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District Governor Grant's Comments

It's time for our Convention. The committee has put together a fun filled weekend. The Tallmadge Lions will host a Civil War Dinner and a wonderful program about Civil War Medical program starring Richard Best. This will be your first day of medical school in 1860 don't be late. Also on Friday the Tallmadge Lions will have a drawing for a 42" EDTV 16:9 wide screen plasma and also a 2nd place prize of \$125 and a 3rd place prize of \$100. Tickets will be available that evening if you have not already purchased yours. It's a great deal don't pass it up!

On Saturday morning we will have great seminars with lots of information you won't want to miss. Our Saturday luncheon speakers will be PID Randy Heitmann from Nebraska and Brian Jordon who will speak about US Presidents. Following our luncheon we'll have the business meeting and a short message from the two candidates for International Director for Multiple District 13. They are PDG Jerry Smith from District J and IPDG Steve Sherer from District G. Saturday night will be a fun filled time at our hospitality rooms. Come see old friends and meet new ones. There will be great food and more we hope to see you there.

Sunday is our Grand Banquet and Parade of Checks but best of all will be our main speaker PID Randy Heitmann.

What are the organizations on the Parade of Checks? They are the Greater Akron Lions Eye Care Program, International Relations, Lions Eye Clinic at St Vincent Charity Hospital, Lions Hearing Aid Bank 13C, Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Ohio Lions Foundation and Sight & Hearing. Please note LCIF is not a part of our Parade of Checks but a representative will be there. Please give to these organizations. They need our help and remember they are not only organizations they are also Lions.

FYI the strategic plan for next year will be Plus One. So far our membership is declining slowly. Hopefully next year it will be rising.

Please remember the family of Lion Nick Battisone, a Past President of the Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Charity Hospital. He will be sorely missed at the Eye Clinic.

Yours in Lionism
District Governor Grant Frazier
And Lion Shirley

Vice District Governor Ken's Comments

Last month I said I would provide you with the details of the proposed Membership Contest this month. Here they are:

1. The District will be divided into three (3) Groups based on club size effective June 30, 2006. The Groups will

be posted on the District web site after LCI announces the 6/30/2006 membership data. This should be about 8/15/2006.

2. The Contest will run from 7/1/2006 through 3/1/2007.
3. There will be first, second and third prize winners in each Group.
 - 1st prize = \$500
 - 2nd prize = \$300
 - 3rd prize = \$200
4. The club with largest PERCENTAGE gain over their 6/30/2006 membership will be the winner.
5. From the three Group winners, the club with the largest overall percentage gain will receive a \$500 bonus. That is, one Group winner will receive \$1000 rather than \$500.
6. The contest winners will be announced at the District Convention.

Note: You are NOT required to use the Ohio Plan to participate in the Membership Contest.

Please remember that this is a "proposed" activity and it must be approved by the Cabinet before it can take place. The first Cabinet discussion will take place on February 23, 2006. The early, informal, opinion seems to be very favorable.

Thanks,
Lion Ken Marshall
VDG

- March:
- 3 - 13-K Convention
 - 6 - Z2 meeting
 - 8 - St. Vincent
 - 8 - Z6 meeting
 - 9 - Convention meeting
 - 12 - 13-D Convention
 - 24-26 13-C Convention
 - 31 - 13-A Convention

SUPER DAYS – FIRST STEPS

As in any journey, no journey begins without the first step. This year, the Lions of District 13C are challenged to be "Super". What first step do we need to take to meet that challenge? The first step is easy. Commit part of one day, either Saturday, April 29, 2006, or Saturday, May 6, 2006, to learning how to become "Super". What can I expect at either of the two Super Days? The same program will be presented on both days. The day will start with Registration and a Continental Breakfast from 8AM to 8:30AM. At 8:30AM, a welcome and general session will be held to set the theme for the day. Learning opportunities for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and other Lions members will follow the general session. Please notice that these sessions are skill-building sessions for experienced and non-experienced officers and other members. To be Super, we all need to be willing to continue to learn. These sessions are aimed at building new skills and building on existing skills. In addition to officer training sessions, there will be sessions on reviewing and building on the impact of the Ohio Plan on club membership; Taking the Next Step to becoming a Zone Chair; and two new sessions this year, including a session on New Member Orientation and a session for any Lions Club member on learning more about "Club Finances and Funds." That's step two. All Lions Clubs need to elect their new officers and board members no later than April 15, 2006. To do that, based on the Lions Club Standard Form Constitution and By-Laws, all clubs should appoint a nominating committee, select a slate of candidates and give written notice of their election meeting to all club members at least two weeks prior to the election meeting. What's step three? Register officers and/or other members for one of the two Super Days planned in Region 1 and Region 2. Members may be registered in either Region. Your Club does not need to be in Region

1 to register for April 29th at Browning Center in Willoughby, nor does your Club need to be in Region 2 to register for May 6th at Akron Summa Hospital. Both dates and locations are available to all Lions of District 13C, but have been planned to provide a convenient location for the Clubs of each Region. Program activities will conclude no later than 1:30 PM on both dates.

Each Lion in District 13C is challenged to be "Super" in 2006. **Take that first step.** Make the commitment to attend one of the two District 13C Super Days on April 29th or May 6th. Mark your calendar today. More details and registration forms will be published in the District Bulletin's next issue and mailed to all Lions Clubs of District 13C.

The District 13C Leadership Committee
Lion Terry Bower
Lion Wallie Burnett
Lion John Tighe

IS YOUR CLUB A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION?

Not if you do not have a "Determination Letter" from the Internal Revenue Service stating that they have reviewed your application and have determined that your organization qualifies as a 501(C)(3), tax exempt charitable entity.

When a club files a charter with Lions Clubs International, it is granted the right to use the name "Lions" and is also granted coverage under group determination letter number 0239 as a 501(c)(4), civic and charitable organization.

Apparently some clubs have subsequently filed a form 1023, "Request for Determination" as a charitable organization and may have received such a determination,

but if you are not able to locate that Determination Letter, then you need to cease referring to your club as a charitable organization, until such time as you locate the letter granting you that right.

The Determination letter as a charitable organization is one of the most important documents your club has and should be kept as a Permanent Record, reviewed and transferred annually with the club officers.

Only churches and certain medical entities are automatically granted charitable tax-exempt status. All other organizations must apply for and receive a Determination Letter from the IRS. Referring to yourself as a charitable entity does not make it so and can create problems for your club as well as members of the public who are relying upon your statements that you are a charitable organization.

Neil Sheeley
Certified Public Accountant

ATTENTION ALL LIONS OF DISTRICT 13C

The District Convention is coming up on March 24, 25 and 26, 2006. As District Governor, I am urging you to attend the convention to have fun, see old friends and meet new Lions and of course learn more about our great organization. There will be some excellent speakers for you to enjoy and meet our guest for the weekend, International Director, Randy Heitmann. I look forward to seeing all of you at our convention.

Governor Grant Frazier

*Please join with all the members of District 13-C in expressing our deepest sympathy to the family and friends on the passing of:
Lion Nick Battistone-South Euclid*

Zone 1 Presents The Majestic Sounds

A great 6 pc band with 30 years of entertainment in the Cleveland Area. Come back with us to the 50's Saturday Night March 25th in the Summit Room.

Ice Cream Shop opens at 7:00
Music and Dancing 8:00-11:00
(bobbie socks and loafers are optional)

Campaign SightFirst II Moves Forward

Campaign SightFirst II is making great progress. More than 7,000 Lion leaders have been recruited, 31 lead gifts made and 600 clubs applied to be model clubs. US\$11.9 million has been raised to date for Campaign SightFirst II, even though intensive fund-raising by clubs does not begin until 2006-2007 and continues in 2007-2008. The US\$150 million campaign will allow Lions to continue and expand the remarkable work of SightFirst.

LCIF, Lions Provide Katrina Relief

LCIF is providing funds for Lions of Mississippi and Louisiana to continue important service projects. Due to the hurricane, Lions otherwise would not be able to continue such projects as sight screenings, an eye bank and eye care services for the poor. LCIF also facilitated twinning between clubs in the Gulf Coast and clubs elsewhere, the distribution of UNICEF's "school-in-box" for children at destroyed schools and a mobile eye van that provided free glasses.

LCIF, Lions Build Homes for Tsunami Victims

LCIF and Lions are making great progress in helping victims of the

tsunami in South Asia. Hundreds of home have been built or are being built in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand.

LCIF OKs US\$3.3 Million in Grants

The LCIF Board of Trustees approved US\$3.3 million in November for Lions' projects. The 81 projects will enable Lions worldwide to preserve sight and assist the blind, promote health, counter disability, nurture youth, serve the elderly and otherwise address vital humanitarian needs.

International Convention – Are you on the List?

The following are individuals are registered for the international convention (list is through February 28, 2006) being held in Boston, Massachusetts June 30 – July 4, 2006. If you are not on the list yet, there is still time!

Abrams, Dick	North Royalton
Abrams, Pam	Royalton Hills
Harris, Norita	Royalton Hills
Harrison, Dave	North Royalton
Harrison, Joyce	Royalton Hills
Kolbus, Andy	North Royalton
Kolbus, Eve	Royalton Hills
Lester, Carol	Royalton Hills
Lester, Dan	North Royalton
Marshall, Carole	Broadview Heights
Marshall, Ken	Broadview Heights
Sample, Bill	North Royalton
Sample, Connie	Royalton Hills
Serpentini, Bob	North Royalton
Serpentini, Amy	Royalton Hills
Sheeley, Jean	Royalton Hills
Sheeley, Neil	North Royalton

Why not consider going, it is a good way to find out more about our organization and its members as well as to support Lion Ken Marshall as he takes on the job of being the next District Governor from 13-C. As you can see from the two North Royalton clubs registration, we are

planning on having fun! I happen to know that there are a few more that are planning on attending but have not yet registered. So don't forget to turn in your registration. It will be a memorable convention, they always are!

For more information visit the website: www.LionsClubs.org or contact me at LionsDistrict13C@aol.com.

PDG Lion Carol Lester
13-C Representative to
MD 13 International Convention
Committee

THE LIONS EYE CLINIC NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

The Lions Eye Clinic Board of Directors has approved filing an application for the Organization to participate in one 4-day weekend, hosting the Jacobs sponsored Charitable Gambling Event in the Flats this summer. The application has been filed and accepted and we now need the assistance of the entire Lions of District 13-C. We are asking for help in participating in this event, which will require about 100 club volunteers (about 35 each shift). We will set up shifts based upon availability of people who wish to work. The hours are Thursday & Friday 4-12, Saturday & Sunday 2-12.

We need Lion volunteers as well as your friends, if they would be willing to participate in a training session in order to learn how to serve as dealers at the card tables for the game of Texas Hold'em. There will be Event Personnel to provide advice and guidance to the volunteers, in order that the event runs smoothly.

This event had it's inaugural last summer under the auspices of the Jacobs Group and all charitable organizations which participated in 2005 realized between \$24,000 and \$45,999 net proceeds from the event.

The net proceeds from this event will enable the Lions of District 13-C to increase services to the needy for eyeglasses and for surgical financial assistance. The net proceeds will also enable the Lions Eye Clinic to provide special vision equipment, which a number of clubs have been providing on their own, but are finding it more difficult to provide. Finally, the new proceeds will enable us to replace some of the equipment at St. Vincent Charity Hospital Lions Eye Clinic if the need arises.

We want to ask all Club Presidents to present this proposal to your clubs. If you would please provide Lions Eye Clinic President Pam, with the list of names, phone numbers and times they would be available to work, to give us some idea of how many volunteers we can count on for the 4-day weekend, which we expect to be in August of this year. The parking would be free to volunteers.

The event is to start in April and ends in October. We need your response of names as soon as possible. If you have friends that wish to volunteer their time that weekend, they are more than welcome to help with our Fund Raiser.

If you need more information, please call or email any of us.

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Peace Poster Kits will be available soon. Now is the time to start planning your club's participation in the Peace Poster Contest. Contact your local schools and youth groups now to see if they will participate this fall. Contact Lion Cindy Palmentera 440-237-3244 for more information.

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

Tallmadge Lions are selling raffle tickets for District 13C funding. First prize is a 42" EDTV 16:9 Wide Screen Plasma Television. Second prize is \$125 and 3rd prize is \$100. Tickets are \$10.00 each or three for \$25.00. Contact Lion Irene Welch at 330-633-5694 or Lion Bill Hixon 330-633-9142 for raffle tickets. The raffle will be held on Friday March 24th at our District Convention.

Cuyahoga Falls Lions are collecting Acme Tapes again this year. The dates are September 4 – March 26, 2006. Please mail them to Lion Jim Homa 1111 Taft Avenue Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223.

Jefferson Lions are having another raffle, this time for a \$30 gift certificate or turkey. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Send your check to the Jefferson Lions P.O. Box 273 Jefferson, OH 44047

North Royalton Annual Reverse Raffle/Dinner Dance April 29, 2006. This year the event will be held at the Quality Inn in Richfield. Cost will be \$85/couple (2 dinners 1 raffle chance) Main board will be worth \$2500. Sideboards, Chinese auction and other surprises. Overnight accommodations are available at a rate of \$59 per room. Email to nrlions@aol.com for tickets or more information.

Chippewa Lake Lions Flower Sale will be held May 6 & 7th and May 13 & 14th. Contact any club member for more information.

Willoughby Lions Duathlon Race will be held at Osborn Park on June 18th. Contact any club member for more information.

Garfield Lions will hold their annual Golf Outing on June 22nd. Contact any club member for more information.

Check out our Web Site for more club information and upcoming events.

What has your club been doing? What do you have planned for the coming months and through the end of the year? Please send me your information by the 10th of the month so it will appear in the current month's bulletin. Advertise your events in our District bulletin and on our website. Lion Dan is always ready to get your events

posted on the 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 me at Bareftn813@aol.com or by snail mail to 9950 Abbey Road, North Royalton, OH 44133

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Lion Cindy Palmentera
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