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### District Governor's Report From Maggie's Corner.

Congratulations to the Cleveland Host Club. I had the distinct pleasure of initiating twelve (12) new members to that Club.

Well, it will not be long until our convention. I hope a lot of you are making plans to attend at least one of the days. Friday evening we have the "Nite at the Races", Saturday the meeting in the morning, several good sessions that have been planned and then the hospitality rooms in the evening. Sunday is the Grand Banquet.

The Convention Committee has made a great effort to keep the costs down and yet have an enjoyable time for our District Lions. Some of the changes that you will see are of my choosing.

Saturday, February 9th was the Council of Governor's meeting. Regarding redistricting the following information was presented: At the State Convention the delegates will be asked to rank the maps in order of preference, 1-2-3. After the vote is counted and results are announced the delegates will be asked, based

on the map selected, are they in favor of continuing the redistricting process?

One again, I want to remind the Club Secretaries that it is very important to get the monthly reports to International. We know that the numbers for District C are not correct.

Remember our third Cabinet meeting is Thursday, February 21 at Dino's (same location as the last Cabinet meeting) on State Route 306, just south of Interstate 90. I hope you will be able to join us.

There will be an Ohio Lions Night at the Cleveland Indians, Saturday, July 26, 2008 - more information to follow - hope you will be able to attend, we should have a lot of fun and fellowship.

For the 2008 USA/Canada Forum the Lions of 13B are sponsoring a bus trip. The bus will make pick ups in Fostoria and Port Clinton. The cost is \$470 plus approximately \$400 for motel accommodations. These costs could be reduced if more than 30 people sign up. More information will be available at our District Convention.

Happy Valentine Day to all.

Maggie

**Vice District Governor's  
Report**

Here are a few important lines that I would like to share with you.

**IT'S ALMOST  
IMPOSSIBLE TO - Start a  
new club**

**WITHOUT - Local  
Community Service**

**IT'S ALMOST  
IMPOSSIBLE TO - Raise  
funds**

**WITHOUT - Local  
Community Service**

**IT'S ALMOST  
IMPOSSIBLE TO -  
Recruit new members**

**WITHOUT - Local  
Community Service**

**IT'S ALMOST  
IMPOSSIBLE TO - Retain  
current members**

**WITHOUT - Local  
Community Service**

**HOW'S YOUR  
LOCAL COMMUNITY  
SERVICE**

Yours in Lionism  
VDG *Dona*

**International President's  
Letter**

Dear Club Officers:

Best wishes and Happy New Year to you and your Lions club!

The beginning of a new calendar year is an opportunity to reflect on the previous year's accomplishments and look ahead to the opportunities we will have in the months ahead. By far, the greatest of these opportunities is Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII).

What we have accomplished together thus far is remarkable. Over the last three years, Lions worldwide have raised more than US\$130 million toward our US\$150 million CSFII minimum goal, an amazing feat. These funds will provide sight to approximately 22 million people in danger of losing their sight to the scourges of preventable blindness. But before we celebrate our accomplishments to date, we must realize that the sight of millions more individuals hangs in the balance.

Now, we have just six months to exceed this minimum goal and strive toward our challenge goal of providing "Vision for All." Only through the continued efforts of Lions worldwide will we save 37 million people's sight.

Throughout this year, we have addressed the "Challenge to Change" in a variety of ways. How will your club's actions through CSFII in the next six

months change the lives of individuals who otherwise face a life of blindness? This January, I challenge you and your club to be a part of CSFII's success.

Since the SightFirst program can save one's sight for an average of US\$6, every Lions club has the power to change lives. Consider if each Lion in your club was dedicated to saving the sight of 30 people in the next six months. If each Lion personally committed to saving the sight of at least 30 people, CSFII would surpass its minimum goal and millions of individuals would have their vision restored or saved.

As a club officer, you have the task of leading your club in this effort. Whether your club members have not yet participated in CSFII, or have raised or pledged some funds, or even if they have already done much for CSFII, I ask you to consider what more you can do to bring the miracle of sight to millions around the world.

I have every confidence that your actions and conviction during the final six months of CSFII will inspire your club members to accept the "Challenge to Change," whether they are saving the sight of 30, 300, 3,000 people or many, many more!

**Sincerely,**

**Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya  
International President  
The International Association  
of Lions Clubs**

## Four ways to save sight and accept CSFII's Challenge to Change:

- **The Power of 30**

Each Lion in your club can save the sight of 30 by personally committing US\$180 to CSFII

- **Accept the Model Club Challenge**

Become one of CSFII's 3,000 Model Clubs or Progressive Model Clubs by June 2008

- **Honor Lions and Honor Sight**

Designate a Melvin Jones Fellowship to CSFII

- **Share SightFirst's Vision with Your Club**

Order copies of the "Faces of SightFirst" and "Year of CSFII" DVDs

### LINKS USED:

<http://www.lions-csfii.org>

[http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/lionmag\\_01\\_2008.pdf](http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/lionmag_01_2008.pdf)

[http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/sightfirst\\_program.shtml](http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/sightfirst_program.shtml)

[http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/model\\_clubs.shtml](http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/model_clubs.shtml)

[http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/mjfs\\_en.shtml](http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/mjfs_en.shtml)

[http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/sightfirst\\_stories.shtml](http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/sightfirst_stories.shtml)

### Financial Information – Lion Neil Sheeley

January 30, 2008

## CIVIC VERSUS CHARITY

Why are Lions clubs 501(c)(4) Civic and Social Welfare Organizations and not 51(c)(3) Charitable Organizations?

The brief answer is that the International Association of Lions Club (LCI) provides 501(c)(4)-tax exemption under LCI Group exemption number 0239 as part of the chartering process for all chartered Lions clubs.

The International Association of Lions Clubs, in the 1960s established the Lions Club International **Foundation** (LCIF) as a 501(c)(3), charitable tax-exempt entity for purposes of raising tax-deductible funds for the various eye care programs conducted under the auspices of the International Association of Lions Clubs (LCI). The LCIF determination as a 501(c)(3) is not a group determination and does not extend to the chartered Lions clubs under LCI.

### What is a Charitable Activity?

In the formal legal and tax law sense, the term charitable includes the advancement of religion, science, and education. It also includes relief of the poor, the distressed, or underprivileged, and the lessening of the burdens of governmental entities.

Lions clubs are not in the legal sense engaged in charitable activities, although all of the club's efforts may be directed toward charitable purposes. Lions clubs engage in fund raising activities for the purpose

of providing assistance to the poor, but the clubs generally do not actively engage in assisting the poor. FUND RAISING is NOT a charitable activity.

Most of activities of Lions clubs are of a civic nature. Most clubs **sponsor** local sports activities, provide prescription eyeglasses for the indigent, provide scholarships for local high school students, and perform local community cleanup.

There are some clubs that are actively engaged in charitable activities, such as eye screenings, or conducting programs for senior citizens and could be considered charitable tax exempt entities, but most Lions clubs are primarily performing fund raising activities to support charitable entities or activities and are not physically engaged in charitable activities.

### May a Lions Club Become a Charitable Tax Exempt Entity?

Lions clubs spending a substantial amount of their volunteer time performing charitable activities may seek determination as a Charitable Organization. The proper way under LCI and the chartering process is to establish a separate foundation and file the necessary request for determination for that foundation. The club remains a 501(c)(4), but once the foundation receives its 501(c)(3) determination, the club must maintain separate records for the club and the foundation and keeps monies raised for its charitable

activities separated from those funds received for its non-charitable activities.

There is a user fee of \$750 when applying for tax exemption. The preparation of the form for determination may take up to 8 hours to prepare. There is usually a 2-3 month wait period from the time the determination request is submitted.

Neil Sheeley  
Ohio District 13-C  
Financial Advisor

## MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

According to Club Membership Reports submitted to CS Mary in December, 2007, we have 1,133 members in District 13-C. We still have some work to reach 1,250 members; and we still have a few months to work on recruitment. So, keep plugging along; every new member counts; and get those Membership Reports filed on time. See you at the **CLUB RECRUITMENT/RETENTI ON SEMINAR ON APRIL 5 AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION.**

Lion Wallie Burnett

## “WE SERVE” – What the heck does that mean?

You can't be a Lion very long before you hear the words “We Serve.” You are told at the very beginning that it is our Motto because that is what we do. But, what does it

really mean? It means that we support youth activities, provide eyeglasses for the needy, prepare food baskets for the indigent, help people rebound from natural disasters, provide health screenings for the elderly, provide vision screening for pre-school children, etc. It means that all of these services require people to give of their time, money, and effort to make their local, state, national, and international community a better place to live. It means that when you become involved and actually see the benefits your Lions club provides you better understand the term “We Serve.”

Sometimes when you are working on a project you think this would be a whole lot easier if we just had a few more hands to complete the task. Or, you think it's too bad that the neighboring community doesn't have a Lions club to help them with some of their community needs. I want you to think about that warm fuzzy feeling you had sometime when you really realized how much a high school senior appreciated that college scholarship your club provided or that smiling lady in Guatemala who could see the face of her grandchild for the first time with the eyeglasses your club collected.

After considering all the thoughts in the previous paragraph, I want you to consider why you wouldn't want someone else you know to get that same fuzzy feeling about helping someone in need. In order to do that you need to think about how to get more members in your Lions club or you need to think about starting

a whole new club in your neighboring community. We can do so much more if we have more members to do the things we do.

In keeping with our membership program this year we want to have every club be a net plus one in membership by the end of this Lions year so that they can do more. If your club hasn't had a planned membership event this year get one started and if you need help contact your MERL team about The Ohio Plan. If your district hasn't chartered a new club this year why not be the one who suggests to your District Governor and MERL team that your neighboring community is a likely prospect. Remember, sometimes “We Serve” by bringing in new members so that we can do more tomorrow than we did today.

*PDG Jerry Smith, MD-13 20K*  
Coordinator

## Cabinet Meeting

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

**FROM:** District Governor  
Maggie Dellmore

**DATE:** February 6, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Cabinet Meeting

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

**Date:** Thursday, February 21, 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, February 15, 2008.**

Please contact Cabinet Secretary, Lion Mary Chentnik at (216) 533-5474 or e-mail at [mchentnik@gracehospital.org](mailto:mchentnik@gracehospital.org) if you have any questions or would like time on the agenda. (Directions to Dino's can be found below)

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. Lion Mary K. Chentnik  
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#### **ZONE NEWS**

#### **ZONE 1 MEETING**

WILL BE HELD  
FEBRUARY 19, 2008 @ 6:30  
p.m.  
**THE ELKS LAKE FRONT  
LODGE**  
3115 LAKE RD. WEST

ASHTABULA, OHIO  
(440) 964-3557  
HOSTED BY: **ASHTABULA  
LIONS CLUB**  
DINNER WILL COST \$11.00

PLEASE CALL WITH  
RESERVATIONS TO:  
**BRIAN CALABRIS @ 813-  
7879**  
**KEN POWELL @ 812-2405**

WE WOULD LIKE TO TELL  
THE ELKS LODGE HOW  
MANY MEALS TO PREPARE  
FOR BY FEBRUARY 10th.

THE ASHTABULA LIONS  
WILL HAVE A 50/50 DRAWING  
FOR TAIL TWISTING.  
**PLEASE BE PREPARED TO  
PRESENT A CLUB ACTIVITY  
REPORT.**

#### **ATTENTION!! ZONE 5 MEETING**

*February 27, 2008*

*At*

**6:30 PM**

*At*

MOGADORE LIONS CLUB  
Mogadore United  
Methodist Church  
3828 Mogadore Rd.  
Mogadore, OH 44260

**Make Your Reservations  
By February 19, 2008**

*At*

[JENNIS001@neo.rr.com](mailto:JENNIS001@neo.rr.com)

**Or**

**330-384-1470**

**Cost Will Be \$7.00**

**ALL PRESIDENTS AND  
SECRETARIES ARE  
REQUIRED TO ATTEND**

#### **CLUB NEWS**

#### **NORTH COAST LIONS**

North Coast Lions will hold White Cane Day on Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shoregate Giant Eagle in Willowick. Tickets for the annual 3-digit Raffle to be held during June will be on sale shortly for \$5 with a payout of \$50 to the lucky winner.

#### **Chardon Lions Club**

**Football Bike Raffle.** Raffle will be held March 30, 2008 at the Maple Festival. Tickets are \$2.00 each. This event is supported by Mountain Road Cycles. Tickets will be available at the Cabinet Meeting to be held Thursday, February 21, 2008 at Dino's Restaurant.

#### **Stow-Munroe Falls Lions**

*Present*

**A Race for Sight**

**Saturday, March 1, 2008**



**Stow Youth Baseball  
Recreation Center  
4157 Hudson Drive, Stow -  
Doors open 6:30 PM and  
Dinner at 7:00**

\* A fun evening to benefit those  
in need

\* Video Races and Betting \*  
Side Boards \* Raffles

**Advance Ticket Sales \$18.00  
Per Person - \$20.00 at the door**

Ticket Price includes:

\* Buffet Dinner \* Snacks \*  
Beer \* Soft Drinks \* Coffee \*  
Dessert

If you prefer something other  
than beer, feel free to BYOB

*Proceeds to benefit:*

*The Stow-Munroe Falls Lions  
Eye Programs with eye exams,  
glasses and surgery through  
the Greater Akron Lions Eye  
Care Program (GALEP) at  
Summa and the St. Vincent  
Eye Clinic in Cleveland; Pilot  
Dogs for the visually impaired;  
and the Eddie Eyeglasses  
Program.*

For tickets or additional  
information, please contact:  
Lion Tony Cocozzo at 330-  
686-5990, or email to  
theraceforsight@neo.rr.com.

To purchase tickets,  
please mail your check  
addressed to the Stow-Munroe  
Falls Lions Club.

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**4742 Brecksville Rd. [Rt. 21]**  
**Richfield, Ohio**

**Doors Open at 6:30...Dinner  
at 7:30**



**Contact any North Royalton  
Lion Member for Tickets**  
**Visit Us On-Line at**  
**[www.northroyaltonlions.org](http://www.northroyaltonlions.org)**

**CALENDAR**

**February:**

**19** – Zone 1 Meeting  
**21** - Cabinet meeting at Dino's  
Restaurant, 4145 State Route 306,  
Willoughby,  
Ohio (just off Interstate 90)

**27** – Zone 5 Meeting

**March**

**1** – Stow/Munroe Falls Race for  
Sight

**30** - Chardon Bike Raffle

**April:**

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

**25** – North Royalton Lions Reverse  
Raffle

**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

**July**

**26** - Ohio Lions Night at the  
Cleveland Indians

**September**

Bus trip to USA Canada Forum in  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



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## **DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

At the District Convention, April 5, 2008

### **WHY DO YOU NEED TO GO?**

- Information on little things that will give your members ownership of their club
- Up-to-date information on financial “ins and outs”
- Running a meeting that keeps members on the same page and coming back
- Receive resource information to help your club succeed
- Tools for membership recruitment and retention
- Something for every Lion in 13-C
- Free door prizes; no raffle tickets sold

## **SCHEDULED SEMINARS**

**MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER:** Get enthusiastic about becoming a strong leader and role model for your club. Presenter: Ms. Jeanne Bennett, Director of Staff Development and Training from Summit County Children Services.

**OPEN FORUM:** This is your opportunity to ask questions; make suggestions; share successes; and make new friends.

**CLUB LEADERSHIP:** Motivation and organization begins from the top of the leadership ladder. All Presidents/Vice Presidents, club officers and Lions are invited to learn about the role of King Lion, as well as, strong club leadership. Presenter: PDG Sam Bates from the Ohio Lions State Leadership Development Committee.

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** Get the inside information on the various duties of the “chief paper officer of the club.” Learn the electronic processing of Monthly Membership and Activity Reports, as well as, all the duties and responsibilities of the secretary. Presenter: Lion Jean Sheeley from the Royalton Hills Lions Club.

**CLUB FINANCES:** Learn the new developments in the finance department of club business—IRS and LCI requirements, filing forms, Administrative vs Activity accounts, 501C-3 or not? Gaming, Bingo, Raffles, and the list goes on. Presenter: Lion Neil Sheeley from the North Royalton Lions Club.

**CLUB ENTHUSIASM:** Learn and share effective tail twisting methods to promote humor and camaraderie during your club meetings. Presenter: Lion Bill Simmons from the Wadsworth Lions Club.

**CLUB RECRUITMENT/ RETENTION:** Learn and share effective membership recruitment/retention techniques. Presenters: Lion Wallie Burnett from the North Coast Lions Club; and Lion Mike Tyler from the Willoughby Evening Lions Club.

ALL PRESENTERS ARE EXPERIENCED AND RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP FROM OHIO  
LIONS STATE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES