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District Governor's Report

The Christmas season is here once again! The Lions have been hard at work, doing the good work that Lions do. Toys for Tots is doing very well and that says a lot for Lionism. Lighting Christmas trees, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, and doing food drives - all of these things your Governor has seen and heard at Zone and Club Meetings. It makes me proud to be a Lion. During this past month, the MERL team has been working to get the Burton club up and running. Other good news - Brunswick is close to being chartered! January will be the first annual Winter Retreat, January 15, 16 & 17, 2010. For more information, call (614) 539-5065 (ex 0) for reservations.

Most important of all for this month - have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Governor Grant's Schedule
January 10--Conneaut
January 11--Seville
January 16---Medina

Yours in Lionism

DG Grant & Shirley Frazier


Vice District Governor's Report



*HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO YOU AND YOURS!*

This time of year has to be my favorite. Giving gifts to others is my way of returning friendship and love to our family and friends. I enjoy seeing the faces of children after they have opened their gifts and even our two dogs are fun to watch as they love to rip open their wrapped packages. I guess I'm a kid at heart this time of year, but it's worth it!

I hope that all of your club parties and those parties you give to others are the best this year. I always believe that our Lions

"shine"  at their finest during the holiday season - giving to others who are less fortunate and making sure their holidays are a little

brighter. 

For the past few years, our PDG Lion Tommy Thompson has actively helped the "Toys for Tots" Campaign and through our district's continued support the contributions have grown each year. "Toys for Tots" has been sponsored by the Marine Corp for many years and I'm

proud that our Lions are a part of this seasonal campaign. Thanks Tommy!

As we look forward to the New Year of 2010, I hope that your club will consider the information you have been provided by our MERL Team, our district bulletins and the Lions Magazines - invite potential members to your meetings...conduct a Membership Night...reevaluate your club to try a new service project or a new fund raiser, etc. Change is good for everyone and the challenge is all yours. I'm here to help at any time.

Our district convention preparations are well underway. The Clarion Inn in Hudson is working with the convention committee to assure you a good time - April 30 - May 2, 2010. We will be continuing the "Heroes" celebration on Friday night, so it's a good time to start thinking of your special members who go well beyond what is expected of them.

On behalf of my Lion husband, Dick, we wish you every happiness this holiday season and throughout the coming year. Stay happy and healthy until we meet again.

1st Vice District Governor Lion Marty and Lion Dick Dennis

Membership Chairman Report

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

The Top 100 Membership Ideas These ideas were compiled from hundreds of ideas, suggestions and comments offered by prominent Lions

from all over the United States, and learned and observed during their travels and visits to tens of thousands of Lions Clubs worldwide. The ideas were presented to District 4-C3 Convention on May 14-17, 1998 in Sacramento, California. The contributors to this list are Past International Presidents, International Directors, Past International Directors, District Governors and Past District Governors, International staff members, and Membership Committee members.

Housekeeping:

1. Leadership must come first- the club must train its leaders and set goals for the club.
2. Get the President on the phone-one call from the President is worth two from others.
3. Set goals and make membership each Lion's responsibility- it's not somebody else's job. Do members understand the importance of continuous flow of new members?
4. Build a relationship with the Jaycees-they're 40 year olds, trained in community service who may look for a new service club when their Jaycee careers end.
5. Fun "fines" only and use the Tailtwister positively. Encourage happy times or announcements-use opportunity to "pump up" members with what's good in their lives.
6. Club retreat-meet to find out

what's right and what's wrong with the club, and then use what's right to find ways to fix what is wrong.

7. "First Impression" Program-refine, re-create or re-configure the club to enhance a guest's "First Impression" of it.

8. Satisfying club meetings-do the members learn something, and have fun?

Why else come to the meeting?
9. Proper attention paid to needs of members-thank them, thank them, thank them!

Whether they admit it or not, every member likes to be remembered, acknowledged and thanked.
10. Proper attention paid to the needs of members-does the club help and support its own members who have problems or troubles, like it supports people outside the club?

FIX IT FAST: RETENTION CHALLENGE

One of the issues clubs are struggling to overcome is effectively working together. Dissatisfied members result when differences cause disharmony among members. Try some of these fix it fast tips:

SHARE YOUR ENTHUSIASM--Attitude is infectious; be upbeat, make positive changes
SET THE TONE--Club leadership has a huge impact on the atmosphere of the club; promote respectful and tolerant attitudes.

MEMBER OF THE MEETING

OR MONTH--select one member to acknowledge for his/her efforts.

WELCOME NEW

MEMBERS--promote a warm and accepting attitude toward new members; listen to suggestions

COMMUNICATE

CONSTANTLY--encourage input from all members; create a productive environment; make all members feel important.

For more info check out Fix It Fast Tips on the District website on the MERL Page under Retention.

GALEP Report

GALEP ACTIVITIES

GALEP held its Board Meeting December 7, 2009 and had 30 Lions in attendance. As usual, the Tallmadge Lions provided an enjoyable meal and pies from Osman bakery.

Since its reorganization, GALEP has approved 75 applicants for eye exams and eyeglasses.

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.

No surgery financial assistance is being provided at the present time, but may be considered in the future after discussions with

Summa and also after the health care reforms now being considered the US Congress are concluded.

Lion John Tighe, along with PDG Maggie Dellmore, have prepared revised Code of Regulations and Bylaws for the GALEP program and once certain changes are made, the Document will be voted on for approval by the Board of Directors.

The next Board meeting of GALEP is scheduled for February 1, 2010 and is to be held at the Tallmadge Lions Hall. All Lions are welcome as well as are visitors. Please call 330-633-5739 to let us know if you wish to attend.

**The GALEP
Lion James Lostetter
President**

**Lion Walter Park
Vice President
Lion Raymond Dellmorel
Secretary**

**Lion Neil Sheeley
Treasurer**

Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Charity Hospital

Backlog of Service Application

As of December 2, there is a backlog of over 35 applications, which is about a 3 week wait prior to release. The Lions Eye Program at St. Vincent is

budgeted to release 12 applications weekly. Club referred applicants, students and child applications are released as received. Appointments for eye examinations are now being scheduled in January 2010.

Lions Relocation

The Lions offices are now located at the bottom of the ramp from the security office. Please come visit us.

Nautica Charity Gambling for 2010

The Lions Eye Clinic has been accepted for the 2010 Nautica Charity gambling and has been given May 13-16, 2010 as its weekend. We need as much time as you can spare for dealing, collecting seat fees, and signing in gamblers and volunteers. We are trying to schedule breaks on the hour for our dealers to avoid fatigue. For those who do not like to deal cards, you might want to serve as a relief dealer, which means that you can fill in for the more experienced dealers on 10-15 minute basis.

The 2009 Nautica event netted the Lions Eye Program over \$25,000 enabling us to update one examination room and keep up our level of eyeglass services.

We will be asking for your help and commitment in the coming months.

November Board Meetings

Policy concerning unpaid balances for Medicare and insurance patients has been written and approved by the Board of Directors at its November 4th meeting. All future surgery requests will have to be made on a Surgery Application which asks for information concerning any Medicare or other insurance coverage. Any requests for financial assistance will have to be approved by the Board on a case by case basis.

November Delegate Meeting

The November Delegate meeting was held and we had 27 in attendance. The new surgery form and procedures were discussed. The schedule for the 2010 Board and Delegate Meeting dates have been set and anyone wanting copy, please leave message on our answering machine.

Website

Lion Matt Silvaroli of North Coast Lions has agreed to create a website for the eye clinics. This will enable you to download the most up to date applications and also keep you informed of happenings with the programs.

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**

International President Letter



Dear Lions,

We are making great progress and are seeing very good results as we MOVE TO GROW our great association. It looks like our membership results through November will be double the results for the same period last year, and the best in 10 years.

What has impressed me the most is the possibility of a remarkable 'turn around' story in the USA with membership and new club growth.

Yes, membership is still at a net loss of about -2,400 in the USA, but that's the best result in many, many years - and there's been no other point in recent time when America has been within such close reach to

achieving net growth.

Indeed, this could turn out to be the year of the great 'Lions turn around' story in your great country - a country that has personally inspired me ever since I was befriended by American soldiers as a boy and when I first came here as a young man to learn how to 'move' my family's food business into the future.

Movement requires momentum to propel things forward, and my dear Lion friends in the USA, if you look at the past six years, you are clearly moving in the right direction.

Membership results through November:

2004: - 6,344 net loss
2005: - 5,321 net loss
2006: - 4,362 net loss
2007: - 2,676 net loss
2008: - 3,860 net loss

2009: only a -2,400 loss

New club formation has also increased by nearly 20%, and I've heard from hundreds of club leaders in the USA about new actions in existing clubs to bring in new qualified members, strengthen PR and club visibility and creatively expand their services at a time of growing needs. I am absolutely convinced that this could very well be a historic year -- a year that will usher in the beginning of an era of renewed expansion.

The Lions of America provide more service than any other area, and your growth in

the future will mean so much to so many. It will mean hope to many who today don't see a positive future, and happiness for many who do not always know where to turn for help. Your clubs provide an astonishing 7.5 million hours of community service each year, and provide more than \$120 million annually in funding for humanitarian needs. These are truly remarkable achievements, and they are an example for Lions the world over.

As we enter December, we are approaching a critical juncture. It will be important to continue our momentum, this month in particular, if we are to continue closing the gap and to move ever closer to achieving a turn-around-year that will long be remembered.

To keep you motivated, let me share some good news and some ideas:

****Starting in January, a 1000 Lions billboards will begin appearing across the USA in 30 markets, reminding the public of who we are and what we do.

******Lions In Sight** Public Awareness campaigns will be organized by many clubs throughout the country during the last two weeks in January. Check here for more details.

****Extension workshops and new club consultants are ready to help your district in forming new clubs and club branches - so sign up now for a workshop if you haven't done so already.

Clearly we have the tools and the 'know how' -- all we need is

continued leadership from you, the Lion leaders of America. I know I can rely on you, and please know I will continue to be with you, moving alongside you, as we strive to make this year the beginning of a new era for Lionism.

What you do in the next couple months will be critical to our overall success. So if you need any assistance from me, please let me know. I will do everything in my power to support you, just as I know you will do everything in your power to MOVE TO GROW our great association.

With cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs
International President
MOVE TO GROW

Rose Parade

Ohio and Ohio Lions will be very visible in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The schedule is:

- # 8 LCI Float – Theme: Decades of Service
- # 9 Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band
- #26 The Ohio State University Marching Band
- #50 Ohio University Marching Band
- #75 Pickerington Central Tigers Marching Band

For more information, go to http://www.ohiolions.org/rose_parade.htm

El Salvador

Governor Grant has requested the information below be included:

One time more the tragedy has affected a Latin American country, as you have been able to see in the news; there has been a terrible catastrophe in **El Salvador**. More than 160 people have died and almost 13,000 people have lost their homes, which is tremendous for a small country like **El Salvador**. I have received an E-mail from the District Governor of **El Salvador** requesting help. I have wanted to reproduce his letter (translated by me) and the images that he has sent me.

Dear D.I. Luis Domínguez:

I know you are very occupied as International Director and I don't know if you are aware that my country has suffered one more tragedy, we have had great flood (See the pictures I have attached). LCIF has given use the emergence grant (\$10.000), but the necessities are many and that's why I am asking the Lions of USA, Canada, Europe and Spain, thought you for some help, as you have done in the past. We wait with great hope you answer

Sincerely

Gobernador del Distrito D-2
El Salvador
Roberto Ortega Barahona



To make contributions, go to:
http://lionsclubs.org/donations/lions_lcif_online_donation-disaster.php



CALENDAR

January 2010

15-17 – Lions Winter Retreat – Mohican Lodge

February, 2010

25 - Cabinet Meeting, Clarion, Hudson, OH

April, 2010

30-May 2 - District Convention, Clarion, Hudson, OH

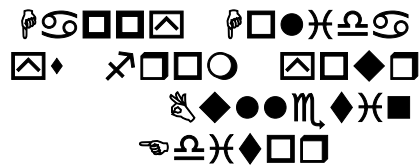
May, 2010

21-23 – State Convention, Dublin, OH

June, 2010

10 - Cabinet Meeting, Clarion, Hudson, OH

28-July 2 – International Convention, Sydney, Australia





2010 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 15-17, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM

MOHICAN STATE PARK RESORT, Perrysville, OH

REGISTRATION:

Registrations paid by December 1, 2009 will be **\$100.00**. Registrations December 2, 2009- January 5, 2010 will be **\$120.00**. No registrations will be accepted after January 5, 2010. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: ohiolions@gmail.com.

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat!

District

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

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NAME: _____

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TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Children's meals available: Total number of children: _____ **(price per meal to be determined)**

SPECIAL NEEDS: Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal.

Registrant's Name: _____

Needs: _____

Registrant's Name: _____

Needs: _____

Registrant's Name: _____

Needs: _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel at <http://www.mohicanresort.com> or by phone **1-419-938-5411**. Room reservations prior to December 15, 2009 may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions group rate of \$75.00/night plus tax **with 1 to 4 persons per room**. After December 15 the room rate may increase. The resort only has 96 rooms and may sell out. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Check out www.mohicanresort.com for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!



1. Bring your Digital Camera to learn how to take an effective and interesting photo. Then, practice what you've just learned with Ohio wildlife...up close and personal. Show your best work and we will send it to "The Lions Magazine for publication!"

2. Raising your Profile in Your Community: Do you want to know how give an explosive increase to your club's standing in your community? Join our panel discussion to learn established ways to promote, and boost our Lions Clubs' reputation in *your* home town!

3. This Isn't Your Father's Lions Club - it is Getting Younger! It's True! Younger members have been our largest new member group? Why? We've got the answers...and we'll share them with you! This is the one you have been waiting for!

4. Bring your Laptop computer and learn how to enter LCI reports, and find a treasure trove of information to help your club. Also, learn how to protect yourself with antivirus, antispyware & firewall protection! This is an exciting hands-on session

5. Mentoring! Learn how to use the time honored program to help your members become better Lions and to perhaps choose to move up the leadership ladder.

6. Whining Allowed! Become acquainted with the Wines of Ohio, face to face! We will have two sessions on this informative and enjoyable topic. "Cheers!" Wait till you see the "lab!" And the homework is to die for...

7. Women in Leadership: Three strong Lions will talk about their experiences as leaders in Ohio - all from a woman's perspective!

8. All Aboard! This is an enjoyable opportunity to learn all about Ohio Railways! In particular, the colorful Rattlesnake & The Ramsey. Experience the history of the Lorain, Ashland & Southern Railroad"

9. Want your Tail Twisted? This is your chance to learn that a good tail twister does more than having a 50/50 raffle or levying fines. Come prepared for fun!

10. Quilts! Learn a lot about your quilts, their value, their history, and how they were made! A national Appraiser will fill you in. Bring your own Quilt!

These are just 10 of the more than 20 out of the extraordinary sessions developed especially for you! These plus swimming, hiking, shopping, and family activities make this a "MUST DO" event for everyone!

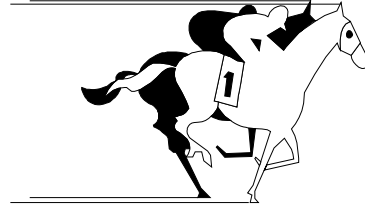


Stow-Munroe Falls Lions
Presents

A Race for Sight

(Formerly Night at the Races)

Saturday, March 6, 2010



Stow Youth Baseball Party Center

4157 Hudson Dr. - Stow Doors open 6:30, Dinner at 7:00

* Video Races and Betting * Side Boards * Raffles

Advance Tickets \$20.00 Per Person

Ticket Price includes:

* Buffet Dinner * Snacks * Beer * Soft Drinks * Coffee * Dessert

*All proceeds go to helping those in need in Stow and
Munroe Falls.*



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