



**Sept./Oct. 2015**

# **Ohio Lions E-Newsletter**

It's hard to believe that we're nearly half-way thru this Lions' year.

The DG-E's have received their training Packets and (hopefully) have started on their assignments.

Several "min-conventions/conferences" have taken place in preparation for the new Districts, election of Officers and adoption of C&BL, policies and any other pertinent operating procedures.

Many changes are underway for our multiple. Unfortunately though, it appears that one fact is not changing – decreasing membership.

The latest District Health Assessment Report indicates we continue to see a significant drop in membership month after month. Only two districts are showing an increase, while the remaining eight have lost members.

I don't know that there is one answer to increase membership, but there are several steps clubs can take, from the Ohio Plan to the Community Needs Assessment to the Club Excellence Process and more.

Many valuable tools are available thru the LCI web-site. Encourage Zone Chairs, your District GMT Coordinators and Club Membership Chairs to plan and undertake at least one membership growth project as soon as possible.

Only through hard work and perseverance can we as a multiple turn around the decline membership.

CC Don Robinette



## Ohio Lions Youth Band

Even though we will not be sending a band to Japan in 2016, The Ohio Lions Band committee is hard work making preparations for the Centennial Convention in Chicago in 2017.

We encourage each club to make donations this year as any funds generated will assist us in keeping the per student cost as low as possible, which will hopefully be an incentive for more students to join the band.

Band Committee members also have received 2016 Band Pins featuring the tuba to continue the collectible value of the pins. The pins are being sold for \$2.00.

When your club donates to the band fund, **PLEASE** make the checks out to Ohio Lions, with "BAND" in the memo section. Any checks made out to the Ohio Lions Band will need to be returned to clubs as the Band itself does not have a bank account. We'll ask that clubs re-issue checks as outlined above.

Banks have gotten very strict on checks and will not deposit checks made out to an entity that does have an account under that name.

Council Chair Don Robinette  
13-J Band Representative



## Youth, LEO & Quest Committees - Engaging Our Youth



From the Lions Clubs International website regarding “Engaging our Youth”:

“A growing number of studies show that youth who engage in meaningful service projects experience a host of positive outcomes. Lions have an incredible opportunity to engage youth by developing programs they can relate to and encouraging their input and participation in the planning process. Allowing youth to develop and lead a service project helps them learn valuable life skills while emphasizing the role of service.”

How are you engaging youth in your club and/or community?

Is your club involved in the Peace Poster/Peace Essay project?

Do you have a Leo Club that your club sponsors?

Have you looked into Ron Derry’s “The GOOD Program”?

Are any of the schools in your area submitting grant requests for PIP Jim & Lion Betty Coffey grants for community service projects in your area?

Are there other ways you are partnering with youth in your area?

PDG Sheryl Schlater (Leo & Quest Committee Chair) and IPCC Darlene Roll (Youth Committee Chair) would very much like to hear how your club is working with youth. Here are some examples of activities we currently know about (from service activity reports on MyLCI for September 2015):

- The Marysville Leo Club hosted a blood drive with help from Marysville Lions Club members.
- The Newton Leo Club (sponsored by Troy Lions Club) will be working with elementary students in the next few days on a Halloween project. The Leo Club and Lions Club are also planning a pizza party get-together in early November.
- The Ohio Hi-Point Leo Club in partnership with the Ohio Hi-Point Lions Club and Bellefontaine Lions Club hosted a Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness and Fundraiser on October 15<sup>th</sup>. 103 students at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center walked one mile and netted \$475.00 to be given to diabetes-related projects.
- Several clubs (Bradford, Bellefontaine, North Hampton, Springfield National Trail, Troy and Waynesfield) are helping Sight & Hearing Chair Bob Medley with screening pre-school children’s vision.
- Laura Lions purchased a pair of eyeglasses to a young girl.
- Rushsylvania Lions helped “stuff the bus” with school supplies recently. Schools in the Logan County area will benefit.
- Urbana Lions collected non-perishable food items to send home in the weekend back pack program. .

*Need a Program/Speaker for Club Meeting?*

IPCC Darlene and PDG Sheryl will gladly provide a program on ways to “Engage Our Youth”. Our contact information is in the district directory.



Lions of Ohio we are 4 months into the year. I hope that all clubs are working on a plan for strengthening your clubs membership. There is a proven plan for doing this and here in Ohio we call it the Ohio Plan. If you have never used the Ohio plan it is quite easy, you only have to work the plan and it will work for you. It is located on the State website or if you have problems finding it contact your District GMT Coordinator for assistance. They would love to help.

This year has started slowly with clubs becoming a plus in membership we have lost 125 more Lions than we have taken in. 73 of these drops have been due to death. Along with the state information on dropped members here is some information from Lions international. Membership on January 30, 2015 was 1,381,034 then on June 30, 2015 it dropped to 1,337,913. Do not let Ohio be part of these statistics. These numbers are from the Lions magazine.

I would like for each club to take time to find out why the lions have left. If it was for non-payment of dues was there a financial problem that we might have helped with or some other reason. Those that were dropped for non-attendance what was the reason they were not attending? Did someone contact them when they started missing or did we just ignore the missing members? Make sure we contact these members that miss maybe they are sick or just need to know they are missed. Then those that left for other reason what were they? These are things that any club should want to know. It might be an advance insight to something that needs to be looked into so the club will not lose more members.

As the Logo above says **Ask 1**. This is what we have to do to make Lions grow here in the Great state of Ohio.

PDG Dana Zody  
MD13 GMT Coordinator



Ohio Lions Council of Governor spouses visited the Pilot Dogs facility yesterday and assisted Lion [Toni Gray](#) with socializing some puppies she had just picked up. Tag and correct me on names, because we have a few new people but left to right lions Janet Christen of the Calcutta lions club (district D), Carol, Ellie, [BenKathy Cosgray](#) (district F), Elizabeth Allgood of the East Liverpool Lions Club (district D), Jay Newland (district J), and Cc spouse Rajean Robinette (district J). In front is cub Justin Schmunk! We had a great time! —



## Winter Preparedness Tips

### Get Prepared for Winter Weather

Brrr! Cooler temperatures are setting in, which means winter is on its way. Before winter weather hits your area, talk with your family about how to stay safe and take action to get prepared! Planning and preparing can help you manage the impact of severe winter weather.

The [How to Prepare for a Winter Storm](http://www.community.fema.gov/) guide from America's PrepareAthon! (which can be found at <http://www.community.fema.gov/>) outlines steps you can take now, including:

Gather [emergency supplies](#);

Make a family [emergency communication plan](#);

Install battery-powered or battery back-up carbon monoxide detectors;

If you have access to an **outside** generator, have an electric cord long enough to keep the generator at least 20 feet from any door, window, or vent;

NEVER use a generator inside your home or in any partially enclosed area; and

Be alert to changing weather conditions using [local alerts](#), battery-operated radios, and other news sources for information and instructions.

To learn more about preparing for winter weather, take a look at this animated video, and see what to do "[When the Sky Turns Gray.](#)"

RAFFLE  
\$ 5.00 PER CHANCE

Proceeds go to Beechcroft Lions Their Scholarship Fund



Actual size of NCAA football

Made out of cedar wood with a shellac finish

Football awarded after District 13 F Bowling

Tournament-January 24

Winner does not need to be present

Contact Lion Roger Heckel

614.882.6245

Rheckel6245@gmail.com

Lion Donald Robinette



Lion Donald Robinette  
Council Chairman,

I am asking for your help in getting the message out to the Governors on your Council about the 2017 International Convention that will be held in Chicago, Illinois. I have attached our volunteer form that I am asking that you forward on to the Governors so they in turn can send it out to their districts. I am Council Chairman Steve Anton from District 1-A in Multiple District 1, Illinois. I have been appointed the Volunteer Chairman for the 100th Lions Clubs International Convention. The host committee has already been hard at work for two years planning this convention and now is the time to start to recruit our volunteers.

With your help in sending out the attached flier I can add the volunteers name and position to our list. I will in turn begin contacting them with information about the convention and the part that they will play. Lions Clubs International is expecting in excess of 40,000 Lions in attendance. The committee feels that we will need somewhere close to 2,000 volunteers. As you can tell we need the help of every Lion that can give a few precious hours of their time. Won't you please be on the front line for me and send this flier to your council so that they in turn can send it to their district.

Thank you for your help with this task and I am looking forward to meeting you as Chicago and the World comes to "Celebrate 100 Years of Service".

Lion Steve Anton  
Council Chairman, MD-1  
[santonlions@comcast.net](mailto:santonlions@comcast.net)  
(708-514-4215) Cell



## MD1 Host Committee Fund Raiser

### Commemorative Pins



#1



#2

These pins are available from  
the MD1 Host Committee for \$5.00 each

Actual size not shown

For a Club or District donation earn a patch that can be  
displayed on your Club or District Banner



\$100.00  
Donation



\$250.00  
Donation



\$500.00  
Donation

All donations are payable to  
Lions 2017 Host Committee

Actual size not shown

### Lion Steve Anton, CC

Volunteer Recruitment Chairman  
17324 Highland Drive, Oakton Park, IL 60467-0051

Phone: Res (708) 479-4779 or Cell (708) 514-4215  
e-mail: santonlions@comcast.net

### 2017 Host Sub-Committees

I would like to volunteer to work on the following  
2017 MD1 Host Sub-Committee

- Sergeant-At-Arms Committee
- Airport / Transportation Greeter
- VIP Driver
- Hotel Greeter
- Information Booth
- Merchandise Booth
- District Governor-Elect Schooling
- LCI Headquarter Tour
- International Parade Marshal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club / District \_\_\_\_\_

For Pin Order or to make a Donation contact



**Lion Robert Block, PDG**  
MD1 Host Committee, Chairman  
gov8990@aol.com

# BEXLEY LIONS CLUB



## YEARS OF SERVICE

*Charter Night Celebration*

DECEMBER 7, 2015

COCKTAILS @6PM

DINNER @6:30PM



**THE BARN AT FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY**

1777 EAST BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43203



CELEBRATE OUR CLUB'S 75TH YEAR, THE HOLIDAYS, AND SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

**COST: \$40 CASH BAR**

RSVP: MELISSA BLACK (614)371-0885 OR GURILEBLACK@GMAIL.COM



February 7, 2016  
**Reynoldsburg Lions Invitational  
EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**

All Lions and their guests are invited to attend and participate. Team play, 10 point games. Double elimination with a "2nd Chance" Bracket. 50/50 and Silent Auction also available. Complete rules will be at tournament.

**SIO/Person**

May register as individuals or as a team.

Euchre lessons will be offered at the Winter Retreat for anyone interested in learning. We will permit tutorials on day of event up to time of play.

Location Pending. Will be announced soon.  
RSVP required by 2/1/16

For more information contact Lions:

**Mike Slonaker**  
(614) 595-6991 or

**Mike Kerek**  
(740) 412-4692



[www.reynoldsburglions.org](http://www.reynoldsburglions.org) and on Facebook!

**BRIEF HISTORY OF**  
**“The INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS”**  
**(aka Lions International)**

Dr. William P. Woods of Evansville, Indiana originally founded (chartered) the ‘Royal Order of Lions’ as a fraternal organization (and as a secret society) on August 8, 1911. However, after only a few years, that organization would be disbanded in favor of a more service oriented organization. Dr. Woods began forming new Lions Clubs as early as 1915 for the new purpose of starting a community service oriented organization. On January 18, 1916, the Austin, Texas Lions Club (today’s oldest continuously operating Lions Club) was chartered by Mr. E.A. Hicks of Indiana on behalf of Dr. Woods.

On October 24, 1916, Dr. Woods, Carmi Hicks, and C.R. Conen officially chartered this successor organization to the “Royal Order of Lions”, as the “International Association of Lions Clubs” by filing Articles of Incorporation for this non-profit organization with the State of Indiana. By June 1, 1917, the International Association of Lions Clubs, which had been founded and chartered by Dr. Woods, already consisted of at least 27 Lions clubs in no less than 9 states. (Records from the State of Indiana, actually reflect that 35 Lions Clubs had been issued charters by June 1, 1917.)

Around the same time a young businessman from Chicago, named Melvin Jones, had also decided that what the world needed was more compassion....more caring about others and less concern about one’s own self. Assisted by his wife, Rose Amanda, Mr. Jones began writing letters to other men’s organizations of that day—some of whom already held this same philosophy of service to others. They both set out to find others who would join them in their quest to make the world a better place.

On June 7, 1917 Melvin Jones called an organizational meeting at the old LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. Present for that organizational meeting were representatives of several other community service oriented clubs of that day, notably Dr. William Woods, who was then serving as the President and Founder of the International Association of Lions Clubs. At the time of Melvin Jones’ invitation, there were already at least 27 Lions Clubs listed as members of the International Association of Lions Clubs (IALC). Dr. Woods, as President and Founder of IALC, was invited by Mr. Jones, according to Mr. Jones’ own written records of the time, ‘with a view to lining up our organization with yours’.

At this meeting, Dr. Woods, as president of the International Association of Lions Clubs, extended an invitation to the organization clubs in attendance, The Vortex Club of St. Louis, The Business Circle of Chicago, the Professional Men’s Association of St. Paul, Minnesota, to join The International Association of Lions Clubs. The new group took on the name **“Association of Lions Clubs”**

In October of 1917 the first convention was held in Dallas, Texas. The constitution, by-laws, objectives, and a code of ethics were approved. And the rest was history.

Lions Clubs International has since flourished well beyond either Melvin Jones’ or Dr. Woods’ wildest dreams that day.....becoming the largest community service club organization in the world.

Submitted by Lion Jackie Christensen

## **To venture out or not to venture out? That is the question.**

WE SERVE! Lions do a great job in our own communities serving those in need. We love what we do and it shows in the many service projects and fundraisers we read about in the Pride Report and see in the papers. Thank you all for what you do! But there is so much more to experience than what is happening in our own communities. Are you getting out there? Are you getting the most out of your Lions service?

To get the most out of your Lions service and really enjoy what it means to be a Lion, I encourage ALL of you to get out of your communities and experience what other communities are doing throughout your district, state and internationally.

As my husband PDG Bill was going through the chairs we started attending as many district conventions throughout the state as we could. We have many great friends throughout Ohio because of the Lions we met at each district convention! It is still great catching up with all of them at the State Convention every year. There are still many district conventions we go to today (even if I'm not asked to take pictures) because of the friends we've made during that time. But you don't have to become a district governor to attend another district's convention. It's great getting out and about the state and meeting new Lions!

We have met so many current and Past International Directors (ID's and PID's) who have become close friends of ours that I can't name them all. These are great people we would never have met if we'd stayed in our own district. If we're not staying in touch through Facebook we're always catching up at USA/Canada Forums and International Conventions. This is one of the best things about attending Forums and Int'l conventions! Sure the programs are great but catching up with friends is even better!

Speaking of Forums and Conventions, when was the last time you went to one? If you really want to get the most out of being a Lion attend the next USA/Canada Forum. There is so much to learn and this is the best place to get great programs teaching us how to be better leaders within our own clubs and districts. There is such a wide range of topics, you'll find many ways to grow and improve. This is the place to be!

International Conventions are a great place to spend some time catching up with friends from all over the world. You really learn what a small world we live in when you attend Int'l Conventions. They also have awesome shows and plenary sessions to learn about what is happening around the world in Lionism and learn about your new President! What you will find is no Lion is a stranger no matter where you are in the world. We spent some extra time in Hawaii this year in Kona and whenever we wore our Lions shirts we'd have other Lions stop us and we'd all introduce ourselves and talk about where we were from and sometimes even share business cards. Then of course connect on Facebook to keep in touch.

Lions are universal. The Forums provide so many excellent programs and there is so much to learn I encourage all of you, if you haven't attended any yet, please do so in the coming years. The Int'l Convention is a great way to learn about your new president, attend some great shows and plenary sessions to really find out what is going on throughout the world of Lions. Your State Convention is a great place to find out what is happening around your state and reconnect with friends you haven't seen in a while. Why not make the most out of your Lions membership and find out what is happening in the world of Lionism by attending District, State, and International Conventions or a USA/Canada Forum? Let me know you're going; I'll meet you there if I plan to attend and even introduce you to new friends!

Submitted by Lion Jackie Christensen





**2016 District 13F Bowling Tournament**  
**January 23 and 24 - 2016**  
Capri Bowling Lanes  
5860 Roche Drive  
Columbus, Oh 43229

**2016 ENTRY FORM-S 60 per team**

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

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Either)H/W/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

| Bowlers: | <u>2015</u> |                |       |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-------|
|          | Participate | <u>Average</u> |       |
|          | (Yes or No) |                |       |
| 1.       | _____       | _____          | _____ |
| 2.       | _____       | _____          | _____ |
| 3.       | _____       | _____          | _____ |
| 4.       | _____       | _____          | _____ |
| 5.       | _____       | _____          | _____ |

Participation Preference:

Please place X

Saturday 1/23 1:30 PM \_\_\_\_\_ or Sunday 1/24 2:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY DEADLINE January 2, 2016**

**Mail Entry:**

1663 Evinrude Ave, Columbus Oh 43229

Roger Heckel 614.882.6245 or TR Theis 614.296.6933

**Scan/Email:** Rheckel6245@gmail.com

Checks Payable with Entry Form to Beechcroft Lions

\$ 60.00 per team

(1) Entry Form per Team

The **Wooster Noon Lions Club** celebrated their 88<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker, **Past International President Wayne Madden** was joined by his wife **Lion Linda Madden**. Also in attendance was PIP Jim Coffey, PID and Ohio's endorsed candidate for 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President Steve Sherer and Lion Mary Ellen Sherer, and DG Rita Shishler.







CC Don Robinette presenting PDG Bill Keller with a plaque from the 2015-16 Council of Governors recognizing him, for his many years of service to MD13 as Webmaster, PDG Keller announced his retirement date of November 2015 to the Council of Governors at the May 2015 State Convention. PDG Jay Deutschman of 13A will replace Keller.