceeds benefit **Olentangy Lions Projects**



Thank You!

Olentangy Noon Lions  
PLEASE PRINT

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

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



## Tri-Village Lions Club News

We were sad to learn of the recent passing (January 23) of Tri-Village Lion Clyde Tipton. Lion Clyde had been a member of the Tri-Village Lions since 1953. He was the President of the club in 1960, when he rose to the floor of the open meeting at the Ohio Lions State Convention to move that the Lions adopt the fledgling Pilot Dogs organization as a Lions philanthropy. The rest, as they say, is history. Lion Clyde served as President of the Pilot Dogs Board and as a member of their Foundation for many years.

Although Lion Clyde moved to Troy, Ohio, upon his retirement in 1986, he has remained an active (distant!) member of the Tri-Village Lions for all these years, contributing to our fundraising activities, commenting on articles in our newsletter describing projects of interest, and making the trip to Columbus to be part of our celebrations and activities when he could. He was featured, several years ago, in the LIONS magazine when they did an article about long-serving Lions. Lion Clyde's 65+ years as a Tri-Village Lion certainly qualified him for that honor.

Lion Clyde Tipton was an integral part of the history of our club. He held an important place in the history of our District and of Pilot Dogs. He will be missed.

## State News and Information

### Why Vote **#YESPatti** ?

Our Lions Association is blessed with numerous strong qualified candidates for higher office. Lion Dr. Patti Hill is one of those. We believe Dr. Patti is the #1 Candidate for election in Milan, Italy at the 2019 LCI Convention.

Why Vote for PID Dr. Patti Hill?

- She is very knowledgeable, as are others.
- She is very Loyal, as are others.
- She reflects the face of young potential Lions, as many do.
- She is the Most Dedicated Lion we know.
- She cares beyond heartfelt.
- She is second to none, She is the **Only One!**

**#YESPatti**

## State Pins

2019 State pins are available at \$2.00 each and may be obtained from Lions Merle Dutt, Lion Pauline Rogers, Lion PDG Eileen Brenner or Lion PDG Karl Cox. A "NEW" design and a "BEAUTIFUL" pin is a "MUST" to add to your collection.



## Lions Club Logo Ohio License Plate Now Available

***On Sale Now!! No need to wait for your renewal!! I've got mine—hope you get yours too. Get up to 6 letters/characters of your choice—subject to BMV approval.***

**Where** - [WWW.OPLATES.COM](http://WWW.OPLATES.COM) or your local Deputy Registrar / BMV

**Details** - Just request the Lions Club Logo License Plate at the BMV or at [WWW.OPLATES.COM](http://WWW.OPLATES.COM). There is a \$25 additional charge for the Lions Club Logo Plate, however \$15 of that charge is a contribution to the Ohio Lions Foundation.

You do not have to wait until your plate needs renewed, you can order the plate now for just the Logo Fee (\$25\*), Service fee (\$3.50\*), New Plate Fee (\$8.25\*) and Postage (\$3.02\*) If also renewing your license plate the Annual Vehicle Renewal Registration Fees apply. \*Costs may vary dues to local taxes Please check [WWW.OPLATES.COM](http://WWW.OPLATES.COM) or your local Deputy Registrar/BMV for the actual cost and fees \*

**Contact** - If you have Questions please contact PDG Joe Jackson, [shoeless-jj71@gmail.com](mailto:shoeless-jj71@gmail.com)





Ohio Lions State Youth Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Leo Convention – March 2, 2019  
Tolles Career & Technical Center  
7877 U.S. Highway 42 South, Plain City, OH 43064  
Registration Form

Please return this registration form to PDG Sheryl Schlater, 1608 Brook Park Drive, Troy, OH 45373  
*no later than February 22, 2019. E-mail: sas51280@frontier.com. Telephone: 937-335-9537.*

Leo Club Information:

Leo Club Name	City	Sponsoring Lions Club

Leo Club Advisor Information:

Name	Address	City
E-mail	Phone	Comments

Leo Club Members Attending:

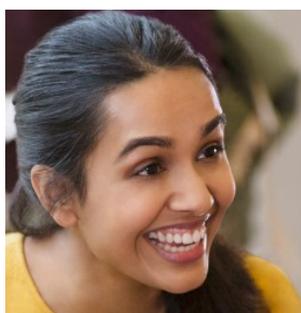
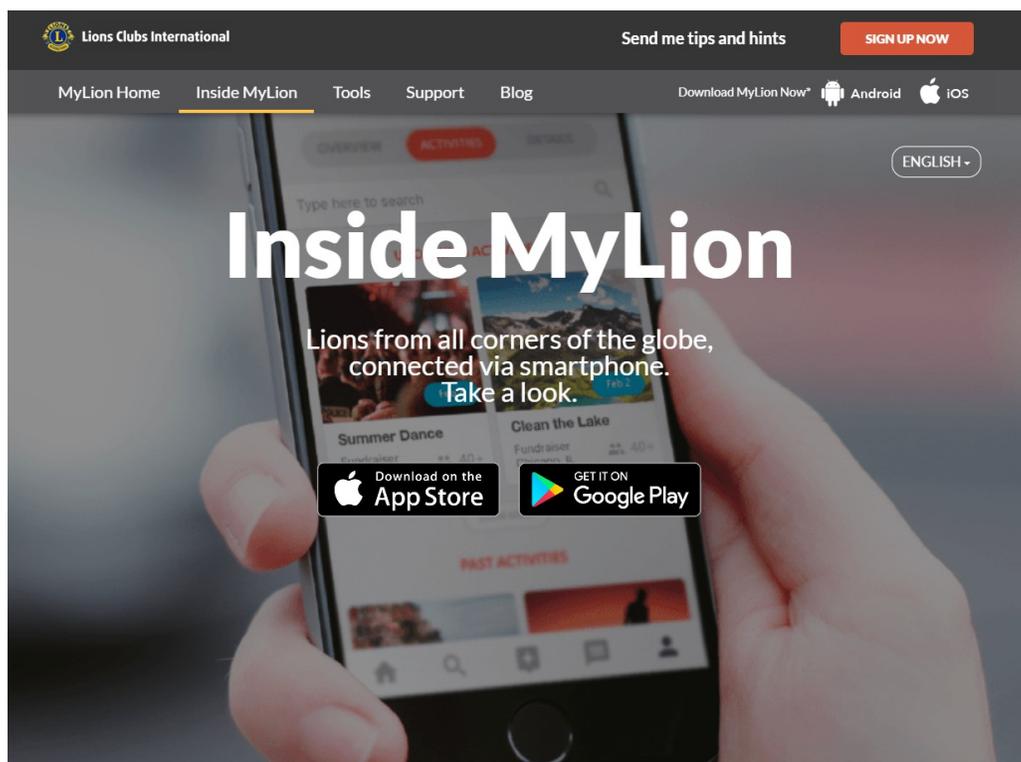
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# International News and Information

IT'S COMING!!! Learn more about MyLion here: <http://www.mylion.org/?language=en>



## New Voices

### Have you heard of New Voices?

**The New Voices Initiative** celebrates women's contributions to Lions Clubs International as it welcomes its first female International President. This initiative promotes gender parity by focusing on increasing the number of women in Lions Clubs, as well as closing the gap between men and women in leadership positions.

#### Initiatives include:

- Work to identify projects women can connect to.
- Encourage and mentor women to take up leadership roles in their clubs and districts.
- Promote stronger female membership to bring gender parity to LCI
- Demonstrate to their community LCI is open to men AND women.
- Share stories of female leaders on their service on social media, and find innovative ways to spread their message



## Greetings!

I would like to share some exciting news with you. The Leos & Lions of Arizona are hosting the 3rd USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum on July 24th to 28th, 2019 at the Hilton Mesa/Phoenix. **Registration is now OPEN!** This 2019 Leo Leadership Forum will bring Leos together from across North America and the Caribbean. During the course of the week, we have seminars in various areas of leadership and community-organizing as part of our core curriculum toward the HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE earned during this Forum experience. We also have elective seminars prepared by Leos. It's our goal to also empower our Leos to educate each other in areas of interest to them related to leadership. At the conclusion of every seminar, the facilitator offers a quiz on the subject. The passing of this seminar quiz will give the Leo the credits needed to graduate our program. All seminars are reviewed by our Dean of the High School Program and its committee members.

At every Leo Leadership Forum, we invite an international officer as our guest speaker. This gives our Leos the opportunity to ask questions, learn more about our association and the legacy that Melvin Jones left for the world. Leos also get the opportunity to network and bond with other Lions, Leos, and LCI Staff Members. We provide a full day of fun touring the host city and a day of community service planned by the Leo Host Committee. We have an Opening Ceremony/Dinner together with a Closing Night Dinner Gala that includes the presentation of diplomas and concludes with an entertaining night of dancing. Our Leos return home more knowledgeable about our Association, the Leo Club Program, ways to continue building up their own clubs while bringing bright new ideas for service projects and fundraisers. This Leo Forum will help Leos become great club leaders ready to serve their community and continue growing as individuals while feeling proud to be a Leo. We welcome Leo Club Advisors, Lions, and parents to attend the Forum. We want this to be a learning experience for all.

Please share this email with your Leos or Lions interested in learning more about the Leo Club Program. If your Leo Club is school-based, our team is happy to speak to Principals

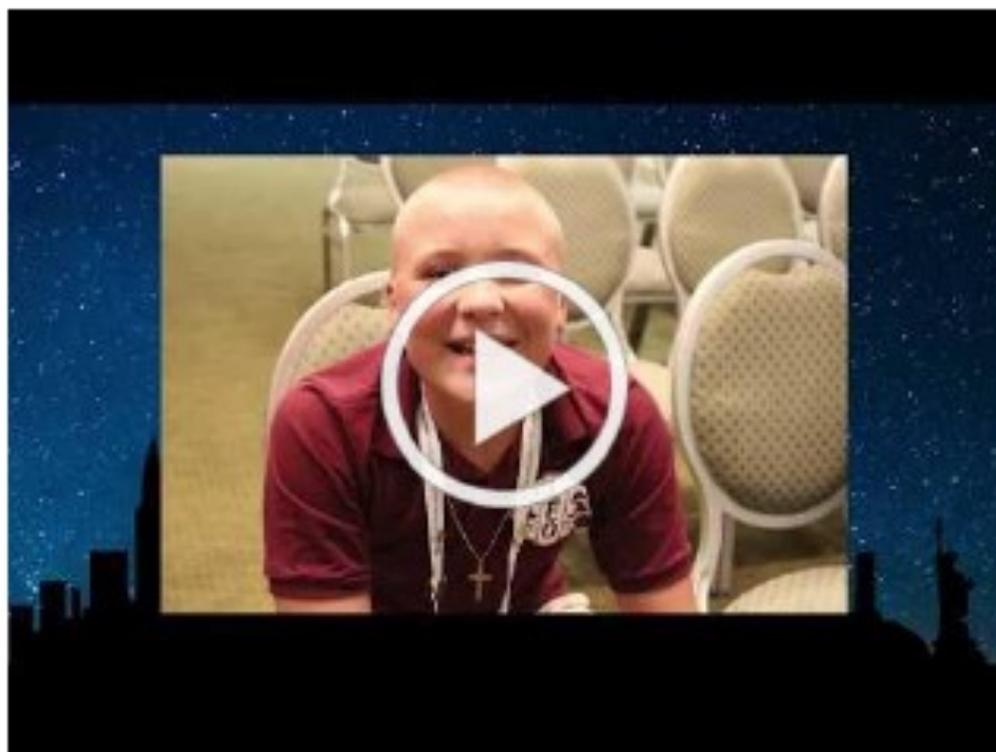
or Faculty Advisors to better explain our Leo Forum or answer any question. Our contact information is listed below. Take a look at our video with highlights of our 2nd Leo Leadership Forum. We look forward to welcoming all Leos and Lions to the Grand Canyon State.

Sincerely,



**N. ALAN LUNDGREN**

Past International Director &  
Host Chair, 3rd USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum





# Living the Leo Life

## IMPACT



People served each year by active Leos

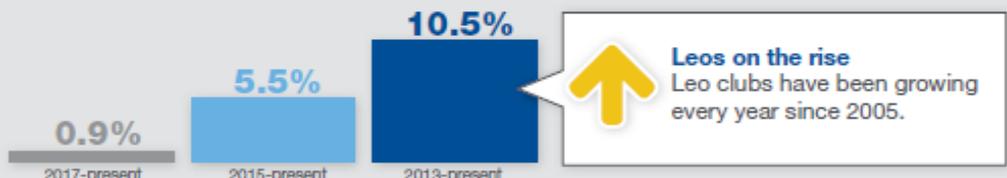
## GROWTH



**1957**  
35 Leos  
1 Club  
1 Country



**2019**  
177,000+ Leos  
7,100+ Clubs  
147 Countries



## PERSONALITY



### Leos like...

- Face-to-face meetings
- Co-ed clubs
- Cultural diversity
- Collaborating



### Leos want...

- Leadership development opportunities
- Recognition for their accomplishments
- Mentors who can guide them



### Famous former Leos

**Binod Chaudhary**  
First Nepali billionaire

**Patrick Ene-Okon**  
Nigerian Legislator

**Isabel Ticlo**  
Miss Arizona 2018



### Today's leaders

**Kyle Boutilier**  
Leo-Lion Board Liaison



**Eleonora Fresia**  
Leo-Lion Board Liaison



## GET INVOLVED

Learn more about Leos at [www.lionsclubs.org/about-leos](http://www.lionsclubs.org/about-leos)