



Ohio Lions E-Newsletter

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WOW! I only have 28 more days as your Council Chair and then I become a Past Council Chair (or as some people say ... a has Ben).

Lion Kathy and I have had a very enjoyable year. We got to go to more areas of Ohio, meet many new Lions and be a party to several meaningful cabinet and district conventions. Each of the seven District Governors needs to be commended on the quality of their district conventions. All of their International Director guests gave suburb and thought provoking speeches.

All of the new seven districts started off the year smoothly thanks to the work of redistricting teams over the last two years. However, there still is an issue with finding new leadership within the districts. The 2017-2018 DGe's are still having problems finding Zone Chairs that are not PDGs and one district still is in need of a 2nd VDGe. If you have an interest in being a future Lions leader, see your District GLT Coordinator.

Once again, the Council voted on supporting Cincinnati's quest in hosting an International Convention either in 2022, 2023 or 2024. They were again denied this opportunity with the 2022 convention being held in Delhi, India; the 2023 convention in Boston, MA; and the 2024 convention in Melbourne, Australia.

One of the highlights of the year was the Peace Poster Contest and Essay Contest. The Delaware Lions Club sponsored the Peace Essay State winner, Charlie Bruskotter and the Hilliard Lions Club sponsored the Peace Poster State winner, Jineen Musa. Charlie not only had the winning State essay, but he won the International contest as well. Charlie, his parents and the Delaware club president were given an all-expense paid trip to New York to attend the Lions Day at the United Nations and to the Chicago International Convention to receive his \$5,000 prize. Stop by and meet Charlie when you are at the convention and read his excellent essay.

Once again, this year's Winter Retreat was a success. Thank you to PDG John Davis and crew for planning this event. Next year's Winter Retreat will be held January 12-14, 2018 at Salt Fork State Park. Early registration closes December 1, 2017. See www.ohiolions.org for the registration form.

I'm pleased to report that the Centennial Challenge has already exceeded the original goal of serving 100,000,000 people. Worldwide the numbers are: 153,139,559 people served with 34,363 clubs reporting; 419,408 new centennial members and 3,687 new centennial clubs; and 15,430 legacy projects with 6,840 clubs reporting. Note that this is only 47 million below the new LCI Forward's 2020-2021 audacious goal of serving 200,000,000 people per year. Can we reach this goal 4 years early ... YES and we will with everybody's help.

According to the June 4 LCI Service Activity-Campaign Summary, Multiple District 13 has served 2,119,930 people. MyLCI shows that MD-13 inducted 966 new centennial members but has lost 1231 for a net gain of -265, our total membership is now 11,902 (LCI now has 1,422,275



*Where there's a need,
there's a Lion!*

members); and we have completed and reported 112 legacy projects. However, I believe that these service activity numbers are low and that all clubs are not reporting what they do. I want to thank the club officers in clubs that report their activities to LCI through MyLCI. Again, this is the only way clubs can get credit for the service they provide to the community.

Re-planting has begun in the Sensory Garden at The Ohio State School for the Blind. It has been a long time coming but it is finally near completion. Once again, the students will be afforded the opportunity to have a peaceful and relaxing sensory garden.

Another great big thank you goes to PCC Ron Keller for his coaching of the 2018 USA/Canada Forum team. Much work has been done by the team to prepare for hosting the Forum in Columbus. Please help PCC Ron out by volunteering for the activities in Portland and next year in Columbus. See PCC Sharon Parker to volunteer.

March was a struggle for some clubs that had not registered with the Attorney General's Office as a non-profit organization. Letters were sent to clubs that had not registered either their 501-C-4 club or their 501-C-3 club foundations. There was a deadline to do so prior to March 31 or be subject to financial penalties. Clubs are also required to file an annual financial statement with the AG's office. Lion Steve Kaplan and PCC David Risen, both of OH5, have been doing extensive work in helping OH5 clubs meet these requirements. They also offered to help other districts with working through the AG and IRS databases to determine status, registering with the AG office and in filing the necessary paperwork with the IRS to get their tax exempt status back (some clubs have not filed 990's for more than 3 years). Thank you both!

The Council approved the submission of three grant requests this year. The first was a \$15,000 request for the Centennial Celebration to be held at Cedar Point during the State Convention. The second was a Core 4 grant request for \$25,000 to support Lions Quest. The last grant request was for \$100,000 to build and name a community room at the new Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) facility in New Albany. The Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence are supplying the required "matching" funds. All have now been approved.

Finally, this year has seen the loss of a long time Lion. PID Floyd Newberry, Jr. passed away this year. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him and by MD-13, in general, for his contributions and leadership.

Again, I want to sincerely thank all the governors, state committee chairs, MDS Debbie Luttrell and MD-13 Lions for their support this year. I could not have survived and had such a memorable and enjoyable time this year without your support. It has been a truly enjoyable experience being your Council Chair.

Please welcome and support your new 2017-2018 Council Chair Betty Robbins.

**Remember: Dream Big and Believe. You CAN and DO make a difference!
Action, Urgency, Excellence & Quality in all that you do!!**



We Serve

First, I'd like to **THANK** the new District Governors for giving me the opportunity to serve as their Council Chair for the 2017-2018

Lions year. This is truly an honor!

I have met many outstanding Lions through my journey already and am looking forward to meeting many more of you throughout the year. I am working on my calendar and planning on attending at least one of each of the District Governor's cabinet meetings. Please let me know when you have other activities and Charter Nights planned and I will make an attempt to attend.

I am looking forward to attending the 100th International Convention in Chicago at the end of the month. This convention will be the convention to remember! I will also be attending the USA/Canada Forum in Portland, Oregon in September. There are so many seminars made available at the forum, it's sometimes difficult to choose just one, sometimes I wish I had a twin!

Speaking of the USA/Canada Forum, our great State of Ohio Lions will be hosting the USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, September 20-22, 2018. We will be needing volunteers from around the state to assist in all of the various "jobs" that will need to be filled to make this a success. Please start promoting this **NOW** in your area.

We will be having our first STEPS walk/runs supporting Pediatric Cancer Research in September and October of this year. There will be at least one walk/run in each district. We will be needing volunteers at each of these events along with walkers and runners. Please check out the web page at www.LionsSTEPS.com Let's show the Lions around the world that we are taking the first STEPS toward one of our newest international programs.

Remember "No project is too large or too small to be considered by the Lions." We Serve!

Looking forward to serving you!

Council Chair Betty Robbins

ATTENTION EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE STATE CONVENTION AND ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO!

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL ADDITION IN JULY OF THE NEWSLETTER FEATURING PHOTOS FROM THESE CONVENTIONS. PLEASE EMAIL TO ME AT BTHORNTONRN@GMAIL.COM BEFORE JULY 19TH. THANK YOU, LION BECKY

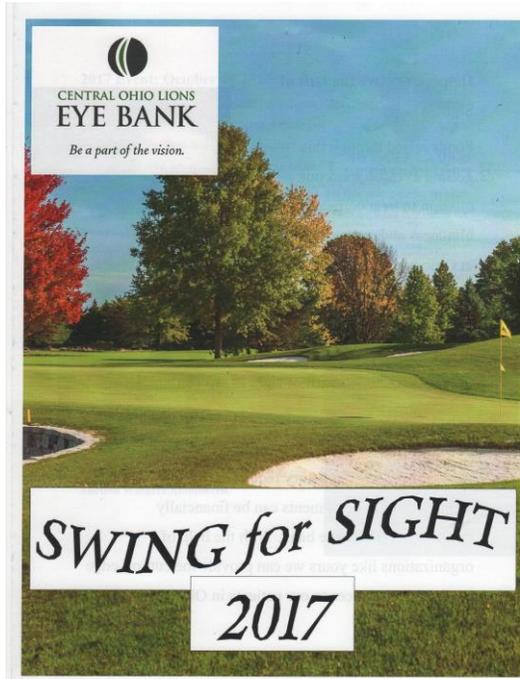
Ohio Lions Reenact Helen Keller's 1925 Speech at their State Convention May 13, 2017.

Many people know Cedar Point Amusement Park, part of the "Golden Triangle" of roller coasters, as having some of the biggest and fastest roller coasters in the world. We Lions know it for another very special reason. In 1925, Helen Keller gave her historic speech to the Lions Clubs International Convention in the park's Grand Pavilion where she challenged us all to become "Knights of the Blind".

The 1925 International Convention was Lions Clubs 9th annual event and the Ohio Lions were expecting about 4000 Lions to attend. In reality, 7500 Lions converged on Cedar Point's Grand Pavilion to sit in on special sessions and hear Lions President Harry A. Newman of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and incoming President Benjamin F. Jones of New Jersey address the attendees. A late addition to the afternoon speaker's list was a woman who had been trying to talk to the Lions organization for some time and who had just spoken to a local Lions club in the Youngstown area the night before. Helen Keller was given 15 minutes, sandwiched in between two afternoon sessions, to give her plea. That speech is now part of Lions' history as she challenged us to become "Knights of the Blind". The attendees erupted into a standing ovation and the unanimous vote was received to accept her challenge. Helen and friend, Ann Sullivan, were voted into Lions as honorary members and were the first women members admitted since 1917. A Lions' plaque has been placed near the entrance to the pavilion to commemorate the event. In an official Lions Clubs International Centennial event, MD13 (Ohio Lions) held their 2017 state convention in Sandusky, Ohio and there was a meeting on Saturday, May 13, in the very same pavilion to hear "Helen Keller" give her plea and to hear "Melvin Jones" give his response. "To have the actual building from 1925, in which the original speech was given, is a treasure we in Ohio cherish" said Council Chair Ben Cosgray. "We were also excited to have Lions International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew and his wife Dianne as our convention keynote speaker and guests for the weekend". Ohio's own "Helen Keller" – Lion Jackie Christensen and "Melvin Jones" – Lion Kenneth Hammontree took the podium on the stage that "Set the Mission" for Lions Clubs International from that day forward. Even the current Fostoria High School Alumni Band entertained the convention goers as their predecessors did in 1925.

The entire weekend had the element of "FAMILY FUN" wrapped around the convention agenda. The host hotel was the Kalahari Resort and with Cedar Point close by, Lions and families had the ability to play before and after the meeting agendas.

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2017 TEAM COMMITMENT FORM

Monday, October 9th, 2017
At the Golf Club at Little Turtle



CENTRAL OHIO LIONS
EYE BANK

Be a part of the vision.

\$125 per player

11am registration, 11a-1p Lunch, 1p Tee time, 5:30p Dinner and Awards

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THE GOLF CLUB AT
LITTLE TURTLE

Dear Lions Leaders, We're relying on you to spread the word about new club officer training! These online modules have a brand new look. Each of the trainings will be paired with an exciting interactive webinar (more information to come). Be sure to take a look at all of the excitement here:

[Club Officer Training](#)

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Users will need to create an LLC login if they don't have one, so please navigate to the [LLC page](#) to get started.

Please be sure to forward this message to any incoming officers.

Best Regards,

Leadership Development Division

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Please come and join us for the third annual Ohio Lions Pin Trade in Millersport. Do you have pins you are looking for, pins you want to get rid of or if you are just learning about the hobby this event is for you. Pins will be available to buy, sell or trade.

***Ohio Lions Pin Traders Club
Third Annual
Millersport Pin Trade***



July 29, 2017

**Millersport Lions Clubhouse
2900 Chautauqua Blvd
Millersport, Oh 43046
9:00AM to 3:00PM**

Pin Traders who wish to set up can register for a table **at no cost** Coffee and

donuts will be provided in the morning and a light lunch will be available. Table setup is at 8:00AM and the pin trade opens at 9:00. Extra tables may be available

For a table please contact PID Steven Sherer, 1090 Thomas Drive SW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 or npssteve@roadrunner.com

Come and learn everything you always wanted to know about Lions Pins

Free Admission

Free Coffee

Millersport Lions Lunch Stand

"American Idol Champion Taylor Hicks Headlining this year's Orrville Lions Rib and Music Fest"

Mark your calendars for August 18 & 19, 2017 for this year's Orrville Lions Rib and Music Fest. This year's entertainment lineup keeps with the tradition of a top notch entertainment experience for all ages of music lovers.

Kicking off this years' entertainment on Friday August 18th at 6pm is the legendary Stick People Band. Made up of ever popular locals Mike Balas, Steve Calabria and Steve Rousseau, they have been entertaining crowds with their jazzy, bluesy style of rock for more than three decades.



Rounding out the Friday entertainment beginning at 9pm we are pleased to present The Lincoln Way Band, playing both today's popular country hits as well as yesterday's favorites. Lincoln Way Band combines vocal harmony with hard driving guitars, bass, keys and drums to reproduce the sound of today's power country sounds, providing a pleasant and exciting, family friendly show for all ages.

Getting things started on Saturday night at 6PM is local songwriter, artist Gretchen Pleuss. In the style of one of her musical heroes Joni Mitchell, Gretchen will entertain you with her guitar styling as well as her silky alto vocals.

And last but not least, we are pleased to announce as our Headliner Entertainment this year.....hailing from the state of Alabama, American Idol Season 5 winner, Taylor Hicks. Taylor Hicks is one of the most beloved and popular AMERICAN IDOL winners of all time.

From the start, Hicks' material on the mega-hit show set him apart, with a unique take on Southern soul, R & B, country and blues. Sixty-four million votes were cast and nearly 37 million American viewers and more than 200 million viewers worldwide tuned in to crown Hicks the Season 5 winner of AMERICAN IDOL, making it one of the most-watched TV events of the last decade.

His soulful sounds will grace the stage of this year's Orrville Lions Rib and Music Fest of Saturday August 19th beginning at 9pm. As always, there is no charge for these performances as it is not only our annual fundraiser but a gift to the community in the form of a fun filled family event.

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