

# OHIO LIONS

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### **Maggie's Corner** **(District Governor's Report)**

We attended the first Council of Governor's meetings and have some new information for you.

#### **REDISTRICTING:**

The Ad Hoc Committee held a meeting June 23, 2007 and came up with some proposed timelines for our Council, an alternate redistricting plan and some general information. I will have a copy of this as a handout at the Cabinet meeting.

Also, as previously mentioned I will have a copy of each of the plans that are being considered.

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

We slipped a little but have to get back up on our feet and move forward. Remember the goal for this year is plus 100 and we can do it.

We lost a club, Fairport Harbor.

Although they do not count for membership, I want to see some more Leo Clubs. We have the possibility of one in the near future. Also, would like to see the one in Westlake revitalized.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Thanks to Nordon Hills for having Vice District Governor and me at their last meeting. I wish I would have taped this meeting. It was like an old fashioned town hall meeting and was great. Again, thanks Nordon Hills Lions Club.

Congratulations to President Lion Bob Rayl of the Chardon Lions Club. There was a nice article in the Wednesday, August 1 edition of the News Herald (it's on the web). Great PR. I will try to have the Bulletin Editor get this in the September Bulletin.

Also, Congratulations to the Highland Heights Lions Club. They had an article in the News Herald Friday, August 3 (it's on the web). This was regarding their Hole-in-One Golf contest. Again, great PR for the Lions. We will have this in the September Bulletin also.

Lion Ray and I went to the Belpre, Ohio Lions Club's "Dog Days" and had a great time. We got to pay and have the Governor and Vice District Governor from District K enjoy pie in the face. However, they cheated, it was only whipped cream, but still fun. Again this year the Club raised enough money to purchase a Pilot Dog for someone.

Hope to see a lot of you at the Cabinet Meeting, Wednesday, August 29, 2007 at the Willoughby City Hall.

Governor Maggie Dellmore

## Vice District Governor's Report

I hope all of you had a fun summer and are ready to start this new Lions year.

As DG Maggie said in last month's Bulletin, this year's theme is "Challenge to Change". A big part of changing is adapting...we have all heard the phrase's "**Go outside the box** and "**Leave our comfort zone**". Well that's what I believe we need to do, because no matter how set we are in our ways....being willing to adapt is **crucial** if our clubs are going to grow and stay strong , healthy clubs .

Ask yourself this, if my Lions club no longer exists, who would do the projects in the community that we do?

A major concern of every club is MEMBERSHIP, although I would rather look at membership as an opportunity instead of a concern. Everything you do as a club is an opportunity to gain members. It has been said that Lions are the best kept secret. Well it is time we step out of the box and stop being a secret. We are members of the worlds largest service organization. We should be proud of what we do.

Even the strongest and healthiest clubs may experience a decrease in membership. In the near future you will be getting information about your District MERL Team. We as a team are committed to helping your clubs grow.

Yours in Lionism  
Vice District Governor  
*Lion Dona*

### Financial Tip

To: U.S. Club Officers

I would like to share with you some exciting news about a new member benefit program. Lions Club International (LCI) has developed a successful relationship with CT, the industry leader in legal services. CT currently provides Registered Agent and other services for LCI. Through this relationship we have created a member service that will assist your Lions Club, District or Foundation ("Lions Organization") with incorporation filings, the formation of new Lions foundations and the completion of any other necessary filings at your Secretary of State office at substantial savings.

The services that CT provides are a cost-effective way to manage the business of maintaining your Lions Organization in good standing within the jurisdiction of your state or country. I encourage you to review the information below and to contact CT with any questions or requests. We are happy to bring this new member benefit program to you, and invite you to visit the CT booth at the upcoming USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan  
[www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org).

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Since 1892, CT has pioneered the legal and corporate document services industry with innovative products and services. Today, CT is the first choice for organizations seeking a partner with unparalleled experience in corporate governance and compliance. They provide a unique combination of expert knowledge, innovative technology, local presence and commitment.

### Registered Agent Services

As many of you are aware, a delay in delivery of critical legal and compliance documents can be costly. These documents are typically delivered to the Registered Agent of record. The Registered Agent of record in some instances has been a former officer or member who has moved or no longer has ties to the Lions club, district and/or foundation. This has resulted in missed responses to legal action or compliance matters. CT is able to provide delivery and tracking of these critical documents.

### Naming CT as Registered Agent

All you need to do is call CT at **1-866-331-2303**. Any required forms will be prepared and filed on your behalf to name CT as your Lions club, district and/or

foundation Registered Agent. As an added incentive for Lions clubs, districts and foundations, CT will waive its filing service charge and absorb all state filing fees associated with the change of agent. Evidence of the filing will be returned to you directly - it is that easy!

### **Formation (Incorporation) Services**

CT will provide all the services to Incorporate your Non-Profit Lions club, district and/or foundation with the Secretary of State and put you in contact with The Foundation Group to assist your foundation with all its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status needs.

### **Annual Report Services**

CT can assist in filing Annual Reports, which are required to maintain your Lions club, district and/or foundation in "good standing" with the Secretary of State. These filings are required in the jurisdictions in which the entity is registered. CT can handle the preparation and filing of these reports for Lions clubs, district and/or foundations.

### **International Services**

For Lions clubs, districts and/or foundations outside of the United States, CT also offers similar services where available. For more information regarding International Services, call the CT International Team at **1-800-428-4685**.

### **Lions Clubs, Districts and Foundations Are Entitled to a Substantial Discount**

Each Lions club, district and/or foundation may take advantage of these benefits at a substantial discount off published CT rates! Please refer to the Lions Clubs International/CT Rate Sheet for more details.

All it takes is one phone call. All you need to do is call CT at 1-866-331-2303 to change your Registered Agent to CT or to form a new Non-Profit, incorporated entity or foundation. If you prefer email, CT can be reached at [LionsClubs@wolterskluwer.com](mailto:LionsClubs@wolterskluwer.com)

### **Campaign Sight First II**

PDG Lion Tommy Thompson and Lion Neil Sheeley are available to make a presentation on Campaign Sight First II. Please call or e-mail:

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### **MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS Lion Wallie Burnett**

Are you looking to expand the diversity of your club? A diverse age range with you club can help with recruiting efforts, fundraisers and service projects. Consider using "the evergreen concept". Each member

recruits someone 8-10 years younger than themselves. This will ensure that your club continues in service.

### **NEW! "Lions Recycle For Sight" Resources**

Lions Clubs International is pleased to announce the NEW "Lions Recycle For Sight" promotional materials for eyeglass collection. They can help you to raise public awareness, increase your community's support for eyeglass recycling and help your club to enjoy the benefits of a successful collection effort.

The new recycling kit includes the "Lions Recycle For Sight" lapel pin, promotional poster, brochure, certificate of appreciation, decals and much more. Clubs just starting an eyeglass collection campaign will also find a helpful club guide, containing tips and information to spark community interest and enhance their collection efforts.

For more information about the new "Lions Recycle For Sight" resources:

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision\\_eyeglass\\_sight.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_eyeglass_sight.shtml)

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Health & Children's Services Department: [programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org)

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## Understanding Types of Donations

WHO DETERMINES HOW FUNDS RAISED FROM THE PUBLIC ARE USED?

The Donor does!!!

### Unrestricted Donations

When the public donates to any tax-exempt club or organization, the donor often does not designate that the monies given are to be used for a specific purpose. This is known as an unrestricted donation and must be used in accordance with the mission of the club or organization and in accordance with the stated purpose of the fundraiser as the public understands that purpose. This is one of the reasons for the strict LCI rules concerning use of monies raised from the public. The organization officers may not use such money for any administrative purposes, other than administrative purposes related to the fund raising event.

### Temporarily Restricted Donations

If a donor designates that a donation is to be used for a specific purpose, such as to build a flag memorial, this is known as a temporary restriction, and the monies raised must be used specifically for that purpose. Any excess funds must be returned to the donor and may not be transferred to the general operations of the tax-exempt organization. The organization officers must abide by the

wishes of the donor, and if unable to meet the donor request, either in full or in part, the officers must notify the donor that they are unable to meet the donor's request, in full or part, and either return the money or negotiate a change in the restriction of the donation.

### Permanently Restricted Donations

If the donor specifies that the donation be used to establish a fund from which only the income may be used, this is known as a permanent restriction. Again, the officers of the organization must use the donation for that purpose and, if unable to do so, must discuss the situation with the donor and either return the donation or negotiate some mutually agreeable compromise.

### Rights and Responsibilities of Organization Officers with Respect to Unrestricted Donations

The Officers of an organization may reserve unrestricted donations for a special purpose as long as that purpose is a part of the "general" mission of the organization and the donor(s) understands that purpose. The officers may not temporarily or permanently restrict unrestricted donations.

### Promotion and Advertising for Fund Raising Events

It is important when conducting a fundraiser that the organization clearly states how the monies raised are going to be used. Always be careful

when using the term "Proceeds will be used...." The term "proceeds" can be interpreted to mean the "gross" amounts raised at the fund raising event. Use the phrase "Net proceeds will be used" or "Proceeds after fund raising expenses...."

### Summary

The donor determines how a tax-exempt organization is to utilize the donor's contribution. The officers of the tax-exempt organization have the responsibility to see that the donor's requests are met. The officers of the tax-exempt organization also have an obligation to make sure that they understand the donor's wishes and the nature of the donation. The officers of the tax-exempt are under no obligation to accept a donation, if the requests of the donor are unreasonable or unachievable.

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## Club News

### NORTH COAST LIONS

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Saturday, October 27, so you can attend a Halloween Party at the Patrician Party Center. Costumes are optional but certainly encouraged; you may even win a prize. Of course, Silent Auction and Chinese Raffle will add to the Murder Mystery activities planned for the evening. Just ask a Lion who attended the past two events;

everyone has a good time. Need more info: contact Lion Wallie 440-944-3947 or e-mail to [wdburnet@aol.com](mailto:wdburnet@aol.com)

## CUYAHOGA FALLS LIONS

### COMING EVENTS

BAR B QUE BLAST SEPT. 7, 8, 9 2007 at the Festival site on the mall. For ticket & token sales call Lion Syd Baker at (330) 655-3543.

## NORTH ROYALTON LIONS

The North Royalton Lions have started a huge project to erect a 7 flag memorial for our military veterans and fallen heroes. They are in the process of selling engraved brick pavers for the walkway. The cost is \$50 for 4x8 and \$100 for 8x8. The form can be obtained from a club member or on the web site at [www.northroyaltonlions.org](http://www.northroyaltonlions.org).

The project is expected to be completed by Memorial Day 2008.

Lion Dan Lester received this bit from the **New Zealand Lions** newsletter. Thought we could share.

### LCIF RANKED BEST NGO WORLDWIDE

In a special report released Thursday 5 July 2007, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) ranked best among non-governmental organizations (NGO's) worldwide. From 34 global organizations, LCIF came in first for its execution of programs, demonstrated accountability, and communications internally and externally, program adaptability to the surrounding community, and understanding the goals of its

corporate supporters. The assessment was published in the Financial Times' Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy special report. The full story can be read on line at [www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news) and information.

### Installation of Officers, Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Charity Hospital (July 2007)



Immediate Past President Lion Pam Abrams is swearing in President, Lion Andy Kolbus, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lion Neil Sheeley, Acting Second Vice President, Lion John Hrovat, Treasurer, Lion Cindy Palmentera, Secretary, Lion Arldon Smyth, and Assistant Treasurer Lion Ada Ahrens.

### FROM THE WEB MASTER

#### REMINDER:

**The web sit belongs to YOU!!! Please send photos, news articles, and upcoming events (AT LEASE ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE) to Lion Dan Lester so he can post to the web for all to see.**

**Have any ideas on how to make the web better? Please do not hesitate to inform me of any errors or ideas you have to better the site. The correct E-mail address is [lionsdistrict13c@aol.com](mailto:lionsdistrict13c@aol.com).**

Yours from cyber space,

Lion Dan Lester  
Web Master 13-C

