

May, 2021

OH5 Pride Report

District Governor Jason Gray

**Stronger
Together**

Happy May!

What in the heck were the Bengals thinking taking a wide receiver with their first pick in the draft? They have a franchise quarterback that can't stay upright and blows out his knee because no one can block for him, but let's get a wide receiver. When the Browns make better draft picks and are a better run franchise than yours, you know you are in trouble! The Browns look like the adults in the room while the Bengals are sitting in the corner playing with their toy trucks and Legos. Speaking of Legos please continue to collect them to help support children fighting pediatric cancer in our communities. We will have collection boxes at the district celebration to help collect new Lego kits.

I had a little fun with that last part, but I hope it reminds you to have fun with your clubs and to keep doing the best you can.

We truly hope you are able to attend the upcoming district celebration, on May 15, 2021. We will be honoring many of your fellow Lions with well deserved recognition. I have had several people ask if we could record the necrology for members and their families that are unable to attend. We have plans in the works and hope to be able to record it and distribute it to the clubs after the event.

On one final note, I found this quote the other day and it made me reflect, so I thought I would share it with you. "The more you feed your mind with positive thoughts, the more you can attract great things into your life." – Roy T. Bennet

DG Jason Gray



**COMING TOGETHER
IN MAY
HOPING TO
SEE YOU THERE!**

**MD-13 State
Convention
May 22-23, 2021
DoubleTree –
Columbus-
Worthington**



NEWS BRIEFS FROM 1ST VDG JOE JACKSON

First, congratulations to the staff of the LEBWCO, Dayton, for surviving COVID restrictions and securing 163 corneas in March, 2021, to give 163 clients their sight back!

Second, thanks to the London Lions, for their donation to a local family's child with cancer of the eye.

Third, appreciation for the efforts of Marion County Clubs: Green Camp, Pleasant, Prospect, and Ridgedale for their contributions to community needs with scholarships and assistance to families in need.

Fourth, both Reynoldsburg and Tri-Village have made their community better places with assistance to food pantries and Easter activities.

As of April 30, the scholarship fund of the Adaptive Equipment Scholarship is \$1000. Applicants must be visually impaired and live in the following counties of OH-5:

Darke – Clark – Champaign – Miami
Interested applicants need to contact 1VDG Joe Jackson before May 21, 2021.

1st VP Lion Joe Jackson
shoelessjj71@gmail.com

I was honored to join the folks from the Reynoldsburg Lions as they delivered a check for to Nationwide Children's Hospital for \$4,694.87 from this year's Super Braxton event.



OLERF IS RECRUITING!

The Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) is searching for a Trustee At Large for 2021-2022. This position provides support to OLERF, promotes OLERF to our lions, helps decide on recipients for grants and fellowships, creates policy, etc. There are four meetings a year as well as possibly some special events (tours, speaking, etc.) to attend.

If you would like additional information, please contact IPCC Lydia Houser, OLERF Executive Director, at: LMHYOYO@aol.com or call at (937) 609-6594.

Please submit your interest in the position by submitting your name, phone, district and email to: Lion Nancy Brown, OLERF President, wrbrown@brightdsl.net, and IPCC Lydia Houser, OLERF Executive Director, at: LMHYOYO@aol.com no later than May 11th (Tuesday).

MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT MAY 31-JUNE 6

Would you like to Volunteer? You don't need to be a Lion to help! We have been asked once again to assist with the Memorial Tournament Litter control.

NEEDED:

20 individuals on Wednesday. 10 am to 4 pm
40 individuals on Thursday, 20 am and 20 pm
40 individuals on Friday, 20 am and 20 pm
40 individuals on Saturday, 20 am and 20 pm
40 individuals on Sunday, 20 am and 20 pm

If you are interested and want to know more contact Captains

Jay Gray at jgray@pilotdogs.org

Ray Empson - gempson@juno.com (Saturday)

Jeff Hatfield - buckeyeguy5@hotmail.com
(Sunday)

Kirby Witmer - kirbyw7@outlook.com
(Thursday)

Ray Byers rbyers12@gmail.com

A SECOND'S LOOK!

Getting Back In The Race!!!

On your mark, get set, **GO!!** Just like a winter's hibernation ends, it appears that our club's hibernation is ending as well. More people are getting out and about as they get vaccinated and are feeling more confident in participating in events.

With that said, what are you doing to prepare to get back at it; to shake off the rust? Have you looked at many of the videos that are available on membership, leadership, managing meetings or how our LCIF foundation is helping others in the world on the LCI website? How about attending classes online at the Lions University? They are free.

Closer to home is our OH5 Learn to Roar in June. Plan to attend via Zoom and learn about legal affairs that your club needs to know about; fellowship & fun with tail-twisting; and more. It's free!!!

Also, to get out in the great outdoors, plan to help with the Memorial golf tournament one day. Contact PCC Jay Gray to volunteer.

And while we're getting ready to move forward with our projects, don't forget about those in our clubs that are still hesitant in getting around crowds. Make sure you reach out and check on them and ask them to help with items that they can do in an environment that they will feel safe. Keep them connected!!

I hope to see many of you at the OH5 Celebration on May 15th. DG Jason has done a great job in a climate of uncertainty this year. It's time to celebrate his and all our club's accomplishments!!

2VDG Debbie Luttrell



LEARN TO ROAR – JUNE 12TH – SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

WHAT: Learn to Roar: club-office and general Lion Training

WHEN: Saturday, June 12

TIME: Classes begin at 10am, 11am, 1pm, and 2pm

TRAVEL: None! It is on ZOOM

COST: FREE!

Our district's Lions training school will be offered to all Lions for free via Zoom. This is an excellent opportunity for everyone to see the benefits of attending Lion's training without any travel or cost. There will be 12 different classes in total, three different ones scheduled each hour. There are one or two suggested classes for the officers, but any Lion can take any class. Therefore, you can pick and choose topics of interest.

Do you know the difference between an efficient meeting and an effective meeting? When do you use MyLion and when do you use MyLCI? What service projects can your members do from home? What is the latest in vision assistance equipment? What is new with the IRS and the duties your officers must perform?

Think how better your club could operate with all this new information. Have all your officers and key Lions participate, learn, and get their questions answered. The class schedule is attached. Look for the zoom links as the date gets closer. Save the date now and we will see you at Learn to Roar.

Voicecorps

Voicecorps reading service provides news and information to people with blindness and other disabilities; presents to local clubs, too.

Voicecorps reading service was established in Columbus, Ohio in 1975 to serve people living with blindness or vision impairment and who have difficulty reading due to chronic disability or medical conditions. Voicecorps audio broadcasts serve to keep listeners informed and aware of daily events, news and information.

The reading service provides special radios that contain its signal at no charge to listeners. One flip of the on button and an individual can hear the latest news read aloud from The Columbus Dispatch, Delaware Gazette, central Ohio weekly neighborhood newspapers and all types of magazines such as Time, Newsweek, Columbus Monthly, TV Guide and other popular periodicals and books. Voicecorps is also available on Amazon Alexa Dot and Echo smart speakers, or streaming from its website.

Voicecorps Ambassadors can present to your Lions Club

Voicecorps enjoys sharing its history and mission with community groups and service clubs by having its team of Voicecorps Ambassadors present at virtual, Zoom meetings during the pandemic. Lions Clubs in central Ohio seeking to invite a Voicecorps Ambassador to present at a virtual club meeting can get on the schedule by contacting Shari Veleba, Voicecorps Marketing Coordinator, at sveleba@voicecorps.org, or by calling Voicecorps and leaving a message at (614) 274-7650 Ext. 17. Voicecorps is currently not sending Ambassadors to in-person meetings, but that will change when COVID-19 conditions improve.

Prior to the pandemic, volunteers completed their reading at Voicecorps studios, located on Columbus' West Side. But during the pandemic, Voicecorps trained its volunteer readers to conduct their "live" and taped readings using technology from the comfort of their own homes.

Help Voicecorps find "the next person in need" by asking yourself and your friends and family, "Who do you know who needs Voicecorps?" For more information, visit www.voicecorps.org.

READ FOR VOICECORPS... FROM HOME!

"VOICEcorps enriches lives by reading printed news and information to people who are blind, have low vision, or other conditions that prevent reading."

Readers read from local and national publications, live or recorded on days, evenings, and weekends. You can read/record for Voicecorps without leaving home, and it can be done through your smart phone – no fancy equipment needed!

(From Voicecorps site,
www.voicecorps.org)

*Contact us at **614-274-7650** to set up an interview, to get to know you better. All readers will have an audition so we're sure to get the best voices on the air for our listeners. A few hours a week or a few hours a month? You decide! You'll be matched up with a volunteer job that fits your schedule and your interests.*

What a fitting way for Knights of the Blind to provide / as the pandemic





Live the life you want.

2021 Scholarship Program National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

The National Federation of the Blind of Ohio joyfully announces the opening of our 2021 scholarship program intended to benefit blind college students beginning March 1, 2021. In the fall of 2021 NFBO will offer scholarships to outstanding blind students who currently live in, or are attending college in, the state of Ohio during the 2021-2022 academic school year.

Scholarship winners must attend the entire National Federation of the Blind of Ohio (NFBO) state convention during the month of November and participate in all activities sponsored by the Ohio Association of Blind Students (OABS). In addition, scholarship winners will be required to meet with the Scholarship Committee during the state convention. The 2021 state convention will be held at The Double Tree Columbus – Worthington, November 5-6-7, 2021. Scholarship winners will be notified no later than August 15, 2021. All convention expenses will be provided for each scholarship winner. These expenses include, transportation, hotel accommodations, registration, and banquet fees. For more information on the NFBO state convention, please visit <http://www.nfbohio.org>.

Applicants do not need to be members of NFBO to apply for these scholarships.

To be eligible for these scholarships, all applicants shall:

- Be certified as being legally blind.
- Be a resident of the state of Ohio or be a full-time student at an Ohio college or university.
- Be pursuing a full-time postsecondary course of study during the 2021-2022 academic school year.
- Participate in the entire NFBO 2021 state convention and all scheduled OABS activities.
- Complete all application requirements by Sunday June 20, 2021, no later than 11:59 p.m.

Application materials can be submitted electronically to Jordy D. Stringer

jssocil@gmail.com

[or students can complete an electronic version by visiting nfbohio.org.](http://www.nfbohio.org)

Please make sure all applications are complete. The National Federation of the Blind of Ohio's scholarship committee does not accept responsibility for incomplete applications. Each application will be reviewed by the committee, and candidates will be notified of their awards by e-mail. All decisions made by the scholarship committee are final.

Questions can be directed to:

Jordy D. Stringer, Chairman, Scholarship Committee, National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

jssocil@gmail.com

(614) 531-3945

Richard Payne: President, National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

Rchpay7@gmail.com

National Federation of the Blind of Ohio Scholarship Application

Application must be submitted by June 20, 2021.

Name:	Email:
Date of Birth:	Address:
Phone Number:	Cumulative GPA:
Major / Proposed Major:	Institution to be attended in Fall 2021:
Name of the state officer or chapter president who has interviewed you:	

*Attachments required:

- Transcripts from all past post-secondary institutions attended through May 31, 2020 or high school transcripts if not yet attending college AND
- Three (3) letters of recommendation:
 - At least one of the first two letters needs to be from someone that can address your academic performance and achievements. The third letter should be from a leader of the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio. Please visit NFBOhio.org or contact President Richard Payne at rchpay7@gmail.com or Jordy Stringer jssocil@gmail.com to find an appropriate interviewer.

List all post-secondary institutions attended and cumulative grade point averages:

Institution	GPA

List all academic accomplishments and honors:

Honor / Accomplishment	Reason for Honor

List all community service activities you have participated in:

Organization	Community Service Activity

Please discuss how you learned about this scholarship program:

Personal Essay: Limit to 700 words maximum. Please address the following or similar questions:
In the following essay, please answer the following questions:

- tell us about yourself.
- How have you dealt with your blindness?
- What are your educational and vocational goals?
- What makes you stand out from the crowd?
- What are your dreams and aspirations?
- What else would you like for us to know about you that is not covered in your application?

OUR CLUBS ARE SPRINGING BACK TO LIFE!!!



PROSPECT LIONS



1st ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLER FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021~~KINGS MILL GOLF COURSE
WALDO, OHIO**

START TIME: 1:00 pm -Tee Times Every 10 Minutes

**Golfers Fee \$75
Due at Registration**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
MAY 12, 2021**



**FIRST TEAM AWARD
\$50 EACH GIFT CARD**

AWARDS INCLUDE:

- ✓ **LONGEST DRIVE** ~~ Front Nine & Back Nine \$25 each
- ✓ **CLOSEST TO PIN** ~~ Front Nine & Back Nine \$25 each
- ✓ **LONGEST PUTT** ~~ Front Nine & Back Nine \$25 each
- ✓ **Mulligan Sale** ~~ \$20 per foursome

(FOOD WILL BE SERVED THROUGHOUT THE DAY)



TO REGISTER & RECEIVE YOUR TEE TIME

Contact: LARRY CRAFT ~~ 419-366-6917

LLRCRAFT@GMAIL.COM OR KING MILLS GOLF COURSE

Prospect Lions President Ben O'Dell ~~ 740-360-7015

Benjamin odell@yahoo.com





PROSPECT LIONS CLUB

Serving the Prospect Community Since 1945

On May 22, 2021 the Prospect Lions Club will hold its 1ST Annual Golf for Scholarships Fundraiser at Kings Mill Golf Course in Waldo, to raise funds for Student Scholarships and other non-profit community and state organizations who yearly rely on funding from the Prospect Lions Club to serve those in need.

The Prospect Lions Club for many years has sponsored a multitude of community fundraising events that were cancelled this year due to Covid19 pandemic. Our traditional and successful fundraisers include our summer Saturday morning Hamburger Stand, traditional 4th of July Chicken Barbecue Dinners, Grilled Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Fresh French Fries, Ice Cream and More. Also, NASCAR Auction & Dinner Event, Light Bulbs & Broom Sale, and other recognized and well attended events throughout the year.

The funds raised each year have generated the revenue needed to support Prospect's 4th of July Fireworks, Halloween Parade, St. Paul's Food Pantry, Prospect Baseball for Youth, needed eye exams, student scholarships, Pilot Dogs Inc., Ohio Lions Eye Bank, Central Ohio Diabetes Association, and many more.

The entry fee is only \$75.00 per golfer and includes a cart, food, and various prizes. Tee times will be scheduled every 10 minutes starting at 1:00pm.

Prospect Lions is asking for your HELP by sponsoring a hole and have your business name place at the hole OR -- by organizing a foursome of your golfing friends to join you in playing as a foursome at \$300.00

We need your SUPPORT and INVOLEMENT to make this fundraiser a Huge Success for the students and Prospect's on-going community family centered events.

Please provide the names of your foursome & contact their information:

Name	Phone	Address
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Once completed we will contact YOU with YOUR Tee Time!

The Prospect Lions are confident with your support of our NEW Golf Fundraiser we will be able to continue our traditional long-standing community events enjoyed for years by so many families and also have the funds needed to help children, youth, and adults with vision, hearing, and serious health problems.

Thank You for your interest and support. By working and helping each other we can continue to make a difference in the lives of others. If you have any questions -- please do not hesitate to call President Ben or 2nd Vice President Lion Larry.

All the Best and Look Forward to seeing YOU on May 22, 2021 - Kings Mill Golf Course
Prospect Lions Ben O'Dell --- Cell # ~~ **740-360-7015**
2nd Vice President Lion Larry Craft -- Cell# ~ **419-366-6917**

PIG OUT!!

Westerville Lions' Own Pulled Pork Dinners.

\$12 Adult Meal - Pulled pork sandwich, 3 sides & cookie

\$6 Kids Meal - Pulled pork slider or Beef hot dog, side & cookie

Carry-Out or Inside and Outside Dining
will be available with limited seating.

Pre-Orders Only Order by Tuesday, June 1st

For more info and ordering, see
"Westerville Lions Club" on Facebook



Sunday
June 6th
4pm-8pm



Pick up at
American Legion Hall
393 E. College Avenue
Westerville

Learn secret wisdom

Save-the-Date for the next "Learn to Roar."
Club officer and general Lion training will
be held Saturday, June 12, 2021.



See more information about LEARN TO ROAR on Page 3



SWEET CORN FESTIVAL

It's ear-resistable fun!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 9, 2021 - Millersport, Ohio

It is now “full steam ahead” as the Sweet Corn Festival Committee announces plans to host the 74th Annual Sweet Corn Festival, September 1 – 4 at Historic Lions Park in Millersport.

The State of Ohio had several mandatory social-distancing rules that included a ban on most mass gatherings since March of 2020. Now that Governor DeWine has issued new health orders allowing the return of Ohio's fairs and festivals, we hope patrons will attend this year's four-day event the Wednesday thru Saturday before Labor Day.

“We will do everything possible to comply with the latest health and safety guidelines issued by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Department of Health to protect the health and safety of our community, patrons and volunteers” said Ron Keller, General Chairman. “We will work closely with the Fairfield County Board of Health during our planning efforts.”

Patrons, volunteers, staff, vendors and suppliers will need to avoid physical contact. If everyone wears facial coverage, maintains social distancing, carry hand sanitizer and follow posted COVID signage, our guests can have a safe and fun-filled experience. There may be social distancing rules in place for the entertainment venues, so guests are encouraged to bring their own seating and cluster in groups of 10 people or fewer. Individuals should stay home if they have a fever, cough or other signs of COVID.

“We have every intention of hosting the 2021 Sweet Corn Festival for the public good in an effort to help 65 Central Ohio non-profit organizations rebuild their depleted treasuries after doing their part to serve those in need during the COVID Pandemic above their normal charitable giving. The health and safety of our volunteers, participants, sponsors, and community continues to be our top priority. The return of the Festival will be a big boost for Millersport and the greater Buckeye Lake area,” said Keller.

The Festival has relied on donations during the shut-down to help maintain Historic Lions Park. The State of Ohio only provided state funding for county fairs in 2020. We want to publicly thank everyone that helped us through difficult times. Donations can still be made online using the Festival website. The Festival continues to be the largest fundraising project of the Millersport Lions Club and we are always looking for service minded people to join our team because “kindness matters.”

Those interested in keeping up with Sweet Corn Festival news should continue to visit the website (www.sweetcornfest.com) or follow us on Facebook.