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## Governor's Report (Maggie's Corner)

Membership - Remember our goal for this year is to get over the 1,250 mark in membership and the net 100 will get us close if not over. Keep on a plugging. Use the Ohio Plan or whatever works for your Club. Keep in mind the MERL Team who can help if you would like, just contact Dona at (216)299-2813 or e-mail at [jdklages@yahoo.com](mailto:jdklages@yahoo.com).

Pilot Dogs - My goal is to get the Clubs in District 13C aware of all of the things Pilot Dogs does. As I am visiting I will have a couple of handouts for those who would like to read about the activities at the location in Columbus.

Miscellaneous - We will begin the Calendar of events this month. Please either send your information to Dan Lester or to me and I will forward to him and also in include your information our Calendar. We are doing this as suggested by our PDG Lion Neil Bevere. Lion Neil is right, there are Club officers who do not have e-mail as well as many of our members and we can not expect the Lions to attend functions if they are not aware of what is going on. Please help by letting us know of your activities.

The two newspaper articles I wrote about last month are in this bulletin. Great PR for Lions!

Lion Ray and I attended the USA/Canada Forum and attended several sessions that we felt were very worth the time spent. One of those

sessions dealt with fund raisers and service projects. A handout of 100 ways to raise money and 100 service projects was given and I wanted to share those with you. They appear in this Bulletin.

I am checking into the possibility of having a bus chartered to take members to Columbus for the Fall Conference and the State convention. This would be a one day trip so the members would not have to stay over night and could participate in both of these events. I will have more information on cost, etc. in the October bulletin.

## Newspaper articles Governor Lion Maggie referenced

Wednesday, August 1, 2007 News Herald article

### Lion is mild-mannered

Chardon resident active with the Lions Club for 17 years

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Chardon Lions Club President Bob Rayl delivers a soft roar, but the results are mighty. A lifetime Chardonite, Rayl, 61, has served with the Lions Club for 17 years, 12 of them as leader of the pack. In that time, the mild-mannered man and fellow club members have performed numerous humanitarian deeds to benefit the community. "We're the best secret in town," Rayl said. "A lot of people don't even know the Lions exist. We don't advertise. We don't need fanfare. We just do it." Raising cash to help others is accomplished in a variety of ways. Throughout the annual Geauga County Maple Festival, it's the Lions who take on the

task of cleaning up mounds of trash. Other fund-raisers include golf outings and reverse raffles. "We hold a little in the fund for emergencies, but the rest goes right back to the community, Rayl said. The civic-minded man lined up with the Lions when his now adult children were younger, taking part in the group's football program. "I found out what they did for the community and have been there ever since," he said. The sports program for youths ages 6 through 12 is the club's biggest draw, he said. It typically fields five or six football teams, comprised of about 150 players total. The program is part of the Northcoast League, playing from July through September. "We feel we're a good feeder for the high school program. We teach the fundamentals, how to win and how to lose. We've turned out a lot of prize athletes," he said. "We get the moms and dads involved, and all of sudden, we pick up some new members. We like them to stay after the program."

But the gridiron is only a portion of the Lions' domain: acting as a helpful haven for needy individuals is another. Members frequently check with staff at Chardon Wal-Mart's Vision Center, seeking those who may be in need of eyesight aids. "I always tell the guys if there's a choice between the eyeglasses and football helmets, it's the eyeglasses," he said. "If we find out about a hardship, we jump on it right now." Recently, the group donated \$1,000 to benefit the cause of a local high school girl suffering from the effects of meningitis. They also contributed to Geauga County's "Tim's House," a group whose mission is to support, educate and provide referral resources to family, friends and the community as they manage grief and loss when a loved one commits suicide. Last year, the big-hearted Lions purchased a video magnifier for a Chardon resident who had severe difficulty with reading. Rayl said the recipient was extremely grateful for the assistance, sending several letters of appreciation to the group. "When we have a special project, it's gung-ho," Rayl said. "This is an opportunity to give back to the community through the club, not out of pocket, but by doing a little bit of volunteer work. As long as I feel that

we're doing a good job by helping the community, I'll stay a Lion.



#### Second Article

Friday, ~~August~~-3, 2007  
The News-Herald

#### Golf contest raises money for vision

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Spending as little as \$1 - and having a good golf swing could win you a brand new Chrysler Sebring convertible. Starting Saturday, the Highland Heights Lions Club will hold its 1. 3th Annual Hole in One contest at the Airport Greens Golf Course in Willoughby Hills. People are invited to visit the par-3 No. 10 hole on the course between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday in August. Each 147-foot shot costs \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The person with the closest shot each day will win \$100. The eight winners then will gather on Sept. 1 to Compete for the grand prize car, which was donated by Deacon's Chrysler Plymouth. Lions Club President Rick Eisenberg said to date, no one has won the grand prize. "If they had, we'd never have to advertise for the contest again," Eisenberg said. "We have had several holes in one during the preliminary competition, but then people get out there during the finals and see that car, and suddenly, the adrenaline flows. You think they're going to hit it across White Road!" Although no one has won the grand prize, the contest has raised thousands of dollars for Lions Club charities. The Lions Club aims to help adults and children with vision problems. The 2006 contest netted

about \$2,500, Eisenberg said. At the final shoot-out, which will be at 9 a.m. Sept. 1, each competitor will get three shots. Eisenberg said each of the final contestants will receive a consolation prize. "At most fundraising golf outings, you have to pay \$150 or \$200 to participate," he said. "Here, for just five bucks, you can take six shots."

#### and one from your Bulletin Editor's own Club North Royalton Lions Club

#### Lions Veterans Memorial project moves forward

The North Royalton Lions Club has received approval to proceed with the construction of a Veterans Memorial at the current site of the GAR monument in the North Royalton Cemetery on Ridge Road. Seven flags will be erected to honor the members of the military branches. The site will include landscaping and a brick walkway. Dedication of the memorial is targeted for Memorial Day, 2008. Donations for the project can be made to the North Royalton Lions, P. O. Box 33123, North Royalton, Ohio 44133. Also, engraved memorial bricks for the walkway can be purchased. The cost of a 4x8-inch paver is \$50, and an 8x8-inch paver is available for \$100. Requests for purchase forms can be made to the above address or by emailing [nrlions@aol.com](mailto:nrlions@aol.com). Construction updates will be posted at [www.northroyaltonlions.org](http://www.northroyaltonlions.org). For more information, contact committee members, Fred DeAnna, Bob Ahrens, Dan Lester, Tom Sandora, Gary Janson, or Chuck Gibson.

#### The 100 Fundraising Ideas Governor Maggie mentioned are as follows:

- 1) OPEN A LEMONADE STAND
- 2) SELL FIREWORKS
- 3) TURKEY SHOOT
- 4) BINGO GAME
- 5) CAR SHOWS
- 6) OPERATE CONCESSION STAND
- 7) HOLD AN AUCTION
- 8) GARAGE SALE
- 9) HAVE AN OLD BOOK SALE
- 10) HOLD A DONKEY BASEBALL GAME

- 11) HAVE A DONKEY BASKETBALL GAME
- 12) SPORTS CHALLENGE TO OTHER CLUBS
- 13) HAVE A BAKE SALE
- 14) MAKE AND SELL COOKBOOKS
- 15) SELL DOOR PRIZE CHANCES AT MEETINGS
- 16) SELL CHRISTMAS TREES
- 17) SELL LIONS MINTS
- 18) SELL LIONS LIGHT BULBS
- 19) WORK FAIRGROUNDS BOOTHS/STANDS FOR PERCENTAGE
- 20) SELL CLUB PINS
- 21) DRAWING FOR A HOMEMADE QUILT
- 22) SELL PRODUCTION ITEMS WITH CLUB LOGO
- 23) SELL BUMPER STICKERS
- 24) MAKE AND SELL BADGES
- 25) SELL LIONS CLUB BROOMS
- 26) LIONS GUM MACHINES IN LOCAL FACILITIES
- 27) HAVE A CARNIVAL
- 28) RUN A SOFTBALL PARK/ASSOCIATION
- 29) SPONSOR A SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
- 30) COLLECT USED PAPER
- 31) COLLECT ALUMINUM CANS
- 32) SPONSOR A WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
- 33) HOLD AN AUCTION DINNER
- 34) SPONSOR A SCHOOL DANCE
- 35) SPONSOR A TOWN DANCE HOLD A SLAVE AUCTION
- 37) HAVE AN OLD CAR/USED CAR AUCTION
- 38) SELL HOMEMADE CRAZIES
- 39) SPONSOR A CRAFT SHOW
- 40) HAVE A BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
- 41) HAVE A TALENT SHOW
- 42) HOLD A NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP
- 43) MAKE AND SELL YARD SIGNS
- 4) PAINT HOUSE NUMBERS ON CURBS
- 45) STENCIL MAILBOXES
- 46) SELL ADVERTISING SPACE IN PRINTED PROJECTS
- 47) HAVE A VOLKSMARCH
- 48) PANCAKE 13BREAKFAST
- 49) HOLD LOCAL RUN/RALLY
- 50) HAVE LOCAL CIVIC/CELEBRITY GAME SHOW
- 51) FISHING DERBY
- 52) BEAN DINNER
- 53) COLLECT GOODS AND SELL AT SWAP MEET
- 54.) HAVE A CAR BASHING
- 55) DUNK TANK
- 56) HALLOWEEN COSTUME STAND
- 57) SPONSOR A DIRT BIKE RALLY
- 58) HOLD A GOLF TOURNAMENT
- 59) ENDURANCE EVENTS FOR PLEDGES

- 60) DEVELOP AND SELL LOCAL MAPS
- 61) SELL AMERICAN FLAGS FOR SPECIAL HOLIDAYS
- 62) HOLD A LOCK-IN EVENT FOR SCHOOL/CHURCH
- 63) CAR WASH
- 64) ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- 65) HOLD EATING CONTEST (WATERMELON, PIES ETC.)
- 66) HAVE A CHILI COOK-OFF
- 67) MAKE AND SELL CALENDARS
- 68) HAVE A PET TALENT SHOW
- 69) HOLD ETHNIC THEME DINNER
- 71) LOCAL ART SHOW/CONTEST
- 72) SPONSOR SOCCER ASSM/TOURNAMENT
- 73) SELL MERCHANT COUPON BOOKS
- 74) HORSE/COW CHIP POOL (SELL SQUARES)
- 75) CAKE WALK
- 76) HAVE A DANCE-A-THON/CONTEST
- 77) HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
- 78) WINDOW CLEANING (RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL)
- 79) SPONSOR A SPORTS CLINIC
- 80) WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
- 81) PONY RIDES FOR KIDS
- 82) FRISBEE GOLF TOURNAMENT
- 83) BOWLING TOURNAMENT
- 84) RAISE AND SELL/AUCTION A FARM ANIMAL
- 85) SPONSOR A LION CONVENTION/CONFERENCE
- 86) NO-BAKE SALE
- 87) HOLD A TRIVIA BOWL WITH CIVIC LEADERS OR CLUBS
- 88) SELL SEASONAL FRUIT/FRUIT BASKETS
- 89) FISH FRY
- 90) SELL LIONS ACCESSORIES TO MEMBERS
- 91) SPONSOR BMX BIKE RALLY
- 92) OCTOBERFEST
- 93) GAME BOOTH AT CARNIVAL OR FAIR
- 94) MAKE VIDEOS FOR INSURANCE CLAIMS
- 95) CUT/SELL/DELIVER FIREWOOD
- 96) SNOWCONE STAND
- 97) MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 98) SPONSOR A SWIM MEET
- 99) GIFT WRAPPING STAND
- 100) KIDNAP THE TAILTWISTER'S CAN

**The 100 Service Projects are:**

- 1) DIABETES SCREENING
- 2) SPONSOR BLOOD DRIVE
- 3) ADOPT A HIGHWAY
- 4) ADOPT A PARK

- 5) ADOPT A SCHOOL
- 6) PURCHASE EYEGLASSES
- 7) RING FOR SALVATION ARMY
- 9) SPONSOR FOOD DRIVES
- 9) VOLUNTEER FOR ACTIVITIES AT NURSING HOMES
- 10) CONDUCT A USED EYEGLASS DRIVE
- 11 ) SPONSOR A CAREER FAIR FOR YOUTH
- 12) SPONSOR A DRUG AWARENESS SEMINAR
- 13) SPONSOR ATHLETIC TEAMS (LITTLE LEAGUE)
- 14) SPONSOR FOSTER CHILDREN ACTIVITIES
- 15) PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
- 16) CONDUCT HEARING DOG WORKSHOPS
- 17) SPONSOR SPECIAL OLYMPIC ACTIVITIES
- 18) VOLUNTEER FOR MEALS ON WHEEL PROGRAMS
- 19) SPONSOR OR VOLUNTEER FOR ADULT LITERACY PROJECTS
- 20) CONDUCT VOLUNTEERISM WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH
- 21) PARTICIPATE IN EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES
- 22) SPONSOR A VETERAN'S DAY OUTING
- 23) PROVIDE A FIREWORKS DISPLAY
- 24) PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
- 25) GIVE SPECIAL AWARDS TO HONOR STUDENTS
- 26) SPONSOR A VOTER REGISTRATION DAY
- 27) SPONSOR YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS
- 28) SPONSOR A HOOP SHOOT CONTEST
- 29) SPONSOR SPELLING BEES FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS
- 30) SUPPORT OLYMPICS OF THE MIND ACTIVITIES
- 31) RECRUIT CORNEA DONATIONS
- 32) SPONSOR HUNTER SAFETY SEMINARS
- 33) SPONSOR BUCKLE UP (SEAL BELT) CAMPAIGN
- 34) CONDUCT SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS
- 35) DO SAFETY SURVEYS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES
- 36) SPONSOR DEFENSIVE DRIVING SC14001-S
- 37) SPONSOR A POLICEMAN'S DAY
- 38) SPONSOR A FIREMAN'S DAY
- 39) SPONSOR A TEACHER'S DAY
- 40) SPONSOR A NURSE'S DAY
- 41) PLAN A "PLANT AYGREE" DAY
- 42) SPONSOR "LAWN OF THE WEEK" RECOGNITION

- 43) SPONSOR A VACCINATE YOUR PET PROJECT'
- 44) SPONSOR ARMED FORCES DAY ACTIVITIES
- 45) SPONSOR SCHOLASTIC CONTESTS
- 46) HONOR RETIRING TEACHERS
- 47) HAVE A SPECIAL NUTRITION AWARENESS PROJECT
- 48) SPONSOR SMOKING CESSATION ACTIVITIES
- 49) SPONSOR A LEGISLATORS DAY
- 50) SPONSOR A SCHOOL BUS DRIVE APPRECIATION DAY
- 51) SPONSOR TRIPS TO THE ZOO FOR NEEDY CHILDREN
- 52.) VOLUNTEER FOR BIG BROTHER/SISTER
- 53) SPONSOR BOY'S RANCH ACTIVITIES
- 54) SEND CARDS TO SERVICE MEN
- 55) PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIOR
  - CITIZENS TO SHOP OR VOTE
- 56) SPONSOR A CPR COURSE
- 57) SPONSOR A LIFE GUARD WORKSHOP
- 58) PROVIDE BULLET-PROOF VESTS FOR LAW
  - ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
- 59) SEND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO IMPOVERISH [ED
  - COUNTRIES
- 60) PROVIDE, A COMMUNITY CUPBOARD/PANTRY FOR
  - NEEDY FAMILIES
- 61) SPONSOR A CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION CENTER
- 62) BUILD A PICNIC SHELTER/PAVILION
- 63) SPONSOR A FIELD TRIP
- 64) PROVIDE FANS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS WITHOUT AIR CONDITIONING
- 65) HOLD A PARTY FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN
- 66) REFURBISH A HOME FOR A NEEDY FAMILY
- 67) PROVIDE BLANKETS, COATS, GLOVES FOR NEEDY
- 68) SPONSOR A CHILDREN'S IDENTIFICATION DRIVE
- 69) CHOLESTEROL SCREENING
- 70) BUILD A SPORTS COMPLEX
- 71) SPONSOR A ROADSIDE COFFEE STAND FOR
  - HOLIDAY TRAVELERS
- 72) SPONSOR AN EDUCATOR TO ATTEND LIONS QUEST
- 73) BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
- 74) SPONSOR CHILDREN'S GAMES FOR A SPECIAL EVENT IN YOUR CITY
- 75) SPONSOR A SUMMER CAMP FOR HANDICAPPED
  - CHILDREN
- 76) BUY BOOKS FOR LOCAL LIBRARY

- 77) PROVIDE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE
- 78) RECORD TAPES OF BOOKS/MAGAZINES FOR THE BLIND
- 79) BUY A WHEELCHAIR FOR A DISABLED PERSON
- 80) SPONSOR A HEALTH FAIR
- 81) SPONSOR AN ARTS AND HUMANITIES PROJECT
- 82) SPONSOR A PEACE POSTER CONTEST FORELEMENTARY CHILDREN
- 83) SPONSOR A PATRIOTIC ESSAY CONTEST FOR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS
- 84) SPONSOR A SPEECH I CONTEST "WHY I LOVE AMERICA" FOR HIGH SCHOOL
- 85) PUT OUT FLAGS ON MAIN STREET FOR SPECIAL DAYS/ OCCASIONS
- 86) BUY A VAN TO TRANSPORT HANDICAPPED PEOPLE
- 87) PROVIDE HANDYMAN CHORES FOR WIDOWS OR DISABLED
- 88) SCOLIOSIS SCREENING
- 89) CONDUCT A SIGN LANGUAGE WORKSHOP -
- 90) CREATE A CHARACTER (MASCOT) TO REPRESENT YOUR CLUB -
- 91) COLLECT USED BOOKS/MAGAZINES FOR NURSING HOMES
- 92) COLLECT DISCARDED HEARING AIDS FOR REFURBISHING
- 93) SPONSOR AIDS AWARENESS LITERATURE
- 94) PROVIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE IN DISASTERS
- 95) BUILD A FRISBEE GOLF COURSE
- 96) SPONSOR A FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK
- 97) SPONSOR A TEURIBLE TWISTERS SHOW
- 98) BUILD A COMMUNITY CENTER
- 99) SPONSOR A SCOUT TROOP
- 100) SPONSOR AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM

### Vice-Governor's Report Lion Dona Klages

“Words for Thought “

**Let your ATTITUDE, ENTHUSIASM and RESPECT for people, service, life and Lions ---- be contagious”**

I just returned from the USA/CANADA FORUM in Grand Rapids, Michigan. All I can say is WOW!! The Forum was attended by 2,475 Lions from across the US and Canada .We had a great time, met new friends and saw old friends. We also attended training seminars and received a lot of information about our great organization. But more importantly we left there with a wonderful feeling that we belonged to something greater than our local community clubs. Don't get me wrong, what each and every one of you do in your community is awesome, but what **WE** help accomplish through-out our world community is a miracle. I won't bore you with details but if you would like to know more about the great works our organization does read your Lions Magazine or visit the International web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

As chairperson of the MERL Team there are a few facts and figures I would like to share with you. Since LCI introduced the Family Unit Dues in January 2007, through-out the world there has been:

9,893 new clubs formed

82,005 new members (net gain)

42,292 new members in US (18,270 of those are family unit members) this is a great membership tool. Here in

District13-C, out of 41 clubs, only 17 have taken advantage of the Family Unit Dues. If you want to know more about the Family Unit Dues, talk to your Zone Chairperson. There will be a MERL Team meeting----- all club members are welcome to join us on:

**October 7, 2007** ( Sunday) - at the Quality Inn & Suites, Richfield 11:00am Breakfast Buffet cost- \$7 per person RSVP by **October 1, 2007** to VDG Dona at 216-299-2813 or

[jdklages@yahoo.com](mailto:jdklages@yahoo.com)

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO**

**VDG *Lion Dona***

**SHOULD YOUR CLUB BE FILING A FORM 990?**

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**

Every tax exempt organization which *normally* has **GROSS** receipts in excess of \$25,000 is required to file a

“Return of Organization Exempt from Taxation” form 990 or Form 990-EZ (Short Form). A tax exempt organization is considered to *normally* have gross receipts in excess of \$25,000 if during the current fiscal year and the immediate prior two years, the organization averaged in excess of \$25,000.

#### Normal Gross Receipts

If the club has total combined gross receipts of \$73,800 for the current accounting year and the prior two accounting years then it has \$24,600 average gross receipts and would not be required to file a 990 or 990-EZ for the current fiscal year. However, if the club receives a preprinted form 990 from the IRS then it must file the return and check the ending box stating it has less than \$25,000 gross receipts for the current accounting year.

**The test for normal gross receipts must be done each year in order to determine whether the club has in excess of \$25,000 in gross receipts.**

#### Gross Receipts

Gross receipts are the gross amounts the club receives from all sources, without reduction for costs or expenses.

#### **Examples**

1) The club realizes proceeds from sale of stock of \$1,200 and shows a gain on the stock of \$300. The original cost of the stock was \$900. The \$1,200 must be used in determining gross receipts.

2) The club has total proceeds from its reverse raffle of \$15,000 and expenses of \$12,000, the club must use the \$15,000 in determining gross receipts.

#### Due Date of Filing

The form 990 or 990-EZ must be filed by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the fifth month following the accounting year end of the club. If the club's year end is June 30, then the filing date is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Form Year

The year of the 990 form is determined by the year in which December 31<sup>st</sup> falls within the club's accounting year. If the club's accounting year ends on June 30, 2006, then the club would file a 2005 form 990 since December 31 fell in the year 2005.

#### Normal Gross Receipts Less than \$25,000

There are five reasons for my recommending that all clubs file a federal form 990, notwithstanding the amount of the club's normal gross receipts.

1. The 990 provides a very good public relations tool, which tells anyone who may ask what the club has done with the monies raised from fund raisers.
2. The 990 forces the club to review its assets and activities for the past year and consider whether some projects or fund raisers are worthwhile. Often we do the same things year after year without giving much thought of why they are being done.
3. The state of Ohio requires an annual report and registration for any tax exempt organizations which are engaged in fund raising and receive in excess of \$25,000 or engage in bingo fund raising activities. The 990 helps provide the basis for this registration.
4. The tax statute of limitations of 3 years begins once the 990 is filed. This means that if no 990 is filed, there is no tax statute of limitations and all years in which no 990 was filed are open to audit.
5. **Beginning in 2008, tax exempts having less than \$25,000 in normal gross receipts will be required to file an annual report with the Internal Revenue Service.**

#### 990 or 990-EZ

Clubs with less than \$100,000 in normal gross receipts may file a 990-EZ, which is simple form to prepare.

#### Electronic Filing

Your club may file your federal 990 for no charge on the website [www.efile990.org](http://www.efile990.org).

Please contact Lion Neil Sheeley for any assistance or advice on this financial information.

Neil Sheeley, CPA  
Lions District 13-C Financial Advisor

Resubmitted 9/14/07

**Dear Club Officer,**

It was a great privilege to be inaugurated President of the International Association of Lions Clubs in Chicago last month. It was a special thrill to assume the Presidency at our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in the city in which our Association was founded

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/convention/2007\\_index.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/convention/2007_index.shtml)

It struck me that much has changed and much has stayed the same. What has not changed is the spirit of Lions and our dedication to service. Integrity and compassion mean as much to us today as they did to our founders. But we no longer do business from a roll-top desk as Melvin Jones did. When we answer the telephone we are as likely to take it from a pocket as from a stand on our desk. What has changed is not what Lions do, but the way we do things.

To keep up with our fast-changing world, Lions must make even greater changes in the way we do things. I hope that you will join me enthusiastically during our leadership year as we strive to embrace the challenge of change.

One of our greatest challenges in this year of change will be to meet our [ambitious goal](#) of achieving a net growth of at least 20,000 new members worldwide. Helping to spearhead this aggressive plan are the Lions of [Team 20K](#) who are in place to help clubs with this membership challenge.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/intprogram.pdf>

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/intl\\_program\\_powerpoint.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/intl_program_powerpoint.pdf)

Remember that we can hope to meet this ambitious goal only by ensuring that Lions Clubs remain relevant and meaningful to the young people in our communities. As one Lion in the U.S.A. put it recently, “People don’t join Lions Clubs to go to meetings. They join to do the things that Lions do.”

Meetings that are lively and brief events designed to reenergize club members and enable them to participate in innovative and fun service projects will help your club appeal to a younger generation which has innumerable choices when it comes to how to spend their time.

Remaining relevant to young people also requires us to give added importance to Leo Clubs. In our quest for high quality new members, there will be no better place to look than to active Leos. I challenge each and every Lions Club throughout the world to sponsor a Leo Club and take responsibility for nurturing its members in our culture of service.

Our membership goals are challenging and ambitious but are by no means impossible to achieve. For evidence, you need only look to the family membership initiative begun last year. When we began it was anticipated that we would realize a membership increase of approximately 9,000. In fact, more than 18,000 new members have joined our ranks as a direct result of the program. Many of these new members are women and many are under the age of 40. I am certain that we can achieve similar results from the changes we make this year.

Finally, I would like to ask you not to hesitate to make necessary changes in the way your club serves your community. Step forward and embrace the change. The future of our Association depends upon it. And, while this may seem to be only the start of our leadership year, the time to begin is now.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Amarasuriya  
President  
Lions Clubs International

PS. Below are some additional items of interest:

#### October Membership Growth

Use the link below to find out more information regarding the October Membership Growth program.

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs\\_mem\\_october\\_growth.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_october_growth.shtml)

Student Member Program: **The Student Member Program was approved. Below is a link to the Student Member Flyer PDF outlining the program components and answers to frequently asked questions.**

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/stu1.pdf>

**Leo Conversion Program:** The Leo Conversion Program was approved at the International Convention. More information about the program is available on the Leo Conversion Flyer PDF at the link below.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/stu6.pdf>

#### Sight Night

Sight Night is a great activity for family clubs and Leos, and a great chance to partner with Scouts and other community youth. To order your Sight Night kit or request more information, call 1-877-605-4242 or visit [www.givethegiftofsight.org](http://www.givethegiftofsight.org).

#### The Year of CSFII -- Vol. 3, No. 1 :

[http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/club\\_news\\_v3\\_il\\_en.pdf](http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/club_news_v3_il_en.pdf)

#### This is "The Year of CSFII!"

"The Year of CSFII" has begun! This year will be the year Lions continue the fight against preventable blindness by reaching our US\$150 million minimum CSFII goal. Through SightFirst, just US\$6 saves someone from blindness.

How many people can you and your clubs save? Join in the fight against blindness today and honor our commitment as Knights of the Blind! We can, we will, we must provide Vision for All! Together, Lions can meet this challenge.

*The time to act is now!*

#### CSFII by the Numbers

- Less than 315 days remain to surpass our US\$150 million minimum goal
- More than US\$107 million officially recorded
- 2,223 Model Clubs ensuring our success

#### CSFII CLUB REMINDER

The most recent Worldwide Report Day confirmed approximately US\$112 million reported raised for CSFII. Work with your club to ensure all funds raised are sent to LCIF.

#### CSFII Highlight from 2007 International Convention:

*"As a fellow Lion, I want to tell you how proud I am of your success. This has been one of the most gratifying partnerships of my life."* –Former U.S. President and Nobel Laureate Jimmy Carter speaking of Lions and Sight First

#### To: International Directors and Board Appointees, PIPs and PIDs, Council Chairpersons and District Governors, Club Presidents and Secretaries

Announcing the International Challenge to Change Awards The Public Relations Department is now accepting nominations for International President Amarasuriya's International Challenge to Change Awards. Nominees for all categories must be nominated by district governors except for those indicated on the nomination form that are to be nominated by international directors, council chairpersons and club presidents. A completed nomination form and report (including a one-paragraph description, statistical information and photographs) must be submitted with each entry. Entries must be received no later than March 15, 2008 by the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters. View the International Challenge to Change Awards Form (PR-39)

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/pr39.pdf> for the list of categories and to get started.

#### MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

##### Lion Wallie Burnett

The October Membership Growth Program is being held by LCI. Banner patches will be awarded to the top 3 clubs in each district with a POSITIVE NET GROWTH OF THREE OR MORE MEMBERS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

## Zone 4

Zone 4 will have their first meeting on Thursday, September 20th - 6:30 P.M. at Pipers III in Broadview Heights. The meeting is being hosted by North Royalton Lions Club. Dinner is \$17.00 per person and you have a choice of Chicken, Beef or Scrod. If you would like to attend this meeting, please get your reservation in to me by September 14th with your meal choice.

If you have an item for the Agenda, please let me know by September 18th.

All Zone 4 Clubs will be asked to report on their current Club activities. If you are unable to attend, please submit your report to me via e-mail by September 18th.

Thanks,  
Lion Mary Chentnik

## REGION 1 ZONE 3

Dear Fellow Lions,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Lion Jim Klages from the Bedford Lions Club. District Governor Maggie has asked me to serve as Zone 3 Chairperson for this Lions year.

I am looking forward to serving Zone 3 and District 13-C

Zone meetings are open to all club members

Our first Zone Meeting will be

**October 2, 2007 Social at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm**

**Place - South Haven Church  
415 Northfield Road  
Bedford Ohio**

**Cost is \$10.00 per person**

**RSVP by September 25, 2007 Call me at 216-299-2813 or email [jdklages@yahoo.com](mailto:jdklages@yahoo.com)**

I am looking forward to serving you this Lions year

Yours in Lionism  
**Lion Jim**

## Club News

**Stow-Munroe Falls PAWFEST Sunday, September 23, 2007 - 10 AM - 4 PM (Rain or Shine) At the NEW BOW WOW BEACH DOG PARK Stow Silver Springs Park (5027 Stow Road, Stow, Ohio) BRING YOUR DOG AND HELP CELEBRATE OUR NEW DOG PARK! VENDORS - RESCUE GROUPS & MORE DOG CONTESTS 12:00 PM Longest Tail 1:00 PM Best Trick 2:00 PM Best Costume DEMONSTRATIONS trainers and exhibits throughout the day RAFFLE PRIZES & TENNIS BALL TOSS CONTEST (3:00 PM) Parking is a donation of \$1.00, or a pair of eyeglasses. For further information, please contact [Duhstov2@aol.com](mailto:Duhstov2@aol.com) or Call 330-655-2302. Sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Lions Club in cooperation with the City of Stow Proceeds to the Ohio Lions Pilot Dog Program**

## District Updates/Corrections

**District Sunshine Chairperson** - Lion Encie Moroski's e-mail address should be [Encie@suite224.net](mailto:Encie@suite224.net)  
**Zone One Chair** - Lion Ken Powell has a new e-mail address: [kapnrap@welovetohunt.com](mailto:kapnrap@welovetohunt.com)  
**Geneva Lions Secretary:**  
Gary Vanderlind (Debbie)  
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**Lions Eye Clinic at St Vincent Treasurer**  
Lion Cindy Palmentera  
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(440) 237-3244  
E-Mail: [bareftn813@wideopenwest.com](mailto:bareftn813@wideopenwest.com)

## Calendar

### September:

**20** - Zone 4 meeting Pipers III 6:30 contact Zone Chair Mary Chentnik

### October:

**2** - Zone 3 meeting South Haven Church, 415 Northfield Road, Bedford contact Zone Chair Jim Klages (216) 299-2813

**14** - Willoughby Evening Lions Club - Pasta Bonanza at Mick's Pub, 36200 Euclid Avenue, Willoughby adults \$8.00, children 12 and under \$4.00 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### November:

**15** - Cabinet meeting at Dino's Restaurant, 4145 State Route 306, Willoughby, Ohio (just off Interstate 90)

**4** - Fall Conference at the Midwest Hotel in Columbus

### February:

**21** - Cabinet meeting at Dino's Restaurant, 4145 State Route 306, Willoughby, Ohio (just off Interstate 90)

### April:

**4, 5, 6** - District Convention, Quality Inn and Suites, Richfield, Ohio

### May:

**16, 17, 18** - State Convention, University Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

### June:

**5** - Cabinet meeting at Dino's Restaurant, 4145 State Route 306, Willoughby, Ohio (just off Interstate 90)  
**23 thru 27** - International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

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