



Lion Pride Through Service

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LCI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We Can Overcome

Greetings Lions,

The past year has been one marked by struggle. The struggle to stay healthy; the struggle to serve those in need; the struggle to maintain some sense of who we are in the face of such unprecedented circumstances.

But a new year lies ahead. And with that, a renewed sense of purpose and meaning. When I think of all we have faced I am reminded of the words of Helen Keller, who praised struggle as one of our greatest blessings. It teaches us patience and sensitivity, she said. It teaches us that although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.

And, I have seen that in the work Lions do. I still see it. I see Lions working through obstacles with patience. I see Lions showing great empathy for those who have been most affected by hardship. And, I see Lions not just overcoming, but helping the world to overcome.

This is a new year. Time to look ahead and not behind. While we can and must be changed by the challenges of the past year, we must continue to move forward as Lions. And, we do this through service.

Let's look toward a new year, which will be filled with new struggles, yes, and also new possibilities.

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi,
International President, Lion Club International



We Serve



Dear Lion Leader,

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- **Convention updates** – Check our convention website [LCICon](#) for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



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Lions of OH4, is anyone else still having trouble remembering what year it is? Every week runs into the next, and it's hard to think what has changed for us as we deal with another month ahead. I have been encouraged this past month by visiting in person with four clubs (Homeworth, Perry Township, Magnolia and Sherrodsville) plus on-screen Zoom connections with Kent, North Coast, Youngstown, Uniontown and Alliance, plus the Eye Care Foundation and other Ohio Lions and LCI gatherings. It is so good to hear the enthusiasm as we share what has been going on in our service, and learn from each other new ways to communicate, raise funds and plan projects. Congrats to Homeworth for having two young guests at their meeting who plan to join next month!

One phrase that comes to mind as I consider this season is "better late than never." That might apply to the Christmas cards that are still coming in the mail, or the Christmas/Charter celebration meal I shared with Perry Lions, but it is not applicable to all situations! One challenge we face as a district each year is keeping clubs updated in monthly reports, but especially staying in compliance with the government reports to IRS and Ohio Attorney General. It is so important to communicate updates in contact information to your own club and through MyLCI so we know how to get hold of each other easily. Without communication we can't excel in service. Failure to send in club updates may mean we are charged for members no longer with us. (FYI, LCI counts our membership for billing on June 30 and Dec. 31, while Ohio does so on May 31 and Nov. 30.) You know there can be penalties for filing late personal tax returns, and the same is true for non-profit organizations. We don't want to take the chance of losing our non-profit status, paying penalties, or large application fees to get our status back. Thank you for all who are diligent in reporting in a timely fashion.

During these wintry evenings, I have been on a "learning curve" by participating in various webinars hosted by International, and through hearing speakers from club meetings. One such was labeled "Bridging the Tech Divide" hosted by Global Lions Forum. (Many of these are recorded on YouTube, by the way.) It centered on sharing ideas using tools such as Facebook and websites to spread the word of what we do as Lions. One suggestion is that those of us who are learning these skills should spread the knowledge by offering to help others connect by practicing with them one-on-one, so they don't feel awkward trying to

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connect with a larger group. (I know PDG Mike and IPDG Tony are already doing this.) Another suggested first getting together for a club social online, so it's more enjoyable and less intimidating than a more formal meeting.

A guest speaker on the Alliance Zoom meeting gave an interesting talk on how our generations communicate and approach life because of their life experiences. We "Baby boomers" are quite different from Gen X and Millennials who are "tech natives", and Gen Z who can't imagine not being 24/7 connected on devices. This does not mean anyone is wrong, but we need to adjust, adapt and change to understand each other. It is suggested that we initiate conversations with "younger" prospective members, asking them to help solve issues and using their strengths for an advantage. As we strengthen relationships we can hope to build future clubs, perhaps looking different from ours today.

As a last main point, I will concur with what Vice Governor Judy is also writing about concerning leadership. We need district Lions who are willing to take a chance on stepping up for their club or district. "Do Not Be Afraid" was a point made in my church service today. I know I was nervous when I decided to accept a district office and later to run for Governor. If I can do it, being at heart an introvert, so can you!! Leadership can be a lot of fun, and most Lions are helpful and forgiving with the mistakes we all make. Please truly consider helping our Lions community by nominating yourself for an office! See VG Judy or myself for suggestions of places that might fit your skills and interests.

Finally, I am letting you know that as of now our district convention planned for April 9-11 has been cancelled due to Covid restrictions for group meetings. This is very sad for me and others who have been involved in planning. There is a mailing to be sent out concerning registering delegates for the business meeting and voting. We are planning a virtual business meeting with voting by email/or through the postal service. Details will follow soon. We hope to still have some sort of gathering in the spring or summer so we can celebrate the year together. Please feel free to share your ideas on that with me, VG Judy, or any of our cabinet leaders. I appreciate your input.

Stay safe and healthy until we can meet together,

Carol Snyder, District Governor





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Hello Lions of OH4! The end of the holiday rush is now past us and I am hoping you are all recovered. The 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.

During January, Lions Clubs International held 4 webinars on building membership with the North American Membership Initiative "NAMI". On the International Website there are tools for you to access this initiative for building membership. Visit the MyLion section where you can find items to help you with the process of building membership. There are resources available to download. Look under the NAMI title or North American Membership Initiative to see what resources would benefit your clubs growth. It is a good time, despite the pandemic, to build membership in your club economically. Lions International has extended waiving the new Lions \$35.00 initiation fee until June 30th. It is time to reach out to our younger folks using the tools of technology. Perhaps forming a "Branch" club with the young folks of your community using the tools to be a cyber-club should be considered and explored. Our potential to grow is only limited by our desire to learn new ways of doing Lions business.

How visible are you and your Lions club? With the pandemic still raging in our communities, it is hard to maintain visibility. However, it is not impossible if you use some of today's technological tools and still do community projects. If you have family, I would hope you keep in contact at least with a phone call regularly. Did you know that with a smart phone you can see those family members' faces? That has kept me going over this past year of COVID as I talk to family members and the grandkids especially. That phone can link you to the world that is hiding during this pandemic time. Not only can you see faces on calls, but the Facebook app allows you to connect with people all over. One can open it up with very limited information visible to anyone. In fact, this is where those younger people in our lives can and are willing to help us learn.

As far as visibility through service there are ways to keep your Lion symbol visible during this minimal contact time. One project many clubs have adopted is the Trex Bench Recycling program. This falls under our Environmental Cause, which by the way is a hot topic these days. Especially with the younger generations. Five hundred pounds of clean and dry "plastic film" collected in a 6-month period earns you a bench. Yep, one free TREX bench per 500 lbs. of clean plastic! Acceptable plastic includes, but is not limited to,

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such items as cereal and bread bags, newspaper bags, plastic wrap that surrounds cases of bottled water, paper towels, or toilet paper, and clear bubble wrap. Some clubs are doing this using social media, and in less than 6 months collected well over their 500 lbs. of plastic, took pictures, placed their pictures on Facebook and are now on their way to a second bench. In 2 months, one club has collected over 200 lbs. with the help of their community. They are well on their way to bench #2!!!

Challenges of the Pandemic have been discussed in the NAMI webinars I have attended recently. Lots of ideas have been presented. One that caught my attention was what a club did to build membership. This club shared their success story of having a club membership of over 60 members in a community of just a bit over 600 people. They did it with projects where they increased their visibility by social media and wearing their "LION" shirts! Hmm could that be a challenge to us all? There are webinars on MyLion and YouTube discussing how to host a ZOOM meeting as well as tips on how to use social media to promote your club. Ideas are presented by clubs that used these tips to improve their clubs visibility during this pandemic time. You will also find info on all types of club membership available. Descriptions about "the traditional club", branch clubs, cyber clubs and specialty clubs are presented. Each model can be used to grow Lionism. Consider giving them a view!

Finally, what is your Vision for your club and the Vision for District OH4 in the future? Do you have the skills to be a leader in either your club or district? Many of you do and I challenge you to give those officers in your clubs a chance to revitalize your club. Put your name in nomination for a position in your club. Those that have been club officers might consider placing your name in NOMINATION for a DISTRICT Cabinet position. You all have talents and fresh ideas! We are in need of a Second Vice Governor for our district. Are you willing to serve? I will be forming my working cabinet to serve the Lions of OH4 soon. I would welcome hearing from you in that you are interested in serving OH4! Feel free to call or e-mail today of your area of interest.

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[Visit the MyLion page and look at the resources that exist for downloading.](#)



Lions of District 13 OH4,

January is almost in the books. February 2021 looks to be a busy month. Now is the time for putting your plans together for recruiting new members. In February we will have a Club Membership Chairperson Meeting to answer all your questions and network to get ideas from others. One new idea that I received was to look into starting a Virtual Lions Club. I've attached a Virtual Clubs Frequently Asked Questions for you as a resource. We have to think outside the proverbial box. You can also start a Virtual Specialty club.

Also, MD OH13 is a part of the of 3 State Membership Challenge with Indiana, Michigan & Ohio. The framework is to provide themes from which clubs may use and build upon to generate interest and enthusiasm toward engaging (or reengaging) the club to reach out to community members to learn more about Lions; how Lions change lives and how Lions impact communities. The premise is to use "Just Ask", The Ohio Plan, or other means by which to generate new members. Bring in a new member to get your Tri-State Membership Challenge button! Please share your input and thoughts as we Roar Forward toward conquest of Hoosiers and Michiganders.

Membership isn't easy. But we have to get over our fears of asking someone to join Lions. Just imagine what being a Lion has done for all of us. Why shouldn't we want to share this feeling with friends and family and other people that are in our lives. Go Ohio Lions!!

Tony DeLuke - IPDG/GMT Coordinator



Virtual Clubs

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q** How do I charter a virtual club?
- A** To charter a virtual Lions club follow the same steps to charter a club that meets in person. Please consult the New Club Development Toolbox for detailed information.
- Q** Can members of a virtual club live in different countries?
- A** In order to charter a club, 75% of the charter members must reside or work within the same multiple district. Some of the charter members of the club may work or live in a different geographical area. The Membership Development Committee will consider request from chartering clubs with more than 25% of their members living or working outside of the multiple district. Information must be submitted with the charter documentation for approval consideration.
- Q** How many times a month does a virtual club meet?
- A** Members of a virtual club meet as many times as they deem necessary. Meetings can be held on a virtual platform, or can take place in person before or after a service project or fundraising activity. As long as the meetings satisfy quorum requirements and allow for full discussion, the frequency and style of meeting are to be decided at the recommendation of the board of directors, and with the approval of the club members. Changes can be made to the club's constitution and by-laws to reflect the meeting frequency and style.
- Q** What type of service activities do virtual clubs do?
- A** A virtual club may choose its own service activities depending on the interest of its members, and the needs in the community. It is expected that members of a virtual club will have the opportunity to gather together to serve depending on their availability.
- Q** Are virtual clubs a type of Specialty Club?
- A** Virtual clubs offer an alternative type of meeting and management style for its members. They are not a type of Specialty club unless the members share a common interest or passion such as a hobby or profession. If so, the club may choose to identify as a Specialty club. Visit the Specialty Clubs Program site for more information.
- Q** Can virtual club members hold leadership positions?
- A** Members of a virtual club can hold leadership positions just as any other Lion. Club members interested in, and eligible for, leadership positions at the club, district, multiple district, or international level must consider the expectations of travel and in-person participation for these roles.
- Q** How can I find a virtual club in my area?
- A** The Club Locator function on the Lions Clubs website will soon allow you to search for virtual clubs in your area. For a list of active virtual clubs visit the lionsclubs.org/virtualpage. You can reach out to them by finding their most updated contact information on the Club Locator tool and searching by Keyword for the club's name.
(For club branches you will need to search by the Parent's club name)
- Q** Do clubs need to have Robert Rules of order listed in the by-laws?
- A** All chartered Lions clubs are autonomous, meaning that each Lions club is an independent legal entity that is responsible for its own day-to-day management and internal operating procedures. Board Policy permits a respective Lions club flexibility in determining if the format of regular or special meetings will be in person, or by an alternative format, such as teleconference and/or web conference.

**For additional information or if you have any questions please write to membership@lionsclubs.org
For more information and access to resources, visit lionsclubs.org/virtualpage**

New Member Fee Waiver Extension

LCI has extended the waiver of the \$35 induction fee through June 30, 2021.

They are also waiving the \$100 Charter Fee for new clubs.

This means any new members brought into our organization will not be required to pay the initiation fee.

Normal dues are still required.

This is a great opportunity for recruiting new Lions and comes in time to assist with winning the Tri-State Membership Challenge.

Check out the Challenge information available here:

<http://www.ohiolions.org/news-events/news/261-tri-state-lions-membership-challenge>



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???

For more information on the Tri-State Lions Membership Challenge, see the January 2021 issue of the District Newsletter.

Yours in Lionism
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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!!!**

A Statistical Snapshot

	<u>Membership 12/9/2020 - 1/10/2021</u>		<u>Overall For The Year</u>	
MD13 Ohio	-31 members	(-0.3%)	-275 Members	(-2.64%)
MD11 Michigan	-42 Members	(-0.44%)	-152 Members	(-1.58%)
MD25 Indiana	-124 Members	(-1.39%)	-233 Members	(-2.59%)

	Active Clubs	Members	Members/Club	2020 Growth
MD13	376	10,337	28	-275
Average/District	53	1,477		-39.4
MD13 OH4	54	1,422	26	-59

Compliance 2021

The following four pages (15-18) contain a letter from PCC Dave Risen concerning a matter of extreme importance. Having our clubs compliant with Federal and State law is critical to our organization remaining an organization. Please pass this information along to as many Lions as you can.

Unfortunately, in some clubs we have not been successful in communicating to the leadership the necessity of complying with the law. Our hope is that club members will gain an understanding of the perilous position we are putting ourselves in and take the initiative to help rectify the situation. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that in the near future LCI will be forced to cancel clubs that do not meet the standards of the law. This is not a problem only for Lions, but all non-profit organizations; and not just in Ohio but the entire nation.

All members and clubs, please be clear, that we have people that are more than willing to assist in correctly meeting our obligations. The procedures to normally report the needed information literally only takes minutes. Getting clubs back into compliance after they have lost their tax exempt status does require more effort and possibly financial penalties. The thought of losing clubs for the lack of a few minutes of paperwork is heart breaking to PCC Dave, myself and I believe you also. This is something we must make right.

Thank you.

Yours in Lionism,
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IMPORTANT LETTER TO ALL OHIO LIONS CLUBS AND FOUNDATIONS

Dear Ohio Lions Leaders, Clubs and Foundations,

It has become necessary that I take this opportunity to reach out to all the Ohio Lions, its Clubs and Foundations regarding the issue of compliance as it relates to the Ohio Attorney General and the Internal Revenue Service.

Firstly, please let me provide you with a brief history of how this compliance requirement came about and how the Ohio Lions are addressing this matter in the formation of the State Compliance Committee.

The Compliance Committee became an adhoc committee at the August 13, 2017 COG meeting and reappointed at the August 5, 2018 COG meeting. At this same August 5, 2018 COG meeting a motion was made to make this Compliance adhoc committee a standing State committee and was approved. It was placed on the ballot at the May 2019 State Convention at which time the Lion delegates to that convention voted and approved it as a standing State committee.

Each District Governor has appointed a representative to serve on this State Compliance Committee for a three-year term and can be reappointed if in good standing to serve two (2) consecutive terms. Each Compliance Committee member is subject to all matters related to the Ohio Lions Policy Manual as well as its Constitution and By-Laws.

The general and primary purpose of this State Compliance Committee is to ensure that all Ohio Lions clubs within Multiple District 13 are compliant with the current Federal and State Agencies, including but not limited to the Internal Revenue Service, the Ohio Department of Taxation, and the Ohio Attorney General.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, also known as the “Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act”, is a United States federal law that set new or expanded requirements for all US public companies, boards, management and public accounting firms. This act was a reaction to a number of major corporate and accounting scandals, including Enron and WorldCom. This act served as the major catalyst in the creation of regulations to define how public and private organizations comply with the law to include compliance with the Internal Revenue Service.

IMPORTANT BROAD STATEMENT:

Every Ohio Lions Club and Foundation (whether club level or district/state level) must file annual returns with the IRS and the Ohio Attorney General Office. Additionally, for club's schedule of sales tax and corporate returns with the Ohio Department of Taxation is also required. It is also strongly recommended that every Ohio Lions club incorporate itself to protect the personal assets of its members.

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A brief overview of the current requirements and future possible initiatives by both the Internal Revenue Service and the Ohio Attorney General.

Internal Revenue Service

Generally, tax-exempt organizations must file an annual informational return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). Most small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts that are normally \$50,000.00 or less can satisfy their annual reporting requirement by electronically submitting Form 990-N if they choose not to file Form 990 or 990-EZ. The club's gross revenue is the total amount it received from all sources, without subtracting any cost or expenses. You may file the return as soon as the fiscal year ends. It must be filed within 4 ½ months of the fiscal year ending. **For clubs using the standard fiscal year you may file after June 30th but before November 15th.**

If an Organization fails to file either Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-N three years in a consecutive row, the IRS will automatically revoke its tax exemption status.

The IRS has no appeal process for automatic revocations due to failure to file the appropriate returns for three years. Without this status your organization is not determined as a tax-exempt organization and is not determined or granted this exemption. If this tax exemption is revoked the process of requesting it be reinstated requires submission of required forms, letters along with filing fees.

Currently the IRS is extremely proactive on data base collection and tracking. It is statutorily required to maintain this data base as well as affirm that the required informational forms are properly completed and filed. Letters or notices of tax exemption revocation are updated, reviewed and submitted accordingly. Continued efforts by the IRS to monitor and track those determined to be in the status of tax revocation is continuous. Penalties could be \$20.00 per day for every day that the return is not filed. The penalty could be a maximum of \$10,000.00 or 5% of gross receipts. If penalties are assessed that can be appealed. If the club is not given or granted reinstatement it could be liable for taxes. They would need to file the standard Corporation taxes on an 1120 tax form. The status as an Ohio non-profit organization is a structural designation, not a tax designation. Note: this will only affect the club. It will not affect the contributions since 501 (c)(4) donations are not tax deductible.

The importance and requirement of completion of the annual IRS informational return is paramount. It is most assured that the IRS will continue to monitor all non for profits to include those nonprofits whom have lost its tax-exemption status. The anticipation and likelihood of possible future increased assessments and penalties as well as other actions for non-compliance is always a possibility.

The State Compliance Committee is constantly reviewing and monitoring all data reports provided by the IRS "Guide Star" online system as well as all data reporting provided by the Ohio Attorney General and its Charitable Law Section.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

All Ohio Lions clubs must be registered with the Ohio Attorney General through its Charitable Law section online portal. Upon completion of this registration process the Attorney General's office will notify each club when it needs to file any additional reports. Annual reports are based on each club estimated gross income. The initial registration should be filed before engaging in any sale or donation request during the club's fiscal year. If annual reports are needed, they will be due on the same day as the IRS deadline of November 15th for clubs using the standard fiscal year. All Federal extensions are granted.

Currently the Ohio Attorney General, through its Charitable Law Section, is mandated by certain Ohio Revised codes whose many duties is to monitor and track registration of charities, fundraisers, and professional solicitors, by investigating abuses of charitable trusts, by cooperating with local law enforcement officials to prosecute crimes against charities, by licensing and regulating charitable bingo and by providing tools for the public to research charities and their fundraisers to include offering resources and training to charitable organizations.

The positive relationship between myself and the staff of the Ohio Attorney General Charitable Law section has and continues to be most beneficial. The State Compliance Committee receives updated data reporting upon request. This positive cooperation and communications are not only available to me and to the State Compliance Committee but to all Ohio Lions Clubs and Foundations for questions or concerns.

Ohio Revised Code Sections 109.23-109.32 defines many of the matters relating to a charity and non-for-profit organizations to include the responsibility of registration and annual informational report file requirement. The Ohio Attorney General, and its Charitable Law Section, adheres to this responsibility and requirement to include informational data to other State agencies and regulatory departments.

In closing, every Ohio Lions Club and Foundation must be aware that it is more than just a not for profit organization. It is a business and as such it must adhere to those State and Federal laws and requirements.

We can no longer rest on our laurels.

Our future continued existence as a service organization to our community, our District and to those many we serve hinges on our ability to comply with those laws and rules of law both on the State and Federal level.

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All Ohio Lions, to include its Club and District leaders, its clubs and Foundations, must be proactive and make compliance a priority goal and mission.

We currently have access to many available informational outlets that are available to all of us that are both informative and educational regarding compliance as follows:

IRS- www.irs.gov

Ohio Attorney General Charitable Law Section- www.charitable.ohioago.gov

Office contact- 1-800-2820515

Ohio Lions MD-13- www.ohiolions.gov (Click Links-“Legal Considerations & Procedures” as well as GLT Training Virtual Seminars on Compliance)

Additionally, the State Compliance Committee is available to assist with any related Compliance matters in your District. The State Compliance Committee is as follows:

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I, along with the entire State Compliance Committee, ask that Compliance be at the forefront of your club and Foundations yearly operational checklist. That we continue to be attentive and proactive to those State and Federal Compliance requirements knowing that we have available the resources and dedicated Lions to assist when and if needed.

I wish you all the very best.

Please stay safe and well.

Thank you so very much,

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Lions, LCIF, and Campaign 100: What We All Need to Know

As Lions we certainly know what it means to be a Lion: We Serve! But at times it's hard to keep track of all of the pieces and moving parts of our international organization. Here's a quick primer about our organization, our foundation, and Campaign 100.

Let's start with the organization that all our clubs belong to: Lions Clubs International. **Lions Clubs International** is the international non-political service organization established originally in 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, by Melvin Jones. LCI's mission is to empower volunteers to serve our communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions clubs and to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

Lions Clubs International Foundation was founded in 1968 with the mission to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants. LCIF awarded its first grant in 1972, and established the Melvin Jones Fellowship program the following year. See the evolution of the LCIF on the timeline at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/history>.

Our district was recently awarded two grants from LCIF. The Diabetes Grant and District and Community Impact Grant to benefit Camp Ho Mita Koda would not have been possible without our Foundation.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of our foundation. Presented to those who donate \$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others, it's a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of our founder, Melvin Jones.

Campaign 100 is LCIF's most ambitious fundraising campaign in history to raise \$300 million over the life of the campaign, which has been extended to 2022. All Lions and Lions Clubs have been asked to participate in the campaign through fundraising and personal, and club donations to LCIF. Each club has been asked to designate an LCIF club chair to help communicate information about Campaign 100. If your club hasn't yet designated an LCIF chair, any of your club officers can reach out to me for more information. As the OH4 LCIF chairperson, I have additional information about the Campaign, LCIF, MJFs, and am happy to help answer any questions you might have.

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Awards: Knights of the Blind and Melvin Jones Fellowships

I've recently had a couple of questions about the difference between two of the awards that many clubs in our district award. Here are the details:

Melvin Jones Fellowships Awards are awarded from Lions Clubs International Foundation. Clubs or individuals qualify to present this award when \$1,000 is donated to LCIF. As your District LCIF Coordinator, I can help determine the amounts your clubs have on account with LCIF and I can assist with the application process.

Knights of the Blind Awards are awarded from the Melvin Jones District 13-OH4 Eye Care Foundation. The Eye Care Foundation's mission is to provide financial assistance to individuals in obtaining needed vision care including eye exams, eye-related medical procedures, and the acquisition of eyeglasses in cases of (confirmed) financial need where other sources of assistance have been exhausted or are unavailable. Clubs can present this award when \$500 is donated to the Eye Care Foundation. Applications are available from the Eye Care Foundation. If you want to know how much your club has on account with the foundation, PDG John Woodside, Treasurer of the Eye Care Foundation, can answer your questions.

Still have questions? Please let me know!

Lion Maureen Lerch
LCIF District Coordinator OH4
848 Deerfield LN NE
Massillon, OH 44646
mlerch@uakron.edu
330-806-8433 (text or leave message)

Spring Conference

April 17, 2021

10am or 2pm

All meetings will be online via ZOOM!

Training for Club President
Instructor IPDG Tony Deluke

At 10 am

Join The Club President Training Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82549407346>

Meeting ID: 825 4940 7346

Passcode: 864449

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Training for Club Secretary
Instructors Lion Sharon Hall & PDG Michael Tyler

At 10am

Join The Club Secretary Training Zoom Meeting

Time: Apr 17, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032202985>

Meeting ID: 810 3220 2985

Dial by your location

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Training for Club Treasurer
Instructor PCC Paul Metrovich

At 2pm

Join The Club Treasurer Training Zoom Meeting

Time: Apr 17, 2021 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83636559702>

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Training for Club Compliance Officer
Instructor PCC Betty Robbins

At 2pm

Join The Club Compliance Officer Training Zoom Meeting

Time: Apr 17, 2021 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89062042115>

Meeting ID: 890 6204 2115

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Help is here for Club Secretaries!

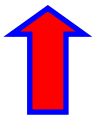
If you are a Club Secretary and you're having trouble using the MyLCI app to do your club's membership reports, or using the My Lion app, or have questions on all you need to do as a club secretary - we can help you!

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:

- Maintain member names, addresses and phone numbers
- 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

As per the letter below, District Diabetes Chairperson, Lion Ernie Richmann happily reports that the \$60,000 LCIF grant request to help with Camp Ho Mita Koda cabin renovations, has been approved. A steering committee, consisting of Lion Ernie Richmann, DG Carol Snyder, FVDG Judy Young, PCC Paul Metrovich, IPDG Tony DeLuke and Camp Director Ian Roberts, has been established to approve a press release and implement an action plan. One building that requires renovation but is not covered by the grant will be worked on by Lion volunteers in the spring. Watch for news on this work and on a camp tour in a future issue of the district newsletter.



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Dear Lions,

On behalf of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), congratulations on your project being awarded a grant! Your dedication to humanitarian service is outstanding and you exemplify the Lions' motto, "We Serve."

For more than 50 years, LCIF has awarded grants to elevate the service of Lions. In that time, we have awarded more than 14,000 grants totaling over US\$1 billion to support the compassionate work of Lions around the world. This grant was made possible entirely by donations to LCIF. Use your grant judiciously and serve with pride. LCIF's reputation as the best converter of funds to service depends on how you make the most of this grant.

I also want to thank you for your support of our Foundation. This funding is made possible by Lions; the general public; and corporate, foundation, and government partners. To build a future promising a better world, LCIF will increase Lions impact in protecting vision, supporting youth, providing disaster relief, and creating programs that address the needs of at-risk and vulnerable populations. LCIF will also reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed, and expand our global causes to include hunger, childhood cancer, and the environment. Our world is in need. Campaign 100 will raise US\$300 million, empowering Lions to serve hundreds of millions of people. Learn more at lionsclubs.org/campaign100.

Keep in mind your project results are critical to the continuation of our grants and programs. Be sure to carefully report your outcomes. Also, share stories and pictures with Lions, LCIF, and people around you. Great service like your project is the best way to spread the message of Lions Clubs International Foundation. I wish you all the best for your project; I'm excited to hear about the impact you have upon the lives you are touching.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Gudrun Yngvadottir
 Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

OHIO LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION (OLERF)

This year marks 63 years that the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) has been committed to finding treatments and cures for blinding retinal diseases. With your support, we have been able to develop new breakthroughs and fund groundbreaking research that provides hope to those living with blinding retinal diseases through our grants and fellowships. However, there is still much more work to be done in the fight against blindness, and we cannot do it without you. Now is the time to renew/continue your dedication to ending blindness and vision loss here and around the world.

You can help OLERF find treatments and cures by continuing your commitment as a supporter to those affected by retinal diseases. Just look at what we have been able to accomplish together. However, there is still more work to be done and we will not stop until we have eradicated blinding retinal diseases and restored vision across the world.

- **All funds** received by OLERF **remain in Ohio** for research
- **\$466,248.80 committed last year** for 13 research projects
- Over **\$7 million dollars** have been given to Ohio researchers by OLERF

More than 10 million Americans — and millions more worldwide — live with blinding retinal diseases. Your support brings hope for therapies, treatments, and cures.

Contact PDG Michael Tyler at mpty526@oh.rr.com, 440-975-0477 or send donation to PDG Tyler 2770 Worrell Road Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44094 to donate.

LIONS EYE PROGRAM, INC.

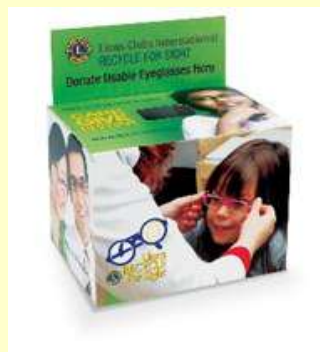
David Lloyd George once said “don’t be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated; you can’t cross a chasm in two small jumps.” The Lions Eye Program is looking to fill the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents for 2021-23. If you are willing to make those big steps, please call (216) 363-2500 and leave a message. Your call will be appreciated and returned promptly.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 3rd, via Zoom, at 6:30 p.m. Club secretaries will be contacted later this month and the invitations will be emailed, along with the minutes of the January 6th meeting. All Lions in good standing are welcome to attend.

Once again, if you have BOXED donations of “retired” eye glasses, sun glasses and cases and have room to store them, please do so until they can be delivered to VOSH, which should be in 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 in advance for helping us continue to serve.

Lion Lois Lowe
Secretary





Scholarships

The Ohio Lions Youth Committee reminds Ohio Lions, Lioness members, and Ohio Leos that there are 2 scholarships where **applications must be submitted by March 1, 2021**, to be considered.

1. **LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club)** - \$2,500 scholarship for a graduating senior who is a child or grandchild of a Lions or Lioness Club member, or is a Leo Club member. Completed LITPC forms go to PID Steve Sherer (information on application form).
2. **Ohio Lions Leo Scholarship** - \$500 scholarship for a graduating senior who is an Ohio Leo Club member. (Completed forms go to Ohio Youth Committee District Youth Chairs as noted on the form.)

Both applications are available by sending an Email to youth@ohiolions.org. Please note "scholarship application request" on the subject line of the Email.

Contact: Ohio Lions Youth Committee Chair
PCC Darlene Roll
youth@ohiolions.org
419-371-5515

Ohio Lions eNews Guidelines

This is a reintroduction of the Ohio Lions eNews service available to all Lions Clubs throughout Ohio.

As we recover from COVID-19 and its restrictions, we hope to have more Lions events and fundraisers to announce to all Lions in our email address database.

If you have an event or fundraiser you would like to advertise statewide, please review the guidelines on the following page and then send it to mdl3enews@gmail.com.

If there are members, new or old, that would like to be added to our email address database, please send your request to mdl3enews@gmail.com.

Stay safe and thank you for using the Ohio Lions eNews service.

Contact - Ohio Lions eNews Coordinator,
mdl3enews@gmail.com

This eNews service is only for upcoming events or fundraisers that a club or district would like to have announced on a statewide basis. Send the event information to MD13enews@gmail.com at least two weeks prior to the event. Each event will only be sent out one time. A correction may be sent out if the eNews Coordinator feels it's warranted. Preferably the information should be formatted as follows:

Who - Club Name, OH-#

What - Short title of event

When - Date and time, perhaps also a deadline for early registration etc.

Where - Name of facility/location and complete address with zip code

Details - Any information on the event, perhaps a link to a website with information

Contact - Name of contact person(s) with email address and/or phone number

An event flyer can also be attached if desired. Please provide it as a PDF, or as a JPEG.

There are four exceptions:

- 1) The eNews service will be used for any Lion's death that a statewide attendance might be expected for visitation. The notice will be sent out ASAP even if another event has already been announced on that day.
- 2) We may distribute the State Lions newsletter through the eNews.
- 3) Critical messages from State Committee Chairs or Foundations that benefit all Ohio Lions may be sent through the eNews. These will be distributed on a case by case basis.
- 4) And the eNews will be used for voting notification at the state convention.

In regards to endorsement for an International Office

A) The eNews will follow the guidelines of the MD13 Liaison Committee.

B) Each candidate will be allowed to submit up to 2 informational notices (resumé) of their candidacy. One will be allowed during January and one during April. Resumés must be received by the eNews Coordinator no later than the 25th day of said months to allow time to place the eNews posting by the end of those two months.

C) This resumé must be positive in nature, self-promoting and with no editorial comments toward any other candidate. Flyers or attachments will be limited to two letter size pages.

D) Only the candidate or their approved Campaign Chairperson will be permitted to submit these resumés.

E) The Liaison committee will pre-approve all campaign notices/resumés or they may designate the MD13 Marketing and Communications Chairperson (or another unbiased individual) to do the pre-screening. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CANDIDATE TO GET THE APPROVED NOTICE/RESUME TO THE ENEWS COORDINATOR NO LATER THAN THE 25TH DAY OF SAID MONTHS FOR TIMELY DISTRIBUTION.

Thank you,
Ohio Lions eNews Coordinator

March 2018



Massillon Lions Club Amazon Gift Card Raffle Fundraiser

This activity will be held on
January 19, 2021 - April 15, 2021

It's 2021 and the Massillon Lions Club continues to serve our community, safely and at a distance! Because we are not able to host our much anticipated annual show this year, we are holding a Spring Raffle with a grand prize of a \$1000 Amazon Gift Card. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and only 300 will be sold. Contact any Massillon Lions Club member for tickets. This raffle will support our club's special projects which benefit our annual Washington High School Scholarship, vision initiatives, and the support of many local community organizations. Join us online for a Facebook Live event on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 6 p.m. for the prize drawing. The winner does not need to view the live drawing to win.

Join the Facebook live event drawing at:
6:00 PM, Thursday, April 15

Contact King Lion Bryan Corbin for tickets or information:
bcorban103@gmail.com or 330-844-7461



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every Saturday in April from 10am - 2pm.

RAFFLE DRAWING: MAY 1ST

**TICKETS
\$10 EACH**

OR

**6 TICKETS
FOR \$50**



Club Reports

The **Kent Lions Club** went to work shortly after a November presentation by Lions Diane and Dan Kuntzman (Suffield Lions Club) on the Trex recycling program. The program awards one Trex bench every six months for collecting and recycling 500 pounds of plastic wrap. The Suffield and Brimfield Lions and Leos have already been awarded a number of benches for their efforts in recycling. IPDG Tony DeLuke is heading the campaign where many Kent Lions are saving their shopping bags, bread wrappers, newspaper bags, cereal bags and other plastics we encounter every day. Lion Wayne Wilson is taking it a step further by collecting pallet stretch wrap from local stores. In less that two months, Kent Lions Club is halfway to their first bench. Other Lions Clubs in the district are also participating in the program. Why not share your stories and pictures in this newsletter in the coming months. For more information on the Trex recycling program go to: <https://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/>



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PCC Ben Cosgray
Exec. Sec't OLF



**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**
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 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 upsize 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: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Authorized Signature

Date

Send this form, payment and camera ready advertisement to:
 PDG Jim Ferritto 178 East Parkway Dr., Madison, Ohio 44057
 440-223-6138 james.ferritto1955@gmail.com

Ads will be reproduced as close to the artwork that is provided. Printer will use discretion if necessary to improve the quality.

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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.

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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
President


INGRID ANDREWS-CAMPBELL
Secretary



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Select One ►

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Contact Person _____ Position _____

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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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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 - APR 15 - MASSILLON LIONS CLUB, \$1000 AMAZON GIFT CARD RAFFLE FUNDRAISER, RAFFLE TICKETS \$10 EA, ONLY 300 TICKETS TO BE SOLD., CONTACT BRYAN CORBIN FOR TICKETS OR INFO.
For more information see [page 29](#).

APR 1 - MAY 1 - UNIONTOWN LIONS CLUB, SPRING FUNDRAISER, JOHN DEERE LAWN TRACTOR RAFFLE, TICKETS \$10 or 6 TICKETS FOR \$50, TICKETS SOLD AT HARTVILLE HARDWARE AND HARTVILLE MARKETPLACE & FLEA MARKET, EVERY SATURDAY IN APRIL 10am - 2pm.
For more information see [page 30](#).

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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 11-13](#).

MAR 1 - DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, LIONS INT'L TRADING PIN CLUB (\$2,500) AND OHIO LIONS LEO (\$500).
For more information see [page 26](#).

MAR 3 - LIONS EYE PROGRAM, INC., DELEGATES MEETING, 6:30 PM, **THIS WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING**.
For more information see [page 25](#).

MAR 15 - APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING SPACE IN THE 101st ANNUAL OHIO LIONS STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM.
For more information see [page 33](#).

~~**APR 9-11** - DISTRICT CONVENTION, HILTON GARDEN INN, EAST MARKET ST., AKRON,~~ **CANCELLED**.

APR 17 - 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 21](#).

JUN 25-29 - LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, **THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL EVENT**, REGISTRATION \$50 UNTIL MAR 31, \$75 BEGINNING APR 1, LEOS REGISTRATION \$30.
For more information see [page 3](#).

JUL 21-25 - 4th USA/CANADA LEO LEADERSHIP FORUM, CALGARY, CANADA.
For more information see [pages 34-36](#).

SEP 9-11 - USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM, DES MOINES, IA, DETAILS LATER.
Initial flyer see [page 37](#).