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District Governor's Comments...

Its holiday time, usually my house is packed with relatives from out of town (12 to be exact). It's my stepson and his wife and his cousins and his uncle. This year will be slightly different; none of them are able to come. One is in a wedding party, another a new job and so the list goes. Part of our thanksgiving tradition has always been that everyone helps decorate the house for Christmas on Friday. This is a good tradition, because it gets me out of doing it and Lion Dan "HO" from decorating too early.

On the flip side, my brothers and their families will both be in town this holiday, so we will be able to celebrate the holiday together. Something we have not done in a while.

Although I do not like this change, I realize I can't prevent it from happening. It was the Saturday before Thanksgiving and I was returning from food shopping, much to my amaze, what did I find...the outside of my house was decorated for Christmas, including the Grinch, the multitude of "Frosty's", the sleds and lights a

and candy canes too. I looked at Dan and there he stood with a little grin, saying its not Christmas, its winter decorations. I immediately called his son and nieces and said next year they better be back. They all said not to worry, they would get back and that I will get through this, this year.

We are going through some pretty tough times in our Multiple District. Changes will occur. They may not be pleasant but they must be accomplished to protect you and me and the other Lions of our Multiple District. We will get through this process, no matter how challenging. We do our best to not regress but to move forward. Although we have hit a stumbling block, I am confident that we will be back on track and stronger then ever when all is said and done.

Lion Dan and I wish you the best during this Thanksgiving season. Please remember to count our blessings for all the wonderful things we have in our personal and Lions lives.

Yours In Service,
Carol Lester DG 13C

Vice District Governor Grant's Comments

It's hard to believe how much can be packed into one weekend, all the classes, the Council of Governor's meetings and side trips. But Lion Shirley and I had fun though it all.

The MERL team has been busy and will continue to do so throughout the rest of our year. Membership must grow at 7% per year just to stay even. Let's go for 10% growth.

To repeat what our governor has said, our Deputy District Governor should come from Region Two. If you want to service your fellow Lions now is the time to step forward.

There are still a few cabinet appointments to be filled if you want serve please call me at (h) 330-794-8606 or (w) 330-633-4615.

May every one have a happy and wonderful thanks giving.

Yours in Lionism
VDG Grant Frazier &
Lion Shirley

Deputy District Governor Lion Ken's Comments

Historically, the District has always encouraged the Clubs to increase their membership.

This year there seems to be a role reversal. Many of the clubs are now asking us what they can do to increase their membership.

One of the recurring questions is "does Lions International have a step-by-step program we can use to recruit new members."

The bad news is the answer to this question is "No," they don't. The Healthy Club Initiative has a great deal of useful information, but a "one-stop membership-shopping list" is not available from LCI.

The good news is that there is a detailed guide available. Or at least it will become available to us in the near future.

On October 14, DG Carol, VDG Grant and I met with IPCC Jeff Hillis for a dinner meeting. Lion Jeff is from Bucyrus in District 13-B. During the 1990s he was the District Membership Chairman. While holding that office he created an extremely effective step-by-step program to help clubs recruit new members.

How effective is this program? Well, 15 years ago Districts 13-B & 13-C were about the same size. Each had about 60 clubs and 2,200 members. Presently District 13-B is the largest in Ohio with 62 clubs and 2,350 members. We're the third *smallest* with 45 clubs and 1,320 members. So yes, this definitely works.

The 13-B membership program has been updated several times over the years, and it is presently undergoing another revision. Lion Jeff has promised to send us a copy when any changes are incorporated. We'll keep you informed as things progress.

Lion Ken Marshall DDG

DDG Ken's Visitation Schedule

December

6 GALEP

13 Hearing Aid Bank

25 [Buy me something nice]

The Convention Corner

Seminars

Noah Webster defines a seminar as "a meeting for giving and discussing information." I might also add that a seminar is:

1. concentrated learning,
2. usually led by a knowledgeable person,
3. often a topic that is not normally considered in everyday living.

An excellent example of a good seminar was VDG Lion Grant Frazier's discussion of Confederate Currency at last year's 13C convention. Few of the people who attended this talk had ever given much thought to how the Confederacy had managed to finance the Civil War, or at least their portion of it. It was a great presentation and covered all of the points above. It also showed that an interesting seminar does not necessarily have to be Lions related.

So what's on the agenda this year? Here's a current list of the topics (in no particular order):

1. HIPPA (no, not "hippo"!): Hippa is the relatively new federal

2. privacy act, and it has
3. The Healthy Club Initiative": Lion Carl Leonhardt (13D) will provide a discussion of this comprehensive toolkit.
4. Information Technology: Lion Dan "Ho" Lester will discuss what's new this year.
4. Incorporation: Cabinet Treasurer Lion Neil Sheeley Will discuss how to incorporate your club easily and without a lot of expense.
5. Membership: Lion Jeff Hillis (13-B) will discuss a step-by-step program on how to recruit new members for your club. And guess what, it actually works!
6. PID Buster Hall (our guest speaker) will hold a Q&A session.

Lion Ken Marshall, DDG

LIONS 101

WHY DO WE HAVE MEETINGS?

The main objectives of Lions meetings are to keep members interested and to keep the different levels of Lionism to run smoothly. The effective meetings should keep members informed about current events within the clubs and other levels of Lions International.

ramifications for all of us. The other major impact of any well-run meeting is to develop social relationships among the members involved in Lionism. I have said many times that many of the finest people I have met have been through Lionism and it is a pleasure to serve with these fine persons to help others in our community that need our help.

We need to also keep in mind when having meetings today that we must run a time effective meeting by defining objectives with an agenda and a leader who keeps the group on task. I found one of the top reasons for Lions to become inactive is long boring meetings that drone on for several hours. These meetings need to start promptly while keeping on task by following the agenda provided to all members at the meeting. It is essential to elicit participation while showing enthusiasm.

It has always been my humble opinion that an appropriate meeting should not last more than 1 hour as far as the business portion. There should always be appropriate time for the meal or social time for the members who are involved depending on the type of meeting you are having.

The final considerations in any club meetings are to summarize your goals and objectives at the end of each meeting and plan for the clarification of where we go from here for the action plan to accomplish these goals. It is always a good idea to remember

that all Lions have a right to express their ideas and some of the best new ideas come from members who are new to the club or less active persons who have started to participate recently.

Yours in Lionism,

Zone Chairmen Kim R Thomas
Zone 1

"District 13-C Lions Information Center"

The Seven Wonders

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. To see
2. To hear
3. To touch
4. To taste
5. To feel
6. To laugh
7. And To Love

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder -- that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man. You make a difference by just being a Lion! Helping those with the little girl's number one answer.

Please feel free to contact me if you or anyone you know is concerned about their service as a Lion. Your contact is very important to me.

Retention Chairman Lion Michael Tyler 440-975-0477, or email mpty526@netzero.net

Congratulation to Lion Tim Rhodes of the Wadsworth Lion who accepted the position of District Candy Day Chairman.

Deepest Sympathy to the Family, Friends and Fellow Lions and Lionesses of:
Lion Dick Koelker - Mogadore

Please keep the following Lions, Lionesses and Leos in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from an illness or surgery:

- Lion Jim Weidig-Ashtabula*
- Lion Joe Konery-Brook Park*
- Lion Ken Marshall-Broadview Heights*
- Lion Larry McDowell-Euclid*
- Lion Lee Bailey-Cleveland Host*
- Lion Stan Nizen-Jefferson*

Lions Clubs International is introducing an exciting new program called the Lions Environmental Photo Contest. This year's theme is "Sharing our World". Lions wishing to enter the contest should submit an original photo that depicts the environment where they live, to their districts by January 1, 2005.

The multiple district then conducts its own contest to select one winning photo to be submitted to Lions Clubs International by March 1, 2005. Winning photos will be displayed at the international convention in Hong Kong.

Please check our District Website for complete rules and required forms.

SightFirst is celebrating their 15th Anniversary. Let's blow out 24 million candles, that's how many people have been given the precious gift of sight thanks to SightFirst.

In October US\$6.3 million in grants are supporting 62 projects.

LCIF's Lions Quest Department is currently offering exciting new one-day workshops for educators in your community. Click on the following link to learn more about workshops such as "Classroom Discipline: Establishing Responsibility and Respect" (for grades K-12) and "Managing Anger, Resolving Conflict, and Preventing Violence" (for grades K-12) <http://www.lions-quest.org/workshop/SDI's.htm>
Yours in Service
Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, LCIF
Chairman 2004-2005

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

Akron-The club is investigating and formulating a plan to make a "Thrill of the Hill" race at Derby Downs their new generation fund-raiser. Watch for more information to come.

Chippewa Lake- The club is holding their annual fruit sale. Contact King Lion Mike Ross for more information. (330) 769-5565

Cuyahoga Falls- The club will again be collecting Acme Fresh Market register tapes. They are also selling Entertainment Books.

Jefferson- will be celebrating its annual Christmas party on Monday December 13th at the

Historic Jefferson Depot. Reservations are required. All Lions are invited. Call Lion Rich or send a check payable to the Jefferson Lions Club P. O. Box 273, Jefferson, OH 44047. The drawing will be held on December 13th. The club is also having a Turkey Raffle Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You can contact Lion Rich (440) 576-2515

Medina- Mark your calendar now for their Reverse Raffle at Guy's Party Center on March 4th. More information will follow.

Mentor-This year the club will again be selling Redstone Chocolates.

Mogadore- Again this year the club is selling Christmas Trees. Contact Lion C Rogers to purchase a tree.

North Coast- the club is happy to welcome new member Lion Judy Pyles. The club held a White Cane Day on 11/20 at the Shoregate Giant Eagle in Willowick. They will also be preparing and serving chili at the Wickliffe Tree Lighting.

North Royalton- The club held a very successful Poor Mans Raffle. December 14th will be Sons and Daughters Night. The club purchased a Low Vision Reader and have placed it at the North Royalton Library. The club also hosted the Christmas Parade on November 28th.

Norton- has moved their meeting place back to the VFW on Houston Road

Royalton Hills- The club is selling Entertainment Books. Plans are under way for their Annual Poor Mans Raffle to be held on February 12 at Pipers III. Call Lion Cindy for tickets (440) 237-3244. The club is also ringing the bell for the Salvation Army through the holiday season.

South Euclid Lioness-The club is collecting clothing and household items for the Florida hurricane victims for the next two months. Ongoing collection of the following items will continue: greeting card fronts, pop and beer can tabs, Campbell soup labels and cereal box tops marked for education. Recently two members, Lioness Sue Ramey and Yolanda Camerieri celebrated their 90th birthday. We wish you many more.

Stow Monroe Falls-the sale of Entertainment Books continues. The club will also participate in the Down's Support Group and will also be ring the bell for the Salvation Army.

Wadsworth- the club is selling Poinsettia plants for the Christmas season. Contact King Lion Chuck Potter for more information. The club is also ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on 3 different days.

Willoughby-Evening- December 2nd the club will hold their Holiday Auction. On December 6th & 7th the club will join the Willoughby Recreation Department's Santa Calling Program. They are also selling Entertainment Books.

Ohio Lions Band Report

The Ohio Lions Band made us very proud at the International Convention this year in Detroit. The Band Committee would like to keep the momentum going, and this band program growing.

We have come up with a few ideas that will take the Ohio Lions Band to the next level. Because of the distance in travel, we will not be sending the band to Hong Kong in 2005. Instead we will be bringing this years band members back for a concert to make history.

We would like our new band members to join the past band members in a retreat the week of June 23-28, 2005 with the concert taking place on June 28th.

Registration for the Ohio Lions State Band is attached.

I hope you get as excited as I am to see much progress in the establishment of a Band for Ohio to enjoy not only at convention time but throughout the year as they may soon be traveling within Ohio giving similar concerts. If you have any questions please call me.

Yours in Lionism
Sandy Maletz 13-C
Phone (419) 846-3133



2003-2004 Ohio Peace Poster Winner Card Sale

This year due to popular request we will be offering 2 styles of the card—Christmas Cards and Blank Note Cards (for use throughout the year). The artists' information will be listed inside of both card types. The Christmas Card will also include, “The joy of love, the joy of peace, the joy of health, the joy of prosperity. May they all come to you at this holiday time.”

The artist is Jaclyn Lewis, a 13 year old, from South Solon, Ohio in District 13F. In order to promote volunteerism among our youth, we have asked the artist to pick a charity for the proceeds from the sale of these cards. Jaclyn was very impressed with the presentation of Pilot Dogs, Inc. at the 2004 State Convention and has chosen this organization. Jaclyn has also offered to autograph cards upon request.

Cards will again be packaged in groups of 25 cards with 25 envelopes. The cost for a package will again be only \$10.00.

To order contact:

Lion Sandy Maletz

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