



PDG Messenger



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BREAKING NEWS

PCC Ron Keller Elected as INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



At this year's 104th Lions International Convention in Montreal, Canada, PCC Ron Keller was elected for International Director for the 2022-2024 Lions years. ID Ron becomes the 19th Ohio Lion to be elected to this position. ID Ron and Lion Kitty are members of the Millersport Lions Club in District OH7. ID Ron and Lion Kitty have been active members locally, state wide and at the international level.

ID Keller has been a Lion since 1979, has served as Council Chair, District Governor, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, the 2018 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Host Chair and numerous other positions. Lion Ron is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow

while Lion Kitty is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

The Keller's have been married over 40 years and are the parents of three adult children and have seven grandchildren.

ID Ron's Mission: Spread kindness as Lions, his Vision: To inspire and motivate fellow Lions, so they achieve success while serving others, and his Core Values: Compassion, Motivation, Optimism, Perseverance, Reliability and Respect.



Congratulation ID Ronald Eugene Keller

Ohio Lions First Son



"Together We Can"

State Convention PDG Association Meeting

Finally, the Ohio Lions were able to meet in person as well as having our State Convention breakfast. There were 51 PDGs and guests in attendance. At 7:30 PDG President Norman Cupps opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. Our special guest, 1VP Brain Sheehan, was introduced and gave a short message.

Next a Moment of Silence was observed for our deceased PDGs as PDG Norman read off the names. This year we lost 12 PDGs. Next the minutes from our last meeting were approved and the treasurer report was accepted.

A report on the PDG Raffle was given by PCC Darlene Roll; \$5,000.00 worth of tickets were sold plus a \$10.00 donation. After the prize money is deducted LOERF, our 2022 recipient, will receive \$3,360.00.

Old Business, PCC Ron Keller gave an update on his running for International Director. Like pass candidates Ohio waiting for word from LCI.

New Business, the 2022 Fall Gathering will be held at Bellbrook Lions Bldg., 2757 Dayton-Wilmington Rd, Bellbrook, OH. Additional information will be coming.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
PDG John Davis, PDG Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2022

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

Income

6-30-2022 Total Income Deposit \$5,480.00

Expenses

6-30-2022 Total Expense Balance \$5,230.84

6-30-2022 **Balance in Checking** \$3,985.77

2022 PDG Raffle \$5,010.00

Winning pay-out \$1,650.00

Donation to OLERF \$3,360.00



Dates to Remember

August 6, 2022, State Committee Meeting

August 7, 2022, 1st COG Meeting

October 1, 2022, State Committee Meeting

October 8, 2022, PDG Fall Gathering, Dayton

November 5, 2022, 2nd COG Meeting

January 13-15, 2023, Ohio Lions Winter Retreat, Deer Creek

February 11, 2023, State Committee Meeting (Zoom?)

February 11, 2023, 3rd COG Meeting (Zoom?)

March 17-19, 2023 District OH7 Convention

March 10-11, 2023 District OH5 Convention

March 17-19, 2023 District OH2 Convention

March 24-26, 2023 District OH4 Convention

April 14-15, 2023, District OH1 Convention

April 21-23, 2023, District OH3 Convention

April 28-30, 2023, District OH6 Convention

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May 19-21, 2023, State Convention, Marriot Hotel, Dublin

May 20, 2023, State Convention PDG Meeting

July 7-11, 2023, International Convention,
Boston, Massachusetts

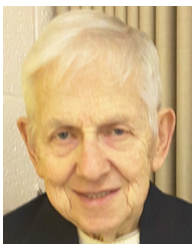
Remembering Those We Lost



PDG Harlen "Sonny" Barker
Dist 13-B (OH2) 1986-87



PDG Maggie Dellmore
Dist 13-C (OH4) 2007-08



PDG Arden "Ben" Pacey
Dist 13-A (OH1) 1969-70



PDG Eugene "Gene" Kight
Dist 13-K (OH7) 1990-91

Service From



the Heart

Ohio's 2022-23 Council Chair



CC/IPDG Kevin Reidy (Debbie)

Ohio's 74th Council Chair for the 202-23 Lions year is IPDG Kevin Reidy from District OH2. Lion Kevin has been a member of the Savannah Lions Club since 1998. However, he became a Lions Club member in 1992 in Belpre, OH (District 13K, now OH7). In nearly 30 years, Lions leadership and service have been synonymous with Lion Kevin's Lions journey.

He is a retired educator, initially teaching high school social studies, then serving as a high school administrator. He has served as Savannah Lion's president twice, secretary for two years and currently is the club treasurer.

Lion Kevin is a Melvin Jones Fellow, Dick Bryan Fellow, Richard Neiderhauser Fellow, and the recipient of a Council of Governors Award, an Ohio Lions Eye Research Award and the International President's Award.

Lion Kevin's partner in service, Lion Debbie. She is a six-year member of LCI, serving as club director, service chair and Savannah Lions club president.

CC Kevin and Lion Debbie have been married for 28 years and both are retired educators.

Welcome to the IPDG Class 2022-23



2021-22 Dist-OH-2
CC/IPDG Kevin Reidy (Debbie)



2021-22 Dist-OH3
IPDG Deb Mosier (Doc)



2021-22 Dist-OH4
IPDG Judy Young (Paul)



2017-18, 2021-22 Dist-OH5
PDG Joe Jackson (Carolyn)



2021-22 Dist-OH6
IPDG Chase Winegar (Sarah)



2021-22 Dist-OH7)
IPDG Matthew Osborne (Nicole)

Words from PDG Association President Norman Cupps

A new [Lions] year is upon us! And the sun is shining [at least today].

I hope that you all are well and avoiding the Covid virus.

As we begin a new Lions year, let's pause a minute to reflect on the past 12 months; what could we have done better? What can I do to help my club and District going forward?

Membership is always going to be a concern, not only recruiting but retaining.

We will be getting together for our annual Fall Gathering on October 8 in Suburban Bellbrook. Mark your calendars and GPS. The Bellbrook Lions clubhouse is just outside of town at 2757 Dayton-Wilmington Rd.

We will convene at 12:00 for a light lunch and then cover any business items that need our attention. Always an opportunity for catching up with friends. If you have any ideas for a short program please let me know.

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See you on the road!

History of Ohio Lions Districts

By PDG John Davis

Did you ever wondered how Ohio Lions Districts were form? To answer this, we need to start at the beginning. As most Lions know our association started in 1917, but the wheels started turning before that. On October 24, 1916, Dr. Woods, Carmi Hicks and C.R. Conen filed Articles of Incorporation for a non-profit corporation titled The International Association of Lions Clubs. By June 1, 1917, there were 35 clubs chartered.

On June 7, 1917, the first meeting at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, set the stage for Lions Clubs International. Attending was, Melvin Jones, The Business Circle, Chicago, Illinois, Dr. William Woods, International Association of Lions Clubs, Evansville, Indiana, Vortex Club of St. Louis, Missouri and Business and Professional Men's Association of St. Paul, Minnesota, Note: the Optimist and Exchange Clubs were invited but did not attend.

At the meeting, Dr. Woods represented 27 Lions Clubs under his name and invited the various clubs to join The International Association of Lions Clubs. Membership dues were \$1.00 per member.

On July 21, 1917, Dr. Woods notified all clubs, "the first convention of the Lions Clubs will be held in the City of Dallas, State of Texas, on the 8-9-10 of October, of this year." On July 25, 1917, St. Louis club received its Lions Club charter. On August 2, 1917, Melvin Jones' Chicago club received its Lions Club charter.

On October 8, 1917, Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas, Lions Club held their first convention. Thirty-seven delegates and eight alternates of twenty-two Lions clubs were represented. At that time 25 clubs; 800 members in the United States were Lions.

At that first convention, L.H. Lewis, President of the Dallas Lions Club, was elected by acclamation as the first president, but refused the post. He asked that Dr. W.P. Woods be elected, He was elected.

The Constitution and by-laws were passed with little discussion except for the following amendment: "No club shall by its by-laws, constitution or otherwise hold out the financial betterment of its members as its objects." After heated debate it passed and has become a guiding principle in Lionism's program of international service. The Lions Objects and Code of Ethics were drafted.

At the end of the convention Dr. Woods reported to the Board of Directors the association had \$72.05 in the bank but he had not been reimbursed \$446.80. Now there were 28 clubs; 1,526 members in the United States.

In the 1918-19 Lions year LCI group the states into nine districts. Ohio, along with Eastern Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Nebraska, were the Ninth District. George Milligan of Illinois, was District Governor.

1920-21 to 1931-32

On March 13, 1920, Cleveland Host Lions Club was organized. Twelve more clubs soon joined; Akron Host, Canton Host, Columbus Host, Cincinnati Host, Dayton Host, Hamilton Host, Lima Host, Newark Host, Piqua Host, Springfield Host, Toledo Host and Youngstown Host. On October 14, 1920, Ohio Lions held their first State Convention in Columbus, Ohio. At that convention Dr. B.W. Beatty of Dayton, was elected as District Governor and John Rees of Columbus, District Secretary. There were also twelve Lions selected to the Ohio Advisory Board. Ohio left the Ninth District and became Ohio District.

Shortly afterwards, LCI renumbered the district, Illinois as Dist-1 and Ohio as Dist-13. For the next 11 years Ohio was District 13 with the state a single district.

1932-33 to 1940-41

At the Ohio Lions State Convention in 1932 Ohio divided the state into two sub-districts, north Dist-A and south Dist-B (see map). By doing so Ohio became Multiple District 13 (MD-13). In the north was Dist 13-A, led by DG Don Gibbs (Urbana) and in the south Dist-13B, led by DG Harry Shanks (Dayton). Now there were 76 clubs with 2,710 members in Ohio.

Internationally, 2,680 clubs with 77,218 members in 7 countries internationally.

1941-42 to 1950-51

After only eight years (1941-42), Ohio redistricted into four sub-districts, 13A, 13B, 13C and 13D (see map). Each district would have a District Governor (DG), two Deputy District Governor (DDG) and a Secretary/Treasurer (S-T). Dist-A, DG D.E. Van Volkenburg (Youngstown), Dist-B, DG C.D. Slute (New Lexington), Dist-C, DG Richard Francis (Middletown), Dist-D, DG Dr. Hugh Wayt (Mount Vernon). (Note: the districts were numbered from the northeast corner and counting clock-wise)



OHIO DISTRICT 13
1920-21 to 1931-32



OHIO MD 13
1920-21 to 1940-41



OHIO MD-13
1941-42 to 1950-51

1950-51 to 1956-57

For Lions year 1950-51 Ohio redistricted into eight sub-districts, 13-A, 13-B, 13-C, 13-D, 13-E, 13-F, 13-G and 13-H (see map). Most districts were divided in half but no consistent labeling. By now the two Deputy District Governors were Sr. Deputy Governor (SDG) and Jr. Deputy Governor (JDG). At this time Ohio had 278 clubs with 14,054 members with 8,782 clubs with 417,616 members in 36 counties and geographic areas.

1957-58 to 1958-59

In seven years (1957-58), Ohio Lions divided Dist 13-A to form two sub-districts, 13A-1 and 13A-2 (see map). During this year W.R. "Dick" Bryan of Doylestown elected for two terms as International Director at the International Convention in San Francisco, California. Ohio Lions Eye Research becomes incorporated.

Clubs and membership now stand at 445 clubs and 19,452 members with 13,834 clubs and 579,385 members in 92 countries and geographic areas worldwide.

1959-60

At the start of the 1959 Lions year, Ohio Lions divided Dist-13F to form two sub-districts, 13F-1 and 13F-2 (see map). PDG Ralph Blaney of Old Fort elected for two terms as International Director at the International Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Also, Ohio Lions adopt "Pilot Dogs" as state project.



OHIO MD 13
1950-51 to 1956-57



OHIO MD 13
1957-58 to 1958-59



OHIO MD-13
1959-60

1960-61 to 1962-63

The following year (1960 Lions year), Ohio changes District designation numbers to; 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D, 13E, 13F, 13G, 13H, 13I and 13J (see map). Ohio has 457 clubs and 19,400 members. LCI has 5,754 clubs; 629,922 members in 114 countries and geographic areas.

Founder of Lions International, Melvin Jones, passed away on June 1, 1961 at the age of 82.

1963-64 to 1965-66

To avoid confusion Dist 13-I designation was change to Dist 13-K beginning 1963-64 Lions year.

1966-67 to 2015-16

For the beginning of the 1966-67 Lions year Ohio redistricted the whole state geographically to: 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D, 13E, 13F, 13G, 13H, 13J and 13K. (See Map) This redistricting lasted for the next fifty years.

Lion W.R. "Dick" Bryan was elected 3rd Vice President of LCI at the International Convention in New York, New York. He would go on to be the first International President from Ohio during the 1969-70 Lions year.

Ohio breaks the 20,000-membership barrier with 20,800 members with 477 clubs, while, Lions International reaches 21,479 clubs; 837,344 members in 138 countries and geographic areas.



OHIO MD 13
1960-61 to 1962-63



OHIO MD 13
1963-64 to 1965-66

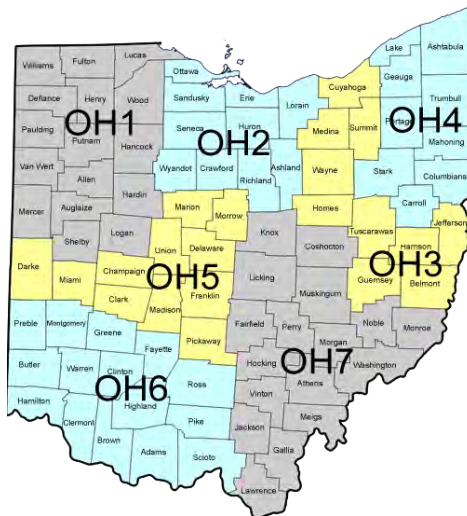


OHIO MD-13
1966-67 to 2015-16

2016-17 to Present

With the approaching of Lions Clubs International 100th anniversary Ohio Lions redistricted for the 2016-17 Lions year. Ohio reduced the number of districts from ten down to seven and changed the designation from letters to numbers, OH1, OH2, OH3, OH4, OH5, OH6 and OH7 (see map). Ohio Lions membership dropped to 12,167 members, while LCI worldwide was up to 1,425,795 members in 217 countries and geographic areas.

As we completed the 2021-22 Lions year our membership stands at 10,019 members. Note: this is before the final June report. LCI membership stands at 1,412,008 members world-wide.



OHIO MD-13
2016-17 TO PRESENT



PDGs Emails and Birthdays

To receive the quarterly PDG Newsletter and other correspondence the Association needs an up-to-date email address. We have used the emails in the PDG Directory and many have come back non-deliverable. If you submit a Lion's email please be sure it is still active.

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.

Missing Birthdays

District OH1

PDG Ralph Stuebs
PDG Micheal Gibbs

District OH2

PCC Gregg Maxwell & Yvonne
PDG Gary Garrett
PCC William Ransom
PCC Jeff Hillis & Joy
PDG Stan Homerick
PDG Pete DiCesare & Mona
PDG Dana Zody & Julianne
PCC Woody Conrad
Lion Christine Hensel
PDG Carolyn Brook & Bill
PDG Steve Cochie & Virginia
PDG Keith Kaufman & Connie Sue
PCC Kenny Schuck & Darlene

District OH3

PDG Tom Vestal & Marian
PDG Karl Bowers & Shirley
Pat Wallace
PDG Bud Wills
PDG Randy & Judy Goff
PDG Carol & PDG Dan Lester
Shirley Frazier
Marge Jenkins
PDG Todd Imhoff & Connie
PDG Carey Conn & Tina
PID Steve Thornton & Becky
PDG Tom Cahoon & Becky
PDG Marty Dennis & Dick
PDG Mary Chentnik & Joe
PDG Beth DiDonato & Rich
PDG Rita Shisler
PDG Robyn McClintock & Mike
PDG Cindy Palmentera & Paul
PDG Tommy Thompson
PDG Terry Snyder & Bill

District OH4

PDG Jeff Langstaff
Linda Metrovich
PDG Robert Whited & Joyce
PDG Bob Booher

Missing Anniversaries

PCC Gregg Maxwell & Yvonne

PCC Jeff Hillis & Joy

PDG Pete DiCesare & Mona
PDG Dana Zody & Julianne

PDG Francis Hensel & Christine
PDG Carolyn Brook & Bill
PDG Steve Cochie & Virginia
PDG Keith Kaufman & Connie Sue
PCC Kenny Schuck & Darlene

PDG Tom Vestal & Marian
PDG Karl Bowers & Shirley
PDG Phillip Wallace & Pat

PDG Randy Goff & Judy
PDG Carol & PDG Dan Lester

PDG Todd Imhoff & Connie
PDG Carey Conn & Tina
PID Steve Thornton & Becky
PDG Tom Cahoon & Becky
PDG Marty Dennis & Dick
PDG Mary Chentnik & Joe
PDG Beth DiDonato & Rich

PDG Robyn McClintock & Mike
PDG Cindy Palmentera & Paul

PDG Terry Snyder & Bill

PDG Charles Allcorn & Priscilla

PCC Paul Metrovich & Linda
PDG Robert Whited & Joyce
PDG Bob Booher & Peg

Missing Emails

District OH1

PDG Hank Kies
PDG Vern French

District OH2

PDG Gary Garrett
PDG Terry Spiegel
PDG JJ Jeavons
PDG Paul Burgderfer
PDG Bob Stagger

District OH3

PDG Tom Vestal
PDG Karl Bowers
PDG Todd Imhoff
PDG Beth DiDonato (Johnson)
PDG Rita Shisler
PDG Tommy Thompson
PDG Terry Snyder

District OH4

PDG Bill Mundy
PDG Jeff Langstaff
PDG Robert Whited
PDG Ronald Clifton
PDG Ron Anderson

PDG Verna Williams
PDG Don Heldman & Ruby
PDG Barbara Sorkin

Liz Allgood

District OH5

Carol Pontius
Carole Bates
PDG Neil Andrew & Dixie
PDG Edward Sheppard
PDG George Poppy & Carol
PCC Jay Gray & Toni
PCC Dave Risen & Karen
PDG Fred Breyer & Fran
PDG Sheryl Schlater
PDG Bob Berry
PDG Ray Byers
PDG Karl Cox & Kaye
PDG Lynn Thomas & Connie
PDG Joe Jackson & Carolyn
PDG Michael Kerek & Joy
PDG Jason Gray & Amber

District OH6

PDG Willard Frush
PDG Ivy Walters
PDG John Bond & Carol
PDG Daryl Foster & Cynthia
PDG Nancy Ginn
PDG Don Kring
PDG John Tolos
PDG Sherry Bingamon
PDG Roger Dixon
PCC Don Robinette & Rajean
PDG Jack Morris & Joan
PDG Chase Winegar & Sarah

District OH7

PDG James Donovan & Karen
PDG Lloyd Goodman & Inez
PDG Larry Roberts & Charlene
PDG Pat Crow & Sandy
PDG Russ Perkey & Lisa
PDG Daniel Kuhn & Jan
Susie Smith
PDG Barbara Buchman
PDG Janice Arnold & Larry
PDG Rick Tipple
PDG Ollie Paxton-Tipple
PDG Bill Schultz
PDG Richard Sweeney & Sharon
PDG Dan O'Connor & Pam
PDG Matt Osborne & Nicole

PDG Don Heldman & Ruby

PDG Dave Gauch & Patti
PDG Robert Allgood & Liz
PDG Wayne Christen & Janet

PCC Sam Bates & Carole
PDG Neil Andrew & Dixie

PDG George Poppy & Carol
PCC Jay Gray & Toni
PCC Dave Risen & Karen
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PDG Pat Crow & Sandy
PDG Russ Perkey & Lisa
PDG Daniel Kuhn & Jan
PDG John Smith & Susie
PDG George Buckman & PDG Barbara
PDG Janice Arnold & Larry
PDG Rick & PDG Ollie Paxton-Tipple

PDG Richard Sweeney & Sharon
PDG Dan O'Connor & Pam
PDG Matt Osborne & Nicole

PDG Jerald McCullough
PDG David Faulx
PDG Don Heldman
PDG Barbara Sorkin

District OH5

PCC Keith Pontius
PDG Neil Andrew
PDG Edward Sheppard
PDG George Poppy
PDG Richard Hughes
PDG Lynn Thomas

District OH6

PDG Karl Kaylor
PDG Willard Frush
PDG Richard Kisamore
PDG Ivy Walters
PDG James McFarland
PDG Phil McElwee
PDG Bob Richmond

District OH7

PDG James Donovan
PDG William Shondel
PDG Pat Crow
PDG Russ Perkey
PDG Daniel Kuhn
PDG Gene Rushing
PDG George Bachman
PDG Richard Sweeney

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
PDG**

July

7 Tom Kirkbride
13 Richard Kisamore
15 Ted Keller
15 Debbie Lloyd
20 Clark Van Scyoc
21 Lilburn Cummins
26 Jim Ferritto
28 Marty Savage
29 Chris Homer

August

6 Terry Dyer
7 Dave Luttrell
11 Terry Spiegler
11 Harold Ullman
12 A.J. Westlund
12 David Rich
13 John Moats
13 Stan Kopp
15 Gary Defayette
16 Bill Keller
16 Ed Otte
16 John Smith
19 Jerry Smith
19 John Woodside
22 Larry Swords
25 Sam Bates
26 Gene Cox
26 Don Wiechart
27 Dan Ritter
28 Ben Cosgray

September

4 Jeff Hatfield
9 Ernest McFarland
9 Sheryl Burnette
9 Judy Young
13 Bernie Bieri
15 Phil McElwee
15 Stan Starling
29 Harold Fryman

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Spouses**

July

2 Patti Gauch
5 Linda Savage
13 Sharon Cummins
13 Faith Gauger
16 Carol Anderson
30 Aimee Westlund

August

13 Paul Young
17 Jane Hatfield
19 Lottie LaRue
28 Nancy Bevere
28 Joyce Jeavons

Happy Anniversary

September

15 Kathy Cosgray
22 Tresa Hess
26 Kathy Rushing

Happy Birthday!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July

2 Jerry & Judy Smith
12 Marty & Linda Savage
13 Josie & Jim Prokop
19 Tom & Nancy Kirkbride
20 R.J. & Laura Konkoleski

August

3 Terry & Janet Dyer
4 Ted & Dina Keller
5 Jeff & Carol Snyder
9 Bill & Cindy Keller
10 Ron & Georgia Barber
10 Buddie & Lottie LaRue
11 Jay & Jackie Doty
11 Ron & Kitty Keller
12 Clark & Miriam Van Scyoc
14 Harold & Joyce Ullman
15 Lilburn & Sharon Cummins
19 Myron & Carolyn Amstutz
19 Debbie & John Lloyd
23 Craig & Faith Gauger
23 Jim & Cindy Ferritto
23 Bill & Janis Mundy
25 A.J. & Aimee Westlund
28 Jeff & Loretta Sweeney
31 Wallie & Dave Burnett
31 Richard & June Hughes

September

9 Gene & Georgia Taylor
11 Jay & Anne Deutschman
23 Dan & Pat Ritter
27 Harold & Ruth Fryman
29 Greg & Tresa Hess
30 John & Ellen Stalder

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.