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### District Governor's Report

## *Extension - Extension - Retention*

District 13-C is off to a good start for this Lions year. We ended the 2007-2008 year with 1,119 members. Yes, I know that is under the 1250 members required to keep us from being a transnational district. The good news is that the July reports show that we have 1121 members.

Now I also know that two more members don't seem like anything to get excited about, but we are starting this year out with a plus from last year and I am hoping that we can keep that trend going. We only need 129 members to get us back to a district in good standing. This can be accomplished with the hard work of every club in the District.

We are working on an extension program and with the help of Lions Clubs International we are hoping to start at least two, maybe four new clubs this year. There is a group of Lions from 13-C that will be going to Columbus on August 17 for a training session on Extension

and Certified Guiding Lions. When we get back there will be training set up for any Lion who would like to work on extension and also work with new clubs. It is going to be an ongoing process over the next few years if we want District 13-C to remain District 13-C. At the last Council of Governors meeting on August 3 2008 another option was presented to the Governors. This plan was for two districts to merge. The ad-hoc committee asked for a plan from the Governors by December on merging. Redistricting by any other name is still redistricting. The Governors **all** voted to give extension a chance to work before we give in to redistricting. Most people that I have talked to, both here in 13-C and all over the State, do not want to redistrict. None of the Districts in the Multiple District are looking to merge at this time. It is up to us to make our district grow. It is also up to us to keep the members we have. We will be working on a positive retention plan for the District. Just think of the positive effect we could have on our communities if we had more people to help with our projects and fund raisers.

At the Cabinet meeting on August 21, 2008 we will be discussing some of the ways to help retain our members.

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE MEMBERS OF THE LARGEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD AND YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF THAT.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO

Yours in Lionism

District Governor

*Lion Dona*

### Vice District Governor's Report

After we returned from the Council of Governors meeting at Grove City on August 2-3, 2008, we gave considerable thought to the extension plan for this year. This year, we must build new clubs, but also we must keep in mind that new clubs and new members is not the whole answer.

To keep our numbers up, we have to keep the new members busy and interested in Lionism. Retention can be as difficult as membership and extension. but we must and will succeed this year. MD13 will lead the way and show lions around the world the way to growth.

Past International Director Steve Sherer reported that over 200 million has been raised by Lions for LCIF. The USA Lions raised 703,000 that is Lionism at work.

As we begin our new Lion year, let us remember as Lions working toward a goal - that is when we are at our best.

V DG Grant & Shirley Frazier

### Deputy District Governor's Report



I attended my first Council of Governor's meeting recently and was truly enlightened by meeting the new governors and their spouses for 2008-2009, as well as the many facets of our Lion's State operations. It was a busy weekend, but worth it. The ultimate topic was the upcoming "Extension Blitz" within our district (and 4 others). We will need your continued dedication and input to expand our Lions membership during the upcoming few months. Governor Dona will be explaining more very soon and we ask for your support to help make District "C" a leader in membership once again.

As our Region 2 liaison, I'm now calling our club secretaries/presidents to schedule my visitations (before the snow flies). You may call me (330-655-2302) as well so that my calendar doesn't get too hectic.



It's not too early to begin thinking about our annual Fall Conference in Columbus (Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the University Plaza Hotel & Conference Center). The Lions State Leadership Committee is promising worthwhile sessions to help you and your clubs. More information will be forthcoming.

There is an effort going on via the 2009 MD-13 Lions

Convention Host Committee to find classic Lions pins for a "Collectible Pin Raffle" at the 2009 convention (monies collected will help defray expenses for the 2010 convention which will be a milestone 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Ohio Lionism). Lion Rich and I recently donated over 15 pounds of pins to this unique venture that we have collected for over the past 26 years. You may contact [moedadd@hotmail.com](mailto:moedadd@hotmail.com) for further information.



Finally to spotlight a "Lions Youth Program of the Month", I would like to promote the idea that our clubs consider sponsoring entrants to the Peace Poster Contest. Information can be obtained from Page 56 of our current Lions Magazine or by calling 1-800-710-7822 by October 1, 2008. What a GREAT community project and SUPER avenue to work with your local youth and their schools (and just good PR).

Stay happy and healthy until we meet again,

DDG Lion Marty Dennis

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

**FROM:** District Governor Dona Klages

**SUBJECT:** Cabinet Meeting

Our first Cabinet Meeting for the 2008 - 2009 Lionistic year is fast approaching.

**Date:** Thursday, August 21, 2008

**Place:** Crown Plaza 7230 Engle Road, Middleburg Hts., OH 44130

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. Social, 7:00 p.m. Dinner

**Cost:** \$20.00

All Cabinet Members are expected to attend. Dinner reservations are required. Please reply by phone or e-mail **no later than Friday, August 18, 2008.**

Please contact Cabinet Secretary, Lion Mary Chentnik at (216) 533-5474 or e-mail at [Lionmaryc@aol.com](mailto:Lionmaryc@aol.com) if you have any questions or would like time on the agenda.

**Dear President and Secretary,**

A new year has begun, and it is time to take responsibility for the duties of the Secretary.

One of the main duties is the **TIMELY FILING OF THE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT**. As the title states, this is a **MONTHLY** report, to be filed electronically by the end of each month. If you are not able to file electronically, you must file by paper form by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. This will keep LCI and District records current.

There is a misconception that you need only file when there is a change in membership. **NOT CORRECT**; you must file each month. If there is no change, you need only press "no membership activity"; or, send in form. Simple, it is done.

I was pleased that the number of clubs not current in February decreased from 11 to 2 by May. Now, we have 12 clubs (I won't mention any names) not starting the new year with updated membership numbers.

If you are a new secretary and need help to file these reports, please call (440) 944-3947, or email [wdburnet@att.net](mailto:wdburnet@att.net) me. I will be very happy to assist you.

If you are continuing as secretary, we already spoke. I thought problems were settled, and the importance of filing monthly was understood.

***PLEASE FILE YOUR REPORT IN A TIMELY FASHION!!!!!! THIS WILL MAKE ALL OUR JOBS EASIER THIS YEAR.***

Yours in Lionism,  
Lion Wallie Burnett

### **WHY INCORPORATE?**

Incorporation provides limited liability protection for the officers of a business, civic, or charitable entity. If not incorporated, any lawsuits are filed directly against the officers of the unincorporated entity, exposing the personal assets of those officers to potential loss, seizure, or liens.

It is highly recommended that all Lions clubs incorporate in order to protect the officers of the club. Incorporation may be done by filing a Form 532 with the Ohio Secretary of State, along with a copy of the club charter, and a onetime \$125.00 payment. Every five years the

incorporated entity must file a Form 522, Certificate of Continued Existence with the Ohio Secretary of State along with a payment of \$25.00

The filing for incorporation and continued existence may be done by a non attorney and are simple documents to complete.

Forms 532 and 522 are easily downloaded from the Ohio Secretary of State's website, <http://www.sos.state.oh.us>.

Along with incorporating, every Lions club should have a federal tax identification number which is easily obtained online by going to <http://www.irs.gov> and following the instructions for obtaining a tax identification number.

Obtaining the federal tax identification number may be completed by any non attorney or accountant and the tax identification number is necessary when filing annually with the Internal Revenue Service as is now **required of all tax exempt organizations.**

Lion Neil Sheeley  
Lions District 13-C  
Financial Advisor

### **Community Service for the Blind**

Attention Lions: The Cleveland Scrappers are a visually impaired baseball team. We are looking for volunteers to help us operate a concession stand at the Cleveland Browns' stadium this football season. 9% of food sales and 7% of beer sales goes

to the organization. To operate a location we need a minimum of 13 volunteers for each game. We need volunteers to:

1. Attend training so that the Browns can certify you. Please sign up for one or any number of the events listed.

2. When you sign up, we need your name, address, phone number where you can be reached, shirt size and the date you can attend training and the dates you are available to volunteer

3. If you have questions you may contact Wilbert Turner at: 216-374-7205 or Richard Benesh at 216-970-5847.

**Please complete the following:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Addr: \_\_\_\_\_

**I can attend training on:**

August 18 \_\_\_\_\_

August 25 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept-1 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept. 22 \_\_\_\_\_

**If interested in leadership:**

August 13 \_\_\_\_\_

Aug. 20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Games I am available to work:**

Aug. 7, 7:30 pm New York Jets  
\_\_\_\_\_

Aug. 28, 8 pm Chicago Bears \_\_\_\_\_

Sept. 7, 4:15pm Dallas Cowboys \_\_\_\_\_

Sept. 14, 8:15pm Pittsburgh Steelers \_\_\_\_\_

Oct. 13, 8 pm New York Giants \_\_\_\_\_

Nov. 2, 1pm Baltimore Ravens \_\_\_\_\_

Nov. 6, 8pm Denver Broncos \_\_\_\_\_

Nov. 23, 1pm Houston Texans \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 30, 1pm Indianapolis Colts \_\_\_\_\_

Dec 21, 1pm Cincinnati Bengals \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks in advance for your help

**Club News**

**Cleveland Host**

**Stow-Munroe Falls**



**PawFest 2008**

Sunday, September 21, 2008  
10 AM – 4 PM  
(Rain or Shine)

“BOW WOW BEACH”

**BRING YOUR DOG AND ENJOY STOW’S GREAT DOG PARK!**

**VENDORS – RESCUE GROUPS & MORE**

**DOG CONTESTS**

**DEMONSTRATIONS**

12:00 PM Longest Tail  
12:30 PM Best Trick  
Trainers and exhibits  
1:00 PM Best Costume throughout the day  
2:00 PM Dog/Owner Look-Alike\*  
**\*must register prior at Lion’s club tent**

**RAFFLE PRIZES & TENNIS BALL TOSS CONTEST (3:00 PM)**

Parking is a donation of \$1.00, or a pair of eyeglasses

**For further information, please contact [Duhstov2@aol.com](mailto:Duhstov2@aol.com) or call 330-655-2302.**

**Sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Lions Club in cooperation with the City of Stow**

Proceeds to the Ohio Lions  
Pilot Dog Program

## GOLF ENTRY FORM

**Willoughby-Evening  
Lions**

**GOLFIN' FOR SIGHT  
4 PERSON SCRAMBLE**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13, 2008  
– 10:30 to 12PM

Join us at

LOST NATION MUNICIPAL  
GOLF COURSE  
38890 HODGSON ROAD  
WILLOUGHBY, OHIO  
44094

**18 holes of  
Golf  
Cart  
Lunch  
Beer/Soda  
Snacks**

**\$ CASH PRIZES \$  
INCLUDES**

**Teams  
Pin Shots  
Long Drives  
& Optional  
Skins Game  
Putting  
Contest**

\$75 Per Person  
(\$5.00 Seniors Discount 65  
plus)

**To reserve your tee time or  
for more information call:  
Bob @ 440-942-5493 or Ron  
@ 440-257-7044**

**(Tee times are limited, please  
call early)**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO CT  
CONSULTANTS**

**Foursome Names 1. \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ ; 3 \_\_\_\_\_ ;**

**4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail to: Willoughby-Evening Lions Club, P.O. Box 381, Willoughby, OH 44096**

### **CALENDAR**

#### **August**

21 – Cabinet Meeting

#### **September**

Bus trip to USA Canada Forum  
in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

#### **October**

25 – North Coast Lions Murder  
Mystery Dinner

#### **November**

1<sup>st</sup> – Fall Conference  
7 – St Vincent Reverse Raffle –  
Slovenian Hall  
13 – Cabinet Meeting – Crowne  
Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.

#### **February, 2009**

19 - Cabinet Meeting – Crowne  
Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.

#### **May, 2009**

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

#### **June, 2009**

4- Cabinet Meeting – Crowne  
Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.