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District Governor's Report (Maggie's Corner)

Well the holidays are over and we hope that everyone had a nice Christmas and will continue to have a Happy and safe New Year. Now it is time to get busy recruiting new members.

As a District we are doing better than last year, but really need to step up the new member recruiting. As stated before, the Redistricting Committee is moving forward. We should have more information after our next Council Meeting which is held the first weekend in February and the information will be in the February Bulletin.

Peace Poster Contest:

We had three (3) posters submitted this year. One each from Willowick Middle School, Eastlake Middle School and Wickliffe Middle School. Our thanks to Linda Fulton of the Northcoast Lions Club for being the Peace Poster Chairman this year. The winner of the three was Tiffany To of Wickliffe. This poster will be framed and Tiffany will be recognized at our Convention.

Convention:

The Convention Committee has been hard at work getting ready for the District Convention to be held April 4, 5 and 6. We hope you have marked your calendars and plan to attend. We have worked very hard to keep the prices at a reasonable rate so more people can come and participate in the Convention.

Report:

Secretaries, REMEMBER, it is very important that you get your monthly report in so International has the correct numbers for District 13C. By the end of January I will have contacted all of you to get your membership numbers and make sure that International has those numbers on file.

Sunshine:

For those Lions in District 13C who got or will get another year older by the time the February Bulletin comes out, have a Happy Birthday.

Lions who are experiencing difficulties with health and personnel issues we will keep you in our prayers.

Couples who are celebrating another year of wedded bliss during the month of January, Congratulations.

Committee Meetings:

Today, January 12 Committee Meetings were held in Columbus. I attended the Leadership Committee Meeting. The Committee is very busy getting ready for the various schools of instructions, Fall Conference and the State Convention. Nothing unusual to report at this time.

Keep warm, safe and HAPPY.

Lion Maggie and Ray too

**Vice District Governor's
Report (Dona Klages)**

M M F I

Happy New Year.

I hope that all of you had a great holiday. I would like to congratulate all of the clubs that have taken in new members over the past six months. You have proven that it can be done. Just a reminder though, make sure all club secretaries send their membership reports to International. If they do not receive the updated membership reports, all your hard work will not count for our District.

Make Me Feel Important

These four words can mean the difference in membership growth. Everyone wants to feel that they are needed. What can your club do to make prospective new members feel important?

The MERL Team is here to help your club grow. If you would like training or a brainstorming session on membership for your club, call any member of the MERL Team and we will come and help you. Lets us help you.

Our motto is "WE SERVE"----
Without membership there is no WE ----without WE there is no SERVICE

**THANK YOU FOR ALL
THAT YOU DO**

VDG *Lion Dona*

International President's Letter

Dear Club Officers,

In the hurried pace of daily life, packed with work, responsibilities to our families and our best efforts to serve our neighbors and our world, we sometimes forget to reflect and reevaluate. But reflection is necessary in the life of every business, organization and human being and it is important to set aside a quiet, peaceful time for that purpose.

Fortunately, the coming of the New Year every January 1, offers us the perfect opportunity

to look back and look ahead. As you look back on our year of leadership, now half completed, I know that you will recall it as a year of milestones and celebrations.

We have had good reason to celebrate. The year 2007 was the 50th for Leo Clubs, the 20th for women in Lions Clubs and the 90th of our association. Perhaps the greatest reason to celebrate has been the growth of our worldwide membership, which has increased by over 3,300 since July 1. This is the largest net growth the association has had, in many years, for this period. The reintroduction of October growth has also helped with an increase in membership. A trend toward better retention of our members also contributes to this increase. In addition, our worldwide presence continues to grow in both breadth and depth. Lions in each constitutional area have succeeded in establishing new clubs where none existed before.

Without a doubt, this great news is due to three factors:

- Our innovative programs to recruit women, young people and entire family groups;
- The enthusiasm with which Lions the world over have embraced the challenge to change, and
- The hard work and imagination of the staff at international headquarters.

I say, "Bravo!" to all. I expect this most positive trend to continue into 2008 and that membership reports will give us even more reason to celebrate in the next Lions year.

The celebration of our 90th anniversary at the international convention in Chicago last July was certainly an exciting event, but there will be even greater excitement at the 2008 International Convention in Bangkok this coming June.

There we will celebrate the successful conclusion of Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII), which is poised to meet and exceed its goal of raising US\$150 million to fund the continuation and expansion of the SightFirst program. But your club's participation is critical to our success.

With more than US\$125 million raised, we have achieved 80 percent of our minimum goal. Until we reach this minimum goal, many millions of people will not receive life-changing SightFirst services. In the coming months, lead your club's efforts to do all it can to ensure that we will celebrate CSFII's success this June. CSFII is our most ambitious and wide-reaching initiative in Lions' history and one that is at the heart of our mission as Lions: to save sight.

In thinking about the future, I hope that you are also planning for the leadership of your club after your year in office is completed. And at the district level, you should be also be aware that Lions Clubs International took some key

first steps to further outline the position of Second Vice District Governor, a position that is used effectively in many multiple districts worldwide. Many of us see this position as key to easing the workload of district governors while providing a training ground for more future leaders.

Your club may wish to do something similar by creating "assistant" roles for your club's officers or committee chairperson positions, and to reserve those spots for younger or newer members. I have seen this successfully done in Germany where some clubs have "Assistant Treasurers" or "Assistant Secretaries" etc. reserved for newer members or the 'next generation' as some call it. Taking such steps not only will ensure a strong and vigorous chain of future leaders, but it will also help ensure better retention through enhanced member involvement.

You have my thanks for all you do as well as my very best wishes for this holiday season and for another year of successful service in 2008.

Sincerely,
Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President

LCI Web site Links

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/youth_leo_clubs.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_women.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/about_index.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_convention.shtml
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/live/content/index.shtml>

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_train.shtml

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/da905.pdf>

January 4, 2008

From PID Jimmy Ross

I want to tell you about an exciting new Lions partnership.

In July 2007, The International Association of Lions Clubs agreed to help the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) disseminate information about large-scale or pandemic influenza (flu).

This new partnership includes my participation as one of four leaders of national non-profit organizations to appear in advertisements for HHS' awareness campaign, Take the Lead: Pandemic Flu-Working Together to Prepare Now.

Participation in this national public health campaign is an honor for Lions clubs. This national campaign coincides with our [Lions ALERT emergency preparedness program](#).

Last century, there were three worldwide pandemic flu outbreaks. Millions of people died. Unlike seasonal flu, humans have little - if any - immunity to a pandemic flu virus. It takes several weeks or months for public health officials to identify a pandemic flu virus strain and develop a vaccine.

As community leaders, we can participate in a pro-active pandemic flu plan. Additional

information about pandemic flu appears on the HHS Web site: www.pandemicflu.gov and the United Nations' World Health Organization (WHO) Web site at: www.who.org.

Lions from several US communities recently met with HHS representatives to discuss ways to develop pro-active pandemic flu plans. I want to thank these Lions for representing the Association and for eagerly agreeing to help in the development of a pro-active pandemic flu plan.

Sincerely,

Jimmy M. Ross
LCIF Chairperson

**The Following article is from
Lion Neil Sheeley.**

Lion Neil is a frequent and valued contributor to this Bulletin. Also, he has made my life miserable since I failed to give him credit for an excellent history of Lions Clubs in the November, 2007 Bulletin, titled **Looking Back HISTORY of LIONS.**

**THE NEW FILING
REQUIREMENT FOR TAX
-EXEMPT
ORGANIZATIONS**

By Lion Neil Sheeley

Those tax-exempt organizations which "normally" have gross receipts of less than \$25,000 annually and **are not required and do not file** an annual federal information return are required to file an electronic postcard with the Internal Revenue Service by the 15th day of the 5th month following their

fiscal year end. This rule takes effect for all tax-exempt organizations with fiscal years beginning January 1, 2007 and later, which means that the first required filings will be May 15, 2008 for tax-exempt organizations with a calendar year end of December 31, 2007. Tax-exempt organizations with a June 30, 2007 fiscal year end will be required to file November 15, 2008.

The electronic postcard provides the following information:

Organization's legal name.

Any other names which organization uses.

Organization's mailing address.

Organization's website (if applicable).

Organization's employer identification number (EIN).

Name and address of a principal officer of the organization.

Organization's annual tax period.

A statement that the organization's annual gross receipts are still normally

\$25,000 or less.

If applicable, a statement that the organization is terminating (going out of

Business).

Fiscal Year

A tax and/or accounting year, which begins in any month from January through December and ends twelve months thereafter.

e.g.:

Beginning month = July

Ending month = June
Beginning month = January
Ending month = December

Normally

Refers to the average of the current and prior two fiscal years.

e.g.: Tax-exempt organization has a total of \$75,600 in gross receipts/revenues during the current and past two fiscal years. The average/normal annual gross receipts are \$25,200 and the tax-exempt organization is required to file an annual information return (Form 990-EZ or Form 990).

e.g.: Tax-exempt organization has a total of \$74,200 for the current and past two fiscal years. The average/normal gross receipts are \$24,733 and the tax-exempt organization is not required to file an annual information return, but will be required to file the electronic postcard, unless the tax-exempt organization elects to file an annual return.

Gross Receipts/Revenues

Includes all receipts received from whatever sources and deposited in the tax-exempt organization's bank accounts or used by the tax-exempt to pay vendors or suppliers.

e.g.: Tax-exempt organization conducts a fund raising event, raising total monies of \$26,500 and having direct expenses of \$12,500, netting \$14,000. The amount of revenues used to determine whether tax-exempt meets the \$25,000 threshold is \$26,500 and not \$14,000.

e.g.: Tax-exempt organization collects \$500 directly from its members for meals at its monthly dinner meeting. The monies collected are paid directly to the restaurant for the meals served, netting no income to the organization. The gross receipts/revenues are zero since monies collected are not commingled with the organizations other funds.

e.g.: Tax-exempt organization collects \$500 from its members for a dinner meeting to be held two weeks hence. The monies are deposited into the organization's bank account and after the dinner, the organization pays the restaurant with an organization check. The \$500 must be included as part of the organization's gross receipts since the monies received are commingled with other monies held by the organization.

Application of New Rule

The new rule applies only to those tax-exempt organizations, which **do not** file an annual information return. If the tax-exempt organization has gross receipts/revenues of less than \$25,000 but chooses to file an annual information return (Form 990EZ) then they would not have to file the electronic postcard.

Purpose of the Electronic Postcard

The electronic postcard is intended to provide the Internal Revenue Service with the basic information which is found on the annual information return of the those tax-exempt organizations which do file with

the Internal Revenue Service. It is also intended to establish a tax statute of limitations date for purposes of tax audit.

Penalty for Failure to Comply with the New Requirement

Tax-exempt organizations are expected to comply with the new filing requirement beginning with the first fiscal year in which they become liable for compliance. For a December 31, 2007 the first filing is expected by May 15, 2008. Any tax-exempt which fails to comply with the new filing requirement by the third fiscal year, will lose its tax exempt status and will be required to file a "Request for Determination" in order to be a tax-exempt organization. Cost is \$750 and the form is a 12-page form with additional appendices, depending upon type of tax-exemption.

For Lions clubs which rely upon LCI Group Exemption No. 0239, this means that they will no longer be considered part of the group and must file a Request for Determination directly with the Internal Revenue Service.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

At the District Convention, April 5, 2008

WHY DO YOU NEED TO GO?

- Information on little things that will give your members ownership of their club

- Up-to-date information on financial "ins and outs"
- Running a meeting that keeps members on the same page and coming back
- Receive resource information to help your club succeed
- Tools for membership recruitment and retention
- Something for every Lion in 13-C
- Free door prizes; no raffle tickets sold

SCHEDULED SEMINARS

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER:

Get enthusiastic about becoming a strong leader and role model for your club. Presenter: Ms. Jeanne Bennett, Director of Staff Development and Training from Summit County Children Services.

OPEN FORUM: This is your opportunity to ask questions; make suggestions; share successes; and make new friends.

CLUB LEADERSHIP:

Motivation and organization begins from the top of the leadership ladder. All Presidents/Vice Presidents, club officers and Lions are invited to learn about the role of King Lion, as well as, strong club leadership. Presenter: PDG Sam Bates from the Ohio Lions State Leadership Development Committee.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION:

Get the inside information on the various duties of the “chief paper officer of the club.” Learn the electronic processing of Monthly Membership and Activity Reports, as well as, all the duties and responsibilities of the secretary. Presenter: Lion Jean Sheeley from the Royalton Hills Lions Club.

CLUB FINANCES: Learn the new developments in the finance department of club business—IRS and LCI requirements, filing forms, Administrative vs Activity accounts, 501C-3 or not? Gaming, Bingo, Raffles, and the list goes on. Presenter: Lion Neil Sheeley from the North Royalton Lions Club.

CLUB ENTHUSIASM: Learn and share effective tail twisting methods to promote humor and camaraderie during your club meetings. Presenter: Lion Bill Simmons from the Wadsworth Lions Club.

CLUB RECRUITMENT/RETENTION: Learn and share effective membership recruitment/retention techniques. Presenters: Lion Wallie Burnett from the North Coast Lions Club; and Lion Mike Tyler from the Willoughby Evening Lions Club.

ALL PRESENTERS ARE EXPERIENCED AND RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP FROM OHIO LIONS STATE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

Lion Wallie Burnett

WHAT MAKES FOR A QUALITY MEMBER?

As we continue to strive for the 100+ members for 2007-08, we need to consider the type of members we recruit: enthusiastic and service-minded. Look for members that will be passionate about serving others and ready to give their time and talents. Look for an energy that includes smiles and warmth as they help your club tackle those service projects and fundraisers. Look for members who respect others and are willing to solve problems. Quality club members share in the recruiting process, addressing and meeting community needs, and providing an atmosphere for all members to succeed.

JOIN US AT THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION FOR TOOLS TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN QUALITY MEMBERS. PRESENTERS WILL BE LION WALLIE BURNETT (MEMBERSHIP) AND LION MIKE TYLER (RETENTION).

In Memoriam

PDG Lion Salvatore LoBosco, of the Mayfield Heights Lions Passed away December 9, 2007, aged 87. Lion Salvatore was a member of Lions Clubs since 1958, and was District Governor in 1967-1968. Lion Sal will be sorely missed.

Zone News

REGION 1 ZONE 3

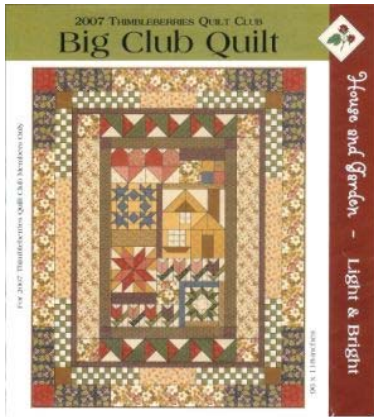
The next Zone meeting will be February 12, 2008 Social at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm Place :Ellenwood Recreation Center
124 Ellenwood Avenue
Bedford, Ohio
Cost : \$12.00 per person
RSVP by Feb 4, 2007
At 216-299-2813 or email jdklages@yahoo.com

Club News

Mogadore Lions Club had record profit for tree sales, \$3306!

Medina Lions Club

The Medina Lions Reverse Raffle is Friday March 7, at Guys Party Center. Along with the usual Sideboard, tickets can be purchased for a king size quilt. The quilt is made with Thimbleberries fabric and measures 96 X 118. The quilt was made by Lion Kathy Jenkins and her sister Beth Mitchell and quilted by Cotie's Machine Quilting. This quilt is awesome so I've enclosed a photo. Any questions please call me at 330-725-8557. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from any Medina Lions Member starting on February 1st. The drawing for the quilt will be March 7th at the Reverse Raffle.



Stow Munroe Falls reports:

At the April 2008 District Convention, Lion Marty (Dennis) is running for Deputy District Governor. While the club has voted to support her financially, we also need to support her in person at the Convention.

Willoughby-Evening Lions

24th Annual

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 10th, 2008

8:00 AM-Noon

Immaculate Conception Gym

37950 Euclid Avenue

Willoughby

Adults \$4.50

Seniors \$3.50

Children 6-12 \$2.50

Children under 6 -Free

\$.50 off on advance sales

For Tickets or Info Call 440-946-7567

Broadview Heights Lions Club

The Broadview Heights Lions Club Reverse Raffle is being held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at Carrie Cerino's Restaurant an Party Center, 89222 Ridge Road, North Royalton, OH 44133

\$2500 Main Board and two dinners, \$105; and one dinner, \$65. Open Bar and Hors d'

Oeuvres, 6:30, Dinnar, 7:00. There is also a \$1000 pre-sale side board at \$10 per ticket.

Contact Dave Garee at (440) 463-8881, or Kevin Kremar at (216) 244-2667.

Ticket orders are due by January 25, 2008

Royalton Hills Lions Club

The Royalton Hills Lions Club has a Poor Man's Reverse Raffle on February 23rd at Pipers III on Broadview Road in Broadview Heights. Doors open 6:30, \$20 per person for a family style dinner. For tickets, contact Lion Kathy Moraco – call (440) 237-1981.

North Royalton Lions Club

Memorial Flag Project to erect the flags of our services on Memorial Day 2008 is in full swing. If you are interested, they are selling brick pavers for \$50 & \$100 and will accept donations to try to offset some of this huge project expenses.

Visit our web site for more info
www.northroyaltonlions.org

Also the annual reverse raffle and dinner dance will again be held at Quality Inn & Suites in Richfield on April 25, 2008. Contact any club member for more information. A real blast!

CALENDAR

February:

2 - Broadview Heights Reverse RAFFLE

21 - Cabinet meeting at Dino's Restaurant, 4145 State Route 306, Willoughby, Ohio (just off Interstate 90)

April:

4, 5, 6 - District Convention, Quality Inn and Suites, Richfield, Ohio

May:

16, 17, 18 - State Convention, University Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

June:

5 - Cabinet meeting at Dino's Restaurant, 4145 State Route 306, Willoughby,

Ohio (just off Interstate 90)

23 thru 27 - International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand



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