



# Lions Newsletter

Ohio Lions District 13-E

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## *A Beacon of Hope*

### “SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITIES”

Lions, Lionesses, and Leos,

I hope that everyone who attended the District 13-E Convention had a great time and went home with a great deal of pride in being a Lion! Congratulations to District Governor Elect Bill Keller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect Jack Preston, and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect Darlene Roll for being elected to their respective positions for next year. The District is in good hands.

I would also like to Thank the Troy Lions Club for hosting the convention and the Fletcher Lions Club for the hospitality and the Piqua Club for breakfast, donuts, rolls, and breads. I also want to thank Katy Snider for the chocolate candy and the wonderful cookbooks. A lot of hard work went into the cookbooks. We had over 60 people in attendance at the appreciation dinner on Friday and one hundred twenty people in attendance for the Grand Banquet on Saturday.

I want to say THANK YOU also to my Host Couple PDG DR. Jeff Hatfield and Lion Jane Hatfield, CST Dewey Vulgamore, ZC Steve Kaplan and Patty Kaplan, Lion Diane Miller, and also my sister, Julie Peterson, they all made everything come together for a great convention.

Finally, I am very proud of each and every Lion in every Club for all of your help this past year within your communities, for everything that you do. I know that Service will continue in all your communities. No matter what you do it is always appreciated.

It is time to start thinking about the upcoming Officers Training Schools. We will be doing the first school in Region 1 at the Waynesfield Lions Den April 30, 2011. The second school will be in Region 2 at the A B Graham Center on May 14, 2011. Both schools will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. We encourage not only Club Officers, but any Lions who are interested in improving their leadership skills to attend.

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DG Sheryl's Newsletter (continued)

We want you all to know that we are very proud of all the accomplishments that you do. All your clubs and no one else deserves the credit for these successes. It is always amazing to hear the many good services provided by District 13-E Lions. You are truly remarkable "Beacons of Hope" and we recognize and praise your clubs, your work, and your programs.

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Sheryl Schlater

DG/1st VDG/2nd VDG Visitation Schedule – May & June

Table with 3 columns: DG Sheryl Schlater, 1st VDG Bill Keller, 2nd VDG Jack Preston. Rows include dates and events for May and June.



Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced

2011-2012 Kits Now Available

"Children Know Peace"

For more than 20 years, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has given young people a chance to express their visions of peace. And now, we're excited to announce the theme for our 2011-2012 Contest - "Children Know Peace." If your club would like to sponsor a contest in a local school or youth group, Peace Poster Contest Kits are on sale now from Club Supplies.

Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12, or 13 years of age on November 15th. Eligible birthdates can be found under the Contest Rules & Conditions found in the Peace Poster kit.

Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches. Do not mat or frame artwork.

Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student. All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.

All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries. Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way. The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster. Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill Keller's Corner**

Fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leo's of District 13E

The forty-fifth annual district convention is now over and the Lions of our district have selected Lion Darlene Roll to be our 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. Congratulations Lion Darlene on your election. The highlights of the convention for me was the entertainment by the Rum River Band on Friday, our International Guests Anne & Tom Smarsh from Kansas visiting for the weekend, the election of the officers, and the passing of the gavel on Saturday. Even though I was not feeling my best, it was a memorable experience being elected your next District Governor. Congratulations DG Sheryl on a well run convention. I want to thank Lion Dave Amweg and IPDG Fred Breyer for their nominations and the Lions of District 13E for your support. I also want to thank those Lions that have stepped up after the convention to be on my cabinet next year; some of these Lions have taken on two cabinet positions to fill the vacancies.

Club Secretaries, if you have not filled out your online PU-101 on the LCI WMMR website after you have elected your officers for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, please do so. The final deadline is May 15, 2011. Keep this deadline in mind, as it will help me get my District Directory put together on time. If you do not report online send your PU 101 directly to me at.

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Kenton, OH 43326

Until the next newsletter,  
DGE Bill Keller

*Bill Keller*

***Ohio Lions & Camp Echoing Hills – Raffle  
Drawing is May 22, 2011 at the MD-13 Convention***

*2 tickets for \$5.00; 1 ticket for \$3.00*

*Grand Prize: \$500 cash*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 2 OSU Football Game Tickets and One Night Hotel Stay*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Don't Cook for a Week/7 Restaurant Gift Certificates*

*Do not need to be present to win*

*Tickets available from Zone Chairpersons or contact the Ohio Lions State Office*

***“If you don't ask, they can't say yes!” – Unknown***



### Words & Actions from 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jack Preston

I believe that spring is about to spring upon us, even though the temperature one night this week hovered at the freezing point. I find myself exiting my car in town to run into a store with just a thin jacket on even though I know that the cool breeze is going to zoom right through my jacket. But if you believe in the power of positive thing...then soon I will no longer need even the thin, light weight jacket. One can always hope.

This month has been a busy "Lions Month" as we started with the District 13E Convention. Although the Lions' year is not yet completed, I want to thank DG Sheryl Schlater for a job well done this year and offer my congratulations. My congratulations also go to Lion Leo for effectively driving "Miss Daisy". The Troy Lions, (DG Sheryl's home club), also paid her a distinct honor by designating her as a Melvin Jones Fellow. Congratulations also go to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor (Elect) Darlene Roll. Thanks for stepping up when your district needed you. I'm sure next year will be as enjoyable for you as this one has for me.

Cindy and I enjoyed the convention, especially being able to see all the Lion friends that we made this year while visiting other clubs. Its always nice to go into a Lions Club I have never visited before and finding a familiar face or two that I had met the week prior when visiting their club. Each club has its own unique personality and way of conducting business. I never fail to learn something, be it a new way of conducting a project or a completely new event that I had never considered; all of which bring Lions together helping their communities.

While at the Mechanicsburg Lions Club, I learned that their club secretary (Lion James Preston) and I may be actually related. After trading stories of family genealogy, I returned home to check out my family tree and discovered we may have been discussing the same people. I'm sure the next time we meet will be even more enlightening as we unravel our pasts.

I know that some people tend to exaggerate, but that polar bear in Buffalo Jack's Restaurant in Covington is 15 feet tall if it's an inch! If you get by the bear, however, you still have to contend with the Indians sitting just outside the restrooms. You should be safe enough; just don't let the buffalo step on your foot when you pass it on the way to the dining room. I joined the Bradford Lioness Club and their husbands for dinner there last week and had a good meal and even better camaraderie. The Lioness's are quite proud of their club, enjoy getting together every other month, and also helping out the Bradford Lions Club with some of their projects when they need an extra set of hands.

We also helped the West Milton Lions celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary. It is a great night when a long time member of a Lions Club delivers a club history that includes pointing out poignant memories of club members in action, some of which still attend meeting and some who have passed. It was an excellent night.

Many of us spent the night in our basements this past week as tornadoes roared overhead, sometimes dropping down to wreak havoc and sometimes just passing on through. Thus far there have been no requests for emergency grants through the District Governor to either Ohio Lions Foundation (OLF) or Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). So at this point we are assuming that no news is good news.

Yours in Lionism, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jack Preston



# God Bless Our Military!

SPC Gerald (Gary) Norris, Army National Guard  
Serving in Balad, Iraq with the 1-174<sup>th</sup> ADA RGT Army  
National Guard Unit from Cincinnati  
Grandson of Rushsylvania Lions Bruce & Louise Norris

2LT Amanda Preston Johnston, U.S. Army Nurse  
Daughter of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG/Wapakoneta Lion Jack & Cindy Preston

CPT Brian Johnston, U.S. Army  
Son-in-law of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG/Wapakoneta Lion Jack & Cindy Preston

SGT Jennifer Preston, Ohio Army National Guard  
Daughter of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG/Wapakoneta Lion Jack & Cindy Preston

SGT Jack Preston, Jr., U.S. Army  
Son of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG/Wapakoneta Lion Jack & Cindy Preston

SPC Kent T. Ransbottom, Army National Guard  
Son of Rockford Lions Tom & Neva Ransbottom

Master Sergeant Terri Edwards  
Wife of Gettysburg Lion Bill Edwards

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class William Edwards (Billy)  
Son of Gettysburg Lion Bill Edwards



## **Serving in the Military**

*If someone in your family is serving in the military, please send a note to "District 13-E Newsletter Editor Darlene Roll" via E-mail or U.S mail at the address listed on the back page of the newsletter and I will include their names in the next newsletter.*



**Marysville Lions Club is looking for a food trailer to rent or buy. If you have a food trailer that is available or know of one, please contact Lion Jane Hatfield at (937) 594-4009 or Lion Dale Kinney at (937) 209-0132.**



*60<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Celebration*

**North Hampton Lions Club  
Invites You to Join Us  
As We Celebrate  
The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Charter**

**Place: North Hampton Lions  
4 West Main Street  
North Hampton, OH 45369**

**Date: May 9, 2011**

**Time: 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Social time  
6:30 p.m. – Dinner**

**Cost: \$12. 00 per person (this is for your meal & a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin)**

**R.S.V.P. to Lion Fran Breyer at (937) 984-8953 by May 4, 2011**

**Dress: Business Casual**



**May - Recycle for Sight Month**

***District 13-E Recycling "Statistics"***

10,027	<i>The number of eyeglasses delivered to the Lions International Eyeglass Recycling Center in Upland, Indiana in March, 2011</i>
4,000+	<i>The number of eyeglasses already collected for the next trip to the Recycling Center</i>
200,000+	<i>The number of eyeglasses delivered to the Recycling Center since this District 13-E project began</i>
***300***	<i>The number of wooden recycling boxes PDG Barney Roll has built and provided to Lions Clubs in Ohio and elsewhere as of April 23, 2011</i>

**Thank you PDG Barney & Lions of District 13-E for your continuing support of "Recycle for Sight" projects**



### Club Information



#### In Our Thoughts

Please remember the following Lions in thought and prayer as they continue to deal with health issues:

#### In Sympathy...

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lions and their families who are dealing with deaths of family members.

- Lion Russell Vertner of the Waynesfield Lions Club passed away on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Lion Jim Hostetler, life member of the West Liberty Lions Club, passed away on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

We don't always get notification but our sympathies are with all families.

- PDG Bill Price – health issues
- PDG Paul Harris who is in a skilled nursing center
- PDG Don Kepler – continuing health issues
- Lion Mary Mutschler of the Troy Club
- Lion Leo Schlater – new pacemaker implanted
- Lion Joe Mesarvey – injured in an auto accident
- Lion Brenda Hays – injured in a fall during Ohio Lions Winter Retreat (but not at the Retreat)
- Lion Larry Slusser – health issues
- Lion Gerald Miller – fell, broke bones, and surgery



#### Card Shower Request

Lion Larry Slusser of the Medlake Lions Club has been dealing with multiple health issues and could use some cheer. If you would care to send a card, please send it to:

Larry Slusser  
4369 Joy Drive  
Enon, OH 45323



### District 13-E Directory Updates: See the District Web Site or Previous Monthly Newsletters for All Directory Updates Previously Listed Here

Lions Mike & Kathy Myers	klopmyers73@hotmail.com	New E-mail address (02/09/2011)
Lion Kathy Myers	klopmyers73@hotmail.com	New Bradford Club Secretary (03/07/2011)
Lion William Vondrell	wvondrell@hotmail.com	New E-mail address (04/11/2011)



# In the Zone

This page is reserved for zone information.

**Thank you, Lions, for your support of the Zone Chairs this year!**

<b>Zone 1</b> <b>Lion ZC Bob Hare</b>	<b>Zone 2</b> <b>Lion ZC Darlene Roll</b>	<b>Zone 3</b> <b>Lion ZC Robert Cline</b>
<b>Zone 4</b> <b>Lion ZC Marvin Gilbert</b>	<b>Zone 5</b> <b>Lion ZC Mike King</b>	<b>Zone 6</b> <b>PDG ZC Ed Mann</b>
<b>Zone 7</b> <b>Lion ZC Steve Kaplan</b>	<b>Zone 8</b> <b>Lion ZC Jim Ballard</b>	<b>Zone 9</b> <b>Lion ZC Karl Cox</b>

### New LCIF Chair for District 13-E

From CST Dewey Vulgamore: Lion Bill Nevius has volunteered to finish out the term of LCIF Chair for Lion Pam Palmer, who has been sidelined with some health and personal difficulties which were not planned or projected this year. Please send all Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) donations to Lion Bill Nevius, 1601 Sierra Avenue, Springfield, OH 45503, until the end of the current Lions year (June 30, 2011).

## PU-101 Forms Due - Deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>

From the Lions International Web Site:

<https://www3.lionsclubs.org/EN/RegisterLogin/HomeLogin.aspx?target=Lion>

### THIS IS YOUR 2011-2012 LIONS CLUB'S OFFICER REPORTING FORM

**Lion Secretary:** Use this form to report the names and addresses of your newly elected club officers to International Headquarters. This form is *extremely important*—all communications your new officers receive during their year in office will be based on the information you provide here. **Please PRINT** the needed information on this form and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, *immediately following your club elections in April. Final deadline is May 15.* If you fail to return this form, your new officers will not be able to receive the information and materials they will need during the coming year.

(You can report on-line or print a paper copy from the web site listed above)



**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS**

***Waynesfield Lions Club – Chicken BBQ – Saturday, May 7th***

THE WAYNESFIELD CLUB IS HOSTING A CHICKEN BBQ ON SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, AT THE LIONS BUILDING, FROM 11:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:30 P.M. MEAL INCLUDES ½ CHICKEN AND 2 SIDE DISHES. CARRY-OUT AND DINE-IN AVAILABLE. TICKETS ARE \$7.00 EACH. CONTACT ANY WAYNESFIELD LIONS CLUB MEMBER FOR TICKETS.

CONTACT: LION SHARON CUMMINS AT (419) 568-5423 FOR MORE INFORMATION

***Rushsylvania Lions Club – Community Wide Garage & Yard Sales – Saturday, May 14th***

THE RUSHSYLVANIA LIONS “ANNUAL RUSHSYLVANIA COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE AND YARD SALES” WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, FROM 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. MAPS SHOWING THE LOCATIONS OF THE SALES AND PUBLIC RESTROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE LIONS DEN IN DOWNTOWN RUSYSYLVANIA. THE RUSHSYLVANIA LIONS WILL ALSO BE SELLING REFRESHMENTS.

CONTACT: LION LOUISE OR LION BRUCE NORRIS AT (937) 468-7213 FOR MORE INFORMATION

***Lions International Convention  
July 4<sup>th</sup> - July 8<sup>th</sup> - Seattle, Washington***

**Ohio Lions State Convention  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup> Dublin, Ohio  
(Visit [www.ohiolions.org](http://www.ohiolions.org) for forms)**



The Early Bird Registration Deadline for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is just around the corner. Register now for the 35th Annual Forum to be held **September 22-24, 2011** in Anchorage Alaska. Registration fee goes up after **June 15th**. Click on the Forum link below for all the information on the Forum and to register online or print out the registration form: <https://usacanalionsforum.org>

Click on the link below for our **April 2011** newsletter, jam packed with the latest Forum information. <https://usacanalionsforum.org/Newsletter042011.pdf>

Come join us for the Best Forum yet as we proudly present "*I Believe in Lions Leadership.*"

*District 13-E Lions: If you are receiving the district newsletter via U.S. mail and would like to have a copy of the registration form or newsletter for the USA-Canada Leadership Forum, please call District 13-E Newsletter Editor, Lion Darlene Roll at (937) 599-1111 and I will send a copy your way.*



## Focus on Service Projects

Lions,

Since this year's Lions International focus is on service projects, this page will be devoted to publicizing club service projects through June 2011. Please let me know when you have an upcoming service project or have recently completed one and we'll highlight in the newsletter. In addition, the state office plans to showcase the projects throughout the Multiple District.

Project	Club
Preparing for Golf Outing	Arcanum Lions Club
Collected eyeglasses for recycling	Bellefontaine Lions Club
Collected eyeglasses for recycling	Celina Lions Club
Reviewing essays for the Leo Club Scholarship	Coldwater Lions Club
Helped with Community Easter Egg Hunt	Cridersville Lions Club
Collected eyeglasses for recycling	Fletcher Lions Club
Collected eyeglasses for recycling	Gettysburg Lions Club
Collected eyeglasses for recycling	Medlake Lions Club
Canine Companions for Independence Presentation	Ohio Northern University Lions Club
Collected eyeglasses for recycling	Piqua Lions Club
Highway Clean-up	Pitsburg Lions Club
Collected eyeglasses for recycling	Saint Paris Lions Club
Collected eyeglasses for recycling	Troy Lions Club
Collected eyeglasses for recycling	Versailles Lions Club
Planning for Party in the Park	Wapakoneta Lions Club
Getting ready for Eyeglass Collection Contest at School	Waynesfield Lions Club
Collected eyeglasses for recycling	West Liberty Lions Club
Collected eyeglasses for recycling	West Milton Lions Club
Donations to Food Pantries	Zone 9 Clubs

**Please send your club's service activity information to:**

**Darlene Roll – District 13-E Newsletter Editor**

**(Address on last page of the newsletter)**

**No later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the newsletter**

**June newsletter information due by May 20<sup>th</sup>!**

***“Don't you hear those Lions ROAR?”***

### Upcoming Lions International Events

**May – Recycle for Sight Month**

**May 11-17 – White Cane Week**

**June 1 – Helen Keller Day**

**June 5 – World Environment Day**

**District 13-E Convention Photos**



**Rum River Blend – Friday Entertainment**



**DG Sheryl Schlater**



**PDG Jeff Hatfield Models for the Group  
(Don't quit your day job, PDG Jeff!)**



**Peace Poster Contest Winner Cydney Roberts  
Along with DG Sheryl & Cydney's Family**



**ID Anne & PDG Tom Smarsh**



**PIP Jim & Betty Coffey, IPDG Steve & Becky Thornton,  
PID Steve & Mary Ellen Sherer**



**Ohio Lions  
District 13-E**

# **Don't You Hear Those Lions ROAR?**

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*We're on the Web!*  
[www.lionsdist13e.org](http://www.lionsdist13e.org)

*Be Sure To Mark Your Calendar  
For These Upcoming Lions Events!*

*May 7<sup>th</sup> – Waynesfield Chicken BBQ  
May 14<sup>th</sup> – Rushsylvania Garage & Yard Sale Day  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ohio Lions State Convention  
July 4<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup> – Lions International Convention  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> – September 24<sup>th</sup> – USA/Canada Leadership Forum*



*Be a "Beacon of Hope"*

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From Bellefontaine Newsletter Editor, Lion Marilyn Molton: The poem below was written by a lady in Dayton. Lion Marilyn called her to see if she was related to PDG Dick & Lion Gladis Russell but she said she isn't. She just read about them in the newspaper and felt compelled to write the poem.

### **In His Keeping**

The day began as many had before,  
Comfort and fellowship from the days of yore,  
Not a whisper of what lay ahead,  
They basked in their love and the lives they had led.  
Sweet tender moment as they greeted the new day,  
Never knowing that soon with their lives they must pay.  
Pay to the evil that lurked just outside,  
Pay with their dignity losing all pride.  
"Treat him with mercy!" surely she cried.  
"I've lived long and happy here by his side."  
"Oh, please do not harm her, she's so dear to me."  
Time passed so slowly – how could they flee?  
Knowing that he had nothing to lose,  
The evil one took their lives in the way he did choose.  
The near and dear and their faithful friends,  
Watched and waited – "How will this end?"  
Days went by and the night swallowed their cries.  
Loved ones hoped and the waiting despised.  
Will the search never end?  
Where are our loved ones – where are our friends?  
There in the darkness and cold all alone  
The angels came and carried their spirits home.  
No longer in darkness afraid and dismayed,  
God lifted them gently, the price had been paid.  
Into a garden where birds sung a melody sweet,  
They knelt and worshipped at Jesus' feet.  
Gone was all terror, all hurting and pain.  
Heaven welcomed, oh how much they had gained.  
But here on this earth family suffered so much,  
Longing and waiting for just one more touch.  
The welcoming hug and the fellowship they knew  
Was all taken away, now what would they do?

Though one was found  
In the cold – on the ground.  
Where, oh, where was the partner he loved?  
The family cried for help from God up above.  
Looking and searching with fervent prayers.  
Never giving up until they found her there.  
There in the field where cotton grows.  
How long had she been there? Nobody knows.  
Ah, but now at last together they will be.  
Forever and ever from pain and hurt are they free!  
We gather together family and friends.  
To weep and grieve for their untimely end.  
Who knows what terror they must have endured.  
Their pleas for mercy continuously ignored.  
Why were they chosen to suffer and cry?  
Why were they chosen by his hand to die?  
We must leave it all in the hands of a loving God  
For what choice do we have as down here we trod?  
We pray for justice for the hands that claimed not two lives, but three!  
Oh, yes, he must wait and so will we,  
For the wheels of justice will surely turn.  
And there in the courtroom of his fate he will learn.  
We waited and watched this tragedy unfold,  
And now the story has been told.  
Nothing can change the ending of this epic so sad,  
We must learn to rejoice and learn to be glad,  
Not for their suffering and unfair end,  
But of how they walked through this world as lifelong friends.  
Some measure of comfort will come as we lay them to rest.  
For they lived long and prospered with life at its best.  
But now their sojourn down here is done....  
They flew away – into the Arms of God's Son.

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