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District Governor's Report

It is hard to believe that this Lions year is almost over. When I started this journey three years ago I had no idea how many wonderful and dedicated Lions I would have the opportunity to meet and work with. This has been the most rewarding three years of my life. Not only have I had the pleasure of serving the Lions of District 13-C, but I have had the opportunity to make many new friends. The District Convention was a great opportunity for us to celebrate all of the accomplishments of this past year. Our District is starting to grow in membership and as we all know it is the Lions club that is the most important single element of Lionism. It is the members of these clubs that carry out the programs and activities that make our association what it is today; the largest and most active humanitarian service organization in the world. The Friday night "Everyday Hero's" dinner was attended by 89 Lions and we recognized 20 of them for their dedication and

unselfish giving to their club and their community. On Saturday the elections were held and we have a great group of Leaders to usher us into the next Lions year. Also I would like to apologize to the new Lions that were in attendance on Saturday at the luncheon. I'm sorry if anyone felt slighted. The new member re-induction was an oversight on my part. It was not overlooked intentionally. The hospitality rooms were a huge success and everyone had a great time visiting the rooms and with each other. On Sunday we recognized several more Lions for their dedication to Lionism. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Lions of District 13-C as your District Governor. I am proud to be a Lion and most importantly I am proud to be a Lion in MD 13-C. Thank you for being my "Everyday Hero's" and Thank You for all that You Do.

"Everyday Hero's"

Lion Frank Sraj ---Willoughby-
Evening Lions Club
Lion Terry Reagan ----
Willoughby Lions Club
Lion Bob Platt ---- Stow
Munroe Falls

Lion Dave Garee-----
 Broadview Heights
 Lion Duane Scott - Cuyahoga
 Falls
 Lion Barbara Mertel - Mayfield
 Heights
 Lion Walter Herschel - Medina
 Lion Joy Dobson – Lions Eye
 Clinic at St. Vincent
 Lion Freda Smyth - Tallmadge
 Lion Roy Morrow -Tallmadge
 Lion Fred Nevar Sr.- Euclid
 Lion Keith Gruber - North
 Royalton
 Lion Raymond DeAnna - North
 Royalton
 Lion Tom Mattingly - Nordonia
 Hills
 Lion David Burnett - North
 Coast
 Lion Dick Payne – Akron Host
 Lion Dale Fassett - Ashtabula
 Lion Joann Harwood - Bedford
 Lion Bill Hixon - Tallmadge
 Lion Lew Shiley – Conneaut
 Lion Elaine McCune –
 Royalton Hills

**People who received awards
 on Sunday**
Council Chair Medal - Lion
 Robert Ahrens

Council of Gov. Medals
 1-- Lion Ruth Powell
 2-- Lion Neil Sheely
 3-- Lion Dave Burnett
 4-- Lion Jim Klages
 5-- Lion Joann Harwood

**President Brandel's
 President's Commendations**
 James Klages - Wallie
 Burnett - Marty Dennis
 and Maggie Dellmore.

Yours in Lionism
DG Dona

Vice District Governor's Report

Now that the convention is over, it is nice to look and see what a great year we had under D.G. Dona. A new Club has been added, the Twinsburg Lions Club, and many new members. The Twinsburg Twins Day Parade was voted a District project. Think of the impression we can make if our Lions participate. All of us have heard the old saying that we are the best kept secret. It is time to put this saying to rest. We have 41 clubs in our District - if we can get 80 lions to march in the parade (that is two members per club) - think of the impact we will make. Tee shirts will be provided for everyone marching in the Parade. We will assemble at 8:30 AM on Saturday, August 8th, 2009. You can find the assembly point from the West, take Interstate 271 to Interstate 480; take the Rt. 82 exit; turn west on Rt. 82. From Rt. 91 North or South, take Rt. 480 West; exit at Rt. 82 West. From the East, take Rt. 82 though Twinsburg assemble at the Two Club Golf parking lot. To help our District grow, we need every Lion to show everyone how great the Lions are! This coming year, our goal is to add two Clubs and to help all of our Clubs get and keep members. There is much

work to do, but with your help we cannot fail!

Yours in Lionism, DGE Lion
 Grant & Shirley Frazier


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



Our recent MD 13-C District Convention was a wonderful weekend of fun and fellowship. **Congratulations** and thanks to our Governor Dona, Lion Ada Ahrens and the Bedford Lions Club. It also served as a great tribute to our Lion Heroes all around our district. The Friday night "Heroes Dinner" was a great opportunity to celebrate those Lions who are continually dedicated to our organization, their clubs, and to those who are in need within their communities. **Congratulations** to all and please know that both DG-Elect Lion Grant and I will continue this tradition within our upcoming conventions.



CONGRATULATIONS to our 2nd Vice-Governor-elect, Lion Mary Chentnik. Lion Mary brings a lot of talent to our district and I know that the next 3 years will teach her husband, Joe, how important she is to our organization – or how about LION Joe?

I personally would like to thank, Lion John Tigue for his continued assistance with our cabinet's needs.  As our District's Parliamentarian, he has provided our PDG's and

current DG's with the proper protocol, by-laws, and history to enhance our meetings – in addition to his singing talents. **Congratulations** for your ongoing help!

Congratulations is also in order to Lions Dave and Wallie Burnett and Lion Jim Klages for a memorable evening to charter the new Twinsburg club. We are all proud to have these new Lions within MD 13-C!

The 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade is some months away but our Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band is practicing and practicing to represent Ohio and our Lions. Unfortunately, our 13-C district has been on the “low end”



of contributions to help these members achieve their goal. Let's not forget how important they are to us. Contact Lion Jeff Brantner at jwbrantner@rpbke.com. You can view a video at OSSBMusicNews through the internet.

The Twins Day Parade  in Twinsburg is being coordinated by the Nordonia Hills Lions Club in cooperation with the new Twinsburg Lions Club, our DG-elect Lion Grant and others. You will be hearing more of this event and we ask each club to participate as a great opportunity for national media coverage of our Lions! Finally, I am continuing to schedule club visitations and ask that your club contact me to set-up a date and time convenient to both of our schedules -

Duhstoy2@aol.com) or 330-

655-2302. I'd like to beat the flying snow before November!

Stay happy and healthy until we meet again,

1st Vice Governor-Elect Lion Marty

District Treasurer's Report

DUES

International Dues

Annual dues payable for each Lions club member - **\$39.**

Family Dues

In 2006, International approved the Family Dues plans. This plan allows any relative of an existing club member, who lives in the same household as the existing club member to pay ½ the annual dues (**\$19.50**) of the normal annual dues. The relative must join the same club as the full dues paying member.

State Dues

Annual dues paid to Ohio MD13 are \$9.16 annually for each Lions club member and are paid by the District to the State Lions in payments of \$4.58 semiannually. The District collects this amount as part of the District dues billing.

District Dues

District dues are \$13.00 annually, of which \$9.16 is forwarded to the State Lions MD13 and the remainder, \$3.84, being retained by the District for administrative purposes.

At the District Convention in 2002, the District Lions approved additional \$2.00 dues for the purpose of meeting the District's administrative expenses. This \$2.00 addition must be voted upon annually either at the annual District Convention or at the June District Cabinet Meeting.

Total District dues of \$13.00 are broken down as follows:

\$9.16 MD 13 Ohio Lions dues
\$1.84 District 13C dues
\$2.00 Additional District dues for administrative use

Total Dues \$13.00 Annually.

How is the \$3.84 District Dues Determined

Per Article VIII of the Ohio Lions constitution and bylaws, each district SHALL assess each member of the district \$1.84 to defray the administration expenses of the district. In addition, Article VIII of the Ohio Lions constitution and bylaws states that any district may assess an additional amount not to exceed \$2.00 to defray district administration expenses, and such additional assessment shall be voted upon annually. District 13-C voted on an additional \$2.00 in 2002 and has retained this addition annually.

**Neil Sheeley
Cabinet Treasurer**

Membership Chairman's Report

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

The April Membership Reports show 1,100 members; 1 new club; 1 re-organized club; 64 new members (includes 21 charter members); 111 dropped members; 89 added members; 1 re-instated member; and 3 transfer members; showing a -22 as of March, 2009.

We are happy to acknowledge that the following clubs have a Net +1 in Membership to date: Chardon, Copley, Greensburg, Medina, Mogadore, Painesville, Conneaut, Tallmadge, Cuyahoga Falls, Mayfield Heights, Mentor, North Coast, Stow-Monroe Falls, Wadsworth, and Willoughby Hills. New Club: Twinsburg Lions. All clubs with a Net +1 at the end of June, 2009, will receive a Patch from the State Membership Committee.

One of the goals was all clubs filing current with Monthly Membership Reports: only 6 clubs have not filed in 2009; with most delinquent in October, 2008. This is a big improvement from last year. Keep up the good work; special KUDOS to the Strongsville Lions.

Again, the job is not done; we have just begun; keep ASKING, and this year we will work diligently on RETENTION.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Wallie,
Membership Chair

WELCOME, WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!!!

We are excited to welcome the new Twinsburg Lions Club to our District. On Sunday, April 19, 62 Lions of District 13C celebrated the beginning of this new club. The evening was filled with fellowship: meeting the new Lions; food, filling and delicious; music, DJ Lion Jim sang, Lion Melanie, accompanied by her mother, Jan, led us in Lion songs; inspiration and humor, provided by PDG Jerry Smith. Seven Lions were blindfolded and each was led into the hall by a 13-C Lion. As they entered in darkness, they were reminded of the darkness that the people we serve live in every day. Lighting their candles we symbolized the light that LIONS bring into the world and their commitment to the dream of Melvin Jones and their acceptance of the challenge by Helen Keller to "become Knights of the Blind".

Following the Induction and Installation ceremonies, the new Lions signed the Charter and accepted club gifts. Then, PDG Neil Bever asked all Lions present to come forward and congratulate these new Lions. This was an awesome sight to see the support and welcome from the Lions of 13-C.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all the Lions who assisted during the

evening and to all the clubs who attended and presented gifts.

If you could not attend the Charter Night, please feel free to offer congratulations and/or a gift: Lion Melanie Merritt, c/o Crown Hill Cemetery, 8592 Darrow Road, Twinsburg, OH 44087.

But, now the real work begins; Setting goals, choosing service projects and planning fundraisers. Their focus seems to be going down the path of YOUTH; especially, helping youth at risk--a very noble choice. Let's give them our wisdom and helping hands.

**Yours in Lionism, Guiding
Lions Wallie Burnett and Jim
Klages**

Lions Eye Clinic at St Vincent

Lions-----It's time once more for Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Hospital to plan for their annual "Texas Hold 'Em" weekend fundraiser at the Powerhouse in the Cleveland Flats. (West Bank). This year the weekend is after Memorial Day, May 28, 29, 30, 31.

Interest in playing this game has picked up considerably since we started four years ago. Every day 20 tables are filled, needing 1 Dealer per table, at least 1 seat fee collector per table, and at least a dozen more Lions to be observers and runners for various tasks, and relief Dealers. What this means is that more Lion volunteers are

needed to run this event, especially Dealers.

At least 50 volunteers are needed for each and every hour for the four day event. The Festival hours are Thursday and Friday, May 28th and 29th from 4:00PM until 12:00AM and Saturday and Sunday, May 30th and 31st from 2:00PM until 12:00 AM.

The requests for eye glasses and surgeries have more than doubled in the last few months and we anticipate more and more people needing our help as lay-offs continue due to the economic climate. Aside from the Parade of Checks which provides desperately needed funds, we can't think of a better way to provide the additional money needed to provide this great charitable service.

We seriously need help. Please sign up to help at the District Convention or call any of the numbers listed below for sign up or more information. We Lions are proud of our Lion Eye Clinic and now we need to step up and help raise more funds for the increased requests for services.

Training for Dealers is available on Wednesday evenings between the hours of 6PM to 9PM. There are automatic shufflers now so that makes dealing easier. Get a group together and let us know when you are coming so we can make arrangements for this training. Reservations must be made in advance.

Call: Lion Andy Kolbus, Pres. (440) 237-0036

Lion Neil Sheeley, 1st VP (440) 582-0344

Lion Grant Frasier, 2nd VP (330) 794-8606 (also PDG and Vice Gov.)

CONVENTION REPORT

It was my privilege to serve as this year's District 13-C Convention Chairman.

THE BIGGEST THANK YOU POSSIBLE TO LION CINDY PALMENTERA FOR ALL HER HARD WORK. THIS WAS HER FIRST YEAR AS A MEMBER OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE AND AS SHE ALWAYS DOES, SHE JUMPED IN WITH BOTH FEET.

CINDY, I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOU YOU, I OWE YOU!

I also want to thank several Lions who served as my advisors and "sounding board" throughout the planning process – you will never know how much I appreciate all your help and support.

We added a new event this year on Friday evening where we recognized the "Everyday Heroes" from various clubs and organization throughout our district.

I thought it was a wonderful evening and offer my personal congratulations to all the individuals recognized. Our visiting International Director Art Marson told me that he felt

it was one of the nicest evenings he had attended, and that we certainly had accepted the challenge of our International President in following his challenge and that we had done it with a lot of class.

We also added a printed program to the Sunday Banquet giving us another opportunity to share the names of the individual Lions recognized on Friday evening, along with the names of our fellow Lions remembered at the Necrology Service on Sunday morning. We also were able to recognize the winner of the Peace Poster contest and the winner of a special International Award, Lion Kevin Barrett, from the Broadview Heights Lions Club.

I would welcome your comments on the overall convention, did you like the changes, what improvements could be made. These comments will be helpful as Governor Elect Grant Frazier begins planning for next year's convention.

Lion Ada Ahrens

You may e-mail me at Adaahr@AOL.com.

Three Hogs and a Ho

In our District, we have had women as Governors lately, so the spouses are Husbands Of the Governor. The first **Husband Of** became known as the HO. In more politically correct times, they have become HOGs (**Husband Of**

Governors). Let us salute these spouses!



Reclining is Past District HO Lion Dan Lester. Standing from right to left are Past District HOG Lion Ray Dellmore, District HOG Lion Jim Klages, and Vice District HOG Elect Lion Richard Dennis.

Ohio Lions Night at the Cleveland Indians

Saturday July 18th, 2009
7:00 pm Progressive Field
Come join with other Lions, family, and friends as we celebrate last year's successes and prepare for our upcoming Lions year by watching the Tribe take on the Seattle Mariners.
Dinner and Game Ticket Package \$32 / Kids 14 & under \$23

Package includes a \$25 game ticket with access to the Indians Backyard Patio for dinner with fellow Lions.

Dinner starts at 5:30pm and lasts until 8:00pm. The menu calls for 2.5 hours of **all-you-can-eat** Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Chicken, BBQ Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Cookies and Pepsi Beverages.

All Fans in attendance will receive an Indians Home Cap

There may be a bus available and there will be other surprises Order early to avoid disappointment, spots are limited

Ticket only option: \$12

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS June 26

Checks Payable to District 13-B Lions

Sent to:

DG Stanley E. Kopp Sr.
984 Township Road 1654
Ashland, OH 44805

CALENDAR

May, 2009

16, 17 – State Convention
20-25 – National Blind Bowling Tournament
28, 29, 30, 31 – Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Gambling in the Flats

June, 2009

4- Cabinet Meeting – Crowne Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.

August, 2009

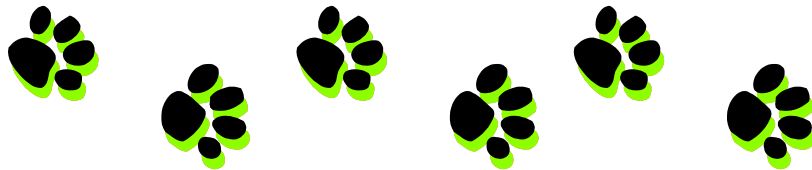
8 – Twins Days Parade, Twinsburg

AMISH QUILT RAFFLE

The Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincents Charity Hospital performed two cataract surgeries on a 28 year old Amish girl. In gratitude, her mother and two girls in the family produced a beautiful quilt in the Lone Star pattern. The stitching on the quilt is beautiful. The quilt fits a queen size bed, 95” x 105”.

Tickets will be sold for a raffle for the quilt, to be held at the Lions Eye Clinic Reverse Raffle, November 6, 2009. Winning ticket holder need not be present. Tickets are \$5.00 each, three for \$10.00. Tickets will be available at the District Convention. Contact the Lions Eye Clinic at St Vincent for more information.





NORDONIA HILLS LIONS CLUB

Invites your club to participate in the Annual
TWINS DAY PARADE
Saturday, August 8, 2009 in the
City of Twinsburg, Ohio

**ALL MD 13-C LIONS ARE ASKED TO
MARCH WITHIN THIS PARADE TO
HELP CELEBRATE THE
TWINS DAY FESTIVAL**

Please respond by June 8, 2009 to either
DG-Elect Lion Grant Frazier or
Lion James Feils (Nordonia Hills Lion) as to
the number of members who will participate

(grantfrazier@att.net or nhlions@yahoo.com)

Following the parade, there will be a catered fellowship picnic for all Lions and their families for only \$5.00 per person.

Please respond to Lion James Feils at nhlions@yahoo.com with your reservations.

