

Ohio Lions District & State Conventions with guests speakers 1920-Present.

District Conventions:

City & Date	Venue	International Guest	Other Guest Speaker
1st Columbus October 14, 1920.	*Elks	IP Dr. C.C. Reid, Denver, CO. Melvin Jones LCI Sec/Treas, Chicago, IL. (1)	(5)
2nd Dayton May 25, 1921.	#N.C.R. Hall #Miami Hotel	#ID John S. Noel Grand Rapids, Michigan. #DG Dr. B.W. Beatty, Dayton, OH.	# Mayor J.M. Switzer, Dayton, OH. #Congressman S. D. Fess, OH. # Judge E. B. Kinkead. Columbus, OH.
3rd Lima May 24, 1922.	*Barr Hotel (HQ), 1st Session Sigma Theater, all other sessions held at Elks club Lima, OH	*3rd VP Dr. B.W. Beatty, Dayton, OH.	Hon. Atlee Pomerene, Senator, OH. Hon. Frank B. Willis, Senator, OH. Hon. Simeon D. Fess, Congressman, OH. Rev. Walter D. Cole.
4th Akron May 24, 1923.	*Masonic Temple & *Armory, Akron	#IP Edward Vaught, Oklahoma City, OK	*Mayor D. C. Rybolt, Akron, OH. *C.L. Knight Congressman, OH. #Robert Irwin, American Foundation for the Blind.
5th Cleveland May 23 & 24, 1924.	*Winton Hotel	DG Irving L. Camp, Johnstown, PA.	(5)
6th Cedar Point,- Sandusky #June 29, 1925.	*Breakers Hotel at Cedar Point	IP Harry A. Newman, Toronto, Ontario. Melvin Jones, LCI Sec-Treas, Chicago, IL.. (2)	Miss Helen Keller, Forest Hills, NY. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America .
7th Columbus June 10, 1926.	*Neil House	IVP Irving L. Camp, Johnstown, PA.	*Mayor J.J. Thomas.
8th Toledo May 26, 1927.	*Hotel Waldorf (Noon Business) *Commodore Perry (Closing Session)	IP William A. Westfall, Mason City, IA. DG Jesse P. Wolcott ,MI.	Rev. Father Marcellus Wagner, Editor, Juve- nile Braille Magazine. Hon. William G. Pickrel, Lt. Governor, Ohio.
9th Cincinnati May 31 & June 1, 1928.	#Gibson Hotel	IVP Ben A. Ruffin, Richmond, VA. ID Horace S. Kerr, Columbus, OH.	#Rev. Father Marcellus Wagner, Editor, Juvenile Braille Magazine. #Mayor Murray Seasongood.
10th Youngstown May 15-16, 1929.	*Ohio Hotel	2nd VP Earle W. Hodges, New York, NY. Melvin Jones, LCI Sec-Treas, Chicago, IL. ID Horace S. Kerr, Columbus, OH .	(5)
11th Dayton May 20-21, 1930.	# Miami Hotel	IPIP Ben A. Ruffin, Richmond, VA.	*DG Vernon Clapper
12th Lima, May 19 & 20, 1931.	#Norval Hotel (HQ)	IP Earle W. Hodges, New York, NY	Hon. T.A. Jenkins, Congressman, OH
13th Columbus May 24-25, 1932.	#Deshler-Wallick Hotel	*IP Julien C. Hyer ID William A.G. Fox, Philadelphia, PA. *PID Horace S. Kerr, Columbus, OH - General organizer	Rev. Father Marcellus Wagner, Editor, Juve- nile Braille Magazine.. Judge G. M. Hastings. *Frederick M. Landis Former IN congress- man.
14th Cleveland May 22-23, 1933.	N/A	PIP Earle W. Hodges, New York, NY.	(5)
15th Cincinnati, May 27-29, 1934.	*Netherland Plaza	IP Roderick Beddow, Birmingham, AL.	Lion Russell Wilson, Mayor, Cincinnati, OH. *Rabbi James G. Heller, Cincinnati, OH.

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16th Akron, May 19-20, 1935.	Mayflower Hotel	3rd VP Frank V. Birch, Milwaukee, WI.	#Harold Van Orman Former Lieutenant Gov of Indiana & Fred Ayer, Humorist , Akron
17th Columbus, June 7-9, 1936.	Deshler-Wallick Hotel	PIP Earle W. Hodges, New York, NY. ID John A. Lloyd, Portsmouth, OH.	Major Norman Allan Imrie, Associate Editor Columbus Dispatch.
18th Toledo May 16-18, 1937.	New Secor Hotel	IP Edwin R. Kingsley, Parkersburg, WV.	Stephen K. Mahon, Toledo Edison Co. Most Reverend Bishop Karl J. Alter, Toledo.
19th Dayton May 22-24, 1938.	*Hotel Miami	3rd VP Karl M. Sorrick, Springport, MI.	Hon. Charles J. Brennan, Mayor,- Dayton OH. Maj. Drane Lester, Exec. Secretary to J. Edger Hoover, FBI, Washington, D.C.
20th Cleveland May 21-23, 1939.	Carter Hotel	IPIP Frank V. Birch, Milwaukee, WI.	(5)
21st Cincinnati May 19-21, 1940.	Gibson Hotel	IP Alexander T. Wells, New York, NY. DG Henry T. Bowers	(5)
22nd Akron, May 18-20, 1941.	#Mayflower Hotel	(5)	(5)
23rd Columbus, May 17-19, 1942.	Deshler-Wallick Hotel	IP George R. Jordon, Dallas, TX.	Hon. John W. Bricker, Governor, State of Ohio
24th Columbus May 24, 1943.	Deshler-Wallick Hotel	2nd VP D.A. Skeen, Salt Lake City, UT.	#Senator Harold Burton, Robert C. Goodwin and *Henry O'Brien
25th Columbus, May 21-23, 1944.	Deshler-Wallick Hotel	ID Charles J. Stevenson, Cambridge, NY. PID G.H. Hastings, Winston-Salem, NC.	Hon. James A. Rhodes, Mayor, City of Columbus.
26th 1945.	—————	(3)	(5)
27th Columbus May 12-14, 1946.	Neil House	PIP Frank V. Birch, Milwaukee, WI .	Hon. James A. Rhodes, Mayor, City of Columbus.- Hon. John W. Bricker, Ex- Governor, State of Ohio
28th Toledo May 23-25, 1947.	Commodore Perry Hotel & Secor Hotel	PIP Dr. Ramiro Collazo, Marianao, Cuba.	Dr. Tennyson Guyer
29 th Dayton May 21-23, 1948.	#Biltmore Hotel	2nd VP Walter C. Fisher, St. Chatarines, ON, Canada. .	#Paul W. Williams, Dayton Chamber of Commerce. #Rev Larman Sherwood, Rotterman Junction , NY.
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30th Cleveland June 3-5, 1949.	Carter Hotel	IP Dr. Eugene S. Briggs, Edmond, OK.	Dr. Tennyson Guyer
31st Cincinnati June 4-6, 1950.	Hotel Gibson	2nd VP Harold P. Nutter, Camden, NJ.	Eldon Dummit, Lexington, KY.
32nd Akron May 25-27, 1951.	Mayflower Hotel	IP Herb C. Petry Jr., Carrizo Springs, TX.	(5)

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33rd Cincinnati May 16-18, 1952.	Sheraton Gibson Hotel	Lion R. Roy Keaton, Director-General, LCI, Flossmoor, IL. ID Ross G. Witters, Miami, FL.	Sir Kensington Hume, Member of- Parliament, Delegate to U.N.
34th Columbus May 8-10, 1953.	Neil House	IP Edgar Elbert, Addison, IL .	Johnny Jones, Columnist, Columbus Dispatch. General George C. Kenne- dy, USAF Retired.
35th Cleveland May 14-16, 1954.	Carter Hotel	PIP Fred W. Smith, Ventura, CA. ID Dr. Dan J.V. Martin, Greenville, OH.	Hon. William H. Ayres, U.S. Congress
36th Dayton May 13-15, 1955.	Biltmore Hotel	IP Monroe L. Nute, Kennett Square, PA. ID Dan J. V. Martin, Greenville, OH.	(4)
37th Cincinnati May 18-20, 1956.	Sheraton Gibson Hotel	ID LaVar Thatcher, Salt Lake City, UT. ID Ralph Deckard, IN.	J. Roger Deas, American Can Compa- ny.
38th Columbus May 24-26 1957.	Neil House	IP John L. (Jack) Stickley, Charlotte, NC.	Hon. C. William O'Neill, Governor, State of Ohio.
39th Cleveland June 6-8, 1958.	Carter Hotel	PIP S.A. Dodge, Bloomfield Hills, MI. ID W.R. Bryan, Doylestown, OH.	(5)
40th Dayton May 14-16, 1959.	Biltmore Hotel	PIP Dr. Ramiro Collazo, Marianao, Cuba.	Dr. William H. Havener, OSU Hospital. Glenn Massman, Counselor in Human Relations .
41st Cincinnati June 2-4, 1960.	Sheraton Gibson Hotel	PIP Walter C. Fisher, St. Catherines, ON.	Edward Kennedy, WKRC Radio.
42nd Toledo May 25-27, 1961.	Commodore Perry Hotel	IP Finis E. Davis, Louisville, KY.	James R. Baldwin.
43rd Columbus May 11-13, 1962.	Neil House Southern Hotel	PIP Frank V. Birch, Milwaukee, WI.	Win Pendleton.
44th Cleveland May 17-19, 1963.	Carter Hotel	1st VP Aubrey D. Green, York, AL.	Dr. Warren Guthrie.
45th Cincinnati May 22-24, 1964.	Sheraton Gibson Hotel	1st VP Claude M. DeVorss, Wichita, KS.	Perle Whitehead, Retired, Boy Scouts of America.
46th Toledo May 14-16, 1965.	Commodore Perry Hotel	PIP Edgar M. Elbert, Addison, IL.	Senator Frank J. Lausche, OH.
47th Columbus May 13-15, 1966.	Deshler-Cole (HQ) Neil House & Southern Hotel	1stVP Edward M. Lindsey, Lawrenceburg, TN. PID W.R. Bryan, OH, Candidate for 3rd VP	Hon. James A. Rhodes, Governor, State of Ohio.
48th Columbus May 19-21, 1967.	Beasley-Deshler (HQ) Neil House & Southern Hotel	PIP John L. (Jack) Stickley, Charlotte, NC. 3rd VP W.R. Bryan, Doylestown. OH.	(4)
49th Cleveland, May 24-26, 1968.	Pick Carter (HQ) Statler Hilton Hotel	IP Jorge Bird, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. 2nd VP W.R. Bryan, Doylestown, OH.	Ed Mason, Public Relations, Columbus Dispatch.
50th Cincinnati, May 23-25, 1969.	Sheraton Gibson Hotel (Cincinnati Convention Center)	IP David A. Evans, Galveston, TX. 1st VP W.R. Bryan, Doylestown, OH.	James Francis Patrick O'Neal, WLC Radio.

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51st Columbus May 15-17, 1970.	Southern Hotel	IP W.R. Bryan, Doylestown, OH. 3rd VP George Friedrichs, Annecy, France.	(4)
52nd Columbus May 21-23, 1971.	Neil House.	PIP Jorge Bird, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. IPIP W.R. Bryan, Doylestown, OH.	Richard J. Anderson, Director of Research Promotion, Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus.
53rd Cleveland, May 19-21, 1972.	Statler Hilton Hotel	IP Robert J. Uplinger, Syracuse, NY.	Dudley J. Taw, East Ohio Gas Company.
54th Cincinnati May 18-20, 1973.	Netherland Hilton Hotel	ID Dr. Donald W. Schmidt, Cedartown, GA.	Brig. General H.S. Long, Deputy Commanding General, US Army Training Div., Fort Knox ,KY.
55th Columbus May 24-26, 1974.	Neil House Hotel	ID Everett J. (Ebb) Grindstaff, Ballinger, TX. ID Merle W. Hartle, Piketon, OH.	Hon. C. William O'Neil, Chief Justice, Ohio Supreme Court.
56th Cleveland May 9-10, 1975.	Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel	IP Johnny Balbo, La Grange, IL .	John Mountain, Director of Marketing, Ohio Lottery Commission.
57th Columbus May 21-23, 1976.	Neil House Hotel	IP Harry J. Aslan, Kingsburg. CA.	Colonel John P. Siemer. .
58th Columbus May 20-22, 1977.	Neil House Hotel	2nd VP Ralph A. Lynam, St. Johns, MI.	Reverend Robert William Hunt.
59th Columbus May 19-21, 1978.	Neil House Hotel	IP Joseph M. McLoughlin, Stamford, CT. ID William P. Leibensperger, Columbus, OH.	Dr. Tom Haggai.
60th Cleveland May 18-20, 1979.	Bond Court Hotel	1st VP Lloyd Morgan, Market Grove, NZ. ID William P. Leibensperger, Columbus, OH.	Earl R. Hoover, Sr. VP, Shaker Savings Assoc.
61st Columbus May 30-June1, 1980.	Neil House Hotel	1st VP William C. Chandler, Montgomery, AL. PDG James T. Coffee, OH Candidate for ID.	Chuck Underwood, "Voice of the Buckeyes" .
62nd Columbus May 29-31, 1981.	Columbus Sheraton Hotel	1st VP Kaoru "Kay" Murakami, Kyoto, Japan. ID James T. Coffee, Toronto, OH.	Rex Kern, Former OSU Quarterback.
63rd Dayton May 21-23, 1982.	Stouffer's Dayton Plaza Hotel	2nd VP Dr James M. Fowler, Little Rock, AR.	Weeb Eubank, Former Coach, New York Jets.
64th Cleveland May 13-15, 1983.	Bond Court Hotel	IP Everett J. (Ebb) Grindstaff, Ballinger, TX.	Mark Koontz, TV-8, Cleveland.
65th Columbus May 11-13, 1984.	Columbus Sheraton Plaza	IP Dr James M. Fowler, Little Rock, AR.	Ronald N. Ramey, Educator.
66th Cincinnati, May 17-19, 1985.	Netherland Plaza	IP Bert Mason, Donaghadee, Northern Ireland.	Dr. Lawrence E. Leguire PHD. Judge Raymond E. Shannon.
67th Independence May 9-11, 1986.	Holiday Inn	IP Joseph L. Wroblewski, Forty Fort, PA.	J.R. Selders
68th Dayton May 22-24, 1987.	Stouffer's Dayton Plaza Hotel	IP Sten A. Akestam, Stockholm, Sweden.	Lieutenant Colonel Michael W. Turner, Wright-Patterson AFB.
69th Toledo, May 20-22, 1988.	Radisson Hotel	PIP Joseph L. Wroblewski, Forty Fort, PA.	Jim Smidebush .

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70th Columbus May 19-21, 1989.	Hyatt Regency	IP Austin P. Jennings , Woodbury, TN. PID James T. Coffee, Candidate for 3rd VP	Jimmy Crum, Sportscaster, WCMH-TV 4, Columbus.
71st Toledo May 25-27, 1990.	Radisson Hotel	IP William L. Woolard, Charlotte, NC.	Frank Dick, President, Gleaner Life Insurance Society.
72nd Columbus May 3-5, 1991.	Hyatt Regency	PIP Everett J. (Ebb) Grindstaff, Ballinger, TX. 3rd VP James T. Coffee, Toronto, OH.	Miss Sue Thomas, Founder/President, Operation Sound.
73rd Dayton May 15-17, 1992.	Stouffer's Dayton Plaza	IPIP William L. Biggs, Omaha, NE.	Gary Blackney, BGSU Football Coach.
74th Sandusky May 21-23, 1993.	Radisson Harbour Inn	PIP W.R. Bryan, Sun City West, AZ.	Larry F. Kannal, State Farm Insurance Co.
75th Sharonville, May 20-22, 1994.	Cincinnati Marriott and Sharonville Convention Center	IP James T. Coffee, Toronto, OH.	Jerry Buck, Teacher/Counselor, Lorain OH. Jimmy Nelson and Pals (Ventriloquist)
76th Dayton, May 19-21, 1995.	Stouffer's Renaissance Hotel and Dayton Convention Center	PIP Don E. Banker, Rolling Hills ,CA.	(4)
77th Cleveland May 17-19, 1996.	Holiday Inn Independence	IP Dr. William H. Wunder, Wichita. KS. ID Floyd Newberry, Jr., Sardinia, OH.	(4)
78th Toledo May 16-18, 1997.	Radisson And Seagate Center	IP Augustin Soliva. San Jose dos Campos, Brazil. ID Floyd Newberry, Jr., Sardinia, OH.	(4)
79th Kings Island (Mason) May 15-17, 1998.	Kings Island Resort & Conference Center	IP Judge Howard L. Patterson, Hattiesburg, MS. IPIP Floyd Newberry, Jr., Sardinia, OH	Mary Ellen (Saare) Boomhower, Girard OH.
80th Dayton May 21-23, 1999.	Crown Plaza Hotel	PIP Everett J. (Ebb) Grindstaff, Ballinger, TX.	Mike Turner, Colonel USAF Retired.
81st Independence May 19-21, 2000.	Independence Holiday Inn	PIP W.R. Bryan, Sun City West, AZ.	Lion Mike Buscemi, 13-K, President of Quest International. Professor Mel Helitzer, Ohio University
82nd Toledo May 18-20, 2001.	Wyndham Hotel	PID Jimmy M. Ross, Quitaque, TX.	John W. Gunter, "The Singing Sheriff".
83rd Akron May 17-19, 2002.	Crowne Plaza Quaker Square	PIP Dr. William H. Wunder, Wichita, KS.	Vane Scott, "Many Faces of Old Glory".
84th Wilmington May 16-18, 2003.	Ramada Hotel/Roberts Center	PIP James E. "Jim" Ervin, Albany, GA.	(4)
85th Columbus May 22 & 23, 2004.	Ramada Inn	ID Gary L. Brown, Urbana, OH.	Steve Sefner, ONN Announcer.
86th Sandusky May 20-22, 2005.	Holiday Inn	1st VP Ashok Mehta, Mumbai. India.	Lion Lawrence E. Leguire PHD MBA, Children's Hospital and OLERF.
87th Blue Ash May 19-21, 2006.	Embassy Suites	IPIP Clement F. Kusiak, Linthicum, MD.	Sally Nemith.
88th Aurora May 18-20, 2007.	Bertram Inn and Conference Center	PIP Dr. Tae-Sup "TS" Lee, Seoul, Republic of Korea.	Dr. Jonathan Lass.

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89th Columbus May 16-18, 2008.	University Plaza Hotel	PIP M.P. "Mike" Butler, Center Point, TX.	Jack Park, College Football Analyst.
90th Dublin May 15-17, 2009.	Embassy Suites	IP Al Brandel & Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy Melville, NY.	PDG Ron Robbins & Art Schlichter (Youth Luncheon)
91st Dublin May 21-23, 2010.	Embassy Suites	1st VP Sid Scruggs, Vass, NC.	Walt Hoy, Wright B Flyer.
92nd Dublin May 20-22, 2011.	Embassy Suites	PIP Clement F. Kusiak , Linthicum, MD.	Crag MacFarlane.
93rd Dublin May 18-20, 2012.	Embassy Suites	1st VP Wayne A. Madden, Auburn, IN.	Ken Hammontree portrayed Melvin Jones. Marck Oeffler, Experience Co- lumbus.
94th Dublin May 17-19, 2013.	Embassy Suites	PIP Joe Gaffigan, Silver Spring, MD.	Janet Wier Creighton-Whitehouse Ex- periences.
95th Dublin May 16-18, 2014.	Embassy Suites	1st VP Joe Preston, Dewey, AZ.	(4)
96th Dublin May 15-17, 2015.	Embassy Suites	PIP Jimmy Ross and Lion Velda, Quitaque, TX.	Lion Brandon T. Johnson, La Follette, TN.
97th Dublin May 20-22, 2016.	Embassy Suites	PIP James Ervin, Albany, GA.	
+Special Convention Sandusky May 12-14, 2017	Kalahari Resort (Re-Enactment Cedar Point)	IP Bob Corlew	Lion Diaane Corlew Re-Enactment Melvin Jones-Lion Ken Hammontree Helen Keller-Lion Jackie Christensen
98th Dublin May 18-20, 2018	Marriott Northwest	PIP J. Frank Moore III	
99th Dublin May 17-19, 2019	Embassy Suites	1st VP Dr. Jung-Yul Choi	

Key to abbreviations:

- # = Information found at Newspaper.com
- * = Information found at NewspaperArchives.com
- ^ = Information from History of Lionism in Ohio (unknown author)
- + Celebrated Lions Clubs International Centennial

(1) Numerous International Guests attended our 1st Convention.

(2) Ohio's District Conventions was held on June 29, 1925 in conjunction with the 9th International Convention at Cedar Point ,OH. All International Officers were present.

(3) Each sub-district held their own meeting's on June 24, 1945 for general business and election of officers.

^13A-Cleveland (revised 11/28/2019)

^13B-Lancaster

^13C-Hamilton

^13D-Tiffin

(4) No "Other Guest Speakers" were listed in the Convention Program.

(5) No records found.

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