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### District Governor's Report

Dear Lions,

Our district is embarking on an exciting period for our Lions as we are getting closer to chartering a new club in Parma! The new members have met twice to learn of our organization and are promoting the club to additional member prospects. One of these Lions-to-be has already created a "Future Lions Club of Parma" web site along with a blog in anticipation of reaching other Parma residents – and, it's working! You will be hearing more of this new club within the near future. 😊

If you will recall, our "membership drive" (before our April district convention) has a twist of sorts this year thru a challenge from your District Governor. She challenges that if each club inducts 1 or more new members before April 15<sup>th</sup>, she will perform karaoke Saturday night to "New York, New

York" – yes, it's true! 😊 To date, the numbers are: Tallmadge 3; Mogadore 3; Akron Host 1; Norton 1; and Chippewa Lake 1. So, it looks like our "northern" clubs are holding out. Are you in????

Your club's King Lion was sent information in collaboration with the American Red Cross' blood

drives. This voluntary service project is easy to schedule and will speak well of your club as you help during these events within your community. If your club has already volunteered or will be soon, please contact me for special recognition purposes. We Care... We Serve... We Accomplish!

Another suggestion for a service project is to collaborate with your local Salvation Army office. The Akron Host Club has recently inducted a new member who works for their local Salvation Army and schedules the Red Kettle Drives. He indicated that many of our clubs have the opportunity to help "ring the bell" during the November/December holiday period, but aren't involved. Please consider contacting your local offices and get on the list for this coming holiday season.

Our annual District 13-C Convention will offer you fun, education, inspiration and fellowship – Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Hts. The convention committee, led by Lion Ada Ahrens, has been working diligently to offer you a grand weekend.

😊 Friday evening (Our Shining Stars in Service) will recognize those special Lions within your club – we hope you will submit up to 2 names

*to Lion Jean Sheeley very soon; have the club pay for your honoree's meal; and that your club members will be in attendance to congratulate him/her for their service.*



*Saturday - business meeting; mini marts; events; seminars and hospitality rooms. The luncheon speaker will be Ricky Powers, Buchtel H.S. Football Coach and mentor to our youth, in conjunction with my theme this year - "Inspiring Youth for Tomorrow's Leaders".*



*Sunday - Necrology services and your Grand Banquet. This year we request that all new members since 7/1/10 be in attendance at the banquet as our International Director, PDG Daniel O'Reilly, will perform a special induction into Lionism with these new members. A wonderful opportunity for your new members and for you! Parade of Checks - please remember our Lion's foundations and eye clinics this year with your contributions - in these difficult days, with our disappointing economy, they need our help even more so.*

*Get Well Wishes are extended to our district's Lion Tamer, Lion Linda Eastwood, and to Lion Shirley Frazier. For those who are also going through an illness, please know we are thinking and praying for your recovery.*

*Until we meet again, stay happy and healthy,  
DG Lion Marty and Lion Dick  
Dennis*

## **First Vice District Governor's Report**

It is District Convention season in Ohio and probably other states as well. I attended the banquet for District K this past Sunday, and this coming weekend I will be visiting District A and attending their banquet. The following weekend I'll be in District D. It is always interesting to see how other Districts run their conventions, and it is a source for new ideas for our own planning.

There also is a common thread found at all conventions that I have attended, and that is the recognition of Lions in the Districts for all the work they do throughout the year. This is a wonderful venue to recognize hard work and dedication of all Lions, and I encourage you to submit "Our Shining Stars in Service" forms to recommend members of your Clubs who should be recognized for their work in Lionism.

As the months get closer to July, I have been preparing for the Governor position. LCI has provided me with a lot of materials to read and tests to take prior to the four days of training I will receive in Seattle. I am looking forward to attending my first International Convention and hope many of you can join me there. It will be the last U.S. destination convention for a few years and a great chance to see the sights of Seattle as well as support the Lions District 13-C and the Lions of Ohio. I know the International Convention Committee has been working hard on the Ohio Lions

Breakfast as well as the parade shirts and the other responsibilities tied to bringing about a well rounded and successful event.

## **1VDG Lion Mary Chentnik**

### **Second Vice District Governor's Report**

Well, it is March already. The snow is finally melting and Spring is just around the corner they say. What a great time of year for many reasons. Clean up your clubs...golf season is almost here! Time for the Spring cleaning of our homes, time to tune up our lawn products.

Also, it is time to look around our clubs and contact any members that we have not seen lately. Just a call or short visit to our fellow members can revive their role in our clubs.

Remember it is the responsibility of EVERY member to keep the Lionistic word growing.

With our own convention soon here...April 29...we would like to see Lions for every club.

Send your newest Lion members for a short while or your eldest just because they have tenure...and do not forget that the hospitality rooms are open to every Lion and friends...a good way to recruit new members.

Hoping to see you all there,

## **2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Dan Lester**

### **State Constitution & By Laws**

During the current Lions year, the STATE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS reviewed and discussed a number of changes to the State Convention and By-Laws. These changes will be voted upon at the State Convention on May 21, 2011. Most of the proposed changes can be classified as “house cleaning” in that they bring the State documents in-line with the International Constitution and By-Laws. The complete text of the proposed changes can be found on the District web site. The listing below provides a summary.

On a personal basis, I can support all of these changes with the exception of #7. If you take the time to read this Amendment you will discover that the terms and procedures are extremely anti-democratic. In fact, becoming a Lion and following the Dispute Resolution Guidelines requires foregoing the normal rules of USA jurisprudence, and if you don't accept the decision of the “judges” can get you dismissed from the Lions. Yes, this methodology is indeed present in the LCI Constitution, but I believe that it was written by certain off-shore interests. However, just because these words are present in the International Constitution doesn't justify adding insult to injury by adding it to the Ohio Lions Constitution. I intend to vote “no” on this Amendment.

**(1). Future Multiple District 13 – Ohio Lions Conventions.** Constitution, Article IX, State

Convention. Change currently from planning 5 years in advance to 2 years or more to allow more flexibility.

**(2). Campus Club Dues Waiver** - Constitution, Article III, Membership, Section 2, Article VI, State Revenue, Section 1, Article VIII, District Revenue, Section 1. Waive dues for campus clubs to promote and encourage younger people to participate as Lions.

**(3). Grant Committees** Insert new Bylaws, Article VI, Grant Committees. To give the Council of Governors more flexibility to facilitate and administer Lion programs and grants.

**(4). LCIF** – Delete MD13 Bylaws, Article III, Standing Committees, Section 9, Article III, Standing Committees, Section 15. Overview: LCIF is now an appointed position approved by International and no longer follows the regular committee replacement guidelines.

**(5). Emblem, Colors, Slogan, Motto and Supremacy** - Two new Constitution articles and sections, Article IV, Emblem, Colors, Slogan and Motto, and Article V Supremacy. Overview: To be consistent with LCI Constitution and By-Laws and the multiple district constitution.

**(6). Notification of Constitutional Proposals** - Constitution, Article XI, Amendments, Section 1, By-Laws, Article XIII, Amendments, Section 1. This allows for notification to the

clubs of proposals by electronic means as well as the traditional means (US mail).

**(7). Dispute Resolution** - Constitution Article X, new article and sections. Adopt LCI procedure for resolving club and/or District disputes.

**(8). Region Assignments and Prerequisites for Vice Governors** – Multiple Constitution & Bylaw sections. International now recognizes a Second Vice Governor position. Respectively submitted, PDG Ken Marshall

## **Membership Chairman Report**

### **MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS**

Here we are again. This month's suggestion for successful meeting is having **FUN**. For each club this may mean something different; but I have noticed from my travels that a good Tailtwister can make a meeting very enjoyable. Keep jokes and ribbing tasteful; look for ways to have members mingling more; and watch for the members who do not want to be “forced” to participate. We want members to come back; not stay away. Perhaps, ask a different member each month to volunteer to lead a “fun” activity. End meetings on **POSITIVE NOTE**: summarize decisions, give “pat on the back”, show that you care about your members.

**ENCOURAGE** participation in Zone and District events/meetings. Meeting other

Lions and learning more about LCI can increase a desire to become more involved; and fellowship and fun can only be a plus to promote membership.

If you want **MORE INFO** on to help with your meetings, visit the Lions Learning Center at the Web site [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) Click on Leadership Resource Center, Click on Lions Learning Center and Click on Meeting Management. Check out the Club Meeting Assessment to help you narrow down parts or the meeting that are most/least effective.

**FYI:** Remember, this nominations month to get ready for April elections. Get more members involved. .

**Lion Wallie Burnett  
Membership Chairman**

## **GALEP Report**

### **GALEP ACTIVITIES**

The next GALEP Board meeting will be April 4, 2011 at Tallmadge Lions Hall. Please join us and enjoy a very nice dinner courtesy of Lions Tim and Pam Ream. Please call in advance and let us know that you are joining us.

### **GALEP MISSION**

PDG Dona Klages has provided the following data with respect to eyeglasses provided by Prevent Blindness Ohio in the Akron community since the reorganization of GALEP in 2009. Since early 2009, PBO has processed 951 eye

examination and eyeglass requests and has completed 674 of those applications with 277 still pending. This is just for Summit County. PBO is also providing eye examinations and eyeglasses for Medina and surrounding counties.

Prior to reorganization in 2009, GALEP provided about 450 prescription eyeglasses and over 500 eye examinations through Summa Health Systems.

From the above statistics, it appears that the eye examination and eyeglass needs of Akron and Medina are being met by Prevent Blindness Ohio.

GALEP will still process eye examination and eyeglass requests from clubs in the District, but since most of the non-club-referred requests are being handled by PBO, it is time for GALEP to consider directing its financial resources to areas not being met. PBO does not provide assistance for cataract surgeries or other eye medical needs for those who can not afford such care.

With cutbacks in Medicaid and Medicare, as well as other social services, the need for eye medical care is going to be more critical and this is a role which GALEP can participate in a limited way in accordance with the generosity of the District 13-C Lions Clubs Parade of Checks.

The mission of GALEP will be discussed at the April Board meeting.

P.S. As a postscript to the eye care needs of those persons who do not have adequate financial resources, there are persons who have lost an eye due to accident or illness and need a prosthetic eye to replace the lost eye. This is considered "Cosmetic" for purposes of most public and private health plans, but just ask someone who has lost an eye how emotionally devastating the loss of an eye without some type of replacement is.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

It was agreed that GALEP needs to get on the Social Services Network listings again and make itself known to the Akron community, since many of these agencies are of the opinion that GALEP is no longer in operation.

### **SLATE OF OFFICERS**

Lion Bill Giffen is head of the committee for establishing a slate of officers for the 2011/2013 term and the slate will be presented and voted upon at the April Board meeting. Anyone wanting to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer should contact Lion Bill Giffen of Lion James Lostetter at 330-633-5739 and leave a message.

### **CODE OF REGULATIONS**

At the February Board meeting there was discussion over whether the District Lions clubs are properly represented in the vote for the officers of GALEP. At present, only the Directors

and officers of the program have a vote for the election of GALEP officers but some GALEP Directors would like to see all District Lions have a vote. This issue has been forwarded to Lion John Tighe for further review and consideration.

#### Directors

The six zone Chairs of District 13-C shall appoint 3 Directors to the Board of GALEP. These Directors terms shall be staggered with one appointment or re-appointment each year. There can be no more than one Director from a club. The Director terms are for 3 years. Anyone wishing to be a Director on the Board of GALEP should contact their zone Chair.

#### **GALEP SERVICE POLICY**

It is the policy of GALEP to pay for eye exams for children which cost \$30. Adults are referred to Summa for eye exams or if the applicant prefers, they may go to Dr. Thomas Adams of Osman Optical and have their eye examination at a cost of \$50.

The next Board meeting of GALEP will be Monday April 4th, 2011 at 7:00PM at Tallmadge Lions Hall, Northeast Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio.

#### **The GALEP**

**Lion James Lostetter  
President**

**Lion Walter Park  
Vice President**

**Lion Raymond Dellmore  
Secretary**

**Lion Neil Sheeley  
Treasurer**

### **Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center**

Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent  
Charity Hospital

Next Board Meeting May 11,  
2011

Next Delegate Meeting March  
21, 2011

#### Revised Constitution

The revised Constitution will be voted on at the May 11, 2011 Board meeting. The vote requires that at least 2/3 of the Officers and Directors be present to vote. This means that there must be at least 16 Officers and Directors present.

#### Slate of Officers

The slate of officers for the 2011/2013 Lions Term will be voted upon at the May 16, 2011 Delegate meeting. Each club present shall have one vote and nominations may be made from the floor prior to the vote.

#### Applications

There is about a 55 application backlog for eyeglasses as March 2, 2011. All club referrals are released as received and about 30 applications are being released every two weeks.

#### Directors

Each Zone is entitled to 2 Board Directors to be elected or appointed by the Zone Chairs. If a seat in any zone remains unfilled for more than 120 days from the beginning of the Lion year (July1) or from the date when the President sends notice to the Zone Chair that there is an opening, the President may appoint a Director from that zone to fill the unfilled position, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

#### Delegates

Each club in the District is entitled to one vote by one Delegate or Alternate Delegate appointed by the President of each club. Any member of a club who attends a Delegate meeting is presumed to represent that club for purposes of voting on program matters. If more than one club member is in attendance at a Delegate meeting, the club members will decide among themselves who will represent the club.

#### Co-pay Policy

The new co-pay policy is now in effect and so far there have been no problems in the implementing of the policy.

#### Clinic Officers

PDG Grant Frazier is still looking for District Lions who might be interested in being on the Board of Directors, as well as holding Leadership offices. There will be a discussion and vote on the 2011/2013 slate of officers at the May 16, 2011 Delegate Meeting.

Nominations for Officers may be made from the floor at the May 16<sup>th</sup> Delegate meeting prior to the vote.

### Delegate Meeting Reminder

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU MUST LET US KNOW PRIOR TO 10 AM FRIDAY BEFORE THE DELEGATE MEETING IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND AND ENJOY DINNER WITH US. WE HAVE TO PAY BASED UPON THE NUMBERS WE CALL IN ON FRIDAY.**

### Use the Program

**The Lions Eye Clinic Inc is YOUR program. Please use it. It is an important part of the mission of District 13-C Lions and when someone asks what Lions do, you can point to the St. Vincent and Akron programs which provide over 650 pairs of prescription eyeglasses annually, as well as prosthetic eyes, cataract surgeries and financial support to those who otherwise would not be able to afford eye care.**

The programs are an important PR tool for the District 13-C Lions. The programs tell the public what we as Lions do.

### Other

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**

### OSSB

The OSSB Marching Band will be the lead band in the Lions Club International Parade of Nations in Seattle, Washington, July 5, 2011. The band will leave July 3 and return July 6. A highlight of the trip (besides the parade) will be watching a variety show of international acts including The Canadian Brass, CABO--a Japanese drumming group, and a Bollywood group. Another highlight is the dance for teenagers participating in the parade. Everyone will enjoy the Experience Music Project and the Science Fiction Museum as well as a tour of Seattle in an amphibious vehicle. It's called the "Ride the Ducks" tour. Here's their July 4 schedule:  
Experience Music Project | Science Fiction Museum  
♪ Ride the Ducks of Seattle Tour (2 Ducks exclusively for the group for a 1.5 hour tour)  
♪ Free time to explore Pike's Place Market  
♪ Group dinner at Hard Rock Café  
♪ Fireworks at Gasworks Park on Lake Union

This spring they will begin practicing parade marching a couple times a week from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**We are now in the process of fund raising thru the OSSB PTSF & OLF and \$30,000 of the \$63,000 needed has been raised.**

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**DISTRICT 13-C  
CONVENTION  
APRIL 29-30, MAY 1, 2011  
CROWNE  
PLAZA/MIDDLEBURG  
HEIGHTS**

Please mark your calendars NOW with the dates for our next District Convention. We are starting to plan the details for the next convention and want to make sure we include activities you want and will benefit from. We want to include your ideas in our planning so please let us hear from you. Please take the time to let us know what you like or don't like about the convention, things we should be including and activities that are of interest to you. Remember, this is **YOUR CONVENTION** so you should be part of the planning. Don't hesitate to contact me **SOON** so we can consider your ideas right from the beginning.

\* Best thing about our convention

\* Worst thing about our convention

• Suggested new activities

**FYI #1 –**

**Our International Guest will be ID Daniel O'Reilly and his wife Lion Maryanne, from Stickney, Illinois**

### **OHIO LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE**

MD13 is again participating in the Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange Program. This program is a 4-5 week cultural exchange that takes place end of June thru the first of August. We are in need of

Ohio families that might be interested in hosting a student from Finland or Japan this summer.

If you know of anyone who would like to share their home, family and culture with a youth from one of these countries or would like more information please contact Lion Jim Klages email [klagesjames@yahoo.com](mailto:klagesjames@yahoo.com) Phone 216-299-8760

### **Zone News**

On March 31, 2011 Zones 3, 4 and Zone 6 will hold a combined meeting at Pipers III at 6:30 PM hosted by the Royalton Hills Lions Club.

More details to follow.

Thank you,  
Lion Kevin Barrett  
Zone 4 Chair

### **CALENDAR**

#### **March, 2011**

31 – Zone 4 &6 Meeting – Pipers III

#### **April, 2011**

2 – Cuyahoga Falls 85<sup>th</sup> Charter Night – see below.  
16 – North Royalton Reverse Raffle – see below.  
29, 30, May 1 – District 13-C Convention – Crowne Plaza – Middleburg Heights



# **NORTH ROYALTON LIONS** **REVERSE RAFFLE**



**ONLY \$95/Couple**

[Includes 2 chances at main board]

[\$50 for single & 1 chance at main board]

**MAIN BOARD RAFFLE PRIZE IS \$2000!**

Side Boards will be available that evening.

Includes Dinner and Open bar.

Live music by Backstreet Duo.

A wonderful night of fun, fellowship and food!

***SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011***

**COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!!**

*St. Michaels Woodside*

*5020 W Mill Rd.*

*Broadview Hts., Ohio*

**Doors Open at 6:00...Dinner at 8:00**

Proceeds benefit sight-related causes including Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Charity Hospital and Pilot Dogs.



**Contact Lions Dan Lester or Dave Harrison for Tickets**

**Or contact us by e-mail at: [nrlions@aol.com](mailto:nrlions@aol.com)**

**Visit us on-line at [www.northroyaltonlions.org](http://www.northroyaltonlions.org)**

# **SAVE THE DATE!!**

*The Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club  
will be celebrating the  
85th Anniversary  
of their Charter*

*April 2, 2011  
Todaro's Party Center  
1820 Akron-Peninsula Rd  
Akron Ohio 44313*

*Cash Bar 6 pm -- Dinner 7 PM  
\$30 per person  
Choice of Strip Steak or Chicken*

*Special Guest Speaker  
Dr. Charles Davis DO  
who will give a presentation on his trip to  
Mozambique with Lions Eyeglasses*

*Entertainment by The Hospitality Singers*



***We Serve***

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