

# OHIO LIONS District 13-C

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## District Governor's Report

We have many challenges this year, the first being of course our declining numbers. Not only are the numbers declining in District 13-C and the State, but also all over the United States. District 13-C is losing members at a very fast rate. Since July 1<sup>st</sup> our District has lost eleven (11) members and gained only one (1) new member. There are just 1,003 Lions in our District.

Did you know that there are 1,280,122 people in Cuyahoga County, 54,781 people in Summit County, 230,041 people in Lake County, 172,332 people in Medina County, 101,497 people in Ashtabula County and 93,389 people in Geauga County for a total of 2,419,162 people living in District 13-C? Right now Lions are only .04% of the total number of people in this District! We need to get our membership rate up to at least .05%. At .05% we would be the magic number of 1,250 Lions, and this would make our District once again a viable and strong District in Ohio. Let's make this our Goal for the Year!

PDG Dona Klages is our Chairperson for the District Global Membership Team (GMT), and she is more than happy to visit your Club to present ideas and assist in building membership. Please contact PDG Dona at 216-299-2813 or [jdklages@yahoo.com](mailto:jdklages@yahoo.com) if you would like her to work with your Club in ways to attract new members and ideas to keep and retain the members that you have. Please visit the LCI web site where there are also many valuable tools that can be viewed to further your understanding of Club growth and development and perhaps assist you and your Club. This year I would also like to begin working on and establishing at least two more Clubs in our District, I know this is a lofty goal, but I believe it can be done!



I also want to mention the Million Tree Campaign. At the 2011-2012 Lions International President Wing-Kun Tam challenged Lions around the

world to plant one million trees this year to demonstrate the strength of our global network. The District Governor Elects were asked to make a pledge to Lions International President Tam's Million Tree Campaign. President Tam received pledges for over 4,000,000 trees. As the District Governor Elect, I pledged 39 trees for our District or one tree for each Club in the District. I would like to ask each Club to consider planting at least one tree this year. This tree can be in Memory of a fellow Lion or as recognition of Lions in the Community, or just as a tree that stands in a Community Garden. I would encourage you to contact your local city government about the possibility of planting a tree in your community. As these trees are planted, please let me know, and we will keep track of our tree planting efforts for the year and report our progress throughout the year. We will also report on the LCI website where you can find a map showing where all the trees have been planted so far all over the world. The number is currently at 145,768 trees planted. You can visit this site by going to the link below:  
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/million-tree/index.php>

**First Vice District Governor's Report**  
"When you believe... nothing is impossible!"

As I look back to my past, I realize that I have been through a lot of challenges -- Challenges in education... and Challenges in friendship...and more!  
But, do you know what truly matters? It's our belief in our dreams, in our purpose, and in our ambitions in life that truly matters most!

For no matter whom you are, no matter how different you are, when you believe... nothing is impossible! I came from a modest family but through my strong belief in myself and God, I was able to overcome a lot of challenges and I was able to attain almost everything that I wanted to achieve.

One challenge I encountered was going to college... After graduating from high school in NY, I remember praying to God that if I can't go to college, I would just enter the seminary and become a priest. Since God doesn't want someone like me to enter the sacred church, He sent me a scholarship program! Maybe, the church was in danger of contamination and God didn't want that to happen.

Another challenge that I encountered was at the gym. Being slight in build I started going to the gym a few days a week. But one thing I realized, going to the gym really needs discipline. The first day I worked out, I almost could not drive my car home! Every part of my body is aching and I can hardly walk the next day! But as I always say to myself, this is

just a challenge!

With all the stories I shared to you, you might ask, what's the point of all these? The point is that the biggest challenge that all of us are facing is the challenge to make a difference in the lives of others. While we are still living, we should not forget that life is not just about eating, being happy, or making friends or having all the riches in this world. Life is about doing the unthinkable. Life is about making a difference. Most of all, life is a challenge for all of us to show to God, partially to the world, that we can do even the impossible so we can make this world a better place to live in. I am sure; you all will agree with me that "when we believe in ourselves, the Lions around the world and in the power of God, nothing is really impossible."

**Lion FVDG Dan Lester**

## **Second Vice District Governor's Report**

### **ON THE ROAD AGAIN.....**

Lion Dave and I have started our travels around the southern part of our District (formerly Region 2) and enjoyed meeting new Lion friends and renewing old friendships. We enjoyed the steak roast prepared on the outside charcoal pit at the Mogadore Lions' Park and celebrating Lion Stan's appointment as Zone Chair. Cuyahoga Falls' Mayor gave an interesting presentation on the status of the City as we ate our

lunch. Interesting club fact: if you want Happy Birthday sung to you, you pay \$1; if you do not want it sung, you pay \$5-- either way, you pay.

Wadsworth Lions treated the members' children and/or grandchildren to the juggling wonders of Josh the Juggler. We learned about the exciting growth of Cleveland at our visit to Broadview Heights Lions meeting. An enjoyable Summer evening was spent poolside as we joined the Medina Lions for a potluck picnic with hotdogs and hamburgers grilled by Lion Roger. We appreciate the warm welcome by all the clubs and encourage them to continue their service to their communities. We experienced the uniqueness of each club but found that they all have one thing in common--the passion and dedication to the Lions Motto "We Serve". As always, let me know if there is anything I can do for you, your officers, or your club as a whole.

## **2VDG Wallie Burnett**

### **CABINET FINANCIAL ADVISOR COMMENTS**

#### **Changed Gross Receipts Threshold**

Effective for Lions years ending June 30, 2011 or December 31, 2011, the gross receipts for determining whether to file a 990-EZ or a 990-N is **\$50,000**. This will affect most Lions clubs and means most Lions clubs can file the 990-N Epostcard, however it is recommended that the clubs file

the 990-EZ in order to have a more complete record of each years activities.

#### **Reverse Raffles**

Reverse raffles are lawful under Ohio Revised Code 2915.92. Some clubs have been told otherwise, however, the local police departments may require a permit and some form of security as part of the event. TSecurity is needed because of the amount of cash on hand during the event.

#### **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.

Lion Neil Sheeley  
Cabinet Treasurer

## **GALEP Report**

### **GALEP ACTIVITIES**

GALEP will held its Board meeting **August 1, 2011** at Tallmadge Lions Hall. The next Board meeting is to be held October 3, 2011. Please call 330-633-5739 and leave message on answering machine letting us know if you plan to attend and have dinner.

#### **Board Meeting August 1, 2011** Annual Picnic

Tallmadge Lions again provided GALEP with hamburgers and hot dogs, and the guests provided potatoes,

potato salad and a wide variety of desserts.

### **GALEP Business**

Officers Installed  
PDG Maggie Dellmore, Lion Ray Dellmore, and Lions Neil Sheeley installed as officers of the Organization by Lion John Tigie.

Code of Regulations and Bylaws

Lion John Tigie discussed Review Committee provisions to added to the Code of Regulations and Bylaws. Discussion determined that a cap based upon the expected annual receipts was needed in the amendment.

An amendment on appointment of Directors was discussed with all future Directors to be voted on by all members attending the Zone meeting rather than being appointed by the Zone Chair as is now done.

### **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.

#### **Finances**

GALEP has \$115,948 in cash reserves as of July 31, 2011. For the seven months ending July 31, GALEP provided 27 pairs of eyeglasses, 2 eye examinations, 2 special contact lenses, and 1 prosthetic eye.

#### **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**

Next Board Meeting September 14, 2011

Next Delegate Meeting September 19, 2011

Lion Eye Clinic Reverse Raffle November 11, 2011

#### **Applications**

In July, we approved 47 requests for eyeglasses, referred 8 requests to Prevent Blindness Ohio, paid for 66 pairs of eyeglasses, and paid for 1 prosthetic eye.

#### **Purchase of Equipment for Lions Eye Clinic**

The Lions have helped purchase an ultrasonic optical scanner for the Lions Eye Clinic, contributing \$5,000 toward to total cost of \$25,000. The equipment has been received and is already in use.

#### **Special Visitor**

Alina Lehtonen of Finland, and LCI International Youth Exchange student staying with Lions James and Dona Klages visited our clinic on 3 occasions. Alina is a 17 year old senior high school student in Finland and spent 5 weeks with Lions James and Dona.

### **Constitution and Bylaws**

The delegates at the May Delegate Meeting approved a number of administrative clarifications to the Organization's Constitution and Bylaws. These were the first changes in the documents since 1995.

At the September 14th Board Meeting, the officers and directors will be asked to review and approve two additional Constitution and Bylaw changes:

1. Redefine Quorum for "general business purposes" as opposed to Quorum for amending the Constitution and Bylaws.  
General business quorum – a majority of the officers and directors must be present  
Constitution and Bylaws Amendment quorum – 2/3 of the officers and directors must be present
2. A new Article establishing a Review Committee and specifying duties and obligations of the committee. For over 40years the Review Committee has been an informal activity for reviewing and approving applicants requesting service from the Lions Eye Clinic. This article simply codifies that process.

3.  
If the two revisions are approved by the Board of Directors, then the revisions will go the September 19<sup>th</sup> Delegate meeting for approval.

#### Geauga Vision

We now have a very conscientious Optician on duty from 9:30 to 3:30 daily. We have had nothing but positive comments from our patients as well as the staff of St Vincent Charity Medical Center.

**Delegate Meeting Reminder  
PLEASE KEEP IN MIND  
THAT YOU MUST LET US  
KNOW PRIOR TO 10 AM  
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.**

#### Use the Program

The Lions Eye Clinic Inc is YOUR program. Please use it. It is an important part of the mission of District 13-C Lions and when someone asks what Lions do, you can point to the St. Vincent and Akron programs which provide over 650 pairs of prescription eyeglasses annually, as well as prosthetic **eyes, cataract surgeries and financial support to those who otherwise would not be able to afford eye care.**

The programs are an important PR tool for the District 13-C

Lions. The programs tell the public what we as Lions do.

#### **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.

Grant Frazier  
Lions Eye Clinic

### **SHERER FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> VP CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

We have just returned from the LCI International Convention in Seattle. We had a very busy week.

**PID Joe Preston** from Arizona is the recommended International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President candidate for **Busan, South Korea in 2012**. We, as a multiple, will be endorsing his candidacy at our August Council of Governors meeting. PID Joe has been very active in our Association and is well deserving of this selection.

Our endorsed candidate for International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **PID Steve Sherer** remains in

line to be the endorsed candidate for **2014 in Toronto, Canada**. We will continue to actively work on the campaign.

**Thanks to everyone for their help and support at the 2011 State Convention!! We raised \$1,086.00 in Raffle Ticket Sales for the Fenton Bells and sales of donated Lions pins.**

This 2011-2012 Lions year, we will continue to focus on **growing Lions in Ohio** through extension and the new Club Excellence programs. In addition, we will sell a Contributing Member level Sherer pin for \$10.00.

Finally, we will **re-endorse PID Steve** for International 2<sup>nd</sup> VP at the District 13G Convention in April 2012 and the 2012 MD 13 State Convention in May 2012.

**PDG Rob Murry, Chairman  
Sherer for International 2<sup>nd</sup>  
VP Campaign**

#### **WHAT IS A GLT?**

#### ***Change is Good!***

Think of the possibilities by using the word "**change**" within your club as a way to: (1) enhance your membership numbers, (2) develop future leadership, and (3) create various resources of communication - just three

(3) of the goals our district and individual clubs can use to develop success.

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The "Global Leadership Team has been created by LCI and has further developed goals by our Executive GLT representatives to provide our Lions with:

- (a) identifying future and existing leaders;**
- (b) developing leadership skills of those newly identified potential leaders and further develop the leadership skills of those currently serving in Lion leadership roles;**
- (c) planning and execute training program for district officers;**
- (d) developing an open communication process that utilizes all technology available to insure open and two-way communications with all parties involved in the GLT process,**
- and (e) developing an Ohio Lions Resource Center for potential/new leaders and their leadership skills - center will provide opportunities to develop and promote individual personal growth and leadership excellence.**


In concert with the GMT (Global Membership Team), these new teams

(GLT and GMT) have replaced the former MERL teams who as you may remember, were represented by four (4) separate district chairpersons (Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership). Not to overlook the extension and retention as being important to our clubs, the Leadership and Membership teams are incorporating these functions through various activities within the next three years.

(2) PDG Lion Dona Klages is our district's GMT Coordinator and with whom I will be working together in efforts to offer these new "changes" to our clubs. We will also be coordinating our efforts with our district's (3) Governors, Zone Chairpersons, and Ohio Lions Executive Committees of both GLT and GMT to provide you with various development programs such as:

 The **CEP** (Club Excellence Process) has already been offered to some of our smaller clubs as a way to assess their membership/activities along with an assessment of their community to successfully help guide them, not dictating to them. PDG Dona has been

working with a few of our clubs, while our district will continue to offer this program in an ongoing manner.

 The **Guiding Lion Program** has been expanded to train prospective Guiding Lions within clubs that are new or rebuilding by guiding, motivating, orientating and supporting the officers and members as they grow. The Guiding Lion course is available on line through LCI, or it can be accomplished through a district's training session.

Again, these are just a few areas that both the GLT and GMT teams will be offering our clubs within the next three (3) years.

Finally, a process to identify future and existing leaders is already in the works. The first identification tool is with a simple postcard - a resource for each Zone Chairperson and district officer. When making club visitations, these officers are asked to observe potential leaders and to send the feedback to the GLT Coordinator (myself) through this pre-printed postcard. This information will help to create a database of potential leaders for use by all levels of Lionism. These cards will be distributed to

our district's Zone Chairpersons at the first cabinet meeting.

As we all venture into this new year of service, please keep in mind that your district leadership is available to guide, motivate, and support you and your club toward the goals that you have established.

*Working Together is the Key to Success!*

**IPDG Lion Marty Dennis  
MD 13-C GLT Coordinator**

### **Club News**

### **Parma Hills**

**The North Royalton Lions Club Members of MD 13-C are proud to announce the Charter Night Celebration of the Parma Hills Lions Club**

**Sunday, October 9, 2011  
5:00 PM - Buffet Dinner -  
\$25.00 per person  
Stancato's Party Room  
7380 State Road, Parma, OH**

The newly Chartered Parma Hills Lions Club will be hosting its first fundraiser on September 19, 2011 at Eddie's Pizzeria Cerino, 7305 Broadview Road, Suite H, in Seven Hills. They will be donating 10% of TOTAL sales for the day. No need to bring a coupon or even mention the fundraiser, just come and enjoy lunch or dinner. A flyer is attached.

Any questions email me, [maureenconnors@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maureenconnors@sbcglobal.net)  
Lion Maureen Connors  
Secretary, Parma Hills Lions Club

### **CALENDAR**

#### **August**

**18** – District Cabinet Meeting  
**25** – Mayfield Heights Reverse Raffle

#### **September**

**18** – Pawfest – Stow/Munroe Falls – See below

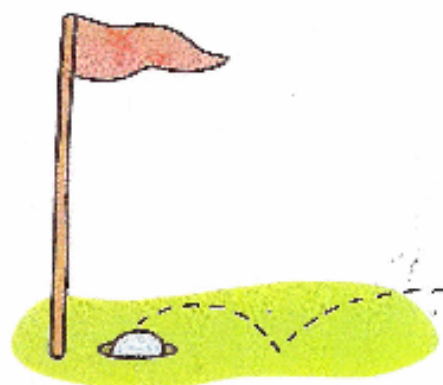
#### **October**

**9** – Parma Hills Charter Night

#### **November**

**11** – Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Reverse Raffle

**Come to the  
17th Annual  
Hole in One Contest!**



**Join The Highland Heights Lions Club  
at The Airport Green Golf Course  
38980 White Road in Willoughby Hills  
every Saturday and Sunday in August  
from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm!**



**Only \$1.00 per shot!**

**Every Saturday and Sunday,  
winner receives a CASH prize for being closest to the pin.  
All weekly winners can play in the finals on September 3  
for a chance to win a 2011 Chrysler 200 Convertible  
(Compliments of Deacons Chrysler Jeep).**

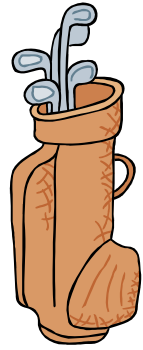
**Due to the support of the contestants, sponsors and donors,  
The Highland Heights Lions Club  
contributes the proceeds of this event to:  
The Lions Eye Clinic, provide pilot dogs,  
fund research projects to prevent blindness,  
and assist visually and hearing challenged people.**



**For more information on the Highland Heights Lions Club or Hole In One Contest,  
please contact Larry Nudelman at 440-461-2720.**



# Willoughby-Evening **LIONS**



## **GOLFIN' FOR SIGHT** **4 PERSON SCRAMBLE**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 17, 2011 – 1PM to 2:30PM**



Join us at  
**LOST NATION MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE**  
38890 HODGSON ROAD  
WILLOUGHBY, OHIO 44094  
DRIVING RANGE IS NOW OPEN



**\$ CASH &/or PRIZES \$**  
FOR

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



**INCLUDES**  
**18 holes of Golf**  
**Cart**  
**Lunch (BeforeGolf**  
**begins at Noon)**  
**Beer/Soda**  
**Snacks**  
**Steak Dinner**

**\$75 Per Person**

(\$5.00 Discount-Seniors-65 plus; Juniors-under 18; Active Military)

**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)**

**Net proceeds go to the Willoughby Evening Lions Club Eye Care Programs**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO CT CONSULTANTS**



### **HOLE SPONSORSHIPS**

**\$50 Per Hole / Additional Holes @ \$25ea.**

**50/50 Raffle Tickets Available**

**(at Golf outing)**

**\$1/ticket or Book of 7/\$5**

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**welionsclub@gmail.com**



# MAYFIELD HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB REVERSE RAFFLE

Sunday September 25th 2011  
James Catering Italian-American Club  
29717 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe OH  
Doors open at 4:00 Dinner at 5:00  
\$30.00 per ticket  
\$1000 Big Board-Sideboard-2 Basket of Cheer Raffles  
For tickets see any Mayfield Heights Lion or call 440-683-4653

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The members of the Stow-Munroe Falls Lions Club are busily preparing for their **FIFTH ANNUAL PAW FEST 2011**, scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 2011 at Stow, Ohio's Bow Wow Beach Dog Park. This year's event is being dedicated to our military and service dogs who risk their lives each day to protect many lives around the world.

Paw Fest 2011 is a free event beginning at 10 AM and ending at 4 PM. Parking will be available at \$1.00 or a donation of used eyeglasses.

Last year's event was attended by over 1,900 visitors where owners and their dog(s) experienced an array of dog-related vendors, animal rescue groups, dog training exercises/exhibits, dog contests, raffles and more.

Proceeds from this Lion club's fund raiser benefit various community projects, Lion's foundations, in addition to aiding those individuals with impaired vision through eye exams, glasses, and assistance dogs.

Vendors and rescue groups who would like to be a part of this popular fund raiser, should contact Marty Dennis at [Duhstoy2@aol.com](mailto:Duhstoy2@aol.com) or 330-655-2302. The club's web site is [SMFLions.com](http://SMFLions.com).

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