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## Donna Bates' Passion to Serve SE Lions Inaugural Lifetime Service Award Recipient

By Bob Vitale  
Veteran Reporter at Columbus Dispatch

Donna Bates says she's retired. Don't believe her for a second!

Although she stopped working 24 years ago as a fiscal officer for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Bates is still a very busy woman. She's a board member for the Reeb Center and an officer for the Steelton Village Civic Association. She's a musician and church secretary. She's a trustee for the Parsons Area Merchants Association and is part of a group that provides scholarships to African American students in Columbus City Schools.

She has been an active member of Columbus Southeast Lions Club since 2019, and this year, she's the first recipient of the club's Lifetime Service Award.

"I have this passion to stay busy and to be involved," she says. "I don't want to isolate myself, because if you're not aware of the situation in your neighborhood, you can't help."

It's a philosophy that the lifetime South Side resident saw in action while watching her mother, Carrie Garnes, mobilize a group of neighbors around Barthman Avenue in the early 1970s. They collected petition signatures and were successful in stopping the city's planned demolition of homes south of Reeb Avenue in order to expand industrial development.



Not only did they save the neighborhood, they also helped secure federal assistance for improvements to the area.

Bates' mother thought then what she feels now: "It's about what's right and wrong, what is good for everybody and not just a few. You can see change in a neighborhood, and when you see it's on the negative side, you want to do something."

And, she adds with a smile, "My husband says I don't know how to say no."

Southeast Lions President Tom Grote says Bates was an obvious choice for the Lions Club recognition.

"Donna was born on the South Side and, to this day, still lives on the South Side," he says. "She has spent a lifetime advocating for her neighbors and volunteering to make the neighborhood a better place. We owe her a debt of gratitude for her lifetime of service. We're so happy to be honoring her with the first-ever Lifetime Service Award from the Columbus Southeast Lions."

Her connection to the Southeast Lions goes far beyond membership in the service organization. Bates' childhood home on Barthman Avenue was just half a block away from

Southeast Lions Park, a 1.3-acre playground purchased by the club and donated to the City of Columbus in 1946.

It figures prominently in her memories.

"I was there every summer. When it was open, I was there," she says. "I learned how to play softball there. Art and crafts, everything was there. There were dance parties on the weekend. All of us would participate. It's how I found out about other cultures."

"The Lions, even then, reached out in the community," Bates says now. "Those are the kinds of things that drew me to join. When they do neighborhood cleanups, it's a memory for me of Saturdays when everybody was out sweeping, raking leaves."

Her memories aren't all rosy, though. And although she's candid about challenges facing the South Side today, Bates' assessment isn't bleak.

Remember her mother's activism in 1972 to stop demolition of people's homes? It was made especially critical because the practice of redlining, which had been technically outlawed by then but still practiced more subtly, would have kept her parents and other Black homeowners from purchasing homes farther north.

Bates' beloved neighborhood, then as now, was a multi-racial, multi-ethnic enclave. She lives about six minutes away these days with husband, Wiley. Except for a few years in another part of town - "I didn't like it," she says - the couple raised their three sons on the South Side.

Today, Bates says, she's happy to be working with a new generation of neighbors eager to volunteer their time and put in the effort required to help others. She has noticed that one new family on her old street moved in and began fixing up their house and

yard. Soon after, someone across the street started doing the same.

It makes her very optimistic even in times that can seem rather turbulent.

"We can all sit and sulk, but it's not going to change anything," she says. "If we can sit around a table and say, 'What are we going to do that makes a difference,' you can work together to bring any kind of positive action to where you live."

It takes a group, Bates has learned. So although her name is on the Lifetime Service Award from the Columbus Southeast Lions Club, she is eager to share the accolades.

"I will be 80 on my next birthday, and I think I still haven't done as much as other people," says Bates, even as she concedes that she really is more busy now than when she was working full-time for the state.

"I just have more mouth," she says with a laugh. "My dad was the quiet one. He would always say about my mom, 'There she goes again.' I think my husband says that, too."



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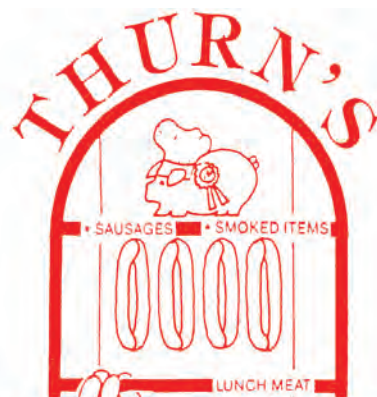
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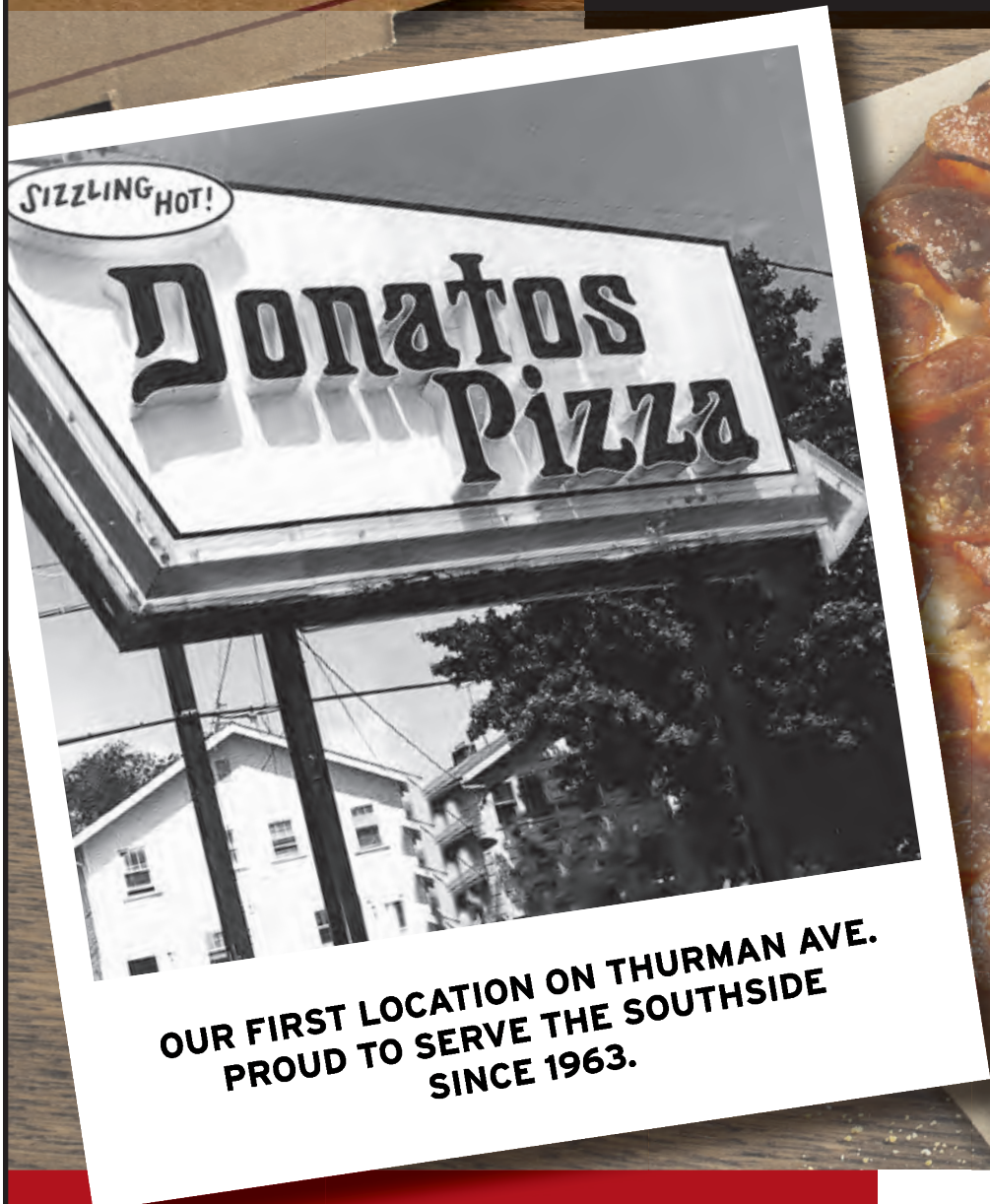
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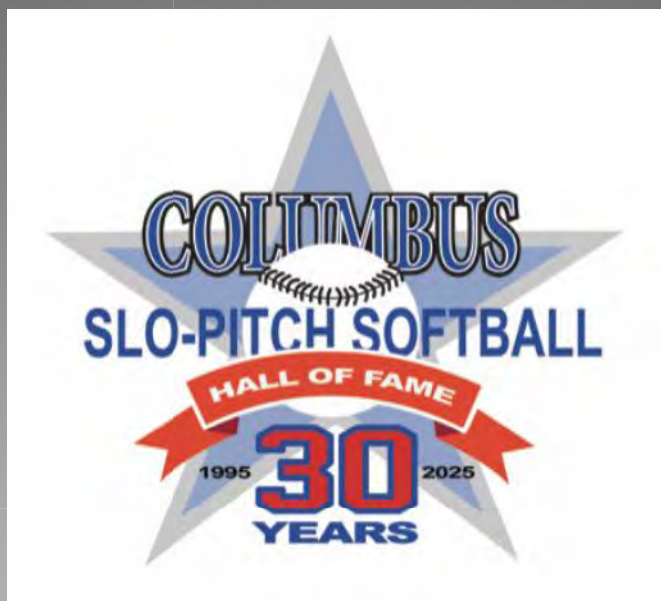
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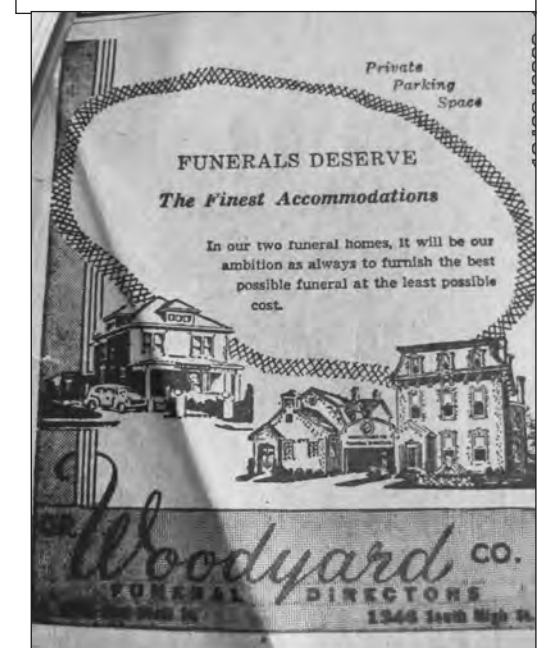
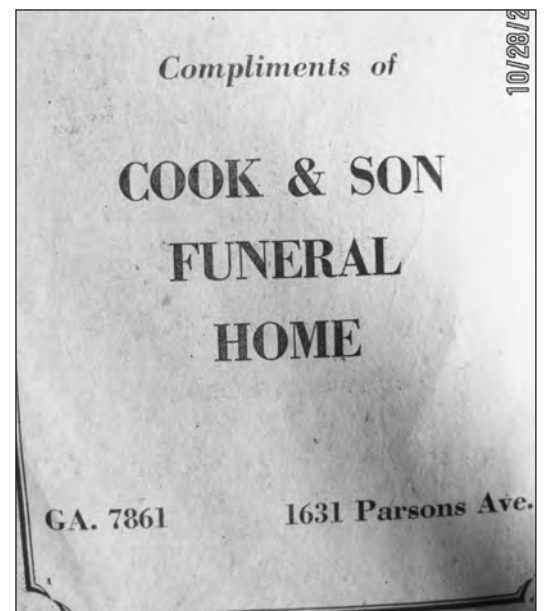
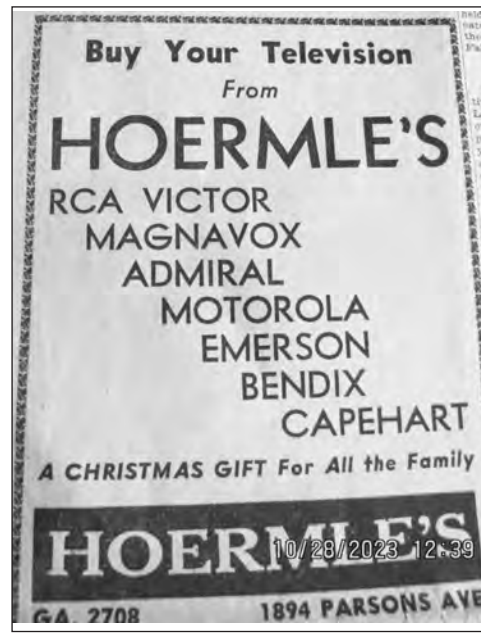
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# 75th Annual Southeast Lions 2023 Easter Egg Hunt



## 75 Years—Southeast Lions Easter Egg Hunt

The sun was shining and the lawn of Schiller Community Recreation Center was buzzing with hundreds of children and adults for the 75th Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Southeast Lions. After a two year hiatus due to COVID, the event returned bigger and better than ever. Even the rainy weather that had created soggy conditions during the week decided to take a break for the festivities.

In true fashion the Southeast Lions turned out in full force in helping with the organizing and running of the event. They coordinated with Winans Chocolates to ensure every participant that found a golden egg would receive a delicious chocolate bunny. Winans also generously donated a 30 lb. chocolate bunny that was presented to Nationwide Children's Hospital. The Schiller Baton Corp provided coffee and donuts for everyone. The Columbus Fire Department were present to greet the families and allowed kids to explore their fire truck. After welcoming words from Lions president Tom Grote, the Easter Bunny appeared and helped kick

off the hunt by sounding the firetruck siren.

Participants were separated into age groups and spread throughout Schiller Park gathering candy bought by the SE Lions and searching for the precious golden eggs. The hunt was fast and furious and tons of fun. Families were able to meet the Easter Bunny afterwards and take photos of the day at the selfie station. It was a fantastic day and was estimated over 300 friends joined the Southeast Lions for this incredible event. Here's to looking forward to year 76!





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Lion volunteers came out in the spring and planted bulbs around the park and under the park sign. Perennials were later planted under the park sign in Summer.

The City of Columbus Parks & Recreation performed several maintenance and improvement items in October. The Forestry group planted a combination of purchased container trees and CRPD nursery stock. Trees were pruned and stumps removed on the north side of the park, with particular scrutiny to the trees around the playground area.

Building Maintenance pressure washed and painted the shelter in its entirety. The stone was painted to cover

damage from graffiti.

Swing mats requested by the club will be placing them with new playground mulch over the entire playground. All the wood benches have been pressure washed and treated with a wood sealer to help prolong their life. Concrete pads were poured under the four benches on the playground to make them more useable. Also replaced the missing lumber on the bench by the basketball court; replaced the older boards on the two picnic tables in the shelter.



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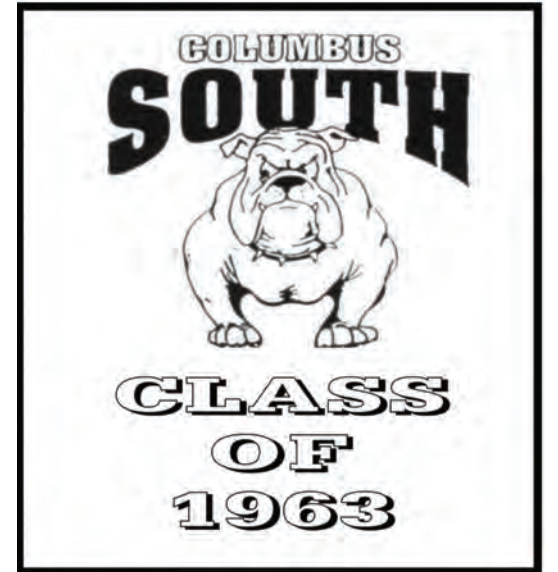
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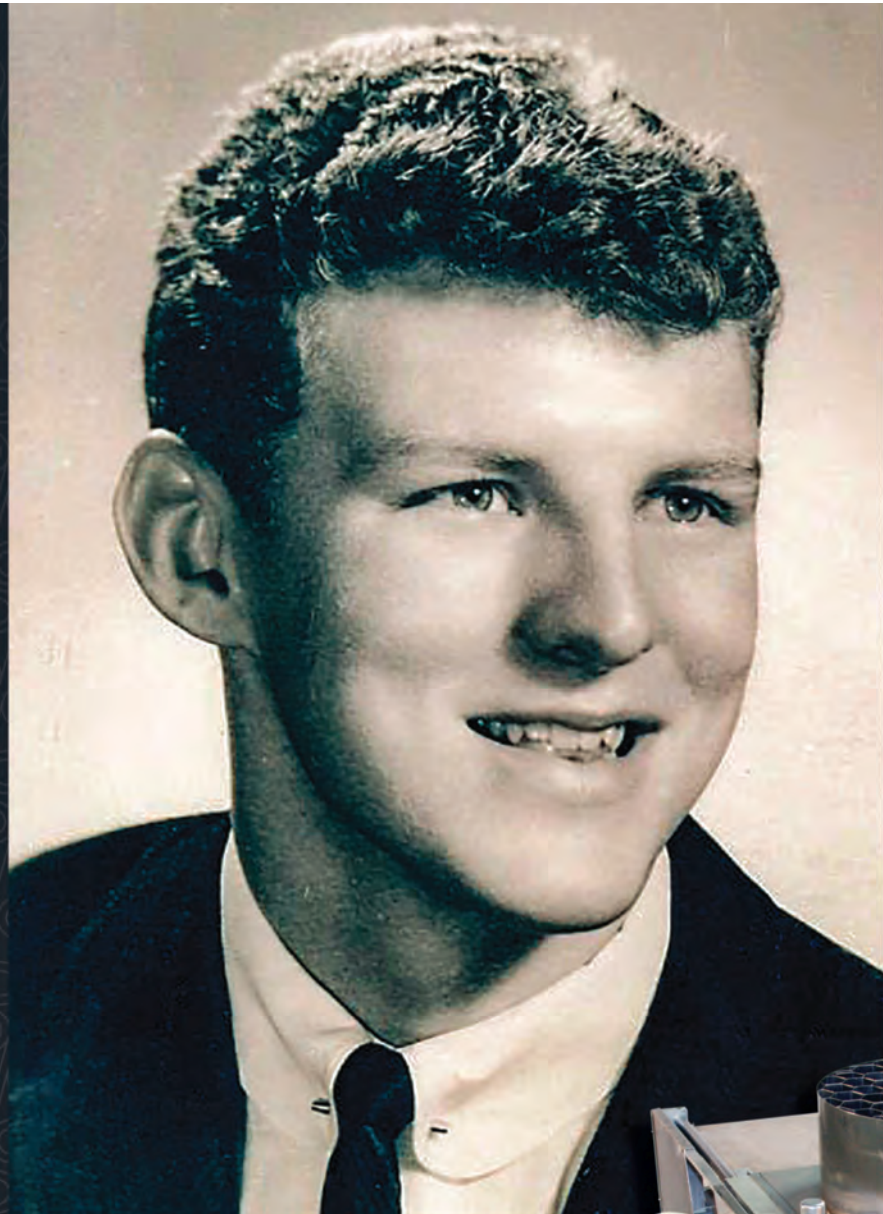
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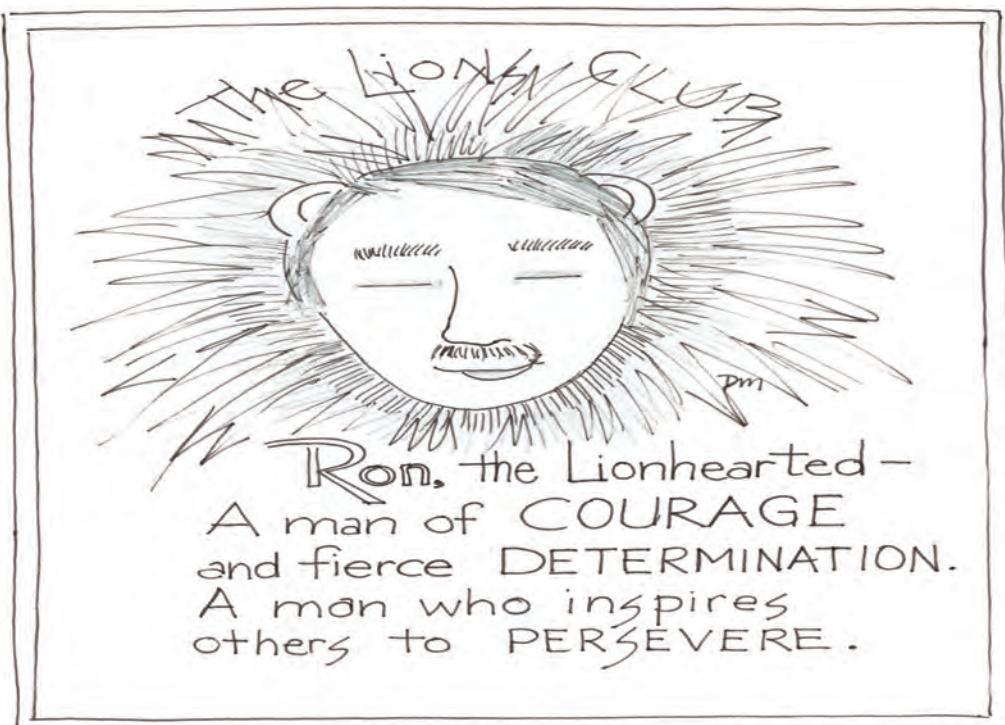
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For Several years the Southeast Lions have sponsored Lion Ron Derry and his GOOD Program in the southeast community. The GOOD Program teaches students to go on and not accept defeat. Ron focuses on life and the lessons learned by turning a negative situation into a positive experience. He tells his own story of losing his sight but not his vision for life. Through students and teachers, letters addressed to the Southeast Lions, we know the GOOD program affects lives in a positive way. Therefore, your Southeast Lions Club believes in the GOOD Program and are pleased to sponsor it in our community. Funding of the GOOD Program is possible through our Southeast Lions Roar. We thank all who choose to support our Southeast Lions Roar. Your funds make this possible for school children in Southeast Columbus.

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Ron Derry



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February 23, 2023

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February 23, 2023  
Dear Southeast Lions,  
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Sincerely,  
Samantha - 4th Grade

Dear South Lions club,  
February 23, 2023  
We really enjoyed learning about and form Mr. Derry. Thank you for sponsoring his Good Program. I really felt sad about those kides that was very hertful for you. Will continue to bring his message of go on to my classmats.  
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The South Columbus partnership agreed Parsons Avenue needed fresh colorful street banners to enhance the commercial gateway. Within two weeks the grant was submitted for \$10,000 and matching funds from SE Lions and NCH secured to increase the working capital to \$20,000.

All People Arts, a new south Columbus arts organization was asked to select area artists to produce 8 designs that would showcase area history and new community icons. The artists were paid from the grant funds.

In February 2023, members of the community were invited to the Reeb Center to meet the artists and submit ideas they felt represented both Parsons Avenue and South Columbus. The artists selected a concept and the applied their unique talents to create the design. The finished designs were unveiled at a second community meeting.

The Flag Lady produced 80 weatherproof vinyl banners in shades of teal, white

and gray. The select color scheme in keeping with the branding utilized by the Parsons Avenue Merchants Association.

Forty "Welcome to Parsons Avenue" banners are intermixed with 8 different designs showcasing a combination of history and leadership icons.

The banner project is a first step to help revitalize Parsons Avenue into a safe, clean and vibrant commercial corridor. The SE Lions Club also committed to quarterly litter cleanups along the corridor.

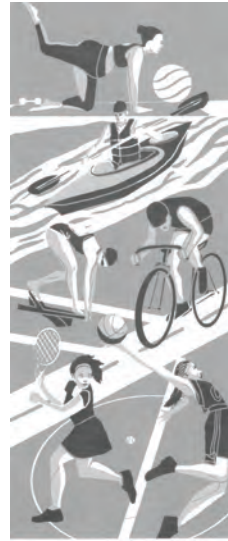
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## South Central Commons Blockwatch



Wrapped up a successful season providing meals to the South High School marching band and drill team, thanks to Southeast Lions Club. For ten weeks, we prepared and served homemade meals to the South High School Band. The meals help students stay involved in the extracurricular activities they love and allows us to

demonstrate that healthy food, like jackfruit and mango, can taste good. We are proud that four South High School band graduates are currently on full ride college music scholarships and two are expected to be offered the same for next fall. South Central Commons is so grateful for the collaboration between our community groups, because together we provide our local youth with opportunities they might not have had otherwise.

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## Roar!!!



I have a question for you. Does the technology that we have today divide us or connect us? I think this is an interesting question and one that deserves more than just a "knee-jerk" reaction. You need to understand that I am in my 40's. I am from the generation that grew up without the internet but had to quickly learn it as we began our careers. With that being said, this is a topic wherein I can see both sides.

For one, I hate walking around this neighborhood and seeing most people staring down at the phones with earbuds in their ears. It is like everyone is living in their own virtually created world. I fear that we are isolating ourselves and trying to only consume the information that appeals to us. So, my "knee-jerk" reaction to this question is to start saying stuff like "back in my day" or "let me tell you how it used to be". I am guessing that you can relate, since you are currently reading this in a newspaper.

So, before I go all "Grumpy Old Man" on you, I want to pause and look at this from a

different perspective. It was Steve Jobs that said, "it's not faith in technology, its faith in people". I believe what he is saying here is, your faith should not be in the technology of the time, but in the human hands that use it. That is why I am using the social media platform TikTok to meet my neighbors, increase membership within the Lions Club and essentially connect and improve my community.

For those that might be new to this platform, please allow me to share a little more. TikTok is the leading destination for short-form mobile video. Their mission is to inspire creativity and bring joy. TikTok has over 1 billion average monthly users, and they target local content to local areas. Using this platform to accomplish our mission is like me talking into a megaphone as opposed to just whispering. I want to reach as many people as possible.

For those Lions out there, you know why we ROAR. For those pups, just know that when you hear a Lion member ROAR, stuff

is about to get done. I mean we are the "club that gets things done"! Our ROAR is our call to action. So, when I meet new people in the neighborhood, I occasionally ask them to "ROAR for the neighborhood". This results in a 15 second video that I post online. I am targeting anyone and everyone that wants to show their love for their community. I have videos of other Lions members, local business owners, friends, and lifelong South Enders (South Siders) all roaring with excitement. These short videos have been so much fun to make, and I am just getting started.

If you are interested in seeing these videos, simply go to TikTok and search for "Southeast Lions". If you have any issues doing this, I suggest reaching out to a friend or neighbor under 30 and asking them for help. It is what I do every time I fall into that "Grumpy Old Man" mode. I guess you can teach an Old Lion new trick.

I want to use these videos to connect my neighbors and ultimately grow membership

for the Southeast Lions Club. I want to highlight anyone and everyone that wants to help. The TikTok platform works best for those content creators that are consistently creating and posting new content. With that being said, you are now at the point of my article where I am asking for your help. I don't need your money; I need your voice! I want to hear from those out there that are proud of being from this community. I want to hear from those of you that are confident and not afraid to show their passion. If you grew up here or you just recently moved here, I want to hear from you. Everyone's ROAR is as unique and as special as the person themselves. Your ROAR is your sign to this community that you are here for more than just yourself. The platform might be new to you, but your passion for this community is not. Please reach out to me on TikTok or at crotingerbill@gmail.com if you are interested in sharing your ROAR. Together we can make big things happen. Will you please help me?

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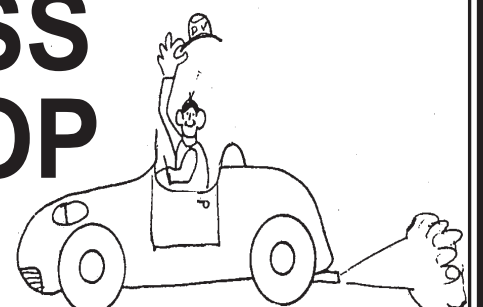
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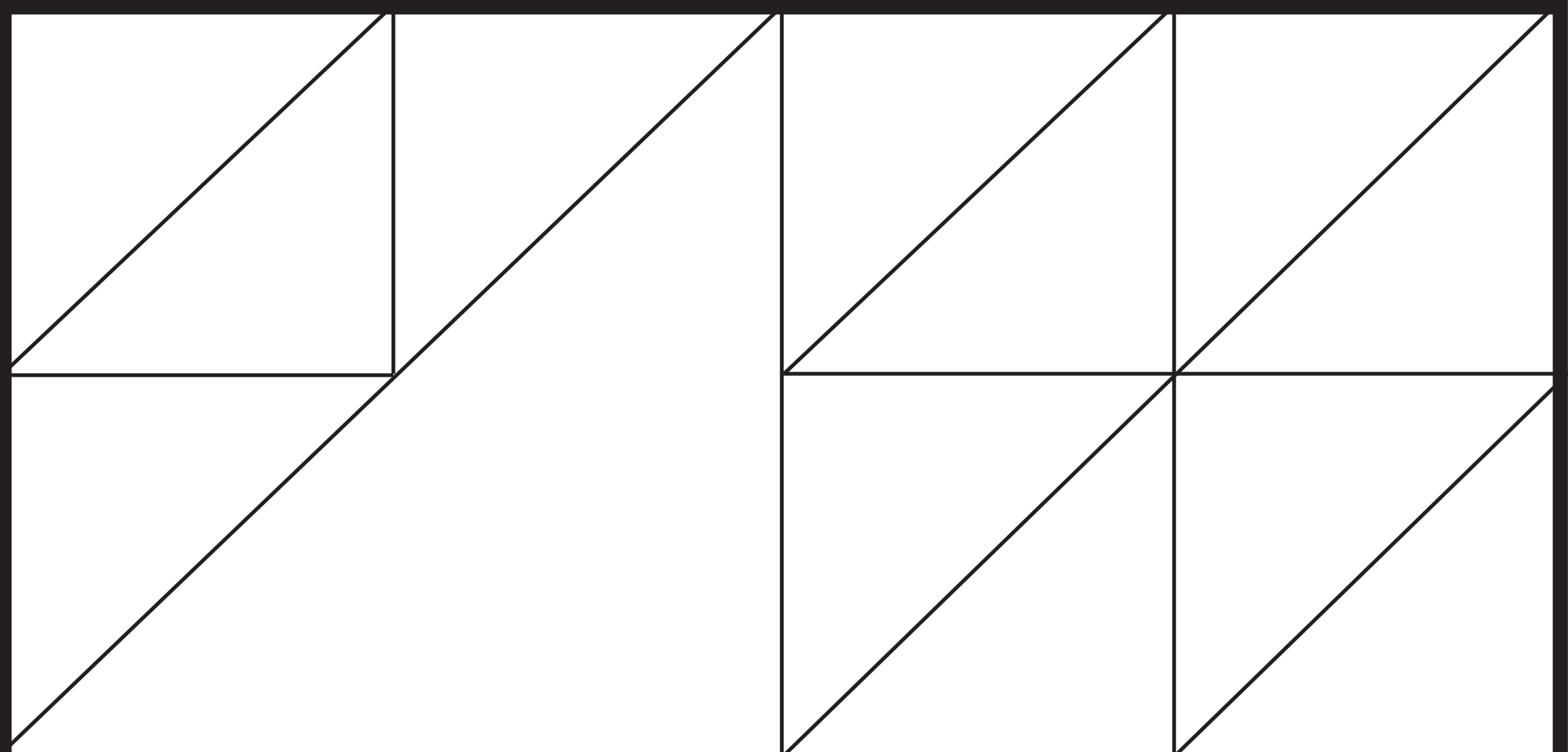
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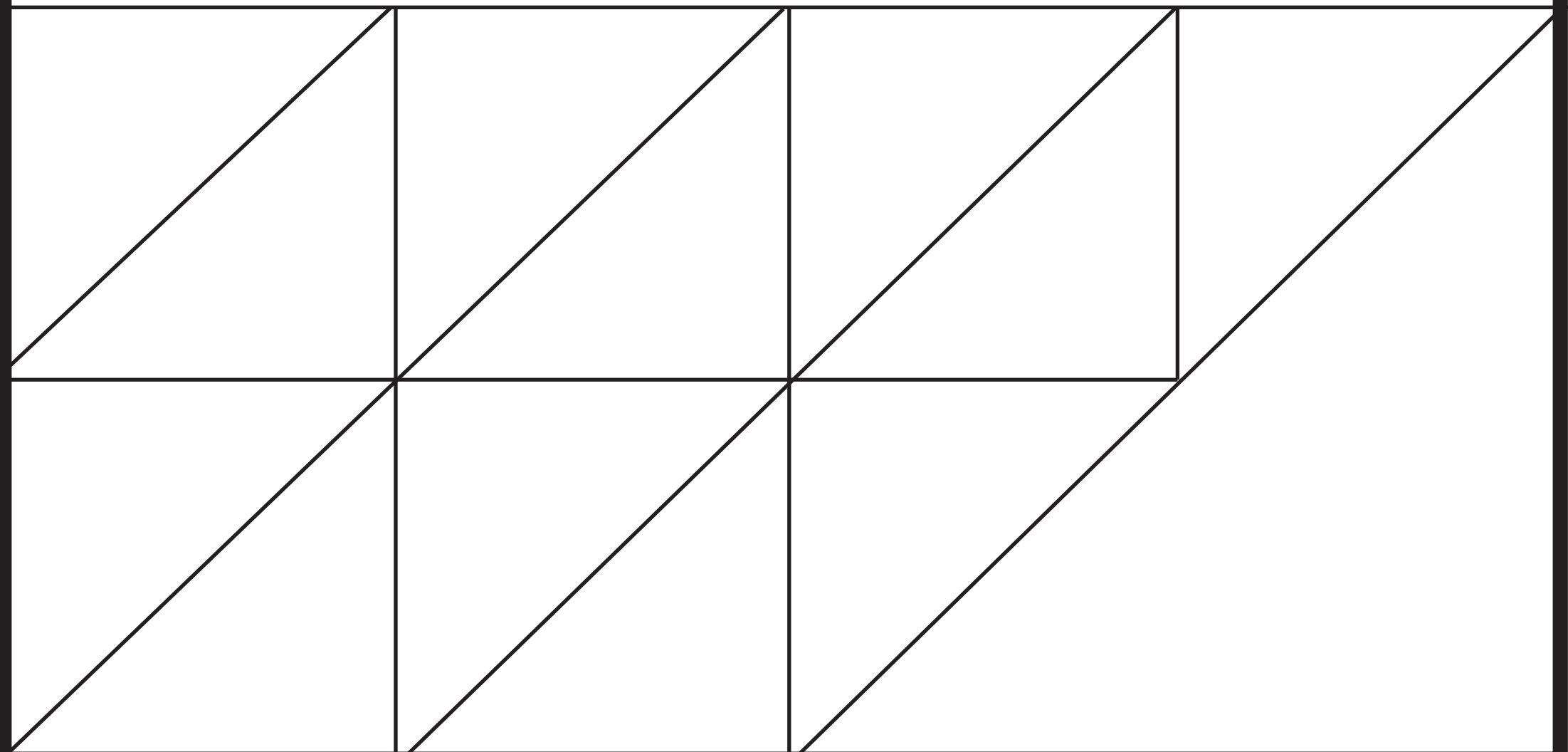


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LIFEsports summer camp programs including:

- our traditional four-week at Ohio State main campus,
- 3, 7-week camps in partnership with Columbus Recreation and Parks,
- 2, 4-week camps in partnership with Columbus City Schools, and
- 1, 4-week camp in partnership with Dublin City Schools.

As always all our summer camp programs focused on teaching

social skills (self-control, effort, teamwork, and social responsibility – S.E.T.S.) through sport. Our youth reported great outcomes from their participation in camp, including being able to control their feelings better, learning to act responsibly while playing sports, and using S.E.T.S. in their school, home and community. To continue to support the work of LIFEsports, donations can be made at any time at:

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# ECHOING HILLS

Camp Echoing Hills is a non-profit Christian camp serving adults and children with intellectual or developmental disabilities, located in the rolling hills of rural Coshocton County. The camp promotes a strong sense of community and takes great pride in building relationships with the campers

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What really makes Camp Echoing Hills stand out is not fun activities or accessible facilities, what makes it “a step above” is the dedication to investing in the lives

of the people served.

Founded in 1967, the first ministry of what would eventually grow to become Echoing Hills has welcomed campers every summer since then. For more information

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- Swimming and playing in the pool and splashpad
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# SE LIONS COMMIT TO A LITTER-FREE PARSONS IN "614 BEAUTIFUL" GRANT



If you are driving along Parsons Avenue and spot a roving pack of yellow vests, carrying metal grabbers and black bags, you might just have witnessed the SE Lions attack on litter.

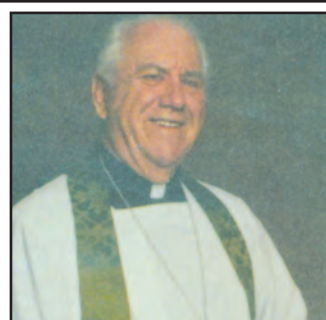
Each quarter members of the service club meet up, enjoy a coffee and morning sweet before heading out for a block-by-block cleanup of trash and debris off the sidewalks along Parsons Avenue. While it is a dirty job, longtime members like Marc Borst make it fun by recounting humorous stories and fond memories of the glory days of the South End. Club President, Tom Grote of Donatos Pizza challenges himself to pick up competitor brand pizza boxes he finds thrown on the

street. Members have picked up unusual car parts, a good pair of boots, clothing and of course Styrofoam food containers, bottles, cans and cigarette butts.

The SE Lions recognize that visible litter is a serious symptom of commercial decline and leads to an increase in crime. Two Lion cleanups have been completed in 2023. Each cleanup has yielded between 35 to 50 bags of trash in just two hours. And that is not the entire 2 1/2-mile stretch from Livingston Avenue to Hosack. While many drivers honk their horn, wave or stop their car to say thanks, more cleanups are needed. Every littered item is important to the perception of the Avenue.

A very loud ROAR is the organizations' call for additional volunteer help. South Side City Liaison, Kathrine Cull recruits from surrounding neighborhoods and Kathy Green of the Parsons Avenue Merchants Association urges business owners to join in keeping their property along Parsons clean. Collaboration through service can bring a cleaner, safer, more vibrant commercial artery in which to visit, shop and live.

Won't you join the Lions in bringing back PRIDE on Parsons Avenue?



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