

# OHIO LIONS District 13-C

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## COVENTION SPECIAL !

If you have been waiting until the last minute to decide to attend the District Convention, the clock just struck midnight.

Get your Club Secretary to call in your reservations for the Saturday Lunch and the Sunday Banquet.

Call Lion Cerasi to make a reservation for Friday Evening (see attached form).

The rest of the Convention is FREE, so just show up (see attached Agenda).

### District Governor Ken's Comments



We hope to see you at the District Convention!

1. New members: Do you have some new members that need to be inducted? If so, the Saturday Luncheon at the Convention would be a great time for this to happen. Please give me a call with their names.

2. New officers. ALL incoming officers should attend the District Leadership School. Please see the schedule below and send the names to Lion Wallie Burnett. It is impossible to overemphasize the importance of training new officers.

3. PU101 Forms: Once your new officers are elected, your Secretary needs to send in your PU101 form. Also, **PLEASE send a copy to VDG Maggie Dellmore.**

Thanks,  
DG Ken Marshall

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**Vice District Governor  
Maggie's Comments**



Well I guess Governor Ken is thinking I am rounding third and heading for home plate, and I am saying where has this year gone?

I hope you have plans to attend some portion of the Convention if not all and look forward to seeing you there.

Next year one of my goals is to get established a website strictly for clubs to post their upcoming events. We will post the State meetings and any other event that we hear about. By doing this, it will allow the Clubs to better schedule their activities for maximum attendance and also, will make it easier for the Deputy Governor (which we do not have) Vice Governor and Governor to arrange their schedules.

Some of the things I know of are as follows:

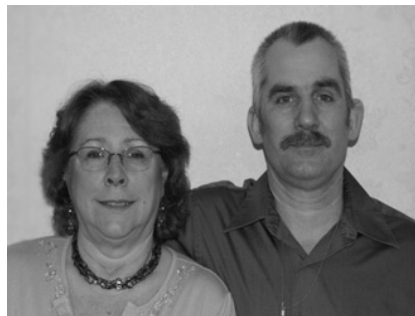
- May  
18-20 State Convention,  
Bertram Inn, Aurora, OH
- June  
7<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting-Quality Inn  
Richfield, OH
- July  
2-6<sup>th</sup> International Convention  
Chicago, IL
- August  
15-18<sup>th</sup> Charity Gambling in the  
Flats for Lions Eye  
Clinic at St Vincent  
Hospital
- September  
6-8<sup>th</sup> USA/Canada Lions  
Leadership Forum, Grand  
Rapids, MI

Until we get this site up, as you schedule your events, please send the dates to me so I can include them in the schedule. Email address is [muggs08@hotmail.com](mailto:muggs08@hotmail.com).

SEE YOU AT THE  
CONVENTION!!!!!!!

Vice District Governor  
Lion Maggie

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**Deputy District Governor  
Dona's Comments**



See you at the convention.  
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## Financial Matters

### THE RULE OF INUREMENT:

One of the basic principles for tax-exempt organizations is that the net earnings of the tax-exempt organization may not "inure" to any member of the tax-exempt organization. The term "inure" means "to benefit". This means that all monies raised from the public by the tax exempt organization must be used to accomplish the stated mission of the organization.

LCI has based its very stringent rules concerning use of monies raised from the public and how such funds may be used on this principle.

What disbursements may be considered in violation of the inurement principle can be somewhat subjective, but generally, any disbursement, which is reasonable and necessary to the conduct of the tax-exempts mission, would not be subject to question.

Some examples of what the IRS and Congress are seeing as a violations of the inurement principle are excessive salaries to the tax exempt organization's staff, non cash benefits, such as luxury autos, country club dues, parties and meals for executives, and similar non cash fringe benefits extended especially to the high level tax exempt organization executives.

Since Lions clubs rely primarily upon volunteers to conduct the tax exempt mission of Lions, the issue of salaries and fringe

benefits are not a problem. Many of the inurement problems for Lions are related to use of publicly raised monies used to provide club members or their related family members with meals, gifts, and financial assistance, which are not ordinary program activities of the club.

Clubs also have to be careful with transacting with vendors who are club members or closely related to club members. All such activity must be conducted at "arms-length" or there may be an assumption that the monies paid to that vendor are in violation of the inurement principle.

Penalties for violation of the inurement principle can range from a warning to loss of tax exemption, depending upon the severity of the violation.

Neil Sheeley  
13-C Club Financial Advisor  
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### **A Message from The President**

Dear Fellow Lions,

We all have good reason to be proud of all we have accomplished as Lion leaders - but we all know there are always things that can be done better.

One of the most important ways we can improve the way our association does business is by taking full advantage of everything that technology has to offer.

As a part of this process, the Lions Clubs International Web site has undergone and extensive redesign and this year, information that has traditionally been provided in Club President and Club Secretary Kits will be made available primarily online. This new distribution method will not only conserve resources, but will make even more useful and up-to-date information available to the leaders of our clubs. This club officer's information is contained in the Club Resources section of the redesigned Web site. I would like to commend the team at international headquarters for all they have done to make this site clear and easy to use. I invite you to see for yourself by visiting, <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.shtml>

I hope that you will make it a point to communicate to the Lions in the district the many advantages and ease of using this Web site.

Of course, there are some clubs that do not have easy access to the Internet and for these clubs and those who still wish a printed version of the information, a unified Club Officers Kit will be sent upon request.

Show Children What it Means to be a Lion! I am pleased to announce an exciting new recruiting and education tool that will help clubs reach out to families with young children. "The Pride of Lions - a Kid's Guide to Lions Clubs" produced by Really Big Coloring Books of St. Louis, Mo. can provide

hours of activity designed to teach children in kindergarten through sixth grade about Lions Clubs International.

The books can be distributed by clubs at community events, presented to prospective members with young children and given to those children who already are part of the Lions Club family. They can be ordered from the Club Supplies Division at (800) 710-7822 or online at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

Families are an increasingly important part of Lions Clubs activities. As your international president, it has been one of my objectives to see Lions Clubs International stake out a unique place among service clubs as "the family organization." I am happy to say that we are making great strides in that direction. In January, more than 2,600 new members have joined Lions Clubs as part of a family unit.

Jimmy M. Ross  
International President

Reminder!!! New Payment Rules go into effect July 1, 2007 Effective July 1, 2007, clubs with past due balances beyond 150 days could cause the club to be placed on automatic suspension and automatic cancellation within 90 days. Protect clubs in your districts by encouraging them to send payments on time. Currently, some clubs could be in jeopardy of becoming inactive if past due balances are left unpaid as follows:

. Balances unpaid beyond US\$1000 and over 90 days, could be placed on status quo, unless payments are received between now and June 30, 2007.

. Second semester 2006 per-capita must be paid prior to May 31, 2007. This is necessary in order to maintain a good status.

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## ***Happening in Our District.....***

**North Royalton Lions Annual Reverse Raffle/Dinner Dance** to be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Quality Inn & Suites. Cost is \$85/couple. Check out the flyer attached. Email requests to [nrlions@aol.com](mailto:nrlions@aol.com).

**Lions Candy Day** will be held May 5<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds go to OLERF Dick Bryant Fellowships. Contact Lion Mike Tyler if you need mints at [mpty526@comcast.net](mailto:mpty526@comcast.net)

**Ohio Lions State Convention** will be held May 18-20 at the Bertram Inn in Aurora, Ohio

*Advertise your events in our District bulletin and on our website. Please email your flyer to [Lionsdistrict13C@aol.com](mailto:Lionsdistrict13C@aol.com) and Lion Dan will get them posted on our website. Please email information for the bulletin to [Bareftn813@aol.com](mailto:Bareftn813@aol.com) or by snail mail to 9950 Abbey Road, North Royalton, OH 44133.*

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April 20-22, 2007    Quality Inn & Suites, Richfield, Ohio  
 THEME: "Music Makes the World Go Round"

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<b><u>Friday, 4/20/07</u></b>			
Registration	Lobby	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
Dinner and Entertainment	Ballroom C/D	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm,	"Music in Motion" & John DiPalma (see separate flier)
Governor's Hospitality	Brecksville Room	9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	
<b><u>Saturday, 4/21/07</u></b>			
1st Lady's Hospitality	Brecksville Room	7:30 am - 11:00 am	
Registration/Delegates	Lobby	8:00 am - 9:30 am	
Mini-Mart	Corridor to Ballroom	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	
Business Session	Ballroom C/D	9:30 am - 11:00 am	
Lunch	Ballroom C/D	12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Dr. Larry Leguire, Scientific Advisor to OLERF.
Seminars & Leadership Training	Various	2:15 pm - 6:00 pm	(see details below)
Hospitality Rooms	Various	6:30 pm - 12:00 pm	
Entertainment:	Heartland	8:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Majestic Sound, John DiPalma, other.
<b><u>Sunday, 4/22/07</u></b>			
<b>Club Information:</b> Breakfast	Brecksville Room	7:30 am - 11:00 am	
Necrology	Heartland	9:00 am - 9:45 am	
Registration	Lobby	10:00 am - 11:00 am	
Grand Banquet	Ballroom C&D	11:00 am - 2:30 pm	Intl. Guests PID Gary & Lion Brenda Brown

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Heartland 2	<u>2:15-3:15</u> Pres/VP Session PDG T. Thompson	<u>3:30-4:30</u> Secretary Session ZC P. Abrams	
"The View"	<u>2:15-3:15</u> Treasurer/Finance Lion N. Sheeley	<u>3:30-4:30</u> Zone Chair ("Next Step") ZC W. Burnett	<u>4:45-5:45</u> Treasurer/Finance Lion N. Sheeley

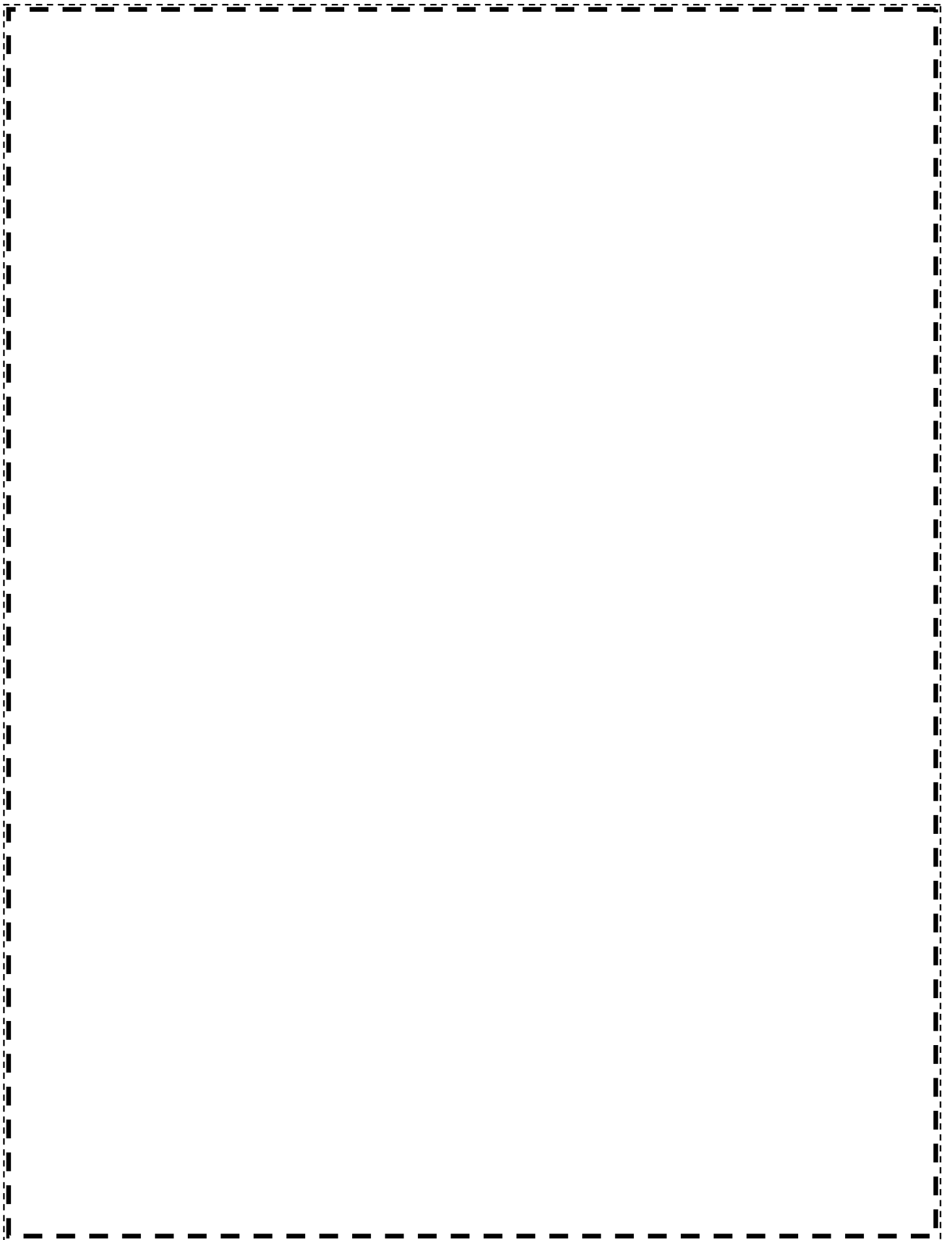
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# Wake Up!



## It's Party Time!

District 13-C Convention  
Friday, April 20, 2007, 6:30 till ?  
Quality Inn & Suites, Richfield, OH

Full Dinner: Beef, Salad, Potato & Vegetable, etc. ....Cash Bar

Entertainment: "Music in Motion" and "Commotion" a high-energy  
Song and Dance Group from the Brecksville - Broadview  
Heights High School. (Just watching will tire you out!)

PLUS: From previous conventions, The Four Lads  
member John DiPalma.

PLUS: FREE Hospitality Room & other Surprises.

\$25.00 per person

DEADLINE: Sunday, April, 15, 2007

Contact Lion Gary Cerasi  
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440-821-3832, [gcerasi@aol.com](mailto:gcerasi@aol.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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