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District Governor's Report

“One can never consent to creep when one feels the impulse to soar” - Helen Keller

Soar is exactly what District 13 C is about to do. With the new club in Hudson in the works and the extension blitz about to take place in Twinsburg, our district is ready to GROW.

Lion Chris Carlone, the Development Director of The Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation, has been assigned to our district for this next round of extension. The Twinsburg blitz will take place on Monday October 20 thru Thursday October 23.

I would also like to take this time to thank all of the clubs who are working on membership. We brought in 16 new members last month. So as you can see, we can get members, the problem is to keep the members we have. Unfortunately we lost 27 members last month.

We need to work on retention. Here are a few suggestions.

* Do a club evaluation - find out what is important to your members

* Find a new Community Service project to work on in your community

* Invite Community / Business Leaders to speak at your meetings
* Take advantage of complimentary resources - many schools and libraries offer films, videos and other visual or written materials for free
* Investigate Entertainment options - Vary your programs by inviting the local school choir or band to perform
* Invite Lions from other clubs / or visit other clubs - find out what is happening in other local clubs

* Attend the Fall Conference in Columbus on Sunday, November 2, 2008.-
It is an opportunity to learn and to meet with other Lions that will provide a unique fellowship experience

These are just a few ideas of how we can appeal to the Lions we have in our clubs. Our society is always changing and our clubs must change to meet the needs of our Lions members

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO

DQ Dona

Vice District Governor's Report

During the last month, the extension team has been busy with the Extension program. This, however, is only part of keeping our District strong and healthy. At the last meeting of the MERL team, many aspects on Retention were discussed. If we are to keep our new members active and excited about Lionism, they must have Mentoring in every Club. Every Club should also have some form of protocol. This will help in giving a look of professionalism to our Clubs. The work that Extension is doing is very, very important work for our District but we must keep these new Lions involved in all aspects of Lionism. Mentoring and Retention are only part of the answer to help close the back door. To do this, the Lions Tool Box has many good ideas on how to do Retention and Mentoring. If your Club does not have a Tool Box, e-mail lionclub.org or phone (630)571-5466 or fax (630)571-8890.

Remember to grow, we need new members - but to keep them we must close the back door.

VDG Grant & Shirley Frazier

Deputy District Governor's Report



What a beautiful time of the year to see the Fall foliage, pumpkins all over the place and

the many colors of mums. Enjoy it while you can because that 4-letter word is around the corner. 🥰

Our annual Lion's Fall Conference (Sunday, November 2nd) has been finalized and there are many seminars offered to enhance our service in Lions. Please check our state office's website lionoffice@rroho.com for specifics of this special Sunday. What a good feeling it would be to see many of our district Lions in attendance. Carpooling is a great

idea. 🎃

Another "youth" program opportunity from LCI is the "Lions Young Leader in Service Awards" – young people 12 to 18 years can be recognized through your club as they complete community service hours. It surely wouldn't be too hard to organize with your members and again, another way to highlight our Lions organization within your community. Think about it... Check with LCI for the details. Remember – Our Youth are the Future of Lionism.

The chartering of the Hudson Club is well underway. Our first organizational meeting (October 7th) will have already been held when this bulletin is published. Several of our Lions within the district are helping to reach our goal for this new club. The Stow-Munroe Falls Lions (my club) is sponsoring this new club, and are ready to assist in whatever areas are needed. I

hope to have good news at our next cabinet meeting. 🌻
Finally, I want to share a poem I found on the internet recently that I believe is important to us as Lions - whenever we meet people and serve those individuals who need our help.

"As We Walk Our Path of Life"

**We meet people everyday.
Most are simply met by chance.
But some are sent our way.**

**These become special friends,
Whose bond we can't explain;
The ones who understand us
And share our joy and pain.**

**Their love contains no boundaries.
So, even when we are apart,
Their presence enhances us
With a warmth felt in the heart.**

**This love becomes a passageway,
When even the miles disappear.**

**And so, these friends God sends our way,
Remain forever near.**

**"We all take different paths in life,
but no matter where we go, we take
a little of each other everywhere." -
Tim McGraw**

Stay happy and healthy until we

meet again. 🌻

DDG Lion Marty Dennis

District Treasurer's Report Lion Neil Sheeley

VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMITMENT

Over ten years ago I decided that I wanted to start giving back to the community by volunteering my time and if

needed my expertise in accounting. This decision was made without giving much thought to what volunteering my time and expertise meant. I simply wanted to help others. I did not realize that in volunteering my time, I was making a commitment to the other people in the organization.

I never gave thought to the fact that if I did not show up for a work project or fund raiser that the other organization members had to take up the slack left by my non appearance. I did not give thought to the fact that when I said I would attend meeting which included a dinner and I did not show up, the meeting organizers still had to pay the restaurant or party centers for my meal. I did not realize that if I said that I had expected to sell 6 tickets to a fundraising event and only sold 3 and I did not timely notify the organization, that the organization was still charged for 6 meals not 3 meals, defeating the purpose of the fund raiser.

After chairing a fund raising committee, I soon learned that many Lions give little thought to the idea that when they agree to do something or be somewhere, that the organization and the other members of the organization depend upon such commitments.

All Lions really want to do good works.

They have a given amount of time and money to participate in the organization. They need to

assess their commitment and let the other members of the organization know the extent of that commitment.

Just because an individual agrees to donate their time or talents to a tax exempt organization does not mean that the Individual gives up personal responsibility for their commitments.

The definition of volunteerism has taken on new scrutiny since 9/11/01 when the Federal government began encouraging state and local communities to establish Citizens Corps, made up of community volunteers to assist the primary safety services in times of crisis. Many local fire and police departments are somewhat sceptical of such programs out of fear for how much control they will be able to maintain over such volunteer groups. They are fearful that these citizen volunteers will not respond to commands from the primary responders and may actually become a hindrance rather than a help.

Recently my local community held a mock disaster drill and one of the volunteers arbitrarily boarded a bus for the field exercise, bypassing the personnel which were establishing the field teams which were to notify residents of the need to evacuate their homes because of an overturned truck carrying dangerous chemicals. Unfortunately, this volunteer was not in good health and after about 10

minutes in the field became ill and instead of assisting the primary safety forces, that volunteer became a true casualty of the mock disaster and took time away from the exercise in order that other members of the team could return the ill volunteer to the command post for treatment.

It is in these types of situations that primary emergency providers are concerned about. Some volunteers have the attitude that since they are giving freely of their time or expertise, they are not subject to the same rules as a compensated emergency provider. Some volunteers are not willing to accept commands from primary emergency responders very well.

SUMMARY

It is important for all volunteers to assess their commitment made to a civic, charitable, or other tax exempt organization and to be honest with the other members of that organization. Be honest with your fellow volunteers and the leaders of the organization. Let them know if time, health, finances, or other personal issues are limiting factors in your providing services to the organization. If the volunteer accepts a position of leadership in the organization and finds that the position requires more in time or expertise than the volunteer is able to give, then let your fellow volunteers know. Ask for help.

Lion Neil Sheeley
Lions District 13-C
Financial Advisor

Membership Chairman's Report

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

As we all know one of the keys to membership growth is protecting the "back door" and retain the members we do recruit. During my visits to Zone Meetings, I have been stressing Mentoring: pairing a "mature Lion" with the "new cub". Sharing the heritage of LCI, District 13-C, and your particular club is important to help the new Lion feel comfortable in the service club. More important, we need to involve the new Lion and make sure that he/she feels important and valued.

So, the MERL Team has suggested a way to help Mentors & Sponsors guide these new Cubs: PROUD SPONSOR AWARD & PROUD LION AWARD. Check out the following and see if this plan is something you can use. Contact me at wdburnet@att.net if you have any questions. Yours in Lionism, Lion Wallie

PROUD SPONSOR AWARD

To earn the Proud Sponsor Award, you must accompany your new member as he/she accomplishes the five tasks listed below: (See end of Bulletin for forms)

International LCIF Chairman's Report

Dear Fellow Lions,

I would like to provide you with an update on LCIF's response to the recent hurricanes.

This summer there were a great number of hurricanes throughout the Caribbean and U.S. Gulf Coast. The destruction was significant, killing thousands and destroying properties across several countries and states from wind damage to flooding. Similar to past disasters, Lions and LCIF quickly responded to provide immediate relief items and help families to get back on their feet.

Hurricane Gustav caused \$20 billion in damage and caused great flooding damage in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, areas previously hard hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. LCIF issued five Emergency grants to Lions districts in Mississippi and Louisiana, totaling \$50,000 in relief funds. Grants totaling \$15,000 were also awarded to Lions in the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

Hurricane Ike, the ninth hurricane of the summer, also hit the Gulf Coast of the U.S., making landfall in Texas and causing destruction along hundreds of miles of coastline. LCIF has issued five Emergency grants to districts in Texas and Louisiana, totaling \$50,000 for immediate needs.

LCIF has responded to a number of recent natural disasters around the world. Since July 1, LCIF has issued \$464,000 in Emergency grants. LCIF continues to be in touch

with Lions in the affected areas to assess the situation and respond as needed.

Emergency grants and Major Catastrophe grants are funded through LCIF's general humanitarian fund. Donations to support these disasters and future disasters can be made online at www.lcif.org/donate or by calling 630-468-6774. Contact LCIF by e-mail at lcif@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Foundation. As members, we all belong to LCI, but LCIF belongs to us.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Amarasuriya
Chairperson, Lions Clubs
International Foundation

Fall Conference

Dear Lions of Region 2,

Simply noted, I'm promoting the Ohio Lions Fall Conference to you and your club members. The conference is being held on **Sunday, November 2, 2008** at the University Plaza Hotel in Columbus.

Although this is an annual event, this year plans to be a great opportunity for you and your club members to experience NEW seminars, NEW information, meet NEW Lions across the State, and learn MORE of **why you are a Lion**.

Please consider joining hundreds of Lions throughout Ohio at this event...perhaps have your club sponsor your registration, or pay for the mileage, or carpool, or reimburse those who want to be a part of a great weekend. I,

personally would like to see many of our MD 13C Lions in attendance to show support for our Governor Dona, her cabinet, and our district.
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Please check our Ohio Lions State website for registration information - www.ohiolions.org as the deadline is growing near.

Yours in Service ,

DDG Lion Marty Dennis

Camp Echoing Hills

Dear Zone Chairman

On behalf of the campers who you helped enable to attend Camp Echoing Hills this past summer we say thanks. Words will never be able to show the appreciation we have for your help.

Camp Echoing Hills will be celebrating over 40 years of camping this summer.

As chairman of the District 13-G Youth Committee and representative of Camp Echoing Hills I would like the opportunity to attend your zone meetings to thank you for your past support and quickly bring you up to date on what's happening at Camp Echoing Hills.

If you would like, you can email me the dates of your Zone Meetings and I can begin to get them on my schedule for 2008 and 2009. My email address is: dcbrown@echoinghillsvillage.org. or you can call My office at 800-470-0577. If we are not there, you can leave a message on my extension by pressing 1 or my administrative assistant's extension, Dave Jarrett, by pressing 3.

If you know of individual clubs in your district that would like a meeting we can also schedule that as well

Thanks for your consideration in this matter and remember the Lion's Motto "We Serve".

Sincerely yours in Lionism,



Lion Cordell Brown

District 13-G Youth Chairman
Founder, Echoing Hills Village,
Inc.

Club News

North Coast Lions Club



North Coast Lions Club presents its 4th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner, Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the Patrician Party Center, 33150 Lakeland Blvd, Eastlake. Doors Open 6pm & Sit Down Dinner 7pm. Silent Auction & Chinese Auction, Door Prizes, Cash Bar (Halloween Costumes Optional) Tickets Cost \$30 per person ~ Contact: Lori @ 440-953-9824 for more information (or Renee 440-944-4782)(rchosen@visn.net) or Wallie 440-944-3947)(email: wdburnett@att.net). Also on the web: www.lionwap.org/OHnorthcoast @ "announcements" link.

Sincerely,
Lion Renee Silvaroli, 2nd VP
PR/Community Outreach
NorthCoast Lions Club
Home Office: 440-944-4782

Office Email:
rchosen@visn.net

Tallmadge

October Birthday



Lion Shirley Frazier

Lion Bill Wilsterman has completed his audit of the Tallmadge Lions Club financial records for Lion Year 2007-2008. We donated \$13,870.00 to Lions Projects and to our community.

North Royalton

November 14, 2008: Poor Mans Reverse Raffle, held at Pipers III. Doors open at 6 PM. Cost will be \$20/person. Side boards, Chinese auction items and more. Contact Lion Dan Lester for tickets at 440-838-4503 or nrlions@aol.com.

CALENDAR

October

25 – North Coast Lions Murder Mystery Dinner

November

2st – Fall Conference
7 – St Vincent Reverse Raffle – Slovenian Hall
13 – Cabinet Meeting – Crowne Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.
14 – North Royalton Poor man's raffle
18 – Joint Zone Meeting, 3&5

February, 2009

19 - Cabinet Meeting – Crowne
Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.

May, 2009

1,2,3 – District Convention –
Crowne Plaza, Middleburg
Hgts.

20-25 – National Blind Bowling
Tournament

June, 2009

4- Cabinet Meeting – Crowne
Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008

**UNIVERSITY PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE
CENTER**

3110 OLENTANGY RIVER RD., COLUMBUS OH

The 2008 Fall Conference will be held at the University Plaza Hotel on Olentangy River Rd., just off I-315 at the E. N. Broadway Exit (Riverside Hospital Exit) in Columbus, Ohio on Sunday, November 2, 2008. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel reservations can be made through the hotel at 1-614-267-7461. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits. Request Ohio Lions group rate of \$93.00 plus tax.

REGISTRATION

A full registration is \$35 which includes Breakfast, guest speaker and all seminars. **The deadline for registration is Monday, October 20, 2008.** Registrations received **after** this date will include a \$5.00 late registration fee. Seminar Only Registration is \$20.

Leo Full Registration is \$15.00. The PDG Association will meet at 7:00a.m.

Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify FALL CONFERENCE in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: lionoffice@rroho.com.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

6:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration Pre-Function Area

7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. PDG Association Meeting Honors II

7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Non-Denominational Service Honors I

8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Fall Conference Breakfast **Doors open at 8:00 a.m.** Plaza Ballrooms

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Seminars Varied Locations Throughout the 1st floor of the Hotel

Registration Code

REGISTRATION RATES Full Registration: \$35.00 F

Seminars Only: \$20.00 S

Leos Full: \$15.00 L

CODE

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TOTALS: REGISTRANTS: FEES ENCLOSED: \$

SPECIAL NEEDS: Please List any special dietary needs required, **including the need for a Diabetic Meal.**

Registrant's Name: Needs: _____

Registrant's Name: Needs: _____

PROUD SPONSOR AWARD

To earn the Proud Sponsor Award, you must accompany your new member as he/she accomplishes the five tasks listed below:

1. Attend a Board Meeting
2. Visit another Club
3. Participate in a Club Project
4. Attend a Zone/District Meeting
5. Bring a guest to own Club

DATE

Name of New Member Sponsored: _____

Date Inducted: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____

President's Signature: _____ Date _____

PROUD LION AWARD

To earn the Proud Lion Award, you must accomplish the five tasks listed below within 6 months of induction:

1. Attend a Board Meeting
2. Visit another Club
3. Participate in a Club Project
4. Attend a Zone/District Meeting
5. Bring a guest to own Club

DATE

Member's Signature: _____

President's Signature: _____ Date _____

When completed (within 6 months of Induction), please return to Club President: President must submit completed Award slips **to District Governor by March 30, 2009**; Proud Sponsor and Proud Lion Award Pins will be presented at District Convention.
