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**Editor's Note**

This is my first District Bulletin, and I have a tough act to follow. Lion Cindy Palmentera has long been an outstanding Editor and I hope to keep up her standards. For now, the deadline for submissions will be the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month please send to [rlabrams@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlabrams@sbcglobal.net). Thank you for your attention.

Lion Dick Abrams, Editor

**Governor's Report (Maggie's Corner)**

Ray and I had a good trip to Chicago but are certainly glad to be back home. The International Convention and training session for the Governors elect was very intense. Because Ohio has a Deputy District Governor, we were ahead of the game, however, we did get a lot of information and a lot of networking.

Our International President's theme this year is "Challenge to Change", therefore a lot of the information was regarding change, good change.

Everyone in Ohio should be proud of our Ohio State Band. They were

fantastic!!!!!! They marched in the parade and did some routines. They were invited to play for Germany's reception and our closing International ceremonies.

**Goals for District 13C for the upcoming 2007-2008 year:**

(1) I have set a goal of net 100. No, I am not out of my mind. The goal is very attainable if every Club would increase their membership by a net of two (2), this means you replace any losses and add two (2). It is very important that we reach the number of 1,250 members in the District. At the present time if we were voting on redistricting, 13C would not be able to vote on the changes. This is one of the reasons it is important to reach the 1,250 number. Why should six districts have the say on how the rest of the State is divided. I say six districts, because at the moment there are four districts under this "magic" number.

At our Cabinet meeting I will have a copy of the two redistricting proposals now being reviewed by Finance and Planning. In each case, 13C fares well, but I still feel we need to be able to voice our opinion and vote.

Please take this issue seriously and do the very best you can to help increase our numbers. The Family Plan is a great tool.

(2) I want every Club in our District to be aware of the importance of Pilot Dogs and what an impact they have in providing dogs for the visually impaired.

### **Cabinet Meeting Dates:**

Wednesday, August 29, 2007 -  
Willoughby City Hall  
Thursday, November 15, 2007 -  
Dino's Restaurant - State Route  
306 - Mentor  
Thursday, February 21, 2008 -  
Dino' Restaurant - State Route  
306 - Mentor, May, 2008 - to  
be determined

When our Cabinet Secretary sends out the information she will include a map each time.

If you have any questions or need to reach me my office number is (440) 460-3990, 8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday thru Friday.  
Home: (440) 942-2816, if we do not answer, please leave a message. Apache has not learned how to write yet so he cannot help you.  
E-mail: muggs08@hotmail.com

Until next time,  
Governor, Lion Maggie

### **LCIF Message from Immediate Past International President Jimmy Ross**

Dear Fellow Lions,

I enjoyed visiting with many of you during the International

Convention and I look forward to continuing our service together this year as LCIF Chairperson. We have much to accomplish this year in order to achieve our Campaign SightFirst II goal as well as spread the word about LCIF. In this message, I would like to update you on a number of LCIF news items.

### **LCIF Ranked Best NGO Worldwide**

In a special report released Thursday, July 5, 2007, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) ranked best among non-governmental organizations (NGOs) worldwide. From 34 global organizations, LCIF came in first for its execution of programs, demonstrated accountability, communications internally and externally, program adaptability to the surrounding community, and understanding the goals of its corporate supporters. The assessment was published in the Financial Times' Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy special report. The full story can be read online at [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions\\_lcif\\_times.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_lcif_times.shtml).

### **Vote NOW to Help Eradicate Preventable Blindness**

LCIF has been selected by American Express as one of the top 50 project ideas in The Members Project, an exciting initiative that brings American Express Cardmembers together to do something good for our world. Join Cardmembers across the country to vote for LCIF's incredible idea to eliminate preventable blindness,

presented to American Express by the Diamondhead Lions Club in Mississippi, USA. For every vote LCIF receives, US\$1 will be donated to LCIF by American Express up to US\$5 million. Cast your vote NOW for LCIF at [membersproject.com](http://www.membersproject.com) [http://www.membersproject.com/Health\\_Fitness/723](http://www.membersproject.com/Health_Fitness/723). LCIF is Project ID #723. You only have until July 15 to keep LCIF in the top 25! Please share this information with your friends, family and co-workers so they can vote for LCIF. To learn more visit the LCIF Web site at [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions\\_lcif\\_amex.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_lcif_amex.shtml).

### **Grants Awarded at June Board Meeting**

More than US\$2.4 million in grants were approved at the June 2007 LCIF Board Meeting. Lions clubs from all over the world were granted funds to assist many humanitarian projects, such as partnering with Lions in Malaysia for a clean water project (Korea), equipping a rehabilitation center for the disabled (Italy), upgrading the kitchen and dining room at an Easter Seals camp (Canada) and constructing a clinic and vocational center for the disabled (Honduras). Read the complete story and view the entire list of approved grants at [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions\\_lcif\\_newgrants.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_lcif_newgrants.shtml).

There are number of new materials, including a new DVD and CD of LCIF publications available to you to help promote LCIF in your club and district.

A list of these materials can be found at [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif\\_pr\\_tools.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_pr_tools.shtml). I look forward to this year and thank you for your continued support and dedication to LCIF. LCIF is able to fulfill its mission of helping Lions serve worldwide through your support.

Serving Through LCIF,  
Lion Jimmy M. Ross

### **Charity Gambling Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19**

Dear Fellow Lions,

Once more we're closing in on the Lions Eye Clinic's weekend of Charitable Gambling in the Cleveland Flats. As we've been promoting, success is dependent upon sufficient volunteers to do the various jobs of operating this event. Much work has been done by PDG Lion Grant Frazier and many others in taking up this task and recruiting volunteers.

Dates listed above are the Thursday thru. Sunday our Eye Clinics are participating in this GREAT fundraiser. The hours are 4:00 PM until Midnight, Thursday and Friday and 2:00 PM until Midnight, on Saturday and Sunday. We need workers for all hours, all days. Please consider helping for the benefit of either the Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent or GALEP.

Should you care to check out the operation, other groups are participating in gambling for their charities every weekend (times same as above).

Practice/Learning sessions are available every Wednesday at 6:00 PM, When visiting the site for any above reason, tell the Parking Attendant you are a Charitable Gambling Volunteer and you'll be let in at no charge.

All volunteers working for Lion's Eye Clinic's charity will be required to sign an affidavit (by law) stating you are: At least 18 years old, not convicted of a felony, and that no payment will be received by you for this event. You will also be asked whether you want to volunteer your services to St Vincent or to GALEP.

Please read this reminder to your Club and encourage all to help with this GREAT fundraiser to provide funds to operate our Eye Clinics. Times to work can be called in to PDG Grant (330-794-8606), Lion Andy (440-237-0036), Lion Pain Abrams (440-582-0709, or Lion Neil Sheeley (440-582-0344).

Very truly yours,

Lion Andy Kolbus  
Pres. Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent

### **International Convention**

Several Lions attended the International Lions Club Convention in Chicago. We all had a great time. The only Ohio Lions Band member from District 13C was represented only by PDG Lion Jim Ferrito's daughter Megan, but that is pretty good representation!



### **Beep Baseball**

The Cleveland Scrappers head to Rochester, MN for the 2007 NBBA World Series for the Blind on July 30th. The Beep Baseball World Series is, for the second year in a row, a Lions district project as the Greater Rochester, MN. Lions have taken up the baton from our District in service to those who are blind or visually impaired. The Scrappers open the round robin on Wednesday August 1st. versus the Kansas All Stars and will then play the Long Island Bombers. The Schedule is listed below:

### **Saturday, July 28 – Tuesday, July 31, 2007**

Teams Arrive

### **Monday, July 30, 2007**

Noon

Tournament Committee Meeting-- Hiawatha Valley Room

**1:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

Hospitality Room is open-- Hiawatha A

### **Tuesday, July 31, 2007**

**8:00AM – 10:00AM**

NBBA Committee Meetings--  
Viking Room

**4:00PM - 9:00PM**

Hospitality Room is open--  
Hiawatha A

**10:00AM**

NBBA Board meeting –Viking  
Room

**1:00PM**

General Assembly—Heritage  
Hall I & II

**4:00PM**

Umpires & Scorekeepers  
Meeting—Heritage Hall I & II

**5:00PM**

Coaches & Captains Meeting  
(directly after Umpires  
Meeting)

**6:00PM**

Opening Ceremonies—Heritage  
Hall I & II

**Wednesday, August 1, 2007****6:30AM**

Fields set-up - Faud Mansour  
Soccer Complex

**6:45AM**

1<sup>st</sup> bus leaves hotel

**7:00AM**

2<sup>nd</sup> bus leaves hotel.

Buses will continue after  
7:00AM every 15 minutes  
until 8AM. After 8AM, buses  
will rotate every ½ hour.

**7:00AM**

Hospitality/Information tent  
opens @ fields

**7:00AM**

Doggie Day Care opens

**8:00AM**

Concessions Open

**8:30AM**

Game 1

**1:30AM**

Game 2

**LUNCH BREAK**

**3:00PM** Game 3

**5:00PM** Field tear  
down begins after last game

**6:00PM-9:00PM**

Hospitality room is open—  
Hiawatha A

**Thursday, August 2, 2007****6:00AM**

Field set-up - Faud Mansour  
Soccer Complex

**6:15AM**

1<sup>st</sup> bus leaves hotel

**6:30AM**

2<sup>nd</sup> bus leaves hotel

Buses will continue after  
6:30AM every 15 minutes  
until 7:30AM. After 7:30AM,  
the buses will rotate every ½  
hour

**7:00AM**

Hospitality/Information tent  
opens @ fields

**7:00AM**

Doggie Day Care opens

**7:30AM**

Concessions open

**8:00AM**

Game 1

**11:00AM**

Game 2

**LUNCH BREAK****2:30PM**

Game 3

**5:00PM**

Field tear down begins after last  
game

**6:00PM-9:00PM**

Hospitality Room Open  
Hiawatha A

**Friday, August 3, 2007****6:00AM**

Field set-up - Faud Mansour  
Soccer Complex

**6:15AM**

1<sup>st</sup> bus leaves hotel

**6:30AM**

2<sup>nd</sup> bus leaves hotel.

Buses will continue after  
6:30AM every 15 minutes

Until 7:30AM. After 7:30AM,  
the buses will rotate every ½  
hour

**7:00AM**

Hospitality/Info tent open

**7:00AM**

Doggie Day Care opens

**7:30AM**

Concessions open

**8:00AM**

Game 1

**11:00AM**

Game 2

**LUNCH BREAK****2:30PM**

Game 3

5:00PM Field  
tear down begins after last game

6:00PM – 9:00PM

Hospitality Room Open—  
Hiawatha A

**8:00PM**

Board Meeting--Viking Room

**Saturday, August 4, 2007****7:00AM**

Field set-up (only 2) Faud  
Mansour Soccer Complex

**6:30AM**

1<sup>st</sup> bus leaves hotel.

Buses will continue after  
6:30AM every 15 minutes  
until 7:30AM. After 7:30AM,  
the buses will rotate every ½  
hour

**7:00AM**

Hospitality/Info tent open

**7:30AM**

Doggie Day Care open

**7:30AM**

Concessions open

**8:00AM**

Third Place Game

**10:00AM**

Buses will start leaving for  
Championship Game  
and will rotate every 15 minutes  
until Noon.

## 12 Noon

Championship Game

Faud Mansour Soccer Complex

If a 2<sup>nd</sup> game is necessary, this game will begin ½ hour after the 1<sup>st</sup> game is over.

Field tear down immediately following the game(s).

## 7:00PM

Award Banquet and Ceremony

–Mayo Park

## Sunday, August 5, 2007

Teams Depart

## New eyeglass collection materials for clubs!

Donated eyeglasses can help millions to experience corrected vision for the first time, enabling them to read, attend school, gain employment and take care of their families. **New eyeglass collection materials for clubs** have been developed and are available through the Health & Children's Services Department at headquarters. Visit the Recycle for Sight section of the web to **view these new materials** (poster, brochure, club guide, certificate of appreciation, window cling, box decals, and more).

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) (English)

- select "Vision Programs" from gold menu bar;
- select "Eyeglass Recycling" from maroon menu bar;
- from "More Information" menu listing on right side of page, click on "Recycle for Sight"

Complete and submit the "**Club Participation Form**" to Health & Children's Services. We will post up to three of your club's collection locations on the web site.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/iad404.pdf>

For ore information, contact the **Health & Children's Services Department:**  
[programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org)

## Club News

### Westlake

With all the parades, picnics, baseball games and spectacular fireworks that take place on the 4th of July, it is sometimes easy to forget the reason for the celebration - The right to 'Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness' - was not taken for granted by the founders of our country and should not be taken for granted by us.. With this in mind, the Westlake Lions Club again joins in the "Let Freedom Ring" National Bell Ringing Ceremony which was established to remind Americans of the brave men and women who brought this nation into being.

We join the thousands of bell ringing institutions across the country to ring 13 times at 2:00 PM EDST in honor of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Participating bells now include Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Arlington Cemetery, the Old North Church in Boston, the National Cathedral in Washington, and thousands of churches, synagogues, state capitals, radio stations, universities and government institutions including all commissioned ships in the U.S.-

Navy; Coast Guard, and the Merchant Marine.

This is the eighth year the Westlake Lions Club have conducted this ceremony,

## North Royalton

August 8 Annual Golf Outing at Cherokee Hills G.C. cost is \$80 and includes golf, GPS cart, breakfast, steak dinner and prizes. Shotgun start. Visit their web site for more information at [www.northroyaltonlions.org](http://www.northroyaltonlions.org).

**It's official.** The North Royalton Lions are funding a memorial flag project. They are erecting up to 9 flags to honor all the servicemen from North Royalton. If you would like to purchase an engraved paver for \$50 [4x8] or \$100 [8x8] to pay tribute to someone, please contact any club member or e-mail to [nlions@aol.com](mailto:nlions@aol.com).

## Cleveland Host

Received this request – can any Club help?

I am a PhD student at Western Michigan University's Interdisciplinary Health Studies Program. Before I started my PhD program I worked at Cleveland Sight Center as an Orientation and Mobility instructor, teaching blind people how to travel safely with a cane for six years.

With Dr. Amy Curtis at Western Michigan University, I am currently preparing a study that will examine how blind people can perform two tasks

(high/low tone discrimination & cane task) at the same time. Through this study, I am trying to find a better training method for teaching traveling skills to the people who are blind (I will send you a copy of the proposal if you need the details of the study). This study will be approved by Western Michigan University's Human Subject Institutional Review Board to make sure there will be no harm to the participants of the study.

I plan to run the study either at Cleveland Sight Center or University of Akron. Since blind participants often do not have the means to transport themselves to and from the study site, transportation arrangements are often challenging. Given the limited budget I have for conducting the study, I was wondering whether it would be possible for Lions Club volunteer drivers to transport some of the blind participants from their homes to the study site. Although the dates are not set yet, I plan to start the study around September.

I understand that it would be difficult to know whether someone will be available to provide transportation for blind participants in September, but I would appreciate it if you will let me know if this is something that you may be able to do as long as we have flexible schedule for such transportation.

Thank you for your time, and I will look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Dae Kim  
Certified Orientation and  
Mobility Specialist  
Certified Low Vision Therapist

## Deaths

### Bedford Lions Club

The Bedford Lions Club regrets to announce the passing of the Bedford Lions own "Candyman", Lion John Piazza. He passed away on July 3rd.

He passed out Hershey kisses at all the district conventions and Zone meetings he attended.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE WEB MASTER:

We need your input. Events, fundraisers, community projects and any news about your club should be sent to me in a timely manner to be published on the web. **The web site is for you!**

Send info to Dan Lester at [lionsdistrict13c@aol.com](mailto:lionsdistrict13c@aol.com). Pictures can be snail mailed and will be scanned and returned.

Lets make the web work for all of us!!

Dan Lester  
Webmaster 13-C

