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District Governor's Report

As we start the New Year, Lion Shirley and I hope that you and yours will have a very Happy New Year. Now that we leave the holidays behind us and start the rest of the Lion year, we need to keep in mind the goals we set.

Closing the back door - We must help our new members to understand the mission of the Lions and what we stand for. If we do this the parade to the back door will be stopped.

The MERL Committee is still working hard to form the Burton Club. By the time of our Convention, all will be in place.

Don't forget the first annual lions Winter Retreat At Mohican State Park Resort January 15, 16 and 17, 2010 call (614)539-5065 (ext 0) for reservations.

Friday night at the Convention, we are honoring the everyday hero again this year. Every Club has a Lion who is outstanding, who

works hard, accepts whatever job is given and performs it with a smile. It is time once more to honor these Lions. When your Club has a Lion to honor on Friday April 30, 2010 call IPDG Dona Klages (216) 299-2813, or DG Grant Frazier (h) 330-794-8606 or (w) 330-633-6415. Also, be prepared for a grand time at the Convention April 30 - May 2, 2010 at the Clarion Inn Hudson, Ohio, near the turnpike. Room rates are \$79.00; call for reservations 330-653-9191 as soon-as possible.

**Yours in Lionism,
District Governor, Lion Grant
and Lion Shirley Frazier**

Vice District Governor's Report



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!
May 2010 bring us all good
health and joy.**

I must first congratulate our Ohio State School for the Blind Band for their superb performance in the recent Rose Bowl Parade. How proud Lion Rich and I were to see them in their new uniforms supported by their escorts and other

Ohio Lions for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our District and the Lions of Ohio should be proud to have been a part of this "special journey" thru our financial contributions! 🌟😊

Over the holidays, Lion Rich and I were guests at the Medina Lions Christmas Party. It was good to see these hard-working Lions once again as they shared good food and fellowship. But now that the holidays are behind us, there are many activities forthcoming within our district; i.e., **13-C's Cabinet Meeting on 2/25 at the Clarion Inn/Hudson; my continued club visitations; zone meetings; many club fund raisers; and of course our 13-C Convention, April 30 – May. 1** As you receive your invitations/notices, please consider supporting your fellow Lions and especially Governor Grant as we round-out another Lions year.

One of my goals for the past two years and as I plan for my year as your District Governor, is to promote the creation of a Membership Night/Day by using the OHIO PLAN. We talk and talk about adding members to our clubs but I believe the most active and successful way is to conduct a gathering of prospective Lions through the OHIO PLAN'S guidelines. If your club does not have a copy of the guidelines, please contact our District's Membership Chairman, Lion Wallie Burnett at 440-944-3947 or Wdburnett@att.net. To recruit members you must be **passionate & contagious about being a Lion... you have to ASK someone to be a Lion... and at any time, you should be prepared to give a 30-second pitch as to "What Lions Do"**.

Think of the possibilities! 🌟😊
You CAN make a difference!

Lastly, I found a copy of the Al-Anon Credo from a recent Ann Landers column that I am sharing with you as we begin another New Year – some thoughts to guide us all in 2010.

Just for Today



(paraphrased):

I will live through this day only... I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow.

I will be happy... I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me.

I will accept what is... I will face reality

I will improve my mind... read something that requires thought

I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable... I will not speak ill of others

I will do something positive to improve my health... eat healthy, quite smoking, lose weight... take care of ME

I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

I hope to see many of you in the days and months to come as we gather to continue our Service to others.

Stay happy and healthy until we meet again.

1st Vice District Governor Lion Marty and Lion Rich Dennis

Second Vice District Governor's Report

I recently heard someone ask "why do I have to pay dues to be a volunteer." This is not the first time I have heard this question asked, but I believe there is a misunderstanding about what your dues represent and why they are needed.

All funds raised by the Lions from the public for fundraising activities must be returned to public use, including money accumulated from invested public funds. These funds cannot be used for administration, to benefit a member, or for travel and meeting expenses for conventions.

Your Club will determine the amount of dues you will pay to be a member of your Club. Each Club may have a totally different structure and amount. Most Clubs charge the amount needed to cover the International, State, and District Dues and may charge an additional amount to cover their Club costs.

Lions International, the Ohio Lions and our District-13C base their dues on the membership reports your Club submits. That is why it is so important to turn these reports in and to be accurate in the number of members you have. You don't want to be charged for more members than you have in your Club and carrying members who do not participate in any way or haven't paid their dues

just drains the Club's Administrative fund.

The money from the dues and fines are used for administrative costs including the direct operating expenses of the Club. The money can be used for the printing and mailing of newsletters, magazines, and bulletins. Items that are provided at no charge from Lions International, including committee and membership materials, pins, chevrons, extension materials, retention materials, various pamphlets and marketing materials, are all available because of your dues. Administrative funds are used to purchase eyeglass collection boxes, shirts, gifts, fundraising materials and other related expenses based on each Clubs' goals. There may be costs related to the printing of tickets for raffles, posters, and other marketing materials, and just consider the cost of postage and how that has increased over the years. Some Clubs also help sponsor members and defray the costs for them to attend Conventions and meetings. There are many uses of the Administrative funds and these funds come from your dues and your support of the Lions.

I believe that if everyone understands how dues are used and how it is different than money raised by Lions, they can better understand why they are asked to pay dues to support their Club and Lions locally, across the State, and around the World.

Lion Mary Chentnik
2nd Vice District Governor

Cabinet Treasurer Report

DISTRICT FINANCES

District finances are governed by Article VIII of Ohio Lions – MD13 Constitution and Article IX of the District 13-C By-laws.

Ohio Lions – MD13 Constitution – Article VII

Requires that each District Lion **shall** be assessed \$1.84 to provide revenues and defray expenses of the District.

Permits each District Governor to assess an additional assessment for operations of the District, and any such assessment must be approved annually by the Delegates of the District.

MD13 sets \$1.84 as an annual per capita District dues and an additional dues assessment as determined by the District Governor, subject to an annual vote of the District delegates.

In 2002, District 13-C voted for an additional \$2 dues assessment which has been renewed annually since 2002. Since the 2002, the dues assessed to each District 13-C member has been \$3.84.

District 13-C Bylaws – Article IX

Establishes a **Convention Fund** to be used to provide for the

annual District 13-C annual convention. At the end of each Lion year, the fund balance **shall** be \$2,500.

Establishes a **Reserve Fund** for emergencies and contingencies and for maintaining the balance in the Convention Fund.

Except for transfers to or from the Convention fund, any expenditures from the Reserve Fund shall be approved by a 2/3 vote of the eligible Cabinet Members at any regular or special meeting of the Cabinet.

District Sources of Revenues

The District has two primary sources of revenues in order to conduct business of the District.

1. LCI Reimbursements for Newsletter, Copying, Telephone, and Organization which amount to \$1,840 annually.
2. Dues assessed for each Lions in the District is \$3.84 annually per Lion and is assessed semi-annually, based upon membership counts at May 31st and November 30th. Based upon November 30, 2009 membership count this amounts to \$2,050 semi-annually or \$4,100 for the Lion year ending 6/30/2010.

This provides the District Governor with \$5,940 annually to operate the District, which includes

expenses for Zone Chair, copying and printing, District Governor and Vice District expenses, postage and mailing, leadership seminar expenses, promotion, extension, and membership expenses, website, and state hospitality suite.

Lion Neil Sheeley
Cabinet Treasurer

Membership Chairman Report

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

100 Membership Ideas
(continued)

11. Use Lions Clubs

International's resources; there are lots of promotional, PR and incentive materials available.

12. Exit Interviews-why do members leave? Maybe the club could fix what is wrong if it only knew why members leave.

13. Contest after contest-relevant gimmicks, promos and dinners because they grab attention.

14. Attend at least three meetings before joining the club. Be sure they know what they are joining.

15. New member badge-require attendance and participation in key activities by new members.

16. Lions business directories-why not support each other? Publish directories and use them.

17. Club brochures-put it down on paper, make it look

interesting and give them to everyone.

18. Club orientation packet-give each new member a roster, club history, organizational chart, District information, business directory, calendar of activities, latest bulletin or newsletter etc.

19. Supply Lions Club placemats for use at local restaurants-advertise whenever possible.

20. Business cards with information about the club-even easier to use than brochures.

Lion Wallie Burnett

Retention Chairman Report

FIX IT FAST

RETENTION is a team activity; include all members in the retention campaign plans. Make sure they understand the individual responsibility.

Invite new members to meet with club officers in a casual, non-club setting. This will help them become acquainted informally with the leadership team and provide a forum for asking questions.

Lion Wallie Burnett

GALEP Report

GALEP ACTIVITIES

GALEP next Board meeting will be held at the Tallmadge Lions Hall, February 1, 2010 at

6:30 PM. As usual, the Tallmadge Lions will provide a very fine home cooked dinner for all in attendance. Thanks to Lions Shirley Frazier, Freda Smyth, and Roy Morrow for providing this meal and preparing the hall for our meeting.

All Lions and guests are welcome to attend this meeting. Please call 330-633-5739 To let us know if you wish to attend and join us at dinner.

Since its reorganization, GALEP has approved 80 applicants for eye exams and eyeglasses.

It is the policy of GALEP to pay for eye exams for children which cost \$30. Adults are referred to Summa for eye exams or if the applicant prefers, they may go to Dr. Thomas Adams of Osman Optical and have their eye examination at a cost of \$50.

No surgery financial assistance is being provided at the present time, but may be considered in the future after discussions with Summa and also after the health care reforms now being considered the US Congress are concluded.

Lion John Tigue, along with PDG Maggie Dellmore have prepared revised Code of Regulations and Bylaws for the GALEP program and once certain changes are made, the Document will be voted on for approval by the Board of Directors.

As of December 23, 2009, all GALEP funds have been transferred to CharterOne Bank from First Merit Bank, which has been increasing their fees for services. CharterOne's Mike Coyne will be addressing our group at a future board meeting.

The GALEP
Lion James Lostetter
President

Lion Walter Park
Vice President

Lion Raymond Dellmore
Secretary

Lion Neil Sheeley
Treasurer

Backlog of Service Application

As of December 26, 2009, there is a backlog of over 18 applications. These will be released at the January 6, 2010 Review meeting. The Lions Eye Program at St. Vincent is budgeted to release 12 applications weekly. Club referred applicants, students and child applications are released as received.

Nautica Charity Gambling for 2010

The Lions Eye Clinic has been accepted for the 2010 Nautica Charity gambling and has been given May 13-16, 2010 as its weekend. It is still not certain that the 2010 charitable

gambling will occur as a result of the passage of casino gambling in Ohio.

Delegate Meeting Reminder

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU MUST LET US KNOW BY FRIDAY BEFORE THE DELEGATE MEETING IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND AND ENJOY DINNER WITH US. WE HAVE TO PAY BASED UPON THE NUMBERS WE CALL IN ON FRIDAY.

Other

We are still looking for volunteers to come down on Wednesdays to help with various jobs, from boxing up used eyeglasses, filing applications, answering the telephone, printing envelopes, maintaining the offices, printing and mailing postcards and notices to the clubs, and visiting the clubs to keep them up to date on activities of the eye clinic. Thank you for support of this most valuable service which we as Lions of District 13-C perform.

Lion Neil Sheeley
President

Lions Eye Clinic STATE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT SUBMISSION

At the Ohio Lions State Convention, to be held on May 21 - 23, 2010 in Dublin, OH, there will be an Amendment to

the State Constitution voted upon regarding a dues increase and fund realignment. The wording of the existing Constitution and the proposed amendment is shown below. The net effect is that the Ohio Lions State Dues will be increased from \$9.16 per Lion per year to \$12.16 per Lion per year. The redistribution of funds is shown in a table at the end of this discussion.

Title: Ohio Lions Dues Increase with Realignment Proposal

Constitution and By-Laws Article and Section to be amended:

MD13 Constitution, Article VI, State Revenue, Section 3 and Section 4, E

Old Language:

ARTICLE VI - STATE REVENUE

Section 3. State Revenue and Funds

The revenue received under Section 1 and 2 of Article VI shall be distributed as follows;

A. State Council Fund: One dollar and thirty-five cents (\$1.35) of the annual per capita tax.

B. State Office Operation Fund: Five dollars and seventy cents (\$5.70) of the annual per capita tax.

C. International Convention Fund: Fifty-two cents (\$.52) of the annual per capita tax.

D. Promotional Fund: One dollar and thirty-one cents

(\$ 1.31) of the annual per capita tax.

E. Restricted Fund:

Twenty-eight cents (\$.28) of the annual per capita tax.

F. District Funds: [Refer to Article VIII Section 1]

Section 4.

E. The Ohio Lions

Promotional fund shall be used for the furtherance of Ohio Lionism, and disbursements shall be made from this fund only upon recommendation of the Finance and Planning Advisory Committee and approval of the Council of Governors.

New Language:

ARTICLE VI - STATE REVENUE

Section 3. State Revenue and Funds

The revenue received under Section 1 and 2 of Article VI shall be distributed as follows;

A. State Council Fund:

Beginning July 1, 2010 it shall be Four dollars and sixty-six cents (\$4.66) of the annual per capita tax. After July 1, 2013, it shall be four dollars and sixteen cents (\$4.16) of the annual per capita tax.

B. State Operation Fund:

Beginning July 1, 2010 it shall be five dollars and seventy cents (\$5.70) of the annual per capita tax. After July 1, 2013 it shall be Six dollars and twenty cents (\$6.20) of the annual per capita tax.

C. International

Convention Fund: Fifty-two cents (\$.52) of the annual per capita tax.

D. Restricted Fund: **One dollar and twenty-eight cents (\$1.28)** of the annual per capita tax.

E. District Funds:[Refer to Article VIII Section 1.]

Since the Promotional Fund is being **deleted**, old Section D is being deleted and **Section E becomes D, and F becomes E.**

Section 4. E.

Delete Article VI, State Revenue, Section 4, E since the Promotional Fund is being deleted in Article VI, State Revenue, Section 3. Therefore, subsection **4-F will become 4-E.**

Rationale for Amendment

Approval: (This text provided by the F&LRP Committee.)

Based on 5 year projections of revenue and expenditures through June 30, 2014, the Finance and Long Range Planning Committee has projected fund deficits in the State Council Fund beginning in fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011). The State Council Fund deficit is projected to grow from (\$30,146) at June 30, 2011 to (\$127,303) by June 30, 2014. Dues collected for the State Council Fund are primarily used to provide training for MD 13 leaders and reimburse MD 13 state committee and Council of Governor expenses.

In addition based on the current dues structure, the Promotions Fund balance is projected to continue to significantly grow to \$121,775 by June 30, 2014 while the Restricted Fund balance is projected to decline to \$4,720 by fiscal year end 2014. The Promotions Fund is designed to promote Lionism to Lions and non-Lions.

Restricted Fund monies are used to highlight MD13 Ohio at the international level and to pay for a portion of International Directors and International VPs campaigns.

The last dues increase of \$1.00 was passed in the late 1980's and was temporarily added to the Restricted Fund to support the campaign of Jim Coffey for International President. In the mid-1990's, the temporary \$1.00 dues was made permanent and moved to the Promotions Fund.

Since that time, MD13 paid staff levels have been reduced from as high as one full-time person and two part-time people to one paid part-time person. In recent years, Committee expense reimbursements and meals provided to MD 13 Council of Governors has also been cut. Multiple printed newsletters per year have been replaced with no printed newsletters.

After careful consideration of the MD 13 finances and current dues structure, this constitutional amendment was proposed by the ad Hoc Finance

Committee, appointed by the Council of Governors, and has been recommended to be brought forward by the Finance and Long Range Planning Committee and the Council of Governors.

This amendment will first realign dues monies to the proper funds where the expenditures are needed. In effect, the Promotions \$1.00 dues will be moved to the Restricted Fund. The additional \$3.00 per member dues increase will help ensure the State Council Fund has sufficient monies to continue to provide quality training to MD 13 Lion leaders and reimburse Lions who serve on MD 13 state committees and the Council of Governors. (Note: LCI primarily reimburses District Governors for expenses).

If this amendment passes, the Finance and Long Range Planning Committee project sufficient monies will be available for at least the next 5 years to maintain and support the MD 13 Ohio Lions structure and operations.

New Language is in BOLD print.

Approval of this amendment requires a **2/3 vote** of the delegates voting at the State Convention (See MD13 Constitution, Article XI, Section2.). This Amendment will be discussed at the District 13-C Convention on April 30 – May 2, 2010. Although a formal approval by the Lions at

the District Convention IS NOT required, the District Lions may wish to provide a recommendation or guidance to the Lions who will be attending the State Convention on how the District Lions feel they should vote.

Proposal Summary			
	Current	July 2010	July 2012
Int. Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Operations	\$0.70	\$0.70	\$4.50
Promotions	\$1.31	0	0
Reimbursed	\$0.58	\$4.58	\$4.58
State Council	\$1.50	\$4.50	\$4.50
State Dues	\$0.10	\$2.10	\$12.00

**PDG Ken Marshall
State Constitution & By-Laws
Committee**

Rose Parade

Lions, and particularly the Lions of Ohio were well represented in the Rose Parade. Lions International had a float early in the Parade, and the Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band was featured in the coverage. They were interviewed before the Parade by the Columbus Dispatch – see http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/multimedia/video/hd_video.html?playerId=dispatchlargecustom&referralObject=12770032 All this and the Buckeyes won the Rose Bowl! Go Bucks!

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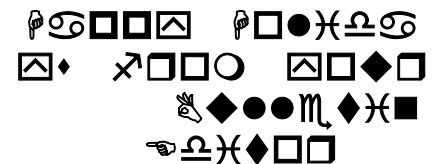
January 2010
15-17 – Lions Winter Retreat – Mohican Lodge

February, 2010
25 - Cabinet Meeting, Clarion, Hudson, OH

April, 2010
30-May 2 - District Convention, Clarion, Hudson, OH

May, 2010
13-16 – Nautica Charity Gambling
21-23 – State Convention, Dublin, OH

June, 2010
10 - Cabinet Meeting, Clarion, Hudson, OH
28-July 2 – International Convention, Sydney, Australia





2010 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 15-17, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM

MOHICAN STATE PARK RESORT, Perrysville, OH

REGISTRATION:

Registrations paid by December 1, 2009 will be **\$100.00**. Registrations December 2, 2009- January 5, 2010 will be **\$120.00**. No registrations will be accepted after January 5, 2010. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT 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: ohiolions@gmail.com.

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat!

District

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

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TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Children's meals available: Total number of children: _____ (price per meal to be determined)

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

Registrant's Name: _____

Needs: _____

Registrant's Name: _____

Needs: _____

Registrant's Name: _____

Needs: _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel at <http://www.mohicanresort.com> or by phone **1-419-938-5411**. Room reservations prior to December 15, 2009 may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions group rate of \$75.00/night plus tax **with 1 to 4 persons per room**. After December 15 the room rate may increase. The resort only has 96 rooms and may sell out. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Check out www.mohicanresort.com for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!



WINTER RETREAT

1. Bring your Digital Camera to learn how to take an effective and interesting photo. Then, practice what you've just learned with Ohio wildlife...up close and personal. Show your best work and we will send it to "The Lions Magazine for publication!"

2. Raising your Profile in Your Community: Do you want to know how give an explosive increase to your club's standing in your community? Join our panel discussion to learn established ways to promote, and boost our Lions Clubs' reputation in *your* home town!

3. This Isn't Your Father's Lions Club - it is Getting Younger! It's True! Younger members have been our largest new member group? Why? We've got the answers...and we'll share them with you! This is the one you have been waiting for!

4. Bring your Laptop computer and learn how to enter LCI reports, and find a treasure trove of information to help your club. Also, learn how to protect yourself with antivirus, antispyware & firewall protection! This is an exciting hands-on session

5. Mentoring! Learn how to use the time honored program to help your members become better Lions and to perhaps choose to move up the leadership ladder.

6. Whining Allowed! Become acquainted with the Wines of Ohio, face to face! We will have two sessions on this informative and enjoyable topic. "Cheers!" Wait till you see the "lab!" And the homework is to die for...

7. Women in Leadership: Three strong Lions will talk about their experiences as leaders in Ohio - all from a woman's perspective!

8. All Aboard! This is an enjoyable opportunity to learn all about Ohio Railways! In particular, the colorful Rattlesnake & The Ramsey. Experience the history of the Lorain, Ashland & Southern Railroad"

9. Want your Tail Twisted? This is your chance to learn that a good tail twister does more than having a 50/50 raffle or levying fines. Come prepared for fun!

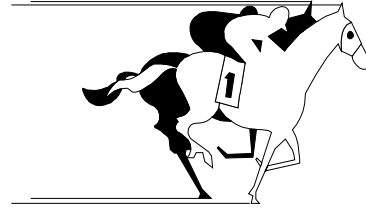
10. Quilts! Learn a lot about your quilts, their value, their history, and how they were made! A national Appraiser will fill you in. Bring your own Quilt!

These are just 10 of the more than 20 out of the extraordinary sessions developed especially for you! These plus swimming, hiking, shopping, and family activities make this a "MUST DO" event for everyone!



*Stow-Munroe Falls Lions
Presents*

*A Race for Sight
(Formerly Night at the Races)
Saturday, March 6, 2010*



Stow Youth Baseball Party Center
4157 Hudson Dr. - Stow Doors open 6:30, Dinner at 7:00

* Video Races and Betting * Side Boards * Raffles

Advance Tickets \$20.00 Per Person

Ticket Price includes:

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

*All proceeds go to helping those in need in Stow and
Munroe Falls.*

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Let's refresh our website!

I would like to ask every club to do something for me. Select a member or two and log on to our website at www.lionsdistrict13c.org. Then look around and see if all the information about your club and the district is correct. Should you find errors, items needing correction or items needing deletion, PLEASE e-mail me at lionsdistrict13c@aol.com. I will get to every correction as they are sent in.

It is time to go over and review all the information on our web. I cannot do it alone. Please help.

Thanks,

Lion Dan



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