# PDG Messenger

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## THE KELLER'S TRAVELS

International Director Ron and Lion Kitty Keller enjoyed a break in their travel during the month of December. It was a time for them to recharge, tackle some chores around the house, spend quality time with the family and reconnect with fellow Millersport Lions during several club service projects After a long absence from seeing their Ohio Lions Family, the Keller's enjoyed attending the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat on January 12 - 14 at Salt Fork State Park Lodge, where they were able to do a seminar about their travels and experiences.

They spent January 26-28, in District 5M11 (Northwest Minnesota, Manitoba & Southwest Ontario) which is the Red Valley Area of the United States and Canada. Remember the song "Red River Valley" that sung by country artist Marty Robbins? The song was first recorded in 1925 as the "Cowboy Love Song" by Carl T. Sprague. The terrain was flat and wide-open country. Most of the 170 Lions in attendance were farmers or retired farmers and very generous donors to a slew of Lions Charities. Can you imagine what a donation of 1 million pounds of potatoes to a food bank would look like? The Keller's got to witness similar stories that make a difference.

Then on February 15-18, they traveled to District 27A2 in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area to tour the SEAS (Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan) project in nearby Sheboygan. The Lions of this district offer adaptive sailing instructions on a fleet of sailboats for the handicapped, blind or visually impaired. This district had 50 Leos doing area service projects, hosting a Lions Trivia Contest, performing the convention's opening flag ceremony, and networking with Lions.

ID Ron and Lion Kitty arrived in the "Show Me" state of Missouri on February 23-25, to attend the district 26M1 Convention in Ste. Genevieve, which is the oldest European settlement west of the Mississippi River. They toured the small city of French colonial buildings and the national park.

During their weekly trips, they have the opportunity to speak at PDG breakfasts, luncheons, dinners and receptions. It's an ideal occasion for a PDG to hear and ask questions about the latest developments undertaken by the international board of directors to keep our global organization in the forefront of change and service. Most districts or multiple districts have active PDG Associations that play an important role in raising funds for various Lions foundations or causes, mentoring to emerging leaders, serving as guiding Lions to new or struggling clubs or providing assistance in membership growth.

They are amazed when PDGs are surprised to learn that the Lions International website has an abundance of resources dedicated to keeping Past District Governors active, informed and engaged. Since 2022, PDGs have had "read-only access" to club statements, club reports, officer and member information and all new membership applications. PDGs can view district reports, district officers and chairperson information and convention details, plus see the latest news on recent LCI board actions by entering "Executive Summary" in the search bar or track the membership growth, reporting trends and the overall health of any club within your district under "Club Health Assessment."

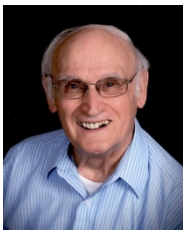
It's never too late for a PDG to share their passion of service to others. ID Ron & Lion Kitty encourage PDGs to check out the "Faculty Development Institute (FDI)" or "Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP)" to strengthen your skills as a way to help train the next generation of Lion Leaders.

# Remembering Those We Lost

***PDG Vernon L. "Vern" French***
**Dist 13 A (OH1) 1996-97**

**US Army Veteran**

***PDG Daryl J. Foster, Jr.***
**Dist 13 H (OH6) 2005-06**



***PDG Charles W. "Charlie" Hinkle***
**Dist 13 A (OH1/5) 2001-02**

**US Army Veteran**

***PDG Donald D. Kring***
**Dist 13 H (OH6) 2009-10**

***PDG Edwin H. "Ed" Otte***
**13 F (OH7) 2003-04**

***PDG Carl W. Watt* Dist**
**Dist 13 B (OH2) 1990-91**

***Leo Grant Siefker***
**Dist 13 OH1 Columbus Grove Leo Club**
**November 19, 2008 – January 7, 2024**

*Changing* *the World*

## Treasurer's Report

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| **July 1, 2023** | | |
| 7-1-2023 Balance from previous report | | $2,461.80 |
| **Income** | | |
| 3-31-2024 | Total Income Deposit | $4,570.00 |
| **Expenses** | | |
| 3-31-2024 | Total Expense Balance | $4,649.60 |
| 3-31-2024 | **Balance in Checking** | $2,382.20 |
| 2024 PDG Raffle Income | | $ 4,460.00 |

## Dates to Remember

April 5-6, 2024 District OH1 Convention

April 12-14, 2024, District OH2 Convention

April 19-20, 2024, District OH3 Convention

April 26-27, 2024, District OH6 Convention

May 17, 2024, 4th COG Meeting

May 17-19, 2024, State Convention,
Double Tree, Columbus/Worthington

May 18, 2024, State Convention PDG Meeting

June 21-25, 2023, International Convention,
Melbourne, Australia

# Ohio's 75th Council Chair for 2023-24

**CC/PDG Dave Stockum**

PDG's of MD13,

Spring has sprung, and the "sprung" has had one unpleasant surprise. The March 14 EF3 tornado in Logan County of OH1 was terribly destructive. In the wake of this disaster, local residents and businesses responded swiftly and started relief efforts almost as soon as the tornado departed. The Logan County United Way has provided the infrastructure for the coordination of these efforts. As a result, OH1 leaders (DG Deb Crawford and Cabinet) have partnered with the LCUW. OH1 has collected, either directly or by commitments, over $31,000 at this writing. As the LCUW informs OH1 of needs, these funds will be used to supply those needs. Due to the severity of the tornado, filling these needs will be a long term project. If you or your club wish to donate to this relief and recovery effort, you may make a direct contribution to **Lions District OH1**. Make sure to add **tornado relief** on the memo line. Send the check to CT/PDG John Davis, 933 Thornapple Lane, Findlay, Ohio 45840. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation, go to the Logan County United Way website, www.uwlogan.org, and find the "donation" tab. The site automatically creates a digital receipt when a donation is finalized. If you want to have your donation recognized as a Lions offering, after your name use a dash and give a Lions designation. For example**, Jane Doe – OH1 Lions or John Doe – Western Hills Lions** would go on the name line. Make sure your name matches the way it is listed on the credit card you are using to make the donation.

Let me offer two thoughts as we move through the District Convention Season. First, don't wait to elect your officers. My challenge is to submit those names to the International by May 15. Second, don't wait to see who plans to remain in your club. Seek out club members who have been absent or inactive and find out how you can keep them involved. We are doing an excellent job of adding new members (722 to date), but we need to work on keeping these new Lions and reinvigorating the longtime members of our clubs. Let all our members know how important they are to our mission – new voices and old voices alike! **Attention to Retention** is essential. Orientation and training play a key role in retention. So does active Service. We Serve. Best wishes in the coming months; enjoy family and friends during the solar eclipse gatherings, spring break, and Spring blossoming.

**CC Dave Stockum**

## ****** Logan County Ohio Tornado Relief and Recovery ******

Ohio Lions District OH1 has partnered with the Logan County United Way to support the relief and recovery efforts taking place after the EF3 Tornado on March 14 which flattened the communities of Russells Point and Lakeview, Ohio, as well as causing extensive damage in surrounding rural areas. You may make donations in the following ways.

Tax deductible donations can be made at: www.uwlogan.org, the web address for the Logan County United Way which is a 501(c)3 charity. If you want your donation to be credited to the Lions Organization, after entering your name as listed on the credit card you use for donating, add a dash and a Lion label. Examples could be: **Jane Doe – OH4 Lions** or **John Doe – Pennsylvania Lions**. The Logan County United Way Donation system automatically issues a receipt for tax purposes and can sort donations based on key words; hence, the need to add **Lions** to the name of the donor.

If you or your club wish to donate by check, use **District Lions OH1** on the designation line and add **tornado relief** on the memo line. Mail the check to: PDG John Davis, 933 Thornapple Lane, Findlay, Ohio 45840. If your check does not identify your club, please add a note in the mailing with that information.

The relief and recovery process is well underway, and the local community has stepped up admirably. But, this will be a long and difficult process and organizations like ours will play an important role in supporting those affected as they work to overcome this blow thrown their way.

*Deb Crawford,* **District OH1 Governor**

# Lions District Convention Near You!

**April 5-6, 2024, District OH1**
**International Guest ID Ron Keller**
**Millersport, Ohio**
Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay, OH

**2nd Year**

**2014 – 2015**

**April 12-14, 2024, District OH2**
**International Guest PIP Joe Preston,**
**Mesa, Arizona**
Location: Western Hotel, Strongsville, OH

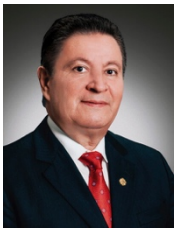
**April 19-21, 2024, District OH3**
**International Guest PIP Al Brandel,**
**Melville, New York**
Location: Graystone Event Center,
Wooster, OH

**2008-2009**

**1st Year**

**April 26-28, 2024, District OH6**
**International Guest ID Hans Neidhardt**
**Potwin, Kansas**
Location: Embassy Suites, Blue Ash, OH

## Ohio Lions State Convention



**2023 – 2024**

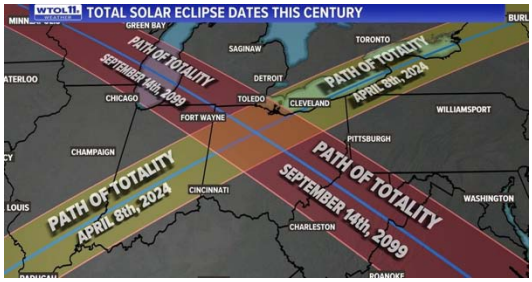
**May 17 – 19, 2024**
**International First Vice President,**
**Fabricio Oliveria**
**Catole do Rocha, Brazil**
Double Tree Inn, Columbus/Worthington

## Final Reminder; Coming to a Sky Near You !

On April 8, 2024, Ohio has a chance to witness one of the Universe's magnificent displays; a **Total Solar Eclipse** (April 8th).

The April 8th total solar eclipse will be a once in a life time for most Ohioans. The Totality will begin at about 3:08pm EDT.

If you miss this one, there will be another, September 14, 2099.



# Ohio Lions 103nd State Convention

The 2023-24 Ohio Lions State Convention is coming together. The convention will be held on May 17-18, 2024, at Double Tree Inn, Columbus/Worthington. Our week-end guest will be First VP Fabricio Oliverira and Lion Amariles, from Catole do Rocha, Brazil. Again, this year, our **Necrology Service** and **Governor's Grand Banquet** will be held Saturday morning and Saturday evening respectively. On Saturday evening there will be hospitality rooms for those staying over-night.

*The following is a tentative schedule subject to change:*

**May 17, 2024 – Friday Night**

Council of Governor's Luncheon, Hosted by OLERF (by invitation only)
Select Committee Meetings
Convention Registration & Certification of Delegates
Opening Dinner, Guests 1VP Fabricio Oliverira and Lion Amariles, Auction & Hospitality

Entertainment "*Ron Retzer Trio"* Presented by PDG Association

Marketing & Communication Committee Live Auction 50% of proceeds goes to the Sight & Hearing Foundation and 50% goes to the State Convention Committee to help cover expenses

**May 18, 2024 – Saturday**

Convention Registration & Certification of Delegates
Opening Business Session
Necrology Service
Learning/Training Sessions
Multiple District 13 Awards Luncheon
Afternoon Business Session
MD-13 District Caucuses
Voting
Council of Governors Grand Banquet, MD13 Presentations & Awards
Hospitality

Convention Registration $125.00

$112.00 per night at Double Tree Inn (plus taxes)

April 19, 2024, Lions registration cutoff

April 26, 2024, Double Tree Inn cutoff

Convention Registration is available on the Ohio Website

# Photo Journey with ID Ron & Lion Kitty

Museum of French Colonialism in Ste. Genevieve

Historical Marker in Lions Park, Ste. Genevieve

Levee High Pies at the famous Blue Owl Restaurant

PDG Jerry Reaves & ID Ron Keller standing,
DG Marilyn Reaves & Lion Kitty Keller seated
at the Lions Park in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri

District 26M1 Hosts touring historic Ste. Genevieve

Ohio Lions Winter Retreat, L-R: PCC John Knepper
(Area LCIF Coordinator), Lion Doc Mosier & PDG Deb Mosier
(MD-13 LCIF Co-Coordinators) and ID Ron Kell

"WE Serve"

## Happy Birthday PDG

**April**

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|---|---|
| 1 | Sherry Bingamon |
| 1 | Judy Smith |
| 6 | Gene Rushing |
| 9 | Georgia Barber |
| 9 | Craig Gauger |
| 9 | Greg Hess |
| 10 | Ed Lantz |
| 10 | Sue Haban |
| 18 | Fred Boring |
| 19 | Micheal Gibbs |
| 19 | Richard Hughes |
| 20 | Hank Kies |
| 21 | Dave Gauch |
| 24 | Elaine Newberry |
| 24 | Freda Wagner |
| 27 | Ron Meyers |
| 28 | Bill Niejadlik |

**May**

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|---|---|
| 6 | Ron Keller |
| 9 | Jeff Snyder |
| 10 | Myron Amstutz |
| 14 | Jay Gray |
| 21 | Lydia Houser |
| 21 | R.J. Konkoleski |
| 24 | Dave Stockum |
| 27 | Wallie Burnett |
| 31 | Charles Allcorn |

**June**

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|---|---|
| 2 | Tom Zickefoose |
| 3 | Steve Sherer |
| 3 | Rob Murry |
| 3 | Don Heldman |
| 9 | Earl Kerr |
| 13 | Lynn Thomas |
| 15 | Darlene Roll |
| 21 | R.J. Konkoleski |
| 26 | Neil Bevere |
| 28 | Bob Buxton |

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY Spouse

**April**

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|---|---|
| 3 | Dick Dennis |
| 5 | Janine Boring |
| 15 | Cindy Keller |
| 19 | Miriam Van Scyoc |
| 22 | Sandra Haws |
| 23 | Priscilla Allcorn |

**May**

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|---|---|
| 3 | Liz Allgood |
| 8 | Nancy Kirkbride |
| 14 | Janet Dyer |
| 14 | Linda Spiegel |
| 15 | Yvonne Maxwell |
| 16 | Charlene Roberts |
| 17 | Loretta Sweeney |
| 18 | Ruth Fryman |
| 24 | Laura Konkoleski |
| 28 | Jean Filmer |
| 30 | Carol Kopp |

**June**

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|---|---|
| 5 | Penny Rich |
| 5 | Nancy Starling |
| 8 | Joy Kerek |
| 11 | Joanne Moats |
| 15 | Peg Booher |
| 21 | June Hughes |
| 24 | Laura Konkoleski |

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**April**

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|---|---|
| 4 | Mary & Joe Chentnik |
| 11 | Dave & Debbie Luttrell |

**May**

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| 1 | Jack & Cindy Preston |
| 5 | Mary & Joe Chentnik |
| 12 | Bill & Ellie Niejadlik |
| 14 | Kevin & Debbie Reidy |
| 24 | Ric & Lydia Houser |
| 24 | Robert & Alice Richmond |
| 25 | Beth & Rich DiDonato (Johnson) |
| 26 | Michael & Angie Tyler |
| 29 | Stan & Nancy Starling |

**June**

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|---|---|
| 8 | Jim & Janet Sugg |
| 9 | Bill & Joyce Ransom |
| 11 | Lowell & Sandra Haws |
| 12 | John & Susan Davis |
| 12 | Rob & Sally Murry |
| 14 | Steve & Becky Thornton |
| 16 | Ben & Kathy Cosgray |
| 17 | Steve & Mary Ellen Sherer |
| 18 | Karl & Martha Kaylor |
| 18 | Don & Rajean Robinette |
| 23 | Dan & Pam O'Connor |
| 25 | Don & Ruby Heldman |
| 25 | Deb & Doc Mosier |
| 27 | Jay & Toni Gray |
| 28 | John & Kay Shreve |
| 28 | Judy & Paul Young |
| 30 | JJ & Joyce Jeavons |
| 30 | Sue & Paul Diehm |