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District Governor's Report

Well, it is that time in the Lions Year when we sit back and reflect on all of the good work we as a District have done. This has been a very busy year with the formation of a new club and the possibility of a Branch club. Several clubs have increased their membership and some members are working on rebuilding their clubs. Some clubs have taken on a new community service project and some have new fund raisers. The Extension Team is ready to start work on a new club in the Brunswick area and the MERL Team is already planning seminars for next fall. I am looking forward to working with the MERL Team next year and helping to develop a Retention Plan that will help us keep all of the dedicated Lions we have now and to gain more new Lions in the future.

I would like to leave you with a few facts and figures. At the State Convention International President Al told us that MD 13 is # 1 in North America for membership growth with 18

new clubs - 457 new members (which gives us a + 197 for this Lions Year) and that this is the first time in LCI history (that he knows of) that a Multiple District has had at least one new club in EVERY DISTRICT .

I am so proud of this District and its dedicated members. District 13-C has proved that we can accomplish anything we set out to do if we all work together.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to SERVE as your District Governor.

ALL of you are my "Everyday Hero's"

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO

Yours in Lionism
DG Dona

Vice District Governor's Report

On August 8th 2009, our District will have an opportunity to demonstrate to the public how big an organization we are. The Twins Day Parade is a nationality

covered event. We have before us an opportunity to make our mission and our slogan (We Serve) known throughout the state. To make this impact, we will need two or more Lions from each Club. Please keep in mind what eighty or more Lions will look like coming down the street. Your District leadership needs your help! The parade will start at 8:00 AM with a small walk of under a half mile. All Lions will wear the same t-shirt so we all can be seen as members of the same organization. At the front of our group will be a large banner reading "Ohio Lions MD 13." There will be no need to bring your club banner we want to look like one big club. The assembly point will be at Two Club Golf on Rt. 82 west of Twinsburg. If you are coming from the North or South and using Interstate 271, turn on Interstate 480 going East to Rt. 82 exit. Turn West to Two Club Golf. If you use Rt. 91 North, turn West on Interstate 480 to Rt.82 West to Two Club Golf. If going South turn on rt.82 West to Two Club Golf. Keep in mind we need you to make this a success. See you on August 8, 2009 at 8:00am at Two Club Golf. Let them see how great the Lions are.

Yours in Lionism DGE Grant & Shirley Frazier

Second Vice District Governor's Report

While serving this past year as your Deputy District Governor

(now known as the 2nd Vice District Governor), I have been fortunate to have met many of our District's Lions through various meetings and events. Recently our district convention provided both Lion Rich and me with the opportunity to meet many more of you, especially those "heroes" honored at the



Friday night banquet. We look forward to the coming year to visit more clubs and events to learn more of our Lions who help make our district successful. Thank you, Governor Dona, for your help and guidance within our district this past year. Again, your convention was memorable and well



attended . Lion Ada Ahrens did such a good job of coordinating this important event, that I have asked her to chair my convention in 2011. Both Lion Rich and I attended the Ohio Lions MD 13 State Convention last month where we were both inspired and **encouraged** more with our service in the Lions organization. Our special guests, International President Al Brandel and his wife were extremely friendly and inspirational throughout their visit. They both spoke of their travels and experiences this past year and recognized our Ohio Lions MD 13 as the **only state in North America to charter a new club in each district!** YES, we were all proud of that

statement!



Obviously our clubs and district will be "changing hands" (as of July 1st). I feel it's important that we take the opportunity to seek out and **encourage** those individuals, who have made a positive difference, to help guide us into the coming year. Mentoring is a great for a new Lion to learn more of new responsibilities but more so, to support our efforts and ideas. As I've mentioned within previous bulletin articles, I intend to focus my District Governor's theme in 2010-2011 with youth programs, both through LCI's programs and within our own communities to **encourage** good values, citizenship, and leadership. Our Lion's State and District Chairperson, Lion Cindy Palmentera, can assist your club to plan a new program or of ways to begin a youth project within your community. LCI also has a link on their website under "Youth" that can **encourage** your club to begin thinking of ways you can support the future adults of tomorrow. It's never too early or too late to start thinking of our youth. Finally, as the summer weather is finally upon us and vacations are being planned, please take time to remember our friends and neighbors who may be suffering in so many ways due to loss of jobs and/or finances. Perhaps plan a donation of gift baskets or grocery gift cards now as opposed to waiting until the holiday periods. You just might brighten their day through such an easy Lions

project and helping others in need.

Stay healthy and happy until we meet again,

1st Vice District Governor-Elect Lion Marty Dennis

CABINET TREASURER'S REPORT

**Summary of Cabinet Meeting
June 4, 2009**

Financial

The District realized \$18,438 in receipts and \$17,717 in disbursements for the 11 months from July 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009. Net Receipts over Disbursements were \$721.

District has \$18,830 in cash, dues receivables, and 2010 convention advance at May 31, 2009.

Included in the financials were the results of the 2009 District Convention, which had a net excess of disbursements over receipts of \$651.

The Treasurer asked all present to thank both Lions Ada Ahrens and Cindy Palmentera for an excellent job of organizing and running the 2009 Convention.

Membership

Dues for the first half of the 2009/2010 year will be sent in July (revised to August after the August Cabinet meeting)

and will be based upon the May membership reports.

There were 1109 Lions in District 13-C at May 31, 2009.

Preliminary Convention Report

Preliminary numbers show \$10,187 in receipts and \$10,838 in disbursements, resulting in a net (\$651).

Annual Vote on \$2 Dues Assessment

Treasurer discussed reasons for continuing the \$2 dues assessment

State dues expected to increase by \$2 effective July 1, 2010

Need to continue the Extension and Retention programs in order to increase membership

Need funds to bring in 2 new Lions clubs and revitalize 3 existing Lions clubs

Need to acquire replacement copy machine for the production of the District Bulletin

Present copier no longer repairable and estimated cost to replace is \$1,600.

Vote on \$2 dues assessment tabled until August cabinet meeting.

District Copy Machine

Treasurer announced that a bill for maintenance of the copier had been received for \$550.

Treasurer announced that the existing copier is no longer repairable. This copier was

provided by Ace Copier at no cost for the past two years. Ace Copier has offered to provide a replacement copier at a cost of \$1,600.

Treasurer recommended that District consider purchasing a desktop copier which would District Copy Machine to cost about \$600 to \$800 and would have a life of 3-5 years.

Treasurer advised Cabinet that International provides a \$600 reimbursement, annually, to publish a newsletter and over past two years the District has unspent reimbursements of \$327 which MUST be used for the publishing of the Newsletter. A committee has been established to determine best course of action.

Determination of Dues

Treasurer included and breakdown of the International, State, and District dues.

Lion Neil Sheeley
Cabinet Treasurer

Membership Chairman's Report

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

WHEW!!! What a busy year the entire MERL Team has had: Extension, Extension, Extension; Mentoring presentations at Zone Meetings; Leadership Presentation at Joint Zone Meetings; Int'l Extension Workshops and District Extension Seminar; and Retention Presentations to

Clubs and Zone Meetings. Let's not forget a new club!!!!!!!!!!

We are taking a well-deserved break for the summer but not taking a rest from planning 2009-10 Seminars and Presentations. DGE Grant has asked us to focus on RETENTION with special emphasis on the LCI MENTORING PROGRAM. All clubs who attended Zone meetings received the 5-pocket program with a quick overview. To follow-up, we have planned three Membership/Retention Seminars:

1. Sunday, September 13, Tallmadge Lions Hall, Lunch at Noon, Seminar begins at 12:45 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
2. Sunday, October 4, Williams on the Lake (Tentative)
3. Sunday, November 1, Painesville area (Tentative)

All three workshops will begin with free Lunch, and seminars will focus on the OHIO PLAN; Retention Tips: Mentoring; and conclude with OPEN FORUM and door prizes. Also, success stories re: Recruitment/Retention will be shared in the District Bulletin.

This will be a super opportunity for all clubs to participate in the learning/sharing process and hopefully enhance your existing membership programs. Look for final details in District Bulletin and your emails.

Contact me at wdburnet@att.net if you have any questions. Yours in Lionism, Lion Wallie

Lions Eye Clinic at St Vincent Charity Gambling

The Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Charity Hospital has just completed its fourth year of fund raising at the Nautica Charity Gambling in the Powerhouse.

The NET proceeds from the fund raiser are expected to be about \$27,000 of which \$2,700 will be deposited into the Lions Eye Clinic Endowment Fund and the remainder will be used to provide eyeglasses, eye prosthetics, and cataract surgeries for the 2009/2010 Lion year.

The net proceeds were down about \$9,000 from the 2008 fund raiser, primarily due to the Cleveland Cavaliers Basketball playoffs Thursday and Saturday of our fund raising event.

For the 2008/2009 Lions year, the program is expected to dispense close to 500 pairs of prescription eyeglasses at a cost of about \$43,000. The number of requests for eye exams and eyeglasses has been steadily increasing for the past year, primarily due to the economic situation of the Northeast Ohio community.

The net proceeds from the 2009 Nautica fund raiser will enable

the program to keep up with the demand for eye care assistance.

On behalf of the Lions Eye Clinic Program, we wish to thank all District 13-C Lions who came down to help out with this fund raiser.

AS LIONS, WE SERVE!

**Andrew Kolbus
President**

**Neil Sheeley
Vice President**

**PDG Grant Frazier
Vice President**

GALEP

GALEP IS BACK

Monday June 1, 2009, the Board of Directors of GALEP met to discuss operating procedures for the reorganized GALEP program. For the present, GALEP will be an "eyeglasses only" provider, using Osman Optical in Akron Ohio as the provider of prescription eyeglasses.

During a meeting with Summa Hospital officials, May 21, 2009, an understanding was reached in which Lions clubs will send all applicants for eye care to Summa Hospital for eye examination, at no charge to GALEP. Once an applicant receives an eye examination and it is determined that the applicant requires prescription eyeglasses, GALEP will forward an approval sheet to Osman Optical where the

applicant will be fitted and receive eyeglasses.

All applications will be processed through a Review Committee, composed of Lions Shirley Frazier, James Lostetter, Walter Park, and Neil Sheeley. Anyone else wishing to participate in reviewing applications is more than welcome.

Applications will be entered into a database and then reviewed by the Review Committee at least twice monthly. No applications should be sent directly to Osman Optical. Billings by Osman Optical will be checked against database for approval.

All clubs referring eye care applicants shall forward the applications either by mail or fax to the above address. If faxed, any copies of application should be shredded for purposes of HIPPA laws.

Please begin using the revised applications as soon as possible.(copy with the Bulletin).

All monies have been received from Summa and GALEP now has over \$95,000 in funds.

On behalf of the GALEP program, the officers and board of directors want to thank the Lions of District 13-C for their generosity during the 2009 Parade of Checks.

James Lostetter
President

Walter Park
Vice President

Raymond Dellmore
Secretary

Neil Sheeley
Treasurer

Dues Realignment Proposal

“Ohio Lions Dues Realignment Proposal” was the title of an information presentation at the May 2009 state convention. As stated in the presentation, the purpose was to provide information and answer questions on the topic “*A constitutional amendment will be proposed and voted upon at the May 2010 MD13 state convention to realign and modify the state dues structure*”. This presentation provided information on the current financial issues facing MD13, and a proposed solution to these issues.

For your information, this presentation has been made available on-line @ <http://www.ohiolions.org/duesrealignment.htm> along with the 2009-2010 budgets that have been approved to date, along with the five year forecasts of those funds. All Lions are encouraged to review this information.

At this time, the plan is to have a repeat of this presentation at the Fall Conference. More information will become available during the 2009-2010 year, and your interest and participation are appreciated.

Lions in the News

Bev DeWitt
Sun Star, May 19, 2009
A FITTING TRIBUTE -

When Butch Schonhut dropped by my house a couple of weeks ago to share some good news with me about a decision the Strongsville Lions Club had unanimously made at their monthly meeting, I'm sure he wasn't quite prepared for my reaction of a floodgate of tears erupting all over him.

The decision was to rename this organization's annual \$1,000 scholarship presented to a graduating senior "The Fritz DeWitt Memorial Scholarship" because of his "contribution to the Lions Club, his devotion to youth soccer and for his ever optimistic, 'can do' attitude."

Yep, as if that didn't get me, it continued with the Lions Club's request "to help identify a graduating senior who best embodies Fritz's memory.)~

As I reread the letter, smiling through my tears, I knew how pleased this would have made-my life's -partner, who

Thank you, gentlemen, for finding a most appropriate and very touching way to honor Fritz's memory while also helping a young teen begin his journey through his own life.

Fritz left us a year ago next Wednesday, so the timing of this presentation at Senior Salute the week after his

passing couldn't be better. Bless you all!

Ohio Lions Night at the Cleveland Indians

Saturday July 18th, 2009
7:00 pm Progressive Field
Come join with other Lions, family, and friends as we celebrate last year's successes and prepare for our upcoming Lions year by watching the Tribe take on the Seattle Mariners.
Dinner and Game Ticket Package \$32 / Kids 14 & under \$23
Package includes a \$25 game ticket with access to the Indians Backyard Patio for dinner with fellow Lions.
Dinner starts at 5:30pm and lasts until 8:00pm. The menu calls for 2.5 hours of **all-you-can-eat** Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Chicken, BBQ Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Cookies and Pepsi Beverages.
All Fans in attendance will receive an Indians Home Cap
There may be a bus available and there will be other surprises
Order early to avoid disappointment, spots are limited
Ticket only option: \$12
DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS June 26
Checks Payable to District 13-B Lions
Sent to:
DG Stanley E. Kopp Sr.
984 Township Road 1654
Ashland, OH 44805

Club News

Cleveland Host

The Cleveland Host Club is interested in working a Concession Stand during the Cleveland Browns Season. However, in order to do this we must have 10-12 volunteers, even for a portable stand, and they must be available to work all eleven home games.

Therefore, we would like to see if any other Lions Club(s) would be interested in partnering with us and splitting the proceeds. It is our understanding that this is a very profitable venture for those involved and if we work together we can all make money for our Clubs. It is also a great way to get new members involved and get the **Lions** name out in the public.

If you are interested in working with us, please let me know as soon as possible by e-mailing me at lionmaryc@aol.com or contact Lion Rebecca Dobos at boxermom-1@sbcglobal.net . If you have any questions about this program you can also contact Rebecca at 216-475-8886 as she has experience with this process through the Skating Club and Scrappers Baseball Team. You can also mail your response to Lion Rebecca Dobos at 5275 East 126 Street. Apt. 201, Garfield Hts., OH 44125.

There would also be time required for training.

The Games for the 2009 Season are as follows:
Saturday, August 22 7:30 P.M.
Saturday, August 29 7:30 P.M.
Sunday, September 13 1:00 P.M.
Saturday, September 19
TBD
Sunday, October 4 1:00 P.M.
Sunday, October 25 1:00 P.M.
Monday, November 16 8:30 P.M.
Sunday, December 6 4:05 P.M.
Thursday, December 10
8:20 P.M.
Sunday, December 27 1:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 3 1:00 P.M.

Garfield Heights

WHAT: Garfield Heights Lions Club Golf Outing
WHEN: Thursday, June 25th 2009 beginning at 9am
WHERE: Valleyaire Golf Club, 6969 Boston Rd Hinckley, OH 44233

The Garfield Heights Lions are hosting their annual golf outing this year and would like to invite our fellow lions to join us as we celebrate Lionism. The cost is \$100 per person which includes golf with cart, sleeve of balls, lunch at the turn, drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), and dinner reception (at the golf club pavilion). Raffle and games at the reception assures a fun time to be had by all. We also have hole sponsorships available for any club, business, or persons in which we recognize your contribution via a tee box sign, welcome brochure, and at the reception. Please

contact **Lion Carmen Iammarino (216-308-1670)** by **June 19** to reserve your spot in the outing or for any questions.

Cuyahoga Falls

Your Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club Directors have two more fundraisers for this year. Our next fundraiser will be a **ROCKIN on THE RIVER** beer pour on August 28th. The band that night will be the Journey cover band, so we should have a good crowd and pump a lot of beer. We will need about 30 to 35 people that night, so keep this date open and bring some friends to help. There will be more info on this later. Our third fundraiser will be a **NIGHT AT THE RACES**. This will be held on Friday, October 2nd, at the Stow Youth Baseball Center at the junction of Hudson Dr., Allen Rd. and Steels Corners Rd. We will be selling ads for the program, horses for ten races, sponsorships for each race and dinner tickets. Watch future News Letters for more information. Chairman Lion Dave Pelligra is trying to keep the dinner ticket and horse prices down so we can get more people to attend and bet on more horses. This is how we can make more money for our charities. These events will need a lot of Lions to help make them successful.

North Royalton

ANNUAL SAVE-an-EYE GOLF SCRAMBLE

July 22, 2009

Held at Cherokee Hills Golf Club

2-Man Scramble...Great Prizes

Great Food...Great Golf...and More!

Contact Lion Bob Ahrens for tickets.

Cost is \$90/person...18 holes of golf and GPS cart with real time scoring, breakfast, dinner & beer!

CALENDAR

August, 2009

8 – Twins Days Parade,
Twinsburg

13 – Cabinet Meeting – Clarion
Inn, Rt. 8 - Hudson

AMISH QUILT RAFFLE

The Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincents Charity Hospital performed two cataract surgeries on a 28 year old Amish girl. In gratitude, her mother and two girls in the family produced a beautiful quilt in the Lone Star pattern. The stitching on the quilt is beautiful. The quilt fits a queen size bed, 95” x 105”.

Tickets will be sold for a raffle for the quilt, to be held at the Lions Eye Clinic Reverse Raffle, November 6, 2009. Winning ticket holder need not be present. Tickets are \$5.00 each, three for \$10.00. Tickets will be available at the District Convention. Contact the Lions Eye Clinic at St Vincent for more information.





**GREATER AKRON LIONS EYECARE PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR SERVICE**
Funded by Lions District 13-C - Phone: 330-633-5739
PO Box 284 Tallmadge, Ohio 44278

<u>GENERAL INFORMATION: COMPLETE IN FULL</u>	FOR LIONS USE ONLY
Name: _____ Date: _____	Agency/Organization Submitting Application
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	Club/Organization: _____
Social Security No.: _____	Organization: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Telephone: () _____	Reason for Application: _____
If Service for Minor name of Guardian/Parent: _____ Telephone () _____	Tel. No.: _____
Own home (YES) (NO) _____ Number of Dependents including spouse and self: _____	Name and Title: _____
<u>HOUSEHOLD INCOME</u>	Review Committee Action
Employer: _____ Spouses Name: _____	Approved: _____
Yearly Income:\$ _____ Spouse's Income:\$ _____	Denied: _____
Source of Income: _____ Source of Income: _____	Hold _____
Food Stamps () Yes () No Subsidized Housing () Yes () No	Released: _____
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<u>SERVICES REQUESTED</u>	
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Do you Have Medicare?() Yes () No If Yes what is Medicare Entitlement No.? _____	
Do you Have Medicaid?() Yes () No If Yes what is Medicaid Case No.? _____	
Last date Applicant received service from the Lions: _____	
Type of service rendered previously by the Lions to Applicant: _____	
I affirm that above information is true and correct. I understand that the Information which I have provided is subject to verification by the Lions.	
Signature: _____ Date: _____	
Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18: _____	

Applicants please note: Funding for the services and procedures requested on this form are provided to you through the hard work and generosity of the Lions Clubs' fund raising projects by approximately 1,100 Lions club members of the 40 Lions clubs within the northeastern portion of Ohio. World-wide there are in excess of 1,500,000 Lions providing help for those in need. This service is NOT a governmental service. It is help gratefully given to you by those who call themselves Lions and whose motto is "We Serve."