



*The Lions' Pause*

*Wooster Noon Lions Club*



May 2021

# PROGRAMS



May 6	Elizabeth Schuster Sustainable Economies Consulting
May 13	Amy Baker Salt & Serenity Grotto
May 20	Tom Pukys Wayne Economic Development Council
May 27	Cathy Ballinger Whit's End Community Place, Inc.

## Program Ideas NEEDED!

Please send any and all suggestions for programs to Kathi Bond at [kathicryo@aol.com](mailto:kathicryo@aol.com)

## **Newsletter Submissions**

Have news about members, committees, or activities? Please email Lacie Neal at [lneal\\_wccf@sssnet.com](mailto:lneal_wccf@sssnet.com) for future publications!

## **The President's Corner**

Hello Fellow Lions,

It's hard to believe it is May already.

I'd like to give Lion Tammy Cruise a big thank you for arranging our new place to meet.

Those who attended the pot party had a lot of fun and did a great service project. Thank you Lion Jim Silver for organizing this year after year.

Please consider attending the State Convention May 21-23 at the Double Tree in Worthington. 1st VP Doug Alexander will be our guest for the weekend. He is a great Lion and it will be an honor to have him there.

If you plan to go to the state convention please contact Lion Tricia for details.

The district convention is June 11-13th. Please also contact Lion Tricia if you are interested in attending.

The Club would not run as smoothly if we did have an awesome treasurer Lion Dave and a fantastic secretary Lion Tricia. We can't forget Lion John for taking the position of club administer and stepping forward and helping out Lion Tricia.

We are a GREAT club of Lions!

Bite 'em!

~ Lion President Becky

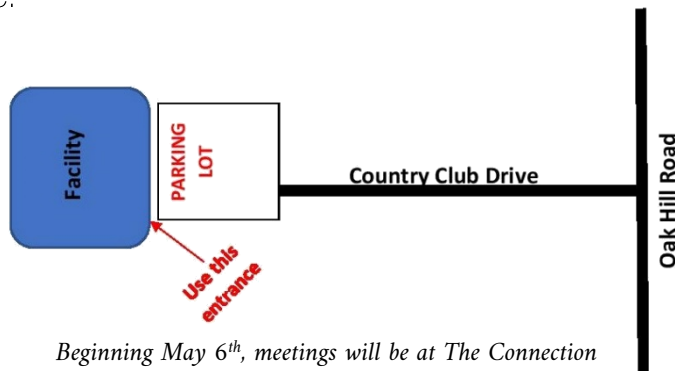


## Back in the Den!

Wooster Noon Lions is back to in-person meetings. Pre-registration is required to ensure proper set-up for social distancing and meal count. Check your email each week for a notice from Lion John Veney when sign-up is open...or visit [www.WoosterNoonLions.org](http://www.WoosterNoonLions.org) and click the link under "Current Club Happenings" on the homepage.

Reminder:

May 6<sup>th</sup> we begin meeting at The Connection, on the West View Healthy Living Campus, 103 Country Club, Wooster – from Oak Hill, turn onto Country Club, road will dead-end into the parking lot.



## Roadside Clean Up is Back!

Mark your calendars now

Saturday, May 15th, 2021

Meet at Triway Lanes at 9:00am

In case of inclement weather, date will be Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Bring gloves and wear boot – those ditches get deep!

Sign up in the den or contact Lion Debbie Shaffer at [Shaffer.271@osu.edu](mailto:Shaffer.271@osu.edu).



Save  
the  
Date

State Convention

May 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Worthington, Ohio

District Convention

June 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>  
Akron, Ohio

International Convention

June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Virtual

Want more information on attending the Conventions?  
Contact Lion Secretary Tricia Pycraft at  
[woonoonlionssec@yahoo.com](mailto:woonoonlionssec@yahoo.com)



— HAPPY —  
*Birthday*

May 1	John (JB) Bone
May 4	Sean Havalotti
May 6	Pamela Tolliver
May 18	Jennifer Grim
May 18	Sean Ulik
May 19	John Veney



## **Meet a Member: Kathleen "Katie" Abuzzino**

Birthday – March 24, 1967

Hometown & current residence – Valparaiso, Florida. Was born in Dayton to parents doing Civil Service work at Wright Patterson AFB, then they transferred to Eglin AFB when I was 3 years old. I've been living in Wooster since 1989.

Family & Pets– My wife is Frankie Abruzzino and she works at Wayne County Children's Services. We've been together for 11 years and were married in Maryland in October 2014. We arranged for the ceremony to be out of state since it wasn't legal for lesbians to be married in Ohio at that time. We have 3 adult children from my previous relationship and share 7 grandchildren. Our grandson spends every other weekend at our home. We share our home with 3 cats.

Hobbies/Interests – bicycling on rails to trails or repurposed towpath trails, hiking, including section hiking the Appalachian Trail for the past 6 years, kayaking, a member of CrossFit Wooster, traveling and/or daytrips, including exploring Ohio, loop trips through national parks, Guam to visit our oldest son that's in the Air Force, Italy, Switzerland, England and Wales, nonfiction books, movies, YouTube, and bird watching.

Other service organizations or community involvement – Board member of the Oasis Recovery Club, Leadership Team member of Prism of Wayne County, and play French Horn in the Orrville Area Community Band.

Education/Occupation – Bachelor's degree in Social Work from University of Akron, Licensed Social Worker, Victim Advocate and Outreach Specialist since January 2009 at OneEighty, and Direct Services Staff at Self Reliance, Inc. since 2005. Have had lots of training on grief and use it within my work as an advocate.

Favorite vacation spot – difficult to answer, but really anywhere new and off the beaten path. Appalachian Trail is right up there. Guam was pretty incredible, but not very accessible. Going back home to the Panhandle of Florida has always been enjoyable.

Reason for joining Wooster Noon Lions – My father has been in the Lions Club since he was a young man and I appreciate following in his footsteps. He's still an active member in Florida and his club is pretty excited that I'm back in!

Favorite color – Purple is fun, but so is maroon.

Favorite Season – Love them all, but Spring and Fall are both pretty great.

What is the best advice you ever received? No matter how tough things get, they can only stay that way for so long until something will give. Everything will work out one way or another. Appreciate coincidences.

What kind of music do you enjoy? Rarely listen to music, but not country. Acoustic guitar, jazz, and folk.

What is your favorite animal? Goats are near the top of the list. But Manatees have always had a special place in my heart.

Favorite movie/tv show(s) – The Office, Scrubs, Breaking Bad (did the self guided tour in New Mexico), One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Lord of the Rings, Pirates of the Caribbean

# 2021-2022 Club Leaderships

Position	Lion
President	Doug Carpenter
First Vice President	Lisa Nyhart
Second Vice President	Debbie Shaffer
Third Vice President	John Benko-Scruggs
Community Service Chairperson	Eric Michener
Immediate Past President	Becky Thornton
Directors, Two Years	Nikki Fehrenbach, Becky Moore, Lacie Neal
Directors, One Year	Leo Miller Alan Nathan Bill Studenic Tim Bogner Kathy Studenic Steve Thornton, assistant
Lion Tamers	Rachelle Matz Katie Abruzzino Tricia Pycraft David Spar John Veney
Tail Twisters	
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Club Administrator	
Newsletter Editor	Lacie Neal
Website Manager	John Veney



# Join US!

**Club Leadership Inductions and Club Awards  
In the Den  
Thursday, June 3, 2021**