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An Inspiring Lion

There will not be an Inspiring Lion article this month because Lion Mike Tyler, who writes this article, had a house fire and he is working to restore his home. No one was hurt in the fire. Lion Mike, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers and we thank God that you are all safe.

District Governor's Comments

It is amazing to think that this past year started in such a flurry. There was so much to do, between visitations, club functions and meetings. The year is now coming to an end and my calendar is suddenly open. But alas, there is still another month before the year is over.

This is a time for planning. The new club and district officers will be planning for the upcoming year, setting goals for what they want to accomplish in the next 12 months. The clubs themselves are planning what community service and fund raising projects that they want to support. Remember when setting your goals to reach for the stars because the Lions are

there to make certain the goals are accomplished.

This is also a time for celebrating. The Awards and Installation Ceremonies will give us an opportunity to recognize those individuals that have helped make the year a success. It is important to say thank-you because our goals could not have been reached without the help of others. Lions have given selflessly of their time. Working together makes a difference; together we accomplish many great things.

Thank you, Lions of District 13-C for making this year such a success. You've made it such a special year for Lion Dan and myself.

I am asking that the clubs take the month of June to say thank-you to those that have helped the clubs in our district. We also want to say thanks to those that are stepping up to be our leaders of next year, because as successful as this year is, it is a memory, it is our history. It is time to move forward and make our future as successful as our past.

Yours in Service,
Carol Lester
District Governor 13C

Vice District Governor's Comments...

I want to thank everyone that was involved with the Leadership Day. What a great day it was. The classes were well done and very informative.

This past month I've traveled around our Multiple District, and visited other District Conventions. Lion Shirley and I have had a great time!

Welcome home Governor Carol and Lion Dan. We're sure you had a great fun filled time in Australia & New Zealand.

Lion Shirley and I want to Thank the Lions of District 13C for a fun filled convention and a year filled with warmth and friendship as your Vice Governor. We know that as your Governor we can count on your friendship and advice in the coming year.

VGE Grant & Shirley's Schedule

May 15-MERL Meeting
May 20-21-State Convention
June 15-Cabinet Meeting
June 19- July 2-International Convention in Hong Kong

Deputy District Governor Lion Ken's Comments

Have you noticed that ground hogs, chipmunks and many other critters hibernate in the winter, but Lions (the 2-legged version) often hibernate in the summer? That's because a number of our clubs don't have meetings in the summer, or at least they cut back somewhat. The hibernation season hasn't started yet, so most everyone is still very busy. For example:

Did your club send someone to the District Leadership Training School on April 16? Lions T. Bowers, W. Burnett and J. Tigue did a great job of getting this event well organized. About 55 of us showed up to listen to our guest speaker Lion Dr. Dean Porr talk about organizational theory. A number of our homegrown folk talked about being a club president, a secretary, a treasurer, a tail twister, recruiting members and other topics. This school is held each year to help train our incoming officers and other interested Lions. It is always VERY WORTHWHILE, so if you didn't make it this year please watch for it again next spring.

By the time you read this, the 2004-2005 State Convention will be history. On May 20-22 a number of us will travel to Sandusky for this event. One of the major features will be 80th

celebration of Helen Keller's famous speech on June 30, 1925. This was when she challenging the Lions to become the Knights of the Blind and changed our group forever. It should be very interesting.

Upcoming is the Cabinet Meeting on June 15 at the Pipers III restaurant. Like most Lions meetings, this one is open to all interested Lions. So if you've never attended a Cabinet Meeting why not give it a try? You definitely learn some new things, meet new people and have a good time. Call Cabinet Secretary Lion Pam Abrams for reservations. 440-582-0709

Lion Ken Marshall
VDGE

Meetings:

May:

15 MERL Meeting
18-20 State Convention
25 Tallmadge

June:

10 Broadview Hts. Charter
15 Cabinet Meeting
21 Z2 Installation

Deepest Sympathy to the Family, Friends and Fellow Lions and Lionesses of:

Lion Chuck Weidig-Chardon
Lions and nephew of Jim Weidig

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

JUNE:

08-Painesville Lions 60th Charter Night. **Held at Hellriegel's ID Gary Brown will be the keynote speaker. Call club for more details.**

12-Euclid Lions "300 Club Banquet" **Contact the club for more details.**

15-Royalton Hills Lions Annual Ladies Only Golf Outing. **Held at Hinckley Hills Golf Course. All ladies are welcome to join in the fun. Contact Lion Nancee Visintainer for ticket information or email Royaltonhills@aol.com**

16-Garfield Heights Lions Annual Golf Outing. **Contact club for ticket information.**

18-Norton Lions Club Car Show. **Call club for information.**

26-Ohio Lions Band Reunion. **At Midland Box Office, Columbus, Ohio. Contact Lion Sandy Maletz for more information.**

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.**

JULY:

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 ahressarch@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:

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.**

Brook Park-Is having their 4th Annual Dog Wash, Saturday June 25th 12noon to 5:00pm. At the Brook Park Recreation Center 17400 Holland Road in the back employee parking lot. Donations accepted and all proceeds go to the Brook Park Animal Shelter.

North Coast- Congratulation to Lion Robert Fulton who has been accepted in the Wickliffe Hall of Fame and

will be formally inducted in October.

North Royalton-The club welcomes new member Lion Vaikunth Prahbu

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

Our travels to Australia and New Zealand...

As many, if not all of you are aware, Lion Dan and I recently had the opportunity to travel to Australia and New Zealand. It was a spectacular vacation, one that will be in our memories for ever. It met and exceeded all of our expectations.

Our trip started in Los Angeles where we had the opportunity to spend 6 or so hours with Margaret and Earl Morton. It was great seeing them again. Other than dealing with all the rain and Margaret breaking her foot their adventure in moving to California

has been wonderful. They send their regards to all the Lions of District 13C.

We left L.A. on April 9 and arrived in Australia on April 11 (we never got to have an April 10th this year). Our first stop was to Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef and the Rain Forest. We went snorkeling on the reef. We saw stingray, giant clams and even a giant sea turtle. In addition we saw all the beautiful coral and neon fish. The rainforest was just as beautiful. Riding the skyrail high atop the canopy of the trees you couldn't see the ground below. We got to hold Kuala Bear, pet the kangaroo and wallaby.

Next we went to Ayres Rock (Ulluru). Ayres Rock is awesome. The way the rock changes color as the sun rises and sets. The most memorable thing is the night sky. Words cannot describe the splendor and beauty we saw. The Milky Way looked like a roadway of lights that were so close you could reach up and touch the stars. The Southern Cross was breathtaking.

In Sydney we saw the Opera House and walked around the city. We also went into the Blue Mountains where we saw the animals in the wild, in their natural habitat including kangaroo, cockatoo and parrots. Sydney is a very metropolitan city, with a lot of character.

Off to New Zealand for the Multiple District 202 Convention. As you may be aware the District Governors of Ohio have been unofficially twinning with the District Governors of New Zealand since 1992-93, the year Lion Jim Coffey was International President. Many great friendships have been formed over the years. Our twins from 202C were DG

Mike and Carmen Smith. Mike and Carmen along with the other governors made us feel right at home and that we were a part of their group.

The opening ceremony included a flag ceremony that recognized flags from various parts of the world. It began with the Lions International flag, then the US flag (since that is where Lions began), then the Canadian Flag (which made us an international organization), United Nations Flag (representing countries from all over the world), the Australian flag (Australia hosted the first club in New Zealand), the Indonesian Flag (representing the other regions), the flag of Fiji and the South Pacific Islands and finally the New Zealand flag. As each flag was carried in the National Anthem was sung. It was a very moving ceremony.

Saturday evening there was a Night at the Races. When I had first heard about it, I thought casual clothes, however someone suggested I e-mail my twin and ask what appropriate dress was. Thank goodness I listened to that advice, because the governors and their spouses were all wearing top hat and tails and the old fashioned gowns with parasols and the old fashioned hats. Some people were dressed as jockeys, there was even one that was dressed as a stable hand and his costume included a fake pail of horse manure. International President Lion Clem Kusiak and his wife Lion Jean were in attendance. (He wore top hat and tails and fake mustache).

Sunday was the Remembrance and Re-dedication Ceremony. Since New Zealand is surrounded by water, the governor's were asked to bring water that had significance to their district. Each governor presented the water merging it

into one bowl, while their partners explained the significance of the water. Then each governor and partner came up as a list of those lions that had died was shown on a screen placing a floating candle into the bowl, the council chairs from Australia and Indonesia were also asked to place candle in the bowl, then the International President lit a candle representing all Lions throughout the world that had passed away. The candles were then blown out with a reminder that we are not forgetting these Lions; however it is time for all of us to continue the work that they had begun.

Throughout the weekend, people were coming up to us to say hello and make certain that we felt welcome. We are looking forward to 2007 when this year's group of governor's plan to come to Chicago for the International Convention.

After the convention we went to Otorohonga where Mike and Carmen live. They spent the next 5 days touring us around the North Island of New Zealand, we went to the Tazman Sea where the sand is black and to the Pacific Ocean to the white sand beaches. We got to go the glowworm caves and see the stalactites and stalagmites at the Waitomo Caves. The geothermal sites we saw in Rotorua were something out of a science fiction movie. Lake Taupo, so deep in places that it cannot be measured was spectacular.

I guess the best way to describe New Zealand is raw beauty. Lion Dan and I are planning to go back someday in the very near future.

Carol Lester, DG 13C