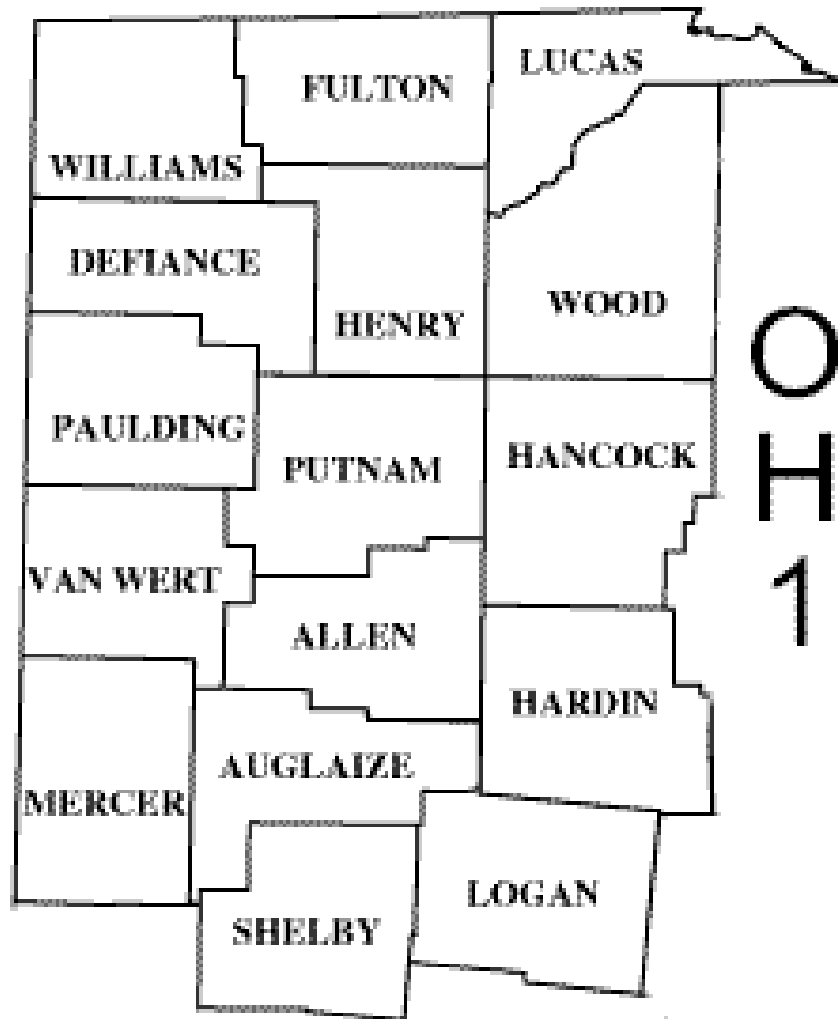


District Governors of OH1 2016-2021



Here you will find pictures and bio's of the time the governor took office.

Bio's came from the MD13 State directories 2016-2019

*=Deceased.



Sheryl Burnett (Lion Dan) District Governor 2016-2017 District 13 OH1

Lion Sheryl joined the Wauseon Lions club in April of 2006. She was introduced to Lions by her parents, PID-PDG Jerry Smith and PDG Judy. Lion Sheryl has been very active in her home club since joining. She has served as the club's secretary for six years, during 2008-2014. She earned the 100% Secretary Award 3 out of those 6 years. Lion Sheryl is currently the clubs vision chairperson and she continues to serve her community with their vision needs through this avenue. Lion Sheryl has also served on the club's board of directors and other committees. She held the office of club president during the Lions year of 2014-2015.

Lion Sheryl has also served on her district's cabinet in the capacity of Cabinet Secretary from 2010-2013, Lion Tamer 2013-2014, 2Vice District Governor/GLT/GMT Team 2014-2015, 1Vice District Governor/GLT/GMT Team/Zone Chair 1 for 2015-2016. She has been honored by her peers with the International President's Award; the Ohio Lions Council Chairman's Award of Excellence, awarded a Dick Bryan Award, and also was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship from her club for her service in 2014.

Lion Sheryl has two grown children, daughter Lion Anna Schmunk, son Lion Nick Schmunk and daughter-in-law Lion Ashley, and one step-son., Daniel Burnette Jr. She also has four grandchildren, with one on the way, due in June of 2016. Most Lions in her district and at the state level know her grandson, Lion Cub Justin, which is Lion Nick's son. Lion Sheryl married her best friend and fellow Lion, Dan Burnette a year ago February in 2015. Lion Sheryl has recently retired from her job of 27 years at Archbold Contain a Green Bay Company. She fulfilled different positions within the company over the years, from being on the production floor to supervision.

In her spare time, other than her passion for helping and serving others through Lions, she is a motorcyclist enthusiast and loves to ride her Harley, Lion Sheryl is also a big Ohio State Football fan. She loves to read, scrapbook and work in her flower gardens. She is also involved with her church, church ride group.



Bill Niejadlik (Lion Ellie) District Governor 2017-2018 District 13 OH1

Lion Bill Niejadlik is a charter member of the Sylvania Sunrise Lions Club. Bill has served the club as President, Secretary, Director and two terms as Circus Chair. He received 100 percent President and Secretary.

Bill has served The District as Zone chair, Sight and Hearing Chair and as Convention Co-Chair. With his wife Lion Ellie. He has been awarded a Melvin Jones Fellow, Council Chair Award of Excellence, and an International President's Award.

Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, he is a graduate of the University of Toledo. Bill is retired after 35 years in the retail floor covering industry. Bill and his wife Ellie have been married 44 years. They have 2 children, Wendy (married to Lee Greenspan) and Matthew. They also have a 4 year old grandson, Howie.



Dean Carruthers District Governor 2018-2019 District 13 OH1

Lion Dean has been a Lion for 36 years. Dean joined the Kenton Lions Club in 1981. During his time as a Lion he served in six states, 10 clubs, six districts. He has held all club offices except treasurer. Dean has served multiple times as a regional chair four times, as zone chair six times & 1st Vice District Governor for OH 1. Dean is proud to be a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Dean was born & raised in Kenton, Ohio, from 1972 through 1980 Dean served in the US Army. He graduated from Northwest Business

College. Dean retired from the National Park Service after 34 years as an Administrative Technician. Dean is a life member of the American Legion & AMVETS. In his free time, he enjoys model railroading, photography & woodworking.



Don Wiechart District Governor 2019-2020 District 13 OH1

On May 22, 1996 Don Wiechart paid a visit to Clarence Zimmerman, they talked several hours about friends, relatives, insurance and religion. When the visit had concluded, Lion Clarence invited Don to the upcoming year end Spencerville Lions Annual Picnic. Don attended the picnic, had a great time and Lion Clarence nominated Don for membership into The Spencerville Lions Club and Don accepted the nomination for membership and the club voted to accept Don into the club.

Since that time Lion Don has served the club as: Director, Vice President, President, Secretary and Treasurer. Lion Don has also served the district as Zone Chair both when the zones were numbers and now that they are letters. Lion Don was asked and appointed as 2nd Vice District Governor in 2017 and elected as Vice District Governor in 2018 and District Governor in 2019.

Lion Don has been an insurance and financial advisor since 1990. Besides Lions, he is also active in NAIFA (National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors) NAFIC (National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors) COF (Catholic Order of Foresters) Spencerville Chamber of Commerce and his church, St. Patrick Catholic Church in Spencerville.

Lion Don has 3 brothers and 3 sisters and a like number of in laws. He has 5 step brothers and 4 step sisters. Lion Don has a combination of 31 nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces.



John Davis (Lion Susan) District Governor 2020-2021 District 13 OH1

Lion John has been a member for 42 years. He joined the Findlay Lions Club in 1981, transferring his membership from Sandusky Lions Club. Lion John has held all club offices. He earned the 100% President Award and the 100% Secretary Award. He served as Jr. Deputy Governor in 1990-91, Sr. Deputy Governor in 1991-92 and District Governor III 1992-93. He received the 100% Governor's Award. In 2007-08 he served as District 13-A Cabinet Secretary/Treasure. He served as 2nd Vice District Governor in 2008-09, 1st Vice District Governor in 2009-10 and in 2010-11 served as District Governor. He has received Council of Governor's Award of Merit and has been a Guiding Lion since 2015. He has served as OHI District Treasurer for the past 3 years. PDG John is also a Melvin Jones Fellow, a W.R. "Dick" Bryan Fellow and has received two International President Appreciation Awards and two International President Awards.

Lion John is a member of Ohio Lions Past District Governor's Association and has served as its Secretary-Treasure since 1999. PDG John has attended and chaired many District, State and International Conventions as well as Fall Conferences, Winter Retreats and USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums.

John was a design engineer for 38 years and worked 10 years at Lowe's Home Improvement in Findlay. Lion John retired in 2015. From 1971- 1977 he served in the Ohio Air National Guard as a Site Development Specialist at Camp Perry's 200th Civil Engineering Squadron, "Red Horse". Lion John was President of Hancock Soccer Association in 1991 and again in 1995 and served on the HSA Board of Directors for 15 years. He was a USSF soccer referee for 20 years and also a Ohio High, School soccer referee for 18 years. In his free time he enjoys making furniture and woodworking projects in his shop.

PDG John and his wife Lion Susan have been married for 44 years. John and Sue are parents of three sons Ryan, Kyle and Justin and grandparents of 3 boys and 2 girls. They have also been parents of 6 exchange students. Susan was a Charter Member and Past President of the Findlay Lioness Club. Currently she is a member and President of the Mc Comb Lions Club.

Rebecca Dent-Weiss District Governor 2021-2022 District 13 OH1



I may have sold you a 50-50 ticket as Tail-Twister at an OH1 District convention. In addition to three years as District Tail-Twister, I served as District Newsletter Editor and Zone Chair. My home club is Wauseon Lions, and I am active member of an active club. My hometown is Toledo, and I am a life-long Ohio resident. I graduated from Ohio State University, where I majored in Mathematics. I lived near Fayette while commuting to work in the University of Toledo's Information Technology department. As an information technology specialist, I enjoyed various roles such as accounting software specialist; computer manager for the computer aided design, engineering, and manufacturing (CAD/EM) lab; UNIX operating system specialist and site consultant for the Ohio Supercomputer Center supporting research computing; University Computing Administrator supporting desktops for building facilities, campus police, UTMC hospital, and other departments. After three decades, I retired and moved to Wauseon where I joined the Lions Club. A lot of folks travel after retirement, but I decided on

a different kind of journey. I signed up for classes at Northwest State Community College in Archbold. I studied database and web scripting, then earned an associate business degree in applied information technology. To sharpen my STEM skills, I took every math class available and became a Success Center student tutor. I continued my journey earning associate degrees in CAD/CAM and mechanical engineering technology.

I have been hired as an adjunct working for the Success Center as a Math, Computer, and Technology Lab tutor and as a student have just finished an associate degree in cyber security and networking. Now, how can all this recent schooling help the clubs of District OH1 ? I am not only learning about computers and robots and such, but I am also relearning the value of networking and teamwork. As I visit the clubs of OH1 I hope to learn and share information about what methods work best, both new technology and classic public relations; to further membership, retention, and service goals; to learn more about the fun and satisfaction to be gained from Club and District level Lion Leadership. As Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."