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District Governor's Report

Everyday Heroes

This year's theme is "Miracles Through Service - Everyday Heroes," and all of you are my heroes. You make miracles happen in your communities. I hope all of you had a fun summer and are ready to start this new Lions year. This year is not my year, but **your year**. This is the year that **you** will make those miracles happen, the year **you** will help our District grow and the year that people stop saying "who are the Lions and what do they do?" This is the year that people will say "How can I join and how can I help". Over the next few months you will be receiving information about new programs from LCI and new PR information.

A major concern of every club is MEMBERSHIP. LCI has approved a grant for MD 13 for extension and we will be targeting the five districts that are below 1250. I will be contacting several of you from each Region to join our extension team. If you want to help and I have not called you yet please call me. During the month of August you will be

hearing more about this extension training program.

On the lighter side - Thailand was great. We had some really interesting conversations in our group training and everyone from all over the world agrees that we need to stop being the worlds best kept secret. After hours we had a chance to do some sightseeing. I even rode an elephant and I have the pictures to prove it. I won't bore you with a long, lengthy article. I just want to say

THANK YOU FOR ALL
THAT YOU DO

Yours in Lionism

District Governor

Lion Dona

Vice District Governor's Report

Now that the international convention is over and the new fiscal year is under way, let us rededicate ourselves to the principles of Lionism. The last four years we have seen the membership in our district's numbers slowing down. Now is the time to also work harder on orientation and retention.

We have all been working hard to get new members and our numbers show this - however to many members are leaving, so we must orient the new members so they can understand the value of being a Lion. When one of the members of MERL visits your Club or Zone meeting, please give them your ideas or opinions on membership and orientation. The MERL will need every Lion's ideas and opinions.

VDG Grant and Shirley Frazier

Deputy District Governor's Report

As our new Lions year begins, I am most grateful to so many of you who have called or written me with your support for the next 3 years. It took a long time for me to decide as to whether I could or should take this commitment but after an extensive 2-day training in Columbus to meet the other district's DDG's, I'm more than ready to serve you and our district the best way I can! My husband, Lion Rich, is still adjusting but he has a few years to keep the car gassed, the phone messages handy and the Tylenol by his side! Our district is so very blessed through the previous leadership from our PDG's. They are there for our support, inspiration and are continued advisors as we ALL meet the many months of our venture through our Lions organization. I thank them all for "paving the path" as we meet the many challenges within our district.

I look forward to meeting you all as I visit your clubs, attending your fund-raisers, and special events. My initial and largest goal is to keep the flow of communication open, listen to any suggestions or concerns, and support your endeavors. My convention campaign speech centered on youth, and I am hoping that we as a district can expand our involvements with the established LCI youth programs as well as those within our cities. We need to consider them as our future but more importantly, as the saving grace of Lions Clubs International. Enjoy the balance of your summer.

DDG Lion Marty Dennis

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL LIONS CLUBS

Lion Neil Sheeley

All tax exempts, regardless of amount of gross receipts are **NOW** required to file an annual report with the Internal Revenue Service by the 15th day of the fifth month after the fiscal year end of the organization.

e.g.: If you have a 12/31 accounting year end then you must file by 5/15 of the following calendar year.

This means that although your club did not have in excess of \$25,000 in gross receipts, you must file the E-Postcard that is found at "<http://www.irs.gov>".

Those clubs with gross receipts in excess of \$25,000 must file a Form 990EZ,

Those tax exempts not complying with this new reporting rule by 2010 will lose their tax exempt status and will be subject to income tax on all net earnings.

The group tax exemption granted as part of the chartering of the club will no longer apply.

COSTS FOR NOT COMPLYING

1. No longer tax exempt. You will be treated as a taxable business.
2. To become tax-exempt, the organization must file a form 1023 which is about 12 pages and requires a user fee of \$750.

Please contact the District Treasurer or Financial Advisor if there are questions concerning this issue.

Lion Neil Sheeley
District 13-C Treasurer
District 13-C Financial Advisor
President, Lions Club of North Royalton Ohio

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

STATE: The membership numbers are looking good on the State Level; as of May 2008 Reports, -398; but net +110. Great!!!!!!

INT'L: Increase of more than 10,000 Lions from the start of the year; as the year ends, this may fluctuate a little.

DISTRICT 13-C: I am waiting for the year-end reports and will

have a summary in the August Bulletin.

REMEMBER: Lions want to be challenged, want hands-on participation, and want to feel valued; so "GIVE A PAT ON THE BACK FOR JOBS WELL DONE" and see the results.

Lion Wallie Burnett

A Lion Needs Help

For anyone who met our Club member Rebecca Dobos at the District Convention I just wanted to let you know that Jacks, her Pilot Dog, developed a brain tumor and was euthanized on Saturday, June 21st.

This condition came on really fast and was quite a shock; he started having problems around June 3rd. Jacks became very disoriented, unable to walk well, he was confused, and had signs of weakness and not eating. Of course Rebecca is very upset over this. She also has concerns about having to pay the vet bills which are overwhelming for her in her time of grief.

Any support would be greatly appreciated.

Lion Mary Chentnik

Lions in the News



Wall of pavers was built behind the Grand Army of the Republic Monument

ROYALTON RECORDER -
JUNE 19, 2008

Phase 2 of Memorial Flag Project includes wall of dedicated pavers

Those who attended the Memorial Day ceremony at North Royalton Cemetery witnessed a very moving event. The ceremony that is held every year to honor those who gave their lives, so that we may live in freedom, was made extra special this year with the dedication, of the Memorial Flag Project, which was spearheaded by the Lions Club. The Memorial Day dedication included Opening Ceremony remarks by Mayor Bob Stefanik; Col. Nicholas E. Phillips USAF and Lions Club Members.

Following the raising of the flag of the United States by the North Royalton Police Honor Guard, the National Anthem by members of the NRHS Band, and the Invocation by LCDR Randy Williams, Chaplain United States Navy., the Dedication of the Memorial was made by Mr. Fred DeAnna, USMC, on behalf of the North Royalton Lions Club, to Mayor Bob Stefanik for the City of North Royalton.

The ceremony also included the raising of representative flags in honor of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and POW/MIA. The ceremony also included a firing of Military Salute by USMC Marine Corps League, and the

playing of Taps by Mr. Michael Wos and members of the NRHS band.

In addition to the costs incurred by the Lions Club to construct this project- many volunteers also helped make it possible to complete Phase I of the project in time for the May 26 Dedication. Some of the volunteers include Mayor Bob Stefanik; the North Royalton Fire and Police Departments; the Service Dept.; Ed Swim and the North Royalton Cemetery and Park Crew for helping to finish the landscaping; the North Royalton schools for seating, stage and podium, the NRFD for the sound system and shelters; NRHS band members who volunteered for the ceremony; the US Marine Corps League for Service Representatives, Armed Forces Recruiters Donors of the flag poles and flags, Costa & Sons Decorative Concrete; Terry and Betty Prah; Tri-County Concrete; Tom Denk Construction; Tom Fashempour, Tom Koch, Royalton Supply; Kristi Smith, Valley City Building Supply; Charles Svec Inc.

The Lions Memorial Flag Project has now begun Phase 2, which includes the construction of a walkway, a wall of dedicated pavers behind the Grand Army of the Republic, (GAR) Monument, and landscaping. Engraved pavers are available, to be placed at the memorial site. The cost of a 4x8 paver is \$50, and an 8x8 paver is \$100. Anyone interested in purchasing a paver or would like to make a donation, will

find more information on the Lions Club website,
www.northroyaltonlions.org.

Club News

North Coast Lions Club



North Coast Lions Club Presents: the 4th Annual MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Performed by the Candlelight Mystery Players
SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 08

Doors Open 6:00pm
Silent Auction

Cash Bar

Chinese Auction

Halloween Costumes Optional

The Patrician Party Center

33150 Lakeland Boulevard

Eastlake, Ohio 44095

440-975-8400

Sit Down Dinner 7:00pm

Door Prizes

Cost \$30.00 per person

Contact Lori @
440-953-9824 for more information

Proceeds Benefit
Sight/Hearing Projects

Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club

LIONS WEBSITE: We now have a CUYAHOGA FALLS

LIONS CLUB website. Its address is
www.cuyahogafallslionsclub.org.
As our bookmarkers did not have the complete web address printed on them, the site is also available at

www.cuyahogafallslions.org.

Please visit the site, as it is updated frequently, thanks to our Webmaster, Lion Rick Sabo. There are links to other Lions websites as well. Lion Rick is also posting this Newsletter on our website each month.

ROCKIN ON THE RIVER;

On July 18th your Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club is scheduled to serve the beer at ROCKIN ON THE RIVER. There will be three (3) beer wagons with five (5) taps each. We will need between ten (10) and fourteen (14) volunteers for each beer wagon. We will need four (4) experienced people on the beer taps, four (4) people serving the customers and (2) people moving the beer from the tapped beer table to the serving table. The other four (4) volunteers will be needed to give others a break when needed. So we are looking for forty (40) volunteers in total for the evening. We will meet with Bob Early at 4:30P.M. so he can lay down the ground rules and then start serving at 5:00 P.M. until 10:30P.M. Remember there are three primary rules. 1. No drinking of beer while serving. 2. No giving away of beer and 3. No giving away of tokens. If you want to drink a beer you must step outside the serving area, buy a token and drink your beer away from the beer wagon. We have two (2)

weeks to line up our volunteers so call your friends and relatives and call Lion Syd Baker with your list of volunteers. You can reach Lion Syd at (330) 655-3543.

HELP FOR OUR SERVICE

MEN: Our newest Lion, Joe Bettio informs us that there is an organization in the Akron area called Three Deuces, which provides many free services to area service men and women and their families. These services include such things as psychiatric help, household repairs and many others. If you know of anyone who has a husband or wife on active duty or a service man or woman who has returned from active duty, who needs help of any type, please give Lion Joe a call at (330) 929-0546 or (330) 655-2933

Mogadore Lions Club

Mogadore Festival will be held July 17-19 at the Park – Lions will operate the Beer Garden Sat. and Sun. – 3-6PM

CALENDAR

July

26 - Ohio Lions Night at the Cleveland Indians

September

Bus trip to USA Canada Forum in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

October

25 – North Coast Lions Murder Mystery Dinner