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District Governor's Report

Adult Amber Alert!!



Has anyone seen this woman? There has been no report. Possibly abducted by the Easter Bunny!

Vice District Governor's Report

As we approach the coming convention and its time for fun and games, let us not forget the work that all Lions have done this year. I believe all of us can be proud of what our Clubs

have accomplished. Our numbers of new Lions are up, and a new Club has been started, but we must keep in mind that we can't let the numbers rest. If we do, there is only one way for them to go - and that is down. This next coming year, Retention will play a big part. The District MERL Team this past year has started us in the right direction, and this coming year, we will build on this foundation. On August 8, 2009 our District will participate in the Twinsburg Twins Day Parade. Our participation in this event will be a great opportunity to show that we, as Lions, are a strong and vibrant organization - and keep in mind, this parade has national coverage. What a great way to spread the word about Lionism! Just think, three Lions from each club could equal over 100 Lions marching down the street! Let us show the nation we are proud to be Lions! Also, please remember our Eye Clinics; May 28, 29, 30 and 31 is Nautica Gambling. This fund raiser for the Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent is of the utmost importance. Help the Clinic to fulfill our mission - please sign up! Call Lion Andy Kolbus

440-237-0036, or e-mail fritzesfarm@aol.com or VDG Grant Frazier, 330-794-8606 - e-mail grantfrazier@att.net. We need every Lion - please serve! During my travels around the District, I have met Lions who still believe GALEP has closed its doors. GALEP is happy to say this not true. Be assured - GALEP is still in business. Definitely, come to the Convention; go to the Hospitality Rooms; meet your friends and have plenty of good food. Most of all have fun; you have earned it!

Yours in Lionism
VDG Grant & Shirley Frazier

Second Vice District Governor's Report (DDG's Report)



Happy Spring! Of course we all know that spring doesn't actually become weather-official in Ohio until about

June , but at least the blooming flowers encourage us. We are very **fortunate** Lions to have so many dedicated people to keep our clubs and district active to serve our communities. One such example is the hard work being done to reorganize GALEP, and that the organization will remain an important entity to our communities in need of eye care. Thanks to all you who have dedicated their time and efforts with this project.

As Lion Rich and I continue our travels to visit our district's clubs, we remain inspired and

feel **fortunate** to meet new Lions and learn of their many activities to help their communities. It's interesting to hear of their donations to others, involvement with youth, how they coordinate their fund raisers, and more. There is a sense of pride and accomplishment with these men and women - no matter how small of a club - their community is fully aware of their help to others.

I know that I have mentioned these Lions before (within a previous bulletin), but we as 13-C Lions are also **fortunate** to have the association of PDG's. These men and women are available to assist, advise and educate us all of what our district is all about. Their history of serving is one to admire and I personally thank them for their

support. There are a few exceptions but I won't mention their names...NB, KM...just kidding!

Please remember our Parade of Checks during convention (May 1-3)...consider a donation to the Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band's trip to the Rose Bowl this year...the opportunity to attend our Ohio Lions State Convention (May 16-17)...being a part of the upcoming Twinsburg Twins Day Parade (more information to come) as our district will be represented...your club's elections - a great time to step-up and serve your club within a new office or committee...and finally, please keep the Lion's image (pins, shirts, vests, hats, etc.) in the forefront of all of

your activities. NO MORE

BEST KEPT SECRET! We are **Fortunate** to be Lions and **Fortunate** to help people in need. Keep it going - it can be

addictive and growing (in numbers) is good within our season of Spring Lions.

Stay happy and healthy until we meet again.

DDG Lion Marty Dennis

District Treasurer's Report

Election of Officers for 2009/2010

Please file your form PU101s once you have your officer elections. This enables the Cabinet Secretary update the District Directory as well as provide the Cabinet Treasurer with updated information for mailing of the first half of Lion year dues in June.

Year End Review

Now is the time to plan to review the current Lion year's financial activities to determine if changes are needed for the upcoming Lion year. Don't forget to go the Ohio Secretary of State's site (www.sos.state.oh.us) and look up your corporate standing. Nonprofits need to file a Certificate of Continued Existence once every five years or the club's corporate status will be cancelled causing it to

lose corporate protection in the state of Ohio.

Watch the gross revenues for the year. This is total amount which you deposited in the bank from all sources during the Lion year, members dues, proceeds from fund raisers etc. This amount determines whether you need to file the E-Postcard or a form 990-EZ. If your gross revenues were in excess of \$25,000, your club is required to file the 990-EZ. If less than \$25,000. the club should file the online 990N.

GALEP

Summa has notified the Lions that the \$76,000 remaining funds will be returned upon request. We are waiting for a response from the Summa VP in charge of Legal Affairs to respond to a request for clarification of the \$25,000 contract cap and why the GALEP Board of Directors was not aware that the cap was no longer in effect for 2008.

Prevent Blindness Ohio has notified the Treasurer that over 135 applications for eye exams and eyeglasses have been forwarded to the Columbus office. It was learned on March 13th that Prevent Blindness Ohio has no contacts for eye exams or eyeglasses in the Akron area since GALEP has always covered this area. Prevent Blindness Ohio is presently establishing eye exam and eyeglass providers in Akron and asks that all applicants be patient. Prevent Blindness will

contact them. Hopefully, the GALEP program will be up and running by the middle of May.

Leadership

Lions Wallie Burnett, Jean Sheeley, and Neil Sheeley have now completed their Leadership presentations to all of the Zones in District 13-C. The Leadership Committee is looking forward to establishing a speakers program, in which clubs may request that members of the Leadership Committee or the District Cabinet make presentations on specific topics the Club. requests

**Lion Neil Sheeley
Cabinet Treasurer**

Membership Chairman's Report

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

Well, here are the numbers for March, 2009: 1 new Club; 1 reorganized Club; 21 charter members; 64 new members; 1 re-instated member; 3 transfer members; total Membership added 89; total Membership dropped 111; total Membership, 1,097; net loss for fiscal period, -22.

Keep recruiting and start retention techniques immediately following induction. Warm welcome and mentoring are good starting points. If you need ideas, ask

the M.E.R.L. Team; we are in the District Directory.

Lion Wallie Burnett

Lions Eye Clinic at St Vincent

Lions-----It's time once more for Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Hospital to plan for their annual "Texas Hold 'Em" weekend fundraiser at the Powerhouse in the Cleveland Flats. (West Bank). This year the weekend is after Memorial Day, May 28, 29, 30, 31.

Interest in playing this game has picked up considerably since we started four years ago. Every day 20 tables are filled, needing 1 Dealer per table, at least 1 seat fee collector per table, and at least a dozen more Lions to be observers and runners for various tasks, and relief Dealers. What this means is that more Lion volunteers are needed to run this event, especially Dealers.

At least 50 volunteers are needed for each and every hour for the four day event. The Festival hours are Thursday and Friday, May 28th and 29th from 4:00PM until 12:00AM and Saturday and Sunday, May 30th and 31st from 2:00PM until 12:00 AM.

The requests for eye glasses and surgeries have more than doubled in the last few months and we anticipate more and more people needing our help as lay-offs continue due to the economic climate. Aside from the Parade of Checks which

provides desperately needed funds, we can't think of a better way to provide the additional money needed to provide this great charitable service.

We seriously need help. Please sign up to help at the District Convention or call any of the numbers listed below for sign up or more information. We Lions are proud of our Lion Eye Clinic and now we need to step up and help raise more funds for the increased requests for services.

Training for Dealers is available on Wednesday evenings between the hours of 6PM to 9PM. There are automatic shufflers now so that makes dealing easier. Get a group together and let us know when you are coming so we can make arrangements for this training. Reservations must be made in advance.

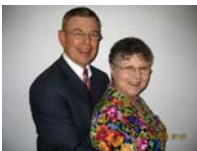
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(440) 237-0036

Lion Neil Sheeley, 1st VP
(440) 582-0344

Lion Grant Frasier, 2nd VP
(330) 794-8606 (also PDG and Vice Gov.)

PDG Jerry Smith – Candidate for International Director

Make the Wise Choice - Pick a winning team



The MD 13 State Convention is coming up very soon. In fact, it

is scheduled for May 15, 16, & 17 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio. I have visited the hotel and it will accommodate our convention very well. The convention committee under the direction of PDG George Bachman and 1st Vice District Governor Elect Ron Keller has planned an excellent convention.

On Saturday, May 16 the delegates will get the opportunity to vote for an International Director Candidate to represent the Ohio Lions in Minneapolis. Not only do you get a chance to support me for this position you get to promote a winning team to represent MD 13. PDG Judy has been at my side throughout this campaign and she brings a tremendous positive influence. Those that know her realize that not only is she positive, she is an experienced Lion who has worked on the Finance & Long Range Planning Committee for a number of years. She is highly knowledgeable regarding MD 13 policies and procedures. So a vote for me on May 16 is a vote for a pair of Lions who are committed to serving the Lions of the world with integrity.

Of course there is another very good reason to attend the State Convention. Another winning team, International President Al Brandel and his wife Lion Maureen will be attending our convention this year. It isn't often that a multiple district has the honor of having an international president attend their convention. I urge the

Ohio Lions to take advantage of this high honor and attend this year's State Convention.

PDG Jerry Smith

State Convention Youth Day

The MD 13 State Youth Committee will have a table in the exhibition area on Saturday. At the Saturday luncheon, the State Peace poster winner and State Leo Club of the Year winner will be presented awards. Pizza will be available for all youth in attendance at 12:30 and will be followed by a seminar presentation at 1:00 pm by former OSU and NFL player Art Schlichter. He will talk on how gambling caused his fall from stardom.

The State Youth Committee is asking all Leo Clubs in MD 13 to submit a poster showing their various activities. They will be displayed at the Convention. This special day is not just for Leos but, for all youth. To all Clubs in District 13C please try to get a count for any youth who want to attend to me by April 25th via email (bareftn813@aol.com) or phone (440-237-3244), so we can be sure to order enough pizza for everyone.

Lion Cindy Palmentera
District 13C State Youth
Committee

Liberty Day-Ohio

The MD 13 State Youth Committee is looking for your financial help. We need to print more Liberty Day-Ohio booklets but we do not have enough money to cover the cost of printing them. Please consider making a donation to the Youth Committee to help defray these printing costs. If you know someone or a business who would be interested in contributing Liberty Day-Ohio is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and their donation would be tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to Liberty Day-Ohio and sent to me (9950 Abbey Road, N. Royalton, OH 44133).

Lion Cindy Palmentera
District 13C State Youth
Committee

Club News

Cuyahoga Falls

FUNDRAISERS: Your Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club Directors have a list of fundraisers for this year. The first one will be our annual REVERSE RAFFLE. As of last week, Lion Jerry Jones was looking for two more un-sold tickets, because he has two buyers and no tickets for them! In other words it looks like all 125 tickets have been sold! We hope this is true, and if it is, **GREAT JOB CUYAHOGA FALLS LIONS!** Our second fundraiser will be a ROCKIN on THE RIVER beer pour on August 28th. The band that night

will be the Journey tribute band, so we should have a good crowd and pump a lot of beer. We will need about 30 to 35 people that night, so keep this date open and bring some friends to help. More info on this later. Our third fundraiser will be a NIGHT AT THE RACES. This will be held on Friday, October 2nd, at the Stow Youth Baseball Center at the junction of Hudson Dr., Allen Rd. and Steels Corners Rd. We will be selling ads for the program, horses for ten races, sponsorships for each race and dinner tickets. Watch future News Letters for more information. Chairman Lion Dave Pelligra is trying to keep the dinner ticket and horse prices down so we can get more people to attend and bet on more horses. This is how we can make more money for our charities. These events will need a lot of Lions to help make them successful. Lions Dave Pelligra and Jack McCoy are handling the NIGHT AT THE RACES.

Stow-Munroe Falls

The Stow-Munroe Falls Lions Club held a Race for Sight, earning \$4500.

CALENDAR

April, 2009

17 – North Royalton Reverse Raffle
19 – Twinsburg Charter Night Hilton

May, 2009

1,2,3 – District Convention – Crowne Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.
16, 17 – State Convention
20-25 – National Blind Bowling Tournament

June, 2009

4- Cabinet Meeting – Crowne Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.

AMISH QUILT RAFFLE

The Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincents Charity Hospital performed two cataract surgeries on a 28 year old Amish girl. In gratitude, her mother and two girls in the family produced a beautiful quilt in the Lone Star pattern. The stitching on the quilt is beautiful. The quilt fits a queen size bed, 95" x 105".

Tickets will be sold for a raffle for the quilt, to be held at the Lions Eye Clinic Reverse Raffle, November 6, 2009. Winning ticket holder need not be present. Tickets are \$5.00 each, three for \$10.00. Tickets will be available at the District Convention. Contact the Lions Eye Clinic at St Vincent for more information.





THE NORTH ROYALTON LIONS ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE & DINNER DANCE

WHEN: APRIL 17, 2009 6:30 PM

WHERE: QUALITY INN & SUITES
RICHFIELD, OHIO

COST: \$45/PERSON...INCLUDES
MEAL & MAIN BOARD RAFFLE [A
CHANCE FOR \$2000]

INCLUDES: OPEN BAR, CHOCOLATE
FOUNTAIN, AUCTION ITEMS, MANY SIDE
BOARDS, DINNER, MUSIC WITH DJ,
ELECTRONIC TOTE BOARD & MORE!

CONTACT: NRLIONS@AOL.COM
OR ANY CLUB MEMBER FOR YOUR
TICKETS...**ONLY 200** AVAILABLE