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District Governor's Report From Maggie's Corner

Sorry I did not have this message in April, but I was too late for the bulletin.

Well it seems as though Spring has finally arrived. At least it is great to see so many days of sunshine.

The Convention is over and I hope everyone who attended enjoyed himself or herself.

I want to thank my Club, Willoughby Evening and those members who made the Friday evening "Night at the Races" a successful event. Also, these Lions need thanked for all of their hard work with the hospitality room.

Lion Ray and I want to *thank everyone* who had a part in making the Convention a memorable one for us. I would like to thank each one individually, however I am afraid I might forget someone, however we want to thank Lion PDG Carol Lester our Convention Chairperson for a "GREAT JOB".

The elected officers for next year are:

Lion Dona Klages - District Governor
Lion PDG Grant Frazier - Vice District Governor
Lion Marty Dennis - Deputy District Governor

Our International Director, Lion Vince Vinella was a pleasure to have at our Convention and had a very interesting message. Lion Vince emphasized Retention was an area that we all need to work on.

Our Saturday luncheon speaker was Lion PDG Jay Gray, Director of Pilot Dogs. Lion Jay gave us the history of Pilot Dogs and was most enjoyable.

The hospitality rooms, as usual, had good food and beverages. Zone 1, spearheaded by Lion Benny Fobes and Zone Chairman, Lion Ken Powell had the band and ice cream in their hospitality room, which was a big hit again this year.

Also, a big thank you to PDG Grant Frazier, Lions Shirley Frazier, Freda Smyth and especially Pat Foreman. PDG Grant was responsible for the Lion costume and Pat Foreman was the one who wore the costume. Together they collected \$100.00 which was

forwarded to the American Diabetes Association.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 17. We are going to have a special gathering for recognition of the Lions in District 13 C that have gone above and beyond the call of duty in our year. It will be at the Willoughby Hills Club meeting site. More information to follow.

I will be scheduling the rest of my visitations in May and June, so will see you soon if I have not been to your Club.

Lion Maggie
District Governor

Governor Elect Report

Words For Thought

"Let your attitude, enthusiasm and respect for people, service,

life and Lions be contagious"

Recruiting new members is essential for ensuring the health of every Lions club. I would like to ask your club to consider having an "Open House" for membership. Letters of invitation can be mailed, but it is up to every member to ask friends, relatives and neighbors to attend. Just think of what the extra members will mean to the growth, and I don't mean just in size, of your club. New members bring in new members and that means more help with projects. More importantly new members will help guarantee your club will continue to exist in your community to help

people less fortunate.

Take a few minutes to think about what your community and the lives of everyone in your community would be like if we cease to exist.

If you would like some suggestions on how to set up your open house please call me at 216-299-2813. The members of the MERL Team and I will be happy to help you.

THANK YOU
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO

VDG Dona

April 24, 2008

YEAR END REVIEW

Lion Neil Sheeley

June 30th is the fiscal year end for many Lions clubs and it is recommended that the club review the previous years fund raisers and projects to determine need for changes.

We have a tendency to keep doing things the same way year after year without consideration as to whether we are doing what is most profitable or beneficial to the mission of the club. (Yes- we need to consider profitability. Nonprofit simply means that we are organized for a purpose other than to make a profit. If our fund-raisers are not profitable, we are not able to achieve our mission).

Reviewing Gross Receipts

With the new regulations requiring all tax-exempts to file

with the Internal Revenue Service, it is important to know what the club's gross receipts normally are. If less than \$25,000 then one of the officers of the club must certify in the Electronic filing that the club normally has less than \$25,000 in gross receipts. This filing must be done by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of club's fiscal year end. The electronic filing is done quickly and at no cost at www.epostcard.form990.org.

Review Profitability of Fund Raisers

Have the club's fund-raisers been decreasing in profitability. If so, should the club consider other fund-raisers or simply change the way the current fund-raisers are conducted. An example would be a reverse raffle which has been declining in sales of tickets. Should the club reduce the number of tickets being sold? Should the club reduce the main board prize? Should the club consider replacing the reverse raffle with some other type of fund-raiser?

Administrative Expense Review

Are club administrative expenses in line with Lions Club International's requirements and Internal Revenue Service Code requirements? Is the club using monies raised from the public for administrative expenses? It is important that administrative expenses, those expenses which benefit the club and its members are paid from funds provided by the members of the club. It is also important to

allocate administrative expenses, such as postage, travel, telephone calls, copying costs, and other similar costs to the civic and/or Charitable projects which the club is involved.

Federal and State Reporting

The annual review provides the necessary information for filing required Federal and State reports. Clubs with over \$25,000 in gross receipts must file a form 990 and this can be done quickly and without cost at www.efile.form990.org.

Those clubs which use professional fund raisers or conduct any type of gambling much also file with the Ohio Attorney General's Office and pay an annual registration fee based upon the organization's grants and donations.

Summary

The annual review of the previous years club activities is important because it highlights what the club has done and if changes need to be made. It also provides the necessary information for required reporting to Federal and State agencies.

Neil Sheeley
Ohio District 13-C
Financial Advisor

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS Lion Wallie Burnett

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! After the January filing of Membership Reports, 11 clubs were not current as of December 2007. As of the April 2008 filing, only 3 clubs are not current. Many thanks to

the clubs who promised to file each month, and PLEASE continue to file on time. As we prepare for the new Lion year, I encourage club presidents to ask the club secretary how and when the Monthly Membership/Activities Reports are filed. If there is a problem with electronic filing, please use the old-fashioned way: PAPER FILING. If you have any questions, please call me 440.944.3947 or email at wdburnet@att.net I am just a click away. If you do not let me know you are having problems with filing, I can't help. **REMEMBER**, membership recruitment is a continuous project and the responsibility of ALL CLUB MEMBERS. Final district numbers will be coming in June; keep ASKING.

International President's Letter

Dear Club Officers:

As the end of our leadership year approaches I would like to congratulate you on a job well done. I would also like to remind you that we have the potential to make this excellent year an *historic* year.

We currently have over 10,000 more Lions than we did at the start of the year and we are well positioned to end the year with a positive gain in worldwide membership. As you know, membership fluctuates throughout the year and it is likely that this number will be reduced by the end of June – but it is imperative that we not give back everything we have

worked so hard to gain. This makes it even more important than usual **to retain the interest**, commitment and membership of current Lions.

You have all done a marvelous job embracing the challenge to change. Everywhere I travel I see newly reinvigorated clubs benefiting from **family membership** and the addition of more **women** and **young people**. These innovative programs and strategies are largely responsible for our membership increase to date.

But membership retention goes back to the basics – back to the reason we all became Lions. People come to Lions Clubs because **“We Serve.”** They stay for the same reason.

I would be pleased if all clubs all over the world took an “entrepreneurial” approach to service. The best, most effective clubs actively seek-out new service opportunities and experiment with new methods of meeting their communities’ most pressing needs. Not surprisingly clubs such as these are not only the most effective, their retention rates are also among the highest.

All Lions want to:

- be challenged and to learn from new experiences
- have an opportunity for **hands-on participation**
- be valued for contributing new ideas as well as

appreciated for their hard work.

Providing members with these positive experiences is the best way for your club to improve its retention rate.

Enthusiastic participation in special projects of the entire association also improves retention and makes clubs more visible and attractive to new members. According to a report by First Vice President Albert F. Brandel, membership statistics improved in the years following the first Campaign SightFirst. Now, CSFII offers your club an ideal way to increase its visibility and inspire your members.

Congratulations to all Lions and clubs whose dedicated service helped us surpass our [Campaign SightFirst II \(CSFII\)](#) minimum goal of US\$150 million. In fact, Lions' worldwide efforts, and perhaps those of your club, helped us reach that minimum goal early. Let me take this opportunity to thank you if your club helped to make this phenomenal achievement possible. Now, we are striving toward our US\$200 million challenge goal, and Lions worldwide have an opportunity to channel their service for CSFII in one unified initiative.

During the week of May 11-17, 2008, I am asking all Lions and clubs to select one [Campaign SightFirst II Day](#). During this week, I encourage you to gather your club members to save sight by acting for CSFII. Our combined efforts stand to

change lives and change the world, whether your club:

- makes a Club Commitment
- chooses to use the Power of 30 by each donating US\$180 and saving the sight of 30 people each
- pledges one new Melvin Jones Fellowship each year over the next three years
- conducts an additional fund-raising event

In fact, through a Club Commitment, you and the Lions in your club have an opportunity to make a much larger impact through SightFirst since commitments can be fulfilled over three to five years.

We have less than 12 weeks remaining to add to the success of CSFII and help reach our US\$200 million challenge goal. When Lions work toward a challenge, our service can accomplish amazing things. Lions, we can change the world. As a club officer, begin to talk with your club members to see how [your Campaign SightFirst II Day efforts](#) will deliver a lifetime of sight to individuals who need Lions' help.

I would also like to remind you that we will soon have a wonderful new tool for membership management. [“Real-time” reporting begins this month](#). Club secretaries should take special note: the closing date for March

membership reports is April 28. The closing date for April will be April 30. All membership activity must now be reported in the month in which it occurs. This will provide something that will benefit us all – timely, accurate “snapshots” of our membership so that we might more effectively evaluate our efforts in this critical area.

Thank you again for the excellent work you have done over the past nine months and for everything you will do between now and June to ensure that we leave an historic legacy of our leadership year.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President

LCI Web site Links

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_mbrret.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_family.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_women.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_student.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_index.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/projects_ideas.pdf

<http://www.lions-csfii.org/>
http://www.lionscsfii.org/live/content/csfii_day.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_don_melvin.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/mmr_process.pdf

**LIONS CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL
INSURANCE POLICY
Lion Nicholas E Phillips
Phillips, Mille & Costabile
Co., L.P.A.**

April 24, 2008

A review of the LCI insurance manual appears to provide adequate insurance coverage of up to \$2Million dollars for third parties who are injured or suffer property damage by the negligence of Lions Members. Below are some areas of particular interest:

Named Insured

Lions Clubs International (LCI), all Multiple Districts and Districts, all Chartered Lions, Leos, Lioness clubs, and any other Lions organization owned, controlled, or operated by the above.

Personal Injury

Policy will cover personal injury if it is determined that the named insured is liable for such injury. Injuries while taking part in athletic events are not covered.

**Premises Medical
Coverage**

LCI policy will pay up to \$1,000 for medical payments without regard to fault. Any third parties claiming medical payments above \$1,000 would have to show liability (fault) on the part of the named insured. i.e. They would have to show that the Lions or a Lion did something wrong. No liability, no claim.

Legal Liability

The LCI policy is a liability policy, which means that the Lions entity must be determined to be liable for the personal injury or property damage before a claim will be paid.

Aircraft and Watercraft

Activities involving aircraft and watercraft are not covered under the policy.

Automobiles

Generally there is no coverage for the operation of vehicles. If a Lions member, on Lions business gets in to an accident and hurts somebody, the LCI insurance would be secondary to the third party injured by the Lion. The Lion may not be covered and will need to apply to their own insurance if he is injured. He may be eligible for LCI medical payments coverage for up to \$1,000.

Liquor

Injury to third parties caused by Lions serving alcohol is not covered. Other injuries to third parties are still covered by the policy.

Safety Officer

LCI wants each club to have a "*Safety Officer*" who will evaluate the risks and safety issues for any Lions project.

Certificate of Insurance

If the club is hiring a vendor to do something for the club that will be affecting third parties, they need to get a certificate of insurance naming the club as an additional insured.

Claims Settlement

If any Lions' member caused injury or property damage to another person while engaged in Lions activities, a claim should be reported by telephone (1-888-217-8074). **Do not make any admissions to responsibility or admit liability.** The insurance company will handle the claim.

Trailer

Although operation of motor vehicles is not covered, injury or damages caused in association with operation of a trailer is covered.

Directors and Officers

LCI suggests that the club purchase an additional policy to cover the liability of the club's directors and officers.

Summary

The LCI insurance policy is a legal liability policy in which the Lions entity must be shown to be legally liable for any personal injury or property damage incurred by a third party. There will be insurance coverage if a Lion or Lions' Club is sued for negligence.

The policy does not cover damages or injuries incurred with respect to automobiles, watercraft, or aircraft.

The policy does not cover personal injuries incurred during athletic activities.

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**Message from LCIF
Chairperson
PIP Jimmy Ross**

Dear Fellow Lions,
I would like to update you on recent LCIF news. This spring has brought many great achievements for our Foundation. With surpassing the US\$150 million CSFII minimum goal, the onset of Convention 2008 and many other exciting happenings, there is a lot to be proud of as a fellow Lion. Please share this information with your club and district to spread the good will of LCIF.

Yours in Lionism,
Jimmy Ross

LCIF Chairperson
Landmark Donations Given to CSFII

Two landmark donations were recently given to LCIF. The family of PDG Mrs. Aruna A. Oswal gave US\$3 million, the largest, single personal gift that has ever been made to the Foundation. Moorfields Eye Hospital Foundation Trust, a United Kingdom-based international center for the treatment of eye diseases, gave US\$4 million, the largest donation in LCIF's 40-year history. Both donations were made in support of Campaign SightFirst II and further sustain the fight against preventable blindness throughout the world. To learn more about ways to donate to LCIF, contact the LCIF development department. LCIF at Convention 2008
Lions Clubs International
Convention 2008 in Bangkok ,

Thailand is quickly approaching. LCIF will be on site during the entire week, giving seminars, hosting events and staffing an LCIF booth. Convention is a great time to find out more about all of LCIF's programs, learn about new ways to support your foundation and meet LCIF staff. Also available at the LCIF booth will be tickets for the MJF luncheon. For additional information about Lions Clubs International Convention in Bangkok, visit the LCI Web site.

Study Earns National
Publicity

A recent study by LCIF and the National Eye Institute (NEI) revealed that Americans lack critical facts about maintaining eye health, with the greatest disparities being among Hispanics. LCIF Chairperson Jimmy Ross was joined by actor Ernest Borgnine and an NEI spokes person to promote the results through a national radio and television tour. In addition to broadcast coverage, the study also received print coverage in publications such as, U.S. News & World Report, Forbes and The Washington Post. The study aims to raise awareness about eye health and incite more Americans to obtain annual eye exams and checkups.

Lions Rally for CSFII Day in
May

From May 11 through May 17, Lions Clubs International will summon nearly 45,000 Lions clubs from around the world to save sight. During this week, clubs are encouraged to dedicate one day to "Campaign SightFirst II Day" by hosting a

fund-raising event, making a pledge or contributing with a personal donation. Lions have already exceeded their US\$150 million CSFII minimum goal and are working toward their US\$200 million challenge goal. Campaign SightFirst II Day is only one part of fund-raising for CSFII. Funds raised during the final weeks of CSFII will help Lions reach their US\$200 million challenge goal. Visit the Campaign SightFirst II Web site for more information or to donate now.

Humanitarian Grants Awarded
At the March 2008 LCIF Board Meeting in Vienna, Austria, 73 grants, totaling more than US\$2.83 million, were awarded to Lions clubs all over the world to help fund humanitarian projects. Included in the approved grants was a Core 4 Grant to construct the 1,000th Habitat for Humanity home through the partnership program. LCIF continues to provide financial support for large-scale humanitarian projects, which are too extensive for Lions districts to finance on their own. For more grant information, visit the LCIF Web site.

Headquarters Presented with
"Gift of Sight" Statue
At the 90th Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, former U.S. President, Jimmy Carter, presented LCIF with the "Gift of Sight" statue, to recognize Lions efforts to collaboratively combat preventable blindness. The same statue, which was created by R.T. Wallen, is also at the Merck Headquarters in Whitehouse Station, New Jersey and on the grounds of The

Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia . The "Gift of Sight" statue, commonly known as the river blindness sculpture, shows a child leading a blind man, which is a common sight in many areas of Africa. This statue serves to recognize the humanitarian efforts of Lions worldwide in their fight against preventable blindness.

New Publications Available
LCIF has two new publications available. The Annual Report is a comprehensive review of the Foundation's past fiscal year. The new ForSight, a publication that highlights the achievements of the SightFirst program, is also available. Both publications can be downloaded through our Web site or delivered by mail. Contact the LCIF Communications department for more information about publications offered by the Foundation.

MEMO TO: All District Cabinet Members, Committee Chairpersons, and PDG's

FROM:
District Governor Maggie Dellmore

DATE:
May 13, 2008

SUBJECT:
Cabinet Meeting

Our final Cabinet Meeting for the 2007 - 2008 Lionistic year is fast approaching.

Date:
Thursday, June 5, 2008
Place: Dino's
4145

State Road 306

Willoughby, OH

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Social, 7:00 p.m. Dinner
Cost: \$17.00

All Cabinet Members are expected to attend. Dinner reservations are required. Please reply by phone or e-mail **no later than Friday, May 30, 2008.**

Please contact Cabinet Secretary, Lion Mary Chentnik at (216) 533-5474 or e-mail at mchentnik@gracehospital.org if you have any questions **or would like time on the agenda.**

Thank you.

DIRECTIONS TO DINO'S

From the **west** take I-90 towards Erie, PA, take exit 193 (Mentor/Kirkland), turn right on State Route 306 (Broadmoor Rd) Dino's will be on the left.
From the **east** take I-90 toward Cleveland, take exit 193 (Mentor/Kirkland), turn left on State Route 306 (Broadmoor Rd), Dino's will be on the left.
From the **south** take 271 north towards Erie, exit at 193 (Mentor/Kirkland), turn right on State Route 306 (Broadmoor Rd), Dino's will be on the left.

Lions Eye Clinic at St Vincent Charity Hospital Charitable Gambling

We will be dealing Texas Hold-Em - Weekend dates are: Thursday May 29, 30, 31, to June 1, 2008. PLEASE HELP OUT – we need dealers, runners, people to check in volunteers, etc. Dealing starts 4:00 PM Thursday and Friday nights, and 2:00 PM on Saturday and

Sunday. Gambling runs to midnight each night. The location will be the Powerhouse in the West Flats. We need all the help we can get!

USED EYE GLASSES

Lion Gerald Wannemacher (937: 845-2306 or cell phone 937: 609-6471), a long-time good member of the Bellbrook Lions Club, while in conversation with a neighbor who is a divisional manager for the Goodwill Industries, mentioned our used eyeglass program. He was surprised to learn that Goodwill receives a large quantity of used eyeglasses and not being able to sell them, they were forced to discard them. He also learned that each store has a special container in their "sorting rooms" and when the container is full of eyeglasses, they "trash" them!

Lion Gerry let it be known that Lions have a need and explained our program, and permission was granted to allow the Lions to come to the designated Goodwill Stores and pick them up. Bellbrook Lion Walt

Worthington reported to me that they have secured over 1,000 pairs of used eyeglasses from these stores in less than one month!

The Bellbrook Lions believe that all Ohio stores would be happy to cooperate with Lions Clubs everywhere, if they were made aware of the use and need. They urge all clubs to contact their Goodwill Stores

and offer to call on them and pick up the used eyeglasses.

Submitted by PID Floyd
Newberry, Jr.

Club News

Cuyahoga Falls

CAROUSEL OUTING: We are planning an evening of great entertainment as a group outing to Carousel Dinner Theater. We need to know how many Lions are interested in attending this event. We have decided to see DAMN YANKEES. Lion Neil has picked the date of MAY 31st, which is a Saturday night. We still need two or three couples to get to the magic 20 Lions needed to get the discount. The cost is \$105.00 per couple. This will cover your dinner, non-alcoholic beverage and the show. Your bar bill will be extra as well as any upgrade in your dinner choice. Please call Lion Neil Bevere at (330) 633-6022 to make your reservations by Thursday May 8th.

North Royalton

May 26 – Memorial Day – We will have a dedication of our Veterans Memorial Flag Project. The Club has erected seven flagpoles, and put in walkways, benches, and inscribed paving stones. There may be an Air Force flyover, and there will be an extensive ceremony, involving various military organizations.

CALENDAR

May:

16, 17, 18 - State Convention, University Hotel, Columbus, Ohio
26 – North Royalton Memorial Dedication

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

July

26 - Ohio Lions Night at the Cleveland Indians

September

Bus trip to USA Canada Forum in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan