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District Governor's Report

The holidays are just around the corner, and it is hard to believe that it has been four months since the International Convention in Seattle. Visitations are going well, and 14 more Clubs were visited during October and the first two weeks in November. I am enjoying my travels and the hospitality of the District 13-C Clubs. I am also pleased to announce that our membership numbers are growing, and we are back up to **1,000** members in our District. We are not quite at the magic number of 1,250, but we are making great strides, and I want to thank everyone for their efforts. I also want to highlight the Garfield Heights Club. I had the pleasure of inducting 13 new members on October 24th, and Zone Chair Kevin Barrett will be inducting four more at their Club meeting on November 14th. Broadview Heights had two new members inducted on November 9th, and I will be returning to their annual

Holiday Party in December to induct a few more.



New Garfield Heights Members

Also, I want to add that we have had some luck in Westlake, and we are getting the Westlake Club back on track. Lion Dave Sacco and Lion Mark Fabec from the Westlake Club have stepped up as President and Secretary/Treasurer, and we are very excited about our upcoming meeting on November 21st. The plan is to help recruit and re-establish this needed Club on the Westside.

Our District conducted an Extension Workshop on November 3rd and 4th with the LCI representative, PDG Jim Canon from West Virginia. 1st VDG Dan Lester, 2nd VDG Wallie Burnett, PDG Dona Klages, GMT Chair, Lion Jim

Cipriani, President of the Broadview Heights Lions Club, and I spent two days in the Maple Heights area. We are optimistic as we completed enough applications to begin a new Club in Maple Heights and will be having an informational meeting on November 15th with a large group of interested potential members. If we are able to get a few more paid Charter Fees collected, we will be conducting another new Club Charter Night in the very near future. The Broadview Heights Lions Club has graciously agreed to be the sponsoring Club, and we are very excited at this new prospective Club.

One thing I have noticed in my travels from Club to Club is that there is not a lot of communication about Club events in our District. I want to encourage Clubs to spread the word about upcoming events, especially fund raisers. Some Clubs do this very well, but others are just not sharing. The District Bulletin is a great vehicle to get the news out to all of our members, and I want to encourage all the Clubs to get their events and other activities listed so that others know what is happening in our District. Not only will this increase attendance at events, but it may also give Clubs ideas about things they can sell or events they can host.

The 2nd Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for November 17th. The Cleveland Southeast Lions Club has offered their sound system so we have cured the acoustical problem in the room at the Hilton. Everyone is invited, so please plan on attending. Please make your reservations with District Cabinet Secretary, PDG Carol Lester. I look forward to seeing you there!

DG Lion Mary Chentnik

First Vice District Governor's Report

“When you believe... nothing is impossible!”

In my travels across this great District I have been preaching membership. This will continue as we progress through this year and into next. This is a wonderful organization and I believe we can prosper again. As a state, as of September 30, we had a net loss of 114 members since July 1, 2011. That is based on taking in 207 new members and having 321 drops. **However, the good news is that we had a net increase from the end of August to the end of September.**

We have revised “The Ohio Plan” and it is posted on the MD 13 Web Site. The Lions will find this document more precise than previous material. There is also a Power Point presentation for “The Ohio Plan” at the same site. Also posted on the Web Site is a

document on how to build membership in existing clubs and an Alternative Extension Plan for small communities where there are few if any commercial establishments. To find any of the above items simply go to www.ohiolions.org and click on the gold GMT button.

As a district we are around 970 in membership. We need to be at 1250 to remain a viable district in the eyes of LCI. So let's get stomping...start a grass roots campaign in your neighborhood as soon as possible. It can be done. Each Club also needs to focus towards community service to show people who we are...a so called Club signature project...and we now have one for you to use!

We own a state of the art auto refractor eye screening machine. All we need to do is get trained. It is a 4 hour class run by PBO [Prevent Blindness Ohio] and then we can get out there and promote eye screening and Lions. Every effort should be made in order to get at least ½ of your club members trained for this great project.

Lastly please try to send a representative from your club to the District Convention in April. It should be a blast with Governor Mary.

So...Get up...Get out...Get with it!

1stVDG Lion Dan Lester



Second Vice District Governor's Report

ON THE ROAD AGAIN....

Well, October was an interesting month to say the least. Our travels included several rain storms, traffic jams and accidents, which caused us to be late or just miss the meeting altogether. We again thank the clubs for their sincere and warm welcomes and always a delicious meal.

I truly enjoyed talking with Norton Lions about upcoming events; but Lion Dave got a real boost when he was introduced as my "son". DG Mary had a really big laugh over that one. We enjoyed fellowship and dinner with the Nordonia Lions after just a little confusion where in the restaurant we were meeting that night; Lions are always flexible. I am excited that the Westlake Lions with the help of DG Mary and ZC Kevin are going to restart the fire under their club by holding a Lions Information Night on November 21. Lion Dave and I also attended the Parma Hills Lions Charter Night which always gives a good feeling seeing a new club take its first steps. In addition, we attended two Zone Meetings; Lions Kevin and Ruth are doing an excellent job of getting to know their clubs.

On October 22, I attended the vision screening training provided by Prevent Blindness Ohio and was impressed to see

so much interest. This opportunity will give Lions such a great opportunity to continue the service we give to communities. Preschool children will be screened and sight disparities will be discovered and treated at an early age.

As I visit the clubs I provide information on the online membership report filing; and I am happy to say several clubs have now become current in their filings. If you need any assistance, please email me wdburnet@att.net or call at 440-944-3947. I will be happy to walk you through the process; it is so easy.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving remembering all the good that you and your club has and will be doing for your community.

2VDG Wallie Burnett

CABINET FINANCIAL ADVISOR COMMENTS

Cash Reserves

Cash reserves are those liquid assets (cash, Treasurer bills, and money markets) which an exempt organization has on hand at any point in time. A number of questions arise concerning what is a reasonable cash reserve. It is always important to keep in mind that the people who gave monies to an organization had the expectation that those monies would be used for the programs of the organization and not to accumulate large amounts of cash.

Normally an organization should accumulate sufficient cash reserves to meet its cash obligations for 6 months to 1 year. If an organization has \$20,000 in cash reserves and normally only disburses \$5,000 annually, then the organization most likely has excess cash reserves which if audited by the IRS could result in excise taxes on the excess reserves and/or possibly a requirement that the organization divest itself of excess reserves by donating them to other charitable organizations.

When a donor specifies that a given donation is to be used for a specific long term purpose such as the establishment of an Endowment Fund, in which the earnings annually will be used for operations of the organization, then these funds are not included in the excess reserves category.

The reason for the above discussion is that as Congress looks for additional funds to finance federal commitments, excess funds could be an area that they will look at. The final comment on reserve funds is that annually the Board of Directors should look at the funds it has and document the reasons for maintaining excess reserves, if they exist.

Dues Increase July 2012

LCI dues are scheduled to increase by \$2.00 from \$39.00 to \$41.00 effective July 1, 2012 and another \$2.00 from \$41.00 to \$43.00 effective July 1, 2013. District and State dues remain at \$3.84 and \$12.16.

By July 1, 2013, total LCI, MD13, and District 13-C dues will be \$59.00.

Lion Neil Sheeley
District 13-C Financial Advisor

GALEP Report

GALEP ACTIVITIES

The next Board meeting is to be held **December 5, 2011**. Please call 330-633-5739 and leave message on answering machine letting us know if you plan to attend and have dinner.

September Activities

Through the nine months ending September 30, 2011, The program has paid for 32 pairs of prescription eyeglasses, 2 eye examinations, 3 medically necessary contact lenses. And 1 prosthetic eye. During the none months, the program also donated \$5,000 to Summa Hospital for an upgrade to a piece of equipment originally donated the hospital over 10 years ago.

The Program has \$115,551 in cash and money markets at September 30, 2011,

Pending Business

Code of Regulations and Bylaws

Lion John Tigie discussed Review Committee Provisions to be added to the Code of Regulations and Bylaws. The Review Committee Provisions were voted on and **approved** by the officers and Directors in attendance at the October 3rd meeting.

Lion John Tigie presented proposed changes in the election of GALEP Officers which would have provided for a ballot to go to each of the District clubs for a vote on the President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer, instead of having the Directors electing the officers as is now provided by the present Constitution and Bylaws. This proposal was voted on and **rejected** on the basis that the Directors of the GALEP are elected by Club representatives at the Zone meetings, and consequently provide for club participation in the election of officers of the program.

Applications

Lions Shirley Frazier, Bill Hixon, Walter Park, and Grant Frazier will continue to review and approve applications for eye exams and eyeglasses. Any requests for assistance from GALEP which are not in the "traditional" mission of GALEP will be held and presented to the Board for approval.

Non-traditional services would include prosthetic eyes, surgeries other than cataract surgeries, and all requests which exceed the budget submitted by the Treasurer at the August meeting.

Requests for assistance from an Optometrist other than Dr. Thomas Adams, or an Optician other than Osman Optical must be presented to the board for approval.

Officers and Directors

Attendance

It is important that all elected and appointed officer and directors attend GALEP board meetings. The Code of Regulations specifies that any office held by a director missing more than **three** consecutive board meetings may be declared vacant by a majority of the Board of Directors and a replacement Director may be appointed by the appropriate Zone Chairperson or by the Board of Directors if a replacement is not appointed by the Zone Chairperson.

GALEP Service Policy

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.

The GALEP

PDG Maggie Dellmore

President

Lion Walter Park

Vice President

Lion Raymond Dellmore

Secretary

Lion Neil Sheeley

Treasurer

**Lions Eye Clinic at St.
Vincent Charity Medical
Center**

Dates to remember:

Next Delegate Meeting:

November 21, 2011 – St.

Vincent DePaul Room at 6:30

p.m.

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President – PDG Grant Frazier

First Vice President – PDG Ken Marshall

Second Vice President – Lion Joy Dobson

Secretary – Lion Arldon Smyth

Assistant Secretary – PDG

Dona Klages

Treasurer – Lion Neil Sheeley

Assistant Treasurer – Second

Vice District Governor Wallie

Burnett

Delegate Meeting Reminder:

Please keep in mind that you must let us know prior to 10:00 a.m. 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:

All applications not meeting the two year or federal poverty guidelines are being sent to Prevent Blindness Ohio.

Again, a large amount of glasses (estimated at 5,000 pairs) were sent to VOSH. Thanks to the people who donated them.

Our Board meeting was held November 2, 2011 and had as our guests the people from VOSH.

Cases approved and released – September, 2011 - 62

October, 2011 - 62

Referred to Prevent Blindness

Ohio – September, 2011 – 14

October, 2011 – 7

Surgery approval – October, 2011 - 1

PDG Maggie Dellmore

Bulletin Editor

Diabetes Chairman Report

Facts about Diabetes

Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas to control blood sugar. Diabetes can be caused by too little insulin, resistance to insulin or both.

To understand diabetes, it is important first to understand the normal process by which food is broken down and used by the body for energy. Several things happen when food is digested:

1. A sugar called glucose enters the bloodstream. Glucose is a source of fuel for the body.
2. An organ called the pancreas makes insulin. The role of insulin is to move glucose from the bloodstream into muscle, fat, and the liver cells, where it can be used to fuel.

People with diabetes have high blood sugar because their body

cannot move sugar into fat, liver and muscle cells to be stored for energy. This is because either:

1. Their pancreas does not make enough insulin
2. Their cells do not respond to insulin normally
3. Both of the above

Diabetes Chairman Lion Pam Abrams

""Service through Leadership" - MD 13-C Leadership Development Plan

The MD 13 Global Leadership Team is committed to providing multiple opportunities for the Lions of Multiple District 13 to develop their leadership skills.

Through the help of our District Governor, Lion Mary and as your district's GLT Coordinator, I recently submitted a 13-C Leadership Development Plan (to our Ohio Lions State GLT Coordinator), comprised of goals and action plans. If you have followed my earlier district bulletin submissions, you will recognize these goals and how they fit into our Global Leadership Team's (GLT) future activities for MD 13-C.

GOAL #1 - Identify existing and future Lion leaders

Action: * Communicate the need for names of Lions via district bulletins, meetings, letters; follow-up to encourage these future leaders, and continue this process to seek

future leaders thru ALL LIONS help

GOAL #2 - Create and develop leadership skills with those identified Lions

Action: * Promote on-line LCI Learning Center leadership courses and MD 13/MD 13-C websites, and design scheduled leadership training for April, 2012 District Convention

GOAL #3 - In collaboration with GMT District Coordinator, promote CEP program

Action: * Submit articles within district bulletin; organize club visits and trainings with clubs, and promote the addition of CEP trainers to assist program

GOAL #4 - Promote the Guiding Lion program for certification/recertification

Action: * Submit articles within district bulletin; promote January, 2012 Winter Retreat w/inclusion of Guiding Lion training, and contact those Lions who need recertification

Each of our district's Club Presidents should familiarize themselves with our district's GLT's goals as an effective approach to growing our organization. Our Club Presidents can involve themselves by: **(a) identifying potential leaders within your club; (b) create a goal within the area of leadership development, and (c) support the efforts for future leaders through the opportunities of**

the on-line LCI Learning Center.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday,

IPDG Lion Marty Dennis
MD 13-C GLT Coordinator

Lion Jeff Ennis Memorial Lions Service Day December 10th, Saturday -- Acme -- Red Kettle Campaign

Greetings and Merry Christmas to my fellow Lions! With the endorsement of IP District Governor Lion Marty Dennis, we are rolling out a Lions Service Project Day -- Saturday December 10th. On Saturday December 10th, all of the Lions Clubs in Summit County are going to be invited to work together at their local Acme Grocery Store locations to volunteer as bell ringers for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign of 2011. All Lions, all one day. And the good news fellow Lions, these are all indoor locations! Lion Jeff Ennis, who passed away earlier this summer, had a vision for helping the Salvation Army through the Red Kettle Campaign, and in his memory we are going to name this service date. December 10th, 2011 The First Annual Jeff Ennis Memorial Lions Club Helping Day.

I have been able to secure arrangements with the Salvation Army and with Acme to facilitate Saturday December 10th with these respective clubs

and locations:

Each club can sign up for their bell ringing for their location online. For each location, the idea is to secure 12 volunteers for the kettle stand -- each Lion working one hour shifts. If there are a few hours left by December 10th -- I'll work with each club to fill the gaps as necessary. Each club has a unique volunteer-spot website to manage their sign ups for their kettle sites. The links for these sites are listed here:

Akron Host Lions Club
Acme # 1 1835 W. Market Street Akron 9AM - 9 PM
<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/21234563441912005>

Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club
Acme # 12 Bailey Road Cuyahoga Falls 9AM - 9 PM
<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/232345634816164042>

Copley Lions Club Acme # 15 3979 Medina Road Akron 9AM - 9 PM
<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/1052345634515804044>

Greensburg Lions Club
Acme # 16 1474 North Main Street North Canton 9AM - 9 PM
<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/1142345682195866055>

Stow Lions Club Acme # 17 4445 Kent Road Stow 9AM - 9 PM

Mogadore Lions Club Acme # 2 2420 Wedgewood Drive Akron 9AM - 9 PM

Nordonia Hill Lions Club

Acme # 4 116 W. Streetsboro
Road Hudson 9AM - 9
PM

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/49234563463323002>
<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/2123456349035760>
<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/94234563463081407>

Norton Lions Club Acme # 6
3200 Greenwich Road Norton
9AM - 9 PM

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/26234563476565208>
[2](#)

Tallmadge Lions Club

Acme # 11 600 South Avenue
Tallmadge 9AM - 9 PM
<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/10234563481860404>

Respectfully, I am, Lion Mike

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Zone News

**Attention Lions of District 13
C**

**Save the Date!
Tuesday January 31, 2012
6:30 PM**

**The Second Zone O Meeting
will be held at Pipers III
Restaurant**

**Located at 8158 Broadview
Road in Broadview Hts.
Additional information TBA
Please contact Lion Kevin
Barrett at
440 779-1025 or
kevinbpepper@aol.com**

LION Kevin Barrett

CALENDAR

January

13-15 – Winter Retreat Deer
Creek

31 – Zone O Meeting



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WINTER RETREAT

JANUARY 13, 14 & 15, 2012



20635 waterloo road
Mount Sterling, OH
(GPS -friendly - will actually take you to the lodge)

NO HURRY',
NO PRESSURE!

Relax and renew acquaintances!

Relax and learn something!

Relax and be entertained!

Relax and unwind!

Did I mention Relax?!

Cost: \$125 (includes all activities and 4 meals)

Tick! Tick! Tick! 🕒📺

Send your "doe" 🦌 (\$105) by December 1, 2011 and save 20 "bucks" 🦌

Registration form on-line at www.ohiolions.org

Hotel: \$75 (before 11/30/2011, request Lions Group Rate)/night + tax



Bedford Lions Club

*P.O.Box 46185
Bedford, Ohio 44146*

Scholarship Fund Monthly Raffle

Drawing
Held
3rd
Tuesday
of
Each
Month!

\$50.00 for the Entire Year
January 2012 - December 2012

You
Can
Win
Multiple
Times!

12
Chances
To
Win
Per
Ticket!

1st Place Monthly \$250
2nd Place Monthly \$125
3rd Place Monthly \$ 50

Only
200
Tickets
Sold!

Winners need not be present!

Winners may be contacted by phone, mail or e-mail.
Winning numbers will be posted in the Bedford Lions Roar newsletter
and on our website <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/bedfordoh>

Contact Lion Bob Schroeter 440-408-3759
or any Bedford Lion member for tickets