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An Inspiring Lion

The Painesville Lions club has something to write home about in a retired postal worker that has been their club secretary for the last 11 years. Lion Frank Lonser has been in the Lions organization since 1984. His dedication to the motto "We Serve" is visible in every manner in which he completes all his Lions fundraisers and events.

For the 10 years prior to his retirement, Lion Frank went through the sun, rain, sleet, and snow of the rural areas of Chardon. Before becoming a rural route carrier he worked on the Railway Postal Office (RPO) separating and sorting mail, without zip codes, on a train bound between Cleveland and St. Louis. He took the long journey between the two cities, which took two days for a round trip, twice a week to receive the next following week off. This is probably what made Lion Frank so reliable for the Painesville Lions Club.

Lion Frank received many 100% secretarial awards from the District. He has not missed sending in the M & A report for his club as Secretary during his 11-year period. He currently

serves as a delegate to the Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent's. He just recently missed his first eye clinic meeting, due to the weather, since his appointment as a delegate 15 years ago. Lion Frank is also responsible for setting up a fundraiser for the Salvation Army, in the name of Lions, as Holiday Ringers that you've probably seen in front of many department stores. He has also been a Lions representative serving at the St. James Soup Kitchen for the homeless in Painesville for the past 20 years. King Lion David Morse stated, "Lion Frank takes the we serve motto seriously and is one of the top fundraisers for any endeavor that the club

Lion Frank has an association with a few large area businesses in Painesville that allow him during Sweetest Day to roam freely through their companies to sell roses in the name of Lions. Certainly you can understand the respect and integrity that this man receives to do this in our day and age. He currently is the number one seller for the club, selling on average 150 dozen roses a season. Yet it hasn't been easy for Lion Frank. He now knows what it is like to have loss of sight, recently being diagnosed with an arterial

blood blockage in one of his eyes. However, he continues his 3-year duty as the Health Committee Chairman for the club. Taking on the responsibility of monitoring the calls of the Painesville Lions voice mailbox for community sight and hearing related ailments.

Lion Frank was also the previous secretary for the historic "Son's of the American Revolution". This is a club that involves meetings of historic relatives of the American Revolution. Certified proof in the bloodline must be present to even be considered for membership of the esteemed club. It just shows how important family is to Lion Frank. Husband of Rose, father of Patricia Ann, and grandfather of Jennifer Rose and Daniel L. are just a few more people he includes in his bloodline with pride.

Lion Frank is currently setting up a 60th Anniversary party for the Painesville Lions Club. Staying involved constantly with all his other duties for the Painesville Club, Zone One Chairman and 1st Vice President of the Painesville Lions Club, Lion Kim Thomas said, "Lion Frank is a tireless dedicated Lion who has always served the interest of Lions almost above all his other interests in life." It is certainly easy to understand with remarks and achievements like these why Lion Frank Lonser is considered truly an inspiring Lion.

District Governor's Comments...

In the midst of the snow and doldrums that befell me during the latter part of February, I received a telephone call from International Director Lion Gary Brown (Urbana, Ohio). ID Lion Gary is the Lions Clubs International Membership Chairman. He started the conversation by saying CONGRATULATIONS. When I inquired why, he explained that the Wadsworth Lions Club won the Membership Recruiting Idea contest for North America. The idea they submitted for recruiting new members will be published in an upcoming issue Lions Magazine. ID Lion Gary will be presenting the club with an International Flag Set at a future club meeting. Thanks to the Wadsworth Club, the District will also be receiving an International Flag set. So I pass the message on to the Wadsworth Lions Clubs and all its members CONGRATULATIONS and THANK-YOU.

Our district convention is less than a month away, it is promising to be a wonderful weekend, full of fun, fellowship and we even make time for a little bit of business. It is our time to say good job and congratulate each other on the things we have accomplished so far this year.

This is also the time of year when your clubs are holding elections. Thanks to everyone that has volunteered to run for office and good luck.

Remember the leadership training is scheduled for April 16 at Akron Summa Hospital. Lion Terry Bower, Leadership Chairman and his committee are working very hard and plans are coming along well for the training. Remember it is not only for Lions that are taking office next year, everyone is welcome to attend. I am certain that you will all walk away with some new knowledge and a little more information that will make the remainder of this year and next year even more successful. Unfortunately Lion Dan and I will be missing the leadership training; we will be traveling to Australia and New Zealand in April. We will be celebrating New Zealand's 50th anniversary of Lionism in that country.

While we are away, if your club or any of your members have any questions or issues VDG Lion Grant and DDG Lion Ken will be able to assist you.

Yours in Service,
Carol Lester
DG 13C

Vice Governor's Comments

The last month has been busy with visitations of all kinds, club, zone, fundraising and reverse raffles. Most inspiring are our Leos. These young people give of themselves in so many ways. It is so good to see and talk to them and to get their outlook on Lionism. Believe me Lions, we can learn from them.

April 16th will be Leadership Training Day for club President, Treasurer and Secretary. This training course is not for officers only. All Lions who wish to know more about Lionism are encouraged to attend. Please put this date on your calendar for April 16th at Akron Summa City Hospital 8:30am to 1:30pm.

Yours in Lionism,
VDG Grant & Lion Shirley

VDG Visitation Schedule

3/23 Copley
4/1-3 District 13C Convention
4/10 District 13E Convention

Deputy District Governor Lion Ken's Comments

It's almost springtime, which means everybody is talking about conventions. So it must be a good time to discuss something else, like eyesight.

If you have a good memory, you probably recall that two years ago the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation purchased a \$40,000 non-mydratic camera for use at University Hospital/ St. Vincent. This is a special camera that can take a picture of the retina of the eye without having to dilate the patient's eyes, a major advantage.

Since its arrival, the camera has been used at UH/SV for studies of diabetic retinopathy (DR). This is a leading cause of blindness among diabetics, and it is caused by blood vessels at the back of the eye bleeding. Soon, however, the camera will be "going public."

On March 2, Lion Ada Ahrens and I visited with Dr. Jon Lass at UH to talk about ophthalmology eye research and other issues. One of these "other topics" is their plan to install the camera in the lobby-coffee shop area of UH's outpatient clinic waiting room. This is a very public area, and for a couple days each week walk-in diabetics will be able to be screened for DR. This is part of a major long-term study by UH/CWRU researchers to build a database of thousands of diabetics and the prevalence and severity of DR in this type of person.

From the Lions point-of-view, this will also be an opportunity for the Lions of 13C to get involved. This screening activity will require a number of people to operate the camera, register patients and perform other tasks.

Renovation of the testing area will start in about a month or six weeks. As the plans get firmer we'll keep you informed about the role we might be able to play.

March:

- 8 Zone 5 meeting
- 9 Zone 1 meeting
- 10 CSU meeting
- 14 Zone 3 meeting
- 15 Zone 2 meeting
- 19 13D Convention

April:

- 1-3 13C Convention
- 4 GALEP meeting
- 16 Dist Leadership Training

Lion Ken Marshall
DDG

"District 13-C Lions Information Center"

Just What Does the International Relations Committee Do?

WHERE DO ALL THOSE USED EYEGASSES GO?

The majority of the glasses collected by the Lions Clubs of District 13C are taken to The Eye clinic at St. Vincent Hospital. They are then boxed up and delivered to the Ohio State University College of Optometry at Columbus Ohio (The home of Student VOSH). A smaller portion find their way to The United Methodist Church of Pandora, Ohio (The home of VOSH/OHIO). Once received by either of these groups they are cleaned, examined and categorized by prescription. They are then carefully stored by prescription until taken by either group on their travels to countries in South America and Europe. Last year Student VOSH examined and over 1300 people in El Salvador. They distributed over 1100 pairs of glasses. VOSH distributed over 6,000 pairs of glasses during their recent trip to Romania.

WHAT IS SVOSH?

SVOSH stands for Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity.

❖ The students at the Ohio State University College of Optometry became affiliated with VOSH International in 1984.

- ❖ SVOSH/OSU has traveled on missions to the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Guyana, Ecuador, Belize, Mexico and several other countries in order to apply their Optometric skills to bettering the lives of others
- ❖ Each year thousands of used eyeglasses are donated to SVOSH/OSU by service organizations, such as LIONS Clubs, private optometrists and ophthalmologists.
- ❖ Students clean, label and package the eyeglasses during weekly meetings.
- ❖ Once or twice a year members of SVOSH travel to a third world nation to conduct free eye exams. A student must attend at least 6 of these sessions to be eligible to travel with the group.
- ❖ On each mission thousands of people are fitted with the closest possible prescription from the inventory of eyewear.
- ❖ The team also screens for eye disease and is able to treat some with pharmaceuticals, while directing those who need further care to the available medical help.

What are the benefits provided by SVOSH/OSU?

- ❖ An SVOSH mission may mean clear, comfortable vision for the first time in their lives.

- ❖ Often a simple pair of eyeglasses, which so many of us take for granted, will allow a man or woman to perform simple tasks such as hammering a nail or threading a needle. This could aid them in earning a living and allow them to provide food and shelter for their family.
- ❖ An exam also means the detection of a debilitating disease while it is still treatable.

The Convention Corner
What is the "Parade of Checks"?

For many Lions in District 13C, one of the first "mysteries" of Lionism is the phrase "The Parade of Checks". In a few short paragraphs, this summary will attempt to explain a unique District 13C tradition.

Each year at the annual District 13C Convention Banquet on Sunday afternoon of the Convention weekend, a roll call of District 13C Lions Clubs is read to the assembly of Lions, Lioness and guests. At the front of the banquet hall stand representatives of seven organizations, which organizations have been selected by the Lions of District 13C to be a part of an afternoon of giving. Representatives of each Lions, Lioness, Leo and Dandelion Club approach the organization representatives in a parade with checks in hand,

checks payable to the organizations.

As presently selected by the Lions of District 13C in the process outlined in the District 13C By-laws, the represented organizations are:

Ohio Lion Eye Research Foundation (OLERF)

Sight and Hearing Committee

International Relations Committee

Ohio Lions Foundation

Lions Eye Clinic, Inc. at St. Vincent Charity Hospital

Greater Akron Lions Eye care Program

District 13C Hearing Aid Bank

The first four listed organizations are statewide projects of the Lions of Ohio, Multiple District 13. The last three projects are specific District 13C projects, unique to District 13C.

The object of the "Parade of Checks" is to provide a focus for giving to Lions supported projects, a means to showcase the impact of the service provided by the Lions of District 13C.

The annual report for 2004 on the Parade of Checks will be published in the District Convention booklet. The report

details names of contacts for each of the organizations represented on the "Parade of Checks" and summarizes a brief history of giving since records were kept on the annual amounts received at the Parade of Checks.

To help Lions better understand each of the organizations represented on the Parade of Checks, the following are brief overviews about each:

The Ohio Lions Eye Care Research Foundation (OLERF) - Now in its 53rd year, OLERF's primary purpose continues to be provision of assistance to research projects aimed at sight conservation. Each year projects are selected at various Ohio research institutions for support. Most of the projects relate to eye diseases for which cures or treatments have not yet been identified. Projects are supported by OLERF at Ohio State University, Case Western Reserve University, The University of Cincinnati, the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo and other research facilities as selected. For more details, see the July, 2004 District Bulletin or contact Lion Ada Ahrens at (440) 237-4754.

The Sight and Hearing Committee is an Ohio Lions Committee formed to support sight, hearing and speech organizations offering assistance to those with disabilities. Among the organizations supported by the Sight and Hearing Committee

are Pilot Dogs, Inc. of Columbus and Hearing Dogs. Other organizations e.g., Camp Echoing Hills and the Ohio Radio Reading Service, which assist the sight, hearing and speech impaired, are selected from year to year for support. For more details, see the October, 2004 District Bulletin or contact Lion Ray Dellmore at (440) 942-2816.

The International Relations Committee is another Ohio Lions Committee whose purpose it is to support continued growth of programs that foster international humanitarian projects. Among the organizations supported by this Committee are: **The Amigos De Las Americas Program**, which trains young American college and high school students to work in South America for 4-8 weeks each summer on various service projects, e.g. renovating schools and health clinics, teaching in education programs and others. **Volunteers Optometric Services to Humanity (V.O.S.H)** and **Student V.O.S.H.** train teams of volunteer optometrists, opticians, nurses and lay helpers to provide eye exams and eyeglasses to the poor in developing countries. For more details, see this month's Bulletin or contact Lion David Ptak at (330) 467-2784.

The Ohio Lions Foundation is a 19 year old 501(c)(3) organization which provides support in the form of grants for **Disaster Relief** - to provide food, clothing, blankets,

medical expenses and sanitation supplies for victims of floods, tornadoes and other natural disasters striking Ohio; **Program Grants** - to support sight related and diabetes related projects; **Pre-School Vision Screening Programs, Capital Grants** for the purchase of equipment, e.g. electronic hand held tonometers for Lions sponsored glaucoma screenings; **Matching Grants** for local Lions Club sponsored projects; and the **Helen Keller Scholarship Program**, which awards annual scholarships to visually impaired full time students enrolled at Ohio State University, Cleveland State University, Wright State University and Ohio University. For more details, see the February, 2005 District Bulletin or contact Lion Dan Lester at (440) 838-4503.

The Lions Eye Clinic, Inc. at St. Vincent Charity Hospital is in its 35th year as a District 13C project. The Lions Eye Clinic serves indigent persons referred through both the hospital and local Lions Clubs. The Clinic provides eye examinations, eyeglasses, eye operations (thru the hospital) and purchases specialized equipment to support the hospital's program. For more detail, see the August, 2004 District Bulletin or contact Lion Pam Abrams at (440) 582-0709.

The Greater Akron Lions Eye care Program (GALEP) also services indigent persons referred through local Lions Clubs and the hospital. The

GALEP Board works to supply services through both Akron City Hospital and Akron Children's Hospital, providing eye operations, eye examinations and eyeglasses to those in need. In addition, GALEP has purchased selected equipment to assist the hospitals. For more details, see the January, 2005 District Bulletin or contact Lion Bill Giffen at (330) 650-1257.

The District 13C Hearing Aid

Bank - supports hearing impaired needy individuals throughout District 13C with hearing exams, the restoration of hearing aid equipment, the purchase of hearing aids and other hearing services. Assistance from the Hearing Aid Bank is also on a referral basis from District 13C Lions Clubs. As in other District wide projects, referrals must be made through a Lions Club. For more details, see the September, 2004 District Bulletin or contact Lion Wilson Greig at (330) 825-6478.

Let's make the 2005 Parade of Checks one to remember!

Yours in Lionism,
Lion John Tigie
District Parade of Checks
Chairman

For Your Information..Here's how to contact Lion Bob Gutfranski:

LCPL Robert J. Gutfranski Jr.
3/25 H & S CO Motor T
Unit 72110
FPO AE 09509-2110

Please join with all the members of District 13-C in expressing our deepest sympathy to the family and friends on the passing of:

Lion Robert Green-Painesville
Lion Dominic Tirrabasso-
S Euclid
Lion John Schwemier-Stow
Monroe Falls

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

March 26th Mogadore's Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10:00am

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

April 9th: Mogadore Reverse Raffle. Contact club members for details and tickets.

April 16th: District Leadership Day at Akron Summa City Hospital 8:30am-1:30 pm. We're looking for small (\$5.00) door prizes.

April 16th: 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.

June 18th Norton Lions are having a Car Show. Watch for more information.

North Coast Lions has a reason to show "PRIDE". Lions PDG Tom Martin and Robert Fulton were awarded

Certificates of 40+ years of service from International President Kuziak. Lion Wallie Burnett received Guiding Lion Certification. Governor Carol inducted Lion Virginia Mann's guide dog, Gamay, as an honorary member of the North Coast Lions and presented her with the District bandana and a personalized collar donated by Lions Chuck & Teri Hare. Lion Sue is completing her year with Grover as he finishes his Pilot Dog puppy training. We give a big ROAR for all these deserving Lions.

Play Ball!!! If you would like to attend a Lake County Captains Game and help out your fellow Lions, join us on Friday, May 20th for a night with the Lions at the Eastlake Stadium: ask North Coast members for tickets (\$8.00).

North Coast is hosting a new fundraiser. Murder Mystery Dinner, Patrician Party Center, Saturday October 29 (BOO!)-\$25.00, costumes optional; sports memorabilia raffle. See any North Coast member for details.

Please join the Royalton Hills Lions Raise a Little Cane at a Party for Governor Carol on Friday, April 1st at the Cuyahoga Falls Sheraton Suites. Cost is \$20.00, which includes dinner and entertainment. Please call Lion Cindy 440-237-3244 or Lion Ada 440-237-4754 for reservations.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2005
AKRON CITY SUMMA HOSPITAL

- 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **Registration** and Continental Breakfast
Raffle Ticket Sale 3 for \$2.00
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **Welcome**—Lion Terry Bower
Pledge
Invocation
Song
Introductions
Protocol—Lion John Tigie
Remarks—Governor Carol Lester
Guest Speaker—Lion Dr. Dean Porr, District 13-G
- 9:50 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Session 1**
President/Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership
Applying Leadership to Lions' Club
- 10:50 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. **Session 2**
Pres/Vice-Pres continued
Secretary continued
Treasurer continued
Taking the Next Step
Tail twisting
- 11:40 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Session 3**
Membership
Applying Leadership to Lions' Club
- 12:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
Small Group Discussion
Raffle Drawing
Conclusion/Evaluations/Certificates

SEMINARS

SESSION 1 and 2	9:50 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	PRESENTERS
President and Vice President IPDG Jim Ferritto		
Secretary		Lion Pam Abrams Cabinet Secretary
Treasurer		Lion Neil Sheely Cabinet Treasurer
SESSION 1	9:50 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	
Membership		Lion Ken Marshall Vice Governor Elect
Applying Leadership to Lions' Club		Lion Dr. Dean Porr
SESSION 2	10:50 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	
Taking the Next Step in Lionism		Lion John Tigie
Tail twister		Lion Bill Simmons
SESSION 3	11:40 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	
Membership		Lion Ken Marshall Vice Governor Elect
Applying Leadership to Lions' Club		Lion Dr. Dean Porr

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LIONS DISTRICT 13-C
LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2005
AKRON CITY SUMMA HOSPITAL

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