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District Governor's Report

MOVE TO GROW: is the new International theme. It is so simple that it needs no explanation. The whole five days at Minneapolis, they went over forming new Clubs, talking about membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership, and - most of all - Promotion. If we are to grow, first we must get the message out about Lionism and then be enthusiastic about Lionism. At the end of July District 13C, along with one other district, was plus four - not much, but at least on the plus side. Let us stay the course with Promotion, Extension, Retention, Leadership, and Membership then growth will follow. There will be a leadership retreat at Mohican State Park in January 2010; there will be more on this later. OLERF has a new Nick Neiderhauser Award for \$500.00 or \$250.00 for two years - a great way to honor a member of your Club. Extension blitz will be starting soon with the help of LCI and Extension training at Columbus on September 30th and as well as training for the Guiding

Lions for our new Clubs. A dues increase will be talked about at the Council of Governors in May, 2010 and voted on. If passed, it will mean a \$3.00 increase per year. Also at the C.O.G., a vote was taken to give permission for talks to begin to bring LCI convention to Cincinnati, Ohio in 2015. What a great idea - a Lions International Convention in our own back yard! There was a great piece of news; the C.O.G. gave a very big yes vote for PID Steve Sherer to have his name entered for Lions International President, some time in the near future. All in all the best news is that Lions will be here for a long time. We will dedicate ourselves to service and growth, and let us **MOVE TO GROW!**


Yours In Lionism DG Grant & Shirley Frazier

First Vice District Governor's Report


I recently attended our first Council of Governors meeting at our State Offices where many, many reports were offered to update

our Lions of Ohio what has and will be happening for the coming year. Of all the information that was provided, the most important news was that **our district is at +4 members as of 7/31/09!** We are one of only two districts that can boast a positive number in membership.

Congratulations to you all for your continued work toward our

membership goal  and the beginning of our new International President's theme of **"Move to Grow"**.


What a wonderful turn-out of our MD 13-C Lions at the Twinsburg Twins Day

Parade!  It was a "sea of red" shirts with chants of O H I O and two furry Lions who entertained the kids along the route.

Thanks to the Feils Family Lions and the Nordonia Hills Lions who organized this event. It should be done each year and with hopes of more of our Lions to join us!

As our clubs begin to focus on schedules for the coming year, I want to encourage attendance at our two eye clinic meetings, zone meetings, and especially FREE seminars

provided by the MERL Team. There has been much preparation to organize these seminars and your attendance is important. The sessions will provide essential tools to guide your club with strategies of membership/extension/retention/leadership and mentoring. In addition, PDG Jim Ferritto has been asked to serve as Chair of Promotions within the MERL Team to assist our club's needs to advertise and

promote  events. Please look for more information to follow by these facilitators.

Our District Governor, PDG Lion Grant, has established goals of: new clubs; plus-side membership; and more involvement from our clubs within the district. Communication is an important key to achieve all goals, while attendance, input and support will only add to the success of our district. Be a part of a successful year! While our schools will be opening soon, I would suggest that our clubs become familiar with their superintendent, principals and teachers as an "entrance" to what your club membership can do for them. There are many youth

programs available thru LCI that someone within your club could easily research to approach these educators and begin a collaboration of services. Check the LCI website under "Youth" to learn what your club can do, or perhaps design your own program. **"Educators + Youth + Parents + Grandparents = notoriety of Lions and Membership increases!"**

 **YOU CAN BE MOVING TO GROW!**

Lion Rich and I plan to visit as many club events and of course, attend club meetings this year. We would like to set-up our schedule soon and will be contacting our clubs for convenient dates, or you may call us at 330-655-2302. 

Stay happy and healthy until we meet again,

1st Vice District
Governor Lion Marty and Lion Dick Dennis

Second Vice District Governor's Report

Since the last District Bulletin was published several events have occurred. The first event was my attendance at the first Council of Governors Meeting of the year. Not knowing what

to expect it was quite an eye opening experience. I arrived Friday night and we began first thing Saturday morning with the many committees meeting in various rooms at the Ohio State School for the Blind. I chose to attend the Sight and Hearing Committee Meeting and the Leadership Meeting. I was excited to hear about the plans of the Leadership Committee to provide an educational retreat for leadership that is based on the program offered by the West Virginia Lions. It is my understanding that West Virginia has a very popular program and that it has been attended by many of our Ohio Lions in the past. Our leadership retreat is planned for sometime in January of 2010 at Mohican State Park, which is not too far for Lions of District 13-C to attend. Watch for information about this program and plan on attending, I don't think you will be disappointed. There was a general meeting where the Council of Governors then listened to the various reports of the Committees in the school auditorium. We then proceeded to the Lions State Office Building where we reconvened and went over budgets and financials for the State level. At the Council of Governors meeting on Sunday we listened to various presentations. One very interesting presentation was given on the GOOD Program. This is a successful and a worthwhile program that is inexpensive and can really provide a lot of opportunity for Lions. It would be great if more

Clubs would get involved with this program which shines the spotlight on students who work hard and exhibit good citizenship and good personal and study habits. The GOOD program is very easy for Clubs to participate in: all the Club needs to do is purchase kits (\$13.00) for each child, which include award certificates and T-shirts and pick a school. The Club works with teachers and administrators to select students based on criteria set by the GOOD program. This is a great incentive program and a way to acknowledge what Lions do as well as introduce Lions into the schools. It is a perfect opportunity to recruit for future Leos and Lions. Information on the GOOD Program is available on the Ohio Lions Web Site. The other interesting item discussed at the Council of Governors meeting was the presentation by the City of Cincinnati. They will be submitting a bid to Lions Club International for the 2015 Convention, another great opportunity to bring Ohio Lions to the forefront. Finally, I want to comment on the Twins Day Parade, which was a fun time for those who participated. We had approximately 40 Lions from various clubs participate that morning. The Nordon Hills Lions Club did a great job organizing this event, and the rain held off until the parade ended. Our Lion mascots were very popular with the children, and the candy tossed into the crowds was well received. This is a wonderful event, and many

in the crowd were asking questions about Lions. I had the opportunity to stop and speak with a man in the crowd who was interested in finding out more about Lions and wanted to know about the Twinsburg Lions Club. This is an excellent way to spread the word about Lions, and we could do so much more to make this even better next year with educational material available and maybe even a float. We need to get more Lions involved and participating to keep the momentum going and boost the public knowledge about who we are and what we do and can do for their communities.

Lion Mary Chentnik

Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Charity Hospital

The first bi-monthly Board and Delegate meetings for the 2009/2010 Lion year were held in July and the following issues were discussed.

2009/2010 Budget

The budget was presented to the Board and calls for the distribution of 500 pairs of prescription eyeglasses at a cost of \$43,000, 7 club referred surgeries at a cost of \$14,000 and 1 prosthetic at a cost of @1,200.

Examination Room Renovation

The renovation of one examination room at a cost of \$5,000 was approved and the Board recommended the submission of a grant request to

both LCIF and OLF for grants for the renovations of all three examination rooms. The formal grant request will be submitted at the August 13th, 2009 Cabinet meeting for approval by District Governor Grant Frazier.

As of this date, the renovation of the initial examination room is complete at a cost of \$4,275. The hospital and staff are extremely pleased with the renovation and updating of the equipment.

Special thanks are given to PDG Tommy Thompson and Lion Dan Lester for their assistance in seeking the LCIF and OLF grants.

Used Eyeglasses
Volunteers for Optical Services to Humanity (VOSH) stopped July 29th to pick up approximately 5,000 pairs of used eyeglasses.

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.

Lion Neil Sheeley

President, Lions Eye Clinic Greater Akron Lions Eyecare Program (GALEP)

Monday August 3, 2009, the Board of Directors of GALEP met at the Tallmadge Hall for its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Directors.

Dr Thomas Adam, OD and Terri Osman of Osman Optical Center attended the meeting as did about 40 Lions members.

GALEP has approved 23 prescription eyeglasses and 13 eye examinations since July 1st and approved another 9 requests for service prior to the August 3rd meeting.

The annual Federal 990 report has been filed, as has the annual report to the Ohio Attorney Generals Office. Copies of these reports are available online as well as by request.

Operating receipts for the 7 months ending July 31, 2009 were \$20,638 and operating disbursements were \$902, resulting in a net of \$19,736, Total GALEP funds at 7/31/09 was \$96,332.

All applications will be processed through a Review Committee, composed of Lions Shirley Frazier, James Lostetter, Walter Park, and Neil Sheeley. Anyone else wishing to participate in reviewing applications is more than welcome.

Applications will be entered into a database and then reviewed by the Review Committee at least twice monthly. No applications should be sent directly to Osman Optical. Billings by Osman Optical will be checked against database for approval.

All clubs referring eye care applicants shall forward the applications either by mail or fax to the GALEP, PO Box 284, Tallmadge, Ohio 44278. Faxed applications may be sent to 330-633-5739.

Lion James Lostetter
President

Lion Walter Park
Vice President

Lion Raymond Dellmore
Secretary

Lion Neil Sheeley
Treasurer

Thank You Lions

What a great International Convention in Minneapolis PDG Judy and I were able to enjoy. The weather was great especially on the day of the International Parade. Temperatures in the upper 70's and a slight breeze made the march with all of those supportive Ohio Lions even more special.

The opening session was extraordinary, the Beach Boys were awesome, Colin Powell was dynamic and the election went well. The Ohio Lions in attendance did a great job of supporting my candidacy for

International Director. That meant helping assemble campaign material, distributing that material at the convention center, standing on hard floors, and sometimes rising very early in the morning to assist Judy and me. Judy and I appreciate so much the support given by those Lions in attendance at the convention and the Lions back home who gave us moral support. If you see any of those Lions who attended give them a pat on the back for me. They deserve it.

Judy and I are looking forward to serving those who serve as we begin our term on the International Board of Directors. We now have to focus our attention on the Lions of the world but we will never forget our friends in Ohio. Have a great year.

Sincerely,
ID Jerry Smith

Twinsburg Parade

District Governor Grant Frazier reported that about 40 Lions from District 13C marched in the Twins Days Parade, in Twinsburg. It was a good showing and a good promotion for Lions.



Club News

Mayfield Heights Lions

The Mayfield Heights Club regrets to announce that Lion Carmen Tranchito and his sister Lion Sarah Tranchito are retiring. Lion Carmen has been a Lion for 25 years. We wish them the best in their retirement,

Tallmadge Lions

HALL RENTAL RAFFLE

Just a few tickets remain - \$5.00 may win you a free rental of Lions Hall! The drawing will be held when all tickets are sold. Contact Lion Paula Victor at 330-633-0084 or mae786@ameritech.net

FLEA MARKET SEP 19

Start saving items for the next Flea Market, to be held on Saturday, September 19th, at Tallmadge Lions Hall. We will be picking them up on Friday, Sep 18th for the sale the following day. No large items please

Stow – Munroe Falls

The club proudly approved two contributions - \$250.00 for the Ohio Blind Band Fund to help defray costs for their trip to the Rose Bowl Parade and, a

motion was made to make a donation to “Bow Wow Beach” (the amount to be determined after PawFest 2009).

CALENDAR

August, 2009

13 – Cabinet Meeting – Clarion Inn, Rt. 8 – Hudson

September, 2009

Joint Zone 4 and 6 Meeting – Grumpy’s in Tremont

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. Six tickets have been sent to each Club. Please try to sell them, or have your Club buy them. Make checks payable to The Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent; send to Lion Pam Abrams, 4430 Sir Robert Ave, North Royalton, OH 44133



**Cuyahoga Falls Lions
Presents**

A Night at the Races

Come join us on Friday, October 2nd,
2009 at Stow Youth Baseball Party
Center located at 4157 Hudson
Drive.

- Event will be held from 7:00 till 11:00 p.m.
- Tickets are \$20.00 per person (Includes a buffet dinner, soft drinks, coffee, and dessert) B.Y.O.B.
- Horse Sponsorship: \$20.00
- Race Sponsorship: \$50.00

All proceeds go to Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club and Local Charities.

Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club

Night at the Races

Horse Registration Sheet

Cost: \$20.00 per Horse

\$75.00 Payout for the winning Horse

Owner's Name(s): _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Nighttime Phone: _____

Horse's Name: _____

Preferred Race #: ____ (1-10)

Preferred Horse #: ____ (1-9)

Horses will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Registration forms must be handed in by Friday, September 11th to be printed in the programs.

Return form and money to following address:

Jack McCoy

1752 Portage Trail

Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

Checks made to Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club

Thank You!



PawFest 2009
(Third Annual Event)
Sunday, September 20, 2009
10 AM – 4 PM
(Rain or Shine)

“BOW WOW BEACH”
DOG PARK

Stow Silver Springs Park, 5027 Stow Road, Stow, OH

BRING YOUR DOG AND ENJOY STOW’S GREAT DOG PARK!

VENDORS – RESCUE GROUPS - FOOD

DOG CONTESTS

DEMONSTRATIONS

RAFFLE PRIZES & TENNIS BALL TOSS CONTEST

Parking is a donation of \$1.00, or a pair of eyeglasses

For further information, contact Duhstoy2@aol.com or 330-655-2302.

Sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Lions Club in cooperation with the City of Stow
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