

**MINUTES
OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13-C
THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 13, 2008
CROWN PLAZA – MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS**

CALL TO ORDER: District Governor Lion Dona Klages called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice District Governor PDG Lion Grant Frazier.

INVOCATION: Given by Deputy District Governor Lion Marty Dennis.

PROTOCOL: Lion John Tighe established protocol.

INTRODUCTIONS: District Governor Lion Dona Klages.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Cabinet Secretary Lion Mary Chentnik reminded everyone that minutes are available on the website and also copies were made available this evening for review. Lions present were asked to state their name and position before speaking to assist in writing the minutes. Lions present were also asked if there were any corrections or changes to the August 21, 2008 Cabinet Meeting Minutes, there being none, District Governor Lion Dona Klages asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2008, PDG Neil Bevere made the motion to accept the minutes as written, this motion was seconded by PDG Lion Maggie Dellmore. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lion Neil Sheeley noted that is only one delinquent Club at this time. District dues will be due December 2nd and the amount due will be based on the membership report of November 30th. He noted that in August the budget was approved, however, the Extension expenses which is included as an Administrative Reserve was overlooked and at this time it is requested that an addendum be made to the budget. After a lengthy discussion, PDG T0ommy Thompson made a motion to amend the Budget as presented, this was seconded by PDG Neil Bevere and Motion carried.

A synopsis of the Fall Conference presentation relative to finances was also prepared and distributed with the budget. It was noted that the 990 has been filed. The District expense report was also provided in the information given to those present and it was requested that this form be utilized and properly authorized. A motion was made by Lion Mike Tyler, seconded by PDG Tommy Thompson and carried.

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

VDG PDG Lion Grant Frazier noted that one of the major items brought up at the Fall Conference was an OLERF proposal. There is research on macular degeneration which is a disease that sneaks up on people and can be deadly for eye sight. It is being proposed that the money raised in Tail Twisting be given to OLERF for this important research project. All Clubs are asked to participate. PDG Lion Ken Marshall on behalf of Lion Ada Ahrens spoke about this project and the "Twist for Sight" buttons given to those in attendance.

In addition, the MERL Team is working hard to increase membership. We currently have 1,108 members and we need to work hard to increase membership and retain the new members we attract. We also need to "watch the back door" and keep members from leaving. Clubs should have someone sponsor each new member installed and mentor that new member and learn the rewards of Club membership

DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

DDG Lion Marty Dennis noted that she attended the Extension training in Columbus and was highly motivated. There have been two visits to Hudson and six members have been recruited. This will continue after the holidays. The Nordonia Lions Club has invited the Hudson members to come and join them. The Stow-Munroe Falls is also inviting them to come to their meeting. There are two Rotary and one Kiwanis Clubs in Hudson.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

DG Lion Dona Klages shared an eleven minute video regarding the nomination of the Lions Club International for a Nobel Peace Prize. She noted that we should all be proud to be Lions and that we need to share this with our Clubs, we are the largest service organization in the world.

ZONE CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

ZONE 1: No report.

ZONE 2: Lion Chuck Barton reported that the Chardon Lions Club has been very active with their youth football program with six teams. The netted approximately \$4,000 in their annual reverse raffle. The Euclid Lions are off to a good start with the new President. They have adopted the "Ace of Spades" Raffle as a Club team builder. Their big fundraiser is the 300 Club. Contact Lion Ron Powers for more information. Highland Heights Lions Club wrapped up their "Hole-In-One Contest" and their Sweetest Day Rose Sale netted some huge numbers. The Mentor Lions Club, which is one of the largest in the District is fighting to keep their members, they are down about five active members and were forced to cancel their reverse raffle. They are having a candy sale to generate income and give them exposure. North Coast Lions finished their Murder Mystery with 95 in attendance and made a nice profit. They inducted a new member, Lion Joanne Renaud. They also have several entries in the Peace Poster contest. Willoughby Noon Lions Club stays active collecting glasses, attending State Committee meetings in Columbus and just concluded their annual Sweetest Day Rose Sale raising approximately \$4,000. Willoughby Evening Lions Club has completed their annual golf outing and will have their Santa Calling and Christmas Auction in December along with their Lions Feast. They have a pancake breakfast in January. They are very active with GALFEP and the Lions Eye Clinic at SVCH. No report for Willoughby Hills Lions Club. Next Zone meeting will be in January.

ZONE 3: Lion Jim Klages reported that Bedford Lions has one new member and are +2 for the year.

Mayfield Lions will host the next Zone meeting which will be combined with Zone 5.

ZONE 4: Lion Dick Abrams reported that the Broadview Hts. Lions Club is up nine new members. The Bloodview was very successful and they are planning a Reverse Raffle in February. Brook Park Lions Club has had no change in membership, they helped two people with sight problems and a former Leo with college tuition. Cleveland Host is down one member since the last Cabinet Meeting. They hosted a Beverage Concession Stand at the Tremont Art Festival in September. They are working on a wine tasting. Garfield Hts. Lions Club had a very successful Clambake and Will Tournament. North Royaltion Lions collected over 3,500 pairs of eyeglasses in a contest for elementary students. Their Poormans' Raffle is tomorrow night. Strongsville Lions Club will be having their Christmas Tree Sale as the season begins. Westlake Lions Club is adopting two families for Christmas and will be passing out bags for children.

ZONE 5: Lion Shirley Frazier reported that their first Zone meeting was September 24th and they had 100% attendance. Tallmadge Lions Club is up two members, Lions Tim and Pam Ream. They are hosting their spaghetti dinners. Nordonia Hills had their Rose Sale and had a car show every Thursday all summer. Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club picked up the blind to attend the Lions Park Christmas Party, on December 8th they will distribute goods. Greenburg Lions had their Turkey Shoot. Mogadore is selling Christmas trees and making baskets for needy families. They will be hosting a Reverse Raffle in April. They have three new members. Akron Host is selling Entertainment Books and collecting pop cans.

ZONE 6: PDG Lion Tommy Thompson reported that Chippewa Lake Lions donated \$106 to the Village Beach Party, \$535 for school supplies and backpacks for 30 students. They also donated \$150 to the Cloverleaf Music Association and provided an eye exam and glasses for a needy person. They have one new member, however, they lost four members. Copley Lions Club built a handicap ramp for a community man and donated half of the cost. Members rode on a float and gave out candy in the Heritage Day Parade. They also built a ramp for a fellow Lion. Their projects include: Ride for Sight, spaghetti dinner, Entertainment Books and selling Christmas Trees. They have two new members and one member recently died. Norton Lions had a car show in July and their Cider Festival in October. They are selling Entertainment Books, Lions Mints and supporting Candy Day. They are down two members and also had one member die. Medina painted a barn for a Lion member and assisted in a Golf Tournament for blind children. They had a rose sale in October. They will sponsor a Reverse Raffle in March. Their goal is to increase their membership.

ZONE 6 CONTINUED: Royalton Hills donated \$200 for the veterinarian bill of Pilot Dog Jacks. They participated in the Salvation Army Christmas in July, assisted Broadview Hts. Lions Club in their fundraiser. Donated \$700 and planned, prepared, and served dinner to North Royalton Senior Citizens Annual Olde Timers' Banquet. They also donated \$100 to the North Royalton Lions Club for their fundraiser. They held two fundraisers with a golf outing and luncheon of the Red Hat Society. Members attended the Lions Eye Clinic at SVCH and August Cabinet meeting. They have one new member and lost three members. The Seville Lions participated in the Giant Fest. Members worked as volunteers at the Cleveland Browns Stadium for the Cleveland Scrappers. They donated \$500 to the Boy Scouts for tents. They also participated in the traditional Halloween handout of donuts and cider. They are planning to collect Toys for the next Zone meeting. January 12th will be the annual making and sale of sausage. The Wadsworth Lions Club participated at Wadsworth three-on-three Basketball Tournament. They set up sponsor banners for the concert in the square. They also participated in tailgate cooking for all of the Wadsworth High home football games. Eye exams and glasses were given to needy people. They hosted weekly food drives for the Salvation Army. They are fundraising for scholarships. They will be selling Poinsetta plants and collecting Toys-4-Tots. They have three new members, lost two members and one member died.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership - Lion Wallie Burnett reported that membership as of November 9th was 1,112, which is 20-15=5 member increase. She stressed the need for all Clubs to get their reports in on time. 33 Clubs are very timely, three have not reported since August, two since May/June and one since September of 2007. Fourteen Clubs received +1 Patch. At the State Level Extension and Retention have tri-folds and mentoring. The MERL Team is working on the Proud Sponsor & Proud Lions Awards for the District Convention. **Extension:** The Twinsburg Club has 20 Charter Members and had their first organizational meeting with three members present. They will have elections December 1st. Their Charter Night will be scheduled after the 1st of the New Year. Bedford Lions are sponsoring this Club.

Parade of Checks: Lion John Tighe wished to remind each organization that receives funds that they must submit their year-end report. According to the District By-Laws these reports are to be approved at the next Cabinet meeting. Reminders will be sent to each organization.

Extension: IPDG Lion Maggie Dellmore thanked Lion Wallie Burnett, Lions Dave Burnett, DDG Lion Marty Dennis, Lions Rich Dennis, and Lion Neil Bevere for their work in Extension. After the Holiday they will focus on Jefferson and Mentor Clubs for re-building. The 13C pins are available for \$2.00 each.

District Project: VDG PDG Grant Frazier noted that "Lions are the best kept secret in the Country, let communities know we are here." Lion Bruce Fiels of the Nordonia Lions Club reported that the Twinsburg Twin Festival brings film crews in from around the world and we should involve all the Clubs in the District with the Annual Twin Parade. This Festival occurs the first Saturday in August. A motion was made by VDG PDG Lion Grant Frazier that we make the Twin Parade a District Project sponsored by the Nordonia Lions Club and chaired by Lion Bruce Fiels. Motion was seconded by IPDG Lion Maggie Dellmore. Another motion was made by DG Dona Klages to waive the 30-Day wait requirement of the District By-Laws and this was seconded by PDG Neil Bevere, Motion Carried. Following this the first Motion Carried.

Toys-4-Tots: PDG Lion Tommy Thompson noted that the deadline for Toys-4-Tots is December 15th.

District Website: Lion Dan Lester noted that the web is up and running again. He would like each member to appoint a member to report information for the Website and the District Bulletin.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion about the Budget and source of funds for the "Administrative" Fund. It was noted this is an informal fund is not in the By-Laws.

NEW BUSINESS:

PDG Lion Neil Bevere noted that he received a call from District D about the need for volunteers for an Eye Project with Lens Crafters at the Gund Arena and wanted to know if anyone was aware of this.

Lion Dan Lester noted that the Ohio State School for the Blind has been invited to march in the Rose Bowl Parade in 2010. Ohio Lions are supporting this through the Lions Foundation and Parade of Checks.

Volunteers are needed to fill three open District/State Committee positions. Lion Sandy Maletz has resigned as State Band Chair and State and District LCIF Chair. The Band Committee meets four times a year and deals with contacting local schools and going to the International Convention. PDG Lion Tommy Thompson volunteered to be the State and District LCIF Committee Chairperson. Another position, State representative on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee is also vacant as Lion Jack Morabito has resigned. Lion Joyce Grady volunteered to take this position.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

PDG Lion Jim Ferritto noted that Channel 3 is doing a story on Ohio Lions Band and a blind student from Brecksville.

Lion Chuck Barton has raffle tickets for the State Convention Committee, the prizes are red jackets with pins and a wheeled display case. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Lion John Tigue noted that December 4th is his Clubs' 16th Annual Holiday Auction. Also, Santa Claus will be making calls on December 1st and 2nd, and he has applications for anyone who wishes to have Santa call a child.

PDG Lion Tommy Thompson noted that the PDG Dues are due in January.

The centerfold article in the Lions Magazine about Bloodview and the Broadview Hts. Lions Club was also brought to everyone's attention.

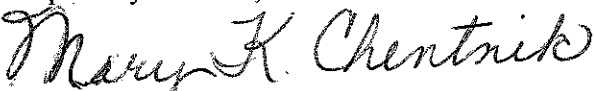
50/50 Raffle Winners:

Lion Chuck Barton
PDG Lion Tom McCune
Lion Wallie Burnett

BENEDICTION: District Governor Lion Dona Klages.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lion Mary K. Chentrik
District 13-C Cabinet Secretary