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District Governor Grant's Comments

What good news to hear that Lion Bob Gutfranski has come back safe from Iraq. Every American is proud this day, especially the Lions.

The District Cabinet project this year is Toys for Tots. Please bring your gifts to the Cabinet Meeting on November 10th.

This past month VDG Ken, DDG Maggie & I have been visiting clubs and zone meetings explaining the Ohio Plan. This plan will work if followed as outlined. If you feel your club needs help with this plan please call us. The MERL team and District Officers are here for you and your club. Please use this resource.

Last month the USA/Canada Forum was held in Peoria, Illinois. If you have never been to a forum you are missing a great learning experience and a great deal of fun. Next September the USA/Canada Forum will be held in Columbus. Our Multiple Districts will be the host for this event. If you wish to help please call PDG Don Maletz (419) 846-3133 or me (330) 794-8606. The Multiple District is pulling out all the stops to make this Forum the best ever.

The International Convention for 2006 has been changed to Boston Massachusetts for June 30-July 4th. Please put these dates and location on your calendar.

LCIF moves ahead with Hurricane Katarina. A 14-person Lions disaster team from Nevada and California loaded up pickup trucks and motor homes with food, clothing, and supplies headed east to Mississippi and set up a center command post at Golf Port. Grateful recipients said the Lions were the first relief personnel they had seen. LCIF has received 1.5 Million US to date for hurricane relief. Donations to LCIF for Hurricane Katrina from August to November 30th are eligible to be counted toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship. District D has challenged the Lions of MD13 to donate \$5.00 per member to the flood relief. Let's show the Lions of Ohio that District C is up to the challenge.

After visiting the clubs on my schedule this past few months and seeing all the hard work being done in their communities I am proud of the clubs in our District

Yours in Lionism
District Governor Grant Frazier

**Vice District Governor
Ken's Comments**

Hands-On Sight Preservation

Have you ever wanted to play a meaningful role in preventing blindness? OK, here's your chance.

But first, a short memory test. Do you recall that 30 months ago the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation purchased a digital camera for use by CWRU & University Hospitals in studying the role of diabetes in vision loss? Well, they did, to the tune of about \$40,000.

After several software changes and some other modifications, the camera now has a permanent home in UH's Bowell Hall, the entryway to the outpatient clinic.

The job of the camera is to screen patients for Diabetic Retinopathy. To keep it simple, incoming light passes through the lens at the front of the eye and is focused onto the retina at the back to the eye. The detected light signal is then sent to the brain which tells us what we are seeing. If a person is diabetic, retinopathy can occur. This means the veins and arteries on the retina start to bleed. If the bleeding is severe, or if it lasts for too long a time, the person can lose their vision.

During this screening test, which is totally free to the patient, the operator takes a picture of each eye using the digital camera and transmits the data "upstairs" to a doctor. The doctor evaluates the pictures and provides a report to the patient, all within about 25 minutes.

The report tells the patient if they are normal [Fortunately I was; No, don't say it!], or if they should see a doctor about a potential problem. If it is a critical situation they will see a doctor immediately.

What is presently needed are more voluntary helpers to take the pictures. As one of my erstwhile friends said, "if they can train you (meaning me) they can train anybody!" The whole process really isn't very difficult, and you can learn what you need to know in a couple of hours.

We've all heard a thousand times that the primary goal of Lionism is sight preservation. This is thus a rare opportunity for you to play a front-line role in possibly saving a persons sight.

I can even relate a true personal story. In August, I was preparing to test a gentleman and noticed that one of his eyes was very red and bloodshot. Fortunately one of the medical staff was near by. She looked at the eye and called a doctor for advice. To shorten the story, the man needed medical attention. If he hadn't happened by that day it could have been a serious situation.

If you are interested in helping, give me a call or send me an email. I'll tell you what you need to do to get started. You can even select the days of the week and the number of hours you want to work. [Except you can't have Tuesday, 9AM-noon; That's my time slot.]

THANKS.....

November:

- 5 Council Governors
- 8 North Royalton

- 9 St. Vincent
 - 10 Cabinet
 - 17 Z4 meeting
 - 18 St. Vincent Rev. Raffle
- Lion Ken Marshall
VDG

**A BUNCH OF OLD MEN WHO
MEET ONCE A MONTH'??**

Last September, Lion Richard Abrams and I attended a picnic for volunteers of North Royalton Community Emergency Response Team(CERT), and while sitting with some other members of CERT, Lion Abrams began to talk about the Lions of North Royalton and Royalton Hills and the fact that we help provide eyeglasses to over 800 needy persons at two eye clinics in Akron and Cleveland, support Pilot Dogs for the Blind, provided a low vision reader for the North Royalton Library, helped build a picnic pavilion at North Royalton Memorial Park, organize and direct the North Royalton Christmas Parade, clean up the debris on Route 82 in North Royalton, contribute annually with labor and money to light the North Royalton City Green for the holidays, provide labor to help set up the North Royalton holiday displays, put on an annual dinner for Senior citizens, provide financial assistance for the North Royalton Office of Ageing, help Senior citizens with yard and house maintenance, provide financial assistance, cold weather articles of clothing, and hygiene products to St. Malachi, Providence House and St. Malachi, provide labor and money to repair and paint the

North Royalton Gazebo, provide three North Royalton High School Seniors with scholarships annually, helped provide financial support for the Tsunami catastrophe and Hurricane Katrina,.

One of the listeners was astounded and stated "and I thought that Lions were just a bunch of old men who meet once a month".

Lion Neil Sheeley
Lions Club of North Royalton
Ohio

The 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

Deepest Sympathy to the Family, Friends and Fellow Lions and Lionesses of:

Lion Roger Eastwood- Medina
Lion Earl Patterson-Broadview Hts
Lion Ted Beauregard-

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

PDG Lion John Hrovat
PDG Lion Bob Stopek
Lion Joan Kelly

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

NOVEMBER

18- The Lions Eye Clinic at St Vincent's Hospital is having their Annual Dinner Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction.
Contact Lion Pam Abrams for tickets 440-582-0709

DECEMBER

03-Stow-Munroe Falls Annual Down's Support Christmas Party.
Contact any club member for more information

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
Lion Cindy Palmentera
Bulletin Editor

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.

13C LIONS SUPPER DAY

- *Faster than a speeding bullet**
- *More powerful than a locomotive**
- *Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound**

New Format!!!

Mark your calendar now

For all Lions

Region 1 – May 6, 2006
Akron Summa City Hospital, Akron

Region 2 – April 29, 2006
Browning Center, Willoughby

Watch for more detail to follow

For those clubs that have Peace Poster Kits, please let if you have had any success with schools entering the contest. The deadline is November 15, 2005.
Lion Nancy Bever
Email neil000msn.com or call 330-923-3604

Chippewa Lake Lions are having a fruit and sausage sale now through November 28th. Contact Lion Nancy Lloyd 330-769-2398 to place your order.

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

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.

FROM YOUR WEB MASTER

PLEASE SEND INFO, PHOTOS, NEWS PAPER ARTICLES TO ME VIA THE WEB OR US MAIL SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OUR WEB SITE.

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