



Lion Pride Through Service

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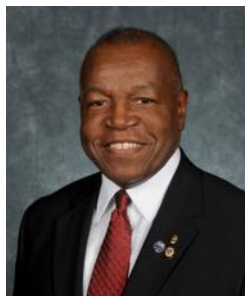
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District Governor Report January 2021



The New Year is beginning, Lions! We can look ahead for new things, leaving behind what has caused disappointment and stress and keeping our eyes on what new challenges might be in front of us. After the snowstorms this month, it can be hard to think of growth when everything seems to be frozen. We know, of course, that is only one season out of many. A 2021 calendar labeled “Inspirations” arrived in the mail today from one of our Lions. The quote for January says, “Growth is the only evidence of life” (by John Henry Newman). This might seem a strange statement for winter, but it got me to thinking. Our Lions clubs are organisms. In order to live, we must keep growing. Perhaps this pandemic time could be compared to plants or animals that need to stay fallow or hibernate before coming back alive in the spring. But it’s not true that those organisms are dead! They are still living, only in a different form. They are gathering strength for the months ahead.

We also need to realize that we are here for a purpose. What is our job? What difference can we make in this world? Our ecosystem needs to be fed in order to flourish. We need to feed each other’s feeling of belonging and self-worth with encouragement and care. Thanks to all Lions who have faithfully kept in touch, letting others know they are not forgotten. This contact certainly strengthens our retention of members.

Our clubs need to be fed by bringing in new ideas, especially those from new members. Never give up asking friends and acquaintances to help with a project or volunteer to make their community a better place. Thus, we can grow our resolve to serve as we grow our numbers. (I am encouraged that 7 clubs brought in new members since October.) New ideas are necessary for growth, just as soil loses its nutritional value if used by the same crops year after year, our clubs won’t grow if we are only doing the same-old things all the time. We can’t be afraid to change and grow, although it’s not always easy. Even small changes can make a big difference, but don’t be afraid to think outside the box!

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District Governor Report January 2021



The month of December started our new Tri-State Challenge to build membership. Lions all over our state are brainstorming ways to engage others in discussions about what Lions are all about and what they can do to make their communities better places to live. Last evening, we had about 90 Ohio Lions at a Zoom meeting on membership! Sometimes, it's as easy as "Just Ask" because the time is right in that person's life. Other times it requires a little persistence and willingness to ask again, adding new information in each conversation, without being overbearing. Some clubs are finding the Ohio Plan to be the best way to invite a group of folks to visit and hear about the Lions. Vice Governor Judy and I have been working on an organized challenge between clubs and zones. You will get details about this in the next week or so. So, keep looking around yourself and consider "Who can I ask today to help our club serve?" You will need to keep track of your successes each month while we cheer on each other toward membership goals.

Lion friends, we need your enthusiasm and optimism to make our district, state and world a place where Lions are recognized as vital, service-minded people. I heard on the radio: "Do the best you can, where you are, with what you have." There's some sense to that idea, but although it's been a struggle in 2020, we can't just accept "where we are" right now – we have to keep pushing forward to add to "what we have" and become more than what we are now! Good luck in that positive effort.

Happy New Year, everyone!

DG Carol





First Vice District Governor Report January 2021



Hello Lions of OH4! The end of the holiday rush is now past us and hoping you are all recovered. A new year of 2021 is upon us with fresh hope that life returns to some normalcy as the vaccine for the Covid-19 Virus rolls out. Praise the Lord during these trying months that his HOPE is present.

Talk about challenging times! The Lions year has been a bit like a roller coaster. However, many of our Lions Clubs found ways to reach out to serve in their communities as well as raise a bit of cash through Facebook and other social media sources. Canfield used "square" to take donations for their food voucher project working jointly with the Knights of Columbus. Conneaut had a Yetti Cooler Raffle filled with beverages and conducted the raffle through Facebook. Jackson Township had a successful reverse raffle and used the Facebook platform as well. Finally, a fun event for the Highland Height Lions was planned using Zoom Meetings and e-mails. Their holiday lighting contest went off well using technology tools. Lions, we need to embrace the modern times and embrace using them from time to time for our survival.

So, let's talk a bit about the status of Lions Clubs in Ohio. At one time we had over 21,100 Lions serving in 481 communities in Ohio in 10 Districts. At the present time we are at 10,479 Lions in Ohio with 7 Districts and 382 clubs. I am concerned about the lack of growth and the loss of many clubs over a period of time. How can we change that trend? What actions are you willing to commit to as a Lion within your Club to grow your club with younger members? New members, especially the younger generation, see the needs of the community in a different light. They want to serve and help others just like you and I. Have you thought of initiating a Branch Club or a Special interest Club to accent your clubs service opportunities? Information about these programs can be found on the LCI webpage lionsclubs.org under the members resources Link. If you set up a MyLion account there are trainings that can be accessed to help learn more about Lions in general. The District team challenges you with our help to look at these materials and commit to growing your club these next 6 months of the Lions Year of 2020-2021. We understand it has been difficult to think of growth during this pandemic time, but it is possible by using Facebook, Facebook messaging, text messaging, e-mails and ZOOM meetings. There are clubs in our district using these tools and being successful. Will you join this new way keeping in contact with current members and recruiting new members as well?

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First Vice District Governor Report January 2021



So, who can you invite to join? Consider asking neighbors, friends, relatives, community leaders and people you do business with in your daily activities. What would you say to someone when you want to invite them to join your club? You might ask them if they have ever thought about helping a local Lions Club in a project? Tell them about our world causes of Eye Sight Preservation, Diabetes, Environmental, Hunger & Childhood Cancer. Share how your club serves in those areas. Consider creating a club business card. Offer that card with your contact information & the lionsclubs.org address to them to explore more about Lions International. Now you have set the stage for your club to use the Ohio Plan to send them a formal letter as an invite. Plan a fun informational meeting to tell them more about our organization. I often use this approach and follow up on the letters with a text, Facebook Messenger, e-mails and even a phone call from time to time. With the younger members our club has recently signed up, they prefer the “new” technology methods. After attending your meeting, ask them to join your club being sure to inform them of the benefits Lions Membership can offer through serving the community. If they don’t join after the meeting, let the situation rest for a while then follow up in a few months. Perhaps they needed some time to think about it! Remember to be sincere and excited about your membership when sharing with any prospective candidate. Most of all, believe you can recruit members during this pandemic time. Creative thinking can merit club growth.

A final challenge for the Lions of OH4 is to reach out to IPDG Tony DeLuke and PDG Mike Tyler to assist your club to meet by Zoom if you have not yet done so. They are supportive and fun! Tony can be reached at Tonydelukerealtor@gmail.com and Mike at michealtyler@oh.rr.com. Let’s improve our visibility so we can attract new members and get them involved. Clubs with visibility are growing during these trying times! Join us on the task of promoting Lionism!

Continue to serve in you communities with kindness in mind! A little kindness can go a long way to lift someone’s spirit!

Have a safe and great 2021! You Lions of OH 4 Roar!!!

Lion Judy Young
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Lions of District 13 OH4,

2020 has been a very challenging year for Lions worldwide. Covid-19 has changed the way that we live, causes anxiety and in some cases disorder. 2021 is a few days away. It's time to make a resolution that we will be more positive. Membership has taken a big hit. Our communities that we serve need us more than ever. I'm so proud of the clubs that have continued to serve during these very trying times. It's time for all that clubs that haven't been active to start to get active in 2021.

We have to start thinking outside the box. We have to think of new ways to serve and new ways to recruit new members, start new clubs & branch clubs and stay active in the district. PDG Mike Tyler and I are available to help your clubs meet online on Zoom. We will set the zoom meeting up & be there to facilitate the meeting. Also, we still need a 2VDG for our District. We are the only District not to have a 2VDG.

I have been very active at the state level for the GMT (Global Membership Team) Committee. The MD Coordinator, PDG Charlie Newland, has stepped down because of health reasons. I have been asked by CC Kenny Schuck to replace him for the remainder of the 2020-2021 Lions Year. If approved by the Governors, I will assume the position. As you know my philosophy is: 1) Recruit new members, 2) Retain current members, 3) Start new clubs (New, Branch & Specialty Clubs, 4) Recognize Lions who have helped with increasing membership.

I believe that the only way is through constant communication. We will accomplish this by using the District membership team, PDG Mike Tyler, PDG Ron Anderson and Lion Denny Sarbak. We have updated the District Membership, Retention & Extension handbook and will work very closely with the Clubs Membership Chairpersons. We will be available to help these very important Lions with increasing their club's membership. More Lions means more volunteers for our communities.

I want to wish every Lion a Happy New Year in 2021. Let's dig in and stop the bleeding. I joined Lions because I love to help the people in our community that need help. I belong to a lot of different organizations but the one I'm most passionate about is Lions! We will also be doing a lot of online training under the direction of GLT PDG Mike Tyler. Stay tuned!!

Tony DeLuke - IPDG/GMT Coordinator



Lions of Ohio,

I am excited to announce that we, the Lions of Ohio, have entered into a membership recruitment challenge with the Lions of Indiana and Michigan. This challenge will run from December 1st through March 31st. The objective is to bring more new members into Lionism and retain more members than the other states.

This is not just a contest, but also an opportunity. We can strengthen our clubs, improve our service to our communities, and have some fun along the way. Even though we will once again be demonstrating to our neighbors that you don't mess with the Buckeyes, we will also be working with them. Together we will be sharing ideas to improve our organization and help our clubs thrive. The Governors and the MD13 leadership team are working to put together information to assist your club. We are putting a Zoom seminar together with Lions from around Ohio that have had success starting new clubs and recruiting new members.

Even with the current restrictions, your club can work on preparing for a membership event. Through email, Zoom, or even by phone you can compile lists of potential members and begin reaching out to them. Does your club have a Facebook presence in your community? Work on developing one. If you need assistance, there are Lions who can help you. There are even some great free online tutorials on social media, websites, and basic computer use.

Together we can make our organization stronger. Together we can help more people in our communities and around the world. Together we will be successful.

There will be more information to come, including how we will recognize those that bring in new members. Let's not wait. Let's start today (just don't enter the new members into LCI before December 1st). If you or your club have questions or would like assistance, don't hesitate to contact your Zone Chair or your Governor team.

Yours in Lionism,
Council Chair Kenny Schuck
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Lions of Ohio

You may have heard by now that the Lions of Ohio have challenged the Lions of Michigan and Indiana in membership recruitment. We are calling it the Tri-State Lions Membership Challenge. This is to see who can bring in the most new members and retain current members beginning December 1 through March 31. Although the final prize for the winner has not yet been determined, the real prize of this contest comes in stronger clubs and more hands / members to serve our communities.

Does your club need more members? Does your club want more members? Is your club ready for more members? I am sure all of you are answering yes, definitely, and absolutely; but is that really the case? Does your current membership want to expand their impact in your community? Is your current membership willing to accept new ideas, new goals, new leaders? Is your current membership ready for change? After answering the last three questions, are you still confident in your original answers? Every Lion asks what has happened to our organization? Why aren't we getting new members? What will it take to turn it around?

I believe the main reason we find our organization where it is, comes from the fact that we have become comfortable. We are comfortable seeing the same people who are going to chair the same projects when we attend the meetings twice a month. We are comfortable renewing the club budget each year, making the same \$50 dollar donations to the same causes that we first budgeted 25 years ago. We are comfortable with the budget because that fund raiser still makes the same \$500 that it did the first time we did it in 1995. We are comfortable doing that project with a couple less members, because after 25 times we have it down pat. We have become comfortable with the same person or couple of people being club president and some are comfortable just doing the office instead of worrying about where a new officer may take us. Maybe it's time we become uncomfortable!

If we are to revitalize our clubs and thereby have a greater impact in solving the needs of our communities, we need to leave our comfortable surroundings. We need to look at our current services and projects from a critical perspective. \$50 in 1995 has the purchasing power of \$28.46 today. \$500 in 1995 adjusted for inflation is worth \$284.58. What does this mean? Although we are giving the same support to a cause that we did 25 years ago, we are in fact only providing that cause with about half the value of what we originally did. If our fund raiser is making the same as it was 25 years ago, then it is only providing about half the service that it did. I do not point this out to dishearten anyone. My point is we have to evaluate why, where, when and how we operate, and determine if we are actually accomplishing what we want to. Can we increase the income from a fund raiser or do we need another one? Do we continue to support all our causes the same or do we consolidate to better serve the ones that are truly important to us?

With new members come new perspectives and new ideas. Many new members may look at \$50 as not something to get overly excited about. They may look upon spending several hours at a fund raiser to earn \$500 as not a worthwhile use of their time. Please, please understand that I am not criticizing \$50 donations and \$500 fundraisers, all clubs including mine have them. I use these as examples of how and why we must be open to new perspectives, and how our comfort zone may not be appealing to perspective members. Many believe after many years of service they don't want to put forth additional efforts, and that is understandable. However, if we don't recruit new members and update or add to our programs we will just fade away and all our successes will just be memories in a while.

We all want new members for our clubs, and by utilizing programs like THE OHIO PLAN and JUST ASK we can get them. We also need to keep them once they are Lions. For that I strongly encourage clubs to use programs such as THE BLUEPRINT FOR A STRONGER CLUB and THE CLUB EXCELLENCE PROGRAM, as well as providing a strong member orientation on being a Lion and what it means. Let's strengthen our clubs immediately and for the long term. Even with the pandemic, we can work together to review how our club functions through email, phone, electronic media, and Zoom. Through Facebook and Zoom we can recruit new members; believe me it is being done! Again these things maybe well beyond our comfort zone, but in the end we can take great comfort in knowing our organization will be serving our community long after we are no longer able. If you want assistance in any of this, please contact your District leadership. They are ready, willing, and able to help your club continue to grow.

Yours in Lionism,
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LIVING TO SERVE

Membership Challenge - Monthly Themes January 2021

- **NEW YEARS' Resolution: Just Ask 1 (or more)**
 - **As clubs begin their new year, all club members invite guest(s) to meeting**
 - Welcome them
 - Explain what LIONS does in your community
 - How fun service is for your club
 - Provide them with club brochure & membership application
 - **Lion follows up with guest(s) invited**
 - Ask what questions they have about Lions
 - Offer to sponsor them and lead through induction & orientation
 - Explain dues: LCI/District/Club expenses, legal protection
 - Explain projects & ideas they may have to help club grow (Lions Pillars)

- **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY – 21ST Century Commitment to Service**
 - **Ask 1 (or more) guest to join you in a club service project**
 - Explain your Club's Service Projects
 - Share the Ohio Lions' 2020 Fall Into Service week and what your club did
 - Ask what interests your guest(s) have and inform them about Lions Pillars
 - **CHILDHOOD CANCER**
 - **DIABETES AWARENESS**
 - **DISASTER RELIEF**
 - **HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS**
 - **HUNGER**
 - **ENVIRONMENT**
 - **VISION**
 - **YOUTH**

Membership Challenge - Monthly Themes February 2021



- **LOVE THOSE LIONS, LOVE OUR NATION!!!**
 - **Themes of Valentines Day & Presidents' Day to invite prospective members**
 - **Club meeting Program highlighting "Sweetness" of Lions**
 - Youth Programs & Lions
 - Food Drives
 - Health Screenings
 - Other???
 - **Club meeting Program highlighting LIONS: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations' Safety**
 - Youth Programs: Liberty Day, GOOD, LEOS
 - Flag Sale or Display
 - Community Outreach – Civic Responsibility
 - Other???



Membership Challenge - Monthly Themes March 2021



- **MARCH MADNESS....LET THE NEW LION CATCHING BEGIN!!!**
 - **LIONS CLUBS RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH**
 - **ALL CLUBS IN EACH ZONE = # NEW MEMBERS**
 - Clubs participating in Zone Recognized by ZC at Zone Advisory, Fall, 2021
 - **ALL ZONES IN EACH DISTRICT = # NEW MEMBERS**
 - All Zones in District Recognized by DG at District Cabinet Meeting, 2021
 - **ALL DISTRICTS IN OHIO = # NEW MEMBERS**
 - All District Gains in March Madness TSMC recognized by COG at State Convention 2021
- **NEW CLUB GROWTH**
 - **Use of NAMI process – learning and understanding how to use**
 - Identifying Communities, Specialties, Campuses
 - New Clubs & your GAT
 - New Charter Members -
- **RETENTION OF CLUBS & MEMBERS**
 - Orientation
 - Club Visitations to Other Clubs
 - Fellowship & Service
- **LEADERSHIP**
 - **Training – Training - Training**

Membership Challenge - Monthly Themes Conclusion



- OHIO LIONS WINNING THE TRI STATE MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE!
- **USE WHAT WORKS BEST FOR YOUR CLUB/ZONE/DISTRICT**
 - OHIO PLAN
 - JUST ASK
 - CANVASS
 - INTREST BASED PROGRAMS
- **COMMUNICATE WITH ONE ANOTHER**
- **FOLLOW THROUGH WITH PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS – (applications)**
- **HAVE FUN!!!**

LCIF Updates

Coin Collection Boxes

LCIF has provided coin boxes for club LCIF collections. If your club is holding in-person meetings I would like to send you a box to pass around to members or keep at the head table at your meetings. They are really quite nice!



Celebrations this Month

- ♦ LCIF Week: January 11 – 18, 2021
- ♦ Melvin Jones' Birthday: January 13th

These are two good reasons to hold a Facebook Fundraiser! Facebook fundraisers are quick and easy ways to generate donations for LCIF.

Log into Facebook and select “Fundraisers” from the menu. Under “Raise Money” locate Lions Club International Foundation from the “Select Nonprofit” option. Edit the goal, dates, and add a personal note to the description. Then submit and share... It's that easy!

COVID-19 Frontline Relief Grant Update

At a recent Zone meeting, there was a question about LCIF grants for COVID-19 relief. Here is a recap of how LCIF has helped communities in our Constitutional Area (Area I: USA) and worldwide.

- Worldwide, LCIF has awarded 350 Grants Awarded Totaling \$5,226,791
- Constitutional Area I (USA) 71 grants awarded totaling \$861,802
 - ⇒ 63 Emergency Grants, awarded up to \$10,000 each: \$623,415
 - ⇒ 1 Designated grant to MD20 (New York State): \$200,000
 - ⇒ 7 Community Impact Grants: \$38,387

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LCIF Updates

AmazonSmile Donations

If you use the AmazonSmile site for donations to LCIF, you probably see the nickles and dimes being donated and wonder if it's truly making a difference. I shop A LOT using Amazon and my most recent impact has been \$16.65.

This week I received an email from Amazon that shows the compounded impact of this simple act:

“This is the quarterly AmazonSmile notification to inform you that the charity you’ve selected, Lions Clubs International Foundation, recently received a donation of \$1,058.56, at no cost to you.”

That’s over a thousand dollars for LCIF!!! Further down in the email is states:

“AmazonSmile's impact: \$12,189.99 to Lions Clubs International Foundation”

Whether it's LCIF or another charity you support, you can see that this simple act can pay big dividends, without costing you anything at all.

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Support your Ohio Lions Foundation



Shop at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to your favorite charitable organization. No fees, no extra cost.

Given COVID is coming back with a vengeance and most of us are avoiding social contact please consider doing your Christmas and other shopping via smile.amazon.com (AmazonSmile) and choosing Ohio Lions Foundation as your charity.

Remember, you must always start your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com to support Ohio Lions Foundation through this program.

Thanks for your support of Ohio Lions Foundation.
Remember you all are members.

PCC Ben Cosgray
Exec. Sec't OLF

SAVE THE DATES



Lions Spring Conference



**SATURDAY
APRIL 17th, 2021**

All Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers Welcome

SAVE THE DATE!

**TRAINING COURSES WILL BE SCHEUDLED
VIA ZOOM ONLY**

**Club President Training
Club Secretary Training
10am – 12pm**

**Club Treasurer & Compliance Training
2pm – 4pm**



Zone Chair Training



**SUNDAY
APRIL 25th, 2021**

SAVE THE DATE!

**TRAINING COURSES WILL BE SCHEUDLED
VIA ZOOM ONLY**

**Zone Training Coursework
10am – 12pm**

**WATCH FOR UPDATES ON THIS TRAINING
IN THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

Help is here for Club Secretaries!

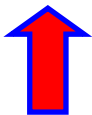
If you are a Club Secretary and you're having trouble using the MyLCI app to do your club's membership reports, or using the My Lion app, or have questions on all you need to do as a club secretary - we can help you!

Please contact PDG Michael Tyler at 440-975-0477 or cell 440-478-4535.

PDG Michael can help you through any questions you have regarding being a Club Secretary. Lion Sharon Hall is another great resource and available to help any Club Secretary at 330-385-3632 or cell 330-932-9356.

Please don't be afraid to pick up the phone and ask us for help. We are both very understanding and will take our time to help you.

We look forward to talking with you,
PDG Michael Tyler



This offer to help still stands!

Why MyLCI ?



Club Officers Can:

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- View and pay LCI statements
- Print membership cards
- Track club service activities
- Create club rosters and mailing lists
- Designate next year's officers
- Report monthly membership

Lions Eye Program, Inc. Delegates Meeting via Zoom

LIONS EYE PROGRAM, INC.

One of the joys of starting a new year is the opportunity to say “thank you” and to wish you peace, love and joy throughout 2021 – the LEP Executive Board.

We hope everyone is planning to attend the delegates meeting on Wednesday, January 6th via Zoom. Invitations have been sent to all club secretaries. For additional invitations, please call 216-363-2500 and leave your name and email address. Your invitation will be sent as soon as possible.

If you have BOXED donations of “retired” eyeglasses, sunglasses and cases and have room to store them, please do so until plans have been finalized for delivery to VOSH, which should be around March. Two drop-off sites have been set up for those who cannot store them that long. If your club is in the southern part of Ohio, you may contact Lion Roger Grabowski (330-725-0687). Lion Lois Lowe (440-232-3458) is the contact for the northern areas. Once again, the items should be in boxes – not plastic bags.

Thank you for your continued support. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during these challenging times. We are looking forward to a better 2021.

Lion Lois Lowe
Secretary



Six Feet Apart But Close at Heart

Dear Friends,



In early 2020, no one imagined that words like "pandemic," "stay at home," and "social distancing" would become a part of our everyday vocabulary. Much of the world stopped during COVID and, for all of us, life at camp changed quickly. In these unprecedented and tumultuous times, the Camp Ho Mita Koda Foundation has been a place of dialogue, learning, and healing for our camp community. Despite the economic shortfalls due to the pandemic, one thing has stayed the same: our ability to come together as a community to help camp preserve and persevere. For this, we are eternally grateful.

The pandemic has vividly illustrated how important simple things like social interaction, getting muddy, jumping in the lake, or simply sitting around a fire with peers is to our physical, mental, and emotional well-being. More people than ever have turned to Camp Ho Mita Koda for respite and restoration.

This year, through our perseverance and dedication to our mission, Camp Ho Mita Koda has been nationally recognized as a 'Summer Camp Industry Leader' for successfully and safely hosting an in-person summer camp program. We provided over five weeks of programming, serving 150 participants. Our camp was one of only 20% of overnight camps that operated this season, and as far as we know, the only Type 1 Diabetes camp in the country to open its doors to in-person summer camp programs this year.

Because of the incredible amount of work and collective collaboration that went into making the impossible possible by safely hosting camp, the Camp Ho Mita Koda Foundation has been asked to present at the International Diabetes Education and Camping Association Conference on "Best Practices for COVID-19 Mitigation". I have also represented CHMK and presented on national Townhall meetings and Panels for the American Camp Association. Most importantly, I am in the process of co-writing and contributing to a book called "Connection Without Contact: Techniques For Creating Social Connection While Maintaining Physical Distance," which will be released in Spring 2021 and highlights Camp Ho Mita Koda and our practices.

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In August 2020, CHMK opened its doors to the Chagrin Valley School for the 2020/2021 school year. This unique collaboration allows camp to be utilized by the community while providing a safe place for children to continue their education in a physically distant and outdoor setting.

However, the impacts of COVID-19 are unrelenting, and we know the challenges will continue into 2021. Our commitment to our CHMK family is that we will continue to move mountains, with safety as our number one priority, to make a CHMK experience a reality in 2021 for all.

I want to thank everyone of you from the bottom of my heart for your trust, prayers, and unwavering support in making Camp Ho Mita Koda a program that is second to none in impacting lives for the better.

If you have donated to Camp Ho Mita Koda in 2020, we are so appreciative. If donating to Camp Ho Mita Koda is part of your end of year plan, I want to thank you in advance. These funds truly have a direct impact in carrying out our mission.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season. Give your camper a great big hug from the CHMK staff. We are excited about the future and cannot wait for you to join us in 2021 for our 92nd year of changing lives.

With Gratitude,

Ian Roberts
Executive Director



District Diabetes Chairperson, Lion Ernie Richmann reports that the \$60,000 LCIF grant request to help with camp renovations is looking favorable for final approval in January. If clubs or individuals would like to or are making contributions to Camp Ho Mita Koda, please let Lion Ernie know. Checks made out to Camp Ho Mita Koda can be mailed to Lion Ernie Richmann at: 48 Lincoln Blvd, Painesville, OH 44077. As a reminder a work day at camp, as well as a tour day, will be arranged for the spring or summer 2021.

Club Reports

The **Ashtabula Lions Club** donated \$300 to the Ashtabula Feed Our Vets Pantry. Lion Gary VanderLind turned over the donation to the Pantry Director, Tracy Bidwell. Lion Gary volunteered to box and distribute food donations to the Veterans and their families. He and his wife Debbie donated over 100 non-perishable items. Ashtabula Lions Club also presented a \$300 donation to the Salvation Army. Lion Gary has assisted in ringing the bell for them as well.



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The **Canfield Lions Club** participated in the Annual Andy Skrobola Memorial Holiday Food Drive up until December 20. Over the past decade, service organizations in Canfield have given large amounts of money and food to many needy families in the community. Due to COVID-19 conditions and restrictions, monetary donations, instead of asking for nonperishable food items, were requested. Monetary donations will be used both to provide food vouchers for the needy during the holiday season and to help the needy at various times throughout the year.

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The annual **Willoughby Evening Lions Club** HoneyBaked Ham gift card fundraiser was held again in 2020 and runs until Jan 4th. See page 25 of this newsletter for details.

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Club Reports

DG Carol Snyder reported that at a recent meeting of the **Magnolia Lions Club**, two new Lions sponsored by PDG Jeff Snyder were inducted. Welcome Lions Jenn Crone and Bob Crone!

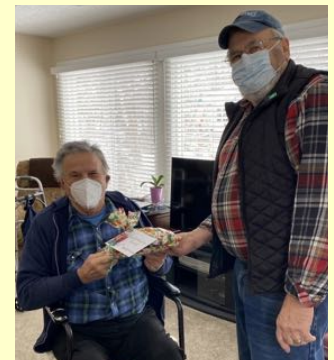
L-R: PDG Jeff Snyder, Lion Jenn Crone,
Lion Bob Crone, DG Carol Snyder



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Kent Lions Club members participated in the Salvation Army Giving tree program. About 20 Lions selected paper ornaments that listed a child's Christmas wishes. The Lions selected items from each list, purchased those items and delivered them to the Salvation Army for wrapping and presentation to the children. The club also reached out to Lions who have not been able to attend meetings in a while by making cookie trays and delivering them to nearby Lions and mailing Christmas greetings to those farther away.



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Lion Kathy Ray reports that the winner of the **Conneaut Lions Club** fundraiser drawing for a Yeti cooler filled with beverages was Mitch Storozuk. A video of the drawing can be found on the club's Facebook page.

Club Reports

The Boardman Center Intermediate School (BCIS) Food Pantry came about through a partnership between BCIS, the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley, and the **Boardman Lions Club**. When the pantry first opened in 2016, as the result of a student's suggestion, it was the first of its kind in Ohio. Since that time, other school districts have used it as a model to open their own pantries. Students come through the pantry at the end of the day on their way out to the busses. They choose both food items and personal products for themselves and for their families. Recently the school held its annual food drive. Students brought in over 4,000 items! Boardman Lions organized and shelved all the items. Lions also go in one day each week to restock the shelves. Throughout the year, the pantry is stocked with food from the Second Harvest Food Bank as well as with items purchased by Boardman Lions with donated funds.



This fundraiser ends Jan 4th. Act now to get your gift card!



WILLOUGHBY EVENING LIONS

Help us meet our fundraising goal
20% of every purchase supports our group

WHAT CAN YOU GET WITH A HONEYBAKED GIFT CARD?

There are so many ways to enjoy HoneyBaked. Every Honey Baked Ham is fully cooked & ready to serve, so you can spend less time in the kitchen and more time with family. Your gift card is good for their signature ham, tender turkey, delicious desserts or tasty Heat & Serve sides. And you know you will be serving the best! You can also use your to enjoy your favorite home-made sandwich all year long when you come in to a HoneyBaked Ham store for lunch!

You can use your HoneyBaked Gift Card to shop in-store at any HoneyBaked location nationwide or online and have it delivered. And the most satisfying part? 20% of your purchase goes directly to support the Willoughby Evening Lions. Click the link below and order your HoneyBaked Ham gift card today!

https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Willoughby_Evening_Lions_HoneyBaked_Ham_Fundraiser

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



**Come and Join us
for the 2021 Winter
Retreat as we
"ROAR INTO THE
20's"**

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

- THEME FOR THE WEEKEND THE 20'S
- FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT WITH ERIC MELLEBY
- LIONS TALENT SHOW ON SATURDAY
- SCAVENGER HUNT ALL WEEKEND
- FUN SESSIONS
- SERVICE PROJECTS-NOTE CARDS, FOOD DRIVE, EYE GLASSES/BALLCAPS COLLECTION

Salt Fork State Park
January 15-17, 2021
\$120.00 if paid by Dec.1,
\$140.00 after.
Register at www.ohiolions.org

**Register by December 1
for reduced rate!**

**Register at:
www.ohiolions.org**

**Or, see registration form
on page 30 of this
newsletter.**

**See pages 27-29 for
event schedule.**



**Winter Retreat
Service Projects:**

1. Note Cards- write "pick me up" notes to others.
2. Food Drive-bring a can or two of food
3. EyeGlasses/Ballcaps Collection

**At the end of the weekend
the Food Drive and EyeGlasses
and Ball caps will be split
between the districts.**




Lions Got Talent!

**Calling all Lions,
If you got talent
WE NEED YOU!**

We are having a talent show at the Winter Retreat on January 16, 2021. You can register at the retreat or contact Lion Debbie Horn @ country_girl740@yahoo.com



The Roaring Twenties

WINTER RETREAT, JANUARY 15 - 17, 2021

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021

	FRIDAY	3:00 - 4:00 Lobby	4:30	8:00	9:00 - Midnight	
A)	January 15, 2021	Registration	Dinner	Entertainment Eric Melchby	Social hour	

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021

	Session Times	Session # 1 (Room)	Session # 2 (Room)	Session # 3 (room)	Session # 4 (room)	Session # 5 (room)	
A)	9:00 - 9:45	Disaster Relief Info Lion Debbie Finn Do you know what should be in an Emergency Kit for a natural disaster? Join us to find out and learn how our love with Lion Debbie Finn's cannot be Disaster Relief come full circle into Lions.	Ask the Experts- Lions Officers-ED's, PEO's, Zone Chairs, District Governors ED Steve Thomson, PEO's Steve Shorn, Jerry Smith Have questions about Lions? Come ready with them and get answers.	Cambridge Museum of Glass Cindy Scott See and learn about beautiful Cambridge Glass	Grave Yards by Beth Sauters Beth Sauters Learn about the symbolism of grave clothes and their styles	Condiments at Large... A Seasonal Salt Fork Mystery Lion Judy Olson-R SPDG Joie Presley Assemble your team in the hole as you test your wits and deductive skill to solve the Salt Fork Mystery before it's too late!	
B)	10:00 - 10:45	My Lion for Everyone Friends on Holiday- Bring your laptop, tablet, smartphone! DR-Don Hansen Want to learn about My Lion? Come join DR Lion Don Hansen (JUL13-1300) give you the ins and outs of the system for reporting activities, keeping in touch with other clubs and Lions, and other aspects.	Family Feud Lion Linda Savage Come join the FUN! We guarantee you will have a good time.	Do you Aren't playing with a Full Deck, that's OK SPDG Joie Presley Not all games require 52 cards. Learn how card and party games for small and large groups. Participants will get an overview of several games and choose which ones to explore in detail.	Women Leaders in History SPDG Joie Presley Come and learn about some great women in history - Florence Weber, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Anne Oakley, Betty Ross, Helen Keller and Jacqueline Kennedy and the triumphs and tribulations they endured in their lifetimes.	Wild Flowers in Woods by John Hickenbottom John Hickenbottom Larger is inherently wildflowers and woods.	

C)	11:00 - 11:45	Learn How to Plan a Great Event POC Ron Kollar Learn how the TFP's (Project Planning Program) from Project Planning Program will make your next service project, fundraising event, celebration or convention a tremendous success. A professional event manager that has planned and managed hundreds of events for the Millwright Lions Club, MDX-13, US-Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Ohio State Fair, Ohio Festivals & Events Association, Sweet Corn Festival, and the City of Columbus for over 30 years.	Photo Basics (Bring your Camera) Marian Gray Taking a great photo is easy if you know a few basic skills. This session is the perfect place to learn some basic photography skills that can be used on a phone camera, all the way up to a DSLR to capture and create beautiful images.	Black, Red Mortality with Debbie Jody SPDG Joie Presley Come prepared for class participation! Learn some simple, easy techniques everyone needs to know and be aware of the profound themselves in today's world. Physical and non-physical techniques will be taught. Dress comfortably as easy to move about clothing and better shoes (high heels will be required).		
	LUNCH 12:15 - 1:30 (room 7)	LUNCH 12:15 - 1:30	Lunches, Special Program 7	LUNCH 12:15 - 1:30 (room 7)	LUNCH 12:15 - 1:30 (room 7)	LUNCH 12:15 - 1:30 (room 7)

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	Session Times	Session 01 (room 7)	Session 02 (room 7)	Session 03 (room 7)	Session 04 (room 7)	Session 05 (room 7)
01	1:00 - 1:45	Photo Editing (bring your Laptop, iPad, tablet) Linda Gray A lot of people who can take a photo, but not so many can edit. This session is all about learning how to take your photos into a NIK software through the power of editing. You will learn what the common photo editing tools are, what they do, and how to use them.	Cookie Decorating Dorothy Davis Come Decorate Cookies with our very own District Executive John Davis.	Evans of Ohio SPCC Bill Schultz Learn to identify some of Ohio	Life of Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan SPCC Justice Miller You know about Helen Keller, but do you know what Helen and Anne did before and after Helen Keller? Come and learn about the life of these great ladies and how their lives are brought to the world. The importance of helping the blind live a better life.	

02	2:00 - 2:45	Progression of Lions RC, South County, SPCC Linda Miller How has Lions changed since 1917? Come find out what has changed and why. Also what needs to happen to keep it going into the future.	NAMLI (North American Membership Initiative) Lion Michael Gable "What is NAMLI? The North America Membership Initiative is a national program designed to address and reverse the decline in Lions membership in CAN and CAL. This bottom up approach focuses on the heart of Lions Clubs, the Clubs. Because without them the rest of the organization is irrelevant. The Goals of this are to: Rejuvenate districts with new clubs, Rejuvenate clubs with new members, and Rejuvenate members with new friendships and exciting service."	Dickens Village Tom Derry See how things are done behind the scenes at Dickens Village.	Trains David Davis Learn about trains.	
03	4:00 - 4:45	Cheese Tasting Lion Rita Smith Come Learn about Cheese from one of our very own Lions. This is the best and best cheese shop is so delicious!	Day tripping around Ohio Lion John Green Re-discover the excitement, adventure and wonder of Ohio. Participants are encouraged to share their "special finds" as we travel some hidden treasures in Ohio.	Do's and Don't's at Majesty of Montreal-International Convention 2021 CC Larry Schuch Want to have fun? Want to meet Lions from all over the world? Want to participate in or just watch a fun parade? Want to see a real Parade of Nations? Want to see some other things? Want to hear distinguished guests? Want to see the incoming ICF President elected in? Want to enjoy the night of Montreal? The questions are endless! Come join the session and have questions about the Montreal International Convention for 2021 answered.	Understanding Diabetes & Diabetes Serv Lion Linda Wickham What is Diabetes? Types of Diabetes, Prevention of Diabetes, Life of a Diabetic, Diabetes, support for Children, Resources at Lions Club International Diabetes Organization, Applying for an ICF Diabetes Group Diabetes Service Project Ideas.	

	DINNER 6:30 (Room)	DINNER 6:30 (Room)	DINNER Special Program ?	DINNER 6:30 (Room)	DINNER 6:30 (Room)	DINNER 6:30 (Room)
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020

	Session Times	Session # 1 (Room)	Session # 2 (Room)		
(G)	8:15 – 8:45	WORSHIP SERVICE			
(G)	9:00 – 10:30		Breakfast Buffet		

VENDOR DISPLAYS – Saturday all day
Blue Frog Promotions: Clothing & Lions items;
Pin Traders
Games



2021 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 15, 16, 17, 2021

REGISTRATION FORM
SALT FORK STATE PARK RESORT
CAMBRIDGE, OH

REGISTRATION:

Full registration paid by December 1, 2020 will be \$120.00. Full registrations December 2, 2020-January 4, 2021 will be \$140.00. No registrations will be accepted after January 5, 2021. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-808-3170; Email: ohalions@gmail.com. Or use your credit card and go to www.ohiolions.org & use PayPal. NO REFUNDS AFTER January 6, 2021.

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat!

District

NAME

EMAIL

NAME

EMAIL

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ I/WE will be attending the Sunday Breakfast(Y/N)
Children's meal available: Total number of children: (price per meal to be determined)

SPECIAL NEEDS: Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal.

Registrant's Name: Needs:

Registrant's Name: Needs:

Session Facilitators

☐ Yes, ☐ No, would help as a session facilitator at the Winter Retreat.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel by phone 1-740-435-9000. Room reservations prior to December 10, 2020 may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions group rate of \$109.00/night plus tax. After December 11th the room rate may increase. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Check out www.saltforkstatepark.com for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!

Register by Dec 1 for reduced rate!
Registration closes on Jan 5.

**Application and payment
due no later than
March 15, 2021**



Application for Advertisement Space in the 101st Annual Ohio Lions State Convention Commemorative Program

Please reserve space for us in the 101st Annual Ohio Lions State Convention Commemorative Program. We understand that acceptance of this contract and advertising space is subject to the approval of the Ohio Lions Inc. and that the Convention Host Committee is not responsible for errors or omissions beyond reasonable diligence and control. Copy of advertisement or camera ready copy is herewith submitted with payment no later than March 15, 2021.

RATES

Business Card Advertisement (2 1/2" x 2" horizontal - black & white).....\$25.00
 Fourth Page Advertisement (5"x2" horizontal - black & white).....\$50.00
 Fourth Page Advertisement (2 1/2" x 4") -black & white\$50.00
 Half Page Advertisement (5"x4" horizontal - black & white).....\$75.00
 Full Page Advertisement (5"x8" vertical - black & white).....\$100.00

Due to the 2020 Book having been printed at a reduced total because of Covid, any Advertiser who ran an ad in the 2020 book can either receive an extra ad in the 2021 book or update to the next size for the lower cost. Full page ads can receive an additional smaller ad.

All checks & money orders payable to OHIO LIONS INC. Please specify on the memo line that the payment is for a Convention Program Advertisement.

Enclosed is a check or money order in the amount of \$_____ covering full payment for our advertisement.

Name/Company/Club: _____ District _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Authorized Signature

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Thank you for your support!



Dear Lions Club President & Secretary:

Below you will find a letter and donation form for your Lions Club. Please help our USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation continue to provide a great educational experience for our Leos attending the 4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum next July in Calgary, Canada. All clubs or Districts have a chance to receive a Banner patch for their support.

Sincerely,

Lion Pablo Romano, USACLLF President
Leo Fabian Maxwell, Chair, Leo Advisory Council
FVDG Michelle Harris, Chair, Host Committee





USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation, Inc.

"Proudly serving the Leos of Constitutional Area 1 & 2"

PABLO M. ROMANO
President & Co-Founder

November 28, 2020

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Dear Lions of Constitutional Area 1 and 2:

As we start our second century of service, we are investing in the future of Lions Clubs—our Leos. Our Leo Club Program started here in the United States almost sixty years ago and today continues to flourish with more than 7,280 clubs worldwide, 148,775 Leos in 152 countries. Just last year, Leo Clubs completed 30,092 projects. These clubs have served 6,381,616 people, and they are not stopping anytime soon.

We have united to encourage and inspire our Leos to be the great change we need for Lions' continued success. Our vision is to empower and further educate our Leos in areas of leadership and community engagement/development. With that said, Leo advocates gathered to form the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum. This Forum is the first of its kind in our Constitutional Area. A Forum organized for Leos by Leos.

From all over the United States, Canada, and Multiple District 60 "Islands of the Caribbean" and other affiliated territories, our Leos share a common set of values. They serve with enthusiasm, constantly striving to make positive, sustainable change to our communities. They inspire their peers and share their talents with those in need. They make an impact on our Lions and reinvigorate our lifetime commitment to serve in this organization. These values give our Leos the power to make a profound impact, and with "LIONS" on their side there can be no limit.

Our Leo Leadership Forum will provide Leos with various workshops in leadership, public speaking, community development, etc. These workshops will be developed by experts in the subject and co-facilitated by Leo leaders. At the completion of the Leo Leadership Forum, our Leos will receive their High School Degree. Moreover, we will offer fun activities so Leos can inspire and learn from each other and later bring home their newfound knowledge and share it with their clubs. This forum aims to make a demonstrated commitment to our Leos, who we believe are the future of Lions.

We hope you may consider donating any amount to our Foundation. Your generous donation will help our Foundation forward our mission of better supporting our Leos through our annual Leo Leadership Forum. As a sign of our appreciation, all donors will be recognized with a club patch or forum pin.

Yours in Lionism,


PABLO M. ROMANO
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Calgary, Alberta, CANADA • July 21st – 25th, 2021

DONATION FORM

Select One ►

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☐ Leo Club

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Entity Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

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Email _____

All donations received will help the Foundation defray cost for our Leos attending the Forum.

Donation Levels: ☐ US \$100 ☐ US \$250 ☐ US \$500 ☐ US \$ _____

Select One ►►

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☐ LEO FORUM PIN

Please make check payable to
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A Message from Our General Chair

As Father Time prepares to give way to Baby New Year, we look back and reflect on 2020. Physical activities came to a halt and then emerged online. Our leadership has been tested as we coped with uncertainty, learned new skills, and continued to serve through it all!

The Forum Planning Committee and the Host Committee of Iowa Lions have been hard at work to put plans in place for an AMAZING 2021 Forum that includes the programs you've come to enjoy at the Forum, as well as some new features to help in "Cultivating Leaders".

We are more hopeful than ever, that it will be safe enough for us to gather in person, and I really hope to welcome YOU to Des Moines for #LionsForum2021!

Best wishes for good health and a joyful holiday season,

Wendy Cain



UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

Mark Your 2020-2021 Calendar



NOW - WILLOUGHBY EVENING LIONS HONEYBAKED GIFT CARD SALE FUNDRAISER.

For more information see **page 25.**

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UPCOMING DISTRICT & STATE ACTIVITIES

Mark Your 2020-2021 Calendar



DEC 1, 2020 - MAR 31, 2021 - TRI-STATE LIONS MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE.

For more information see **pages 7-13.**

JAN 6 - LIONS EYE PROGRAM, INC., DELEGATES MEETING, 6:30 PM, THIS WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING.

For more information see **page 19.**

JAN 15-17, 2021 - WINTER RETREAT, SALT FORK STATE PARK, REGISTRATION CLOSING JAN 5.

For more information see **pages 26-30.**

MAR 15, 2021 - APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING SPACE IN THE 101st ANNUAL OHIO LIONS STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM.

For more information see **page 31.**

APR 9-11, 2021 - DISTRICT CONVENTION, HILTON GARDEN INN, EAST MARKET ST., AKRON, DETAILS LATER.

APR 17, 2021 - DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE, CLUB PRESIDENT & SECRETARY TRAINING 10am-12pm, CLUB TREASURER & COMPLIANCE TRAINING 2pm-4pm, THESE WILL BE ZOOM MEETINGS.

For more information see **page 17, and watch for more info in the February newsletter.**

APR 25, 2021 - DISTRICT ZONE CHAIR TRAINING, 10am-12pm, THIS WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING.

For more information see **page 17, and watch for more info in the February newsletter.**

JUL 21-25, 2021 - 4th USA/CANADA LEO LEADERSHIP FORUM, CALGARY, CANADA.

For more information see **pages 32-34.**

SEP 9-11, 2021 - USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM, DES MOINES, IA, DETAILS LATER.

Initial flyer see **page 35.**