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District Governor Grant's Comments-November

Wow, can you believe Thanksgiving is here? This last month there were many Lion events. Lion Shirley and I have attended many of them and we had a great time. To those we could not attend, we were sorry to miss your event.

Club visitations were we have attended were wonderful. You can be proud to be a part of District 13C.

The District project, Toys for Tots is going well. We will try to keep collection toys as long as possible. The children of our communities will love these gifts.

LCIF Sight First II needs your club's help to fight world blindness. PDG Tommy Thompson is the chairman for this project. He will be getting in touch with all of our club presidents and zone chairman. Please remember that with the disasters of this year we need every Lion's help.

Our membership this year is decreasing however not as much as last year. VDG Ken, DDG Maggie and I are working to stop this decline in membership. With the Ohio Plan we can turn this trend around but we need to put the plan to work to do it. This is not just another membership plan. It works. If your club needs help just give one of us a call.

Please keep in mind that we need a new candidate for Deputy District

Governor. If you are qualified please step up. Your district needs you.

May you all have a great holiday with family and friends. God bless one and all.

District Governor Grant's Comments-December

It's the season to be jolly and jolly we should be with all the blessings that have been bestowed on our families, and us but let's not forget those among us who have so little. The District project Toys for Tots has been doing well thanks to all the Lions of our District. After seeing all the wonderful things collected Christmas will be better for many children. Let's not forget that we are an International organization and our help is needed around the world. Sight First II will help save the sight of a child. Also LCIF has and will again answer those calls for help from those in need. Your clubs help with the Parade of Checks has helped so many to have a great Christmas and will do so again. As Lions we can be happy to know that we are helping to make a better community and a better world.

Please remember the USA/Canada Forum will need our help this September in Columbus. Please call PDG Don Maletz at (419) 846-3133 to help make this a success and one that the Ohio Lions can be proud of.

The International Convention for 2006 will be June 30- July 4th in Boston Massachusetts.

Our District Convention will be held March 24, 25 & 26th at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. Please plan to attend all three days. We are looking forward to a great time.

We are looking for a candidate for Deputy District Governor for the coming year. If you are qualified please step forward and help your District.

Yours in Lionism
District Governor Grant Frazier

Vice District Governor Ken's Comments

Looking for a Few Good Lions!

But First, CATCH UP:

Happy Thanksgiving
Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah
Merry Kwanzaa
Happy New Year

Did I miss anything? I hope not.

About two years ago, while thinking about the District Governor path, the "wise ones" told me the next three years would fly and I would have fun. So, here we are at the halfway point and I can truthfully say they didn't lie. Time has flown, and it's been enjoyable. So if you are thinking about running for the DDG job this year, my advice is "do it." You'll meet great people, learn interesting (and some boring) things, time will fly and you'll have fun.

This is also the point-in-time when a DG want-to-be has to find good people to serve on the cabinet. Fortunately this hasn't proven to be a big problem. But no future Governor ever knows

everyone who might be interested in serving on the District or State level. I've therefore intentionally left a few spots open for volunteers.

District Bulletin Editor: He/she works with the Governor and others in constructing the monthly epistle. This job does not require doing creative writing, but it does require gathering and arranging a lot of material. This is a one-year appointment. Attending the four cabinet meetings is expected.

District Diabetes Chairman: He/she helps spread the word about the serious effect of diabetes on eyesight and other problems, assists in raising money for the OLERF Bryan Fund, and provides a clearing house for useful information. This is a one-year appointment. This person needs to attend the four cabinet meetings and visit each Zone at least once during the year.

State/District LCIF Chairman: LCIF is the primary fund raising arm of Lions International. The Chairperson keeps everyone aware of LCI's current efforts, such as Sight First II, and is the local contact for Melvin Jones Fellowships information. This is a three-year appointment. He/she needs to attend the four cabinet meetings, four state committee meetings in Columbus and each Zone at least once during the year to "spread the word."

If you would be interested in serving in one of these positions,

please contact me before the end of January.

Thanks,

Lion Ken Marshall
Vice District Governor

Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Hospital wants you to know.....

It is continuing to suffer financial challenges. While the economy, in general, seems to be picking up, the expenditures over those many lean past months ate pretty heavily at our savings. To add to the above, the latest Parade of Checks was one of the lowest in recent history. It would appear that many local clubs are also experiencing difficulty in raising funds.

Efforts continue in the grant search areas. There is nothing definite to report at this time.

The Endowment Fund is making steady but slow progress. This could be the Long-term salvation for the Lions Eye Clinic. The Endowment Fund offers the opportunity for a steady flow of funds, but.....

The 'but', of course, has to do with building the Endowment Fund to a level that produces that steady flow. We should not need to pump up Lions about the value of their service to their communities. Our commitment and positive belief in what we do, is proof positive of our values.

There are many ways to build the Endowment Fund. Let us suggest a few:

- 1] Memorial gifts in the name of Lions who have passed on
- 2] Memorial gifts to commemorate special family events (anniversaries/birthdays / you name it).
- 3] A bequest in your will to the Endowment Fund
- 4] (Fill in the blanks)

You have already shown your family of your dedication to the Lions cause. Let them know of your wishes in regard to the above.

Your Lions Eye Clinic Board of Directors

SUPER DAYS – FIRST STEPS

As in any journey, no journey begins without the first step. This year, the Lions of District 13C are challenged to be “Super”. What first step do we need to take to meet that challenge? The first step is easy. Commit part of one day, either Saturday, April 29, 2006, or Saturday, May 6, 2006, to learning how to become “Super”. What’s expected? That’s step two. All Lions Clubs need to elect their new officers and board members no later than April 15, 2006. To do that, based on the Lions Club Standard Form Constitution and By-Laws, all clubs should appoint a nominating committee, select a slate of candidates and give

written notice of their election meeting to all club members at least two weeks prior to the election meeting. What’s step three? Register officers and/or other members for one of the two Super Days planned in Region 1 and Region 2. Members may be registered in either Region. Your Club does not need to be in Region 1 to register for April 29th at Browning Center in Willoughby, nor does your Club need to be in Region 2 to register for May 6th at Akron Suma Hospital. Both dates and locations are available to all Lions of District 13C, but have been planned to provide a convenient location for the Clubs of each Region. Program activities will conclude no later than 1:30 PM on both dates.

What can I expect at either of the two Super Days? The same program will be presented on both days. The day will start with Registration and a Continental Breakfast from 8AM to 8:30AM. At 8:30AM, a welcome and general session will be held to set the theme for the day. Learning opportunities for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and other Lions members will follow the general session. Please notice that these sessions are skill-building sessions for experienced and non-experienced officers and other members. To be Super, we all need to be willing to continue to learn. These sessions are aimed at building new skills and building on existing skills. In addition to officer training sessions, there will be sessions on reviewing and building on the

impact of the Ohio Plan on club membership; Taking the Next Step to becoming a Zone Chair; and two new sessions this year, including a session on New Member Orientation and a session for any Lions Club member on learning more about “Club Finances and Funds.”

Each Lion in District 13C is challenged to be “Super” in 2006. ***Take that first step.*** Make the commitment to attend one of the two District 13C Super Days on April 29th or May 6th. Mark your calendar today. More details and registration forms will be published in the District Bulletin’s next issue and mailed to all Lions Clubs of District 13C.

The District 13C Leadership Committee
Lion Terry Bower
Lion Wallie Burnett
Lion John Tighe

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

What: District 13C Convention
When: March 24, 25 and 26th
Where: Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls
Please join in the fun on Friday night. Attend informative seminars on Saturday. Participate in the business meeting on Saturday. Join fellow Lions in the Hospitality Rooms Saturday Evening for lots of food, fun and fellowship. Sunday morning’s Necrology service honors our deceased Lions. End the weekend at the Grand Banquet. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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

Chesterland Lions Club is currently selling tickets for (2) Honda Rancher ATV's-Plus Trailer-snow plow and helmets. Raffle to be held February 3, 2006. Tickets are \$20.00 each or 3 for \$50.00. A limit of 2000 tickets to be sold. For tickets or information call PDG Lions Bob Stopek 440-729-7620 or email Lioncop@aol.com.

Cuyahoga Falls Lions are collecting Acme Tapes again this year. The dates are September 4 – March 26, 2006. Please mail them to Lion Jim Homa 1111 Taft Avenue Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223.

Jefferson Lions are having another raffle, this time for a \$30 gift certificate or turkey. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Send your check to the Jefferson Lions P.O. Box 273 Jefferson, OH 44047

Royalton Hills Lions are having a Poor Man's Raffle on February 12th at Pipers III in Broadview Heights. Cost is \$19. Contact Lion Jean Sheeley for tickets (440) 582-0344

Willoughby Evening Lions Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held Jan 29th at Immaculate Conception Gym 37950 Euclid Ave. Serving 8am – Noon. Cost at the door is \$4.50/adult, \$3.50/seniors, \$2.50/kids 6-12, under 12 free. Save \$.50 on advance sale tickets. Call 440-946-7567 for tickets.

Broadview Heights Lions Annual Reverse Raffle will be held on February 4th at Carrie Cerino's in North Royalton. Cost \$65 for dinner and raffle chance. Additional dinner ticket is \$35. Contact Vice Governor Ken at 440-526-4289 or email him at kdm5@cox.net for tickets and more information.

Cleveland South East Lions are having a Night at the Races on February 25th at the Karlin Hall. Cost is \$10. Horses are available. Includes buffet, beer, and set-ups. BYOB Contact Lion Kas 440-333-9571 for tickets.

Medina Lions Reverse Raffle is on March 3, 2006. Always fun. See website for details.

North Royalton Lions Reverse Raffle & Dance will be on April 29, 2006 this year. Held at The Quality Inn of Richfield (old Holiday Inn). Call Lion Andy for tickets at 440-237-0036 or e-mail to your request to us at nrlions@aol.com. More information is on the website www.lionsdistrict13c.org.

Check out our Web Site www.lionsdistrict13c.org for more club information and upcoming events.

What has your club been doing? What do you have planned for the coming months and through the end of the year? Please send me your information by the 10th of the month so it will appear in the current month's bulletin. Advertise your events in our District bulletin and on our website. Lion Dan is always ready to get your events posted on the 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 me at Bareftn813@aol.com or by snail mail to 9950 Abbey Road, North Royalton, OH 44133

ATTENTION: Due to multiple computer problems I now am requesting that all correspondences be sent to the following email address: Bareftn813@aol.com
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Bulletin Editor

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the Bulletin and Website Staff

BE SAFE!

