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## An Inspiring Lion

Marcia, as a child, remembered the Christmas parties with a magician and the family picnics that the Ashtabula Lions Club held every year. She reminisced, "On Sunday's we'd go down to the lake and Dad would play with us, he was a wonderful father. He worked a lot but was very active in the Cub Scouts, Lions Club, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church." Marcia also pointed out many memorable family vacations.

Her very busy father is none other than Lion Jim Weidig.



**Lion Jim Weidig receives an Inspiring Lion Award, with wife Nettie & DG Ken.**

Lion Jim was involved in a terrible car accident that left him hospitalized for a year when he was a teenager. He later met Nettie while he attended Fenn College in

Cleveland. They married in April of 1947 and around that same time Lion Jim had to have his hip fused to give him more stability to walk.

The Weidig's have two children, John and Marcia, and 4 grandchildren. Their son John joined the Marine Corp in 1968 and retired from the Marine Corp in 1988 to a North Carolina home with his wife and their stepson. Their daughter Marcia lives in Cleveland with her husband and their three children. John recalled "some of the lessons Dad taught me at an early age have still lasted. Most important of what Dad taught me was a sense of values, work ethics, and respect of your fellow man. And a true sense of what family means, and how important it is to care for your family. I know how hard he has worked in Lionism and for the Eye Clinic and he is truly deserving of this award."

Lion Jim became a member of the Ashtabula Lion Club in 1963. He was the owner of Wiedig's Edgewood Standard Oil Company service station in eastern Ashtabula. His business was so successful that it earned the very first multiyear contract from the Standard Oil

Company. However, his success never took his mind off his family.

Ashtabula Lion Ken Babcock said, "Lion Jim is a compassionate man. He eats and sleeps Lionism. He inducts our new members and does a great job of it." That's why it is not hard to see how Lion Jim Weidig and his friends changed history for the Lions of District 13C. A discussion took place at a State Convention long ago in Columbus at 2:00 in the morning. Lions Dr. Segal, Dr. Udolph, PDG Sal LoBosco, PDG Bob Lowe, and Harold Hoyt, from the Conneaut Club, met and discussed plans for a Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent's Charity Hospital. Lion Dr. Udolph was the Director of the Ophthalmology Department at the time. The group met shortly thereafter with the Sisters that operated the Hospital and received their blessing. The group convinced the District Governor, at that time Lion Stuart Feils, and his cabinet to approve the Lions Eye Clinic idea. Next, the biggest challenge was overcome when Lion International approved the Clinic as well.

Lion Jim's love for the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation spanned over 20 years and he helped raise nearly 5 million dollars for eye research. He served for many years on the Board of Directors for the Lions Eye Clinic, including 5 years as President. Lion Jim was even on a first name basis with Past International President Lion Jim Coffey, asking him to attend their 50<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Night as a guest speaker for the Ashtabula Club, which of

course he did. Lion Ed Searles, Past Secretary for the Ashtabula Lions Club stated, "If you wanted to know anything about Lionism, he's the man. He's the Lion I wish every Lion was like."

It is hard to keep Lion Jim from doing what he wants. Lion Chuck Capitena a fellow member of the Ashtabula Club said, "Lion Jim is a soft spoken, yet decisive and definitive." His daughter Marcia and I laughed during the phone interview as we both agreed he is much like the energizer bunny because he just never quits. It is a passion for Lion Jim to do well at whatever he puts his mind to, including obtaining perfect attendance for all his years as a Lion. He represents quality, distinction, perseverance, and perfection and that is what makes Lion Jim Weidig truly an Inspiring Lion.

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### District Governor Ken's Comments



1. District Convention: Yeah! We all made it through the "stress event" of the year. Months of planning and then wham, in a blink of the eye it's over. But the memories will live on for many years. Excellent food (can anyone remember a District Convention with such uniformly good food?), seven Hospitality Rooms with a

huge variety of different kinds of food and beverages, wall-to-wall entertainment (you were told music would be everywhere), a District Leadership School that was extremely well done, raffles with a wide variety of prizes, and lots of fun and fellowship. There was literally something for everyone! If you chose NOT to attend, it was your loss.

Everyone is to be roundly congratulated for their hard work in putting all the pieces together. The Convention Committee in particular did a fabulous job, and I hope I managed to personally say "thanks" to each of them.

But this year the stars of the show were the Leadership Committee. Months ago, they started convincing me that we should hold the District Leadership School at the Convention rather than on a separate day. I'll admit I wasn't totally keen on the idea initially, but eventually they prevailed. Boy, were they right!

Not only did most of the presenters get rave reviews, but also the school attracted more than twice the number of attendees we had in recent years with "stand-alone" events. You can bet it'll be back at the convention next year.

It was totally appropriate, therefore, that the "terrific three" (Lions Sheeley {temporarily shortened}, Burnett and Dennis {with a photo interloper}) were presented with Presidential Certificates of Appreciation at the Convention. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> highest award an individual Lion can earn. **WELL DONE, FOLKS!**



Finally, congratulations are due to our newly elected officers, committee chairpersons and Trustees.

- Maggie Dellmore, DG elect
- Dona Klages, VDG elect
- Lion Ada Ahrens, OLERF
- PDG Neil Bevere, F&LRP
- Lion Dan Lester, OLF

2. Membership Contest. After eight months of competition, we can now announce the results of the Governors Membership Contest. The clubs with the largest percentage gain were the winners. The results for all of the clubs can be found at the end of this Bulletin. On a District wide basis, we had a +1 gain in membership.

Group 1: (Larger clubs)

- 1. Greensburg, + 15.4% - \$500.
- 2. Ashtabula, +8.1% - \$300.
- 3. Royalton Hills, +8.0% - \$200.

Group 2: (Mid-size clubs)

- 1. North Coast, 8.7% - \$400.
- 1. Painesville, 8.7% - \$400.
- 3. Willoughby Hills, 4.0% - \$200.

Group 3: (Smaller clubs)

- 1. Highland Hts., 30.0% - \$500.
- 2. Westlake, 9.1% - \$300.
- 3. Chippewa Lake 7.1% - \$200.

Overall Winner Bonus - \$500.

**Highland Heights**

Congratulations to the Clubs who had a winning year, including those who had a positive gain but weren't quite able to win a prize.

There were several clubs who amazed themselves by discovering that, after years of failure, they really actually recruited some new members! In some cases they used the Ohio Plan, in other cases it was the old "ask a friend" technique that worked. Regardless, once they proved to themselves that it was possible, membership will never again be a problem.

It is also interesting to note that 15 clubs were positive, 15 were negative and 11 had no change. If every club had at least a no-change result, we would be +29 for the year, or almost one new member per club.

Make a commitment to yourself that next year you will do at least as well as you did this year.

3. PU101 Form: When your new officers are elected, your Secretary needs to send in your PU101 form. Also, PLEASE send a copy to VDG Maggie Dellmore.

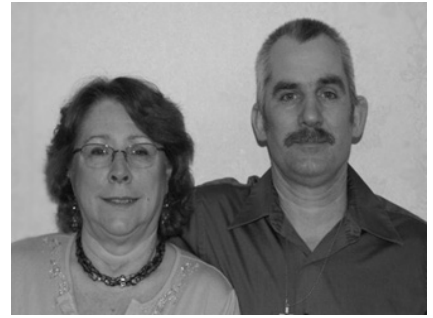
Thanks,  
DG Ken Marshall

**District Governor - elect  
Maggie's Comments**



No news for this bulletin.

**Vice District Governor - elect  
Dona's Comments**



No news for this bulletin.

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

- Lioness Rosemary Maxwell –  
South Euclid Lioness
- Lion George Depew-Medina
- Lion Vincent Varanese-  
Highland Heights

**A Message from  
The President**

Dear Fellow Lions,

Growing up on a ranch in West Texas, I eagerly looked forward to this time of year. April is when our state flower, the bluebonnet, blooms in great abundance. It is a source of joy for any Texan and a treat for any visitor who has seen it.

My youth and my experience as a rancher have brought me close to nature. A rancher knows the effect that water and drought has on pastureland. Ranchers must know the optimum season for breeding and calving. And every rancher knows that overgrazing is a short-term

expediency that will eventually put a rancher out of business. Making a ranch successful requires a healthy respect for the environment and diligent management for 12 months out of the year. There is no season in which a rancher gets to just sit back and watch things grow.

Like a successful rancher, I ask that you continue your hard work this month and up to the last day of your term in office. The Lions year is three-quarters gone, but there remains much work to be done. The paradigm shift that I have advocated has sprouted green and healthy but has not yet put down solid roots.

Among the healthiest sprouts, I am proud to say, has been our family membership initiative. In just two months, 5.1 percent of all Lions Club members have become registered as part of a family unit. A part of this increase is due to a net gain of more than 2,000 women members in the month of February, part of a very positive trend that has taken place over the last decade. Please continue to emphasize the benefits of family memberships and to target specific groups, including women, as potential members of your club.

This year, we have reached out to Leo Club members by inviting them to the International Convention in Chicago and providing programs that will be especially meaningful to them. Please remember to include Leo Clubs in your area in as many

activities as possible and consider forming new Leo Clubs under your sponsorship. [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/leo\\_conv\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/leo_conv_agenda.pdf)

Your participation is needed to help us gauge the effectiveness of the new ideas spreading throughout the entire association. Please tell us about the results of your Club Renewal efforts by going to <http://www3.lionsclubs.org/ClubRenewal/ClubRenewalWelcome.aspx>

Also, please keep in mind that our goal as Lion leaders is to effectively serve our "customers" - that is our individual club members. One of the most important benefits that younger people see in joining an organization is the opportunity to create personal networks. Our traditions hold that Lions should not profit or receive personal benefit from club activities and we remain true to that principle. However, we need not go so far as to prohibit forming the bonds, including business and professional relations, that link one member to another and which help hold the fabric of our communities together. Networking of this kind is to be encouraged!

Effectively serving our customers also means planning and executing activities that are the most meaningful to our members. Projects related to the environment and ecology are particularly interesting to many active people and resonate strongly during this

season of growth and rebirth. Keep in mind that environmental service projects are high on the list of priorities the international board of directors has as major service activities. They might include recycling efforts, pollution control projects and tree planting. Visit [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs\\_cult\\_environs.html](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_cult_environs.html) for more ideas.

People involved in their communities are typically also concerned with local politics and in many places this is election season for area officials. While remaining strictly neutral and not endorsing any candidate, you can enhance your club's prestige and visibility in the community by inviting candidates of all parties to take part in a public forum.

Thank you for all you do and I look forward to serving with you during this home stretch of our leadership year.

Sincerely,  
Jimmy M. Ross  
International President

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

**Broadview Heights** held their annual Post Office food drive for the Lend-a-Hand Program on Saturday, May 12. Charter Night will be Friday, June 8 at the Pipers III.

**State Convention** will be held **May 18-20<sup>th</sup>** at the Bertram Inn in Aurora, Ohio

*Advertise your events in our District bulletin and on our website. Please email your flyer to [Lionsdistrict13C@aol.com](mailto:Lionsdistrict13C@aol.com) and Lion Dan will get them posted on our website.*

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of your help with information for our District Bulletin. I've enjoyed being the District Bulletin Editor.

Please join me in welcoming Lion Dick Abrams as the new Bulletin Editor. Below is the information for where you should send your information for the July Bulletin.  
Sincerely,  
Lion Cindy Palmentera

***“Important Information”***  
*As of July 1<sup>st</sup> Lion Dick Abrams will be the Bulletin Editor. Any information for the July bulletin should be emailed to Lion Dick at [rlabrams@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlabrams@sbcglobal.net) or by snail mail to: 4430 Sir Robert Avenue, North Royalton, OH 44133*

**WHAT IS YOUR  
CLUB DOING???**

**There is a lack of info on the website. I need input from ALL clubs. Upcoming planned events, dates, times, places and contacts. This website is YOURS...and as usual.....**

**IT IS FREE...**

**PLEASE SEND PHOTOS, ARTICLES and INFO of any project. I will return photos if not digital.**

**LETS WORK TOGETHER!!**

**Lion Dan Lester  
Web Master 13-c**

## MEMBERSHIP CONTEST RESULTS

Membership Numbers per LCI Records

Prizes

Each Group	1st	\$500
	2nd	\$300
	3rd	\$200
Overall Winner Bonus		\$500
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,500</b>

	As of		Change	As of		Percent Change	Rank	Prize
	July 1	2006		Feb. 28	2007			
<b>GROUP 1</b>								
Broadview Heights Lions Club	76		1	77	1.32%			
Wadsworth Lions Club	74		-1	73	-1.35%			
Chesterland Lions Club	54		1	55	1.85%			
<b>Royalton Hills Lions Club</b>	<b>50</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>8.00%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$200</b>	
Mogadore Lions Club	52		1	53	1.92%			
Bedford Lions Club	48		0	48	-0-			
Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club	52		-4	48	-7.69%			
<b>Greensburg Lions Club</b>	<b>39</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15.38%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$500</b>	
Akron Host Lions Club	45		-1	44	-2.22%			
North Royalton Lions Club	41		0	41	-0-			
<b>Ashtabula Lions Club</b>	<b>37</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8.11%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$300</b>	
Conneaut Lions Club	41		-4	37	-9.76%			
Tallmadge Lions Club	38		-1	37	-2.63%			
Stow - Munroe Falls Lions Club	37		-1	36	-2.70%			

### GROUP 2

Medina Lions Club	29		1	30	3.45%			
Cleveland Southeast Lions Club	29		-2	27	-6.90%			
Copley Lions Club	26		1	27	3.85%			
<b>Willoughby Hills Lions Club</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4.00%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$200</b>	
<b>North Coast Lions Club</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8.70%</b>	<b>Tie 1</b>	<b>\$400</b>	
<b>Painesville Lions Club</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8.70%</b>	<b>Tie 1</b>	<b>\$400</b>	
Euclid Lions Club	24		-1	23	-4.17%			
Norton Lions Club	23		0	23	-0-			
Willoughby Evening Lions Club	25		-2	23	-8.00%			
South Euclid Lions Club	23		-2	21	-8.70%			
Seville Lions Club	21		0	21	-0-			
Chardon Lions Club	21		-2	19	-9.52%			
Jefferson Lions Club	19		0	19	-0-			
Mayfield Heights Lions Club	19		0	19	-0-			
Willoughby Lions Club	21		-2	19	-9.52%			

### GROUP 3

Geneva Lions Club	15		1	16	6.67%			
<b>Chippewa Lake Lions Club</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7.14%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$200</b>	
Nordonia Hills Lions Club	15		0	15	-0-			
Garfield Heights Lions Club	14		0	14	-0-			

Strongsville Lions Club	14		0	14	-0-	1	\$1,000	Overall Winner		
<b>Highland Heights Lions Club</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30.00%</b>					
Cleveland Host Lions Club	15		-3	12	-20.00%					
<b>Westlake Lions Club</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9.09%</b>				2	\$300
Mentor Lions Club	10		0	10	-0-					
Brook Park Lions Club	10		-1	9	-10.00%					
Madison Lions Club	6		0	6	-0-					
Fairport Harbor Lions Club	6		-1	5	-16.67%					
	1175		+1	1176	0.09%					

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Deceased = 17

Deceased

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### Parade of Checks Recap 1987 – 2007

Year	1. International Relations	2. Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation	3. Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent's	4. Sight & Hearing (Pilot Dogs, etc.)	5. GALEP	6. Lions Hearing Aid Bank 13-C	7. Ohio Lions Foundation	ANNUAL TOTAL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
Prior to 1988								\$ 125,362.37	\$ 125,362.37
1988	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 32,270.00	\$ 27,745.00	\$ 13,081.00	\$ 30,910.00	\$ 7,005.00	\$ -	\$ 114,651.00	\$ 240,013.37
1989	\$ 5,680.00	\$ 24,690.00	\$ 25,458.00	\$ 14,411.50	\$ 32,854.00	\$ 6,946.00	\$ -	\$ 110,039.50	\$ 350,052.87
1990	\$ 2,917.00	\$ 26,504.50	\$ 27,262.00	\$ 14,067.50	\$ 28,787.00	\$ 6,746.00	\$ -	\$ 106,284.00	\$ 456,336.87
1991	\$ 4,675.20	\$ 25,451.20	\$ 26,849.20	\$ 14,658.22	\$ 28,664.70	\$ 8,319.80	\$ -	\$ 108,618.32	\$ 564,955.19
1992	\$ 5,173.00	\$ 27,986.00	\$ 28,031.00	\$ 16,880.00	\$ 31,186.00	\$ 8,946.00	\$ -	\$ 118,202.00	\$ 683,157.19
1993	\$ 3,254.80	\$ 25,529.10	\$ 29,916.60	\$ 12,782.00	\$ 33,506.10	\$ 12,410.60	\$ -	\$ 117,399.20	\$ 800,556.39
1994	\$ 4,029.98	\$ 27,324.01	\$ 30,241.36	\$ 14,189.02	\$ 32,568.01	\$ 13,616.66	\$ -	\$ 121,969.04	\$ 922,525.43
1995	\$ 4,125.00	\$ 27,744.00 *	\$ 30,576.36	\$ 16,556.50	\$ 32,613.01	\$ 14,061.66	\$ 3,375.00	\$ 129,051.53	\$ 1,051,576.96
1996	\$ 4,309.98	\$ 30,054.00 **	\$ 34,706.00	\$ 18,958.15	\$ 41,668.00	\$ 15,461.00	\$ 5,236.00	\$ 150,393.13	\$ 1,201,970.09
1997	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 28,290.00 ***	\$ 34,945.00	\$ 20,513.00	\$ 44,522.00	\$ 15,985.00	\$ 8,120.00	\$ 157,425.00	\$ 1,359,395.09
1998	\$ 3,502.67	\$ 34,647.67	\$ 36,837.67	\$ 15,252.67	\$ 28,752.67	\$ 16,027.67	\$ 7,728.67	\$ 142,749.69	\$ 1,502,144.78
1999	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 26,486.00 ****	\$ 39,452.50	\$ 17,220.00	\$ 29,197.50	\$ 17,220.00	\$ 6,320.00	\$ 139,696.00	\$ 1,641,840.78
2000	\$ 3,870.00	\$ 31,244.00	\$ 43,525.00	\$ 24,020.00	\$ 28,080.00	\$ 16,620.00	\$ 5,355.00	\$ 152,714.00	\$ 1,794,554.78
2001	\$ 4,290.00	\$ 34,460.00	\$ 47,025.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 26,815.00	\$ 20,055.00	\$ 6,140.00	\$ 162,785.00	\$ 1,957,339.78
2002	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 31,125.00	\$ 48,316.67	\$ 20,385.00	\$ 25,896.66	\$ 17,861.67	\$ 5,355.00	\$ 152,160.00	\$ 2,109,499.78
2003	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 25,650.00	\$ 43,695.00	\$ 22,896.31	\$ 28,120.00	\$ 15,445.00	\$ 5,448.69	\$ 143,715.00	\$ 2,253,214.78
2004	\$ 1,565.00	\$ 26,985.00	\$ 46,480.00	\$ 21,355.00	\$ 27,385.00	\$ 12,935.00	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 141,580.00	\$ 2,394,794.78
2005	\$ 1,775.00	\$ 21,155.00	\$ 41,765.00	\$ 18,365.00	\$ 20,790.00	\$ 12,165.00	\$ 4,430.00	\$ 120,445.00	\$ 2,515,239.78
2006	\$ 2,214.00	\$ 18,992.00	\$ 35,786.00	\$ 14,819.00	\$ 22,160.00	\$ 11,849.00	\$ 6,295.00	\$ 112,115.00	\$ 2,627,354.78
2007	\$ 1,995.00	\$ 18,725.00	\$ 32,940.00	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 19,970.00	\$ 9,670.00	\$ 5,885.00	\$ 110,685.00	\$ 2,738,039.78
2008									
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 71,546.63</b>	<b>\$ 545,312.48</b>	<b>\$ 711,553.36</b>	<b>\$ 355,909.87</b>	<b>\$594,445.65</b>	<b>\$ 259,346.06</b>	<b>\$ 74,563.36</b>	<b>\$ 2,738,039.78</b>	

NOTE: Detail for 1987 was not available by organization. However, the total for all organizations on the Parade of Checks was \$125,362.37.

History prior to 1987 may be available from individual Past District Governor's records.

\* Additional \$2,730.00 was donated by Club for the OLERF Lab Project.

\*\* Additional \$2,400.00 was donated by Club for the OLERF Lab Project and \$1,000.00 to the Dick Bryan Fund.

\*\*\* Additional \$4,450.00 was donated by Club for the OLERF Lab Project.

\*\*\*\*Additional \$6,334.96 was donated by Club for the OLERF Lab Project and \$2,500.00 to the Dick Bryan Fund.

+\* Error in amount reported at 2001 Convention-This is the correct amount.