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AN INSPIRING LION

It's hard to believe that an individual, who once thought about leaving Lions totally, would someday become one of the most impressive assets of the Lions of District 13C. Her ideas of creating a variety of new projects, that included an entire District Zone, were nearly unheard of before. The projects that her Zone would take on added another dimension for the Lions of Ohio to help others less fortunate. Lion Wallie Burnett is this individual, and she is now in her third term as Zone Chairperson. She continues to demonstrate her leadership capabilities with refreshing new ideas for the District and State.

Lion Wallie has been married to Lion Dave Burnett since 1968. Lion Wallie has been a substitute teacher for the past 25 years. She excels in teaching business classes to high school kids. Lions Wallie and Dave have three children, Lisa and Lori, who are twins, and Joanne. They also have four grandchildren. Lions Wallie and Dave enjoy camping in a camper that is a small house on wheels, with all the comforts of home.

Lion Wallie joined the Willoughby Hills Lions Club in 1994. She served on many of their committees and was a two term President of the Willoughby Hills Lions Club before she nearly left Lions forever. Lion Wallie knew that her time with the Lions wasn't complete, and chose to transfer to the North Coast Club in June of 2002. She started with the North Coast Club as their membership chairperson. In this capacity she has sponsored 22 new club members, while maintaining her personal 100% attendance record since 1994. Lion Dave Burnett stated, "When she puts her mind to doing something she does it 100% and wholeheartedly."



Lion Wallie Burnett
Receives an Inspiring
Lion Award from DG Ken

Lion Wallie was recognized for her leadership abilities in 2003 when she was asked to take on the responsibility of Zone Chairperson. She continues to serve as Zone Chairperson and is also a member of the State Membership Committee and the District Leadership Committee. King Lion Dottie Kopnicky of the North Coast Club said, "Lion Wallie encouraged me to set my goals high when I joined the Lions. And now I am President. She truly is the glue that holds our club together."

Currently, Lion Wallie is the Secretary for the North Coast Club and has held this position since 2003. Lion Linda Fulton, Director for the Club, stated, "Lion Wallie taught me 'what you put into anything, you get back, plus' and I cannot ask for a better friend." It is obvious that the North Coast Lions truly appreciate Lion Wallie.

Without exception, Lion Wallie is also well respected within Lions International receiving three International Presidents awards as well as Leadership, Distinguished Achievements, Service, and Membership awards. The recognition that comes with these awards establishes the gratitude of Lions everywhere for the fact that she chose to remain a Lion. Her teaching skills, attitude, and general caring for people are evidence that she will remain a leader in Lions for a long time to come. And that is what makes Lion Wallie Burnett truly an inspiring Lion.

**District Governor
Ken's Comments**



This is the time of year when we take a quick break from all those meetings and charge up our batteries to get ready for the 2nd half of the Lions year. There is much yet to be done, including completing those community service and fund raising programs you have been planning for months, recruiting some new members (remember, you want to wind up with at least one more member than you started the year with = net +1), and get ready for some serious partying at the District and State Conventions in April and May.

But most importantly, have a great holiday season with your families and friends. For many of us this is the best time of the year, so make the most of the occasion. Share your enjoyment in Lionism with everyone.

DG Ken & Carole!

December Road Show:

- 4 GALEP
- 6 Broadview Heights
- 11 Cleveland SE
- 12 North Coast
- 13 Medina
- 20 Mayfield Heights
- 25 You know what happens today.....

January (Happy New Year):

- 2 Ashtabula
- 13 State Committees
- 16 Zone 1 meeting
- 21 OLERF
- 24 Zone 3 meeting



Santa says..... "No more North Pole and ice and snow for me!"

♪ I'm dreaming of Christmas,
on Christmas Island ♪

**Vice District Governor
Maggie's Comments**



Lion Ray and I would like to wish everyone a "Happy" and "Safe" Holiday.

Some dates to remember for the New Year:

District Convention
April 20 -22 at the Quality Inn in Richfield. Keep watching the bulletin for news about the convention.

State Convention
May 18-20 at the Bertram Inn in
Aurora. Since this so close to us
I hope we have a LARGE
number of District C Lions in
attendance.

International Convention
July 2 – 6 in Chicago Illinois

USA/Canada Leadership Forum
September 6-8 in Grand Rapids,
Michigan

Vice District Governor,
Lion Maggie Dellmore

Deputy District Governor Dona's Comments



At the rear of this bulletin you
will find a form to reserve space
for the “Bragging Rights”
seminar at the District
Convention. Please note that
SPACE IS LIMITED, and is
First Come – First Served.
Please return the form to me as
early as possible to avoid being
“shut out.”

DDG Dona Klages & Jim

*Please join with all the
members of District 13-C in
expressing our deepest
sympathy to the family and
friends on the passing of:
PDG Bob Stopek-Chestland*

Seeking DDG Candidates

It's time for someone to step
forward to serve the Lions of
13-C as Deputy Dist. Governor
beginning July 1, 2007.

Will this position take some
work? Absolutely, but it will
also be rewarding and fun and
exciting. Anyone who has ever
“gone through the chairs” will
tell you that it is an experience
of a lifetime. You'll be literally
shocked by the number of
interesting people you meet
from all over the world, and the
multitude of things you learn.
As District Governor, you will
also learn to reach with fear and
trepidation into your mailbox as
you discover the near daily
arrivals from Lion International.
But that, too, is part of the
learning experience.

What are the requirements? The
details can be found in the Ohio
Lions Constitution, Article VII,
section 7, but here are the
basics:

- a. Be a member of club in
good standing,
- b. Been a club president,
- c. Been a Zone Chairperson or
a Cabinet Secretary or
Treasurer for a year,
- d. Served at least one more
year on the Dist. Cabinet.

If you are interested, please
contact one of the District
Officers and make your feelings
known. We can assist you in
considering this opportunity.

Thanks,

DG Ken Marshall

Lions Official Candy Day May 5th, 2007 Supports the OLERF Dick Bryant Fellowship

Mints Available:
Peppermint
Wintergreen
Fizzy Fruit
Sugar Free
& NEW Spearmint

Please contact Lion Mike Tyler
for our District discount price.
440-975-0477
mpty526@comcast.net

THE CONVENTION CORNER

The District 13-C Convention
dates are April 20-22, 2007.
The location is the Quality Inn
& Suites, 4742 Brecksville
Road, Richfield, Ohio (this was
formally called the Holiday Inn,
Richfield. It is on Ohio Route
21, ½ mile south of the Ohio
Turnpike exit).

See updated schedule near the
back of the Bulletin.

The Friday night entertainment
will be “Music-in-Motion.”
This is a **high-energy singing &
dance group** from the
Brecksville, Broadview Heights
High School. You'll get tired
just watching them! Details and
pricing will appear soon.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

SHOULD YOUR CLUB BE FILING A FORM 990?

FILING REQUIREMENTS

Every tax exempt organization which *normally* has **GROSS** receipts in excess of \$25,000 is required to file a "Return of Organization Exempt from Taxation" form 990 or Form 990-EZ (Short Form). A tax-exempt organization is considered to *normally* have gross receipts in excess of \$25,000 if during the current fiscal year and the immediate prior two years, the organization averaged in excess of \$25,000.

Normal Gross Receipts

If the club has total combined gross receipts of \$73,800 for the current accounting year and the prior two accounting years then it has \$24,600 average gross receipts and would not be required to file a 990 or 990-EZ for the current fiscal year. However, if the club receives a preprinted form 990 from the IRS then it must file the return and check the ending box stating it has less than \$25,000 gross receipts for the current accounting year.

The test for normal gross receipts must be done each year in order to determine whether the club has in excess of \$25,000 in gross receipts.

Gross Receipts

Gross receipts are the gross amounts the club receives from all sources, without reduction for costs or expenses.

Examples

The club realizes proceeds from sale of stock of \$1,200 and shows a gain on the stock of \$300. The original cost of the stock was

\$900. The \$1,200 must be used in determining gross receipts.

The club has total proceeds from its reverse raffle of \$15,000 and expenses of \$12,000; the club must use the \$15,000 in determining gross receipts.

Due Date of Filing

The form 990 or 990-EZ must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month following the accounting year-end of the club. If the clubs year-end is June 30, then the filing date is November 15th.

Form Year

The year of the 990 form is determined by the year in which December 31st falls within the clubs accounting year. If the clubs accounting year ends on June 30, 2006, then the club would file a 2005 form 990 since December 31 fell in the year 2005.

Normal Gross Receipts Less than \$25,000

There are five reasons for my recommending that all clubs file a federal form 990, notwithstanding the amount of the clubs normal gross receipts.

1. The 990 provides a very good public relations tool, which tells anyone who may ask what the club has done with the monies raised from fundraisers.
2. The 990 forces the club to review and assess its activities for the past year and consider whether some projects or fundraisers are worthwhile. Often we do the same things year after year without giving much thought of why they are being done.
3. The state of Ohio requires an annual report and registration for any tax-exempt organizations, which are engaged in fund raising and receive in excess of \$25,000 or engage in bingo fund

raising activities. The 990 helps provide the basis for this registration.

4. The tax statute of limitations of 3 years begins once the 990 is filed. This means that if no 990 is filed, there is no tax statute of limitations and all years in which no 990 was filed are open to audit.
5. Beginning in 2008, tax-exempts having less than \$25,000 in normal gross receipts will be required to file an annual report with the Internal Revenue Service.

990 or 990-EZ

Clubs with less than \$100,000 in normal gross receipts may file a 990-EZ, which is simple form to prepare.

Electronic Filing

Your club may file your federal 990 for no charge on the website www.efile990.org.

Please contact Lion Neil Sheeley for any assistance or advice on this financial information.

Neil Sheeley, CPA
District Club Financial Advisor

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

Are you planning a Membership Drive soon? Check the brochures available through the Membership Operation Department at memberops@lionsclubs.org or by calling 630-571-5466, ext. 322 or 356. Check out the web version of the new brochure *LIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE (ME-40)* Using the Web can be one of the quickest way to inform prospective members about your club. After printing the ME-40 Web version,

the club can add information at the bottom of the page. Remember the Governor's Membership Contest ends in March 2007. You still have a few months to recruit those new members. Good Luck.
Lion Wallie

LOOKING for HELP!

A new statewide Committee is being formed to support the *Lions Quest* program.

Quest builds School-Family-Community relationship through character education, life skills, positive prevention, service learning and social & emotional learning.

If you would like to become the District 13-C representative to this State Committee, and get in on the ground floor of this activity, please contact DG Ken.

LOOKING for HELP!

We as Lions have a wonderful opportunity to help mold children's minds. We have 3 students from Peru that would like to come to Ohio Jan 11 – Feb 24. If you or anyone you know would like to host one of the students please email me at Jeniburg@aol.com or call 740-927-1007 during the day. This is your turn to make a difference in a young person's life. I have hosted 3 different students and loved every one of them.

The girl's names are:
Gianina Aybar, she is 15, likes painting, singing, dance and gymnastics.

Stephanie Guin, she is 15, likes music, plays the violin and is learning to play guitar.

Margarita Cabrera, she is 16, like music, swimming, reading, and theater

State Youth Committee Chair
Lion Jeni Ashbrook

Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent

History of the Clinic

Lions Dr. Maxwell Udelf, Salvatore LoBosco, Bob Lowe, Harold Hoyt and Dr. Howard Siegel incorporated the Lions Eye Clinic as a non-profit corporation in February 1970. The Lions Eye Clinic received its 501(c)(3) determination letter in December of 1988. From 1970 to 1990, LEC (Lions Eye Clinic) operated as a partnership between St. Vincent and the Lions, with the Lions providing the necessary equipment for four examination rooms plus an office and the hospital provided the professional and clerical staff for operation of the clinic. After 1990, the Lions began focusing on paying for eyeglasses and surgical care for the indigent and replacement and updating of ophthalmology equipment at the clinic. From 1990 to the present the Lions have provided over \$450,000 in equipment to the clinic and at least that much prior to 1990.

Funding

Much of the initial funding for the clinic came from fundraising and a professional fund raising group that did phone solicitations. We also received money from District 13C through the Parade of Checks. In about 1993, the Delegates of the Lions Eye Clinic voted not to let the PR group continue with the professional fundraising. The Clinic has now become reliant on the Parade of Checks for its operating funds. This year the Clinic participated in the Nautica

Charitable gambling program and made approximately \$24,700, which will be used to purchase much needed equipment for the examination rooms.

Organization & Meetings

The officers of the clinic include the President, First VP, Second VP, Secretary, Asst Secretary, Treasurer, and Asst. Treasurer all of whom serve a 2-year term. There are six zones in District 13C. Each zone has 2 Directors who serve staggered 2-year terms and may be appointed by the Zone Chairman. All past Presidents of the Clinic also serve as Directors. Each club in District 13C can appoint a member that has a vote at the Delegate meeting, if there is something that needs to be voted on.

Our Board Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November in the main Board Room at St. Vincent Charity Hospital and includes a buffet luncheon provide by the hospital. This meeting is open to all Lions of District 13C, but only the Directors and Past President are entitled to vote. The Delegate Meetings are held the third Monday of every other month starting in January and is open to all Lions of District 13C, but only registered delegates may vote on issues or officers.

Review Committee

Applications for eyeglasses and eye surgeries are submitted to the Lions through the St. Vincent appointment desk. An application is completed and submitted to our office. Our review committee meets every other Wednesday and is made up of the officers of the Clinic as well as delegates and any other District 13C Lions who wish to come down. The applications are reviewed to make sure they have not received glasses in the

past 2 years and that there is a need because of low income. A transmittal form is filled out and sent to Geauga Vision for eyeglasses or to the Hospital appointment desk for surgery if applicable.

The applications submitted by Lions Clubs, on behalf of people they feel deserve them, are processed immediately. They are in most cases approved by the committee, and an appointment is set up for them to have their eyes examined by a doctor. A letter is sent to them and the referring Lions Club with the date and time of the Exam. After they receive a prescription, they go across the hall to order their glasses from Geauga Vision. If your Club needs applications, please contact the Lions Eye Clinic at (216) 363-2500. We will make sure your Club receives them immediately. Your Clubs support the Lions Eye Clinic. We are here first to serve the Lions Club referrals.

Current Operations of the Clinic

The Lions Clinic operates out of two offices in the basement of St. Vincent Charity Hospital, and in the past two years has established procedures utilizing computers, faxes and the internet. We maintain a database of all applicants requesting service from the clinic and have over 3,200 applications since January 2001. The database helps to make sure that applicants are not receiving eyeglasses more than once every two years, although exceptions are made for special reasons. We also have been maintaining a quality control program, which provides assurance that applicants receiving service at the Lions Eye Clinic are being provided service which reflects positively on the Lions.

We are currently providing over 450 pairs of eyeglasses annually.

Because of an increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for eye surgeries, we were limiting the financial support of surgeries to Club referrals only, but recently the Board of Directors has agreed to let the review committee approve more surgeries on an as needed basis.

Endowment Fund

We have recently created an Endowment fund. We established the endowment, to create a legacy that lives forever, to ensure that operating expenses will be covered and that the programs will continue to meet the growing need for its service. If you would like to make a gift or bequest of \$100.00 or more, you will have an opportunity to place a name plate in honor of a "Family", "Recognition of", or "In Memory of". This nameplate will be placed on our Giving Plaque, which is displayed at St. Vincent Hospital. Remember your contribution is tax deductible.

In summary, we would like to thank the Lions of District 13C for their support, and we hope that you will continue to support us through the Parade of Checks for the Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent.

Respectfully Submitted
Lion Pam Abrams

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

Cleveland SE, North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Garfield Heights and Mayfield Heights Lions are selling \$1.00 raffle tickets for a \$500 Gas Card. Contact any member from these clubs to get your tickets.
CORRECTION (to last month's bulletin) - Drawing will be held

December 20th at the Mayfield Heights Lions 25th Charter Night.

Mayfield Heights Lions invites you to join them for the celebration of their 25th Anniversary on December 20, 2006. For specific details please contact Lion Barb Mertel (440) 943-2520 or via email to bmertel@adelphia.net.

North Coast Lions Club wishes all District 13C Lions a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year. NC is twinning with Santa Anita Lions of Lima Peru. Lion Zonia, Zone Chair in her district, is visiting her daughter Roxana and plans to attend the NC December meeting.

Royalton Hills Lions will be hosting their Annual Dinner and Poor Man's Raffle at Pipers III on February 24th. Contact Lion Cindy for tickets or more information 440-237-3244 or at Bareftn813@aol.com

Stow-Monroe Falls Lions are now selling the 2007 Entertainment Books -Akron for \$30, Canton for \$30, and Cleveland for \$25

Advertise your events in our District bulletin and on our website. Please email your flyer to Lionsdistrict13C@aol.com and Lion Dan will get them posted on our website. Please email information for the bulletin to Bareftn813@aol.com or by snail mail to 9950 Abbey Road, North Royalton, OH 44133

District 13-C Convention Agenda

April 20-22, 2007 Quality Inn & Suites, Richfield, Ohio

THEME: "Music Makes the World Go Round"

Event	Location	Time	Remarks
<u>Friday, 4/20/07</u>			
Registration	Lobby	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	
Dinner and Entertainment	Ballroom C/D	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm,	"Music in Motion" & John DiPalma (See separate flier)
Governor's Hospitality	Brecksville Room	9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	
<u>Saturday, 4/21/07</u>			
1st Lady's Hospitality	Brecksville Room	7:30 am – 11:00 am	
Registration/Delegates	Lobby	8:00 am – 9:30 am	
Mini-Mart	Corridor to Ballroom	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	
Business Session	Ballroom C/D	9:30 am -11:00 am	
Lunch	Ballroom C/D	12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Dr. Larry Leguire, Scientific Advisor to OLERF.
Seminars & Leadership Training	Various	2:15 pm – 6:00 pm	(see details below)
Hospitality Rooms	Various	6:30 pm – 12:00 pm	
Entertainment:	Heartland	8:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Majestic Sound, John DiPalma, other.
<u>Sunday, 4/22/07</u>			
Breakfast	Brecksville Room	7:30 am – 11:00 am	
Necrology	Heartland	9:00 am – 9:45 am	
Registration	Lobby	10:00 am – 11:00 am	
Grand Banquet	Ballroom C&D	11:00 am – 2:30 pm	Intl. Guests PID Gary & Lion Brenda Brown

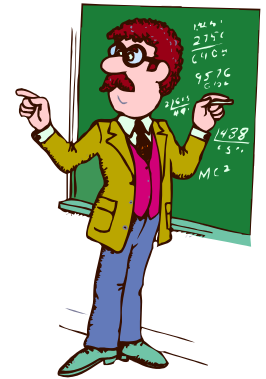
Seminars: Ballroom A/B

<u>2:15-3:00</u>	<u>3:15-4:00</u>	<u>4:15-???</u>
LCI Information	PR & Alert	"Bragging Rights"
PID Gary Brown	VDG M. Dellmore & PDG J. Ferritto	DDG D. Klages

Leadership Training:

Heartland 1	<u>2:15-3:15</u>	<u>3:30-4:45</u>	
	Back to Basics PDG S. Bates	New Member Orientation Lion Mike Tyler	
Heartland 2	<u>2:15-3:15</u>	<u>3:30-4:45</u>	
	Pres/VP Session PDG T. Thompson	Secretary Session ZC P. Abrams	
"The View"	<u>2:15-3:15</u>	<u>3:30-4:30</u>	<u>4:45-5:45</u>
	Treasurer/Finance Lion N. Sheeley	Zone Chair ("Next Step") ZC W. Burnett	Treasurer/Finance Lion N. Sheeley

BRAGGING RIGHTS !



Is your club proud of a new Community Service or Fund Raising Project?

Have you done something unusual or different this year?
Are you just dying to tell someone about it?

Here's your Chance !!!

At the District Convention on Saturday, April 21, 2007

We will be having a **Special Seminar** to allow you to BRAG about anything your club is proud of.

FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED !

- ★ - On Saturday morning, you will be able to set up a display in Ballroom A/B for "Show & Tell." You'll be assigned one-half of an 8 foot table for your display.
- ★ - During the afternoon you will have a reserved time slot when you can tell everyone what you have done.
- ★ - Do you just want to talk without using a display? That's also OK.

YOU HAVE TO TELL US YOU ARE COMING!

As it says above, this is First Come - First Served.
There will be time for about 12 clubs to speak. Please respond early to make sure that a time slot will be available.

To Make a Reservation,
Return this form to DDG Dona Klages at
27621 Chagrin Blvd. #125, Woodmere, OH 44122
(or call 216-292-0633 or email jdklages@sbcglobal.net)

Club _____

Contact _____ Phone _____