

June, 2020

OH5 Pride Report

District Governor Jason Gray

**Stronger
Together**

HAPPY LIONS News year!

Wow, what a year we had! It definitely is a unique time in our history. One that will not only test us as people, but also as Lions. As we continue to adjust to things and figure out how we can continue to help our members and our communities in new ways, please remember to reach out for help, we are truly all in this together. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your zone chairs, committee members, or district leadership team if you need support or help in anyway. We look forward to a wonderful year full of meeting new people and working with communities to help create a better experience for all.

The theme for this year is "Stronger Together". As we navigate this new environment, it is paramount that we focus on working together. Not only within our clubs, by making sure that all members are included and feel valued, but also in our community and our neighboring communities. Creating partnerships with other organizations is a great way to grow Lionism and help the community in ways we may have never thought of. We encourage you to explore partnerships that can lead to improved community contact, improved outreach, and improved community service projects. Please don't only look outside of Lions but look at neighboring Lions clubs that can create a relationship that benefits both clubs and their communities. As you explore these opportunities please share them with your Zone chair and the District leadership team, so we can all learn and benefit from your successes.

WHAT CAN WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS YEAR?

Since we didn't get a chance to create our March Madness brackets this year, we created a way for you fill this need. We will have a ZONE Madness bracket. The concept is exactly like March Madness, and the zones will be placed in a bracket and go "head-to-head" with another zone. The point system will be released shortly, but points will be gained through completing Lions activities and reporting them. Points will be gained through such things as submitting peace poster or peace essay entries (if able to with COVID restrictions this coming school year), gaining members, community service hours, attending zone meetings, hosting a zone meeting, having new members complete a new members scavenger hunt, LEGO kits donated, and many other things. The bracket will be double elimination with the winning zone announced at the district convention. **Trash talking is not only allowed it is encouraged!**

We are also very excited to announce that we will have a Night at the Races fundraiser on Friday night of the convention. It will be a great opportunity to raise money for a charity and will be donated on behalf of your club and the district. So please mark you schedules for March 12, 2020 and plan to come and have fun! We will have more details as the dates get closer.

If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to contact myself or any member of the District Cabinet. We hope that we all have a wonderful year and truly become "Stronger Together".

Yours in Lionism,
District Governor Jason Gray

LIONS LOOKING FORWARD

In an attempt to communicate more effectively with ALL lions, and hopefully reach people in our communities. WE have created two new ways to follow the Governor and see what is happening in the district. We will continue to post things on Facebook and on the website, but we hope these new communication methods will allow another way to contact the governor and learn what other clubs are doing in the district. Please follow us on the following platforms.



@oh5lionsgovernor



Instagram

@oh5lionsgovernor



District13 OH- 5 Lions

Please send pictures and club event information that you would like added to any of these social media platforms to: md13.oh5.socialmedia@gmail.com



Is your club having trouble holding "traditional" meetings because of COVID-19? Please explore hosting your meeting on a digital platform. We have used Zoom for Ohio Lions events, as well as district events. It is easy to use and has an option for someone to call in if they don't have a computer or aren't comfortable using one. Zoom is free for the first 40 minutes. If you need more time to conduct business, please contact DG Jason Gray and we will establish a free ZOOM account for your club to use for your meeting. It is more important than ever to keep contact with our members. **We are here to help, please reach out and let us know how we can!** If you are already having zoom meetings, please let DG Jason, 1stVDG Joe, and your zone chair know. We would love to attend your meeting!

Official District 13-OH5 Election Results:

District Governor: 1st VDG Jason Gray

1st Vice District Governor: 2nd VDG Joe Jackson

2nd Vice District Governor: (Unfilled)

Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation: PDG Mike Kerek

Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation: PDG Jeff Sweeney

Ohio Lions Foundation: PCC Ben Cosgray

Proposed By-Law Amendment:

Article III District Committees, Section 7.2: Passed

Article XI LCIF Grant to District: Passed

From IPDG Jackie Miller:

Fellow Lions,

I am sorry we did not get to have our convention and enjoy each other's company in March. With things slowly getting back to being able to operate, I hope you will join us in person if you are able (social distancing will be observed), otherwise, we'll set up zoom for those who would like to join by video or teleconference. Please come and help us honor some distinguished Lions throughout our District and catch up with our District and State Lions we haven't seen in a very long time. We'll have our PID's and ID Steve Thornton joining us and our Convention Guest, ID Justin Faber will even be making an appearance, hopefully in person but at least via Zoom. We'll have boxed lunches (the best way right now amid this pandemic) you will enjoy and all at a reasonable \$15 per person. Please join us, I would love to see you all!

Please send your RSVP from the invitation sent with this newsletter.

From DG Jason Gray:

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I would like to extend a very special thank you to IPDG Jackie Miller, her cabinet, committee members, zone chairs, and all Lions this year, for a wonderful year. I would also like to thank all of the individuals that agreed to be part of the 2020-2021 cabinet and to help provide leadership for the district. Thank you ALL for what you do. I am proud to say I'm a Lion because of the examples that you set in your communities and in the district.

I sincerely thank you!



Learn to Roar Thoughts

(from Lion Steve Kaplan, GLT District Coordinator)

Lions can whimper, Growl, or ROAR! The name “Learn to Roar” was chosen for our district’s club officer training because it is one of the ways that the district supports the growth of individual Lions and entire Lions Clubs. The district wants to provide the most resources it can to help Lions reach their potential. Traditionally, we gather together in a school-like setting for one day of classes and fellowship. In addition to some excellent classroom training, there is also time to meet and network with others, exchanging ideas and perspectives. Both parts of the day are important. The pandemic challenge and changes we all faced would not allow us to have this opportunity this year. So, we went virtual. The same planned classes and variety of topics were held. We added electronic hosts who enabled computer links and phone-in participation. My sincere thanks to the teachers and all who scrambled and helped pull this together. Their donation of time and talents is much appreciated. Although there were a couple of technical glitches, for the most part, all went smoothly. We anticipated a smaller than usual student turnout. But even so, the live numbers were a bit disappointing. Our saving ticket may be that the district leadership saw fit and was technically savvy enough to record all the sessions and post them on you-tube.

Therefore, all Lions in the district can still view any or all the classes we want. As always, the teachers are available to answer any questions. Well, we learned quite a bit about hosting zoom meetings. Experience that we can use in the future. We do hope to return to our traditional school

next year. In fact, the date is already reserved at the Der Dutchman. We will be hoping for a big turnout to enjoy more classes, fellowship, networking, and some Amish food. Save the date of June 12, 2021. If you would like to provide any feedback on Learn to Roar, please send me an email at skpk1984@aol.com.

Thanks. Lion Steve

Videos of Classes

All 2020 Learn to Roar classes were recorded and available for viewing. Before viewing, you may find it helpful to first view or print the handouts available for most of the classes. The links for the handouts and for each class video are available on the district website under the Learn to Roar 2020 link. <http://www.e-district.org/sites/district13oh5/page-9.php>

Leadership Diplomas and Officer Pins

Anyone that attended four live sessions or that has watched at least 4 of the recorded videos is eligible to receive this year's Learn to Roar diploma. Anyone that is listed on their clubs PU-101 report and is serving this coming year as president, secretary, treasurer, tail-twister, or membership chair that attended or watched their required course and at least 3 other classes is eligible to receive their leadership training pin. Simply send me an email (skpk1984@aol.com) or note declaring your participation, office serving, and your mailing address and the diploma and/or pin will be mailed to you.

NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

With PDG Karl going to Florida and Lion Doug Beitzel donating his truck to Sufficient Grace Charities, we are losing four Lions with state License Plates.



I think only 173 plates renewed this year for Ohio Lions is embarrassing!

Please consider that your dollars for Lions license plates help fund the Ohio Lions Foundation programs.

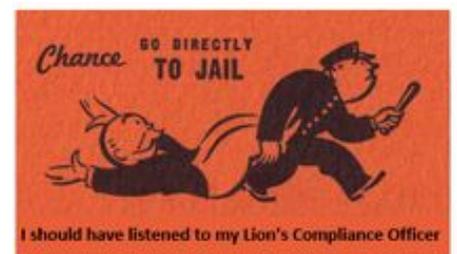
All PDG's should have a Lions plate as will as Lions in Leadership positions that attend COG meetings. What is your excuse for not buying a plate?

PDG/IVDG Joe Jackson

Anyone else starting to get a tan from the light in your Refrigerator?

Compliance

For the majority of Lions Clubs in our district, June 30th brings an end to another fiscal year. As new club officers take control on July 1st let us all remember that we must finish up last year's business in the area of filing compliance. All clubs must file an annual IRS return and an annual Ohio Attorney General return. This covers the financial activity for the year just completed. As soon as the club completes a year-end financial report, it should complete both of these returns. If needed, there are instruction sheets available on the district website



under the resources link. Individual help is also available by emailing questions to Lion Steve Kaplan at skpk1984@aol.com. The district Compliance Committee urges all clubs to complete both returns as soon as possible. Thank-you.

(PDG Lion Eileen Brenner continues her look back at the Lions' SensoryGarden, past, present, and future!)

Sensory Garden – Restoration Process

Fortunately there was a large area behind the school where we were able to lay the bricks out in rows the best we could. Several actually had to be dug out of the dirt they had settled in. It took a few weeks to get this process accomplished. The pavers were individual so had no issue in identifying them.

Sadly not all bricks could be put in the new location. Although we dug up as much as we could, still had a few bricks left that could not be matched up with other bricks. I would say that we were able to match up over 90% of the bricks which was quite a feat considering the length of time they were there sitting on the rotting pallets .

A landscaping company was hired to clear an area in front of the new garden. They developed a design that would incorporate bricks, pavers and an area with small stones to give it a finished look. There is a large rock placed at the head of the layout. You will have to come and look.

The garden is now in its final “resting place”. It is enjoyed by all students and staff as they travel between the new building and the old where classes are still being held

Next month – “Continuing maintenance”

PDG Eileen Brenner
Committee Chair

DON'T FORGET to RSVP
to IPDG Jackie Miller's
Invitation to the Awards and
Honors celebration on
July 11th.
RSVP to the invitation, sent
with this Newsletter.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CORONAVIRUS!

Anyone else's car getting three weeks to the gallon now?

I'm gonna ask my momma if that offer to slap me into next year is still on the table. Sounds like a pretty good offer just about now.

After all the stupid things I've done in my life, if I die because I touched my face, I'm gonna be really ticked off!

Saw my neighbor Tammy out early this morning scraping the “My kid is a Terrific Student” sticker off her minivan. Guess that first week of homeschooling didn't go so well.

Anyone else plan on telling their kid that their Elf on the Shelf didn't survive the Coronavirus? Just me? OK.

My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.

You thought dogs were hard to train? Look at all the humans that can't sit and stay.

My house got TP'd last night. It's now appraised at \$875,000.

This “cleaning with alcohol” is totally bogus. NOTHING gets done after that first bottle.

Day 17 at home. The dog is looking at me like, “SEE? This is why I chew the furniture.”

I swear my refrigerator just said, “what the Hell do you want now?”

Gas is finally affordable and we can't go anywhere.

Our thoughts and prayers going out to all the married men who've spent months telling the wife, “I'll do that when I've got time.”

To tell the truth, I wanted to spray some people with Lysol before the pandemic.

How many believe this is going to end in a few weeks and things will go back to normal? Raise your hand. Now slap yourself with it!

THE LIONS OF OH5 INTRODUCE A DISTRICT-WIDE PROJECT

The OH5 MASK PROJECT

Service - Fundraising - Fellowship

Let's Not Wait for the Pandemic to Go Away...
Let's Not Ignore What Is Happening Around Us...
Let's Acknowledge the Presence of COVID-19, and
LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT/WITH IT/
BECAUSE OF IT!!!



Our communities need us more than ever
in these uncertain times.

SERVICE:

Help Feed the Hungry
Help Keep Folks Safe

FUNDRAISING:

Make Some Money for Your Project Fund (as so many Lions Club fundraisers have had to be cancelled over the last several months)

FELLOWSHIP:

It's time to "restart" our clubs after this enforced hiatus from the chance to gather and to serve. Here's a project that every club in the District can be part of - and every Lion can play a part (whether staying at home or practicing safe, social distancing our in the communities).

Watch for details on **WEDNESDAY, July 8**, with the release of a Special COVID-19 Edition PRIDE REPORT -

HEALTHY LIONS CLUBS IN AN UNHEALTHY TIME

Leo Club Program Advisory Panel

(Applications must be submitted before August 15, 2020. Please do not wait until the last day.)

Interested in representing Leos in your Constitutional Area? The Leo Club Program Advisory Panel applications are now live for the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023 term. The Leo Club Advisory Panel is the highest international office for the Leo Club Program. Panel members represent their respective Constitutional Areas, advising on matters which affect the Leo Club Program to Lions Clubs International. Leo and Lion applications are available:

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/about-leos/leo-club-advisory-panel?utm_content=Leos&utm_medium=Leo+Club+Program&utm_source=facebook

Lions Club Signs

(From IPCC Lydia Houser)

Fellow Lions,

I am sending you a copy of the *I Am A Lion Sign Order Sheet* (see *next page*). Signs are \$10 each. This may be something that your Lions/clubs may be interested in purchasing as a great way to advertise. I have one in my front yard. Our club is buying a number of them to put out when we have events to advertise who we are. We regularly talk about “branding” and getting ourselves out there and noticed. This is a way that we can start, and it is fairly inexpensive. Signs will be black, red and blue lettering.



The idea of these signs arose because of COVID-19 and limits on being able to get out and advertise being a lion. This way, any Lion could have a sign to advertise. Feel free to pass this on to anyone who might be interested. I am trying to avoid added costly shipping fees and will work in the seven districts to arrange pick-ups.

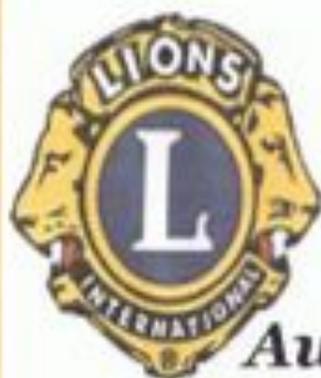
Thanks,

IPCC Lydia Houser
937-609-6594



I AM A LION SIGN (ORDER SHEET)

Payment to: Mad River Lions 4791 Blue Spruce Ct; Dayton, OH 45424		Questions to Lion Lydia Houser		Email: LMHYOYO@aol.com		Cost = \$10 Per Sign
Signs will be printed Black, Red & Blue.		ADDRESS		CLUB		Phone
SIGN SPECIFICS (PHONE, EMAIL, BLANK, WEBSITE, ETC) - ONE LINE ONLY		NAME	NUMBER OF SIGNS	222 Ranger Lane, Day, OH 33333		Ranger Lions
EXAMPLE	932-220-1226	Ranger Lion	5	Ranger Lions		937-599-1253 rangerl@aol.com
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Whitehall Area Lions Club Annual Auction

August 17, 2020 6:30 pm

*Summit Station Lions Building
7600 Summit Rd S.W.
Pataskla Ohio 43062*

\$15.00 Per Person

***Menu
Lasagna
Salad
Garlic bread
Desserts***

R.S.V.P. by August 10, 2020

To: Kathy Whiteman (614) 578-7580

Karen Risen kdrisen@yahoo.com

Hope to See 🤔🤔 You There!!



100% of net proceeds will go to pediatric cancer causes.

3rd Annual
Super Braxton
 Pediatric Cancer 5K Run/Walk
November 21, 2020
LOCATION TBA



★ **SAVE THE DATE!** ★



Braxton Long lost his 3 year battle with cancer on July 24, 2017 at the age of 8 years old. He loved life, was optimistic and kind by nature, and had a smile on his face to the end.

Important to know:

The SB5K will be run in compliance with Ohio Law applicable at the time of the event. PPE, including face masks, will not be required at this time, but will be respected for those who choose to use them.

Please do NOT attend if you are sick the day of the race, even if you are registered!

For those who want to help but are not comfortable attending, you can donate or sign up as a Virtual Walker. It all helps the cause!

If you have any questions, please call Debbie at (614) 202-8907 or Mike at (740) 412-4892.

**REGISTER (ALONE,
 FAMILY OR AS A TEAM!)
 OR DONATE TODAY!
 EARLY BIRD DEADLINE 10/11/19**

<p>Event Schedule 8:00-9:00 Registration (performing arts center) 9:00 Kids Fun Run (FREE) (event start location) 9:30 5K Start</p>
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Information and on-line registration coming soon on District OH5 Lions site at district13oh5.org

