PDG Messenger

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State Convention PDG Association Meeting

There were 48 PDGs and guests in attendance. At 7:30 PDG President Micheal Gibbs opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation and introducing our guest.

Next, a Moment of Silence was observed for our deceased PDGs as PDG Judy read off the names. This year we lost 15 PDGs. Next, the minutes from our last meeting were approved and the treasurer report was accepted.

The Class of 2023-24 was introduced and welcomed to the Association. The newest members were; IPDG Deb Crawford (OH1), IPDG Julianne Zody (OH2), IPDG Becky Thornton (OH3), IPDG Janet Christen (OH4), IPDG/PDG Mike Kerek (OH5), IPDG/PDG John Hibbs (OH6) and IPDG Sara Camacho (OH7).

A report on the PDG Raffle was given by PCC Darlene Roll; $4,460.00 worth of tickets were sold. After the prize money was deducted (note: the $250.00 winner return their winnings), our 2024 recipient, Ohio Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, received $3,710.00.

Old Business, None

New Business;

PCC Darlene Roll will head the raffle again this year. After much discussion on the 2024-25 recipient, it was decided to rotate the donation to one of our four State Foundations, Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Ohio Lions Foundation, Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation, and the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation. The Executive Officers reviewed the past donations. Next year's recipient will be Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation (2024-25) followed by Ohio Lions Foundation (2025-26), Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (2026-27) and Ohio Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (2027-28). If the Ohio School for the Blind attends another LCI Convention or Lions function, they will receive that year's donation. The following year will be the next foundation in line.

The Association voted to have the 2024 Fall Gathering held at Millersport Lions Club House on October 12, 2024. The meeting will start at 11:00 am.

IPCC Kevin Reidy proposed a PDG Association project. See attached letter for details.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Summitted,
PDG John Davis, PDG Secretary/Treasurer

Remembering Those We Lost

Make Your *Mark*

ID Ron Keller, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

June 2024

International Director Ron and Lion Kitty Keller traveled extensively in April, May and June before finishing a two-year commitment at the Lions International Convention in Melbourne. In 2010, they arrived in Sydney with their colleagues from MD-13 as Lion Ron started his term as a District Governor. Fourteen years later, Lion Ron completed his two-year as an ID in Melbourne. You can see why Australia holds a special place in their hearts.

In April, they appeared at the District OH-1 Convention in Findlay; the District 17-A Convention in Olathe, Kansas; the MD-34 State Convention in Huntsville, Alabama; the District 14-K Convention in Allentown, Pennsylvania; the Cambridge Lions Club noon lunch meeting and the McComb Lions 75th Charter Celebration.

During May, the Keller's appeared at the District 15 State Convention in Rawlins, Wyoming; the District 46 State Convention in Carson City, Nevada; the District OH-7 Leadership Training School and the Chillicothe Evening Lions 100th Charter Celebration. Before flying to Melbourne, they appeared at the MD-38 State Convention in Bellevue, Nebraska; and the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank 50th Anniversary Dinner in Columbus.

During their weekly trips, they had the opportunity to speak at PDG breakfasts, luncheons, dinners and receptions. It was 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. It is amazing how may PDG associations provide "scholarships" for emerging leaders to attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum or a Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

The International Leadership Development Committee has recommended that the International Board of Directors approve a webinar training for PDGs to become familiar and knowledgeable about the latest developments of our global organization in an effort to help each PDG that is willing to stay active, involved, and trained to be a mentor to others and a guiding Lion to new or struggling clubs. More information will be forthcoming by LCI.

Any longtime Lion can serve as a mentor, but a PDG has the depth of leadership experience to do a first-class job. A mentor is an experienced Lion who helps emerging Lion Leaders develop their knowledge and competence by completing specific tasks. The goal of a mentor is to develop a newer Lion into a quality, effective Lion. A mentee is any member who wishes to enter into a partnership with a more experienced Lion for training and guidance to increase his or her ability to serve as a Lion.

Mentors provide some or all of the following: encouragement, support, honest opinions, candid information and advice, guidance, suggestions, assistance in making good choices, information on opportunities available, help in defining and reaching goals, help in developing a network, idea stimulation and insight into becoming a Lion leader. So, what is expected from a mentee? Mentees must demonstrate a desire to learn, steady effort to gain skills, knowledge and abilities, flexibility, open-mindedness, focus on goals, open communication, responsibility for their own development, ability to receive feedback, the patience to look at situations from other perspectives and a willingness to try new things.

ID Ron Keller, 2022-24

"We Serve"

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

7-1-2023	Balance from beginning year	$2,461.80
Income		
6-30-2024	Total Income Deposit	$5,720.00
Expenses		
6-30-2024	Total Expense Balance	$5,554.83
6-30-2024	**Balance in Checking**	$2,626.97

2024 PDG Raffle	$4,460.00
Winning pay-out	$ 750.00
Donation to OSOB	$3,710.00

Dates to Remember

August 10, 2024, State Committee Meeting

August 10-11, 2024, 1st COG Meeting

October - State Committee Meeting

October 12, 2024, PDG Fall Gathering, Millersport, !!:00 am

November 2, 2024, 2nd COG Meeting

January 17-19, 2025, Ohio Lions Winter Retreat, Maumee Bay State Committee Meeting

February 8, 2025, 3rd COG Meeting

February 28-March 2, 2025 District OH7 Convention

March 7-8, 2025 District OH3 Convention

March 14-16, 2025 District OH2 Convention

March 21-22, 2025 District OH4 Convention

March 28-29, 2025, District OH5 Convention

April 4-5, 2025, District OH1 Convention

April 25-26, 2025, District OH6 Convention

May 16, 2025, 4th COG Meeting

May 16-18, 2025, State Convention, Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron

May 17, 2025, State Convention PDG Meeting

May 3-June 1 Super Weekend

July 4-8, 2025, International Convention, Mexico City

Welcome to the PDG Class of 2024-25

2023-24 (OH1)
IPDG Deb Crawford

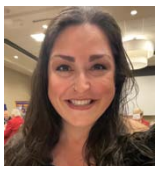
2023-24 Dist-OH2
IPDG Julianne Zody (PDG Dana)

2023-24 Dist-OH3
IPDG Becky Thornton (PID Steve)

2023-24 Dist-OH4
PDG Janet Christen (PDG Wayne)

2018-19, 2023-24 Dist-OH5
CC/IPDG Mike Kerek (Joy)

2022-23, 2023-24 Dist-OH6
IPDG John Hibbs (Sue)



2022-23 Dist-OH7)
IPDG Sara Camacho

PDG Raffle Update

This update provides information about the 2023-2024 raffle and the upcoming 2024-2025 Ohio PDG Association Raffle.

2023-2024 – Final Report

Winners were:

- 1st – Pam Olachia – OH1 – New Knoxville, Ohio
- 2nd – Donated back to S&H Foundation – OH4
- 3rd – Fran Tuttamore – OH2 – Marblehead, Ohio
- 4th – Brad Walton – OH2 – Upper Sandusky, Ohio
- 5th – Deb Chany – OH1 – Sylvania, Ohio

Thank you to all who supported the 2023-2024 raffle. More than $3,000 was donated to the Ohio Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. Not all tickets were sold this year.

2024-2025 – Raffle Information

At the 2024 PDG Association meeting at the Ohio Lions State Convention in May, the decision was made that we would go on a rotation, with Ohio Lions Foundations (OLERF, OLF, OLPCF and OLS&HF) receiving donations. The most current Foundation to receive a PDG Association donation was OLS&HF, then OLERF, OLF and OLPCF. Below is the schedule for which foundation will receive funding from the PDG raffle – unless the Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band (OSSBMB) has a trip to an LCI convention or other event, in which case, they would be next and then we would back to the schedule.

- 2024-25 Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation (OLPCF)
- 2025-26 Ohio Lions Foundation (OLF)
- 2026-27 Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF)
- 2027-28 Ohio Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLS&HF)
- Raffle tickets are to be ready to sell and will be distributed at the first Council of Governors' meeting in August.
- The drawing will be held in February, as we have done the past two years.
- District Raffle Coordinators are in-place: OH1&Chairperson-PCC Darlene Roll; OH2- PDG Francis Hensel; OH3-PDG Rob Murry and PDG Earl Kerr; OH4-PDG John Woodside; OH5-PDG Lynn Thomas; OH6-PDG Norman Cupps; and OH7-PDG Sue Diehm.

Questions? Please Email PCC Darlene Roll at pdg-raffle@ohiolions.org.

PDG Fall Gathering in October 12, 2024

Email from PDG President Gibbs:

"PDG President Micheal Gibbs is not assigning a committee for the meeting. There will be no registration form needed-just show up for fun and fellowship.

Millersport clubhouse light lunch and refreshments by Donation to benefit LCIF Saturday, October 12, 11:00am. There will be a short presentation on the Membership passport, a raffle, hopefully a service project and committee meetings and assignments."

Any question please contact PDG Micheal. Hope to see you there.

2025 Ohio Lions Convention: Special PDG Project

June 30, 2024

Dear Past District Governor,

Thank you for your continued Lions service, whether it is focused locally, within your district or at the multiple district level. Your energy, talent and time spent serving others positively reflects upon the MD13's PDG Association. The PDG Association approved a project at its May 17 meeting for participation of MD13 PDGs for the upcoming 2025 State Convention.

The 2025 MD13 Convention commemorates Helen Keller's speech before the Lions International Convention, held at Cedar Point, OH in June, 1925. This seminal event forged Lions history into the 21st century, which will be commemorated on May 16-18, 2025 at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, OH.

PDG's are being asked to donate $25.00 to the Ohio Lions, Inc., from the MD13 PDG Association members, for the purchase of a Helen Keller commemorative ornament. The proceeds will benefit LCIF on behalf of MD13 Lions.

Your donation will provide an ornament to be included in Convention attendees' registration packets. Moreover, *your donation* **will also be credited** to your district for its LCIF District and Club Community grant accrual. To assist us, please indicate your district of service...THANKS!

We are counting on 100% PDG participation with this project! The State Convention team is asking one of you to serve as a District Project Captain to remind all PDG's to participate from each District!

PDG's are certainly welcome to donate in excess of the requested $25.00. A $100.00 donation would recognize you as a project *"Centennial donor"* in the MD13 Program. Additionally, all participating PDG's in the project will be recognized during the Convention.

Visiting International Vice President, A. P. Singh from India, will be the MD13 Convention guest for the weekend. Also, all PIPs and PIDs from Constitutional Areas I and II have been invited to join us.

Thank you in advance for your participation with this project! Donations are asked to be provided **on or before October 1, 2024**, before the second COG meeting for the 2024-2025 Ohio Lions year.

You are asked to make donations out to: **Ohio Lions, Inc.** In the memo, write**: PDG Conv. (OH x)**
Mail to:

c/o PDG Deb Mosier, MD13 LCIF Coord.
266 Charles Street
Smithville, OH 44677

In Lionism,

PDG Micheal Gibbs
MD13 PDG Assn. President

In Service,
PCC Kerry Parker Co-Chair PCC Kevin Reidy, Co-Chair MD13 Convention Committee

Ohio Lions 104th State Convention

May 16 – 18, 2025

Sawmill Creek, Huron, Ohio

Weekend Guest

International Vice President, A. P. Singh from India

Special Events

Friday 16th, Concert by American Idol (season 5) winner Taylor Hicks

Saturday 17th, Special Event at Cedar Point

"Knights of the Blind in the Crusade Against Darkness"

Ohio's 76th Council Chair for 2024-25

MD13 PDG's, **CC/PDG Mike Kerek**

At the recent OH5 PDG Association meeting, we made a huge decision. We officially went from being a service organization to a social club…because that's what we are. Call a spade a spade.

There is value in that, don't get me wrong. No one outside a PDG can understand the experience a PDG has, or the commitment it took during the years we were working our way through the chairs. Sometimes it's nice to just have some social time with others who have gone through in Lions what you have. Share memories, bad stories, good times.

We also throw names around of emerging leaders to pursue, do the Honor Roll each year, fundraise to help the incoming DG's spouse with travel expenses to the International Convention. So, there are reasons for having an active PDG Association.

The same could perhaps be said on the district level in other districts around MD-13; I don't know, but I would imagine other PDG Associations are as loose-knit as ours. Certainly, for all the work that our state PDG Association does to keep our MD-13 PDG group together, it's the friendships and relationships we have developed over the years that really is the glue that really binds us.

But it is on the individual level that PDGs tend to contribute more, taking on responsibilities in their respective clubs, district or state. It makes sense, doesn't it, that we can serve more efficiently when we are performing tasks that fall within our personal interests and skill sets? Not all PDGs are interested in serving outside their clubs once their term as governor is over of course, and that's ok.

But all of us hold a title: PDG. That's a title each of us will own as long as we are Lions. With that title comes responsibility. We have training, experience, and knowledge that most lay Lions do not have – things that could be useful for others. It's important that each of us share that knowledge with others, mentor those who want to become leaders in their own right, and provide opportunities for them to not only take on new positions but to succeed in them. Eventually, it also means vacating positions ourselves so others can grow; just as Lions did for us when we were moving up.

The experiences I have had over the years will hopefully translate into a successful Council Chair year. I will rely on my predecessors to advise me along the way and will in turn be a resource for anyone following. That's all I'm asking all of us to do. Be a leader when called upon, on whatever level you are comfortable with and where the needs are…then be a resource and a mentor for those who follow you.

And along the way, welcome our new friends and incoming PDGs each year as they transition into their new roles in Lions. Starting now.

2024-2025 Council Chairperson
Mike Kerek

Look into the Future

During the 2025 PDG meeting at the State Convention, the Association will be electing Officer for the 2025-2027 Lions years. These terms are for two years. Offices are for President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Chaplain will be elected. Any Ohio PDG in good standing is eligible to run. If interested in any of the positions please contact PDG President Micheal Gibbs or PDG Secretary John Davis.

Photo Journey with IPID Ron & Lion Kitty, 2022-2024

2022-2023

2023-2024

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PDG

July

7	Tom Kirkbride
7	Michael Kerek
13	Richard Kisamore
15	Ted Keller
20	Clark Van Scyoc
21	Lilburn Cummins
26	Jim Ferritto
28	Marty Savage
29	Chris Homer
31	Bill Schultz

August

6	Terry Dyer
7	Dave Luttrell
11	Terry Spiegle
11	Harold Ullman
12	A.J. Westlund
12	David Rich
13	John Moats
13	Stan Kopp
14	Jeff Hillis
14	Robyn McClintock
15	Gary Defayette
16	Pete DiCesare
16	Bill Keller
16	John Smith
19	Jerry Smith
19	John Woodside
25	Sam Bates
26	Gene Cox
26	Don Wiechart
27	Dan Ritter
27	Ralph Stuebs
28	Ben Cosgray
31	Deb Crawford

September

4	Jeff Hatfield
9	Sheryl Burnette
9	Judy Young
13	Bernie Bieri
15	Beth DiDonato (Johnson)
15	Phil McElwee
15	Stan Starling
18	Julianne Zody

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Spouses

July

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

August

7	Tom Bumpus
13	Paul Young
17	Jane Hatfield
19	Lottie LaRue
21	Mona DiCesare
26	Pam O'Connor
28	Nancy Bevere
28	Joyce Jeavons

September

2	Sharon Sweeney
15	Kathy Cosgray
22	Tresa Hess
26	Kathy Rushing

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July

1	Richard & Sharon Sweeney
2	Jerry & Judy Smith
6	Earl & Kay Kerr
12	Marty & Linda Savage
13	Wayne & Janet Christen
13	Josie & Jim Prokop
19	Tom & Nancy Kirkbride
20	R.J. & Laura Konkoleski
29	Todd & Connie Imhoff
29	Dick & Ollie Tipple

August

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

September

2	Jeff & Joy Hillis
3	Dave & Patti Gauch
9	Charles & Priscilla Allcorn
9	Gene & Georgia Taylor
6	Dan & Pat Ritter
11	Jay & Anne Deutschman
14	Dave & Karen Risen
22	Carl & Shirley Bowers
25	Pete & Mona DiCesare
27	Charles & Priscilla Allcorn
29	Greg & Tresa Hess