

77th Southeast Lions Roar

“The Club That Gets Things Done”

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“Improve the quality of life in Southeast Columbus by taking a role within the community to identify needs and provide funding and support to meet these needs.”

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**Celebrates 85
Years of Service**

Timm and Sue Gall Awarded the Donna Bates Lifetime Service Award

From Brick Streets to Barstools: How Timm and Sue Gall Became the Heart of Columbus’ Southend

“They’ve served beer—but more importantly, they’ve served their community—with heart, grit, and the kind of love that makes a Lion roar.”

By Maggie Gall-Maynard



Long before German Village became the city’s jewel of restored homes and red brick charm, Timm Gall was already here—living the history that others would one day pay dearly to move into. His roots run deep. Timm’s grandfather emigrated from Alsace-Lorraine to German Village to work in the brewery business. Today, the Gall legacy lives on not just in the red bricks beneath our feet—but in the soul of the Southend, where Timm and his wife, Sue, have consistently helped build something far more valuable than property: community.

This year, the Columbus Southeast Lions Club proudly recognizes Timm and Sue’s decades of service to others by honoring them with the Donna Bates Lifetime Service Award—a fitting tribute to two people whose lives embody the Lions’ mission: “We Serve.”

A graduate of South High School, Timm’s 1965 jacket hangs proudly inside the Hey Hey Bar and Grill, the second oldest operating bar in all of Columbus. After graduation, he was drafted into the Vietnam War. Timm served in Vietnam as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division (2/502 B Company) from 1968 to 1969.

Meanwhile, Sue Overbey (now Sue Gall) was putting herself through nursing school at The Ohio State University, waiting tables at Plank’s Garten on High St. to cover tuition and cost of living. In 1970, a love story started brewing as Timm and Sue’s paths crossed at Planks, a hard-boiled egg was gifted—and the rest is Southend history.

In 1981, the couple purchased the Hey Hey Bar and Grill, a historic watering hole with Prohibition-era roots that gave it its memorable name. Timm continued working long shifts at The Columbus Dispatch as a pressman—logging countless hours (finally retiring after 48 years)—while Sue, also working countless hours, took over the day-to-day operations of the bar. Sue introduced her famous sauerkraut balls and they quickly became nationally recognized in the Midwest Living Magazine and a National Geographic book.

But food, beer and hard work ethics were just the beginning. Timm and Sue have made the Hey Hey what it is today. The Hey Hey has served as more than a bar—it has been a second home for many. It has hosted

memorial services, numerous engagements, a wedding and even has ashes placed in the bar as a final resting place—proof of the deep connection regulars have to the place and the people behind it.

Musicians have always had a home at the Hey Hey, from local bands to legends like the late Sleepy LaBeef, the 25th inductee into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame. It’s a place where music and memories have always inter-twined. And over the past several years, Timm and Sue have opened the Hey Hey’s kitchen to several businesses, trying out brick and mortars, given the opportunity to spread their name and serve delicious food.

In keeping with their reverence for local history, Timm and Sue restored parts of the historic building to reflect its origins—reopening the original windows and installing historical plaques inside the bar that celebrate Columbus’ rich baseball legacy. The Gall’s devotion has kept the Hey Hey alive through thefts, recessions, a global pandemic, and gentrification.

The Galls transformed the Hey Hey into a community hub, organizing and hosting countless fundraisers over the years. Sue, known to many in the 80’s as her alter ego “Moolah”—a red-zebra-striped, wig-wearing mud wrestler—raised well-earned funds in “Ugly Bartender” contests for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

They’ve also raised funds for Veterans Honor Flights, a cause that Timm feels passionate about; founded and helped run the Michael Curran Memorial Golf Tournament; organized numerous bar walks for Nationwide Children’s Hospital; hosted unique events like “Wiggin’ Out Wednesdays” for the Susan G. Komen Foundation; donated sauerkraut balls annually to In Christy’s Shoes; sponsored Southend baseball teams and countless other worthy causes.

Timm and Sue have given south-enders in need jobs, homes to live in, and fresh starts. They’ve helped patrons get sober (The Hey Hey was a perfect place to find folks who needed the help). Through many of their efforts, they sometimes have been taken advantage of, but this has never deterred them from helping the next person.

Timm was raised in the spirit of service, especially to the Southeast Lions

organization that shaped his family’s community life. As a child in grade school and junior high, he often joined his dad, Harold Gall, and his uncle Irvin Wirth—better known as Uncle Happy—to sell Southeast Lions newspapers at Dave Wood’s Marathon Station which was located at Whittier St. and Parsons Ave. At eighteen, before being drafted, Timm went door-to-door with Marc “MAB” Borst, raising money for the Southeast Lions and their community efforts. After returning home from Vietnam, Timm proudly revived the tradition with MAB and they continued until the organization no longer went door-to-door.

Today, Timm and Sue proudly host the Southeast Lions’ meetings at the Hey Hey. An eye glasses donation box sits in the middle room, ready for anyone who wants to give the gift of sight. Sue serves as the club’s official “roarer,” closing meetings with her signature spirit and ferocity. Together, the Southeast Lions work year-round to make a difference—picking up litter along Parsons Avenue, assisting at the beloved Easter Egg Hunt at Schiller Park, marching in the Stonewall Columbus Pride March, visiting schools to share the Lions’ message of service and more.

Timm and Sue’s support and community participation goes outside of the Southeast Lions and outside of the Hey Hey walls. Every Memorial Day, Timm, with several Southend Lions members, placed flags on every veteran’s grave at St. Joseph’s Cemetery from about 1969-2020. He is an active member of the St. Mary Parish and most notably of all, he is the resident Santa for the annual German Village tree lighting at Frank Fetch park. When the Columbus Maennerchor was in need, Sue traded her time in the Hey Hey for cooking and managing the Maennerchor restaurant, bar, event and catering services until they sold the building to the city.

Timm and Sue Gall are more than bar owners. They are storytellers, humanitarians, Southend supporters and heroes. They’ve served beer, but also served their community—with heart, grit, and the kind of love that makes a lion roar.



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Michelle was recognized for this accomplishment at the Ohio Lions State Convention earlier this year for bringing in 15 new members in 2024, which was more than any entire Ohio Lions Club had last year. The best part is Michelle has already inducted 6 new Lions in 2025 and has a few more Lions in the pipeline.

**Congratulations Michelle,
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Southeast Lions 85 years Community Service



77th Annual Southeast Lions 2025
Easter Egg Hunt



By: Lion Suzanne Schwartz

Just like the good old days. Everyone knows that the past Egg Hunts haven't quite had the same turn out since 2020 but not this year! The kids were back in full force for the Annual Egg Hunt at Schiller Recreation Center sponsored by The Southeast Lions. Over a dozen members of the organization were on hand to help participants 12 years old and younger find their designated areas and wait for the sound of the fire engine horn. Once the horn sounded, the kids were off and gathering candy. Over 350 friends were able to gather candy, and 100 friends were able to grab a golden egg. The golden eggs were turned into the Lions for a solid chocolate bunny courtesy of

Winans Chocolates. Craft tables and a photo booth were available to extend the fun. And of course, the best part...meeting the Easter Bunny; this year there were two in attendance. The Schiller staff were impressed by the 20 pound 3 feet tall solid chocolate bunny that was donated by the Southeast Lions to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio for all the families who utilize that service to share. The generosity of the Southeast Lions will extend to more South Side Columbus Recreation Centers next year as the event is scheduled for April 4, 2026. Be a part of the fun and become a Lion today!





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At our May members' meeting, we celebrated the Club's 85th Anniversary! We had a great turnout, reflected on the thousands of service hours our Lions have given back to the community, and we shared a special moment with our oldest member, Lion Les Goodman, over FaceTime! Les turned 100 this May, so we sang Happy Birthday to him and ended with a ROAR!



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Bikes for All People

Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Columbus at Reeb Center

Camp Echoing Hills – campers with disabilities

Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank (COLEB) – restore and improve sight

Charity Newsies Clothe-A-Child Program – in memory of Lion John Eberts

Columbus Gay Men’s Chorus

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Franklin County Ohio

Columbus Recreation & Parks Foundation

- Schiller Park Annual Easter Egg Hunt*
- Southeast Lions Park Improvements*
- Sammons Park Little League Programs*

Dominican Learning Center – supplies for GED and ESL classes/tutoring

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – in memory of Lion Rev Carlton Sutorius

Good Program – presentations in Southend/side schools

Honor Flight Columbus, Inc – to honor America’s senior veterans

House Sweet It Is by Ganther’s Place – community event support

Keep Columbus Beautiful – Parsons Ave quarterly cleanups and plantings at Southeast Lions Park

LiFEsports at OSU – youth camps

Lions Project for Canine Companions

Mid-Ohio Food Collective

Parsons Avenue Merchants Association

Parsons Avenue Winter Art Hop and Mural Tour – community event support

Promise of Hope Community Outreach – feeding/clothing homeless and those in need

Ronald McDonald House – keeps families close to healthcare

South Central Commons Block Watch – South High School Band support

Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity at OSU – eye glasses to countries in need

The Open Shelter on Parsons – advocacy center & day services shelter

Village Connections – helping neighbors stay connected, active and independent

Voice Corps Reading Services – reads printed news and information to those in need



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Southeast Lions

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1948-1949

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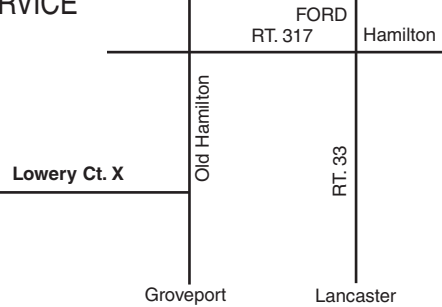
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.....HONORING OUR LEGACY LIONS.....

The Southeast Lions are proud to celebrate the members whose decades of service built—and continue to sustain—our club. Leading the way is **John Heormle (64 years)**, followed by **John Whitacre (58)**, **Anthony Tiberi (51)**, and **George Poppy (50)**. **Jack Middendorf (49)** and **Dan Lyle (41)** continue that proud tradition.

Many more Lions have surpassed three decades of service, including **Pat Dorn**, **Gary Glanzman**, **Alan Adler**, **John Plank**, **Tommy Plank**, **Henry**

Scheiderer, **Joseph Nagy**, **Marc Borst**, **Gary Schuen**, and **Steve Aumiller**. Rounding out our Legacy Lions at 25+ years are **Les Goodman**, **Mike Smith**, and **Bob Guiloni**. Together, they are our living legacy.

We honor that legacy at the **Southside/ Southend Debate & Lions Roar paper unveiling** on **Friday, December 6, 3–5 PM** at the **Hey Hey**. During the event, we present the **Donna Bates Lifetime Service Award to Timm**

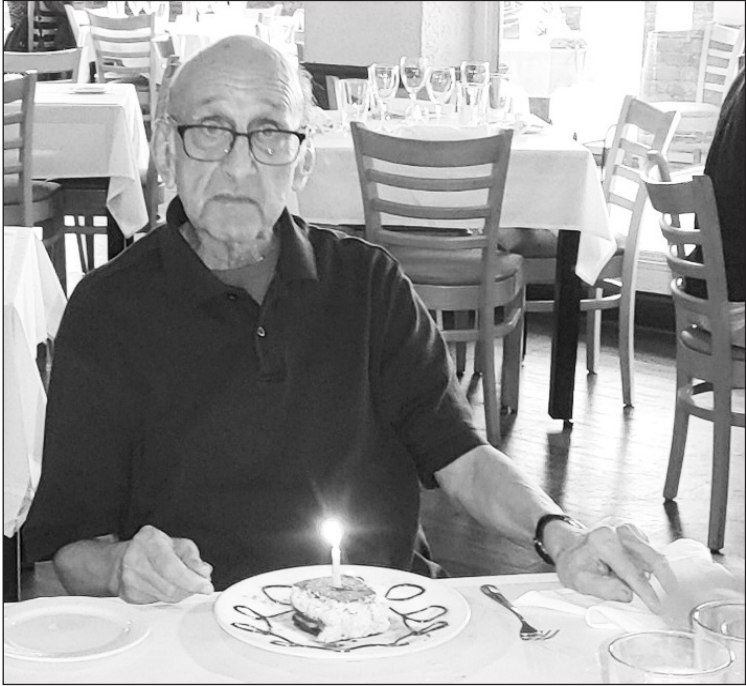
and Sue Gall, recognizing decades of steadfast service to the Southend community. We also pause to remember **Eddie Nehr**, who we lost this year and who would have reached 30 years of service.

This year marks another milestone: **100 members** strong—placing the Southeast Lions among the top clubs in Ohio. Thank you, Legacy Lions. What you have done matters, and your support today keeps building on that proud tradition.

NAME	JOINED	LION YEARS
John Hoermle	1961	64
John Whitacre	1967	58
Tony Tiberi	1974	51
George Poppy Jr.	1975	50
Dan Lyle	1976	49
Jack Middendorf	1984	41
Steve Aumiller	1989	36
Gary Schuen	1990	35
Marc Borst	1990	35
Joe Nagy	1991	34
Henry Scheiderer	1992	33
Tom Plank	1992	33
Al Adler	1993	32
Gary Glanzman	1994	31
John Plank	1994	31
Pat Dorn	1994	31
Les Goodman	1997	28
Mike Smith	1999	26
Bob Ghiloni	2000	25

REMEMBERING LIONS

In Memory of Lion Ed Nehr



Southeast Lions Club Member 1995-2025

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Remembrance of Southeast Lion ED NEHR!

It is my privilege to have served with Lion Ed Nehr for 30 years. He made a commitment to serving others as the Lions motto “We Serve” suggests. He will be missed by all who knew him and served with in Lions. He helped the Southeast Lions be

“The Club That Gets Things Done”

Thanks Ed for being an active Lion. Your friendship will always be special to us.

Lion George & Carol Poppy

Memorial

For



Lion Dan & Anna Belle Toland



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Southeast Lion Family

The President’s Message

As we celebrate the 77th year of The Lions Roar, I am reminded of what makes our Southend such a special place — the people who show up, give back, and quietly lift others along the way.

This year’s recipients of the Donna Bates Lifetime Service Award, Timm and Sue Gall, embody the very heart of our Lions motto: “We Serve.”

From the brick streets of German Village to the familiar barstools of the Hey Hey, the Galls have spent decades doing what true Lions do — building community through compassion, hard work, and joy. Whether hosting fundraisers for children’s hospitals, veterans, and local causes, or offering a helping hand (and sometimes a hot meal) to someone who needed a fresh start, Timm and Sue have made service a way of life. They’ve shown that leadership doesn’t always wear a title — sometimes it just wears a smile behind the bar, or a Santa hat in Frank Fetch Park.

As Lions, we honor them not just for what they’ve done, but for how they’ve done it — with humility, humor, and heart. Their story reminds us that the greatest impact often begins right where we stand, when we choose to serve the people beside us.

On behalf of the Southeast Lions Club, congratulations and thank you, Timm and Sue, for living the spirit of service that continues to make the Southend shine.

In service and gratitude,
Tom Grote

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PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS!

The Southeast Lions Club marked another successful year of growing in the community with an astounding 36 new members. Our new members have diverse interests and passions, but one thing they share is a desire to give back to the South Side and to continue to strengthen community bonds. We wished a hearty welcome to all our

new members and asked for tidbits to share about them to celebrate. *I'm fluent in small talk, sarcasm, and dog hair management.* - Dianna Silver
I'm an avid women's basketball fan, especially of The Ohio State University's Women's Basketball team! When I first became a Lion, my

affiliation was through my work on the South Side, but I'm now also a proud resident of Vassor Village.- Tifini Ray
I was a rower in college and had the chance to compete in the largest 3 day regatta in the world.- Katie Higgins
Finally, Brandon Talley is on the

lookout for a second kidney transplant and asks that if you can assist, please call the OSU Donor Program at 614-293-6724.



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Remembering Southeast Lions – Eternal Service

As the years roll along, we come and we go. God visits his garden and picks the finest.
We are thankful for having rubbed elbows with these Lions and cherish our beautiful memories.
We thank God for their loyalty, love, respect, membership, and service to others.



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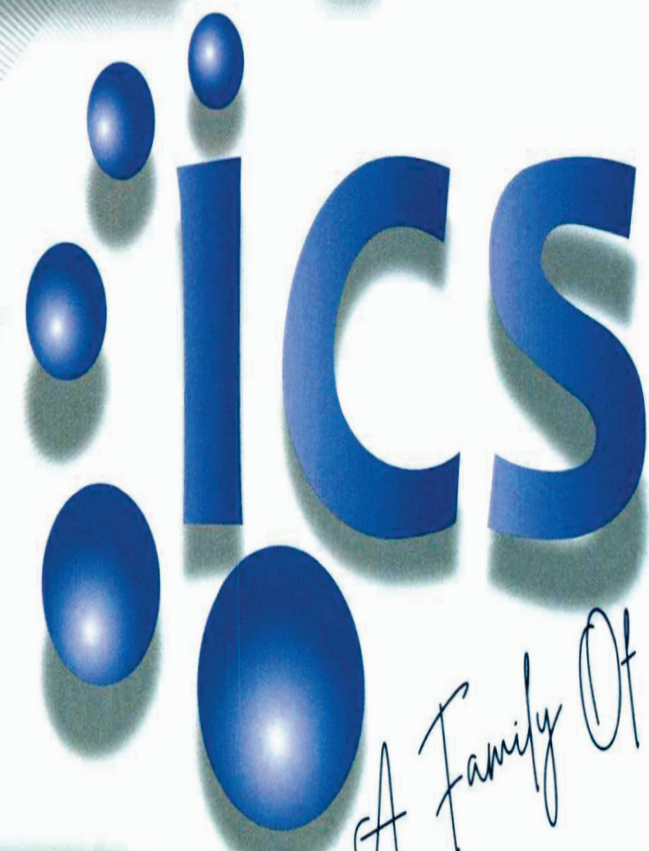
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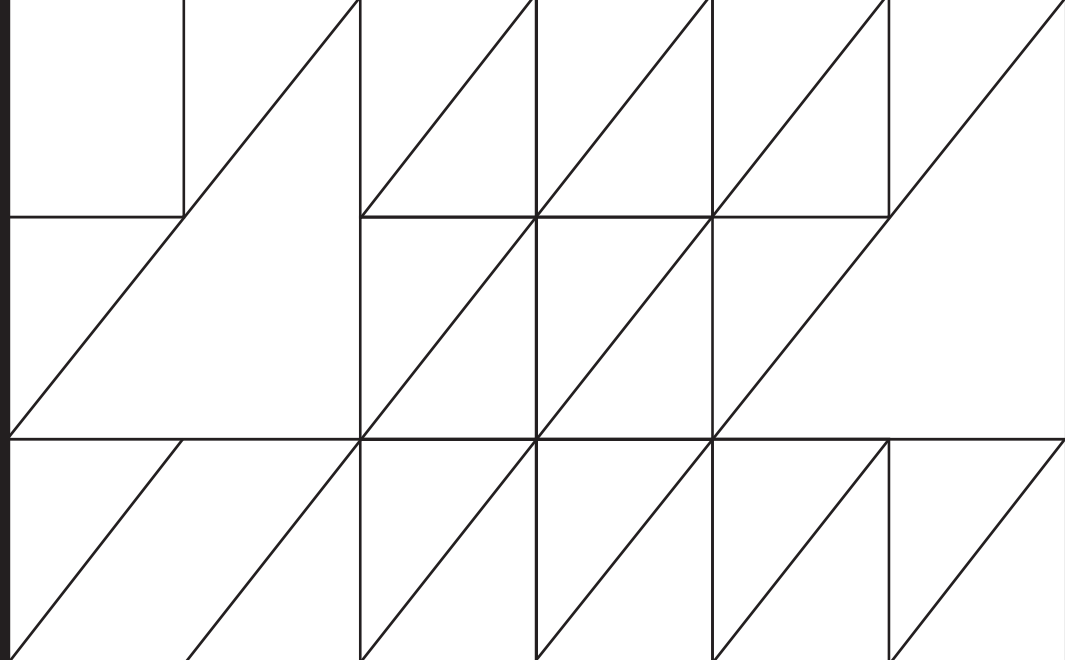
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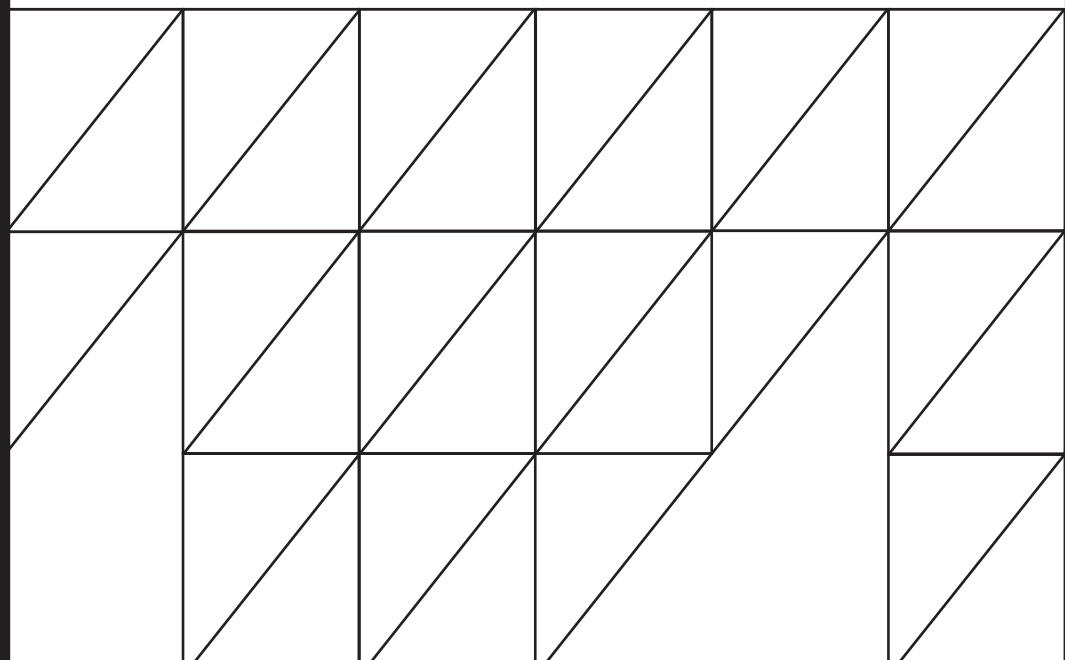


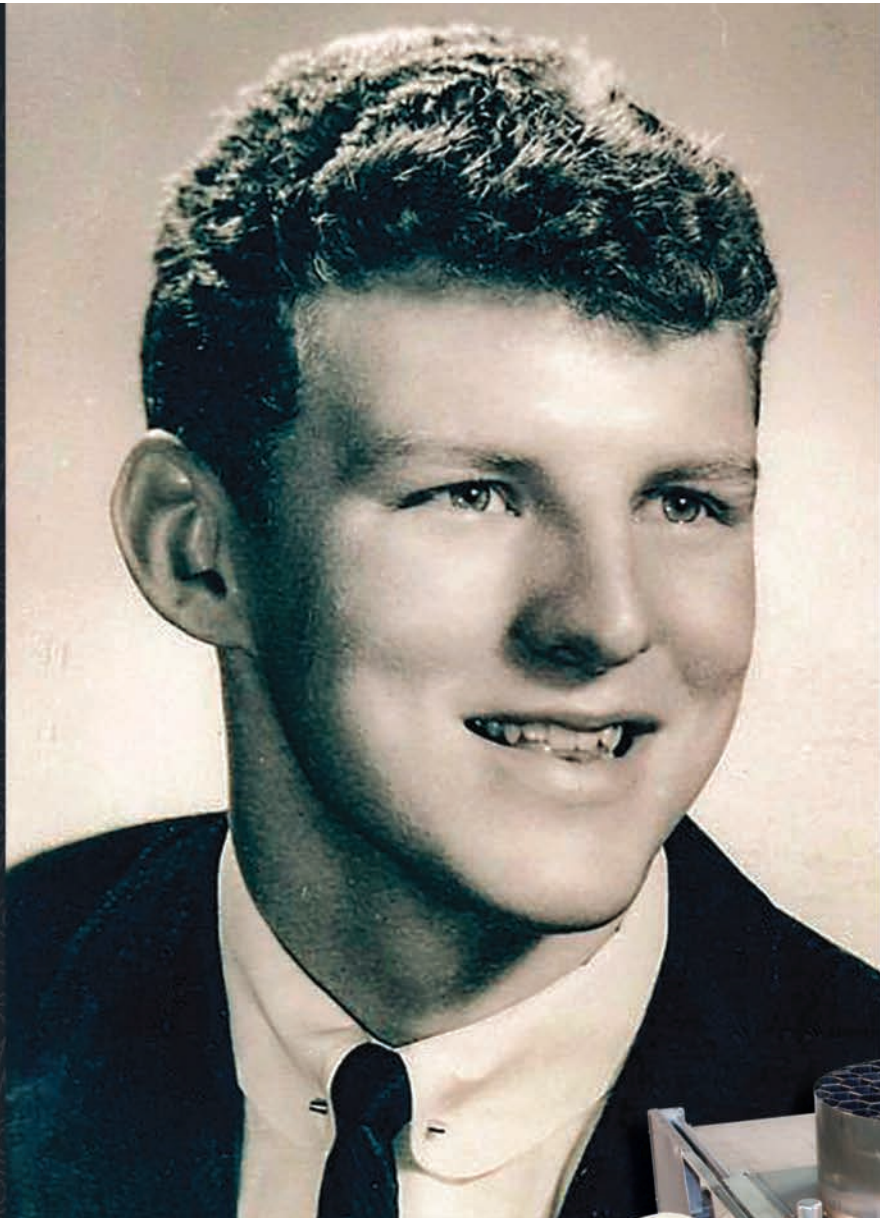
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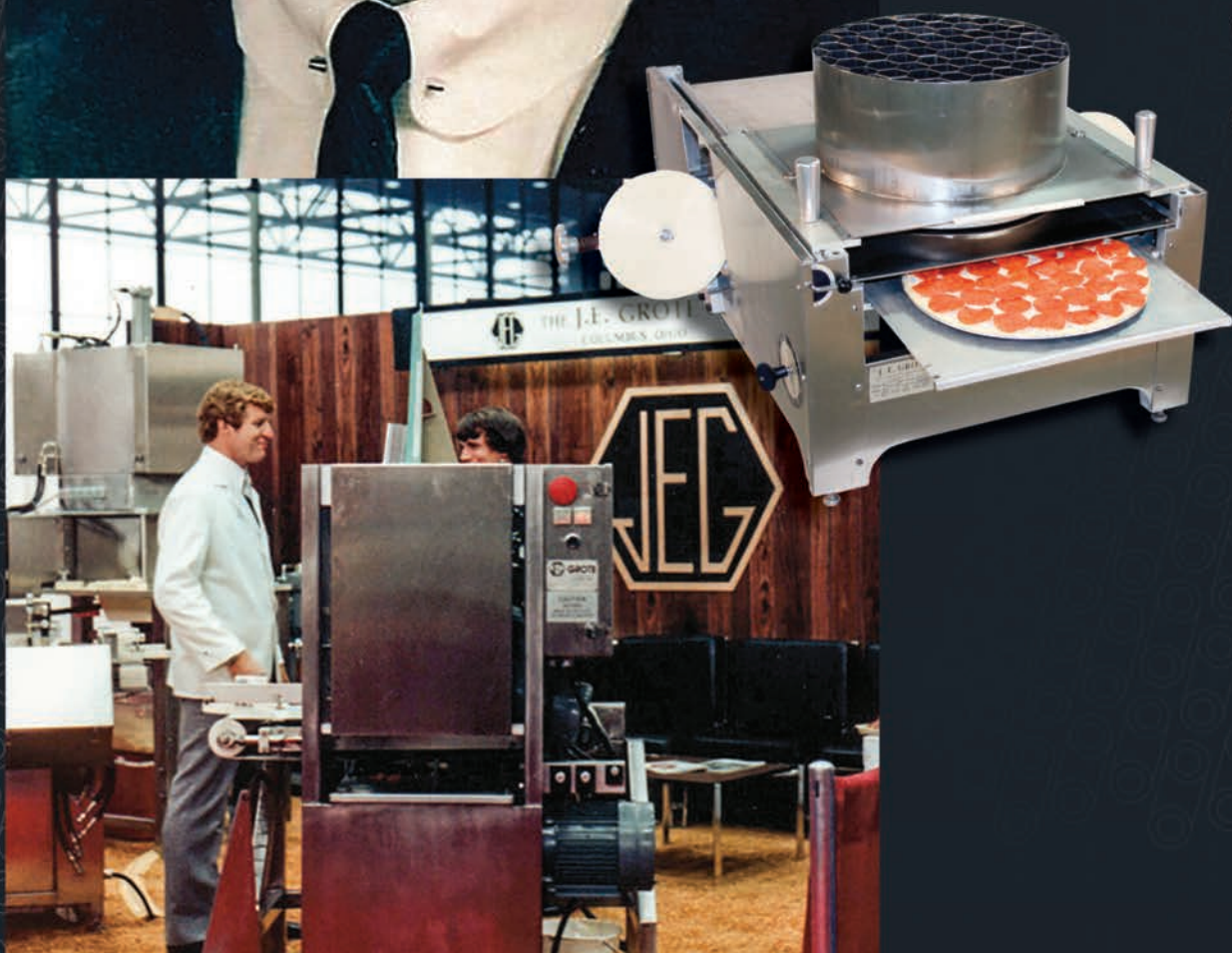




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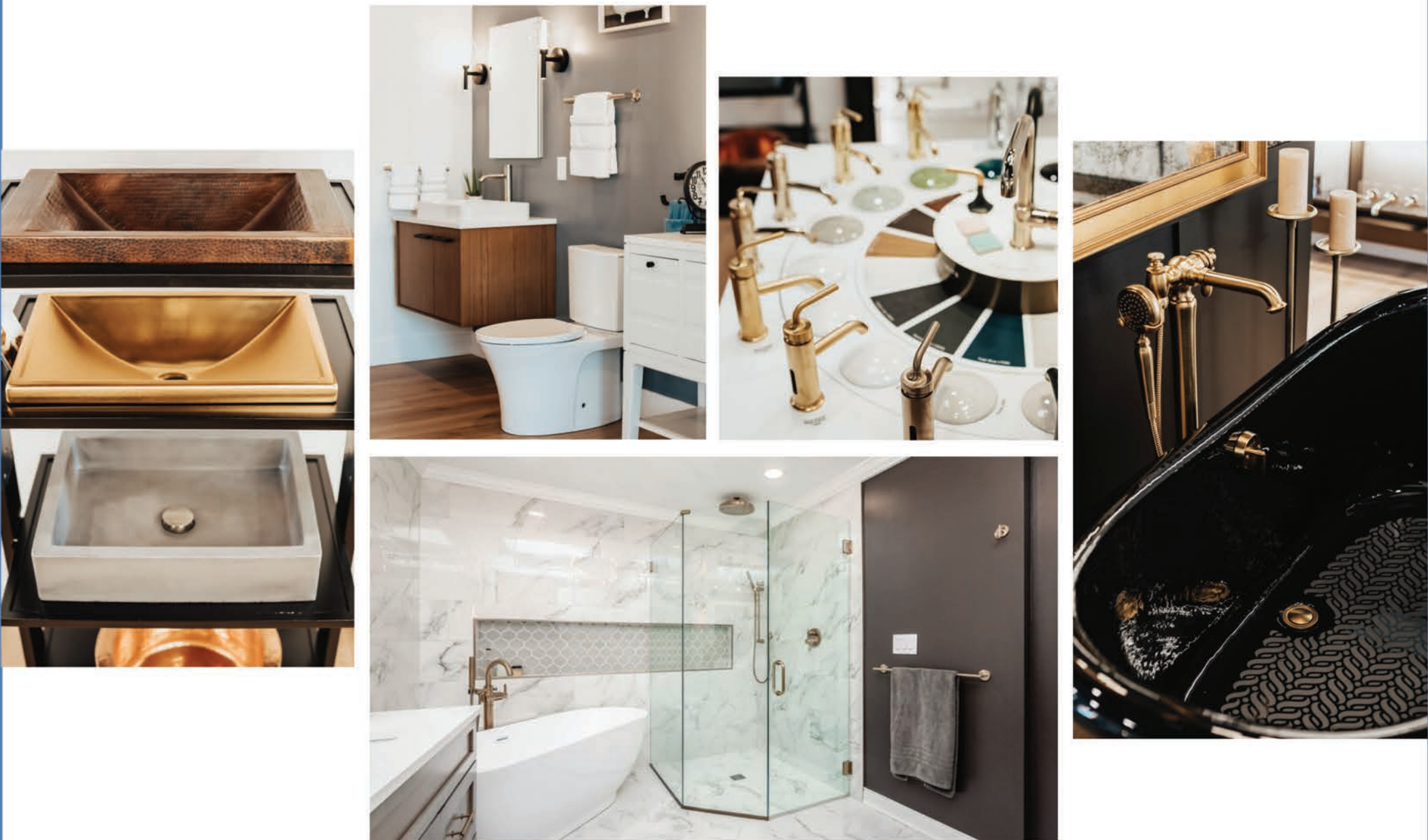
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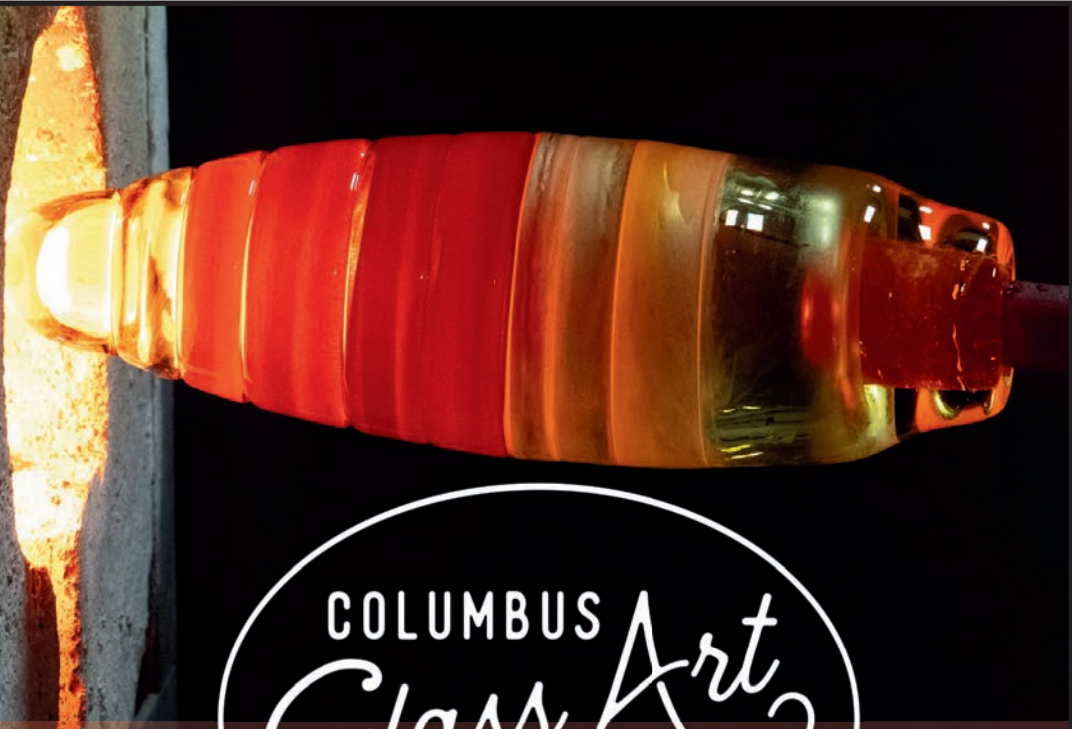
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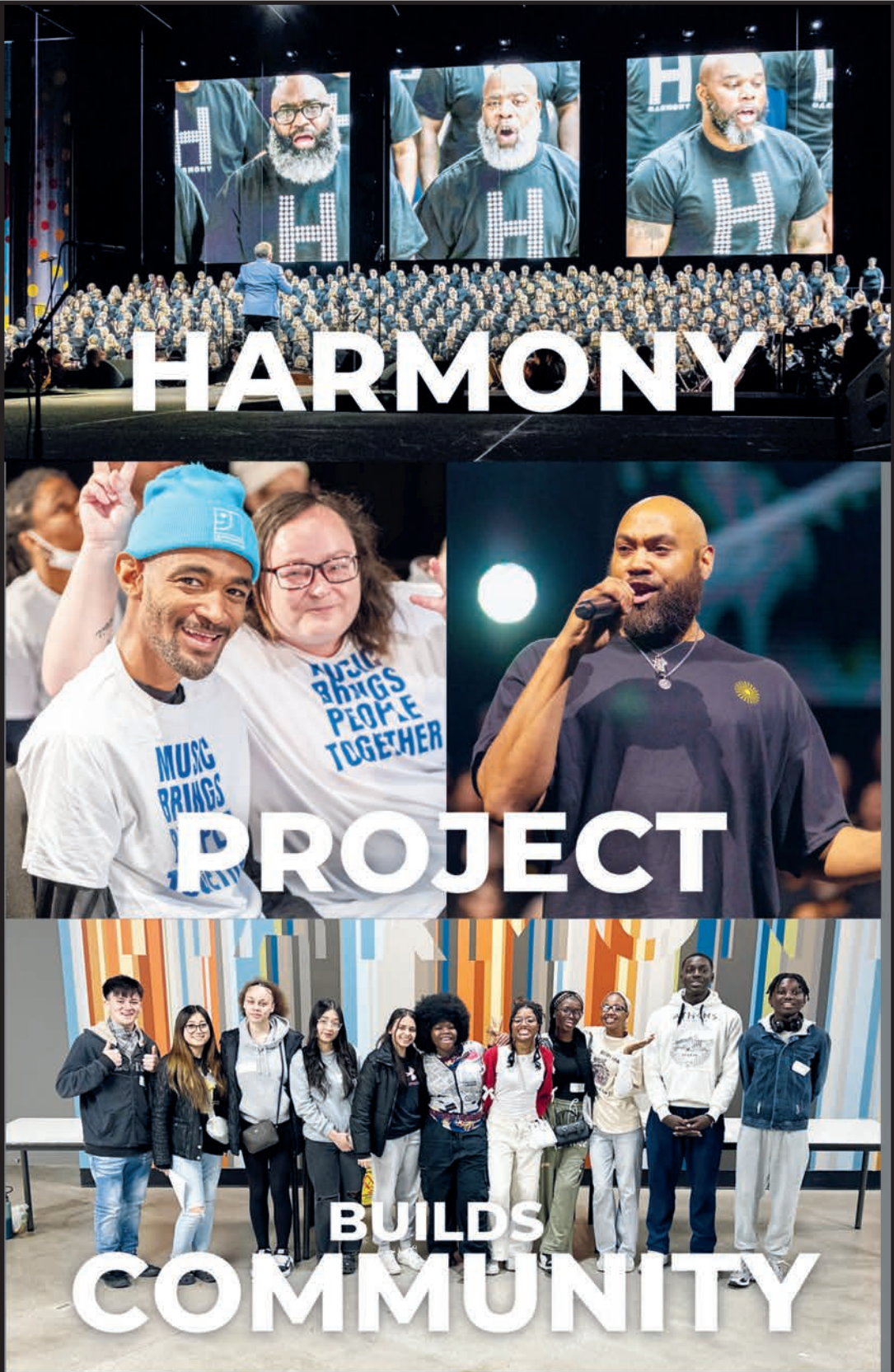


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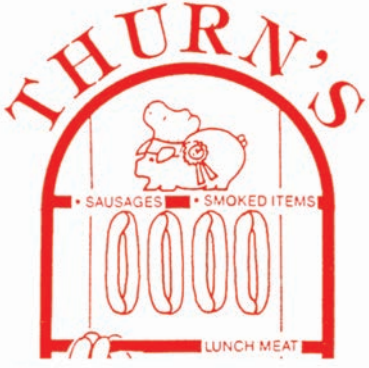
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A BIG THANK YOU

After 28 years the Southeast Lions continue to reach students in local southeast schools through the "GOOD PROGRAM" Ron & Amy address issues for todays children.

GOOD stands for "GOING ON OR DEFEATED." The Southeast Lions are pleased to support this program in Southeast Columbus.

A Big "THANK YOU" to Ron & Amy for their teaching the "GOOD PROGRAM!"



HAVE A GOOD-DAY

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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Since losing my sight in 1995, God has bestowed many blessings upon my life. One of those blessings is giving me the insight to have found the GOOD Program, and share many valuable life lessons I have learned through blindness with children in schools. I must honestly say though, that Ron Derry and the GOOD Program would be nothing without the help of others. Throughout the years, superintendents, principals, guidance counselors, and teachers have scheduled the GOOD Program into their schools to work with students. There are countless teachers who have provided me with classroom environments where children are responsive, enthusiastic, polite, and well-behaved. The guides who have worked with me through the years have been very dependable in all their duties. They are the sponsors outside of district funding who have given me the opportunity to work with children in their local areas. Then there are the Southeast Lions. Words can't begin to express my deep, heartfelt appreciation for everything you have done for me over the past several years. There is the financial support which allows me to fulfill my dream of working with children. There have been anywhere from 19 to 22 schools each year where you have brightened my day by giving me the opportunity to work with students in Southeast Columbus. Thank you so much for all these blessings. Please understand though that you are far more to me than a financial donation. Whenever I have attended one of your functions, I have walked away knowing that I have just spent time with a group of people who truly care about others. Your friendliness, warmth, and kindness always bring a bright light into my life. I sincerely consider you one of the greatest blessings God has ever given to me. Thank you, thank you so very much.

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Wherever a project was presented for our consideration, he was a spokesman for The Club to gather information and present the information to the Board of Trustees.

A favorite project was the "GOOD" PROGRAM presented by Ron Derry to area elementary schools in South Columbus. He also served with the Dominican Sisters in its Literacy Program because of his personal involvement with the Southeast Lions are known as "The Club That Gets Things Done".

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Dear Southeast Lions,
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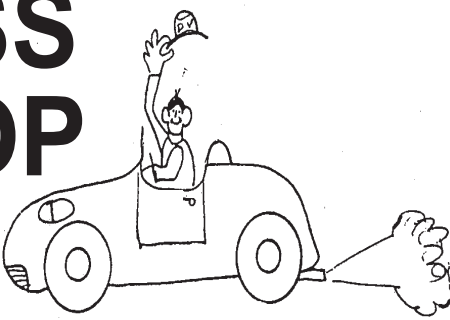
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Marching under the banner “Southend-Southside United,” twenty Southside businesses and organizations came together to represent the neighborhood’s inclusive spirit and community pride. Brightly colored shirts reading “Southend Southside Pride” stood out along the parade route — designed by Lion Ashley Ballard, who also organized the entire contingent.

Participants included local favorites such as Hey Hey Bar & Grill, Plank’s Bier Garten, Wanderlust Studio, Parsons North Brewing , The Reeb Center, South Side Thrive, The Open Shelter, and Community Grounds Café, along with many others who joined forces to celebrate the Southend’s vibrant diversity.

“This was more than a parade,” said Lion Ashley. “It was a statement of unity — that the Southside stands for inclusion, compassion, and community service.”

The Columbus Southeast Lions, who have been “serving the community since 1940,” proudly carried their long tradition of service into this new celebration of pride and belonging. The event showcased what it truly means to live the Lions’ motto: We Serve — with love, for all!

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Our Club President Tom Grote and his husband Lion Rick Neal continue to live the Lions' mission in everything they do. In June, Tom was recognized by Columbus City Council with the Steven Shellabarger Illuminator Award for his considerable work elevating the LGBTQ+ community.

In October, Tom and Rick, along with Lynn Greer, announced a \$500,000 endowment for Stonewall Columbus's capital campaign. The fund, housed at The Columbus Foundation, will ensure the long-term care, safety, and accessibility of the Stonewall Columbus Community Center in the Short North Arts District—a vital space for LGBTQ+ programs, services, and visibility in Central Ohio.

Thank you Tom and Rick for your commitment to serving others!



Love WINS

Remembering Lion Carla Fontaine

Lion Suzanne Shea Gallagher created an illuminated memorial portrait of late Lion Carla Fontaine using a new technique, combining traditional glass paint, stained glass, and a lighted panel. Carla was chosen for this piece because her bright light shone through in everything she did, from her community service and outreach projects, to her lasting friendships and family that she held so dear. Carla loved giraffes and especially April the famous giraffe from New York, who captivated the country's interest. April passed a few years prior to Carla, and this piece perfectly portrays their reunion in heaven. Carla was truly one of a kind, just like April and this unique portrait.

Several of our Lions gathered in support of Lion Vonnie, Lion

Carla's mother, to experience the unveiling of this incredibly powerful piece of art. The Southeast Lions Club proudly sponsored this event at the Columbus Glass Art Center, where 50 of Carla's friends and family gathered for the event. We think Carla would have cherished this lasting memorial.



NCH Spring Beautification Program honors Carla Fontaine

Carla Fontaine was the face behind the Nationwide Children's Hospital beautification program. This year her face adorned packets of milkweed asking neighborhoods to plant the seeds and create a monarch waystation on the South Side. Milkweed is the host plant for monarch butterflies. NCH uses the butterfly in its brand. The butterfly can be seen on hospital buildings throughout the area.



Plant a Seed in Memory of Carla Fontaine

She is now wrapped in God's cocoon. Resting and safe, to re-emerge soon.

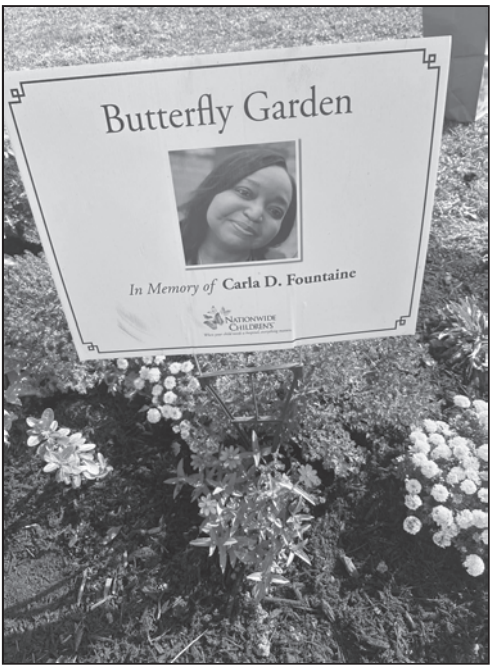
Watch her flutter into the sky, with new wings soaring high.

Carla is now a beautiful butterfly!

Carla Fontaine honored with pollinator garden in SE Lions Park

Efforts to attract bees and butterflies made their way to Southeast Lions Park. City staff carved out space and approved native plant selections by Lion Steve Aumiller. Bee balm, cone-flowers, milkweed, black eyed susans plus 100 native spring bulbs were planted. The garden

honors Lion Carla Fontaine and is cared for by the club. Lions cleaned park facilities and planted bulbs this past fall.



Columbus Southeast Lion Honored with National Award

Lion Ashley Ballard Named Lions Project for Canine Companions “Lion of the Year”

Congrats, Aunt Ashley, on being named Lions Project for Canine Companions “Lion of the Year”!

We’re so proud of you!

Keep roaring!



Love,
Cole and
Klein Ballard



The Columbus Southeast Lions Club is celebrating one of its own this year, as Lion Ashley Ballard has been named the Lions Project for Canine Companions (LPCC) “Lion of the Year.”

This prestigious national honor recognizes Lions who go above and

beyond in service to the mission of Canine Companions, a non-profit that provides expertly trained service dogs to people with disabilities at no cost.

Past International Director Ken Ibarra, in announcing the award, praised Ashley for her “exemplary dedication to advancing the mission of Lions Project for Canine Companions.” He cited her leadership, energy, and lasting impact — particularly through her work creating the new LPCC website, a vital tool for outreach and communication that will serve the organization for years to come.

Beyond her leadership behind the scenes, Lion Ashley also lives the LPCC mission personally — serving as a puppy raiser, opening her home

and heart to prepare future service dogs for their life-changing roles.

Her commitment reached a national stage when she participated in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year’s Day, proudly representing Lions Clubs and LPCC before a world-wide audience.

“Lion Ashley’s tireless efforts reflect the highest ideals of Lionism — service, innovation, and compassion,” Ibarra said. “She has set a shining example for all Lions, and her contributions will continue to inspire others to give of themselves in service to their communities.”

The Southeast Lions are proud to have such a devoted member in their ranks — a Lion whose service reminds us all of our guiding purpose: “We Serve.”

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Millersport Sweet Corn Festival in August



Millersport Lion and OH-7 District Governor Kelvin Hite and Southeast Lions Club President Tom Grote pictured at the Millersport Sweet Corn Festival in August. DG Hite and his wife Robin, both formerly Southeast Lions, are raising puppy Hope (pictured) as his district project for 2025-2026. His goal is to raise \$20,000 for Lions Project for Canine Companions, whose mission is to provide service dogs free of charge to those in need. Good luck to the Hites and Hope!

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The Trip of a Lifetime

Lions Project for Canine Companions Walks in the 2025 Tournament of Roses Parade



Last summer, when talks of the 2025 Rose Parade started among the Lions Project folks, I had no idea how it would turn out. I was certainly excited, but also anxious and slightly terrified about whether Sly and I could do it! After months of long training walks and even an ill-timed fall down the stairs in mid-December, I am happy to report I had no issues with the fitness aspect of the parade. However, nothing could have prepared me for the emotional exhaustion the week had in store for me!

The journey to California started early Monday morning, the day before New Year’s Eve. My friend Linka, Future Service Dog Sly, and I were at the airport by 5am to board our Southwest Airlines flight to Pasadena by way of Phoenix. Sly did fantastic on the plane and slept through the whole flight! At only a year old and nearly 75 lbs of fluff laying at our feet, it was quite impressive for all of us to get comfortable. After a long travel day, we landed in Burbank just in time for dinner and to get some sleep for a busy day ahead on Tuesday.

New Year’s Eve brought a 7am wake-up call to go to the Float Barn for our “dress rehearsal” and final float judging. The Lions International Float was gorgeous and it was amazing to see it up close! Watching all of the volunteers put last-minute touches on the smallest of details was so cool. Lions come from all over California and beyond to help with the float each year. We were also able to walk around to see other floats designed by the same company and have an opportunity to meet the other Lions walking with us, many of whom were from the San Bruno Lions Club. We even met Lions International President, Fabricio Oliveira, and his wife Amariles, who both thanked us all for representing the organization on a national stage.

That evening, Linka and I hung out with the Lions Project gang and their guests. We had a fun time celebrating New Year’s with the ball drop on Eastern Time, so that we could get to bed early!

New Year’s Day brought a 4am wake-up call! Sly and I joined the other walkers and dogs in the van to the parade route, while Linka rode separately with the other guests, to go to the Grandstand for parade viewing.

Upon arriving at the drop-off point, our Lions and dogs walked almost two miles to the front of the line, to find our float (we were 5th in line!). Lions Project National Administrator Sarah and Future Service Dog Maddy joined Sly and me as we detoured to the Rose Parade Grand Marshall’s House, to catch a glimpse of Grand Marshall Billie Jean King as she loaded into the classic car that would transport her during the parade.

After standing at the Start Line for two hours, we were ready to get started! Sly had a minor setback when the Fresno State Marching Band started to practice, but otherwise, he was completely unfazed by the sights and sounds around him. To signal the start of the parade, there was a B-2 Spirit stealth bomber flyover. It was so cool and not the only time we would see it that day, as the same bomber did a flyover before the

football game started!

Along the nearly 6 miles of the parade route, most of our walkers yelled “Happy New Year” to the crowd, but I spent my time prompting MANY “O-H” “I-O” chants and “GO BUCKS!” every time I would spot an OSU fan, which was about every 10 steps or so. At one point, I had an entire grandstand respond with a very rambunctious “IO” – it was magical! You’ll see in the photos that I opted to wear an OSU Rose Bowl Tshirt under my jacket instead of our required Lions Project polo – oops! As an OSU graduate, it was absolutely perfect and I have to admit, I teared up on more than one occasion. Being able to represent the Southeast Lions, Lions Project, Canine Companions, AND Ohio State was quite an honor!

In addition to our Lions Project volunteers and dogs walking alongside the float, we were honored to be joined by retired US Army Sergeant Steve Blackman, who rode on the float alongside his Canine Companions Service Dog Priscilla. With more than 800,000 people attending the parade in person and many more who tuned in, this incredible opportunity allowed us to share our mission with so many more community members across the country. We also had a college student, who won a spot on the float through a contest held by Lions International, and another Lion who had received cornea implants from her Club in Minnesota. It was truly a celebration for all involved. There were so many special parts of the day, but a particular highlight was all of the texts and calls from my friends and family at home who saw us on TV!

All told, we walked over 8 miles from the drop-off point to the pick-up point, and I was able to sit down for about an hour before Linka and I went to the Rose Bowl! Thankfully, we had a chauffeur to drive us to the game and back, so we didn’t have to fight traffic too much. We got there during the first quarter, just in time to see the blowout over Oregon begin! What an exciting game to witness in person, especially as part of their National Championship playoff run – the Buckeyes really added the cherry on top of this already amazing trip!

Reflecting back on this trip makes me realize just how much went into the planning, preparation, and execution from so many people to make it all happen successfully! Thank you to everyone who supported us, helped us prepare, and/or had a hand in making this trip absolutely incredible, especially Lions Project for Canine Companions for sponsoring us! This Buckeye girl returned to Ohio with a heart full of wonderful memories, plenty of laughs, and more than enough reassurance that Sly could tackle anything! His future is bright and he is just getting started with the impact he will make!

Ashley Ballard, OSU Class of ‘06
Southeast Lion and Volunteer
Puppy Raiser
Ohio Director, Lions Project for Canine Companions



Pictured: Sly’s first flight was a 3-hour flight to Phoenix, followed by a short leg to Burbank. This is important practice for his future life as a service dog!



Pictured: Lions International President Fabricio Oliveira and his wife Amariles aboard the Lions International Float during judging on the day before the parade.



Pictured: Early morning on New Year’s Day to head out for the parade start line



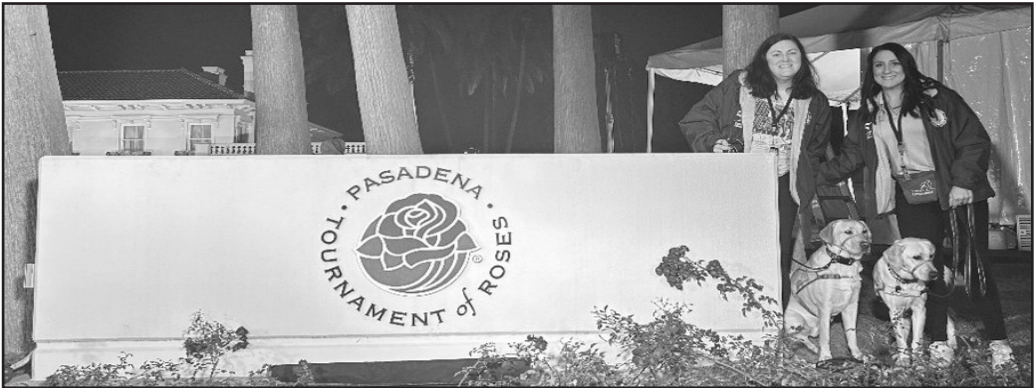
Pictured: Lion Ashley and Sly along the parade route



Pictured: Sly received (plush) roses from a fellow Canine Companions puppyraiser at the parade finish line



Pictured: Lions International President Fabricio Oliveira and his wife Amariles aboard the Lions International Float during judging on the day before the parade.



Pictured: Southeast Lion Ashley (left) with Sly, and Lions Project National Administrator Lion Sarah with Maddy on the morning of the parade



Pictured: Lions Project walkers with their Canine Companions future service dogs at the Float Barn on New Year’s Eve



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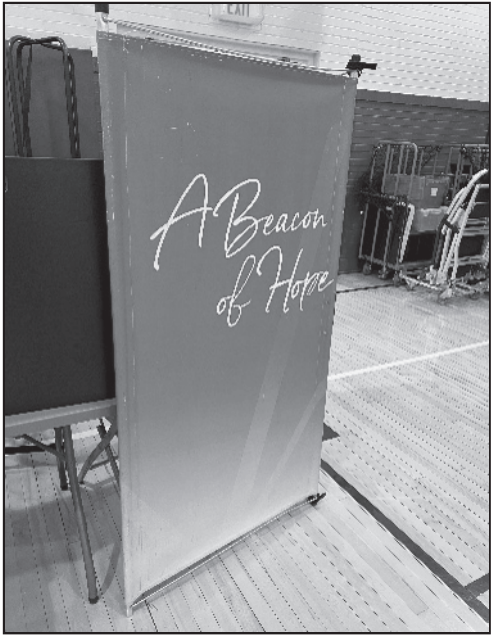
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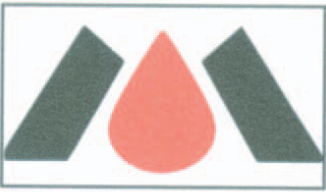
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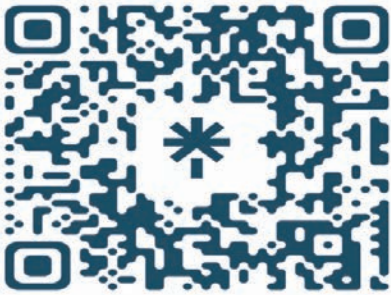
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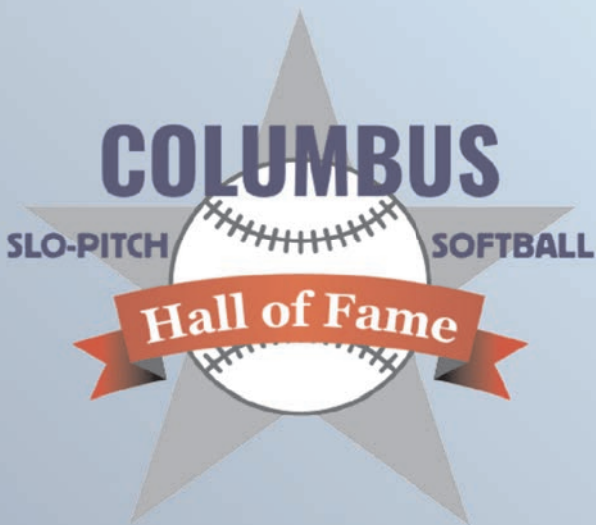
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