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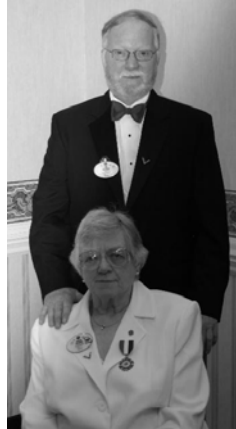
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District Governor's Report

None received - Sorry Governor
Maggie – I waited! (Editor)



Governor-elect's Report

FELLOWSHIP FUN FOOD
THE THREE F's of LIONISM

For those of you that missed the District Convention this past week-end, you missed a GRRREAT time.

The week-end started out with a "Night at the Races". It was a fun time and everyone enjoyed the food, the fellowship, the betting and the prizes.

After the business meeting on Saturday there were several seminars to attend. They were all good, but my favorite was "the Open Forum" with ID Vince. I think the grass roots Lions should take advantage of every opportunity to ask questions and get answers about our organization. The only way to find out what's going on, is to ask. This is one seminar we will be continuing at next year's convention.

The Hospitality Rooms were a big hit Saturday evening and the Grand Banquet on Sunday was a little different than we are use to, but very elegant Good choice DG Maggie.

Congratulations to PDG Carol Lester and her convention committee. They did a BANG UP job. Visit the web page to see pictures of the great time that was had by all.

On a more serious note - over the next few months we will be putting together an extension team to be trained and ready to work starting in July. Between now and July 1, I would like to ask you to give some thought to areas in our District that is in need and could support an active Lions Club. If you know of an area or if you would like to be part of that team please let me know. My number is 216-299-2813 and my email address is in the directory.

Remember Together Everyone
Achieves More

**THANK YOU FOR ALL
THAT YOU DO**

VDG DONA

THANK-YOU to all the Lions and guests that attended the Lions District 13C Convention! We hope you had an enjoyable time. Please let us know your comments and any feedback you may have. We are always willing to hear your thoughts on the convention. This way we can consider your thoughts and ideas when planning next year's event. It is never too early to start planning! So send us an email at LionsDistrict13C@aol.com and we will make certain to pass the information on to next year's committee.

Once again on behalf of the District Convention Committee, thank-you for taking time out of your busy schedule to participate.

PDG Lion Carol Lester
2008 District Convention Chair.

**Financial Information Lion
Neil Sheeley**

**UPDATE ON E POSTCARD
FOR CLUBS PREVIOUSLY
NOT REQUIRED TO FILE
AN ANNUAL FEDERAL
REPORT**

FEDERAL 990-N – E-
POSTCARD FOR TAX
EXEMPTS ORGANIZATIONS
WITH GROSS RECEIPTS
NORMALLY LESS THAN
\$25,000

The first filing for those tax
exempts with normally less than
\$25,000 will be May 15, 2008
and will be for those

organizations with a December
31st year end.

The filing must be done
electronically and may be
completed online at
<http://epostcard.form990.org>.

Information required in the
filing:

Federal Identification Number
Tax year
Legal name and address
Any other names which
organization may use
Name and address of a
principal officer
Web site of the organization,
if organization has one
Confirmation that the
organization's annual gross
receipts are normally less than
\$25,000
If applicable, statement that
the organization is terminating
or going out of business

**Any tax exempt organization
failing to file after 3 notifications
(2010) will no longer be
considered a tax exempt and will
be required to apply for tax
exempt determination from the
Internal Revenue Service.**

Since Lions clubs come under
the LCI Group Exemption No.
0239, any non compliant clubs
would no longer be able to use
the group exemption.

Please contact the District
Financial Advisor or District
Treasurer for additional
information and assistance with
compliance with the new filing
requirements.

Financial Advisor: Lion Neil
Sheeley – nscpa@lycos.com -
(440) 582-0344

District Treasurer – See District
directory – or go to
www.Lionsdistrict13c.org

Neil Sheeley
District Financial Advisor

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

Congratulations to all the clubs
who attained net plus one in
membership by the district
convention. You still have time to
recruit and receive a patch from
the state membership committee to
recognize net 1 by June 30. So,
work hard on your recruitment
plans. Lion Wallie

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Day
May 9th, 2008**



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Tyler
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**Multiple District 13 History 101
By Lion Bill Keller (MD13
webmaster)**

Fellow Lions of Ohio,
Have you been to the MD 13 State
website lately, if not I encourage
you to visit the MD13 History
page @
[http://www.ohiolions.org/MD_13
history_101.htm](http://www.ohiolions.org/MD_13_history_101.htm)

Here you will find a written history
of Lionism from 1920-2007. Other
things you will find: Pictures of
our Past International Presidents
and Directors, Past Council
Chairman and group pictures of
our Past District Governors. The
website also has scans of MD13
State Directories and State
Convention programs, maps of
how the Multiple was organized in
the 50's & 60's.

I am always looking for missing
State Convention programs, and
missing photos of our past council
chairman so please contact me.
Phone 567-674-9093
Email wkeller2@columbus.rr.com

Yours in Lionism,
Bill Keller.

**APRIL SHOWERS BRING . .
. ?**

We've all heard the phrase that
"April showers bring May
flowers." However, when we
think about Lions what does
April bring to mind? This is the
time of year when many of our
activities and projects begin to
take place. Lions are busy
either performing service
projects or raising money to
support those projects.

What a great time to ask a
prospective member to
participate in one of those
activities. What better way is
there to demonstrate what Lions

do than by involving someone
in these projects? Not only will
it show them what we do, it will
show them how much fun we
can have doing it.

Lions, we are still a long way
from being on the plus side of
the ledger when it comes to
membership for the 2007-08
Lions year. We really need to
push in the next few months to
reach our goal for every club to
be a plus one for this year. If
your club hasn't already had a
membership event, start
planning today. Use your
projects as a means to introduce
prospective members to your
club. There are tools available
for you on the MD-13 Web Site
[www.ohiolions.org/club_resou
ces.htm](http://www.ohiolions.org/club_resouces.htm) that will help you plan
this event.

**The 20K Mentor for Ohio,
Indiana, and Illinois is PID
Joe Marcheggiani who visited
the MD-13 Membership
Committee meeting in
January. A summary of his
comments is as follows: *We
need to get more like other
service organizations and
increase our percentage of
women members. Lions are
below 20% in women
membership while other
groups are around 40%. We
must also be willing to accept
the baby boomers or people
slightly older than the boomers
into our organization. These
folks have a lot of time to serve
and are looking for an
opportunity to do so. We need
to form new clubs. That is how
we truly can grow in numbers.
Use The Extension Grant
program to help your district
form new clubs. When we***

**plan our membership events
please keep PID Joe's
comments in mind.**

**If we want our April showers
to bring new members then
we need to get our hands dirty
and plant the seeds that will
cause our membership to
grow.**

PDG Jerry Smith
MD-13 20K Coordinator

**GREATER CLEVELAND
BLIND BOWLING LEAGUE**
Wilbert Turner, President
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Business 216-522-2950
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Cell 216-374-7205

March 25, 2008

Dear Lions of District 13C,

My name is Wilbert Turner, and I
am the President of The Greater
Cleveland Blind Bowling League,
a 501 (c) (3) charitable
organization. The League was
'established to promote an interest
in bowling activities among legally
blind men and women in
Cuyahoga County. We assist and
encourage all current and new
visually impaired member league
bowlers and provide awards for
outstanding achievements in
sanctioned competition, as well as
to promote, conduct, and manage a
championship blind bowling
tournament periodically inviting
blind bowling leagues throughout
the United States.

We have entered into a contract
with the Brookgate Bowling
Center (14950 Snow Rd) and the
Cleveland Airport Sheraton Hotel
to host The American Blind
Bowling Association annual
National Tournament for May 20th

thru May 25 th , 2009. We are writing to request your financial assistance with our endeavor. Because a large number of our membership is unemployed due to the difficulty of persons with disabilities obtaining gainful employment, we are compelled to keep the entry fees to a minimal amount. We are planning for 500 bowlers because we are centrally located and easy to travel to.

To host the National tournament, we are required to provide the following:

- Seven complimentary rooms at a cost of \$86.25 per room for the ABBA (American Blind Bowling Association) officers for the midyear board meeting which will be held November 20th thru 23rd, 2008.

- Meeting space for the board and committee meetings

- Seven complimentary rooms plus ballroom, and meetings rooms for the actual Convention held during the tournament in 2009.

- We are also responsible for entertainment and door prizes for the tournament participants. Each bowler will bowl at least 9 games at a cost of \$2.50 per game.

We are asking for your help with the following: Personal items that can be used as door prizes, cosmetics, small electronics any type, bowling balls, bowling bags, talking watches, clocks, calculators, or any items you wish to donate. Your cash donations will be used to purchase additional door prizes not donated, enhance the prize fund of our winners, and to ensure that we can meet our contractual obligations such as the cost of our meeting space and ballroom needed for the convention. Any donations you provide with the sponsoring of this

tournament is tax deductible and will help us provide an opportunity for blind and visually impaired men and women from around the U.S. to compete is greatly appreciated.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with loading and unloading buses at the hotel and bowling center, spot/call pins for our visually impaired bowlers, and to assist with installing and uninstalling bowling guide rails. Should you have any questions, you can contact me, Wilbert Turner, at: 216-522-2950 or 216-3747205 or 216-561-6864.

Thank you for any consideration you are able to give to our request.

Sincerely yours,

Wilbert Turner
President &
Chairperson-Fundraising

International President's Letter

Dear Club Officers,

Unless you are an accountant or a mathematician, you may think that numbers are boring. Most people think they have better things to do than listen to someone quote a string of statistics – and if you are a Lion, you do!

But I have some numbers to share with you that I think are very exciting and I think you will, too. For the first time in many years, all measures of recruitment and retention show a positive trend. Through January 2008, LCI shows a net membership increase of 4,283, which is the best first six-month period we have experienced in many years. Most importantly,

all constitutional areas and most districts are showing great improvements over historic trend.

Due to the many community service projects that are conducted in the first half of the calendar each year, membership traditionally grows by the thousands between January and June, it will be truly exciting to watch the membership total as it is documented by our new, timely reporting system. With your help, I believe that we will be able to have an increase in overall membership. What an outstanding legacy that would be for our leadership year!

But achieving this goal will not be easy and it requires that you take action immediately. The next two months have traditionally been a time for club recruitment drives. I urge you to take the next two months as an opportunity to intensify your efforts to bring high quality new members into your club. By now I am sure that you realize that the projects you have identified and planned will benefit greatly from additional hands to share the work. A successful effort this month will enable your club to take part in Worldwide Induction Day in April, which in turn will be an excellent way to create even more interest within your community.

As you work to strengthen your membership, please remember that we have successes on which to build.

- The number of women and family members has

reached an all-time high of 240,000, due largely to the innovative family membership program. These groups should remain a primary focus of your recruitment efforts.

- I am proud to say that more districts will be receiving awards for establishing new clubs than any time in recent memory. Through January, the number of new clubs worldwide stood at 570. Keeping in mind that the majority of new clubs are reported in between January and June, I am confident that we can establish more than 1,250 by the end of our leadership year. Nurturing the potential for new Lions Clubs, Club Branches, Campus Club, and even Leo Clubs is an important part of contributing to our worldwide extension. The excitement surrounding the formation of new clubs can also help to energize and expand your own club.

These are wonderful numbers and clear evidence that our membership initiatives are achieving results. But even more important is what the numbers represent. They show that Lions and Lions Clubs are brimming with new confidence, eager to accomplish our mission and proud to show the world that, “We Serve.”

I am grateful for the part your leadership has played in establishing this new confidence.

Sincerely,
Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President

CSFII News: Lions have surpassed CSFII’s minimum goal!

During our last Worldwide Report Day on February 20, 2008, CSFII coordinators reported that more than US\$157.9 million had been raised by Lions worldwide for CSFII! Thank you for all that your club has done to surpass CSFII’s minimum goal. Now, your club can join Lions around the world as we pursue CSFII’s US\$200 million “Vision for All” challenge goal!

As a club, be sure to:

- Send all funds and pledges to LCIF
- Encourage club members to designate MJFs to CSFII and continue to raise funds toward CSFII’s “Vision for All” challenge goal
- **Save the date:** Lions are selecting one day as “Campaign SightFirst II Day” during the week of

May 12-16, 2008 to act for CSFII.

CSFII by the Numbers:

- More than US\$147 million officially recorded
- Less than 115 days remain to reach and

exceed CSFII’s minimum goal

- 2,709 Model Clubs are ensuring CSFII success

* Please be sure to review your monthly statements regularly. It is recommended that all Clubs send payments within the terms established by the Association. To become familiar with the rules to avoid Financial Suspension, you may visit the Association’s website @ <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/new-suspension-policy.pdf>.

LCI Web site Links

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_invite.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_mbrret.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/mmr_process.pdf

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_wwday.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_women.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_family.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_start_newclub.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_newclub.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_branch.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_campus.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_leolion.shtml

Club News

Mogadore Lions

Reverse Raffle – April 19 – Spring Lake Party Center – See Lion Jim Trace or Lion Bob McLaughlin.

Stow Munroe Falls

April 26 Adopt-a-spot

meeting City Hall 10:00 AM

April 27 Aero's Baseball 2:05

May 10 Mother's Day Flower

Sale Eddy's Plaza & 5/3 Bank

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CALENDAR

April:

25 – North Royalton Lions Reverse Raffle

May:

16, 17, 18 - State Convention,
University Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

June:

5 - Cabinet meeting at Dino's
Restaurant, 4145 State Route 306,
Willoughby,

Ohio (just off Interstate 90)

23 thru 27 - International
Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

July

26 - Ohio Lions Night at the
Cleveland Indians

September

Bus trip to USA Canada Forum in
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



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