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District Governor's Report

Dear Lions,

The most obvious reminder at this time of year is YOUR District Convention. Your club president has been receiving various mailings and emails about the events that will occur the weekend of April 29th, 30th and May 1st, so we hope you will take advantage of some of the activities to celebrate your year in Lionism. Information is posted on the district's website (www.lionsdistrict13c.org).

The Sunday Grand Banquet will include the induction of all new members (who have joined since July 1, 2010) by our visiting International Director, Lion Daniel O'Reilly. This is a great opportunity for both you and your new members to experience the real reason we are Lions. 🤔

Both Lion Dick and I have had the pleasure of attending two celebrations of charter nights within our

district – Copley's 40th and Cuyahoga Falls' 85th. Both of these evenings were filled with many memories, stories, and laughter – all to celebrate the lives of their current members and those who have passed before us. I congratulate these two clubs for the hard work they put into their celebrations. 🤔

A "first" occurred recently with the formation of a 3-zone meeting at Piper's III Restaurant. Zone Chairmen from 3, 4 and 6 planned a successful evening with over 50 Lions in attendance to share their activities, fund raisers and upcoming events. Congratulations to Lions Kevin Barrett, Bobby & David Gutfranski, and Nancee Visintainer!

Depending on Saturday's weather at convention, the Cleveland Scrappers will be conducting an exhibition of their talents of

Beep Baseball 🤔 while offering a chance for our Lions to join in the fun. Meanwhile,

the 2011 Cleveland Scrapper Classic is scheduled for July 15-17 with a 4-team tournament. The team will need help from our Lions to both volunteer that weekend and support them financially to help pay for various operating expenses. It would be a great service opportunity for your club. Contact Lion Kevin Barrett for more information 440-779-1025.

Finally, the MD 13-C District Convention Committee looks forward to your attendance the weekend of April 29, 30 and May 1. They have been working hard to provide you and others an inspirational, fun and Lion-filled weekend. We'll see you there!

Stay happy and healthy until we meet again,

*DG Marty and Lion Dick
Dennis*

First Vice District Governor's Report

This past week I was interviewed by a consultant who was hired by Lion Club International Foundation (LCIF) to discuss their initiatives. He wanted to know what I thought Lions think about LCIF. He also discussed the new Lions-Measles Initiative: Improving Health.

When asked about my thoughts relative to Lions being involved with the drive to eradicate measles in the world, I really had to think about it. Measles can cause blindness, and, therefore, there is a connection with the focus of Lionism. But then I was asked, would Lions in my District support this drive? I had many thoughts, and one was that measles are not that prevalent now in the United States. Not long ago I read an article about a recent outbreak of measles in Minnesota, so it can hit close to home, but this initiative would focus mostly on third-world countries where vaccines are not prevalent. Is there an issue within our District about supporting global initiatives? Lions is an international organization, and so a global initiative would be appropriate. But what about the World Health Organization (WHO), isn't this their initiative? In fact, LCIF is working with WHO, UNICEF, CDC, the American Red Cross and others in this endeavor. Can a global partnership save more children from blindness?

I think I am drawn into the same quandary that most Lions are when it comes to donating money. We all want to serve and help others. We see more and more people at home who need our help. We need to feed the hungry; house those without homes; help those who can't afford medical care, eyeglasses or cataract surgery. But is this the bigger picture? Are we thinking globally? Or are we

content to focus on those in our own backyard.

As Lions, we are very dedicated to all of these initiatives, but is there something missing? Do Lions really understand what LCIF does with the money donated? We hear about Melvin Jones Fellows and Progressive Melvin Jones, but do we really know what it means? Do we know where the money goes when someone is awarded a Melvin Jones? I didn't know until I actually read the letter that came with the Melvin Jones Award, but not every Lion is yet a Melvin Jones Fellow. I think we need to understand LCIF and come to a decision at our District Convention where there will be a vote to make LCIF part of the Parade of Checks. Each of you must consider the purpose and what it means to you. Here is the definition taken from the Lions International Website:

1VDG Lion Mary Chentnik

Second Vice District Governor's Report

We are winding down this Lionistic year in style. The Governor has been tirelessly working to get the new Parma Lions Club off the ground and with any luck at all it will happen by June!

I have been busy visiting our sister district conventions and the rest of our clubs. It has been an eye opener. Membership is the topic wherever I go. We are not alone! At today's rate of loss we

need to increase membership by at least 8% just to stay even...without each Lion member actively going out and trying to get a new member...we are in trouble. As of April 2011 our total membership is at 1006. We need to get back to 1250 in order to maintain the district as it is. So I implore all of you to at least try to gather new members.

I am hoping to see many of you at the convention on April 29th. It will be fun, especially for your newer members. Please try to attend.

2VDG Lion Dan Lester

CABINET TREASURER COMMENTS

OHIO SALES TAX

Tax exempt status applies only to Federal income taxes. Each state has its own tax laws concerning tax exemption and which taxes are exempt and which Federal tax exempt organizations are eligible for state tax exemption.

The State of Ohio exempts all Federal tax exempt organizations from State income taxes, but does not extend that exemption for sales taxes or property taxes, except for Charitable Tax Exempt organizations, also known as 501c3 organizations.

Lions Clubs, when chartered, are granted Civic and Social Club (501c4) status under the International Association of

Lions Clubs Group Tax Exemption No. 0239.

Under Ohio law, 501c4 tax exempt organizations are subject to Ohio sales tax both on Sales as well as purchases.

Allowable Exemption from Ohio Sales Tax

1. Purchase of goods for resale. This is for organizations which purchase personal property with the intention of reselling for a profit. Ohio sales tax must be charged when property sold and the tax remitted to the Treasurer of the State of Ohio.

2. Charitable Organization (501c3)

Purchases

Exempt for Ohio sales tax if property purchased in name of tax exempt organization and used in the mission of the organization. (a Minister is not tax exempt – a Church is)

Sales

Six tax free days of sales annually. In other words if selling on a continuous basis as in a retail store setting, sales tax must be charged on sales and remitted to Treasurer of State of Ohio.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the seller of goods and service to charge Ohio sales tax and remit to the Treasurer of the State of Ohio. If a purchaser claims not to be subject to Ohio sales Tax, then the Seller/Vendor must obtain a Blanket Exemption Certificate from the purchaser. This certificate must

state the reason for exemption (one of two reasons stated above).

Many sellers/vendors are not fully aware of the Ohio sales tax rules and often grant tax exemption to 501c4s without obtaining a Blanket Exemption Certificate.

It is important for 501c4 organization officers to be aware that if the vendor is audited then the vendor will be responsible for any improperly exempted sales. The vendor has the right to request that the exempted organization remit the uncollected sales tax.

Please do not put vendors in jeopardy of violating Ohio tax laws by requesting sales tax exemption when you know that your organization is not entitled to sales tax exemption.

Lion Neil Sheeley
Cabinet Treasurer

Membership Chairman Report

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

Filing of Membership Reports is **VERY IMPORTANT** this month: the District and State dues for the next six months are based on April filings. So, file your Membership Reports and make life easier for the District Treasurer and your own club treasurer. File your PU101 and

make life easier for the next Cabinet Secretary and Membership Chairperson. Attend the District Convention and enjoy the fellowship; look for me and share your successes; and have fun.

**Lion Wallie Burnett
Membership Chairman**

GALEP Report

GALEP ACTIVITIES

The GALEP Board meeting was held April 4, 2011 at Tallmadge Lions Hall. Next Board meeting will be held June 6, 2011. Please call 1-330-633-5739.

REVISED CODE OF REGULATIONS AND BYLAWS

Passed by the board. Discussion held concerning additional changes to open up the board to all clubs in the District rather than 3 per zone which has been the past procedure. Because of serious deficiencies in the original bylaws, it was determined that the revised bylaws should be passed as presented and then allow the new board as of July 1st to handle additional amendments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers were elected for the 2011-2013 Term.
President Lion Jeff Ennis
Vice President Lion Walter Park
Secretary Lion Ray Dellmore

Treasurer Lion Neil Sheeley

A BIG Thank you to Lion Jim Lostetter of Tallmadge Lions Club for serving as President since July 1, 2009.

GALEP MISSION

Eye examinations and eyeglasses:
Since July 2009, the program has received over 80 applications, approved 61 applicants, denied 16 applicants, and is processing 3 applications.

Income earned above Federal poverty guidelines was the main reason for denials. It is important to remember that although income within Federal Poverty Guidelines and not having received assistance within past two years are the primary criteria for approval or denial, these are **not** rigid rules and exceptions are made where appropriate.

PDG Dona Klages has provided the data showing that Prevent Blindness Ohio has established a relationship with Summa Medical Systems and is now providing for most of the eye examination and eyeglass needs for Summit and Medina Counties.

As a result, the GALEP Board will be reviewing the program mission and consider redirecting its funds to cataract surgeries other eye care medical needs which the indigent are finding more difficult to obtain with Federal and State cutbacks.

GALEP will still process eye examination and eyeglass requests from clubs in the District.

GALEP SERVICE POLICY
It is the policy of GALEP to pay for eye exams for children which cost \$30. Adults are referred to Summa for eye exams or if the applicant prefers, they may go to Dr. Thomas Adams of Osman Optical and have their eye examination at a cost of \$50.

The next Board meeting of GALEP will be Monday April 4th, 2011 at 7:00PM at Tallmadge Lions Hall, Northeast Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio.

**The GALEP
Lion James Lostetter
President**

**Lion Walter Park
Vice President**

**Lion Raymond Dellmore
Secretary**

**Lion Neil Sheeley
Treasurer**

**Lions Eye Clinic at St.
Vincent Charity Medical
Center**

Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Charity Hospital

Next Board Meeting May 11, 2011
Next Delegate Meeting May 16, 2011

The May Board and Delegate meetings are very important meetings, since the revised Constitution and Bylaws will be voted on at the Board meeting and the election of the officers for the 2011-2013 term will be held at the Delegate meeting.

Please make every effort to attend these meetings and have your voice heard.

REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The revisions are primarily clarifications concerning what constitutes a quorum, clarification of the election of officers procedures, and the inclusion of the Ethics Policy and Bob Lowe Vision Award as part of the document.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. (2011-2013 Term)

Slate of Officers

President PDG Grant Frazier

Tallmadge Lions

1st VP Lion Joy Dobson

Royalton Hills Lions

2nd VP PDG Ken Marshall

Broadview Heights Lions

Secretary Lion Arldon Smyth

Tallmadge Lions

Asst. Secretary PDG Dona

Klages

Willoughby Lions

Treasurer Lion Cynthia

Palmentera

Royalton Hills Lions

Lion Neil Sheeley

North Royalton Lions

Asst. Treasurer Lion Wallie

Burnett

North Coast Lions

The Board will review and approve the slate of officers at the May 11, 2011 Board meeting and forward to the Delegates for vote at the May 16, 2011 Delegate meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at the Delegate meeting, but any nominations must meet the criteria established in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Applications

There is about a 60 application backlog for eyeglasses as April 6, 2011. All club referrals are released as received and about 30 applications are being released every two weeks.

PREVENT BLINDNESS OHIO (PBO)

We are very fortunate to have PDG Dona Klages working with our program. PDG Dona Works with the Cleveland area Prevent Blindness Ohio and has been helping us to redirect some of our eyeglass demand to PBO, which will help to free up some of our funds for surgeries and other eye care medical needs which are so in demand now with the Federal and State cutbacks.

Co-pay Policy

The new co-pay policy is now in effect and so far there have been no problems in the implementing of the policy.

Follow Ups

We have reinstated the telephone follow up procedures which had to be dropped for lack of volunteers. This program will help to highlight

problems which applicants are having with our program and help us solve problems before they become serious.

We now have a very conscientious Optician on duty from 9:30 to 3:30 daily. We have had nothing but positive comments from our patients as well as the staff of St Vincent Charity Medical Center.

Delegate Meeting Reminder

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU MUST LET US KNOW PRIOR TO 10 AM FRIDAY BEFORE THE DELEGATE MEETING IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND AND ENJOY DINNER WITH US. WE HAVE TO PAY BASED UPON THE NUMBERS WE CALL IN ON FRIDAY.

Use the Program

The Lions Eye Clinic Inc is YOUR program. Please use it. It is an important part of the mission of District 13-C Lions and when someone asks what Lions do, you can point to the St. Vincent and Akron programs which provide over 650 pairs of prescription eyeglasses annually, as well as prosthetic eyes, cataract surgeries and financial support to those who otherwise would not be able to afford eye care.

The programs are an important PR tool for the District 13-C

Lions. The programs tell the public what we as Lions do.

Other

We are still looking for volunteers to come down on Wednesdays to help with various jobs, from boxing up used eyeglasses, filing applications, answering the telephone, printing envelopes, maintaining the offices, printing and mailing postcards and notices to the clubs, and visiting the clubs to keep them up to date on activities of the eye clinic. Thank you for support of this most valuable service which we as Lions of District 13-C perform.

Lion Neil Sheeley
President
Lions Eye Clinic

OSSB

The OSSB Marching Band will be the lead band in the Lions Club International Parade of Nations in Seattle, Washington, July 5, 2011. The band will leave July 3 and return July 6. A highlight of the trip (besides the parade) will be watching a variety show of international acts including The Canadian Brass, CABO--a Japanese drumming group, and a Bollywood group. Another highlight is the dance for teenagers participating in the parade. Everyone will enjoy the Experience Music Project and the Science Fiction Museum as well as a tour of Seattle in an amphibious vehicle. It's called the "Ride the Ducks" tour. Here's their July 4 schedule:

Experience Music Project |
Science Fiction Museum
♪ Ride the Ducks of Seattle
Tour (2 Ducks exclusively for
the group for a 1.5 hour tour)
♪ Free time to explore Pike's
Place Market
♪ Group dinner at Hard Rock
Café
♪ Fireworks at Gasworks Park
on Lake Union
This spring they will begin
practicing parade marching a
couple times a week from 5:30-
7:30 p.m.

**We are now in the process of
fund raising thru the OSSB
PTSF & OLF and \$30,000 of
the \$63,000 needed has been
raised.**

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**DISTRICT 13-C
CONVENTION
APRIL 29-30, MAY 1, 2011
CROWNE
PLAZA/MIDDLEBURG
HEIGHTS**

Please mark your calendars NOW with the dates for our next District Convention. We are starting to plan the details for the next convention and want to make sure we include activities you want and will benefit from. We want to include your ideas in our planning so please let us hear from you. Please take the time to let us know what you like or

don't like about the convention, things we should be including and activities that are of interest to you. Remember, this is **YOUR CONVENTION** so you should be part of the planning. Don't hesitate to contact me **SOON** so we can consider your ideas right from the beginning.

* Best thing about our
convention

* Worst thing about our
convention

• Suggested new activities

FYI #1 –

**Our International Guest will
be ID Daniel O'Reilly and his
wife Lion Maryanne, from
Stickney, Illinois**

OHIO LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE

MD13 is again participating in the Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange Program. This program is a 4-5 week cultural exchange that takes place end of June thru the first of August. We are in need of Ohio families that might be interested in hosting a student from Finland or Japan this summer.

If you know of anyone who would like to share their home, family and culture with a youth from one of these countries or would like more

information please contact

Lion Jim Klages email
klagesjames@yahoo.com

Phone 216-299-8760

Zone News

On March 31, 2011 Zones 3, 4 and Zone 6 will hold a combined meeting at Pipers III at 6:30 PM hosted by the Royalton Hills Lions Club. More details to follow.

Thank you,

Lion Kevin Barrett
Zone 4 Chair

CALENDAR

March, 2011

31 – Zone 4 &6 Meeting –
Pipers III

April, 2011

2 – Cuyahoga Falls 85th Charter
Night – see below.

16 – North Royalton Reverse
Raffle – see below.

29, 30, May 1 – District 13-C
Convention – Crowne Plaza –
Middleburg Heights



NORTH ROYALTON LIONS **REVERSE RAFFLE**



ONLY \$95/Couple

[Includes 2 chances at main board]

[\$50 for single & 1 chance at main board]

MAIN BOARD RAFFLE PRIZE IS \$2000!

Side Boards will be available that evening.
Includes Dinner and Open bar.
Live music by Backstreet Duo.

A wonderful night of fun, fellowship and food!

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

St. Michaels Woodside

5020 W Mill Rd.

Broadview Hts., Ohio

Doors Open at 6:00...Dinner at 8:00

Proceeds benefit sight-related causes including Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Charity Hospital and Pilot Dogs.



Contact Lions Dan Lester or Dave Harrison for Tickets

Or contact us by e-mail at: nrlions@aol.com

Visit us on-line at www.northroyaltonlions.org

SAVE THE DATE!!

*The Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club
will be celebrating the
85th Anniversary
of their Charter*

*April 2, 2011
Todaro's Party Center
1820 Akron-Peninsula Rd
Akron Ohio 44313*

*Cash Bar 6 pm -- Dinner 7 PM
\$30 per person
Choice of Strip Steak or Chicken*

*Special Guest Speaker
Dr. Charles Davis DO
who will give a presentation on his trip to
Mozambique with Lions Eyeglasses*

Entertainment by The Hospitality Singers



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