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An Inspiring Lion

The Chesterland Lions Club had something to celebrate from one of their inspiring members. It was at the Annual Chesterland Lions Golf outing just this past August that the festivities began for Lion Michael (nicknamed "Mick") O'Brien. It was there that Lion Mick was awarded the prestigious Dick Bryant Award from the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation presented by District Representative Lion Ada Ahrens. He had no idea that his endless community service and involvement in the Lions organization could gather such an honor. A distinction that Lion Mick doesn't take lightly with his tremendous amount of responsibility and involvement in his club.

Involved in all club events on a continual basis Lion Mick never seems to run out of steam. King Lion Joe Mazzurco stated that Lion Mick is a "take action type of person who always has his hands in something" even chairing three major events for the club. Lion Mick is chairman of the club's concession stand, running it for their Chesterland Lions Football Program, maintaining the concession stand building for

their meetings, and is chairman of the District Convention Hospitality Room for the Chesterland Lions Club in support of the District.

Lion Mick seems to uphold his support of his Club and District by sponsoring three new members since becoming a member in December of 1998. Involving the new members in the Lion Football Program to keep them active. The same Football Program that is not strange for Lion Mick. Lion Mick assistant coached, at one point, the 7, 8, & 9 year old and 10 & 11 year old teams in one season. His club member Lion PDG Bob Stopek stated, "He is a great guy". Even when playing golf at Thunder Hill for the Chesterland Lions Club Golf Outing nothing can exemplify his good spiritedness more than his team taking last place. Lion Mick is simply there to support his club.

As we all know it is often hard to separate home life, work, and the Lions. Yet a dedicated husband to Tammy, Father to Micky and Kayleigh now both are in their teens, Lion Mick seems to balance it all with ease. Lion Mick even

contracted the pouring of the football field bleachers, which, of course, he reserved at a huge discount through his work. Lion Dominic Galati, club secretary, stated "Lion Mick is a happy go lucky kind of person. He does it because he enjoys it. He's what every Lions member should be".

It is easy to conclude that Lion Mick encourages other members of his club to a different degree of motivation. One that he doesn't even realize impacts others. That is what makes Lion Michael (a.k.a. Mick) O'Brien truly and an inspiring Lion.

District Governor's Comments...

It is with regret that I must inform you that the Akron Goodyear Heights Lions Club has cancelled their charter after 49 years and; that I have recommended the Bedford Heights Lions Club be placed on status quo. We are working with the members of both clubs to find other clubs that will meet their schedules and location needs. If you know someone from one of these clubs, perhaps give a call and invite them to attend your club's meeting.

Everyone is busy this time of year with your club projects, participating in city and town holiday festivals, providing food and clothing for those in need, making this holiday a little more special for someone else. Thank-you. Each of you

concrete flooring for the Lions gives so much of yourselves. It is very heartwarming and rewarding to know that I belong to such a giving and selfless organization.

Everyone is rushing around trying to accomplish way too much in too short of time. Stop for just a moment, take a breath and relax. Everything will get done, somehow it always does. Remember to take time to enjoy your family and friends this holiday season.

We wish you the best during the holiday season.

DG Lion Carol &
Lion HO HO HO

Governor's Visitation Schedule

- 01/12 Broadview Heights Lion
- 01/13 Euclid Lions
- 01/17 Strongsville Lions
- 01/18 Cleve Southeast Lions
- 01/19 State Building
Committee Mtg
- 01/23 MERL + Meeting
- 01/26 Tallmadge Lions
- 01/27 South Euclid Lions
- 01/27 South Euclid Lioness

Vice District Governor Grant's Comments

Christmas is over and now we start a new year and what a great year this will be. With all the great clubs in the multiple district how can we miss! Now that the Holiday season is over, it's back on the road again. Lion Shirley and I are looking forward to seeing all of our

good friends. Let's remember that for some parts of the world times are very hard. Lions International has asked all Lions around the world to help those who are hungry and hurting from the great earthquake and tsunami. Please open your heart with prayer and open your wallets so these people will know Lions mean what they say "We Serve"

Yours in Lionism
VGD Grant

VGD Grant & Lion Shirley's Schedule

- Jan 8- Columbus
- Jan11- N. Royalton
- Jan12- Broadview Hts
- Jan18- Seville
- Jan 20- Zone 3
- Jan 23- MERL meeting
- Jan 24- Cleveland Host

The Convention Corner

WHY TAIL TWISTING AND RAFFLES?

As with any Lion's event, Tail Twisting is a major part of the event adding to the fun and fellowship. Although we don't really do any tail twisting at the District Convention, we do include several raffles to add to the fun of the event. Lions throughout the District along with the Host Club gather prizes to be used for raffles.

Traditionally at the Saturday luncheon there is a large shopping bag at each table holding a variety of prizes with a minimum value of \$25.00. Tickets are sold at each table and one person at the tables gets the shopping bag. All the tickets are put in a hopper and a drawing is held for several prizes of a higher value. These items usually include gift certificates, appliances, artwork, tickets for sporting events, etc.

At the Sunday Banquet there are a number of larger prizes with a minimum value of \$100 each. Tickets are available to be purchased by everyone in attendance and the prizes awarded at the end of the banquet.

The raffles add to the fun of the convention, with individual Lions vying with each other for the prizes. The money raised from these raffles goes to the Convention Committee and is used to defray some of the miscellaneous costs of the convention, such as speakers, registration materials, programs, etc. If it were not for the funds raised by the raffles, we would need to charge a registration fee to each person attending to cover these expenses, rather than just asking our Lions to pay for their meals.

Isn't it a lot more fun to have a chance to win some great prizes rather than just paying a registration fee?

***Deepest Sympathy to the Family,
Friends and Fellow Lions and
Lionesses of:***

Lion Walter Salmon-Tallmadge

Dear Fellow Lions,

It was with great shock, disbelief and immense sadness that the people of the world have witnessed the horrific earthquake and tsunami disaster that has impacted millions across South Asia. Lions around the world have been contacting me to learn of LCIF's relief aid provided thus far, and also how they can support Lions in the region respond to this great tragedy.

I am pleased to report that nearly US\$200,000 in emergency grant funding has been disbursed and a special designated fund established for Lions and others who want to help out. Attached is a first bulletin with an update of details of LCIF's relief efforts for this catastrophe.

On behalf of Lions of South Asia, I sincerely thank you for your interest, concern and compassion.

Sincerely,
Dr. Tae-Sup Lee
LCIF Chairperson

LCIF Tsunami Relief Update
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In the last 72 hours, \$170,000 in LCIF Emergency Grant funds have been dispatched to Lions districts in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia to help

the Lions provide food, blankets, water and other relief items.

There are 73,000 Lions in the hardest hit regions of India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia on the spot, coming to the aid of those in need. They are working in the affected communities, as well as coordinating with the government at national levels. In Sri Lanka, the Lions have formed a joint commission with the government to expand the country's response in dealing with the critical issues of shelter, water supplies and sanitation. In India, the hardest hit districts in and around Chennai have also come together to coordinate the expenditure of US\$50,000 in LCIF funding awarded for districts that cover the coastline from Tamil Nadu north to Orissa.

For Lions wishing to help support these efforts, LCIF has created a special designated fund, the "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund," to receive donations that will be forwarded on to the affected areas. This fund will complement funds already awarded. Funds will be used to support both immediate and long-term needs of the victims. Already Lions around the world are making pledges of support, including US\$120,000 from the Lions of Sweden and US\$200,000 from the Lions of Korea. Lions and others interested in supporting this

special fund can do so by making a donation to LCIF. In North America, checks can be sent to LCIF. In other countries, funds can be sent directly to the LCI or LCIF accounts. In both cases, a cover note or memo on the check/deposit slip should indicate that the donation is for the "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund." You may also contact your district's LCIF chairperson for more details on making donations to LCIF. If you have any questions, please contact lcif@lionsclubs.org.

LCIF will continue to keep you updated through these bulletins. More funds will be awarded by LCIF in the coming days as needs are assessed. Your support is needed to help Lions of the world respond to what is the world's largest catastrophe in modern history.

Here's What's Happening in Our District.....

Akron-The club is investigating and formulating a plan to make a "Thrill of the Hill" race at Derby Downs their new generation fund-raiser. Watch for more information to come

Cuyahoga Falls- The club will again be collecting Acme Fresh Market register tapes.

Norton- has moved their meeting place back to the VFV on Houston Road

Royalton Hills- Plans are under way for their Annual Poor Mans Raffle to be held on February

12 at Pipers III. Call Lion Cindy for tickets (440) 237-3244

South Euclid Lioness- Ongoing collection of the following items will continue: greeting card fronts, pop and beer can tabs, Campbell soup labels and cereal box tops marked for education.

Ohio Lions Band Report

The Ohio Lions Band made us very proud at the International Convention this year in Detroit. The Band Committee would like to keep the momentum going, and this band program growing.

We have come up with a few ideas that will take the Ohio Lions Band to the next level. Because of the distance in travel, we will not be sending the band to Hong Kong in 2005. Instead we will be bringing this years band members back for a concert to make history.

We would like our new band members to join the past band members in a retreat the week of June 23-28, 2005 with the concert taking place on June 28th.

Registration for the Ohio Lions State Band available on our web site.

I hope you get as excited as I am to see much progress in the establishment of a Band for Ohio to enjoy not only at convention time but throughout the year as they may soon be traveling within Ohio giving similar concerts. If you have any questions please call me.

Yours in Lionism
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