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## Remembering Ukraine

by PDG John Davis

The first war recorded on earth was in Mesopotamia around 2700 BC between Sumer and Elam. It is believed that Sumer won from records carved in stone tablets. Since then, there has been an uncountable numbers of wars. Most wars were to take land or waters. Civil wars have been recorded from nearly every country including French, England, Russia and the United States. Most historical accounts were written by the winner, if there was one.

World War I or the "Great War" began on July 28, 1914. During this time of history, the "Great Powers" were divided into two opposing alliances: "Triple Entente", consisting of France, Russia and Britain and the "Triple Alliance" of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy. It is believed the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the Austro-Hungarian heir, was the tipping point. On December 7, 1917, the United States entered the war.

This all came to an end on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month known as "Armistice on 11 November 1918", "the war to end all wars", wishful thinking.

Near the end of WWI, in 1917, Melvin Jones of Chicago, Dr. W.P. Woods of Indiana, L.H. Lewis of Texas and many other future Lions founded the International Lions Clubs. The first year there 25 clubs and 800 members from 9 states.

On October 1, 1939, Germany invades Poland; the start of World War II. At this time LCI had 3,817 clubs; 137,727 members from 10 countries. On December 7, 1941, Japan attacks the US fleet at Pearl Harbour and the US enters WWII. May 8, 1945; WWII ends in Europe and ends with Japan on August 14, 1945.

Only three years after World War II, Europe sees its first Lions club in Stockholm, Sweden, and Geneva, Switzerland a few days later. In 1949 LIC has 7,427 clubs; 381,426 members in 29 countries and geographic areas and Ohio has 227 clubs and 12,000 members.

As history shows, wars and conflicts continued across the world but Lions Clubs International continued to grow.

In 1993 the first Lions Club in Ukraine was founded. In 1997 Ukraine joined LCI Youth Exchange Program (Youth Camp & Exchange). Under this program, Lions create special youth camps that bring together students from different countries in Europe and all over the world for several weeks. In 2002, Provisional Zone Ukraine, was founded, which is the smallest coordinating structure between Lions Clubs. In 2018, District 134 Ukraine was founded. It had united 19 clubs and 470 members. Today Ukraine has 29 Lions Clubs with 657 members. Ukraine clubs help orphanages, various charity and environmental projects, a youth exchange program, and training for secondary school teachers under the program "Lions Quest", and the 21st Century Social and Emotional Competencies. The 134 District Governor is Olesya Bukhtiarova.

List of Ukrainian Lions Club District 134 [club (# of members)]

Lviv (17)	Lviv Leopolis (20)	Kyiv Lions Quest (24)	Poltava (33)	Kropyvnytskyi (20)
Makeevka (21)	Lviv Empathy (20)	Poltava City (22)	Cherkasy (22)	Terebovlya (22)
Kyiv AD Astra (22)	Mariupol (30)	Donetsk Center (27)	Donetsk Yuzovka (24)	Kyiv Land (17)
Svatogorsk (14)	Donetsk City (23)	Donetsk (23)	Kyiv Platinum (24)	Kyiv Fishers (36)
Kiev Ecology (17)	Kyiv Advertising (25)	Kyiv City (19)	Kyiv (9)	Beregszasz (21)
Odessa (27)	Chernihiv (35)	Ladantsi (20)	Sumy (23)	

The future for Ukraine and their Lions Clubs has not been written. Hope and prayers is needed for Ukraine and the surrounding counties giving aide. LCIF has already started accepting funds for Ukraine. It is asking members and Clubs to make a donation of \$100.00 to the *Refugees and Displacement Person Fund* to help those of Ukraine. Ask your District LCIF Coordinator for more details.

Unfortunately, this will probably not be the last world conflict we will see. But with Lions Clubs International and other world-wide service organizations there will be hope of survival for those knowing there are caring people for humanity.

## We are an International Association

These Lions Club countries encompass the country of Ukraine.

- District 119 Hungary, 43 clubs 914 members
- District 418 Republic of Moldova, 5 clubs 434 members
- District 121 Poland, 49 clubs 896 members
- District 418 Republic of Belarus 3 clubs 41 members
- District 124 Romania, 76 clubs 1,578 members
- District 122 Slovakia Republic, 13 clubs 241 members
- District 123 Russia Federation, 18 clubs 170 members

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Moscow Centrum (9)           | Moscow Arbat (20)             | Mosco West (13)              | Moscow Globe (10)          |
| Moscow South-West Family (6) | St. Petersburg Riona (16)     | Moscow Polyanka (13)         | Moscow Art (3)             |
| Moscow International (15)    | Moscow East (9)               | Kaliningrad-Central (13)     | St. Petersburg Golden (10) |
| St. Petersburg Stars (9)     | St. Petersburg Great Bear (5) | Yuzhno-Sakhlinsk Gagarin (3) |                            |
| Moscow Renaissance XXI (4)   | Kolomna Assistance (13)       | Moscow Bohemia Sretenkra (6) |                            |

[club (# of members)]

As of March 30, 2022 there are 49,849 clubs & 1,400,373 members worldwide and 369 clubs & 10,079 members in Ohio

### Treasurer's Report

#### November 1, 2021

11-1-2021 Balance from previous report \$3,582.26

#### Income

12-31-2021 Total Income Deposit \$ 975.00

#### Expenses

12-31-2021 Total Expenses \$ 460.00

12-31-2021 **Balance in Checking** \$3,736.61

#### January 1, 2022

1-1-2022 Balance from previous report \$3,736.61

#### Income

3-31-2022 Total Income Deposit \$1,335.00

#### Expenses

3-31-2022 Total Expense Balance \$ 00.00

3-31-2022 **Balance in Checking** \$5,071.61

**PDG Raffle** as of 3-31-22 \$1,980.00

### Dates to Remember

- April 1-2, 2022, District OH2 Convention
- April 8-9, 2022, District OH1 Convention
- April 22-24, 2022, District OH3 Convention
- April 29-May 1, 2022, District OH6 Convention
- May 20-22, 2022, State Convention, Double Tree, Worthington, Ohio
- July 1-5, 2022, International Convention, Montreal, Quebec

### Remembering Those We Lost



***PDG William "Bill" Christensen***  
Dist 13-F (OH5) 2007-08



***PDG Donald Zumburn***  
Dist 13-H (OH6) 2004-05



## Words from PDG Association President Norman Cupps

Spring is slowly “springing up” as the bushes green up and the grass starts to grow [again]. I hope all is well with you and your family. I am “getting out” more and more as the pandemic appears to be slowing down. We all need to continue to be careful as the “bug” is still out there. Keep your mask handy!

As for your Association, we are still looking for a location for our annual Fall Gathering in October; more details in May. If you have any ideas for a good location, let me know. We need to plan ahead.

The last half of the Lions year is, as usual, starting to “warm up”.

District Conventions are starting up and then it will be time for the Ohio Lions State Convention! We will have our annual business meeting in Worthington and I hope many of you will feel confident enough to attend. See you there!

## The History of Council Chair (CC)

By PDG John Davis

In 1920 Ohio became a District member of Lions Clubs International. For the next 13 years Ohio was known as District 13, a single district with one District Governor. In 1933 Ohio became MD 13, a multiple district. District A was the northern half and District B the southern half. The dividing line was actually north of Columbus. This included the counties of: Mercer, Shelby, Champaign, Marion, Morrow, Knox, Holmes, Tuscarawas, Harrison and Jefferson Counties. These were the southern counties of Dist-A.

Over the years Ohio had redistricted from two districts, to four districts, to six districts. In the 1949 Ohio elected their first Council Chair, DG Ed Ward from Dist-13D (Defiance). CC Ed was elected by his five fellow governors. For the next 24 years the Council of Governors elected a current governor to serve as Council Chair.

For the 1973-74 Lions year IPDG John F. Cooke of Dist F was elected to serve as Council Chair. CC Cooke was the first to serve as council chair from the previous council.

According to the Ohio Lions Constitution any PDG or IPDG, in good standing may run for Council Chair. It also states that a PCC cannot run or be elected to additional terms. Since 1973-74, all council chairs have been elected from the previous council.

In 1997-98 Lions year Ohio had its first female District Governor, Ivy Walters of Dist-J. Since then, there has been 51 female DG in Ohio. In 2002-03 Lions year, IPDG Judy Strawn of Dist-K, was elected the first female Council Chair to serve Ohio. Since then, PCC Sharon Parker (Dist-B), PCC Darlene Roll (Dist-E), PCC Betty Robbins (Dist-OH4) and PCC Lydia Houser (Dist-OH6). This years Council Chair is CC Kerry Parker (Dist-OH2). CC Kerry is also the first offspring to serve as council chair of a PDG and PCC. She is the daughter of the late PDG Dick Parker (Dist-B, 1991-92) and of PCC Sharon Parker.

At the May 2022 Ohio Lions Convention, a new Council Chair will be elected. Be sure to attend to welcome him/her to lead Ohio Lions to another great year.

A number of council chairs have become Lions Clubs International officers;

PID Dr. Daniel Martin, DG 1951-1952, CC 1951-1952, ID 1953-1955

PID Merle Hartle, DG 1966-1967, CC 1966-1967, ID 1972-1974

PID Bill Leibensperger, DG 1973-1974, CC 1974-1975, ID 1977-1979

PIP Jim Coffey, DG 1975-1976, CC 1976-1977, ID 1980-1982, IP 1993-1994

PID Floyd Newberry, DG 1984-1985, CC 1985-1986, ID 1995-1997

PID Gary Brown, DG 1999-2000, CC 2000-2001, ID 2003-2005

PID Steve Sherer, DG 2000-2001 & 2004-2005, CC 2001-2002, ID 2006-2008

PID Steve Thornton, DG 2009-2010, CC 2010-2011, ID 2018-2021

PCC Ron Keller, DG 2010-2011, CC 2011-2012, ID ? - ?

# Come one, come all to the 2022 State Convention!!!

## May 20-22, 2022 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Columbus/Worthington

Registration Fee: \$115 per person. Deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup>. No refunds after May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Hotel Reservations: \$112/night + tax, call 614-885-3334 and ask for the Ohio Lions Room Block. Deadline: April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our LCI Guest for the weekend will be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan. They are from Bird Island, Minnesota and are avid penguin lovers. We will have penguin t-shirts available for pre-sale (see registration form) and will wear them on Friday night to make them feel welcome!!!

Our goal for this in-person event is to have a safe and healthy environment per the Ohio Department of Health orders at the time of the convention:

As of today, No masks. We'll keep you up to date if things change. The hotel is committed to sanitation hand sanitizer will be available all over the place. A supply of masks and disposable gloves will also be available if you need a replacement.

Attached: Delegate and registration forms, and ballot items that will be voted on. These items are also available on our website: [www.ohiolions.org](http://www.ohiolions.org)

We will also have several service projects, especially one designed to help the tornado victims in Kentucky. Check the Ohio Lions website for more information in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you in May!!!

**The State Convention Committee**

### Tentative Schedule (Times to be Determined)

#### **Friday: May 20, 2022**

OLERF Luncheon – By invitation only  
COG Meeting  
Registration and Delegate Certification  
Ohio Penguin Dinner with 1VP Brian and Lori  
Annual Auction  
Hospitality Rooms

#### **Saturday: May 21, 2022**

7:30am PDG Breakfast/Meeting  
Registration and Delegate Certification  
Opening Business Session  
CST/CT/CS Training  
Leadership Sessions & Meetings  
Awards Luncheon

#### **(Saturday Continued)**

Afternoon Business Sessions  
District Caucuses  
Return to Business Session  
Voting  
Dinner on Your Own  
Hospitality

#### **Sunday: May 22, 2022** Breakfast on your own

Memorial Service  
Grand Banquet

## Ohio Lions PDG Association State Convention Meeting

The Ohio Lions PDG Association breakfast/meeting is back. It will be held on May 21, 2022 at 7:30 am at the Double Tree Hotel, Columbus/Worthington during Ohio Lions 2022 Lions State Convention. All those who are staying at the Double Tree Hotel, your breakfast will be part of your stay, those not staying there will be a \$15.00 charge for your buffet breakfast. The restaurant opens at 6:00 am so all PDGs and spouses are encouraged to go early so the meeting will start on time. The meeting will be held in the Buckeye Room II adjacent to the restaurant.

## Donations for the 2022-23 Lions Year

After May 1, 2022, start looking for your annual Donation Notice (DUES). Donations are \$10.00 for the 2022-2023 Lions year. The annual donations cover the cost for our Associations expenses, we have no other sources.

## PDGs Emails and Birthdays

To receive the quarterly PDG Newsletter and other correspondence the Association needs and up to date email address. At our next meeting we will be giving a list of missing or no longer valid email addresses to a representative of each district.

We are also missing many PDGs and spouse's birthdays and anniversaries. The Association's goal to celebrate each quarter our members BIG DAY. If you haven't sent us yours or don't see it in the PDG Newsletter, send it to PDG John Davis at [jdavis1952@hotmail.com](mailto:jdavis1952@hotmail.com).

**Happy Birthday  
PDG**

**April**

1 Judy Smith  
4 Robert Bodager  
6 Gene Rushing  
9 Georgia Barber  
9 Craig Gauger  
9 Greg Hess  
10 Ed Lantz  
10 Sue Haban  
12 Charles Hinkle  
18 Sharon Parker  
18 Fred Boring  
19 Richard Hughes  
20 Hank Kies  
21 Dave Gauch  
24 Elaine Newberry  
24 Freda Wagner  
27 Ron Meyers  
28 Bill Niejadlik

**May**

9 Jeff Snyder  
10 Myron Amstutz  
21 Vern French  
21 Lydia Houser  
24 Dave Stockum  
27 Wallie Burnett  
31 Charles Allcorn

**June**

2 Tom Zickefoose  
3 Steve Sherer  
3 Rob Murry  
4 Ron Lutz  
15 Darlene Roll  
16 Keith Pontius  
21 R.J. Konkoleski  
26 Neil Bevere  
28 Bob Buxton

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
Spouse**

**April**

5 Janine Boring  
15 Cindy Keller  
19 Miriam Van Scyoc  
22 Sandra Haws  
23 Priscilla Allcorn  
24 Cindy Ferritto

**May**

8 Nancy Kirkbride  
12 Ellen Stalder  
14 Janet Dyer  
14 Linda Spiegel  
18 Ruth Fryman  
28 Jean Filmer  
30 Carol Kopp

**June**

5 Penny Rich  
5 Nancy Starling  
11 Joanne Moats  
16 Margie Watt  
21 June Hughes  
24 Laura Konkoleski

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**April**

3 Phillip & Marge Jenkins  
11 Dave & Debbie Luttrell

**May**

4 Fred & Janine Boring  
12 Bill & Ellie Niejadlik  
14 Kevin & Debbie Reidy  
24 Ric & Lydia Houser  
24 Robert & Alice Richmond  
26 Michael & Angela Tyler  
29 Stan & Nancy Starling

**June**

4 Ron & Lois Lutz  
6 Keith & Carol Pontius  
7 Daryl & Angela Foster, Jr.  
8 Jim & Janet Sugg  
9 Bill & Joyce Ransom  
9 Tommy & Brenda Thompson  
11 Lowell & Sandra Haws  
12 John & Susan Davis  
12 Rob & Sally Murry  
16 Steve & Mary Ellen Sherer  
16 Ben & Kathy Cosgray  
18 Karl & Martha Kaylor  
25 Deb & Doc Mosier  
28 Carl & Margie Watt  
28 Judy & Paul Young  
28 John & Kay Shreve  
30 JJ & Joyce Jeavons  
30 Sue & Paul Diehm

*Happy Anniversary*

**DO YOU HAVE A BIRTHDAY?**

The PDG Association would like to wish all PDGs and their spouses a happy birthday and/or anniversary. If you haven't given me the date of your special day please do so soon, so we can print it in the *PDG Messenger*. They will be posted quarterly.

*Happy Birthday!*