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**Westerville Lions
President
Forrest Hoppe**

Calendar of Events



**January 5th Meeting
SVOSH**



**January 19th Meeting
State of the City
David Collinsworth**

A Message from our President:

Happy New Year!

The calendar has turned over and we are entering a new year filled with promise, hope and wonderment. We are also half way through our Westerville Lions program year. That fact seems hardly possible to me, for it feels like I just became President and already I am on the down hill slide of my term. The second half of this Lions year is very important for the work and service of our club as our two major fund raisers are held in the spring. Plans are already underway for the 25th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 3rd. Please place the date on your calendar if you have not already done so.

We will begin the new year on Thursday night Jan 5th by inducting a new member, Grant Ferree, and welcoming a new transfer member Dave Hierholzer. Accordingly, I desire to make membership a focus on the remaining months of my term. Membership growth requires the involvement of each of us. We need to invite a friend, neighbor or business acquaintance to come and experience how the Westerville Lions Club is serving the community and having fun while doing so. I know I am a member because I was invited by Lion Hank.

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**District 13F Bowling Tournament
January 21st & 22nd**



**Board Meeting
January 26th**



**Wishing All Lions a
Happy 2012**



Christmas Fellowship and Cookie Sampling



President's Message (Cont'd)

Most of us are members because somebody invited us to experience the Westerville Lions. I encourage all of us to be intentional about inviting someone to consider becoming a Westerville Lion. We begin the new year by welcoming Grant and Dave as new Westerville Lions. Let us invite others also to join our excellent club.

Lion President Forrest



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District 13-F News

The latest District 13-F newsletter, the Pride Report, is available at the district website using the following link:
<http://www.district13flions.org/pride-reports-1>





District Bowling Tournament

The District 13F Annual Bowling Tournament is scheduled at Capri Lanes on January 21st and 22nd with a 1:30 PM start both days. Lion Dr. John Parrish is coordinating the event. Please be sure to sign-up by contacting John at the next meeting or by email. His email address is jpod@johnaparrichod.com.

There will be a good selection of prizes that will be awarded to lucky ticket holders in addition to the fun of participating with fellow lions. One of our teams came away from the event last year as a winner. So, come and enjoy the fun!



OSU SVOSH Visits January 5th

Our program for the January 5th meeting will be the Student Volunteers for Optometric Service to Humanity (SVOSH) from the OSU College of Optometry. SVOSH is a 501c3 organization that helps provide eye care and eyewear to developing nations. SVOSH holds weekly meetings at which volunteers sort and package used eyeglasses donated by Lions Clubs and other organizations.

Donations also fund airfare and living expenses for students traveling to underprivileged countries to conduct free eye exams. SVOSH students and doctors have made trips to Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, Columbia, Dominican Republic, Equador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela.

“State of the City” Address January 19th

Mr. David Collinworth, Westerville City Manager, will be the featured program speaker on January 19th to provide us with an update of the health of the city and discuss some of the future plans being discussed by city government.

Mr. Collinworth was recently appointed to the Local Government Innovation Council by Governor John R. Kasich for a term beginning September 30, 2011 and ending September 29, 2013. Mr. Collinworth has been City Manager for the City of Westerville since December 2007, after serving as manager in Tipp City, Ohio for more than 10 years. In Westerville, he oversees the programs and services of 10 departments, including a municipal electric and water utility as well as a nationally-renowned Parks and Recreation department featuring more than 40 parks and 26 miles of leisure trails and bikeways. He is responsible for more than 425 full-time employees and an annual city budget exceeding \$150 million.

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In 1917, Melvin Jones, a Chicago business leader, told members of his local business club they should reach beyond business issues and address the betterment of their communities and the world. Jones' group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed.

After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917, in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The new group took the name of one of the invited groups, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and a national convention was held in Dallas, Texas, USA in October of that year. A constitution, by-laws, objects and a code of ethics were approved.

Within three years, Lions became an international organization. Since then, we've earned high marks for both integrity and transparency. We're a well-run organization with a steady vision, a clear mission, and a long – and proud – history.



Melvin Jones
Lions Clubs Founder



Harry Hance
Westerville Lion's 1st President

Lions Clubs - Ready to Help

Whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller. And communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed – in our own communities and around the world – with unmatched integrity and energy.