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District Governor's Comments

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as district governor this past year. All the clubs have welcomed me as part of their club. Unfortunately I was unable to attend all, but I have attended many of your club fundraisers or service projects. They were great fun and accomplished many good things. Thank-you for putting forth your best effort

The members of the cabinet this year were also very active, especially the zone chairmen and MERL + members. They visited clubs and are offering assistance to anyone who asks. So please remember to ask, the district cabinet is here to serve the members of our district. A huge thank-you to all of the cabinet, things changed this year, we had issues and the issues were discussed openly, we changed the zones, our MERL + zone chairmen took it up a notch, truly working as a team. We turned a corner, thanks for embracing the change and supporting our members, clubs and district.

DDG/VDGe Lion Ken Marshall, along with PCC/PDG Jeff Hillis (District B) have worked and continue to work diligently this year to come up with a comprehensive membership recruiting tool that can be used not only in our district but throughout the State. I have seen a draft, and I have seen a club test the theory and I am confident that if the clubs follow the program, we can turn our membership issues around.

VDG/DGe Lion Grant Frazier has worked very hard this year with the MERL + team. As VDG he was the chairman of this committee. All his hard work and effort has really shown through.

Finally I would like to say thank-you to my husband, Lion Dan "HO" (husband of). I appreciate all your support and commitment, not only to me, but also to our District. I know without you, this past year would not have been as successful.

My sincerest thanks to everyone, it has truly been a pleasure to serve as your Governor.

Yours In Service.

Carol Lester
District Governor 13C

**(Vice) District Governor Elect
Comments...**

It is hard to believe that this lionistic year is coming to a close. It has been a year of hard work and much fun. It has been my great pleasure serving with Governor Carol and VDGE Ken. Both of these Lions have been kind. It is an honor to have worked with them. With the coming of the next lionistic year I will have the honor and pleasure of working with all the Lions of our District. Knowing that you have placed your trust in us, Lion Shirley and I will do our best for our District. This coming year we will follow our motto, "We Serve"

Yours in Lionism,

DGe Grant Frazier and
Lion Shirley

**(Deputy) Vice District
Governor Elect
Lion Ken's Comments**

Interesting phenomena occurred at the State Convention. On Saturday morning there was a seminar organized to recognize valuable service projects being run by Lions Clubs around the state. The moderators even selected one of the projects as the best of the year. The winner was the Mad River Lions Club's food bank.

Why was this interesting? Well, for one thing, recognizing good service projects seems to be a rarity at the State Convention. In fact, in the 11 or

12 conventions I've attended this is the first time I can ever remember it happening.

The seminar was held in a very small room. At the starting time of 10:30 most of the seats were taken. By 10:45 there were 30+ people standing along the walls. And the room continued to be packed right up to the quitting time of 11:45. The total time for the seminar was thus about 75 minutes, and it is certainly fair to say it was well attended.

People had about 10 minutes to talk about their project and then answer questions. When the meeting broke up for lunch there were still 6-8 people waiting their turn to speak. These folks were more than a little disappointed since they did not get a chance to talk about "their thing."

By comparison, at the various meetings and marathon eating sessions we probably spent 6+ hours passing out awards and pats on the back to people for many kinds of things. Now, please don't get me wrong. I'm all in favor of making certain every Lion who does something special gets properly recognized. After all, this is the only "pay" we get for often years of hard work.

But our motto is "we serve." So when we spend 5 fold as much time recognizing process and committee work then we do clubs activities, I have to think that maybe our balance is a little out of whack.

Now here's a final interesting thought. I don't think we've ever had a seminar at one of our District Convention recognizing

club projects. So maybe I shouldn't be talking too loud about the state organization not doing the right thing

Lion Ken Marshall
VDGe

**LIONS 101-
PROTOCOL**

Protocol is all about respect. It is in what you say and how you say it. It's all about civility.

The following article draws from a publication of the Lions of Ohio – Past District Governors' Organization and is intended as an introduction to Protocol. Because of space limitations, many of the nuances of Protocol cannot be detailed. However, any Lion interested in learning more about the details of Protocol or who has a specific question concerning Protocol is welcome to contact Lion John Tigie, District Parliamentarian, at 440.946.7567 or at jtigie@ctconsultants.com.

Civilized people respect their fellowmen, both individually and in groups. The fellowship and service of Lionism extends worldwide. Lion members distinguish themselves both individually and as member of clubs, districts, multiple districts and internationally in devoting their time, effort and talent, without recognition, to the humanitarian causes of Lionism.

Certain Lions have extended their efforts beyond club membership by climbing the ladder of service to zone, district, multiple-district and international offices and assignments. Their service not only involves a commitment of time, but also, in many instances a commitment of financial responsibility, as well as a commitment of effort well beyond the normal Lions membership obligations. Such Lions represent great leadership for our international organization. It is only proper that these leaders, who devote a significant portion of their lives to Lionism, receive the proper respect and recognition for their official leadership capacity. Protocol, then, is that recognition for those whom we have elected or appointed as our representatives for leadership. By recognizing them properly, we give them our official "thanks".

In general, Protocol relates to many things. Following are examples of the times when Protocol should be used:

*Proper respect to and recognition of Lion dignitaries or other Lion "very important people."

*Reception and entertainment of Lion dignitaries, especially District, Multiple-District and International officer and past officers.

*Introduction of dignitaries at meetings and special occasions.

*Visitations of District Governor.

*Seating arrangements at conventions, Charter Nights, banquets and other occasions.

*Other business related to Protocol:

- Respect for Speakers
- Taitwisting
- Public Relations
- Lions Information
- Proper behavior and manners.

As noted above, because of space limitations, this article will address only two examples of appropriate Protocol. The first involves the visitation of a District Governor to a Lions Club meeting. Matters of Protocol involve arrangements with the District Governor before her/his meeting with the club, including confirmation of date, time, place and location of the meeting.

Beyond those initial issues, it is important to recognize that the visitation of the District Governor to a club is an obligation of the DG and is an honor for each club. Accordingly, the meeting at which the District Governor visits should be planned with the idea that it's the DG's meeting. No conflicts with the DG should be planned. The DG is the focus of that meeting, the program for that meeting, the most important guest at that

meeting and should be appropriately greeted by the King Lion and other members, made to feel welcome and included in as many discussions prior to the meeting as possible.

On the club's agenda, as one of the first orders of business, a formal introduction of the District Governor should be planned. All Governors' make that process easy. A complete biography is published in the District Directory for the current District Governor. Use it or adapt it for purposes of introducing your guest.

Allow the Governor as much time as she/he needs to address the membership and to discuss the club's activities. Never plan a conflicting program during an official visitation of the District Governor. When the Governor is introduced, it is appropriate that all Lions stand and greet the Governor with applause. This shows appropriate respect for both the office and the individual who has given time to the District to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of that important office.

If you're uncertain about what to discuss at the Governor's visitation, contact the District Governor in advance of the meeting to discuss your agenda and the DG's agenda. Be sure the two do not conflict. Protocol calls for deferring to the District Governor.

The second example of Protocol involves the order of establishing Protocol at any

Lions function. Keep in mind that at each meeting level, whether Club, Zone, District, Multiple-District or International, there is one important or ranking officer who is responsible for that level, for example:

- At the club level – the Club President is the important officer;

- At the zone level – the Zone Chair is the important officer;

- At the District level – the District Governor is the important officer;

- At the Multiple-District level – the Council Chair is the important officer; and

- At the International level – the International President is the important officer.

Always recognize the important officer first, and then International rank takes over, keeping in mind that all current officers hold rank over past officers.

If asked to set Protocol at a District Cabinet meeting at which an International Director and Multiple-District Council Chair are present, in addition to the usual Cabinet members, the following would establish Protocol:

- District Governor
- International Director
- Multiple-District Council Chair
- Immediate Past District Governor
- Vice Governor
- Deputy Governor

- Past District Governors
- Cabinet Secretary
- Cabinet Treasurer
- Zone Chairs
- State Committee Members
- District Committee Chairs
- Visiting Lions
- Visiting Leos
- Non-Lion Guests

Although there is much more to discuss in regard to Protocol, this article, as noted, was meant to introduce some important elements of Protocol. It does not review all situations in which Protocol should be followed. Also as noted, specific questions about Protocol are welcome and encouraged.

In summary, always remember that Protocol is a way to show respect for the Lions office and the individual Lion. By recognizing officers and other important Lions properly, we are saying – “Thanks for all you are doing and have done in representing this International Association we call Lions!!!”

Dear Lions of District 13C,

Thank you so much for the wonderful cards of cheer these past few weeks. Your encouragement has certainly helped me to endure my recovery from surgery even faster.

Although I’m not able to travel longer than a half-hour at a time, I hope to be out and about the first part of July, especially since I’m missing my favorite hobby of SHOPPING!

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Lion Marty Dennis
Zone 5 Chairman

For your information.....

On Friday, June 24th Lion Dave Kelleher’s home was destroyed by fire. Thankfully he, his wife Melanie and their daughter were unharmed. The fire consumed their entire house. A couple of firemen volunteered to go through the basement and they were able to recover about 80% of their family’s photos. Everything else was lost to the fire. They are planning to rebuild on the same site. Currently they are staying with Jack & Laura McCoy’s home. Until they know for sure where they will be, they are only asking for continued prayers and moral support.

Here’s what’s happening in District 13C....

JULY:

15- Painesville Lions “Party in the Park” Thru July 17 we will have a concession booth. Join us for a fun filled weekend. All of our club members have details.

27- North Royalton Lions Memorial Golf Outing. Held at Cherokee Hills GC. Shotgun start. Two man scramble. Golf cart, breakfast, dinner and prizes included. Contact Lion Bob Ahrens for more information at ahrenssarch@aol.com

AUGUST:

15- Medina Lions Golf Outing. Held at Rawiga Country Club. \$75/golfer or \$290/foursome. 8:30am registration, 9:30 shotgun start. Steak dinner and awards after golf. Contact Lion Mark Williams for tickets 419-846-3133.

SEPTEMBER:

22-24 USA-Canada Forum in Peoria, IL

OCTOBER:

8-Chardon Lions Annual Reverse Raffle. LaMalfa Party Center, Mentor \$125/couple. Contact Lion Bob Ray 440-286-3611 for tickets and information.

29-North Royalton Lions Poor Man's Reverse Raffle. Held at Pipers III in Broadview Hts. Family style dinner. Call Lion Bill Sample 440-237-4579 for details.

29-North Coast Lions "Murder Mystery Dinner". Cost is \$25/person. Held at Partician Party Center. *Costumes optional!!* Call Lion Wallie (440) 944-3947 for tickets.

Jefferson-July 16-17 the AC & J Scenic Railroad will be sponsoring a Civil War raid on the train. The train will be running at 1,3 & 5pm on Saturday and 1 & 3pm on Sunday. The Jefferson Lions will be serving hotdogs and burgers both days. More

information is available at the railroad site www.acjrsevic.net Seating is limited to 150 per ride. Advanced reservations are suggested.

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, No Royalton, OH 44133