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**YES, we are still
Looking for a
Deputy District
Governor
Candidate!**

District Governor Ken's Comments



1. Convention Key Points: Do you have new members that need to be inducted? If so, the Saturday Luncheon at the Convention would be a great time for this to happen. Please give me a call with their names.

Second, ALL incoming officers should attend the District Leadership School. Please see the schedule below and send the names to Lion Wallie Burnett. It is impossible to overemphasize the importance of training new officers. Untrained officers spend weeks, if not months, learning the ropes, and this wastes a lot of precious time. Training definitely helps insure that you will have a

productive year. So show up and get started right!

Third, come to the Convention and have a great time!

2. Elections: The calendar says spring is arriving, so it must be time to elect new Lion officers for 2007-2008. Your Nominating Committee should be hard at work, and the election should take place before the end of April. Get busy.....

3. PU101 Forms: Once your new officers are elected, your Secretary needs to send in your PU101 form so the officers get properly reported. In addition to sending me the yellow copy of the PU101, **PLEASE send a copy to VDG Maggie Dellmore**. This will help her in getting her directory put together promptly.

4. POC & CSFII: This is also the time of year when most clubs are thinking about how they will support the annual Parade of Checks. You've always been very generous in this regard, and I know you will continue to be so this year. But there is a special need all of us need to think about, Campaign SightFirst II. You've read in The Lion, and physically heard about, all the wonderful work that was started under SightFirst and the critical need to continue those efforts. You also know that just a few dollars can save the sight of someone halfway

around the world, or maybe down the block. Please try to find a way to donate something extra this year to CSFII. These donations should be directed to your Zone Chairperson or our District Representative, PDG Tommy Thompson (330-848-9666).

Additionally, as you make your fund raising and budgeting plans for 07-08, please include CSFII among the worthy causes you support. Thanks.....

5. Talent Show: Do you have a talent for entertaining people; comedy, song, whatever? Would you like to “ham it up” on a stage in front of a couple hundred (rowdy?) people? If so, see the flier at the end of this Bulletin.

6. Membership Record Foul-ups? Occasionally the Clubs asks me why LCI’s records don’t match their internal records, and why the semi-annual dues billing is messed up. There are typically two possible problems, both of which are easily remedied.

First, when you report membership changes, make sure you tell both International and the District what is happening. Email is the best communication mechanism.

Second, if you are still using the hard copy forms and snail mail to send things to International, there can be a 30+ day delay before it gets recorded. Thus, if you mail something in June or December there is a good chance it won’t be recorded for the July & January billing cycle, and the dues bills may be incorrect. The best solution to this issue is to file electronically with LCI. Electronic reports get recorded within a few minutes. I know this is true because I ran a test case a couple of months ago. One day I filed a club change and came back five to ten minutes later and discovered that everything was

picked up and was recorded properly. They do a good job.

Thanks,
DG Ken Marshall

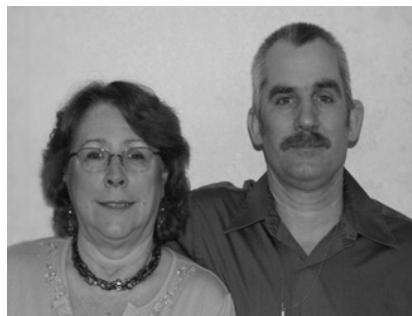
- March:
1 Zone 4 meeting
4 District K Banquet
10 District B Dinner
11 District D Banquet
13 Zone 1+2 Meeting
14 St. Vincent
19 Convention Meeting
22 Zone 6 Meeting
25 District ! Banquet
28 Zone 3 meeting

**Vice District Governor
Maggie’s Comments**



No news this month. See you at the Convention.

**Deputy District Governor
Dona’s Comments**



The time of our District Convention is fast approaching

and I hope all of the clubs will be sending members to represent their club.

It is going to be a time of sharing then 3 F’s of Lionism, FELLOWSHIP, FUN and FOOD.

I have received many club reports and there are some very good things happening in our District. This is a good time to share with others what you are doing. So far I have three clubs that will be BRAGGING at our “Bragging Rights” seminar. There are enough time slots for only 12 clubs to sign up for this fun time. Don’t be the last on the list. SIGN UP NOW!

Also a reminder that we are still looking for a Deputy District Governor candidate for next year. If our District is going to succeed in the coming years dedicated Lions like yourself are going to have to step up and take on the Leadership role.

Come on, “don’t be afraid of the water-get your feet wet-throw your hat in the ring”.

Hope to see all of you at the District Convention.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!!!!!!!!!!!!

Deputy District Governor
Lion Dona Klages

CSFII UPDATE

President Ross’ Rally: More than US\$90 million by our 90th Anniversary.

To date, Lions have raised more than US\$71 million toward our US\$150 million minimum CSFII goal. Reaching more than US\$90 million by our 90th anniversary at International Convention in Chicago this July will be a true homecoming for our Association.

Three ways to “Rally” your district:

- This month, challenge three high-potential clubs to become Model Clubs; click here to learn more:
http://www.lions-csfi.org/live/content/model_clubs.shtml
- Speak to clubs about the benefits of designating Melvin Jones Fellowships for CSFII.
- Encourage one of your district’s Model Clubs to be a Progressive Model Club.

CSFII By the Numbers:

- 4 months remaining in 2006-2007 CSFII fund raising.
- US\$70+ million raised by lions for CSFII.
- 1,635 Model Clubs accepting the challenge.

DID YOU KNOW? A Melvin Jones for CSFII can be donated for just US\$0.91 per day (over 3 years).

Yours in Lionism,

Dr. Tae-Sup Lee
Past International President
Chairperson, CSFII

**A Message from
The President**

There is no doubt about it. Today's families are busier than

ever. Technology allows parents to work harder and be more productive than ever before. With school activities, athletic programs, art and music instruction, children have more opportunities to grow and learn than ever before. I have nothing but admiration for those who accept the challenge of raising a family in this fast-paced environment.

But there can be a down side to all this activity: families just don't spend enough time together as families. Some forget that there is more to life than their own hectic schedules. Sometimes they even forget to have fun. With family time at such a premium, it's easy to see why young parents are reluctant reluctant to sacrifice any of it, even for the best of purposes.

Lion’s Clubs can change all that. Through the Family Membership Program, we can remind families that meaningful service to others is more satisfying than an entire of conference calls, piano lessons and soccer games. And we can remind them that serving together is fun!

I am pleased to tell you that in January alone, 42 new family-oriented clubs were chartered (with at least 25% of the charter members coming in as family members) and that international headquarters has sent more than 4,500 certificates recognizing Lions for their participation in January inaugural kick-off activities.

This new wave of Lions Clubs

and Lions Club members will be a tremendous benefit for our communities and for our association. Our communities will have countless more hearts and hands to serve their needs and Lions Clubs will benefit from the new ideas and new energy these members will bring. Perhaps most important, it helps ensure that there will be a next generation of Lions prepared to step-up and fulfill our motto - We serve.

I ask you to keep this new wave rolling by doing all you can to bring family members into existing clubs and establishing new family-oriented clubs.

One important way in which clubs can benefit from family members is by establishing club branches. These branches provide the full benefits of Lions Club membership while accommodating families and other groups with convenient meeting schedules and activities focused on their special interests. Consider extending full Lions membership to Lionesses and "graduating" Leos by establishing club branches tailored to their needs.
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_branch.shtml

Please remember: people join - and stay with - organizations that meet their needs. To be sure that clubs in your district are working to meet the needs of these vital new members, please see http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_family.shtml and view the video report on family

membership in the January edition of Lions Quarterly online magazine.

You can maximize the impact of new members on clubs and their communities by taking part in Worldwide Induction Day on April 21. It is an outstanding opportunity for recruiting and to make Lions activities known throughout your district. Start planning your event now by visiting http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_wwday.shtml.

Finally, I am also pleased to announce that I have reached my goal of organizing 15 new Lions Clubs during my term as international president. How are you progressing toward the goal of establishing at least one new club in each district during this Lions year?

As always, I thank you for your dedicated service.

Sincerely,

Jimmy M. Ross
International President

FAMILY DUES PROGRAM

The program is available for existing and new family members related by birth, marriage, or other legal means above the age of majority.

Requirements:

Age of majority and lives in the

same household.

First family member pays full \$39 annual International dues and up to four qualifying family members living in the same household pay \$19.50 annual International dues.

To benefit the club family members, the club must reduce its total dues by \$19.50, otherwise the club is benefiting from the program but not the family member. e.g.: John and Mary, are members of Anytown Lions club, paying \$70 each in annual club dues. Included in the total is \$39 in International dues, \$13 in District dues and \$18 in club dues.

Under the family program either John or Mary may choose to be a "family" member. The club will pay \$39 for one and \$19.50 for the other. The club dues of \$70 should be reduced by \$19.50 for either John or Mary, or else the club benefits from an increase of \$19.50 for administrative purposes but not the family member.

Why LCI chose to include existing Lions living in the same household is the BIG question. I thought that the intention was to get household family members who were not Lions to become members.

Lion Neil Sheeley
District Club Financial Advisor

What is a Pilot Dog?

The dictionary describes a pilot as to guide or conduct, as though unknown places and dog

as the device to do so. So a Pilot Dog is specially trained dog to guide a blind or sight impaired person.

Well that doesn't sound to bad unless you are the person who cannot see. Can you imagine not being able to read your e-mail or even your regular mail? No day, no night, no colors, just smells, touch and hearing.

How would you like to walk to the corner of your street with your eyes closed? Where are my jacket, hat and shoes? Where is the door or stairs? I've done this many times, I can find my way. Ok, I'm in the driveway heading towards the street, a piece of cake so far. What is this that I'm tripping over? A stick, a branch, my child's bicycle? That car sounds awful close and loud. Am I on the sidewalk or the road and where is that car behind me? Now I'm nervous. How many houses did I go by? Oops, I fall over an uneven sidewalk and lose my balance. Did somebody see me fall? I don't now. Now I sideswipe a tree and hit a garbage can on the sidewalk. I hear voices coming towards me. Am I on the sidewalk and which side of the sidewalk am I on? Are they going to move over and let me by or am I going to run into them? My heart is really racing now, I am disoriented, do I go left or right? I can't take it anymore and I open my eyes to see that I am only two houses down the street.

These are all the things that a Pilot Dog is taught to negotiate. The first thing you do is put the

harness on your dog. From there, your dog becomes a working dog. You still have to find your jacket, hat and shoes buy now you keep them in one place. The dog walks along side of you with your leg touching the dog, you become one with the dog. You come to the door, the dog sits and you reach for the doorknob. You are now outside and your dog leads you toward the sidewalk, always by your side, you turn right onto the sidewalk with your dog leading you. Your dog veers left a little to avoid the branch you didn't see, a little to the right to avoid the garbage can and the tree. Suddenly the dog stops and sits. You hear a car backing out of the driveway. People are coming down the sidewalk and you can hear them, your dog leads you by the people and stops and sits. You stick your foot forward and find an uneven piece of concrete and the curb to the street. You listen for the sounds of cars, you hear the walk sign clicking, your dog takes you across the street.

How much is that dog worth to you now? Probably priceless. And this is where we as Lions' shine. There is no cost to you. We provide it free and trained; you provide the skills and love. So how much does a Pilot Dog cost us as Lions? About \$8,500, read to roll, How much did the Lions of Multiple District 13C five last year? Over \$24,000. How much did the Multiple District 13 give? Almost \$225,000 out of a budget of \$1.3 million dollars. How many people received dogs? Over 160, with a plan to increase classes and students to 200.

How much does our competition charge? Nearest place is Michigan and it costs over \$38,000. How does Pilot Dogs keep the cost down? Donations are the answer. The Purina Company provides the food and Ohio State University School of Veterinary Science provides the Veterinarians. The puppy raisers provide the most important part of the training. These people, like you and me, Lions, Scouts, the 4H groups, even prisoners in jail, that give the puppy love and basic training. Can you be a puppy raiser? Yes, you can. Memorials are gladly accepted too. Speakers are available, just call me at 440-942-2816.

So next time you walk down the hallway without the lights on and stumble into the wall, thank God that you can see when you turn the light on. Thank God for the Guiding Lions, Knights of the Blind, we who's motto is "We Serve"

Lion Ray Dellmore
Sight & Hearing Committee
District 13-C



Lions Time is Running out!

Several districts in MD13 already have their full compliment of acts for the talent show at this year's State Convention. However, some districts still don't have any acts submitted. The PDG Association really would like

for every district to be represented. This is designed to be a fun night and the more acts we have the better the Lions in attendance can enjoy the evening.

PRESENTING LIONS' PRIDE is going to showcase the talent from around the state. However, we will determine the bragging rights for the Most Talented District by voting with a penny per vote with the proceeds going to Sight First II. There is no limit as to the number of times a Lion may vote or how many pennies, dimes, quarters, or dollars they wish to use to vote for the district of their choice.

We want this to be a family friendly evening of entertainment for all of the attendees at the convention. There will be a free ticket for admission in your registration packet at the State Convention. Although each district is limited to a total of 10 to 12 minutes for their acts that may be adjusted depending on the total number of acts submitted. In other words if one district does not submit any requests or perhaps only one act then that time can be allocated to other districts that need a few more minutes. That will be determined after April 15 when we have all of the entry forms submitted.

I am pleased to announce that the district hospitality rooms will be housed on the perimeter of the ballroom where the Talent Show will be presented. This will allow the Lions of Ohio to combine the refreshments from the hospitality rooms with the entertainment from the Talent Show.

Entry blanks are available in this newsletter and on the State Website.

All entries must be submitted to your District Representative by April 15, 2007. A list of the district representatives is also available in this newsletter and on the State Website.

If anyone has questions please feel free to contact me at jsmith60@roadrunner.com

PDG Jerry Smith
Talent Show
Chairperson

**THE
CONVENTION
CORNER**

The District 13-C Convention dates are April 20-22, 2007. The location is the Quality Inn & Suites, 4742 Brecksville Road, Richfield, Ohio (formally named the Holiday Inn, Richfield. It is on Ohio Route 21, 1/2 mile south of the Ohio Turnpike exit).

Don't forget about the **District Training School** that will be held at the Convention. This will be a crash course for your new incoming officers, and a way for the more experienced officers to pass along their wisdom. There is no question that those who attend the training school have a more productive and less stressful year as a club officer!!!!!!

Happening in Our District.....

Broadview Heights: The Club is will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7 at the city grounds.

Cleveland Southeast- mark your calendar now for their Night at the Races on March 24th to be held at Karlin Hall. Watch for more details or contact any club member for details, to buy a horse (\$10/horse) or to sponsor a race and to get tickets (cost \$10).

Conneaut Lions Club members Ruth & Ken Powell and their group are conducting a fundraiser activity with Malley's Chocolates of Cleveland, Ohio.

A website has been setup specifically for the Conneaut Lions Club fundraising campaign.

All purchases made on that site will be credited toward Ruth & Ken Powell and will directly benefit the Conneaut Lions Club.

To connect to this site, please click on this link <http://www.malleys.com/?id=7353d4b7-f27b-4fad-ad7b-656a2682e7a4>

North Coast Lions Club: is selling 3-Digit Raffle tickets; \$5 @; 2 daily drawings begin in April; \$50 paid to winners.

North Royalton Lions Annual Reverse Raffle/Dinner Dance to be held on April 27th at the Quality Inn & Suites. Cost is \$85/couple.

Check out the flyer attached. Email requests to nrlions@aol.com.

Lions Candy Day will be held May 5th. All proceeds go to OLERF Dick Bryant Fellowships. Contact Lion Mike Tyler if you need mints at mpty526@comcast.net

Ohio Lions State Convention will be held May 18-20 in Aurora, Ohio

Advertise your events in our District bulletin and on our 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 Bareftn813@aol.com or by snail mail to 9950 Abbey Road, North Royalton, OH 44133.

District 13-C Convention

April 20-22, 2007 Quality Inn & Suites, Richfield, Ohio
THEME: "Music Makes the World Go Round"

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>Friday, 4/20/07</u>			
Registration	Lobby	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
Dinner and Entertainment	Ballroom C/D	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm,	"Music in Motion" & John DiPalma (see separate flier)
Governor's Hospitality	Brecksville Room	9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	
<u>Saturday, 4/21/07</u>			
1st Lady's Hospitality	Brecksville Room	7:30 am - 11:00 am	
Registration/Delegates	Lobby	8:00 am - 9:30 am	
Mini-Mart	Corridor to Ballroom	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	
Business Session	Ballroom C/D	9:30 am - 11:00 am	
Lunch	Ballroom C/D	12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Dr. Larry Leguire, Scientific Advisor to OLERF.
Seminars & Leadership Training	Various	2:15 pm - 6:00 pm	(see details below)
Hospitality Rooms	Various	6:30 pm - 12:00 pm	
Entertainment:	Heartland	8:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Majestic Sound, John DiPalma, other.
<u>Sunday, 4/22/07</u>			
Breakfast	Brecksville Room	7:30 am - 11:00 am	
Necrology	Heartland	9:00 am - 9:45 am	
Registration	Lobby	10:00 am - 11:00 am	
Grand Banquet	Ballroom C&D	11:00 am - 2:30 pm	Intl. Guests PID Gary & Lion Brenda Brown

Seminars & Leadership Training:

Ballroom A/B	<u>2:15-3:15</u> Back to Basics PDG S. Bates	<u>3:30-4:30</u> New Member Orientation Lion Mike Tyler	<u>4:45-???</u> "Bragging Rights" DDG D. Klages
Heartland 1	<u>2:15-3:15</u> LCI Information PID Gary Brown	<u>3:30-4:30</u> PR & Alert VDG M. Dellmore & PDG J. Ferritto	
Heartland 2	<u>2:15-3:15</u> Pres/VP Session PDG T. Thompson	<u>3:30-4:30</u> Secretary Session ZC P. Abrams	
"The View"	<u>2:15-3:15</u> Treasurer/Finance Lion N. Sheeley	<u>3:30-4:30</u> Zone Chair ("Next Step") ZC W. Burnett	<u>4:45-5:45</u> Treasurer/Finance Lion N. Sheeley

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- at the District Convention, April 21, 2007

WHY DO I NEED TO GO?

- Get information on the little things that will give your members ownership of their club.
- Get new ideas for fundraising projects and programs for club meetings
- Get up-to-date information on financial “ins and outs”.
- Get new ideas to help your club run more smoothly.
- A well-run meeting keeps members on the same page and keeps them coming back!
- There will be something for all Lions in 13-C.
- FREE DOOR PRIZES
- No Raffle Tickets to be purchased

SCHEDULED SEMINARS

BACK TO BASICS: Remember, or learn, why you joined the Lions?

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: Kick-start your Lions career by getting the most pertinent information in one concise session, and relive Helen Keller’s seminal “Knights of the Blind” presentation to the Lions in 1925.

PRESIDENT/VP: Motivation and organization begins from the top. Learn about your role as King Lion.

SECRETARY: Get the inside information on the various duties of the “chief paper officer of the club”.

TREASURER/FINANCE: There are always new developments in the finance department of club business—IRS and LCI requirements, filing forms, Administrative v Activity accounts, 501C-3 or not? Gaming, Bingo, Raffles, and the list goes on.

TAKING THE NEXT STEP: ZONE CHAIR: Thinking about moving up: check out the Zone Chair Seminar and learn about responsibilities of the Zone Chair and receive formatted documents to make your job easier.

**ALL PRESENTERS ARE EXPERIENCED AND RECOGNIZED FOR
THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THE DISTRICT.**



PRESENTING LIONS' PRIDE
Talent Show

This year the PDG Association is sponsoring a Talent Show at the State Convention on May 19.

We are convinced that there are many Lions in MD13 who have a variety of talents that they can share with other Lions. What we need now is YOU! To make a fun evening of entertainment, we need talented people of all types. The list of possible entries is as follows:

Singers	Dancers	Actors (Short Skits)
Guitarists	Pianists	Other Musicians
Joke Tellers	Magic Tricks	Others?

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Entry blanks are available on the State Website. All entries must be submitted to your District Representative by May 1, 2007. A list of the district representatives is also available in this newsletter and on the State Website.

If anyone has questions please feel free to contact me at jsmith60@roadrunner.com

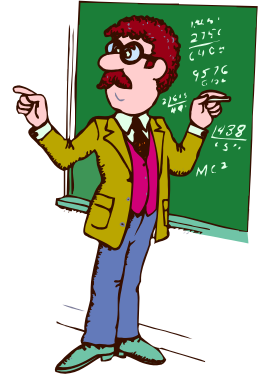
PDG Jerry Smith
Talent Show Chairperson

BRAGGING RIGHTS !

Is your club proud of a new Community Service or Fund Raising Project?
Have you done something unusual or different this year?
Are you just dying to tell someone about it?

Here's your Chance !!!

At the District Convention on Saturday, April 21, 2007
We will be having a **Special Seminar** to allow you
BRAG about anything your club is proud of.



FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED !

- ★ - On Saturday morning, you will be able to set up a display in Ballroom A/B for "Show & Tell." You'll be assigned One-half of an 8foot table for your display.
- ★ - During the afternoon you will have a reserved time slot When you can tell everyone what you have done.
- ★ - Do you just want to talk without using a display? That's also OK.

YOU HAVE TO TELL US YOU ARE COMING!

As it says above, this is First Come - First Served.
There will be time for about 12 clubs to speak. If you delay
Responding you might get cut out. Don't let that happen.

To Reserve a Space,
Return this form to DDG Dona Klages at
27621 Chagrin Blvd. #125, Woodmere, OH 44122
(or call 216-292-0633 or email jdklages@sbcglobal.net)

Club _____

Contact _____ Phone _____