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District Governor Grant's Comments

Now that the Holidays are over and all the good food has been consumed, the gifts opened and good times shared with family and friends it's now time for our clubs to enjoy the work of Lionism once again. One of the main things we must consider is membership. Our District membership now stands at 1220 members. Although this is still down from the last report, the decrease is slowing. But we need to bring it back up. Now is the time to put the Ohio Plan into action. If your club has questions about the Ohio Plan please contact your Zone Chairman, VDG Lion Ken or myself. Your District Officers are here to help.

The District Convention will be March 24, 25 and 26, 2006 at the Cuyahoga Falls Sheraton Inn. The Convention committee promises a fun filled time for everyone. So come and meet your friends in Lionism for fun, food and fellowship. Join us on Sunday for our Banquet. The organizations and the people they help are counting on our District to be generous again this year.

Our District needs a candidate for Deputy District Governor for the coming year. If you are qualified please step forward and help your District.

Yours in Lionism
District Governor Grant Frazier
And Lion Shirley

District Governor's Schedule

Jan 22 – OLERF in Columbus
Jan 23 – Garfield
Feb 6 – Highland Heights
Feb 9 – Euclid
Feb 11 – Council of Governors
Feb 14 – Geneva
Feb 15 – Chippewa Lake
Feb 23 – Cabinet Meeting

Vice District Governor Ken's Comments

So a new year has begun, or at least the calendar says it has. And in my infinite wisdom I can indeed confirm that this is true. How so? Today, as I look out the window, there is a lot of "white stuff" lying on the ground. So either its snow or the grass has dramatically changed color. Personally I like green, so I'm willing to agree that the calendar is correct. What does this have to do with anything? Well, not much of anything, I guess. I was just feeling philosophical, and a little older.

Sigh.....

OK, let's try this. Over the past six months the Governors and Zone Chairpersons have been distributing copies of the

Ohio Plan to the clubs. I think we've gotten to most of you. But if you've been missed and are feeling a little left out, give me a call and I'll personally get you a copy ASAP.

Hopefully we've gotten this material out without overselling the whole membership bit. The goal was to make this available to you without jamming "membership"

down your throats. You all know the old song and dance. The voice begins, the eyes glaze over, the ears firmly close, snoring commences and the message is wasted on one and all.

What I want to do today is to encourage you to give the Ohio Plan a try. In fact there is a very practical reason to do this.

Beginning in July, the Cabinet and budget willing, we will be running a membership contest. But there will be a twist. Instead of the old staple of certificates, pins and plaques as prizes, the motivating factor will be something with a history of success, **money**.

You'll receive all the details next month, but here's the bottom line. The clubs that achieve the largest percentage increase in their membership will receive that biggest cash prizes. Is that simple enough?

Now let's get back to "giving it a try." Just like in sports and other fields of endeavor, those who practice the most and hone their talents to a fine point usually have an advantage and win. So whether you intend to try the Ohio Plan or to utilize your own club's techniques, a little extra effort now may pay big dividends later.

Message received?

Thanks,

Lion Ken Marshall
Vice District Governor

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's expected? 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 Suma 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.

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."

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

What is the "Parade of Checks"?

For many Lions in District 13C, one of the first "mysteries" of Lionism is the phrase "The Parade of Checks". In a few short paragraphs, this summary will attempt to explain a unique District 13C tradition.

Each year at the annual District 13C Convention Banquet on Sunday afternoon of the Convention weekend, a roll call of District 13C Lions Clubs is read to the assembly of Lions, Lioness and guests. At the front of the banquet hall stand representatives of seven organizations, which organizations have been selected by the Lions of District 13C to be a part of an afternoon of giving. Representatives of each Lions, Lioness, Leo and Dandelion Club approach the organization representatives in a parade with checks in hand, checks payable to the organizations.

As presently selected by the Lions of District 13C in the process outlined in the District 13C By-

laws, the represented organizations are:

- 1) Ohio Lion Eye Research Foundation (OLERF)
- 2) Ohio Lions Foundation
- 3) Lions Eye Clinic, Inc. at St Vincent Charity Hospital
- 4) Greater Akron Lions Eye care Program
- 5) District 13C Hearing Aid Bank
- 6) Sight and Hearing Committee
- 7) International Relations Committee

The object of the "Parade of Checks" is to provide a focus for giving to Lions supported projects, a means to showcase the impact of the service provided by the Lions of District 13C.

The Ohio Lions Eye Care Research Foundation (OLERF) -

Now in its 53rd year, OLERF's primary purpose continues to be provision of assistance to research projects aimed at sight conservation. Each year projects are selected at various Ohio research institutions for support. Most of the projects relate to eye diseases for which cures or treatments have not yet been identified. Projects are supported by OLERF at Ohio State University, Case Western Reserve University, The University of Cincinnati, the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo and other research facilities as selected. Contact Lion Ada Ahrens at (440) 237-4754 for more information.

The Ohio Lions Foundation is a 20 year old 501(c)(3) organization which provides support in the form of grants for Disaster Relief - to provide food, clothing, blankets, medical expenses and sanitation supplies for victims of floods, tornadoes and other natural disasters striking Ohio; Program Grants - to support sight related and diabetes related projects; Pre-School Vision Screening Programs, Capital Grants for the purchase of

equipment, e.g. electronic hand held tonometers for Lions sponsored glaucoma screenings; Matching Grants for local Lions Club sponsored projects; and the Helen Keller Scholarship Program, which awards annual scholarships to visually impaired full time students enrolled at Ohio State University, Cleveland State University, Wright State University and Ohio University. For more details contact Lion Dan Lester at (440) 838-4503. www.ohiolionsfoundation.org.

The Lions Eye Clinic, Inc. at St. Vincent Charity Hospital is in its 35th year as a District 13C project. The Lions Eye Clinic serves indigent persons referred through both the hospital and local Lions Clubs. The Clinic provides eye examinations, eyeglasses, eye operations (thru the hospital) and purchases specialized equipment to support the hospital's program. For more detail contact Lion Pam Abrams at (440) 582-0709.

The Greater Akron Lions Eye care Program (GALEP) also services indigent persons referred through local Lions Clubs and the hospital. The GALEP Board works to supply services through both Akron City Hospital and Akron Children's Hospital, providing eye operations, eye examinations and eyeglasses to those in need. In addition, GALEP has purchased selected equipment to assist the hospitals. For more details contact Lion Bill Giffen at (330) 650-1257.

The District 13C Hearing Aid Bank - supports hearing impaired needy individuals throughout District 13C with hearing exams, the restoration of hearing aid equipment, the purchase of hearing aids and other hearing services. Assistance from the Hearing Aid Bank is also on a referral basis from District 13C Lions Clubs. As in other District wide projects, referrals must be made through a Lions Club.

For more details contact Lion Wilson Greig at (330) 825-6478.

The Sight and Hearing Committee is an Ohio Lions Committee formed to support sight, hearing and speech organizations offering assistance to those with disabilities. Among the organizations supported by the Sight and Hearing Committee are Pilot Dogs, Inc. of Columbus and Hearing Dogs. Other organizations e.g., Camp Echoing Hills and the Ohio Radio Reading Service, which assist the sight, hearing and speech impaired, are selected from year to year for support. For more details contact Lion Ray Dellmore at (440) 942-2816.

The International Relations Committee is another Ohio Lions Committee whose purpose it is to support continued growth of programs that foster international humanitarian projects. Among the organizations supported by this Committee are: The Amigos De Las Americas Program, which trains young American college and high school students to work in South America for 4-8 weeks each summer on various service projects, e.g. renovating schools and health clinics, teaching in education programs and others. Volunteers Optometric Services to Humanity (V.O.S.H) and Student V.O.S.H. train teams of volunteer optometrists, opticians, nurses and lay helpers to provide eye exams and eyeglasses to the poor in developing countries. For more details contact Lion David Ptak at (330) 467-2784.

Let's make the 2006 Parade of Checks one to remember!

Lion John Tighe
District Parade of Checks Chairman

**To All District 13-C
Cabinet Members,
Committee Chairpersons
and PDG's:**

The Third Cabinet Meeting for the 2005/2006 Lionistic Year will be held:

Thursday February 23, 2006
Pipers III Restaurant
6:30pm Social/7:00pm Dinner
Family Style Service \$17.00

Our Special Guest for the evening will be Council Chair Ron Barber.

Please contact Cabinet Secretary Ada (440) 237-4754 or via email Adaahr@aol.com to make your reservation, have questions, or wish to be on the agenda.

**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.

Chesterland Lions Club is currently selling tickets for (2) Honda Rancher ATV's-Plus Trailer-snow plow and helmets. Raffle to be held February 3, 2006. Tickets are \$20.00 each or 3 for \$50.00. A limit of 2000 tickets to be

sold. For tickets or information call PDG Lions Bob Stopek 440-729-7620 or email Lioncop@aol.com.

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

Royalton Hills Lions are having a Poor Man's Raffle on February 25th at Pipers III in Broadview Heights. Cost is \$20. Contact Lion Jean Sheeley for tickets (440) 582-0344

Willoughby Evening Lions Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held Jan 29th at Immaculate Conception Gym 37950 Euclid Ave. Serving 8am – Noon. Cost at the door is \$4.50/adult, \$3.50/seniors, \$2.50/kids 6-12, under 12 free. Save \$.50 on advance sale tickets. Call 440-946-7567 for tickets.

Broadview Heights Lions Annual Reverse Raffle will be held on February 4th at Carrie Cerino's in North Royalton. Cost \$65 for dinner and raffle chance. Additional dinner ticket is \$35. Contact Vice Governor Ken at 440-526-4289 or email him at kdm5@cox.net for tickets and more information.

Cleveland South East Lions are having a Night at the Races on March 11th at the Karlin Hall.

Cost is \$10. Horses are available. Includes buffet, beer, and set-ups. BYOB Contact Lion Kas 440-333-9571 for tickets.

North Royalton Lions are having their annual Reverse Raffle/Dance. April 29th at Quality Inn & Suites of Richfield. See more info and details at www.northroyaltonlions.org.

Check out our Web Site www.lionsdistrict13c.org 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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