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### District Governor's Report

The District Convention has come and gone, and like Conventions in the past, we had a good time. Friday night was the Everyday Hero Awards, and what a great night! The dinner was wonderful; we had no head table, and no protocol! The Lions who received awards had the honor of having pictures taken with ID Ron Johnson. Saturday's Business Meeting went very well - thanks to 1st VDGE Mary Chentnik and PDG Ken Marshall. Of course, all elections were completed - including our two new governors - DGE Marty Dennis & 1st VDGE Mary Chentnik. Saturday afternoon we had the Virtual House for Patients a 3-D demonstration on how sight impaired patients see their world. For the noon lunch, we had the pleasure of Tim Dimoff President and founder of SACS and author of six national books. His topic was identity theft. There was also a seminar from Prevent Blindness Ohio, a mini health fair, sales by Blue Frog Promotions and a mini mart. Saturday night the hospitality rooms had food, food, food -how good it was!

Sunday at the Grand Banquet we had the honor and pleasure of having as our guest PIP James and Betty Coffey and PID Steven and Mary Ellen Sherer, ID Ronald Johnson and his wife June from Sebago Maine. ID Ron gave the main speech. Of course, this is only a short description of the Convention. If you missed it, don't miss the Conventions in the future. They are a great deal of fun for one and all.

Nautica Gambling is in the Flats May 13 thru 16. Please be there your Eye Clinic needs your help to help others!

Call Lion Neil Sheeley at 440-582-0344 or e-mail [nscps@lycos.com](mailto:nscps@lycos.com) or DG Grant Frazier at 330-794-8606 e-mail [grantfrazier@att.net](mailto:grantfrazier@att.net) Please call - the Lions Eye Clinic needs your help if we are to help others in these hard times. We need all Lions.

Don't forget the State Convention at Dublin, Ohio on May 21-23, 2010

**Yours in Lionism,  
DG Grant & Lion Shirley  
Frazier**

## **Vice District Governor's Report**

*Our MD 13-C Convention is now history and kudos to Governor Grant, PDG Maggie Dellmore and the Tallmadge Lions Club for their hard-work and efforts to provide a memorable event. Our International Director, Lion Ron Johnson and his wife, Lion June, were absolutely wonderful guests – so easy to have fun with (Celtics fans) and talk to all weekend. GO CAVS!*

*Congratulations to those Lions who were recognized by their home clubs as "Heroes"! It was a wonderful evening to see so many clubs who took the time to celebrate with their special club members. May we see many more clubs at next year's recognition.*

*Congratulations to the Conneaut Lions Club Members as they celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>! This is truly a special occasion, but it also proves that the Lions of MD 13-C are still alive and active to serve their communities. Lion Rich and I will be at the Ohio Lions State Convention that weekend and apologize for missing your event.*

*Another expression of congratulations is sent to the Akron Blind Center as they*

*have reopened their facility and are returning to help those who are visually impaired.*

*According to their President, Chuck Ouellette, the center is in need of volunteers, computers and related equipment, as well as financial support to maintain their programs. If you can help, call Chuck at (330) 253-2555.*

*I also want to thank my husband, Lion Dick, my home club (Stow-Munroe Falls), and so many other Lions who have helped me these past two years to have been elected as your next District Governor for 2010-2011. I have learned a lot and will continue to learn more as my term officially begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. My platform/goal is to work with our young people ("Inspiring Youth For Tomorrow's Leaders") and is one that I am most proud. It's hoped that our district clubs will see the many benefits of helping our youth. I have created a District Youth Committee who will be offering many ideas/ways that your club can work with and support the young people within your community - ideas to help increase your club's membership through this effort. It's not a new concept (to support our youth), but it's another way we can create awareness of Lions within our communities.*

*As mentioned previously, the "Club President's Gathering" is scheduled for Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Tallmadge Lions Hall. An official invitation will be mailed soon to invite new/returning club presidents for an afternoon of good food (cooked and served by our district's own PDG's), some fun, and a time for open dialogue as you begin to lead your club into the new Lion's term. This is a first-time event and one we hope will continue as it should prove to be important to you and your club.*

*Finally, we should all extend our appreciation to Governor Grant and First Lady Lion Shirley for their time and support to our district this past year. Many times we forget the hundreds of hours and miles that are realized by our Governors and especially away from home throughout the year. So, #2 PDG Grant and Lion Shirley – take a vacation, eat at home, and enjoy your family again!*

*Stay happy and healthy until we meet again, DG-e Lion Marty and Lion Dick Dennis*

## **Vice District Governor Elect's Report**

*I want to extend my sincere thanks to those who attended and participated in the District Convention and for all the*

support and encouragement I have received as I head to the next level on the path to becoming a District Governor. I am looking forward to working closely with DG-e Lion Marty Dennis as she begins her journey as our new District Governor. The District Convention was a lot of fun, and I think everyone who attended will agree. I want to thank PDG Lion Carol Lester, Lion Mary Ellen Sherer and Lion Rebecca Dobos for their assistance in my Hospitality Room. Those of you who stopped in made the evening go by so quickly, and I think everyone enjoyed the camaraderie of the evening. I was able to visit several other District Conventions this year and could see how others operate and come back with some ideas for my own Convention. It is always such a learning experience to go outside the District to see what unique things others do and bring them back to our District. Over the past several months I have also been very busy making the rounds to the Region Two Clubs. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many Lions and observing the Clubs in action. Thank you all for your kind hospitality and for allowing me to visit. I am continually amazed at the level of participation and the activities all the Clubs are involved in and want to congratulate each one on all of your accomplishments. Your success was well evidenced in the generous contributions made to the Parade of Checks.

Next weekend is the State Convention, and I look forward to the activities of the weekend. I hope to see you there.

Lion Mary Chentnik  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect

### **Membership Chairman Report**

#### **MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS**

We are back!!!! Lion Dave and I had the good fortune to make our first visit to Florida this Winter for 10 weeks. Yes, we are becoming snow birds. What does this have to do with Membership? In our travels we visited 4 Lions Clubs and had a chance to talk with Lions of other clubs. These visitations were some of the highlights of our Florida Adventure. We visited small clubs and large clubs; rich clubs and not so rich clubs; but all Lions were very welcoming. We would encourage all travelers to check out the LCI site and click "Find a Club". You might be amazed how many clubs are in the area where you are staying. We were delighted to meet Ohio Lions at the various meetings; and especially, Lion Al Miller from our own District 13-C. We were not surprised that the welcome mat was out for us when I called the President and asked if we could visit. Of course, I was invited to say a "few" words about Ohio Lions and 13C. The concerns are the same across the board--keep the club growing with younger members and keep all members involved. In the future months,

I will talk more about the various clubs and share some of their unique fundraisers/service projects. Remember, as you travel, you become the Ohio Lions Ambassador. Until next month,

**Lion Wallie Burnett**

### **Retention Chairman Report**

#### **APRIL: FIX IT FAST**

RETENTION is about total club involvement. Consider a membership/retention summit to review your club's recruitment and retention strategies. Look at your club's strength's and weaknesses, brainstorm new ideas and develop a plan. Then, WORK THE PLAN

**Lion Wallie Burnett**

### **GALEP Report**

#### **GALEP ACTIVITIES**

GALEP received \$19,800 from the Parade of Checks for 2010. Since January 1, 2010, Galep has approved 26 applications and paid for 19 prescription eyeglasses and 4 eye examinations. Since its reorganization GALEP has approved over 90 applications. GALEP has \$109,682 at March 31, 2010.

Discussion of the revised Code of Regulations and Bylaws has been postponed until the return of Lion John Tigue, who is

recuperating from injuries received while in Florida.

Lions Ray Dellmore has met with Prevent Blindness Ohio to discuss ways which the two organizations may coordinate their efforts to help those persons needing eye care. Darcy Downie of Prevent Blindness made a presentation at the District Convention May 1, 2010.

It is the policy of GALEP to pay for eye exams for children which cost \$30. Adults are referred to Summa for eye exams or if the applicant prefers, they may go to Dr. Thomas Adams of Osman Optical and have their eye examination at a cost of \$50.

No surgery financial assistance is being provided at the present time, but may be considered in the future after discussions with Summa and also after the health care reforms now being considered the US Congress are concluded.

Many Thanks to the Lions Shirley Frazier, Roy Morrow, James VanGilder, Ida Van Guilder, Bill Hixon, and DG Grant Frazier for their wonderful hospitality and excellent dinner.

The next GALEP board meeting is scheduled for June 7 and all Lions and guests are welcome to attend this meeting. Please call 330-633-5739 and let know if you wish to attend and join us at dinner.

**The GALEP  
Lion James Lostetter  
President**

**Lion Walter Park  
Vice President**

**Lion Raymond Dellmore  
Secretary**

**Lion Neil Sheeley  
Treasurer**

**Lions Eye Clinic at St.  
Vincent Medical Center**

**Eye Exam and Eyeglass  
Applications**

There is over a 2 month wait now for prescription eyeglasses. At this date, the program has over 80 applications approved and awaiting service. The program budgets 10 applications per week for service. Club referrals are handled on a first come, first served basis.

**Nautica Charity  
Gambling for 2010**

We are preparing for the Nautica Charity Gambling Fund Raiser for May 13-16 and request the help of all Lions in the District. Since the shutdown of the Players clubs, the Nautica has become extremely busy requiring many more dealers than in the past. The change from seat fees to "rake" has also been a contributing factor in the increased activity at the Nautica.

Next Board and Delegate Meetings  
Board meeting **May12** at 11:30 AM in the St Vincent DePaul Room. Directors may go to the cafeteria for lunch.

Delegate Meeting is **March 17** at 6:30PM in the St. Vincent DePaul Room. Meal will be provided for \$12.

**Delegate Meeting  
Reminder**

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND  
THAT YOU MUST LET US  
KNOW BY FRIDAY  
BEFORE THE DELEGATE  
MEETING IF YOU PLAN  
TO ATTEND AND ENJOY  
DINNER WITH US. WE  
HAVE TO PAY BASED  
UPON THE NUMBERS WE  
CALL IN ON FRIDAY.**

**Other**

We are still looking for volunteers to come down on Wednesdays to help with various jobs, from boxing up used eyeglasses, filing applications, answering the telephone, printing envelopes, maintaining the offices, printing and mailing postcards and notices to the clubs, and visiting the clubs to keep them up to date on activities of the eye clinic. Thank you for support of this most valuable service which we as Lions of District 13-C perform.

**Lion Neil Sheeley  
President  
Lions Eye Clinic**

## **A DAY OF RENEWAL**

Dear Lions of MD 13-C,

I want to share with you an experience I witnessed today at the Grand Re-Opening of the Akron Blind Center (ABC) - aka Vision Support Services.

After a battle of a few years, which involved a lawsuit and closing of their facility, the members of the Akron Blind Center were all smiles today as they welcomed friends and family on this special occasion to re-open and renew their center. The bright sunshine and a balloon launch captured the excitement as visitors took tours and enjoyed food along the way.

The center's members have lost time but not their spirit! They have returned to classes with social and educational outlets through a newer computer center, health and wellness, a book club, crafts and more. As I talked with Chuck Ouellette (the President of their members and who himself is visually impaired), I was overwhelmed with his enthusiasm and ambition to get this center "back to what it was - a place for nearly 15,000 Summit County visually impaired to congregate but of course, not all at once!" :).

Since returning and renewing their organization, the members now need our Lion club's support through resources of periodic volunteers; updated computers/programs; financial support; support of their retail store; assistance with a possible LCI grant; and have even offered their facility for a Lion's club meeting/tour. In fact, an offer was given to Lion Sam Moats of the

Akron Host Lions for his club to meet there twice a month as opposed to their current location! It's a great opportunity for the ABC members to become Lions as well. What a good match!

Please give Chuck a call if you would like to visit/tour their renewed facility - 330-253-2555 or 330-475-0070. You'll quickly learn of his passion with the Akron Blind Center - it's catching!

DG-e Lion Marty Dennis

### **Free Eye Exams for Service Dogs**

Ohio State Veterinary Medical Center

Columbus, OH - Veterinary ophthalmologists from The Ohio State University Veterinary Hospital will offer free sight-saving eye exams for service dogs on May 3, 5, 17 and 24 at the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Center 1, 601 Vernon Tharp St.

Drs. Anne Gemensky Metzler and David Wilkie, board certified by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists, are two of more than 150 board certified veterinary ophthalmologists across the U.S. and Canada offering these eye assessments to thousands of service dogs nationwide as part of the ACVO®/Merial® National Service Dog Eye Exam Day.

Service dogs include those who assist people with physical limitations, as well as search

and rescue dogs, lead dogs, and pilot dogs. This is the third year that ACVO®/Merial® has sponsored the event and the second year that Ohio State has participated.

"We were pleased with the response from last year and are looking forward to participating again," said Dr. Gemensky Metzler. "Last year we saw 12 dogs and hope to see more this year." A variety of assessments are performed on the dogs as part of the exam. "We look at several things," she said. "We check the dogs' visual responses to hand gestures, and may observe them navigating through an obstacle course. We also talk with the owners to probe for any evidence of vision impairment. For example, they may have noticed changes in behavior such as bumping in to objects or missing a treat." Medical exams include looking at the eyes, checking eyelids, cornea, lens, retina and the optic nerve for abnormalities.

In order to participate, dogs must be active "working dogs" that were certified by a formal training program or organization or currently enrolled in a formal training program. The certifying organization could be national, regional or local in nature. Specific service groups are listed on the web site; owners or agents for the dog(s) will register the animal online at [www.acvoeyexam.org](http://www.acvoeyexam.org).

Once registered, the owner or agent can call The Ohio State

University Veterinary Hospital at (614) 292-3551 and ask to speak to one of the ophthalmology nurses, Kelley Norris or Chris Basham to schedule an appointment. The exams are sponsored by sponsored by Merial, Hill's Pet Nutrition, OPTIGEN, and Kong Veterinary Products.

Joyce Boling, RN, BS  
Chief of Quality Management  
Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

## Club News

### Bedford

**Bedford Lions Scholarship Fund Raffle**

#### April Winners

**\$250 #128 Joe Garganta of Bedford**  
**\$125 # 75 Joe Stiles of Canton**  
**\$ 50 # 21 Stella Calta of Garfield Hts**

**Thank you for participating. The next drawing will be on Tuesday, May 18th**

**Lion Karen Calta, President Bedford Lions Club**

### Cuyahoga Falls

One of our fundraisers this year will be another Night at the Races. It is already scheduled for Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the same place as last year, Stow Youth Baseball Party Center. So mark your calendars and plan on having loads of fun! We also have a date for this year's Rockin on the River beer pour. It will be August 6<sup>th</sup> 2010. The main band that evening will

be Almost Queen. We will need around 35 volunteers, so mark your calendars and round up your friends and pray we don't get rained out. Our **THIRD** fundraiser this year will actually be our **FIRST**. It will be our annual **REVERSE RAFFLE** on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information below. We may have another fund raiser this summer. The Festa Italiana Committee has asked us to take the place of a group who is considering not pumping beer for their Festival. The dates are July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru the 25<sup>th</sup>. More on this later.

**REVERSE RAFFLE:** As reported in this NEWSLETTER for the past two (2) months, our annual Reverse Raffle is being held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of MAY at TODARO'S PARTY CENTER. **HAVE YOU PURCHASED A TICKET? WE NEED EVERY LION TO STEP UP AND SELL A COUPLE OF TICKETS! THIS IS SERIOUS FOLKS , WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!**

This is our major fundraiser of each year. Without your help, we cannot continue to support the charities we have supported in the past. It is very disappointing to many of the 20 to 29 active LIONS that support our club, that the rest of the 45 members seem to not care if we are successful in our fundraising efforts. Why are you a LION if you will not support your club? Call Lion John Parman at 330-645-4247 or 330-645-4248 to get your ticket!

**FLOWER SALE:** Your Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club sold hanging baskets of flowers over

the Mothers Day weekend. More information in next month's NEWSLETTER.

### Nordonia Hills

Dear Friends;

As you well know times are hard! The Nordonia Hills Lions are starting the summer Cruisin' fund raiser. Please try to come and see the cars. If you or someone you know has a car/bike, please bring them out. All cost of running this event is paid for by the Merchants of the Plaza. The 50/50 raffle is our only money maker.

Inserted and attached is the Cruisin' flyer for this year. Please pass it on to all your friends and contacts, or send me a list of contacts and I will see they receive a copy.

Thank you in Lionism,

Thomas Mattingly  
Nordonia Hills Cruisin' Director  
(See below for flyer)

### Tallmadge

At the Everyday Hero's award night, Tallmadge had two recipients, Lions Freda Smyth and Marjorie Morrow. Lion Roy Morrow received a Lions International Presidents Achievement Award for his years of dedicated service. Lion Arldon Smyth received an award, a plaque which will be permanently placed in a prominent location at the Eye Clinic at St Vincent's Charity Medical Center in gratitude for his many years as Secretary of

that organization. He also received an award from the White House, a Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

## **CALENDAR**

### **May, 2010**

13-16 – Nautica Charity  
Gambling  
21-23 – State Convention,  
Dublin, OH

### **June, 2010**

12 - Cabinet Meeting, Clarion,  
Hudson, OH  
28-July 2 – International  
Convention, Sydney, Australia

### **July, 2010**

25 – Club Presidents' Meeting,  
1:00 – Tallmadge Lions Hall

### **August, 2010**

15 -1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting –  
1:30 PM - Silver Lake CC

### **November, 2010**

21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting –  
1:30 PM - Silver Lake CC



Join the Captains at Classic Park as we celebrate  
**Lions Night of North East Ohio**



**Monday July 26 at 7:00PM**

Tickets are \$9 each for you & your guests.

*Lions "Best Kept Secret" P.R.A.M. Display  
Collecting Used Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids at the Gate.*

PNC "Buck Night" \$1 for most items including  
hot dogs (2 for 1), fries, popcorn, onion rings,  
soda and beer!

*GREAT night of fun for the whole family!  
Time to enjoy an evening of fun and baseball!  
Help cheer on the Captains as they battle the Peoria Chiefs.*

Activities include the ceremonial first pitch, National  
Anthem, On-Field Contests, Lions "Parade" and airtime  
in the Radio Booth!

**Tickets can be purchased through North Coast Lions:**  
([www.lionwap.org/OHNorthCoast](http://www.lionwap.org/OHNorthCoast))

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