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### An Inspiring Lion

Who would know what transpired at the Ohio Lions Multiple District State Conventions over the past 20 years? Lion Larry McDowell is the one to ask. And Lion Larry didn't even drive! Usually depending upon Lion Mike Lombardo, other Lions members, or even one of Lion Larry's family members to get him to the Convention. Lion Larry has not missed a State Convention or District Convention in over 20 years. Rarely missing a Zone meeting only due to bad weather. Our own District Governor, Lion Carol, was so impressed with his convention attendance that she created a cabinet position for him, District and State Convention Promotion Chairman.

Lion Larry started with a collection of State Convention pin plates in 1983 that hang proudly from his vest. He has one from every year since then. When asked; why so many vest pin plates? Lion Larry replies "I am showing my support for the Lions". He collects pin plates as souvenirs and to remind him of the years of hard work that he performed as a Lion. Lion Larry shows his

support for the District, State, and International Lions in his own way by being at the Conventions.

I am sure you have probably met him if you had been to a convention because he loves to meet people. Lion Mike Lombardo said, "He's a very nice guy, easy to get along with, and he fits in. He can talk to anyone. He's very friendly." As the writer of this column, Lion Mike Tyler, I had the opportunity to meet Lion Larry at my first zone meeting in 1996. He came right up to me and introduced himself, shook my hand, and with a big smile said, "so you're a new Lions member". I said, "yes" and he replied, "you better watch out for these guy's cause you may have some fun". Words that I haven't forgotten to this day.

King Lion Louise Troglia of the Euclid Lions Club stated, "Lion Larry is very involved in the Euclid Lions club events and activities." Helping with eyeglass collections for the Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent's, White Cane Day, and many other events. Lion Larry has been with many clubs. Columbus, Middleburg Heights,

Willoughby Hills, and Euclid are just to name a few over his many years in Lions. But, The Euclid Lions Club is his home.

Lion Larry is a dedicated father even through the loss of his eldest son Ronald. Barbara, Robert, Mark, Berl, and Tonya have the benefit of the love of a man in the red jacket. Tonya stated, "I rarely see him without his red jacket or red vest which are loaded with all kinds of pins." Being the youngest Tonya knows his dedication to the Lions and helping others before himself. He is a wonderful example for his children.

To all that have met Lion Larry, and for those very few that haven't, understand that he dedicated himself to a Club called the Lions. A gallant person that reflects the good in all people and the commitment to helping the sightless people that he has never met is what makes Lion Larry McDowell truly an inspiring Lion.

### **District Governor's Comments...**

Well it's the New Year and we are half way through the year. I know I have not pushed membership, rather I have asked that you make certain that your clubs' rosters accurately reflect your membership. This will insure that your clubs are properly invoiced for International, State and District dues. We also want to be certain that new members are getting their monthly Lions Magazine and that there service with our organization

is properly recorded. Our membership after 5 months has dropped significantly through November 30, 2004 District 13C has 1,299 members. That is a net loss of 42 members.

We need to work on retaining our members as well as increasing our membership. If you have had a member that has not attended a meeting or club function in a while, please give the member a call so that they know they are missed and what transpired at the meeting; perhaps offer to pick them up for your next meeting or event. Once a meeting or two or three is missed, it is easy to get out of the habit of going to the meetings, especially if no one contacts you to find out why or just to say we noticed you were not there. Perhaps your club can assign an active member to follow-up and to stay in touch. It is every club member's responsibility to work on membership, not just the club officers or membership chair. If every club brings in one (1) new member and the larger clubs perhaps 2 members, over the next 6 months, we can end up with a net gain in membership. Lets work together so we can positively impact our District.

At the start of 2005 it is also my pleasure to announce that immediate past district governor Lion Jim Ferritto has been appointed as State PRaM (public relations and media) Chairman. Congratulations Lion Jim. I know you will do a great job!

On to the fun stuff...are you ready? Its getting to be that time of year...what time you ask? Where do we all get together and accomplish good things and enjoy lots of good fellowship? Everyone knows, its convention time! I

would like to see all clubs represented at the convention. It will be April 1, 2 and 3 at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. If you can't make the whole weekend, perhaps you can attend one or two of the events. If you haven't been to a convention in while, why not come back and see what you have been missing. If you come to the convention every year, bring a club member that hasn't been in a while or has yet to attend their first convention. I promise we will have FUN. Lion Dan and I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours In Service,  
Carol  
District Governor 13C

### **Governor's Visitation Schedule...**

02/01	Mentor
02/04	Garfield Hts RR
02/07	Cleveland Southeast
02/08	Northcoast
02/09	Broadview Heights
02/12	Council Mtg – Columbus
02/12	Royalton Hills Poor Man's Reverse Raffle
02/23	Westlake
02/24	Zone 6 Meeting
02/26	Stow Munroe Falls Nite @ the Races
03/01	Willoughby Evening
03/04	Medina RR
03/05	District F Convention
03/06	District K Convention
03/08	Geneva
03/10	Cuyahoga Falls
03/10	Fairport Harbor
03/12	Chesterland RR
03/13	District D Convention
03/15	Willoughby Hills
03/19	State Committee Mtgs
03/22	Medina
03/24	Akron Host

## Vice Governor'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 our multiple districts how can we miss! Now it's back on the road again. Lion Shirley and I are looking forward to seeing all of our good friends. Let us remember that for some parts of the world times are very hard. Lions International has asked all Lions of the World to help those who are hungry and hurting from the great earthquake and tsunami. Let's open our hearts and pocket books with prayers and money so people will know Lions mean what they say "We Serve".

Yours in Lionsim,  
VDG Lion Grant  
& Lion Shirley

### VDG Visitation Schedule

01/05 Columbus  
01/11 North Royalton  
01/12 Broadview Heights  
01/18 Seville  
01/20 Zone 3  
01/23 MERL Meeting  
01/24 Cleveland Host

### Deputy District Governor Lion Ken's Comments

A year ago, the "learned ones" told me time would fly during the next several years. I didn't believe them, of course, but it has turned out to be completely true. So here we are

halfway through Governor Carol's year, and the calendar has just flipped over to 2005.

Interesting how the Lionistic year breaks down into two, more or less, equal parts, with a "vacation" at the beginning and in the middle.

In July, the incoming Governor needs a month to go through all the required education, training, indoctrination and other LCI mandated stuff. Most everybody else goes on mental vacation for a month waiting for the bell to ring.

This period of inactivity is followed by four months of meetings, visitations and all other manner of frantic activity. (Remember the old movie "If it's Tuesday this must be Belgium?" Well, that's about right....)

December is a semi-respite with a minimum number of meetings. Everybody receives a badly needed opportunity to spend time with family and friends and recharge the old batteries. Carole and I hope you and yours had the happiest of holiday seasons.

January brings the next wave of meetings and other activities, cumulating with the District Convention. So before you get too involved, here are a couple of things you might consider.

Did your club do anything related to the Healthy Club Initiative earlier this year? If not, then please give it some serious thought. Many clubs have found something useful in this packet of literature.

Did your club recently receive information in the mail about

the District Convention? If not, call Governor Carol immediately. You really need this.

I know most of you aren't thinking about your club elections yet, but this might be a good time to start. Please remember that VG Grant has a lot of planning to do before July, including putting together his District Directory. He can't do that until he knows who will be president and secretary of every club, so let's all give him a hand.

Did you notice in the January Lion magazine an announcement about SightFirst II? There will be a great deal more about this in the future, but like the tsunami that devastated Indonesia, Sri Lanka and other places, the impact on all Lions and their activities will be enormous.

#### January

12 St. Vincent  
16 OLERF meeting  
20 Zone 3 meeting  
23 MERL meeting  
27 South Euclid

#### February

12 Council meeting #3  
12 Broadview Hts. Reverse  
Raffle  
14 Haring Aid Bank  
17 Cabinet meeting #3

Lion Ken Marshall  
DDG

## LIONS 101

The Official name of the association is “**The International Association of Lions Clubs**” or simply “**Lions Clubs International**”. The name **Lions** was chosen because of the symbolism of what a lion animal represents—courage, strength, activity and fidelity.

**Slogan:** Liberty  
Intelligence  
Our  
Nation’s  
Safety

**Motto:** ***WE SERVE*** was selected from more than 6,000 suggestions and adopted in 1954 at the International Convention.

**Official Colors:**  
Chosen in 1917  
**Purple** and **Gold**

Purple represents loyalty to country, friends, to one’s self and to the integrity of mind and heart. It is the color of strength, courage, and dedication to a cause. Often a dark blue is used in place of purple.

Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgment, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and commitment to mankind.

Official Emblem: adopted at the 1919 International Convention consists of **gold letter “L”** on a circular purple field. **Two Lion profiles** are facing away from

center representing the **past** and the **future**—showing both pride in heritage and confidence in the future. The word “**LIONS**” appears at the top, and “**INTERNATIONAL**” at the bottom.

**OHIO LIONS** colors are **RED** and **WHITE**

### Lions Acronyms

C.C. = Council Chairman  
C.O.G. = Council of Governors  
C.S. = Cabinet Secretary  
C.T. = Cabinet Treasurer  
**D.D.G. = Deputy Vice District Governor \***  
**D. G. = District Governor \***  
F & P = Finance and Planning  
(now Finance & Long Range Planning)  
G.A.L.E.P. = Greater Akron Lions Eye Programs  
H.C.I. = Healthy Club Initiative  
I.C.C. = International Convention Committee  
I.D. = International Director  
I.P. = International President  
I.P.D.G. = Immediate Past District Governor  
I.D. = International Director  
L.C.I. = Lions Club International  
L.C.D.C. = Lions Club District Convention  
L.C.I.C. = Lions Club International Convention  
L.C.I.F. = Lions Club International Foundation  
L.E.B. = Lions Eye Bank  
L.E.C. = Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent’s Charity Hospitals  
L.I.O.N.S. = Liberty Intelligence Our Nations Safety  
L.R.F.S. = Lions Recycle for Sight  
L.W.I.D. = Lions World Induction Day  
L.Y.E. = Lions Youth Exchange  
M & A = Membership & Activities Report (no longer used)

M.D.S.T. = Multiple District Secretary Treasurer  
M.E.R.L. = Membership, Extension, Retention, and Leadership  
M.M.R. = Monthly Membership Report (replaces M & A)  
O.L.E.R.F. = Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation  
O.L.F. = Ohio Lions Foundation  
P.D.G. = Past District Governor  
P.D.P. = Pilot Dog Program  
P.I.D. = Past International Director  
P.I.P. = Past International President  
P.R.A.M. = Public Relations and Marketing  
P.R.M.G.P. = Public Relations Matching Grant Program  
S & H = Sight and Hearing  
**VDG = Vice District Governor \***  
W.C.D. = White Cane Day

New this year:  
H.O. = Husband Of the District Governor

\*Add an “E” at the end of these and it means Elect.

### “District 13-C Lions Information Center”

G.A.L.E.P.

The Greater Akron Lions Eye care Program (G.A.L.E.P.) has been serving the eye care needs of Northeast Ohio since 1980. Over the past 24 years G.A.L.E.P. has helped over 7,500 people in need of assistance for eye care services. The average cost is now almost \$100 to the Lions for eye exams and prescription glasses for each patient served. In addition, G.A.L.E.P. has provided cataract eye operations for an increasing number of patients, at an average cost of

approximately \$1,500 per person. During the 2002 year we operated at a deficit of ca.\$20,000, (income was ca.\$40,000; expenses ca.\$60,000). During the year 2003 the operating net deficit was around \$19,000. Counting the first six months of this year, we are drawing down our reserve fund by a little over \$20,000 per year. The long-term trend is troubling. We must eventually (1) cut services or (2) increase our funding. Naturally option (2) is preferable. Hopefully, the "Parade of Checks" and other donations can "save the day"

Bill Giffen  
G.A.L.E.P. Board  
Stow Munroe Falls Lions Club

## The Convention Corner

At the Convention there are several Hospitality rooms. The Governor's, Vice Governor's, Deputy Governor's and incoming Deputy Governor's plus other individual clubs who want to participate.

This is where you can go, sit down, have something to eat and drink and best of all enjoy each other's company and fellowship.

While talking you can get great ideas for fundraisers and how to go about doing one.

For all the new Lions in each club, this is a great opportunity for them to see what Lions can

do and what they can accomplish on the District level.

By having a Hospitality room, this is a great way for clubs to say "Thank You" to the Lions who have worked so hard throughout the year..

To all Lions, go to the Hospitality rooms, have food, drinks and best of all a great time with lots and lots of fun.

Convention Committee  
Lion Shirley Frazier

## Just for your Information:

*January* is Glaucoma Awareness Month, the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) invites any interested Lions club to share EyeCare America's Glaucoma EyeCare Program helpline 1-800-391-EYES(3937) Callers who are at risk for glaucoma and are uninsured may qualify for a free glaucoma eye exam. Those at-risk include African-Americans over 40, everyone over 60 and people with a family history of glaucoma. This year-round program operates 24 hours, seven days a week. If you have any questions about LEHP write [info@LEHP.org](mailto:info@LEHP.org) or visit [www.lehp.org](http://www.lehp.org) . If you have questions about EyeCare America visit [www.eyecareamerica.org](http://www.eyecareamerica.org) or call Eye Care America staff at 1-887-6327, 8-4, M-F, (PT)

## A message from Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, LCIF Chairperson:

The South Asian tsunami is considered the largest natural disaster in modern history. LCIF and Lions are responding accordingly. I am pleased to tell you that LCIF is initially committing US\$5 million to assist in the recovery. The funds will enable Lions in South Asia to provide for long-term reconstruction by building homes, schools and child welfare centers for orphans. The US\$5million commitment is a matching donation from LCIF. Half of the US\$5 million will come from LCIF reserves, and the other half from the expected US 2.5 million in donations to LCIF for tsunami from individuals, clubs, & districts worldwide.

The second piece of important news is that until March 31 donations for tsunami are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition. This covers donations for tsunami relief from December 26-March 31, 2005.

The shock and horror of the tsunami disaster will remain with us for a very long time. But LCIF and Lions are doing all they can to help victims and get communities back on their feet. I humbly thank you for your service and compassion.

*Please keep the following Lions, Lionesses and Leos in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from an illness or surgery:*

*Lion Dave Nesline-Akron*

*Goodyear Heights*

*Lion Larry McDowell-Euclid*

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

**January 30<sup>th</sup>:** Willoughby Evening Pancake Breakfast. Held at Immaculate Conception Gym 37950 Euclid Ave., Willoughby, OH 8am-noon. Cost is \$4.50/adult \$3.50/seniors, \$2.50/child (6-12).

**February 4<sup>th</sup>:** Garfield Hts. Lions Club Reverse Raffle. Held at Villa DiBorally in Highland Heights. Grand prize is \$5,000. Tickets are \$74 each or \$110 per couple with one chance at the main prize. Open bar, dancing, dinner and sideboards. Call Lion Norm Kubbins at 216-952-4035 for tickets.

**February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Broadview Hts. Lions Reverse Raffle. Held at Carrie Cerino's Ristorante. Prime rib dinner, dancing, sideboards and more. Starts at 6:30PM. Cost is \$65/person and \$35 for extra dinner. Contact Lion Kris Vadja at 440-838-5082 for tickets.

**February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Royalton Hills Annual Poor Man's Raffle. Held at Pipers III. Cost is \$19. Contact Lion Cindy Palmentera for tickets.

**February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Cleveland SE Night at the Races/Karaoke Night, held at Karlin Hall. Cost is \$10. Contact any club member for tickets.

**February 26<sup>th</sup>:** Stow-Monroe Falls "Race for Sight" Night. A night at the races including dinner, 11 races, side boards, raffles, snacks and beverages for only \$17.50 (advance sale), \$20 at the door. Held at the VFW Hall-Acker Moore Memorial VFW Post 3733 Fishcreek Rd., Stow, OH. Contact Lion Dick Dennis at 330-655-2302 for tickets.

**March 4<sup>th</sup>:** Medina Lions Reverse Raffle & Chinese Auction. Held at Guy's Party Center 500 E Waterloo Rd (at I-77), Akron. Cost is \$85/couple, \$65/single. \$2,500 main board plus side boards and auction. \$1,000 pre-sale sideboard available while they last! Contact PDG Don Maletz at [dmaletz@aol.com](mailto:dmaletz@aol.com) for tickets.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>:** Cuyahoga Falls Lions Reverse Raffle. Held at the VFW on Fishcreek Rd in Stow. Cost is \$125/ticket and \$25 for an extra dinner. Call Lion Jerry Jones for tickets 330-923-2343

**April 1-3 District 13-C Convention. Held at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls.**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Mogadore Reverse Raffle. Contact club members for details and tickets.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>:** Chesterland Lions Reverse Raffle. Contact club members for details and tickets.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>: District Leadership Day**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** North Royalton Lions Reverse Raffle/Dinner Dance. Held at St. Michaels-Woodside. Contact Lion Doug Demian for more information at 440-582-3056. Cost is \$85/couple.

Geneva Lions have a new secretary. Please send correspondence to Lion Janet Fobes, 635 S. Eagle Street, Geneva, OH 44041 or [ben@ncweb.com](mailto:ben@ncweb.com)T

Jefferson Lions are planning a new fundraiser. Watch for information about their Ham Raffle and also their Rose Sale for Valentine's Day.

North Coast Lions are delighted to welcome 2 new members to the Lions den. Lion Chuck Hare and Lion Teri Hare welcome to our District. The club will again be selling 3 Digit Lottery tickets for the month of April.

**Zone 2 Meeting Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup>** hosted by Willoughby Hills Lions Club at the Willoughby Hills Community Center Lions Room.

**RESOLUTION OF THE OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13C CABINET PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13C BYLAWS BY AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4, TO PROVIDE FOR DISTRICT AUTHORIZED DUES.**

WHEREAS, The Ohio Lions District 13C Bylaws were amended at the District 13C Convention on April 6, 2002 by the addition of a new Section 4 to the existing Article IX; and

WHEREAS, during the course of discussion on the proposed amendment it was agreed that the language to be adopted by the delegates needed clarification and that the delegates would trust the Cabinet to introduce clarifying language to be considered at the District 13C Convention to be held in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the clarifying language was introduced to the Cabinet at its meeting on June 20, 2002 for discussion and action as outlined in the District 13C- Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, although the Cabinet adopted an amending resolution on June 20, 2002 and presented it to the District 13C Convention on March 22, 2003, the Convention failed to act on the resolution; and

WHEREAS, the District 13C Bylaws require a resolution, based on a proposed amendment presented to the District Governor and District Cabinet at least ninety (90) days prior to the regular District Convention of District 13C, which Convention is scheduled for April 1, 2, 3, 2005, and which resolution may be adopted by either a District Lions Club in good standing or by the District 13C Cabinet; and

WHEREAS, once said resolution is adopted, it must be presented by the District Cabinet to the District Convention delegates with recommendation for their consideration and vote; and

WHEREAS, the District Cabinet is required to give written notice of the proposed amendment to all Club Secretaries of record at least thirty (30) days prior to the District 13C Convention, which notice may be published in the District 13C Newsletter; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the proposed amendment shall be by simple majority vote of the Delegates in attendance and voting at the session where such amendment is to be considered; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been prepared to meet the requirements of the Ohio Lions District 13C Bylaws for presentation of an amendment to the Bylaws for adoption by the delegates to the annual District 13C Convention; and

WHEREAS, all requirements necessary to present this resolution - will be met in a timely fashion for its consideration by the delegates at Convention;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved:

SECTION 1. The District 13C Cabinet hereby recommends the adoption of an amendment to Article IX-CONVENTION AND RESERVE FUNDS to include an amended Sec. 4, as follows:

ARTICLE IX-CONVENTION AND RESERVE FUNDS AND  
DISTRICT DUES

Section 4 In addition to any Ohio Lions, Inc. per capita state district fund tax, the District Cabinet may assess a District Dues charge of up to \$2.00 per member to defray the administrative expenses of District 13C, SAID CHARGE TO BE LEVIED EACH YEAR AS NEEDED.

**DRAFT: 8/18/04**

**DISTRICT 13C BYLAW AMENDMENT CABINET RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE IX  
SECTION 4  
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THE AMOUNT HERIN AUTHORIZED TO BE LEVIED BY THE DISTRICT 13C CABINET SHALL NOT EXCEED \$2 IN TOTAL IN ANY YEAR WITHOUT A FURTHER VOTE OF THE DISTRICT 13C DELEGATES IN CONVENTION. IN ORDER TO BE COLLECTED IN ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE CHARGE MUST BE REAUTHORIZED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS BY THE DISTRICT 13C CABINET.

SECTION 2. Upon adoption by the District 13C Cabinet, this resolution shall be presented to the delegates at the District 13C Convention to be held April 1, 2, and 3, 2005, with recommendation for adoption, as a District 13C Bylaw amendment, according to the Procedures established by the District 13C Bylaws.

SECTION 3. Upon adoption by the delegates at the District 13C Convention, to be held April 1, 2, and 3, 2005, this amendment as an amended Section 4 to Article. IX-CONVENTION AND RESERVE FUNDS AND DUES shall be effective immediately

DRAFT: 8/18/04

Approved and adopted by the District 13C Cabinet on \_\_\_\_\_2004,

Ohio Lions District 13C Cabinet

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Lion Carol Lester, District Governor

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Lion Pam Abrams, Cabinet Secretary

**DRAFT: 8/18/04**