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District Governor's Report

(Maggie's Corner) 😊

I had the privilege of inducting five (5) new members into the Seville Lions Club during my visitation. Keep up the good work.

Congratulations to all the Clubs in the District that have increased their membership.

Club Secretaries

REMEMBER it is very important that you send in your monthly reports. If you do not have a computer, or if you do not like doing this on line, fill in the hard copy and forward it. It is **extremely** important that International gets a record of the membership in each Club.

It is very interesting making the visitations, as you hear about things the various Clubs are doing that is not mentioned at a Cabinet meeting, for instance Norton Lions Club collects used, not abused shoes and gives them to a local foot doctor who takes them to Honduras.

I mentioned last month about including the information that was shared with us at the Redistricting Session at the Fall Conference. Following is that

Information:

IMPACT

*Constitutional change in 2006 by LCI put a minimum of 1,250 members or 35 Clubs to nominate candidate for International office.

*54% of the sub-districts in USA and Canada under 1,250.

*38% of Lions in USA and Canada are in this category, just under 167,000.

WHY CONSIDER REDISTRICTING?

*20 years of membership decline in spite of everyone's best efforts.

*Keeps districts in good standing.

*Larger pool for Cabinet positions.

*Smaller State Committees could result in reduced expenses.

*Need time to allow membership programs to work.

REASONS TO NOT REDISTRIBUTE

*Membership is the root issue, redistricting only manages rather than fixes the issue.

*Larger districts may result in fewer District Governor candidates.

*Resistance to change.

*Possible loss of members.

*New membership programs will fix things.

POSSIBLE MAPS

- *8 districts
- *7 districts
- *6 districts
- *5 districts
- * Mergers

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- *After March 31, 2008, the ad Hoc Committee reviews and selects 3 or 4 redistricting maps.
- *2008 MD13 Convention Delegates
 - *select a redistricting map
- *2008 MD13 Convention Delegates
 - *vote to continue with redistricting
 - *Now the real work begins.

PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- *ad Hoc Committee continues the process in an advisory capacity
- *Representatives brought into planning for specific issues
 - *Constitution & By-Laws
 - *Finances
 - *Foundations
 - *Committees
 - *etc.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

- *2009 - Vote at District Conventions
- *All districts vote at convention
- *If the district is under 1,250 Members or 35 Clubs at the time of State Convention vote will be negated by LCI
- *Two-thirds majority required to pass

STATE CONVENTION

- *2009 - State Convention all registered delegates vote.
- Two-thirds majority required to pass
- Due to the process, we will not know if district votes are

valid. The official determination will be made in July 2009.

IMPLEMENTATION

- *If issue passes at 2009 State Convention
- *Plan submitted to LCI for approval
- *If approved by LCI
- *Implement Re-alignment

REMEMBER

Of over 50 multiple Districts sampled in USA and Canada:
-54% of the Sub Districts are in the same situation as we are
-Several Sub Districts have already submitted Re-alignment plans to LCI and are awaiting approval.

Remember the Convention will soon be here. Make your plans to attend.

Lion Ray and I want to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Vice District Governor's Report

For the second month in a row, no report has been received.



Has anyone seen Vice Governor Dona?

International President's Newsletter

Dear Club Officers,

Do you know what to expect when your club succeeds in recruiting more women and young people as members?

Experience shows that your club will gain:

- Energy
- Commitment
- Connections
- New ideas
- Enthusiasm and a spirit of fun, and
- Deep concern for the well-being of the community and a desire to make the world a better place for all.

Sound familiar? They should. These are attributes for which Lions Clubs International has been justly famous for more than 90 years. When we set a goal for increasing the [diversity of our clubs](#), we are simply looking for old virtues in new places. It is our way of holding fast to our fundamental ideals [while recognizing the ways in which society has changed](#) over the recent decades.

It is undeniable that women have empowered themselves and have become important participants in business, civic and cultural affairs. Their ever-growing numbers in Lions Clubs International has enriched our association and I am proud to say that women now make up 18.4 percent of our membership, up from 13.5 percent just four years ago.

Thanks largely to the technological revolution, the world no longer works on a

“seniority system.” New ideas are more likely to be judged on their merits than by the age or experience of those who suggest them. Any organization that dismisses the contributions and wisdom of bright young people does so at great peril. Fortunately, Lions’ new student membership program provides your club with an unparalleled opportunity to include future leaders in your membership or to help form a student club at a nearby campus. Please see <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/stu1.pdf> for more details about this exciting program. Another important way for your club to capture the future is by doing everything possible to bring active Leos into full Lions Club membership. To learn more about making the transition from Leo to Lion, please see <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/stu6.pdf>.

I urge you to embrace today’s reality by doing your best to meet your club’s goals for recruiting new members. Remember, there are tried-and-true methods that will enable your club to successfully meet this challenge.

- Target groups of potential members not individuals.
- Give new members special assignments that are uniquely suited to their talents
- Make sure that new members’ voices are heard within the club.
- Groom newcomers to assume leadership positions by giving them

special responsibilities as assistants or “interns” to current leaders.

You never know what might happen when you put these “best practices” into effect. In the suburbs of Toronto, Canada, the newly formed, Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club sponsored a video game tournament that involved parent-child teams from throughout the area. An event designed to bring families together was a natural project for the club which consists entirely of parents and their offspring. And it is not hard to imagine that the new club will add even more family groups because of the excitement generated by the tournament.

If we truly wish to live up to the motto, “We Serve,” we must serve our communities as they really are today, not as we might imagine them to be. Including more women and young people in our clubs is the best possible way to gain this insight and open up previously unimagined avenues of service.

As always I thank you for all you do for the members of your club, your community and all the people of our world.

Sincerely,
Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President

Public Relations

- **View LQ--Lions Quarterly Magazine Video**

The October edition of LQ

looks at diabetes, a health issue on the rise in every corner of the world; plus how Lions are helping homeless in New York ; new equipment for kids with special needs in the gulf coast region of the United States ; and a Lions youth camp in Norway . [View LQ](#) online from the [Lions News Network](#). Download and subscribe to the [LQ podcast](#) from iTunes. Watch for the January edition of LQ which will include a Lions feeding project in South Africa and Wisconsin Lions efforts to help a young Iraqi girl receive corneal transplants in both eyes.

- **New PSA: Get In Step with Your Community**

“Get In Step with Your Community” is a new 30-second volunteerism public service announcement (PSA). The [new PSA](#) is available for both television and radio broadcast from the Lions Web site. A localizable version for television allows Lions clubs to customize with local narrator and contact information. Contact the director of public or community affairs at your local television and radio stations for placement. [Learn more](#) about additional Lions PSAs available online.

- [Lions Newswire](#)
In this month's Lions Newswire, learn about Lions Quest expansion, new PSA, CSFII resources, Lions Eye Bank Week and more.

- **CSFII Update (all languages to be provided)**
Club Newsletter—Vol. 3, No. 3:

http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/club_news_v3_i3_en.pdf

Model Club Challenge during The Year of CSFII

To date, more than 2,400 Model Clubs have saved the sight of more than 10 million people! Do the clubs in your area have what it takes to join these clubs? Encourage clubs to do their best and help reach our goal of [3,000 CSFII Model Clubs](#) worldwide by June 2008.

CLUB REMINDER: CSFII's Worldwide Report Day #5 revealed more than US\$11 million in funds raised but not yet recorded by LCIF. This brings the undocumented funds-raised total to US\$128 million, as of October 24, 2007. **Be sure your club has reported and sent its CSFII funds raised to be processed.*

CSFII by the Numbers

- Less than **240 days** remain to exceed minimum goal of US\$150 million
- More than **US\$119 million** raised
- **More than 2,400** Model Clubs **ensuring our success**

- **OTHER NEWS**

- **Encourage your club secretary to include your club accomplishments in the Online Activity Report. Beginning in June 2008,**

club secretaries can receive an online certificate of accomplishment.
www.lionsclubs.org Click into "Submit Membership and Activity Reports."

- **The 2008 Lions Environmental Photo Contest Calendar is available for purchase (US\$10 each) and is a great idea for club gifts and/or prizes. This multi-lingual, 11" x 17" (27 x 43 cm) wall calendar features 13 multiple district environment photos. To order, contact programs@lionsclubs.org. www.lionsclubs.org Click into "Other Programs," then "Cultural & Environmental."**

LCI Web site Links

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/prc002.pdf>

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_mag_buyslions_no_v07.shtml
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/stu1.pdf>
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/stu6.pdf>
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/Inn/psa.html>
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_news_online.shtml
http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/mc_brochure_en.pdf

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS Lion Wallie Burnett

Membership Chair Responsibilities: select and implement effective growth program; ask fellow club members to support recruitment; plan and conduct new member orientation; attend training at leadership school at District Convention; use materials available from LCI; contact MERL Team for assistance. If you need any help selecting and implementing a recruitment plan, please call Lion Wallie (440-944-3947) or email wdburnet@aol.com

CLUB NEWS

Broadview Heights Lions

The Broadview Heights Lions Club Reverse Raffle is being held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at Carrie Cerino's Restaurant an Party Center, 89222 Ridge Road, North Royalton, OH 44133 \$2500 Main Board and two dinners, \$105; and one dinner, \$65. Open Bar and Hors d' Oeuvres, 6:30, Dinnar, 7:00.

There is also a \$1000 pre-sale side board at \$10 per ticket. Contact Dave Garee at (440) 463-8881, or Kevin Kremar at (216) 244-2667. Ticket orders are due by January 25, 2008

NORTH COAST LIONS

NC Lions are proud to donate \$727.11 to CSFII; proceeds collected from three White Cane Days at Shoregate Giant Eagle in Willowick will be applied to a MJF. NC Lions are assisting Dr. McHaffey with the vision screening of fourth graders in the Willoughby-Eastlake School District.

Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club

LIONS WEBSITE: We now have a CUYAHOGA FALLS LIONS CLUB website. Its address is www.cuyahogafallslionsclub.org. As our book markers did not have the complete web address printed on them, the site is also available at www.cuyahogafallslions.org.

Please visit the site, as it is updated frequently, thanks to our Webmaster, Lion Rick Sabo. There are links to other Lions websites as well. Lion Rick is also posting this Newsletter on our website each month.

USA/Canada Leadership Forum:

Your Forum Planning Committee has completed its

first organizational meeting in SASKATOON . Things are well underway to bring you a top notch FORUM in 2008. The Theme for this year's Forum is: **Everyday Heroes Performing Miracles Through Service.** Below are links containing details of the Forum. **PLEASE** make every effort to attend this outstanding event. We look forward to your presence, involvement and participation.

32nd Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 18-20, 2008
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

In Lions Service,
PID Ben Ward

General Chairman

CALENDAR

February:

2 - Broadview Heights Reverse RAFFLE

21 - Cabinet meeting at Dino's Restaurant, 4145 State Route 306, Willoughby, Ohio (just off Interstate 90)

April:

4, 5, 6 - District Convention, Quality Inn and Suites, Richfield, Ohio

May:

16, 17, 18 - State Convention, University Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

June:

5 - Cabinet meeting at Dino's Restaurant, 4145 State Route 306, Willoughby, Ohio (just off Interstate 90)

23 thru 27 - International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

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