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District Governor's Report

Feel the excitement of REAL GROWTH in your club by conserving and keeping the members you already have - PDG Howard Cook - MD 43 Kentucky

Over the past eight months, our clubs have really worked hard to increase their membership. Unfortunately we have lost more members than we have gained.

Why do members drop out of our clubs? List all the persons that have been dropped from your membership. Death losses are out of our control. We also have little control over transfers but the others who have left need to be studied to discover "why?". Honesty here is critical if we are to solve the problem of retention. If we discover the reasons for the dropouts, we can see where we need to make changes that will retain the other members. We have not really focused on conserving the results of our recruiting efforts nearly as much as we have on getting new members. We must continue to reach new members,

but we also must take care to keep the members we have.

Retention is the "other half" of the tandem of membership growth. Retention is an ongoing awareness of the need to provide care and support for each member, develop opportunities for meaningful service for them and enhance their sense of belonging. Some people join volunteer organizations to give back to their community a "part of themselves" for the benefits the community has given them. Your club can give them an opportunity for participation in significant activities which are satisfying, and the pleasure of being a part of a fun group that serves others.

Remember to:

LOOK closely at the current state of your club
LISTEN to input from fellow club members
LEARN where problem areas exist
RESPOND by implementing appropriate changes

THE BENEFITS TO YOUR CLUB WILL BE WELL WORTH YOUR EFFORTS

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO

DG Dona

Vice District Governor's Report

This last month has been a month of making and remaking schedules. Will winter ever go away? Enough crying in my beer! With the Zone meetings rescheduled for this coming month, February has been a busy month for Membership and Extension.

Tallmadge hosted the Membership and Extension with a free lunch for one and all.

The following night, GALEP held their meeting at Tallmadge hall. At this meeting the future of GALEP was discussed. Please remember your Eye clinic at St. Vincent will need your support for the Nautica Charity Gambling on May 28-29-30-31, 2009. At the Parade of Checks, let us not forget our two Eye Clinics. Last but not least, don't forget to come to the Convention. This is your time to have fun and be with good friends.


Yours in Lionism,

PDG/VDG Grant & Shirley
Frazier

Second Vice District Governor's Report (DDG's Report)

This time of year is busy within our district for so many reasons

that communications are being received daily via email; "snail-mail"; phone calls; voice mail and whatever other means to verify our clubs are notified of activities within the months to come. Lion's district conventions throughout the State of Ohio; new clubs chartering; charter anniversary celebrations; and fund raisers are just a few of the activities our members are organizing to continue their service as Lions. Those who coordinate, plan, organize and conduct these activities are true **heroes** to our organization, and I truly commend them for their many hours, days, months and even years of hard work to assure

successful events. 

Lion Rich and I recently attended the Tallmadge Lions 70th Charter Anniversary.

While we watched the continuous picture slide show of this club's many years of service to others and remembering several members who have since passed on, the evening was both enjoyable and yet bittersweet. This club continues to take care of their members during rough times through so many ways while at the same time, maintaining their club's goal to help others within their community – 70 years of commitment of proud Lions who are **heroes** to us all. We hope to attend many more charter anniversaries in the years to come as we congratulate more of our Lions

heroes. 

Sunday, April 19, 2009 is a special date for the new Lions-to-be of Twinsburg. By now your club secretary has received an invitation for your club to attend as well as a memo asking for a contribution to help this new club begin their service within Lions. Lion Wallie Burnett and others have been working very diligently for several months to secure these new members as part of our great organization. As I attended most of their organizational meetings, I witness both determination and excitement from these men and women who want to be of help to their community and as a part of LCI. We hope your club is attending this special evening to support these "new" **heroes** as they blossom within our

district. 

Governor Dona and Lion Jim are looking forward to their convention (May 1-3, 2009) and are asking for your attendance to help them celebrate our district's accomplishments. Please be with us to support our district's "**Everyday Heroes**" weekend. It promises to be a memorable time for all.

Finally, if you are reading this newsletter, please share it with your club, your neighbor, your work partner, your church, and anyone you feel will enjoy learning about our Lions. In this time of turmoil and recession > depression, Lions are always available to help those in need. Let others know how, when and where and ask them to be a part

of your club to build your own set of **HEROES!**

Stay happy and healthy until we meet again. 

DDG Lion Marty Dennis

District Treasurer's Report

1. One delinquent club at 1/31/09.
2. Dues for second half of 2008/2009 were mailed 1/12/09 based upon 11/30/08 membership reports.
Important for club Secretaries to file timely reports.
District pays state dues based upon the November and May membership reports.
3. 1105 Members in District 13-C at 1/31/09
4. Billed and unpaid dues at 1/31/09 - \$5,785.
5. Financial Information for the 7 months ending January 31, 2009:
Receipts \$17,291
Disbursements \$ 14,903
Net Revenues over expenses \$2,388.
Convention Fund Reserve \$2,500
Reserve Fund \$7,294
Administrative Fund \$10,703:
Total Cash in Bank and dues receivable \$20,497
First Merit CD renewed to 10/18/09 at 3.75%

6. Use the District expense voucher when submitting requests for District expense reimbursement. Form is on the District website. All requests for reimbursement must be supported by adequate documentation.

7. District Form 990 for 6/30/08 posted on District 13-C website under "Forms" tab.

Lion Neil Sheeley
North Royalton Lions
2/19/2009

Membership Chairman's Report

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

I am happy to say that most clubs have reported in 2009; we still have 5 clubs not submitting timely Monthly Membership Reports. **Remember**, the next few months are critical: Int'l and District will base the second half dues on these numbers. So, let's get those reports current for March, April and May.

You still have time to earn a **State Membership Growth Patch for 2008-09** for your banner; your club membership must have and **Net +1 growth by June 30**; patches will be awarded in the Fall.

CHECK IT OUT: the **MERL page on the District Website** has posted info for recruitment, extension, retention, and

leadership for your use. **IN T'L Website** can also offer you assistance with any problems/questions you may have on numerous topics. The **MERL Team and Cabinet** is also available to assist you in choosing/planning programs. We can only offer you these tools and show you how to use them; the implementation is up to you.

As always, you can contact me at wdburnet@att.net or 440-944-3947. Yours in Lionism,

Lion Wallie Burnett

Lions Eye Clinic at St Vincent

This year again we will need all the help we can get on the Texas Hold-Em in the Flats. We need dealers, but we have several other positions to fill. It will be May 28, 29, 30, and 31, at the Powerhouse in the West Flats. There will be a \$3.00 parking fee, but it will be refunded. Contact Lion Andy Kolbus, Lion Neil Sheeley, or any other Eye Clinic member for information. **WE NEED HELP!**

District Convention

See the District Convention Reservation form at the end of this Bulletin.

Lions in the News

Eggshelland at 1031 Linden Lane in Lyndhurst, OH 44124 has for 50 years made mosaic

displays of painted egg shells.
The display this year, around
Easter, April 12, will
incorporate a **Lions Logo!**

Club News

Stow-Munroe Falls

The Stow-Munroe Falls Lions
Club has a new meeting
facility! Their meetings
(second and fourth Tuesdays -
6:30 PM dinner) will be held at
Bellacino's Restaurant
3657 Fishcreek Road, Stow

To attend, please contact Club
Secretary, Lion Bob Platt 330-
688-2164

CALENDAR

March , 2009

26 – Joint Zone 4 and Zone 6
Meeting – Pipers III

April, 2009

17 – NORTH Royalton Reverse
Raffle
19 – Twinsburg Charter Night
Hilton

May, 2009

1,2,3 – District Convention –
Crowne Plaza, Middleburg
Hgts.
16, 17 – State Convention
20-25 – National Blind Bowling
Tournament

June, 2009

4- Cabinet Meeting – Crowne
Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.

Happy St Patrick's Day!



Happy Easter!





THE NORTH ROYALTON LIONS ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE & DINNER DANCE

WHEN: APRIL 17, 2009 6:30 PM

WHERE: QUALITY INN & SUITES
RICHFIELD, OHIO

COST: \$45/PERSON...INCLUDES
MEAL & MAIN BOARD RAFFLE [A
CHANCE FOR \$2000]

INCLUDES: OPEN BAR, CHOCOLATE
FOUNTAIN, AUCTION ITEMS, MANY SIDE
BOARDS, DINNER, MUSIC WITH DJ,
ELECTRONIC TOTE BOARD & MORE!

CONTACT: NRLIONS@AOL.COM
OR ANY CLUB MEMBER FOR YOUR
TICKETS...**ONLY 200** AVAILABLE

****MULTIPLE DISTRICT 13 OHIO LIONS STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM****
MAY 15-17 2009
EMBASSY SUITES, DUBLIN, OH
5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, OH 43017

HOTEL RESERVATION

Hotel reservations are available at the Embassy Suites and can be made directly through the hotel at the following number: (614) 790-9000. Daily rate: \$112.99. Reservations received after Friday, May 1, 2009 will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits. Please mention you are with the Ohio Lions when calling the hotel.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION – DEADLINE, May, 1st

- 1 – Full Registration - \$75 (includes all meals and activities)
- 2 – Convention Activities Only (NO Meals) - \$8*
- 3 – Friday/Saturday Only - \$60 (Friday Banquet/Sat. Lunch)*
- 4 – Saturday/Sunday Only - \$60 (Sat. Luncheon/Sunday Banquet)*

NEW → LEO/YOUTH- No charge - Ages 12 and up –
 Pizza, speaker, activities, exhibits. Saturday 12:00 Noon

CONTACT INFORMATION PLEASE PRINT

Club Name: _____
 Contact Person: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____

PRINT or TYPE Name as to appear on name tag.	Registration Choice 1,2,3, or 4	PDG Breakfast \$12.95**	LEO/ YOUTH Lunch Sat. Only	Delegate Or Alternate Certification form Must be filled out	Amount

Make checks payable to: Ohio Lions, Inc.
 Send to: 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123
 Telephone: (614) 539-5060 x0

Email: lionoffice @rrohio.com
 FAX: (614) 539-5055

Total
Due

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*Activities include Friday and Saturday Night Hospitality, Saturday Casino Night, Business Meetings, Seminars, Exhibits
 ** PDG's: You must check if you and your spouse will be attending the breakfast, but if you are a guest of the hotel the cost is included in your hotel room price. Only PDGs & their spouses that are not guests of the hotel need to send in the \$12.95/ea.

FIRST 200 FULL REGISTRATION ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE A 2009 MD-13 STATE CONVENTION PIN