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## District Governor's Report

"There is no greater blindness than those who have sight, but have no vision" ----- Helen Keller

**Lions Clubs International** is a strong organization with a proud history of accomplishment. At the core of this success are dedicated club members who devote their time and attention to serving their communities. To continue to maintain the organization's record of achievement all Lions in your club must attract and sponsor new club members. Once your club inducts new members, be sure to engage them in activities that interest them and encourage them to take on leadership roles. Members who see they play an active, important part in the club are far less likely to drop out. Membership is everyone's responsibility. New members provide fresh ideas and more hands to allow us to serve more people within our community. We all should be looking for and asking good quality members to join our club's. We

could use people who are truly interested in "giving something back" to their community. We must remember that we are volunteers. Everyone's needs and time constraints are different. Today's busy schedules do not permit endless hours for meetings and projects. We must use our time wisely by having short, productive meetings, determining the needs of our community and meeting those needs.

We must inform everyone that Lions are fulfilling the motto "We Serve". Wear your Lions vest to meetings, fundraisers and projects. Have a club brochure ready to hand out at projects and fund raisers. Don't pass up the opportunity to wear your Lions lapel pin, Lions shirts and hats to children's/ grandchildren's ball games. Be prepared to answer the question, "What do Lions do?" Thank You for all that you do

*DG Dona*

## Vice District Governor's Report

Winter - go away and come back some other day! Every committee and club activity,

that your Vice Governor was set to go to, got snowed out.

However, the ad hoc

Committee did meet this month there will more on this after the Council of Governors meets in February. At last, a bright spot - GALEP is on track. The meeting on February 2nd will set the time and date for election of officers. Please keep in mind, GALEP is not closing but just reorganizing.

Remember this date February 8, 2009; the Extension Committee will be doing training. If you want your Club to grow, this training is a must. Lunch will be served at noon. The place - Tallmadge Lions Hall Lions Park 12:00 noon. Come and help your Club. Grow and have a good time with fellowship and, yes, a good lunch. Nautica Charity Gambling will be May 28-31, 2009! This is your chance to help the Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent. The Eye Clinic needs funds to help those who can not help themselves. Please help! Call VDG Grant Frazier at 330-794-8606 and I will give you the information you will need. District Project - Twinsburg Twins Day Parade. Do you want your club to grow? If so, we must no longer be the best kept secret!

With all Clubs participating, the Lions will outshine them all. Come and show how proud you are to be a Lion. The place - Twinsburg When? - August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Yours In Lionism, VDG  
Grant & Shirley Frazier

## Second Vice District Governor's Report (DDG's Report)

Well the groundhog has spoken and it looks like our winter weather is expected to hang around for another six weeks or more. Maybe it would be a good time for us to clean out our closets and basements of clothes and other items we no longer need, and donate them to those less fortunate; i.e. Goodwill, Salvation Army or whatever your choice.

Wintertime also gives us an opportunity to look forward to our club's spring and summer activities – to plan, organize and publicize these events for successful results. Cold and snowy weather can affect our attitudes at times, but it's what we do to keep ourselves busy as we continue our work to help others that really matters. I guess you would call it “the Lion's warm, fuzzy feeling of accomplishment”.

While helping Lion Wallie Burnett these past few months with the process of chartering the new Twinsburg Lions Club, I have witnessed the true excitement of these new members - each time they attend their organizational meetings, they show the willingness to learn more about their new club's formation, LCI, and what they want to do to help their community. I'm excited for them and again, that “Lion's warm, fuzzy feeling of accomplishment” is

experienced.

Invitations will be mailed to your clubs soon and we hope that you will support these new Lions with your attendance and gifts to help them start their new

venture as Lions.



Conventions are on the horizon for our District MD 13-C (May 1-3), and of course our Ohio Lions State Convention in May (15-17). The planning for these events has taken a lot of time from many Lions to provide you and your club with fun, food, entertainment, food, inspiration, and more food. Please talk up these special weekends and consider attending – they're also a great time to fellowship with other

Lions.



Stay happy, healthy and try that WARM and FUZZY feeling until we meet again.



DDG Lion Marty Dennis

## District Treasurer's Report

### GAMBLING BY LIONS CLUBS (501C4s)

Lions clubs, which are 501c4s may conduct raffles, traditional Bingo, and pools for the purpose of raising funds. All net proceeds must be used for civic or charitable purposes. Reasonable expenses in operating such fundraisers may be deducted in arriving at net proceeds. Lions clubs, which

conduct bingo as a fundraiser, must obtain a permit from the Ohio Attorney General's office and pay a fee ranging from \$250 to \$5,000 plus a percentage of the gross proceeds.

Clubs may not operate a lottery or any activity, which might be interpreted as competing with the Ohio Lottery.

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### **OHIO SALES TAX (501C4s)**

Lions clubs, which are 501c4s, have **NO** exemption from Ohio sales tax. 501c4s selling personal property, even if for the purpose of raising funds for charitable purposes must collect Ohio sales tax and remit to state of Ohio. The only exception to this rule is if the sales are a one-time, one-day, casual sale. 501c4s are **NOT** exempt from Ohio sales tax on purchases, regardless of use of the purchase,

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### **ANNUAL REGISTRATION (501C4s)**

Any tax exempt organization, which solicits fund from the public or conducts games of chance, including bingo, and has annual **GROSS** receipts in excess of \$25,000 must file annually with the Ohio Attorney General and pay a fee based upon the gross proceeds from fundraisers and donations, but not members dues.

### **ANNUAL ONLINE REPORTING WITH IRS**

All tax exempt organizations, regardless of the amount of gross receipts, must file annually online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) by the fifteenth day of the fifth month after the organization's accounting year end. (e.g.: 12/31 year-end must file by 5/15 if the following year).

Please contact Lion Neil Sheeley if you have further questions.

Lion Neil Sheeley  
District Financial Advisor  
Member: Lions Club of North Royalton Ohio

### **Membership Chairman's Report**

#### **MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS:**

Well, we are at the half way mark and we need to continue working hard to recruit members and retain them. Our current membership as of December 31, 2008, is 1,103; we added 48 members and dropped 64 since the last report. As you can see, we need to work on the RETENTION. Check out the MERL page on the District Website for helpful hints for recruitment and retention. The Monthly Membership Reports are being filed on a more timely basis; keep up the good work. If you need any help with recruiting, retention, or filing, please let me know.

Lion Wallie, [wdburnet@att.net](mailto:wdburnet@att.net)

### **TWINSBURG LIONS CLUB**

Charter Night has been scheduled for Sunday, April 19, at the Hilton in the Wilcox Ballroom. Social will begin at 4:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. with the evening concluding with DJ entertainment. Look for the official invitation to be sent out this month. We have 7 Charter Members meeting, and they are truly excited about this event. Let's not disappoint them.

Lion Wallie Burnett

### **Lions in the News**



Friday, August 15, 2008 1:27 AM EDT

By Michael C. Butz  
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Madison Township resident Hazel Bernard feels disconnected from what's going on in the world when she can't read her newspaper.

Macular degeneration and cataracts have taken their toll on the 89-year-old's eyesight, which means newspaper print — aside from the headlines — is too small for her to decipher.

"I can hardly read at all

anymore,” she said. “I’m hard of hearing, too, so I’m kind of left out in left field.”

To help her, Bernard has an old magnifying machine someone gave her years ago to help her read as well as write checks and letters.

“It’s good for putting your newspaper under there,” she said.

Bernard would like a newer machine that works better than her old one, but there’s one problem.

“The darn things cost so much,” she said.

Fortunately for Bernard, there’s a new video magnifier, or “reading machine,” at the Madison Senior Center, which she frequents.

The machine in Madison is one of six being installed around Lake County as part of a program involving Mentor-based Magnifiers and More and the United Way of Lake County.

The other recipients are the senior centers in Fairport Harbor and Wickliffe, as well as the libraries in Eastlake, Wickliffe and Willowick, said Magnifiers and More President Deborah Kogler, who added that libraries in Mentor and Kirtland also have the machines.

Kogler’s company, along with the equipment’s manufacturer,

Enhanced Vision, combined to offer price breaks on the machines.

The United Way, through its senior solutions panel, provided funding for half the cost of the \$2,800 machines if the senior centers and libraries could come up with matching funds to cover the other half.

“The whole point is to give seniors the opportunity to continue to be independent,” United Way Director of Community Impact Teresa Hrivnak said. “We want to keep seniors independent and keep them where they’re able to function in the community.”

To help provide the reading machines for the libraries, Hrivnak and Kogler said the North Coast Lions Club and Ohio Lions Foundation matched the United Way’s funding. Lions Clubs are well known for their efforts to prevent vision loss.

“They say the font should be a minimum of 16 point, and for a library to think they’ll have anything printed in 16-point font is unrealistic,” Hrivnak said, adding that having the reading machines at libraries makes them available to those of all ages.

Kogler said her company gets many requests for the machines, mostly because of the number of things it can help people see.

In addition to newspapers, the machines can be used to help

seniors read their prescription drug labels, take their insulin shots, look at photographs or keep up with hobbies like knitting or stamp collecting. They magnify items anywhere from 2.4 to 77 times, Kogler said.

She describes the machines as “arthritis friendly” and easy to use; they only have a couple of buttons, and the base on which items are set smoothly glides along.

Madison Senior Center Director Jessica Edwards suspects she’ll have to start holding a few classes instructing people on how to use the reading machines.

Unlike the Nintendo Wii, the video game system that dozens of seniors there use to play bowling, some have been slow to warm up to the reading machine’s new technology.

Still, Edwards said, those who have started using it are finding it helpful.

As does she. Edwards uses the machine to better explain to seniors whether the mail they receive is important or not.

“It’s a wonderful machine,” she said. “I hope more people in the community can come here and use it.”

## **Club News**

Tallmadge

## **CELEBRATION**

Attention all Lions. The Tallmadge Lions Club welcomes you to join us in celebrating our 70 years of service. Time really does fly when you're having fun! The celebration will be on Saturday, February 28th at West Mogadore Country Club. Tickets are \$25.00 each and include a choice of three entrees and a complete dinner. We'll have a handsome door prize for everyone, and plenty of Lions fellowship. For tickets, or more information please contact Lion Roy Morrow (330-633-7812) or Lion Dolores Rusinoff (330-633-4072).

Lion Bill Hixon  
Tallmadge Lions Club

## **North Royalton**

Former North Royalton Lion Richard (Dick) Riley died in early February, near Sarasota, FL

## **Wadsworth**

### **Colin Cranston 1942-2009**



WADSWORTH -- Colin Cranston, 66, of Wadsworth, died unexpectedly, as he

expected he would, Wednesday, February 11, 2009. He was the Tail Twister of the Wadsworth Lions Club.

## **Greensburg**

Lion Bob Kaser passed away February 1. He was on his way to the Giant Eagle and collapsed in his driveway. Efforts to revive him did not succeed. We will all miss Bob, he was a good Lion and friend.

Greensburg Lions lost their 2nd member in 2 days as Mary Tawney passed away January 31. as a result of open heart surgery.

## **CALENDAR**

### **February, 2009**

19 - Cabinet Meeting – Crowne Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.  
22 – MERL Meeting – Holiday Inn near Turnpike – 11:00 AM  
28 – Tallmadge Lions 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Night

### **March, 2009**

6 – Don Maletz Memorial Reverse Raffle – Guy's Party Center – Sponsored by Medina Lions  
26 – Joint Zone 4 and Zone 6 Meeting – Pipers III

### **April, 2009**

19 – Twinsburg Charter Night Hilton

### **May, 2009**

1,2,3 – District Convention – Crowne Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.  
16, 17 – State Convention  
20-25 – National Blind Bowling Tournament

### **June, 2009**

4- Cabinet Meeting – Crowne Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.



**STOW-MUNROE FALLS  
LIONS CLUB**

**RACE FOR SIGHT**

SATURDAY, March 7th, 2009

**Roses Run Country Club  
2636 North River Road, Stow, OH**

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**WHEN:** APRIL 17, 2009 6:30 PM

**WHERE:** QUALITY INN & SUITES  
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**COST:** \$45/PERSON...INCLUDES  
MEAL & MAIN BOARD RAFFLE [A  
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