

# THE PRIDE REPORT

District 13-OH5 Newsletter

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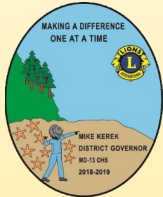
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## Making a Difference 1 Lion at a time!

### Governor Mike Kerek



2019. By the time most of you read this message, we will all have brought the New Year in, making a myriad of decisions to change the things in our lives we are in control of and are unhappy with, in every facet of our lives. These are our New Year's Resolutions, a traditionally empty collection of unfulfilled promises we make every year, swearing every time that THIS will be the year! The same promises seem to crop up annually.

In our personal lives, these promises revolve around weight, exercise, money, career choices, and appearance. By the end of 2019, each of us are going to be shaped (depending on your gender) like Schwarzenegger or Brinkley at their prime; be multi-millionaires due to some as-yet hazy plan to make our money, complete with home gyms that we spend 4 hours a day in; travel the world in 80 days wearing the best clothes that Paris or Milan can produce. Some may even fantasize about a few "nip and tuck" procedures to get those unsightly wrinkles out of sight, producing an appearance akin to plasticized skin. To each their own!

There are two really good reasons why 99.9% of us fail miserably year after year in achieving these alleged goals. First, we are unwilling to subject ourselves to the "sweat equity" that it would take, preferring to accept status quo and dream as opposed to taking some chances and working hard to effect the changes we want in our lives.

Second, we are constantly seeking out the problems and hurdles involved and using them as excuses, highlighting them with "I tried that once, it didn't work" phrases to prove out our thesis of negative results before we ever look to potential solutions to those problems. In short, we are constantly identifying excuses as to why we CAN'T do something as opposed to making a concerted effort, without ever giving up and constantly changing tactics, until we DO achieve our objective.

The same roadblocks hold true in our Lions Clubs. I hear many excuses for why certain clubs have dwindling membership, dwindling income, non-existent service projects, why nothing gets reported on MyLCI for projects, lack of participation in district functions such as convention or Learn to Roar training. Very few clubs who are experiencing these issues ever ask for help, which is also a problem, because there are many resources available to assist clubs if they really want it. If your club is in trouble, I am inviting you to contact me, and I will find you the help you need. (740) 412-4692 or my email is [mjkerek@msn.com](mailto:mjkerek@msn.com). Below are the "Fab 5" of issues I have seen this year. (These do not include compliance, which is something out of our control and yet must still be done, and donations, which each club has to decide what is relevant to their club's service protocol from the many agencies who request their help.)

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## District Governor Mike Kerek (Continued)

**1. Membership.** Membership night, Ohio Plan (which is up on our website, [district13oh5.org](http://district13oh5.org) for anyone to download), inviting someone to a meeting or event. Open your doors, open your minds to new ideas and support them. LCI has a plethora of FREE brochures available for the asking, along with membership applications. Have some of those in a folder with a sheet or club brochure highlighting what your club does and an old copy of the Lions magazine, and hand them out to potential new members. If everyone in our district invited just one person this year, that's over 1500 potential new Lions that we could recruit! Your district governor, vice governors, membership chair Joe Jackson, and a wide number of PDGs are available to assist you on a number of levels. IPDG Joe Jackson and Stu Koble are currently working on several lines, trying to create a new club. Whether they are ultimately successful, they are actively attempting, which is all I can ask for. We need the same commitment on the club level from each and every member.

**2. Meetings and Morale.** Make your general meetings fun! Have a guest speaker (there are many to choose from, including all those agencies trying to get your money – make them come and work for it. Even if you only have a few members coming to your meeting, they will come.) Have a tail twister that is offering some fun during the meetings, whether it is fining, having a game at the end, whatever. Have an agenda at board meetings and follow it, preferably one that everyone has a copy of. Constantly seek input from ALL the members, and reach out beforehand to remind ALL members of the upcoming event or meeting, regardless of whether they show up. Publicly find ways to acknowledge each other for work done; sometimes a thank you is worth everything. Several pages of last year's Learn to Roar are up on the district website and deal with this issue, including new Tail twister ideas.

**3. Service Projects and Fundraisers.** Have a small club? Don't have enough manpower to do what you want to do? Then do what a growing number of clubs and organizations are doing: join forces with another group! I have seen and even helped facilitate several partnerships this year, all with positive results. Two Lions Clubs, or a Lions Club with a church or other local organization, can provide the needed resources. It takes some work to make these partnerships viable, but the effort is worth it. As for fundraisers, 50% of something is a whole heck of a lot better than 100% of nothing! The district also has several year-long projects, including collecting new Lego sets for the two Children's Hospitals in our district, collecting vegetable seeds, and using the hard cases from eye glasses to make first aid kits for the needy. We are also collecting socks, hats, gloves, and toiletries for the homeless. These are all doable. The district also has available funding and training for clubs to do glucose testing for diabetes at no cost to the clubs, and the equipment and training available for child vision screening at no cost.

**4 District functions.** We offer training each year at the Learn to Roar at Der Dutchman, and a large number of areas are covered. If you have a specific interest, let GLT Steve Kaplan know and he might be able to incorporate it into the training. The purpose of this training is to give an overview of many topics. If there is something you want to be trained on more in depth, ask the instructor to present to your club, or even train you one on one. We will have traveling trainers starting next year to reach every corner of the district on whatever areas you need trained on. As for the convention, I heard recently that an entire club has a negative taste about conventions in general due to one they went to fairly recently. I know which one they are referring to, and can only respond, they chose the wrong convention to attend. This year we have our free Fun Night on Friday (drinks extra due to state law now) and on Saturday will have various interesting sessions available to choose from, (including an optional Diabetes Strides Walk for a minimum \$10 donation and helping to put the homeless first aid kits together as our two hands-on service opportunities if you choose,) great speakers, and more. See our website for the details – you can even register online if you choose.

**5. MyLCI Reporting.** Stu Koble is now our District Administrator. If he hasn't contacted you yet, most likely he will be. I have asked Stu to help clubs get activities reported on MyLCI. If you don't have access to MyLCI, let me know, and I will be happy to help you. Meanwhile, Stu can add anything for you. He can be reached at (614) 561-1873 or email [sfkoble@gmail.com](mailto:sfkoble@gmail.com). Why is this important for your club? Because if you don't report, no one outside your club knows that you do ANYTHING. This is not good, particularly for prospective new members looking at your service history and seeing nothing.

We have a new year. Let's bring in a new attitude. Replace the "cant's" with "try something different" until something works. Ask for help and ideas. Prepare to dig in and WORK for success. No excuses, no problems, only solutions. Let me know if I can help you make this year your best!



## First Vice District Governor Jackie Christensen

Recently during a Zone meeting I heard a Lion stand up and talk about the Grove City Pancake breakfast he attended a few years ago with his family and why that event was so important to him. He was not a Lion at the time, but had his children's vision screened—something my club, The Canal Winchester Lions Club, has done for the Grove City Lions for a several years now—and one of his children happened to get a referral to see the eye doctor. She ended up with glasses and he was so grateful for the Lions that he joined the Grove City Lions Club. It made me very proud to be a Lion and to know my club made a difference in someone's life. THAT is why I am a Lion. I hope many of you have a similar story to tell about why you are a Lion and what keeps you coming back. The work we do is very important, not just in our own communities but around the world. If you or your club donates to LCIF **you**, my Lion friends, have made a difference in the world today. Thank you so much for all you do!

I had the pleasure of being able to teach the **Mt. Gilead Lions Club** how to do vision screenings in December when we got an email from the local area schools to do pre-school screenings at two different schools in the morning and afternoon on two different days. Thanks to the **Prospect and Ridgedale Lions Clubs** for also helping with that vision screening, together the four Clubs were able to get it done! Being able to work together with other clubs on a project can make the difference in so many ways. Please don't ever hesitate to reach out to another club to help you with a project! That is what we are all here for and why we do what we do.

I also had the pleasure of attending the **St. Paris Lions Club 90th charter** anniversary! What a great thing to be able to serve your community for 90 years. Congratulations St. Paris! Hearing the same type of story like I talked about above from a few St. Paris Lions recalling the last 90 years is why I wanted to be a District officer.

There is so much we do in our own communities but getting around the District, talking to Lions, visiting clubs and attending club events is the best way I know how to enjoy Lions even more and shows me that you all have that same "feel good" reason why you are still Lions. Are you sharing this with your community? What better way to continue being able to serve in our communities and keep helping those in need in your community for 90 years or more like the St. Paris Lions Club! Why not invite a friend to your next service project? Let them have the same "feel good" reason for joining your Lions Club!

We've been busy working on the convention. Hope you are getting ready to get your reservation in soon. We're going to have a great time and I hope you can join us.

**Making a Difference One Lion at a time!**

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

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

**Zone 7 Meeting** — February 21, 2019—6:30pm—Grove City United Methodist Church, 2684 Columbus St., Grove City.

## District Project for the Homeless—UPDATE

***Supplies for our kits have been ordered and are starting to come in!*** We have more than 500 cases! Cases still continue to come in and we'll continue this project in the upcoming years. 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)
- Sewing kits (small travel size)

*I will have about 25 kits pre-made by the convention so you can all see what they look like. I hope you join us during the March 2019 District Convention and help us fill the remaining eye glass cases! You will get to take these home with you after the Convention to give to those in need in your community or we will get them to the homeless in Franklin County. 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.*

## District Honor Roll—DEADLINE IS JAN 31st!!!

See information for the District Honor Roll Nominee's on Page 10. You can also nominate your candidate on-line on the District 13-OH5 website [here](http://www.e-district.org/sites/district13oh5). Or go to: [www.e-district.org/sites/district13oh5](http://www.e-district.org/sites/district13oh5) and click on the "Resources/Training" link and look for "District 13-OH5 PDG Association Honor Roll".

## **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.







## Writing Checks to the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation PDG Bill Christensen, District 13-OH5 OLERF Trustee

Checks to the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) should ALL be written to “OLERF.”

Banks are very strict these days and the check must be made out to the name on the account. So our Bank will only accept “Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation” or (to save ink and time) “OLERF.”

So write your check to “OLERF” and state the fund in the Memo Line of the check as follows:

Fund	Pay Check To	Memo Line
General Research	“OLERF”	Blank or “General”
W.R. Bryan Diabetes Research		“Bryan”
Dick Neiderhauser ARMD* Research		“Neiderhauser”
Fellowship Grants		“Fellowship”

\* Age Related Macular Degeneration

If you want to donate to more than one fund, you can write multiple checks or write one check with a note explaining the breakdown of your donation.

I’m looking forward to seeing those checks arriving in my mailbox. Keep me very busy!

## District Ohio-5 2018 – 2019 Diabetes Report PDG John Fischer, Chair [johnfish77@att.net](mailto:johnfish77@att.net)

1. CODA- Central Ohio Diabetes Association—Located in Columbus serving Columbus and surrounding areas
2. W.R. Dick Bryant Foundation—Serving Ohio
3. ADA---- American Diabetes Association—Serving USA, Ohio, & Columbus,
4. J.D.R.F.----- Junior Diabetes

Lion you can send your donations to me and I will get them to the organization you donate to  
(Make Check Payable to the Organization)

### 2017 – 2018 Donations

Columbus Southern Pines  
Plain City Lions Club

Canal Winchester Lions  
Whitehall Area Lions Inc  
Troy Lions Charities  
Marysville Evening Lions  
Reynoldsburg Lions

C.O.D.A.	\$200.00
Madison County Hospital	\$300.00
Union County hospital	\$300.00
C.O.D.A.	\$100.00
C.O.D.A.	\$200.00
C.O.D.A.	\$50.00
C.O.D.A.	\$150.00
C.O.D.A.	\$200.00

**Finance and Long Range Planning Committee**  
**PDG Dave Luttrell, Chair**  
[pdgdave@luttrellzoo.com](mailto:pdgdave@luttrellzoo.com)

Dear Ohio Lions,

Since the May 2018 defeat of the proposed dues increase, the Finance and Long Range Planning Committee (F&P) has worked with the Council of Governors to reduce expenses and reduce services. With the changes completed along with changes in progress, I wanted to share our estimate that there will be no dues proposal on the 2019 ballot.

There are two root causes that will drive the next proposed dues change; inflation and the number of Ohio Lions. We can do nothing about inflation, but we can continue to work to add more Lion members in Ohio. How successful you and I are in adding more Lions to our clubs will drive future dues changes.

I do not want to write about increasing the number of Lions in Ohio. We have all heard enough talking about the subject. We need doing and producing results. What are your plans to bring in a new Lion in the next month, or next three months? What are your clubs plans to improve the club? What are the district plans over the next three months to start new clubs? What is the MD13 plan for adding new clubs in the next three months.

Ask for answers from your club's leadership, and measurable results. Ask your district about new clubs, and measurable results. Ask your Council of Governors what the plan is, and when you can follow up with results?

And yes, it is perfectly reasonable to ask the Long Range Planning and Finance Committee what the plan and results each month are. And no, we don't yet have one.

## Partner with the Sierra Club

We all know **environment** is one of our service initiatives. Consider partnering with the Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club. Here's what they've done lately:

1. Restored 83 acres of land in the Columbus area and Ohio by removing 3,761 pounds of trash.
2. Worked with underserved communities and taught 19 environmental education camps that reached 645 children.

Contact them and talk to them about partnering on a project together:

131 N. High Street, Ste. 605  
Columbus, OH 43215-9998  
<https://www.sierraclub.org/ohio>

## WEST CENTRAL OHIO LIONS EYE BANK

### Upcoming Event:

Strides for Life 5K—April 27, 2019





## **LCIF CAMPAIGN 100**

### **“Please Support and Donate”**

### **PCC Dave Risen, Coordinator**

This year, Lions Clubs International Foundation celebrates 50 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. I understand that each dollar you receive comes with work and commitment. I served as a District Governor twice and know what great clubs and Lions we have.

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





# Lions District OH-5 Bowling Tournament

## Sat. January 12th, 2019 @ 1:15

**Capri Bowling Lanes**  
**5860 Roche Drive**  
**Columbus, Oh 43229**

**2019 Entry Form—\$75 per Team (\$15 per bowler)**  
**24 Team Limit: Entry Deadline is January 1, 2019.**

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

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### TEAM LINEUP

Players Name	Average (blank if unknown)
1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	

Mail Entries (1 per Team) To: Lion John Mikesell, 194 Storington Rd., Westerville, Ohio, 43081.  
Phone: 614-937-8100 (After 4 PM). Email Entry To: [jmikesell51@gmail.com](mailto:jmikesell51@gmail.com)

**Make Checks Payable to Westerville Lions Club.**

#### Rules:

- Handicap will be 90% of 230 so every team has a chance. If no handicap or book, it will be computed after bowling.
- Vacant is 210 with 0 handicap.
- At least 1 Lion or Leo club member must be on a team.

#### Games & Prizes:

- We will have several fun games for all skill levels, Loads of prizes, raffles, 50/50.

**Please try to Arrive by 12:30 to handle money, lane assignments and the chaos!!!**

**GUARANTEED TO BE FUN!!!**



## Lions Clubs International District 13-OH5 PDG Association

### District 13-OH5 Honor Roll

#### Qualifications

- I. Current Lions
  - A. Lion for at least ten (10) years
  - B. Lions who have shown leadership, but is not necessarily a current or past Club Officer
  - C. Made a difference to the Club
  - D. Other Community activities outside Lions
  - E. Lion cannot be a member of the Honor Roll Committee
- II. Nomination Process
  - A. Nomination submitted by any of the following in the District:
    1. A Lion or group of Lions
    2. Club
    3. Zone
  - B. With the nomination submit
    1. Reason for the nomination
    2. Stories about the nominee
    3. Must include a photo of the nominee
  - C. Nominations shall be postmarked or emailed by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current Lions Year.
- III. The total number of inductees will be limited to:
  - A. Maximum of five (5) per year
  - B. Up to one (1) of the five (5) can be deceased Lions
- IV. Selection of each of the year's inductees will be determined by the Honor Roll Committee

#### Award

- I. Small Plaque
  - A. Presented to individual inductee
  - B. Present at District Convention
- II. Lapel Pin
- III. Lions Banner
  - A. With complete list of inductees through the years
  - B. Display banner at events
    1. District Convention
    2. District Officer Training
    3. Zone Meetings
  - C. Store in possession of a Honor Roll Committee member
- IV. Display inductee name, photo, and induction year on District Website

**District 13-OH5 Honor Roll**

Requester:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to be nominated:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

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

Years in Lionism: \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be at least 10 years to qualify for nomination)

Attach information on how this Lion:

- Has made a difference to the Club
- Is active in the community outside of Lions
- Include stories about the Lion
- Don't forget to include a picture of the Lion

Is the award being given posthumously? \_\_\_\_\_

Send form to PCC Dave Risen – 1219 Hilton Dr., Reynoldsburg OH 43068  
(614) 212-3488 Cell or (614) 864-9819 Home  
[drisen@insight.rr.com](mailto:drisen@insight.rr.com)

Deadline: ALL NOMINATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY **JANUARY 31th**



## 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

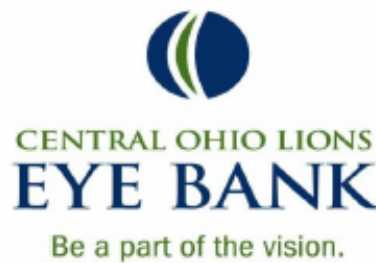
Please make checks payable to: District OH5 Lions, Inc.

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 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: \_\_\_\_\_





## 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*





**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



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**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)

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Recipient ID# (if applicable)

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Address 

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City 

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 State/Province 

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 Postal Code 

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Club of Recipient 

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District 

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For Memorial List name of Hellen Kellar "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) 

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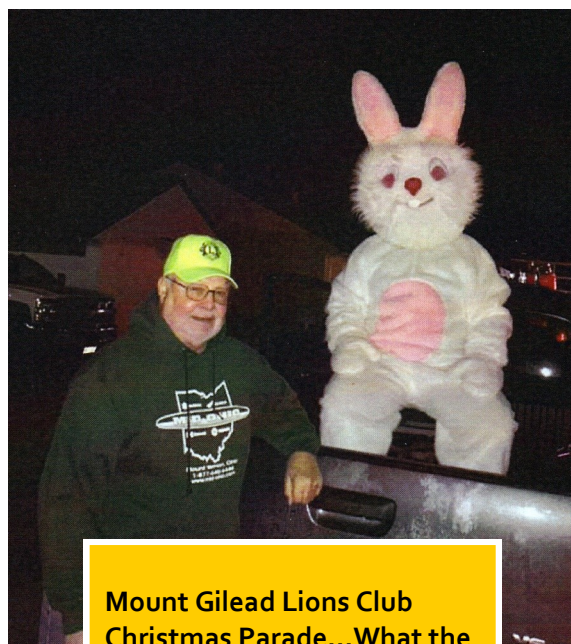
**Mail Completed Form to:**      **Helen Keller Sight Saver Award**  
   **Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank**  
   **Jason Brosious, Executive Director**  
   **262 Neil Ave. Suite 140**  
   **Columbus, Oh., 43215**

## Club News and Information

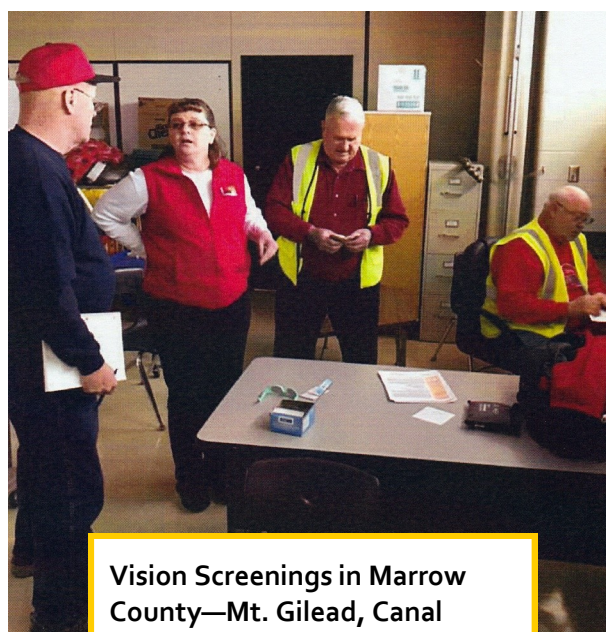


**Springfield National Trails Lions Club Christmas Dinner**

**DG Mike Kerek and 1VDG Jackie enjoyed celebrating with them!**



**Mount Gilead Lions Club  
Christmas Parade...What the  
Easter Bunny at Christmas!?**



**Vision Screenings in Marrow  
County—Mt. Gilead, Canal  
Winchester, and Ridgedale  
Lions Clubs.**





**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

[jgray@pilotdogs.org](mailto:jgray@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.**





# State News and Information



## 2019 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

### 10th Anniversary

January 18, 19, 20, 2019

REGISTRATION FORM  
MAUMEE BAY STATE PARK RESORT  
OREGON, OH



#### REGISTRATION:

Full registration paid by December 1, 2018 will be \$120.00. Full registrations December 2, 2018-January 3, 2019 will be \$140.00. No registrations will be accepted after January 3, 2019. 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, 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: [ohiolions@gmail.com](mailto:ohiolions@gmail.com). To use your credit card: go to [www.ohiolions.org](http://www.ohiolions.org) & use PayPal and send your registration form to the address above. **NO CANCELLATIONS WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER JANUARY 4, 2019.**

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

This year Saturday night's meal you'll have a choice of chicken or salmon. Please designate choice below. If no item is marked you will be served chicken.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's meals available: Total number of children: \_\_\_\_\_ (price per meal to be determined)

**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 at <http://www.maumeebaystateparklodge.com> or by phone 1-800-282-7275. Room reservations prior to November 30, 2018, may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions group rate of \$106.00/night plus tax **with 1 to 4 persons per room**. After November 30<sup>th</sup> the room rate may increase. The resort only has a limited number of 95 rooms and may sell out. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.



Check out [www.maumeebaystatepark.com](http://www.maumeebaystatepark.com) for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!



## 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.

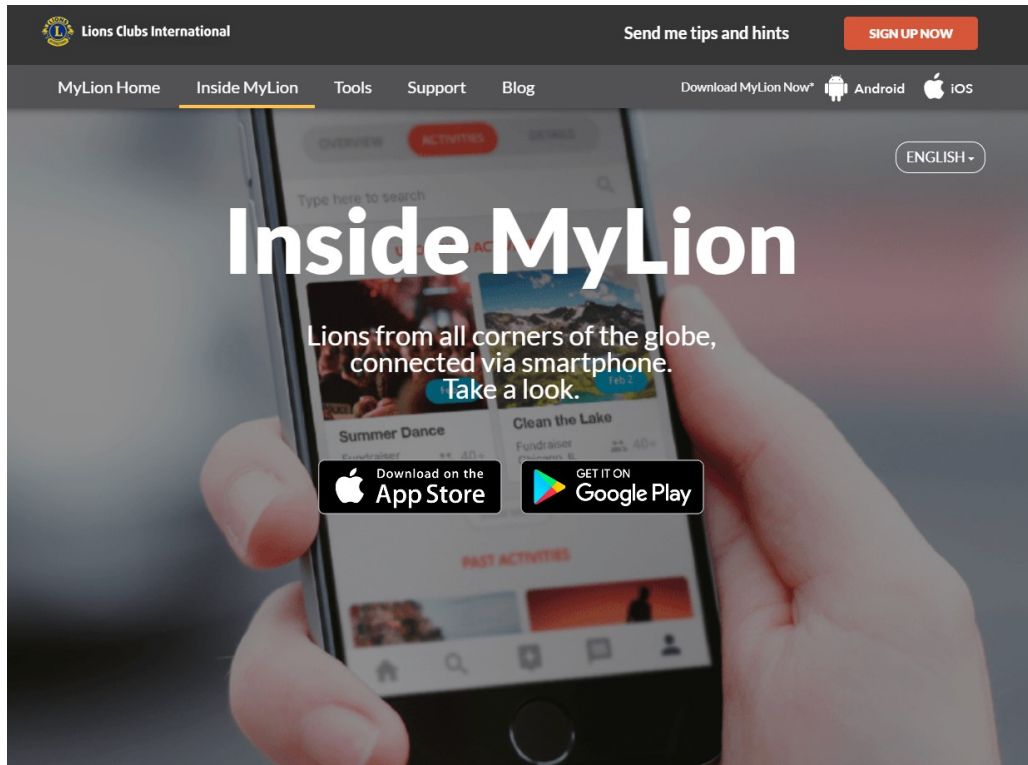
You do not have to wait until your plate needs renewed, you can order the plate now for just the Logo Fee (\$25\*), Service fee (\$3.50\*), New Plate Fee (\$8.25\*) and Postage (\$3.02\*) If also renewing your license plate the Annual Vehicle Renewal Registration Fees apply. \*Costs may vary dues to 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)

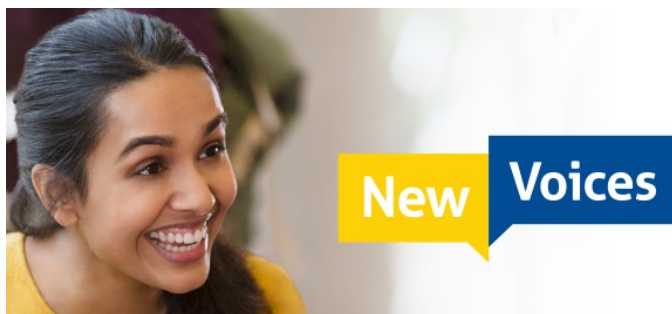


# International News and Information

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



## 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