



# OAK RIDGE LIONS CLUB

## October 2024

Website: <http://oakridgelions.org/>

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are excited to celebrate our newest members, inducted at the September 24 meeting, and we look forward to your participation and ideas for serving our community!



From left to right are new members Omar Gutierrez, Samantha Preshong, Chris Gilbert, and Bonnie Fried. At far right is Past District Governor Clare Crawford who handled the induction.

### OCTOBER 22 CLUB MEETING AT SHONEY'S

- The program will be District Leader Dog Chair and Puppy Raiser Connie Emmons of the Knoxville Tri-County Lions Club. Come learn more about this inspiring Lion-sponsored program!
- You can also bring any food donations you want delivered to Brysonn's Closet for the November 9 Food Drive.

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



17: Wendy Cain  
24: Bill Truex



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sign up for projects here: <http://oakridgelions.org/calendar/>

Oct. 8 (Tue)	6 p.m.	<b>Club Business Meeting</b> on Zoom
Oct. 12 (Sat)	10 a.m.-noon	<b>Brysonn's Closet Food Drive</b> , 350 N. Illinois Avenue
Oct. 21 (Mon)	a.m./p.m.	<b>Vision Screening</b> at Jefferson Middle School (6 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> graders)
Oct. 22 (Tue)	a.m./p.m.	<b>Vision Screening</b> at Jefferson Middle School (continued)
Oct. 22 (Tue)	6 p.m.	<b>Club Meeting</b> at Shoney's and on Zoom with Program
Oct. 26 (Sat)	2 p.m.	<b>Broadway Road Cleanup</b> , Meet at Jackson Square Parking Lot
Nov. 9 (Sat)	10 a.m.-noon	<b>Brysonn's Closet Food Drive</b> , 350 N. Illinois Avenue
Nov. 12 (Tue)	6 p.m.	<b>Club Business Meeting</b> on Zoom

### 2024-2025 Officers

- President: Bill Truex
- 1st VP: Ron Wilson
- 2nd VP: Gaylan Good
- Secretary: Ron Wilson
- Treasurer: George Smith
- Marketing/PR: Patti Cates
- Service & Membership: Wendy Cain
- LCIF Coord.: Gaylan Good



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT WENDY CAIN



Following in her father's footsteps, Wendy Cain joined the Mt. Olivet (West Virginia) Lions Club in 1992 (32 years!). After her job with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) brought her to the area, she transferred to the Oak Ridge Lions Club in 1998. In 2006-2007, Wendy served as District Governor for the East Tennessee region that spans from Kingsport to Kingston.



Wendy has been involved in Lions leadership development in Tennessee, with the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, and some international training opportunities. However, local service projects are her favorite, especially when there is an opportunity to become "Lion Paws" in costume!

Wendy graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Industrial Engineering, and is a project manager for DOE at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Wendy & Barry have one canine kid, a basset-beagle mix, Addy.

## LIONS LESSON



Lions Clubs can carry out any type of service project they choose. However, Lions International provides specific project resources and the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provides grants around these global causes:

- **Vision** - Prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired.
- **Environment** - Protect the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world.
- **Hunger** - Improve food security and access to nutritious food to help alleviate hunger.
- **Diabetes** - Reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those living with diabetes.
- **Disaster Relief** - Meet immediate needs and provide long-term support to communities devastated by natural disasters.
- **Childhood Cancer** - Support for the needs of children and families affected by cancer.
- **Youth** - Support young people so they can make positive choices, lead healthy and productive lives, and become the next generation of service leaders.
- **Humanitarian** - Provide humanitarian aid for the world's most crucial needs.

Our member dues cover administrative expenses, so EVERY dollar donated to LCIF is put to work by Lions!

## SERVICE PROJECTS

- **Provide Eye Exams & Eyeglasses** - Ongoing, as referred by ADFAC
- **Recycle Used Eyeglasses** - Ongoing, multiple collection locations
- **Food Drive for Brysonn's Closet** - Second Saturday monthly
- **Adopt-a-Street (Broadway)** - Every 2 months (even-numbered months)
- **Holiday Bureau Toy Collection** - December Christmas Party
- **ORHS Scholarships** - April/May
- **ORHS Graduation Celebration Sponsor/Volunteer** - May
- **Lavender Festival Booth & Cleanup** - June 21, 2025
- **Vision Screening** - As scheduled with schools, usually Fall

### Researching:

- **The Crayon Initiative** - Ongoing collection of used crayons for recycling, reshaping, and distribution to Children's Hospitals
- **Diabetes Education** - An educational program for adults diagnosed or at-risk for diabetes.

## FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

- **Chili Lunch** - January-February
- **Sell Nuts, Chocolates, Dried Fruits and Snacks** - Online, year-round with October-December holiday push

**What ideas do you have?**