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### District Governor's Report

*Dear District 13-C Lions,*

*I hope you and your families are "maintaining" during our continuous snowy-Ohio. I really don't put too much trust in that "Phil" rodent from PA, but it's going to be a long thaw no matter how much more snow we get!*

*I have been attending club and zone meetings, and continue to be enthused with the projects our clubs have and will conduct for others. It's truly a pleasure to know our 38 clubs are serving their communities to keep our organization's name out front. Keep it going, Lions!*

*A recent opportunity occurred at the Elmcroft Health Center Health Fair in Medina gave our Lions the chance to provide awareness to this community and its residents. Although the weather was a bit questionable for those traveling, we were able to meet and discuss*

*membership and involvement to some. This was a fine example of another way our district clubs can simply set-up a table, display some information of Lions, and talk to those individuals who walk through the event – at health fairs, malls, etc.*

*Several of our district Lions attended the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat at the Mohican Lodge where nearly 160 Lions/spouses/families spent time together to have some indoor winter fun: swimming; cards/board games; watched a playoff NFL football game; learned ideas from other clubs; partake of great food; good fellowship for 2 days, and just a time to relax. The surroundings were beautiful. This event now replaces the Fall Conference where we had been accustomed to a stuffy hotel, doing the usual shopping and took our chance with restaurants. Next year's weekend event will be at Deer Creek, and I encourage our club members to consider something*

*different in the winter time by attending.*

**Exciting Upcoming Events:**

- *The Club Excellence Process (CEP) will be offered to the “southern” district clubs on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Tallmadge Lions Hall. The “northern” clubs are also welcome to attend, but the cabinet thought the training should be split into two dates in consideration of travel/distance. All King Lions were sent an email of the times, and we need to receive responses from those clubs who will be attending.*

*Call me (330-655-2302) or email [Dufstoy2@aol.com](mailto:Dufstoy2@aol.com).*

- *Lion Ada Ahrens and the 13-C Convention Committee are working diligently to offer our district Lions/spouses/guests a wonderful weekend. Mailings were sent last week, I am personally excited about all of the events that have been planned with*

*YOU in mind. Please have your club’s King Lion review the schedules and consider attending YOUR convention on April 29, 30 and May 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, I encourage your clubs to support our district’s Parade of Checks this year by donating at least 10% more to each foundation – we are the reason these groups are able to function to help others.*

- *Members of your cabinet are working very hard to form a new club in Parma. The district has been fortunate to have had some recent newspaper publicity and the support of Parma’s Mayor DiPiero and his staff. The first organizational meeting is scheduled soon and as with any new club, we will need 20 members to charter. Please talk with those who live in Parma or surrounding communities to*

*consider being a part of this new club!*

- *The Tallmadge Lions are working toward the formation of a Leo club within their community, led by the Morrow Family. Lion Dick Dennis has been helping with information and offering his support to make this happen. Good Luck to all!*

*We have recently lost two more long-time and very active Lions. Please keep the families of Lions Jim VanGilder (Tallmadge Lions) and Harry Boos (Stow-Munroe Falls Lions) in your thoughts and prayers. To those of our Lions or families who are ill, we send you a speedy recovery.*

*Until we meet again, stay happy and healthy,*



*District Governor Lion Marty and Lion Dick Dennis*

## **First Vice District Governor’s Report**

The Winter Retreat was another successful event sponsored by Ohio Lions at Mohican State Park. I think that everyone in

attendance had a great time, and if you weren't there you really missed all the fun! I was able to attend some very interesting sessions and enjoyed mingling with the Lions from around the State. Next year it will be moved a little further south at another Ohio State Park that I have never been to, Deer Creek. I want to congratulate "Apache" PDG Maggie and Lion Ray Dellmore's Doberman who is being recognized by District G. Apache will be featured on their next Pilot Dog Pin. If you have not seen these pins, they are a work of art and well worth the money, as all proceeds from the sales go to Pilot Dogs. Apache will also be attending a membership guest night put on by the Clayland Lions Club on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Each year since 2007 District G has sold a pin featuring a Pilot Dog. I have the 2009-2010 "Ginger" pin and look forward to buying the new "Apache" pin to show my support of the Pilot Dog program.



This coming weekend I will be attending the District Governor training session in Columbus and working with my fellow 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor's in creating goals and objectives for next year. It is so hard to believe that July will be here

soon and a new Lions Year will begin.

I am still very concerned about our membership numbers and hope that each of you will be able to get out and recruit. We are very hopeful that we will get the Parma Club up and running soon, and we have an organizational meeting planned. If we get this Club going it will help our numbers. However, that is not the final solution, and everyone needs to work to build District 13-C back to where it should be.

Stay warm and remember that spring is right around the corner!

**1VDG Lion Mary Chentnik**

### **Second Vice District Governor's Report**

There will be no report from Lion Dan this month. Lion Dan has been busy, and he and PDG Lion Carol have had a blessed event – a new puppy, named Wyatt .



Wyatt

### **Cabinet Treasurer Report**

#### **Lions Club International Dues Increase**

At the 2011 Seattle International Convention, the LCI Board is going to vote on a

\$4.00 dues increase to occur in two increments of \$2.00 each beginning July 1, 2012 and another \$2.00 beginning July 1, 2013.

This means that after July 1, 2013 total International, State, and District dues will be \$59.00 (District - \$3.84: State - \$12.16: LCI - \$43.00).

#### **Club Documents**

Banks are asking for more information when clubs open bank accounts, including Federal Identification Numbers, Incorporation papers, club charters and bylaws. Now is the time to check to make sure you have this information in the event that you plan to change banks.

This is happening because banks are charging fees for just about everything and will only give relief to qualified tax exempt organizations.

#### **Incorporation**

If your club has not incorporated, now is the time to do it. It is an inexpensive process and you do not need an attorney to file the incorporation application with the Ohio Secretary of State. You will need the documents mentioned in paragraph above.

**Lion Neil Sheeley  
Cabinet Treasurer**

### **Membership Chairman Report**

## MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

Well, I am back—more suggestions for successful meetings by keeping meetings **FRESH. BREAK UP THE ROUTINE:** breaking up cliques can bring new life to your gatherings. Place some kind of code (number or color) at each place; when members are seated ask them to check the code (each table will have a number or color) and move to the appropriate matching table.

Use a different ice breaker at each meeting and see the good club dynamics grow. Invite other clubs to your meetings; sharing projects will give food for thought. **GET MEMBERS INVOLVED** in discussing/sharing ideas. Ask a different member each month to talk about himself/herself and the family. What a great way to learn about new members, too. Include time at the end of each meeting to ask the “quieter members” if there is something they would like to ask or discuss. Remember to keep it “flowing”. **REWARD ATTENDANCE:** use a raffle/drawing for only members who attend meeting. Offer something of value to encourage members to attend: good program, good food, and fun. So, you want to keep the meeting FRESH; shake it up a little and don't be afraid to try something new. See you next month with more suggestions.

**Lion Wallie Burnett**

## GALEP Report

### GALEP ACTIVITIES

GALEP held its Board meeting Monday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Tallmadge Lions Hall.

Summa Health Systems Carolyn Hobbs and Dr. Depak Edwards of Summa made a request to GALEP for financial assistance to upgrade a special piece of equipment which GALEP had contributed over \$45,000 to purchase in 1999. Cost to upgrade is over \$40,000.

The Board agreed to contribute \$5,000 to Summa for the upgrade.

**Eyeglass Applications**  
Prior to reorganization, GALEP provided over 450 pairs of prescription eyeglasses to those in need in the Akron area and since reorganization has provided only 75 pairs. It was originally thought that Prevent Blindness Ohio may have been filling the void left by the reorganization, but a number of attending Lions thought that was not the case.

It was agreed that GALEP needs to get on the Social Services Network listings again and make itself known to the Akron community, since many of these agencies are of the opinion that GALEP is no longer in operation.

**Slate of Officers**  
Lion Bill Giffen is head of the committee for establishing a

slate of officers for the 2011/2013 term and the slate will be presented and voted upon at the April Board meeting. Anyone wanting to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer should contact Lion Bill Giffen of Lion James Lostetter at 330-633-5739 and leave a message.

**Code of Regulations**  
Discussion over whether the District Lions were properly represented in voting for the officers of GALEP. At present, only the officers of the Program have a vote for the election of GALEP officers but some attending Lions would like to see all District Lions have a vote on the officer elections.

**Directors**  
The six zone Chairs of District 13-C shall appoint 3 Directors to the Board of GALEP. These Directors terms shall be staggered with one appointment or re-appointment each year. There can be no more than one Director from a club. The Director terms are for 3 years. Anyone wishing to be a Director on the Board of GALEP should contact their zone Chair.

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.

The next Board meeting of GALEP will be Monday April 4th, 2011 at 7:00PM at Tallmadge Lions Hall, Northeast Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio.

**The GALEP  
Lion James Lostetter  
President**

**Lion Walter Park  
Vice President**

**Lion Raymond Dellmore  
Secretary**

**Lion Neil Sheeley  
Treasurer**

**Lions Eye Clinic at St.  
Vincent Charity Medical  
Center**

Next Board Meeting March 9,  
2011

Next Delegate Meeting March  
21, 2011

#### Revised Constitution

The revisions to the Lions Eye Clinic Constitution have been finalized and have been emailed and mailed to all Officers and Directors of the Lions Eye Clinic.

This has been the first revision since 2005 and primarily provides clarification for the election of officers, appointment or election of Directors, and other procedural matters.

The revised Constitution will be voted on at the March 9<sup>th</sup> Board

and requires that at least 2/3 of the Officers and Directors be present for the vote. This means that there must be at least 16 Officers and Directors present at the March board meeting.

#### Slate of Officers

PDG Grant has a slate of officers but is holding the slate open until the May 11th Board meeting in order to be certain that all Lions of District 13-C have had a chance to make known their wish to be an officer of the organization. At present there are two or more persons showing an interest in running for some of the offices but have not fully committed as of this date.

#### Procedure

At the May 11th Board meeting, the Board of Directors will review, make suggestions, and approve the slate of officers, and then forward to the May 16th Delegate meeting for a vote. Since there is more than one person running for some offices, a ballot will be presented to the Delegates at the May 16th Delegate meeting. Prior to the vote, nominations may be made from the floor of the Delegate meeting.

The officers for the 2011/2013 term formally take office at the July Board meeting and will be sworn in during the July Delegate meeting.

#### Directors

Each Zone is entitled to 2 Board Directors to be elected or appointed by the Zone Chairs.

If a seat in any zone remains unfilled for more than 120 days from the beginning of the Lion year (July 1) or from the date when the President sends notice to the Zone Chair that there is an opening, the President may appoint a Director from that zone to fill the unfilled position, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

#### Delegates

Each club in the District is entitled to one vote by one Delegate or Alternate Delegate appointed by the President of each club. Any member of a club who attends a Delegate meeting is presumed to represent that club for purposes of voting on program matters. If more than one club member is in attendance at a Delegate meeting, the club members will decide among themselves who will represent the club.

#### Co-pay Policy

The new co-pay policy is now in effect and so far there have been no problems in the implementing of the policy.

#### Clinic Officers

PDG Grant Frazier is still looking for District Lions who might be interested in being on the Board of Directors, as well as holding Leadership offices. There will be a discussion and vote on the 2011/2013 slate of officers at the May 16, 2011 Delegate Meeting. Nominations for Officers may be made from the floor at the May 16<sup>th</sup> Delegate meeting prior to the vote.

**Delegate Meeting Reminder  
PLEASE KEEP IN MIND  
THAT YOU MUST LET US  
KNOW PRIOR TO 10 AM  
FRIDAY BEFORE THE  
DELEGATE MEETING IF  
YOU PLAN TO ATTEND  
AND ENJOY DINNER  
WITH US. WE HAVE TO  
PAY BASED UPON THE  
NUMBERS WE CALL IN  
ON FRIDAY.**

**Use the Program  
The Lions Eye Clinic Inc is  
YOUR program. Please use  
it. It is an important part of  
the mission of District 13-C  
Lions and when someone asks  
what Lions do, you can point  
to the St. Vincent and Akron  
programs which provide over  
650 pairs of prescription  
eyeglasses annually, as well as  
prosthetic eyes, cataract  
surgeries and financial  
support to those who  
otherwise would not be able to  
afford eye care.**

The programs are an important PR tool for the District 13-C Lions. The programs tell the public what we as Lions do.

#### Fund Raiser

Jacobs Investments has approached us with the possibility of doing a two-day event and any one who wishes to Chair the fund raiser may advise the Lions Eye Clinic President.

#### 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's Statement**

With three Global Service Action Campaigns completed and one to go, I could not be more pleased with the results. These campaigns have energized clubs and districts around the world, making them shining lights in their communities, lights that will attract service-minded people who now see a Lions Club as the ideal place in which to serve.

The year's final Global Service Action Campaign, [Protecting our Environment](#), not only gives clubs and districts the opportunity to demonstrate Lions commitment to a healthy planet, but will help districts to qualify for the newly-created [Light Keeper Awards](#). Districts in which 50 percent of clubs participate in two of four Global Service Action Campaigns will receive the Silver Level: Harbor Light Master Award. Districts that achieve the requirements

for the Harbor Light Master Award and also exceed membership growth of two percent or more from July 1 through April 30 will receive the Gold Level: Harbor Light Master Award.

I hope that you will encourage your clubs to assure that at least 50 percent of the clubs in your district participate in the Protecting our Environment Global Service Action Campaign and one of the previous Service Action Campaigns if not already completed. It will give me great pleasure to award as many Light Keeper Awards as possible.

Best wishes,

**Sid L. Scruggs III  
International President**

### **OSSB**

The OSSB Marching Band will be the lead band in the Lions Club International Parade of Nations in Seattle, Washington, July 5, 2011. The band will leave July 3 and return July 6. A highlight of the trip (besides the parade) will be watching a variety show of international acts including The Canadian Brass, CABO--a Japanese drumming group, and a Bollywood group. Another highlight is the dance for teenagers participating in the parade. Everyone will enjoy the Experience Music Project and the Science Fiction Museum as well as a tour of Seattle in an

amphibious vehicle. It's called the "Ride the Ducks" tour.

Here's their July 4 schedule:

Experience Music Project |  
Science Fiction Museum

♪ Ride the Ducks of Seattle  
Tour (2 Ducks exclusively for  
the group for a 1.5 hour tour)

♪ Free time to explore Pike's  
Place Market

♪ Group dinner at Hard Rock  
Café

♪ Fireworks at Gasworks Park  
on Lake Union

This spring they will begin  
practicing parade marching a  
couple times a week from 5:30-  
7:30 p.m.

**We are now in the process of  
fund raising thru the OSSB  
PTSF & OLF and \$30,000 of  
the \$63,000 needed has been  
raised.**

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**DISTRICT 13-C  
CONVENTION  
APRIL 29-30, MAY 1, 2011  
CROWNE  
PLAZA/MIDDLEBURG  
HEIGHTS**

Please mark your calendars  
NOW with the dates for our  
next District Convention. We  
are starting to plan the details  
for the next convention and  
want to make sure we include  
activities you want and will  
benefit from. We want to  
include your ideas in our

planning so please let us hear  
from you. Please take the time  
to let us know what you like or  
don't like about the convention,  
things we should be including  
and activities that are of interest  
to you. Remember, this is  
**YOUR CONVENTION** so you  
should be part of the planning.  
Don't hesitate to contact me  
**SOON** so we can consider your  
ideas right from the beginning.

\* Best thing about our  
convention

\* Worst thing about our  
convention

• Suggested new activities

**FYI #1 –**

**Our International Guest will  
be ID Daniel O'Reilly and his  
wife Lion Maryanne, from  
Stickney, Illinois**

### **OHIO LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE**

MD13 is again participating in  
the Lions Clubs International  
Youth Exchange Program.  
This program is a 4-5 week  
cultural exchange that takes  
place end of June thru the first  
of August. We are in need of  
Ohio families that might be  
interested in hosting a student  
from Finland or Japan this  
summer.

If you know of anyone who  
would like to share their home,  
family and culture with a youth  
from one of these countries or  
would like more  
information please contact

Lion Jim Klages email  
[klagesjames@yahoo.com](mailto:klagesjames@yahoo.com)  
Phone 216-299-8760

**Dear Lions,**

It's time to get-into Parma for  
a new club!

Rich and I attended the Proud  
of Parma meeting this evening  
and I can definitely tell you this  
is a great "in" to start the Parma  
Lions. Lion James Feils from  
the Nordonia Hills Lions was  
there (THANK YOU!) as well  
and I think he felt the same  
way.

The Mayor, some of his staff,  
lots of organizations, and even  
some council people were there  
to give updates of their areas  
and at the same time, I was  
given a few minutes to talk  
about the Lions. Everyone was  
gracious and seemed interested  
in our endeavors.

Upon speaking to one of the  
attendees, I was given a couple  
of restaurant names that have  
meeting rooms that we could  
use for the first organizational  
meeting as we are up to 7  
inquiries and another one  
tonight who is to contact me.

Let's not lose the momentum  
and plan this organizational  
meeting now! I would like to  
contact the prospective  
members soon.

**If you are available on a  
Saturday mid-morning or  
afternoon (2/5, or 2/19 - I will  
be at the COG meeting in  
Columbus on 2/12), please  
contact me so that we can  
count on you to help. I would  
like to have 2 Lions and  
myself to give a brief overview  
of our organization along with**

**literature - I have the process of what should be discussed at this form of meeting from a past try in Hudson.**

Hoping to hear from you soon.

**DG Lion Marty Dennis**

### **Speaker Available**

Lisa Cellura, head of the Cleveland Sight Center's speakers bureau and their Manager of Quality Assurance is interested in coming out to speak to our fellow Lions about the White Cane Walk to be held June 4, 2011 in Westlake. Additionally, Lisa touches on our Lions heritage of being there to help the blind from the White Cane safety laws to how much our local Lions and the Cleveland Sight Center have a long and touching history of

working together to help those who are blind and visually impaired.

Lisa spoke at our Broadview Hts Lions Dinner meeting last evening (February 9th.) and her talk was very heartwarming and inspirational. I highly recommend inviting Lisa out to a meeting. If your club has been looking for ways to either help the blind a little more or to learn new ways to rekindle the spirit of being "Knights of the Blind" you will really enjoy this presentation.

Lisa can be contacted at the Sight Center at 216 658-4536 or e mail [LCellura@ClevelandSightCenter.org](mailto:LCellura@ClevelandSightCenter.org)

Thank you,  
**Lion Kevin Barrett**  
Broadview Hts. Lions Club/

District 13 C Eyesight and Service to the Blind Chairman

### **Zone News**

On March 31, 2011 Zone 4 and Zone 6 will hold a combined meeting at Pipers III at 6:30 PM hosted by the Royalton Hills Lions Club. More details to follow.

Thank you,  
Lion Kevin Barrett  
Zone 4 Chair

### **CALENDAR**

#### **March, 2011**

31 – Zone 4 &6 Meeting – Pipers III

#### **April, 2011**

29, 30, May 1 – District 13-C Convention – Crowne Plaza – Middleburg Heights

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Stow-Munroe Falls Lions Club  
(Governor Marty's club)**

**Present**

**NIGHT AT THE RACES  
(A Race for Sight)**

Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the Stow Youth Baseball Party Center  
(4157 Hudson Drive, Stow, OH)

**ADVANCE TICKETS \$20/per person – AT THE DOOR \$25/per person**

Ticket includes a buffet dinner; snacks, beer, soft drinks, coffee and desserts).

Doors open at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, and races begin at 8:00 PM.

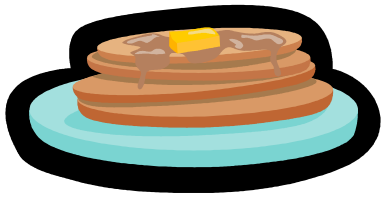
For tickets, contact Lion Tony Cocozzo at 330-688-9850 or DG Marty at 330-655-2302.

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*Willoughby-Evening Lions*

**Lion Frank Sraj Memorial**

# 25th Annual



# Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Browning Senior Center

38032 Brown Avenue  
Willoughby



**ADULTS \$5.00**

**SENIORS \$4.00**

**CHILDREN 6-12 \$3.00**

**CHILDREN UNDER 6 –FREE**

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