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District Governor's Report

Happy New Year Lions!

I hope you survived your hectic holiday schedules and have returned to the normal, daily routine of life once again? May this New Year bring good health and prosperity to you and yours.

While serving as your District Governor these past several months and through my visitations to our clubs, it has been a pleasure to have learned so much about your continuous service to others. The recent holidays were a great example of your generosity to your communities. Congratulations!

*We, as a district of 38 clubs, have **a lot to do** within the next several months and years to increase and retain our membership. Each club is aware of their own member numbers, but we all need to consider the "total picture" of our district – we are close to reaching a decline to 1,000 total members. It's a very sad*

*period for us all but we **ALL** can do something about it.*

*We need a club in **Parma**; we need a club in **Hudson**; we need to reinstitute clubs where they have failed once before. We need more members within each club. We have the means, the talents and the continuous support from Lions International to proceed with new clubs – what is stopping us? The answer is..... Commitment! Each of our clubs has lost members this year and some unfortunately due to death. Those who have been dropped from your membership or resigned needed to be contacted one-on-one to convince them to stay and provide their talents to help with your club's goals. There are many ways we can commit to increasing our Lions across our district and at the club level, I encourage each King Lion to plan a Membership Night/Drive/Luncheon – whatever – to invite people once again to your club to learn about what you do for others and what a long history the*

Lions have had around the world for over 90 years. It just takes Commitment.

Our third District Cabinet Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 20th at the Silver Lake Country Club in Stow/Cuyahoga Falls. The meal is \$15.00 total. You, your club members and your spouse/partner are always welcome. Please contact our Cabinet Secretary, Lion Cindy Palmentera with your reservation(s). We have had success with attendance at our Sunday cabinet meetings – something different and something for everyone. It would be nice to see many more of our clubs on February 20th.

Your District Convention plans are proceeding very well through the help of Lion Ada Ahrens. Friday night, April 29th will feature the theme of “Our Shining Stars in Service” – recognizing those Lions from our clubs who have gone above and beyond serving their club and their communities. Lion Jean Sheeley is creating the form for each club to complete to recognize 1-2 “stars” from their membership during this special evening. Please encourage your membership to attend as well to applaud your “stars”. Other areas of the convention will be sent to each club within a packet – please become a part of this important

*weekend to help celebrate YOUR convention.
(2)*

I want to once again express our sympathies to Lois Lowe and her family for the loss of our Past District Governor, Lion Bob Lowe. Lion Bob encouraged and supported my endeavors to become a District Governor many years ago and I always thanked him each time we met - A special guy who will be missed.

*Lion Shirley Frazier and Carole Marshall (PDG Ken's wife) could use your thoughts and prayers and get well cards due to illness. Both of these ladies are great supporters within our Lions organization and they deserve **our** support.*

Finally to quote the newsletter editor from the Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club – “membership is all of our responsibility. . .” – we all need to take an active role in preparing our clubs for the future. Ask someone today to join you at your next meeting and learn what Lions really do for others!

Stay happy and healthy until we meet again,

District Governor Lion Marty and

Lion Dick Dennis

First Vice District Governor's Report

It is hard to believe that 2011 is here and in just six months I will be attending the International Convention in Seattle. I hope that many of you will be able to join me there. But before we get to July we have many things to accomplish this year. The Winter Retreat is this coming weekend at Mohican State Park; the District Cabinet meeting is on February 20th, and of course the Zone meetings. There will be a District Blood Drive in Parma (date to be announced) soon; and of course our own District Convention April 29th, 30th and May 1st; and the State Convention May 21st and 22nd. We have a little over five months of this fiscal year to focus on our membership and getting District 13-C back to the level of membership it should be at. According to LCI By-Laws a District is in good standing if it has 1,250 members and at least 35 Clubs. We have been below the 1,250 member count for some time and the most recent count is 1,019 members with 39 Clubs. I urge each of you to look at your friends, neighbors, members of your church, people at the recreation center, your doctor, your co-workers, and those that are members of other civic organizations, as potential Lions Club members. We often hear that when people are asked why they aren't Lions they commonly say “they weren't

asked". We don't want the Lions of 13-C to become an endangered species. It is so important that we build up our membership in District 13-C. Please get out and "ASK" someone to join your Club. In the next few months we will focus on the City of Parma in hopes of forming a new Club. Anyone interested in assisting with this initiative is welcome to join. More information will be forthcoming and I look forward to the next few months of growth for our District.

1st VDG Mary Chentnik

Second Vice District Governor's Report

First of all...Happy New Year to every Lion in our district...you all make a difference!
District 13-C is a great place to be a Lion, but we need help. Oh no...membership. It is preached to us every year until we are blue in the face. But, we must consider the consequences of doing nothing. Every one of us has a responsibility to try to insure that his or her club will survive in the future. We cannot just go on and on as before...we MUST go out and ask people to come and take a look at our clubs and see what we do. Then maybe ask if they would like to join.
At the present rate of decline, each club must increase its membership by a minimum of 12% just to stay even over the next three years. With Lions retiring [thus moving out of

state], passing away or just quitting it gets harder to keep the numbers up. If we do nothing we will have no district left.

So let us make a New Year's resolution...go out and gather prospective new members. Set a goal, make a plan and follow through. Keep asking yourself...I joined many years ago because _____. What will it take for a new member to join?

We do so much good in our communities and surrounding areas that it would be a real shame to lose any more members or clubs. So go get some new blood!
Let's see if we can stem the current tide and get our District back.

Lion 2VDG Dan Lester

We lost an exceptional Lion



LOWE
ROBERT F.
LOWE, "Mr. Lion", "Uncle Bob", age 90 and eight months, of Bedford, OH. Beloved husband of Lois J. (nee Gilbert) and the late Alice J. (nee Junkin). Loving uncle and cousin to many. Died Saturday, December 25, 2010. Bob retired from Northrop Grumman (originally Jack & Heintz), as Supervisor of Industrial Engineering & Cost Estimating, in 1985. He served on the Board of the Bedford Lions Club, co-founded the Lions Eye Clinic,

Inc., Lions of District 13-C as District Governor for two terms - 1964-65 and 1996-97 and the Past District Governors Association of 13-C. He gave generously of his time through the years, for which he received numerous awards, including the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award (highest award in Lionism). In addition to being a loyal Lion, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bedford and George Murray Lodge FOPA. Friends are encouraged to remember Bob through gifts to the Bedford Lions Club, P.O. Box 46185, Bedford, OH 44146. Bob has been privately laid to rest at Crown Hill Memorial Park. Arranged by JOHNSON-ROMITO FUNERAL HOME, BEDFORD, OH (440) 232-1441. Bob was grateful for those who shared his life and left the following message: "Don't be sad, I have lived a good life. Thank you for being a part of my life".
www.johnsonromito.com

Dear MD-13 Lions,

It was Lion Bob Lowe's wish that any donations be sent directly to the Bedford Lions Club.

For those who do not know the address, please send them to:

Bedford Lions Club
P.O.Box 46185
Bedford, OH 44146

Thank you for being a friend of Lion Bob. Ask he would say, "BITE 'EM!

Lion Karen M. Calta
Bedford Lions Club, President

Membership Chairman Report

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

We are now beginning the second half of the Lion year, and this is good time to take a look at our clubs. As part of the Club Excellence Program, clubs will take a look at the inner workings and what improvement can be made. We will also look at what is working and making the club successful.

In the future District Bulletins, I will be sharing suggestions to help keep membership interested during meetings.

Long, boring meetings are the primary reason that half of our members drop out. We want our meetings to accomplish two things: motivate our members to get involved and return next month. Keep the meeting **FLOWING, FRESH AND FUN.**

PLAN—Agendas are key to a smooth flow for the meeting; ask members to call ahead to be placed on the agenda, so last minute changes don't become the routine. Make sure there is purpose for any special/committee meeting so

goals are achieved. **START ON TIME**—I know you are tired of hearing this one; but start on time and end on time. There is nothing worse than being on time for a meeting (even a little early) and the presider is late and unorganized. Time is valuable; don't waste it. **KEEP IT MOVING**—Don't rehash old problems and continue discussions for weeks at a time. If there is a dispute, settle it ASAP. If members get "off topic", rope them back to the agenda. Remember, you want to keep the meeting flowing like a river; there will be some ripples but the water keeps moving forward.

Look for more ideas in the February Bulletin. Lions Wallie, Membership Chairperson

Lion Wallie Burnett

GALEP Report

GALEP ACTIVITIES

The number of requests for eye examinations and prescription eyeglasses has not reached the levels prior to reorganization because Prevent Blindness Ohio came into the Akron area to take up the void left when GALEP was reorganizing from January through June of 2009.

As a result of the decreased demand upon GALEP resources for eye examinations and glasses, the Board is reviewing its mission and considering again providing cataract and

other eye care treatments to those who can not afford such care. This means establishing a relationship with an Ophthalmologist in the Akron area willing to do such treatment at a reduced cost and within the GALEP budget. The Board will also contact Summa to determine if a relationship can be established with that organization.

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 the GALEP Directors is scheduled for February 7, 2011.

The GALEP

**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**

Board Meeting January 12, 2011
The January 12th Board meeting was cancelled at the last minute

because of serious weather conditions resulting in dangerous road conditions. The principal scheduled topics for discussion were the review and vote on the 2011 Constitution revision and the discussion of the 2011/2013 slate of officers. These issues will be discussed at the March 9, 2011 Board meeting.

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.

Board and Delegate Meeting

The Program Delegate Meetings are held the **Third**, not the Fourth Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

Next Board and Delegate Meetings

Board meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2011 at 11:30 AM in the St Vincent DePaul Room. Directors may go to the cafeteria for lunch.

Delegate Meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the St. Vincent DePaul Room. Meal will be provided for \$12.

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. We will be a discussion and vote on a new slate of officers at the March 9, 2011 Board Meeting.

**Delegate Meeting Reminder
PLEASE KEEP IN MIND
THAT YOU MUST LET US
KNOW BY 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.**

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.

Wishing all a very Happy New Year.

**Lion Neil Sheeley
President
Lions Eye Clinic**

**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



In our January issue, you'll see how the Lions-Measles Initiative is protecting 41 million children in Africa, learn about the new Lions International Essay Contest, find out about our 2010-2011 Peace Poster Contest theme and more. Read on for the latest Lions Clubs International news and information.

**Lions-Measles Initiative
Program to Protect 41 Million
Kids**



As part of the Lions-Measles Initiative pilot program, Lions are helping vaccinate 41 million children against measles, a leading cause of childhood blindness. LCIF Chairperson Eberhard Wirfs recently traveled to Madagascar with staff from international headquarters to help vaccinate at-risk children. In seven days, our effort reached 2.6 million people in Madagascar alone. Overall, we hope to reach at least 95 percent of children ages 9 to 47 months in Ethiopia, Mali, Madagascar and Nigeria by early 2011. [Read our blog for a behind-the-scenes look at this program.](#)

Do the Write Thing

The Lions International Essay Contest offers you a wonderful opportunity to support local visually impaired youth. And to promote your club by working with local schools and families to identify young people who are interested in participating. The contest is open to visually-impaired students, ages 11-13. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000. The theme for the essay is "Power of Peace." Each essay must be submitted in English with a completed entry form, be no longer than 500 words, type written in black ink and double-spaced. [Download complete rules and entry form.](#)

Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced



For more than 20 years, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has given young people a chance to express their visions of peace. And now, we're excited to announce the theme for our 2011-2012 Contest - "Children Know Peace." If your club would like to sponsor a contest in a local school or youth group, Peace Poster Contest Kits will go on sale on January 15, 2011 from Club Supplies. [Learn more about the 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest, including how to order a kit.](#)

New and Improved Service Activity Report

We've recently redesigned the Lions Club Service Activity Report to provide clubs with more tools to monitor their service activities and share information with others. The new system allows club and district officers to designate signature activities and set service goals that can be tracked throughout the year. Officers can also search activities that other clubs choose to share using key words, geographic location, program area and other criteria. [linktype="link">.](#)

Lions Can Help Children in Need

If your club would like to plan a project to help children in need, here's great news! The Lions Children First program has the tools and resources you need to organize a food or clothing drive, host a vision or hearing screening, promote literacy in local schools and more. [Review the Lions Children First Program Kit for materials you can use to implement a successful Lions Children First project in your community.](#)

LIONS QUARTERLY

Watch [LQ](#) to see how Lions are helping millions worldwide.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Symposium Program](#)

Apply for grant funding for a children's symposium.

CONTESTS

[International Contest](#)

Enter your Newsletter, Trading Pin, Banner or Web Site today.

[Environmental Photo Contest](#)

Submit Multiple District photo entries by March 1, 2010.

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

[2011 International Convention](#)

Get all the details about our 2011 convention in Seattle.

[Lions Day with the UN](#)

Register to attend Lions Day with the UN in New York and Nairobi on March 18, 2011.



Dear District Governor,

As you know, the Lions Club Service Activity Report was recently redesigned to provide clubs with additional tools to measure the impact of their work, monitor their service, and share information with others. In late January a new release of the WMMR-based report is being deployed with several new features especially developed with the district in mind. The following are highlights of the key new features along with information on upcoming training. We hope you can share this information with officers in your district and [contact us](#) with if you have any questions or require additional information.

Best Regards,
Katerina Barcal
Manager, Program
Development
Lions Clubs International

New Features in WMMR for district officers*

New WMMR District Home page

After logging in to WMMR, district officers* will see a new District Home page that is tailored for their own district. The Home page will list the district's member count, information on club service activity reporting, as well as a list of the 10 district clubs with the oldest membership reporting dates. The data for the new District Home page is current as of the previous night (Chicago time).

Service Activity Reporting - Goal Setting and Tracking

From a link on the Activity Reports Home page, the district will be able to access the new goal setting web page. The Goals and Objectives web page can be used by the district to set district-wide goals and objectives for service. Then, as the year progresses district officers* will be able to monitor progress made toward those goals. Here's one example of a district goal and related objective:

Goal: To increase club participation in health and wellness service projects during the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Objective: By the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2011) we will collect at least 50,000 eyeglasses as part of District XX eyeglass recycling service activities

New Features in WMMR for district and club officers

Service Activity Reporting - Signature Activities

From the Signature Activity link on the Activity Reports Home page, clubs and districts will be able to designate a Service Activity as a "signature" activity. These are activities that are popular and typically organized on an ongoing basis within the club or district. Once an activity is designated as a Signature Activity, clubs will be able select the activity from the Add New Activities page, simplifying the service activity reporting process and giving clubs the opportunity to further showcase activities that they are known for in their communities.

Service Activity Reporting - Search

From the Search link on the Service Activity Main page, clubs and

districts will be able to search for service activities. They will be able to use a variety of criteria to narrow down their search including a specific month, year, service activity type, or geographic location. Clubs can use this feature to get ideas for new service activities or identify other clubs that can provide advice on how to organize a particular type of activity. Club officers will be able search all activities within their club and shared activities within their district, multiple district or constitutional area. Likewise district officers* will be able search all activities within their district and shared activities within their multiple district or constitutional area.

Training and Support

We will hold two webcasts during the month of January to provide a live demonstration of some of the key new features of the service activity report application. The first webcast (scheduled for January 11th at 6:30 PM CST) will be tailored to district officers* while the second webcast (scheduled for January 18th at 6:30 PM CST) will focus on club-level features. Participants will be able to ask questions and provide feedback on the new report application. To learn

more, please visit the [Lions Service Activity Report Web page](#) on the LCI website.

The [WMMR Support Center](#) will continue to provide technical assistance to clubs and districts as they begin to use the new features of the Lions Club Service Activity Report application. General questions about the report and/or specific inquiries related to the report redesign may be directed to our service [activity reports](#) team.

Sight & Hearing Annual Report **December 25, 2010**

It has been my pleasure to serve the Lions of District 13-C as their representative to the State of Ohio Sight & Hearing Committee. As you can see by the attached statement, District 13-C contributed \$21,348 to Pilot Dogs and \$1550 to Sight & Hearing undesignated. We have consistently been the third largest contributor to Pilot Dogs Inc. In May of 2010, I was appointed the Chairperson of the Sight & Hearing Committee by my peers. I am honored by this position, having been Secretary for a few years.

At this time last year, I took on the responsibility of obtaining Allyn Sure Sight Cameras for Multiple District 13 through a grant from Lions Clubs International. After much research and contacts, I came across Prevent Blindness Ohio. They (PBO) are one of the sub

agencies of the Sight & Hearing Committee. PBO has been doing the same things that we as Lions do for the people of Ohio. That is, **prevent blindness and conserve sight**. The big difference is that PBO goes after Local, State and Federal grants to pay for eye care such as glasses. PBO even works with St. Vincent Charities Hospital to provide glasses and exams. They also have five Allyn Sure Sight Cameras through out the state and provide services to children and adults who may have Amblyopia (Lazy Eye), cross eyed, near sighted, far sighted, and glaucoma in adults. PBO offers free training of the equipment and a regiment of time tested forms, procedures and follow up. They also have access to the Ohio's SIIS computer system for tracking children and are recipients of funding through the "Save our Sight" (SOS) fund that you are asked to give to when you buy license plates for your car. As such, the Lions of Ohio would become subcontractors to PBO to share funding. It does not take much thought to see that if PBO and the Ohio Lions work together, we can share people, ideas, equipment and prevent blindness and conserve sight while making our dollars go much further. It will also allow the Lions of Ohio to return to our roots of helping people see.

Although the grant is a work in progress that is being prepared for Lions Clubs International's approval, we feel comfortable that it is obtainable and with

PBO's help and guidance, we will make a difference in Ohio. Also, the Lions of Ohio are part of the process with the Ohio Coalition for Universal Vision Screening in Younger Children. This is a five state Federal grant from the US Dept of Health to PBO to determine how to do vision screening of all 3 year olds in Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina, Illinois and Massachusetts. This a test state to determine how the whole United States can do it. We do have a voice and are being heard by the other states and the Federal Government. Why us, you ask? Because PBO and The Lions of Ohio have a long history of knowing how to do this and make it happen. PBO has the expertise to get the grants to defray cost and the Lions of Ohio have the manpower to do the screenings. By doing this positive approach, we can grow in membership by making ourselves more visible

and showing the public that we care and do serve.

I humbly ask for help from the Lions of District 13-C. I am a proud Lion and will stand tall to any vision challenge that is conquerable. The Sight & Hearing Committee and the Council of Governors are behind me now. Will you please join us?

Will you become "Knights of preventable blindness?" Will you save our children with impaired vision that is curable? Will you save your own children's sight? Will you take time to learn, get state certification and use the vision screening equipment that we have applied to receive? If the answer is yes, then you will be hearing from me in the upcoming months. **Thank you for being a Lion.**
Yours in Lionism
Lion Ray Dellmore

Chairman of Sight & Hearing Committee

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

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216-533-5474

Proceeds will be used to support Lions Service Projects.

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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