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District Governor's Report

“PEACE, HEALTH and HAPPINESS”

As the holidays are approaching please take some time to reflect on the past year and all of the opportunities you have had to serve your communities.

To quote our International President, Al Brandel
“ You have helped give hope back to those who had no hope. You have helped clothe the poor, feed the hungry and provide sight to the blind. I wish I could fully describe to you the difference your service has made in the lives of so many people....more people than you can imagine. Because of the Lions who serve, people and communities are better off. Imagine the world without volunteers... imagine the world without Lions...imagine the world without “everyday heroes.” Your efforts have touched the lives those less fortunate than ourselves”

Lion Jim and I would like to take this time to wish all of you Peace, Health and Happiness throughout this Holiday Season and in the coming year.

Thank You for all that you do and for being my “everyday heroes”

Happy Holidays !

DC Dona & Lion Jim

Vice District Governor's Report

Starting new clubs must be and will be a high priority for our district. In building our new clubs we must not overlook the fact that to keep these new members we must educate them in all that Lions do and stand for. To do this, each new member, when installed, should have a mentor and sponsoring lion with them when installed. The mentor should be a member who has experience with new members. If we let new members remain untrained they will soon leave the club. The M&A Reports and International Reports tell the same thing. Club building and mentoring go hand in hand in building and maintaining a new club.

Lion VDG, PDG Grant Frazier

Second Vice District Governor's Report



SEASON'S GREETINGS TO EVERYONE!

These past several months have truly "flown by" for both Lion Rich and me. We have met some truly inspirational Lions within our district and throughout the State of Ohio, who continue to serve their communities. This time of year is a great reflection of how much is given back to others who are less fortunate; i.e., providing toys and clothing to children, conducting Santa visits, delivering food baskets, ringing the bell for Salvation Army, volunteering more time and donating more money – and all with a huge sense of LION'S PRIDE!

Congratulations to you all for providing what you can to others to make their holidays



a little better!

Last month's district bulletin included a flyer in reference to the **February 8, 2009 Extension Training ("SAVE the DATE")**. This is a collaborated effort by our district's Extension Committee, three Governors, and other dedicated Lions to provide **YOU nd YOUR** club with resources to increase your membership. **Please SAVE THE DATE (Sunday, February 8th - 12:00 – 4:00) – a FREE lunch will be provided – at the Tallmadge**

Lions Hall - more information will follow.

The New Year of 2009 will offer you additional zone meetings, our 13-C's Cabinet Meeting (Thursday, February 19th), and our district's convention (Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd). The Ohio Lions 90th State Convention (in Dublin, OH) will be welcoming our International President, PDG Lion Al Brandel! Please check the Ohio Lions website for further information - what a great opportunity for the Lions of Ohio!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!



Stay happy and healthy until we meet again,
DDG Lion Marty Dennis & Family

District Treasurer's Report

CABINET TREASURERS REPORT CABINET MEETING November 13, 2008

1. One delinquent club at 10/31/08.
2. Dues for second half of 2008/2009 Lion year will be going out in December based upon the November 30 membership reports. It is important to get club reports in on timely basis. District pays state dues based upon the last know membership

numbers submitted by the clubs, which, hopefully, are the November 30th numbers.

3. 1108 Members in District 13-C at 10/31/08.
4. Budget approved at August Cabinet Meeting was amended for Extension expenses of \$500. Expenses are for office supplies and copying. No approval required by Lions present. Any deficit will be covered by administrative funds of the District.
5. Financial Information for the 4 months ending October 31, 2008:
Receipts \$8,582
Disbursements \$ 8509 Net Revenues over expenses \$73
Convention Fund Reserve \$2,500 Reserve Fund \$7,294 Administrative Fund \$8,265:
Total Cash in Bank \$18,059
First Merit CD renewed to 10/18/09 at 3.75%
6. Use the District expense voucher when submitting requests for District expense reimbursement. Form is on the District website.
7. District Form 990 posted on District 13-C website under "Forms" tab.
8. Fall Conference discussed Gambling, Sales Taxes, Annual filing requirement for all nonprofits soliciting funds from the public, new IRS rules for tax exempts.

Copies are available from
District Treasurer.

**Lion Neil Sheeley
North Royalton Lions
11/25/08**

**International LCIF
Report**

Dear Fellow Lion,

As a dedicated Lion, your opinion is important to us in planning for the future of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). For the past forty years, LCIF has been a beacon of hope for millions of people across the globe. The humanitarian service provided by Lions, together with LCIF, has affected many lives and communities, both globally and locally. Thanks in large part to friends and leaders like you, LCIF will no doubt remain that beacon of hope well into the future.

Today, our Foundation is at a transformational period in its proud history. The success of Campaign SightFirst II, and the incredible impact of LCIF's other humanitarian programs, has elevated the work of LCIF and Lions to the world stage. As LCIF plans for the future, we have important opportunities to increase awareness of the work of the Foundation and allow it to grow. In order to develop a strategic plan, it's important that LCIF consider the enhancement and expansion of programs that best represent the philanthropic interests of Lions worldwide.

We ask you to be a part of this critically important process. We are asking for approximately thirty minutes of your time to first read the background statement found below and to then complete an online, electronic survey. Your candid advice and input is very important to us.

These electronic surveys will truly help LCIF chart a course for the future and enable our Foundation to continue to provide service, help and hope to millions more people worldwide. Once you have had a chance to read the background statement below, please then complete the electronic survey, which can be accessed through the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Hj3v0_2fNoHBaLIRuDd42cuw_3d_3d

A link to the survey can also be found at the bottom of the background statement for your convenience. Thank you for your time and active participation in this important process.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Amarasuriya, IPIP
Chairperson, Lions Clubs
International Foundation

LCIF Case Development Study
– Background Statement

Introduction

At the core of Lions Clubs International is the mission of service. The 1.3 million Lions around the world are united in a common ideal, "We Serve." Nowhere is this service more evident than in the work of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Through LCIF, Lions are able to provide service, help and hope to millions of people across the globe.

Today, LCIF has reached a transformational period in its forty-year history. Through the efforts of Lions all over the world, Campaign SightFirst II has surpassed its US\$200 million challenge goal, ensuring that Lions' SightFirst program will continue and be able to expand. This success and the extraordinary work of LCIF's humanitarian programs have continued to elevate the impact of LCIF's work to the world stage. Thousands of Lions and clubs are engaged in the work of their Foundation like never before. Most importantly, there is an understanding of the need for so much more humanitarian service that can only be carried out by the Lions through LCIF.

At this important crossroads, Lions have an opportunity to carefully chart a course for the future of their Foundation. In order to maximize this opportunity, LCIF has approved a comprehensive development plan, designed to increase awareness of the work of the Foundation and allow it to grow substantially over the next several years. As part of the plan, LCIF has an objective of

raising an additional US\$10 million annually by fiscal year 2011-2012 (bringing the total to US\$30 million annually). With this fund-raising objective, LCIF and Lions have an opportunity to continue the great work of the Foundation, while identifying areas for expansion, new initiatives for consideration and innovative ways to engage Lions and clubs in the work of LCIF. The development plan also calls for increased communication to make Lions and non-Lions worldwide better aware of the humanitarian service that LCIF provides.

In order to facilitate this process, LCIF is seeking guidance in the development of a new case for LCIF that represents the philanthropic interests of Lions worldwide. This guidance will enable LCIF and Lions to be more deliberate in their service, defining a mission for the Foundation that best positions Lions to have an even greater humanitarian impact. The following document is designed to stimulate discussion and feedback, specifically regarding the core mission of the Foundation, areas in which LCIF has the capacity to grow and initiatives that Lions most want to support.

LCIF's Current Missions

LCIF is associated with a wide variety of humanitarian projects, representing the various ways in which Lions serve. In order to identify the core mission of LCIF and to consider future possibilities, it's

important to understand the multiple missions in which LCIF is currently engaged.

Since 1968, LCIF has provided funding in the form of grants to assist Lions clubs and districts with humanitarian projects too large for Lions to finance on their own. Over time, LCIF has received more than US\$600 million from individual Lions and clubs, as well as non-Lions, corporations, foundations and governments. In turn, LCIF has awarded more than 9,000 grants totaling nearly US\$650 million. These funds have been used to support a variety of humanitarian initiatives. In particular, LCIF supports programs that preserve sight, combat disability, provide disaster relief, serve youth and support education, promote health and offer international assistance throughout the world.

Preserving Sight

Lions and LCIF are leaders in the restoration and preservation of sight. The world's largest and most efficient blindness-prevention program, SightFirst, is LCIF's flagship sight initiative. SightFirst is the only service activity that Lions do worldwide, making it a critical and well-known part of our Foundation. Through the SightFirst program, Lions restore vision through cataract surgeries, prevent blindness through the distribution of medication, improve and expand eye-care facilities, train eye-care workers and support low-vision centers. Lions Eye Health Program prevents vision loss caused by diabetic

retinopathy and glaucoma by promoting eye-health awareness in developed countries. The accomplishments of SightFirst are numerous, including the prevention of vision loss for 30 million people and the improvement of eye-care services for hundreds of millions more.

Additionally, other LCIF sight programs fund local eye banks and eye-care foundations, provide pre-school vision screenings and support Lions' well-known eyeglass collection and recycling programs. Through partnerships with Merck, Johnson and Johnson, Pfizer, The Carter Center, the World Health Organization and other powerful corporations and organizations, LCIF has been established as a global leader in the battle for sight.

Combating Disability

Through LCIF, Lions are empowering those with disabilities to lead more independent, productive and fulfilling lives. LCIF has been committed to assisting people with disabilities through grants that build or expand schools and vocational training centers. Since 2001, the Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program has screened more than 100,000 athletes, providing diagnosis for vision-related problems, as well as corrective and protective eyewear. The program also teaches and prepares vision specialists, including professors and students, on how to better care for this underserved population.

LCIF has also partnered with Habitat for Humanity to fund the construction of 1,000 homes for people with disabilities. Finally, the Lions' Affordable Hearing Aid Project provides high-quality, affordable hearing aids to low-income individuals within the United States.

Providing Disaster Relief

Whether a flood in a local community or a large-scale global catastrophe, Lions are the "first in" and "last out" when a natural disaster strikes. LCIF funding enables Lions to meet needs in the immediate aftermath of a disaster by providing food, medicine and clothing. Long-term efforts help rebuild communities through housing reconstruction and social services. LCIF provided more than US\$15 million in relief after the Southeast Asia Tsunami, more than US\$3 million after the Sichuan (China) earthquake and in the United States, Lions mobilized more than US\$5 million to assist those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, LCIF has provided hundreds of grants each year for local disasters around the world.

Serving Youth and Supporting Education

All over the world, Lions are bettering the future for children by providing improved education and health services. LCIF provides grants that build schools, camps, libraries, resource centers and shelters for children across the globe.

Lions' projects improve access to primary education and support literacy programs. Lions Quest, a life-skills curriculum utilized in 54 countries, teaches responsible decision-making, effective communication and drug-abuse prevention. LCIF believes in the importance of providing youth with the support and resources they need to succeed in life.

Promoting Health

LCIF's health initiatives encompass much more than sight. LCIF provides grants that support blood banks, cancer centers, pediatric wards and other health-related needs. This support improves access to health care and upgrades equipment and facilities in areas of great need.

Offering International Assistance

LCIF facilitates partnerships between Lions clubs in developed countries and clubs in lesser-developed areas. LCIF International Assistance grants are one way clubs partner to provide a variety of humanitarian service, including: basic health care; education and literacy; clean water and sanitation; and environmental protection. Together, LCIF and Lions are partnering to improve communities around the world.

Opportunities for the Future

The expansion of LCIF, both financially and programmatically, requires Lions to carefully consider a strategic plan for the future of

their Foundation. There are a variety of ways to continue and expand the programs listed above, but which programs best fulfill the mission of the Foundation? There are new and existing opportunities for service, but through which of these opportunities are Lions best equipped to serve? Lions are involved in many philanthropic activities, but what are the initiatives that truly inspire the support of thousands of Lions around the world? Through this study, LCIF and Lions can answer these questions and develop a case that is consistent with the funding priorities of Lions worldwide and the needs of those we hope to serve.

The opportunities for the future of LCIF also include a chance to be more deliberate in both the purpose of LCIF and its programmatic priorities. Historically, LCIF has participated in primarily responsive charity. As the Foundation moves forward, better-defined strategic objectives will enable Lions to go beyond purely charitable grant making and begin affecting long-term, sustainable change. Lions' transformative work can expand into newly identified areas of need where LCIF and Lions can have a meaningful impact. A clear, consistent mission for LCIF will have numerous benefits for both the Foundation and the entire association.

A more clearly focused LCIF has the potential to attract a new generation of members with a more global worldview.

Communities today extend beyond village, city and country. The future of Lions is in those members who want to serve their community, both locally and globally. As LCIF and Lions continue their work in local communities, the possibility of having a greater impact in the world community will coincide with the revitalization of the Lions' brand. Additionally, a better-defined mission and greater impact would continue to elevate the Lions name in the global community, promoting name recognition and awareness of our work. Finally, it's important for the Foundation to consider a mission that continues to facilitate programming with meaningful impact and measurable results.

Conclusion

LCIF and Lions, and the great service they provide together, is at a crossroads. The work of LCIF has always sought to improve lives, whether through building a new school or providing cataract surgeries to those in need, but with expansion comes new opportunities for service. A stronger LCIF that is committed to a core mission has the power to transform all aspects of Lionism – from membership to the way that Lions serve. Input from many Lions, representing the 1.3 million members around the world, is critical to developing a strategic plan for LCIF's future of service. Please complete the electronic survey to help us shape the future. The survey can be accessed through

the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Hj3v0_2fNoHBaLIRuDd42cuw_3d_3d

Thank you, in advance, for your advice and consideration.

Lions Clubs International
Privacy Policy:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/lionsclubs_privacy_policy.pdf

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GALEP

GREATER AKRON LIONS
EYECARE PROGRAM

P.O. BOX 74
AKRON, OHIO 44309

December 4, 2008

The Greater Akron Lions Eyecare Program (GALEP) was conceived in November, 1978. Since that time, through the generous donations of individuals and the Northeast Ohio Lions Clubs, GALEP raised over \$1,000,000. Those funds provided over 10,000 eye

exams, over 10,000 pairs of eyeglasses and countless eye surgeries.

In recent years our organization has not been able to maintain a sufficient level of annual donations to match our annual costs. In addition, we have seen a decline in the number of individuals willing to serve as eyesight chairmen, officers, and directors. The number of volunteer hours required to run GALEP has increased as our organization has grown. Unfortunately, the number of volunteers and the number of hours volunteers are willing to donate has steadily decreased.

Therefore, at the December 1, 2008 GALEP Board of Directors meeting a discussion was held regarding GALEP's future. The Board of Directors voted to disband GALEP as of the close of the business meeting. The current officers will work to ensure an orderly closing of The Greater Akron Lions Eyecare Program. Upon payment of all outstanding bills, any remaining GALEP funds will be given to The Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. The GALEP Board of Directors wishes to thank all of our donors, supporters, vendors and volunteers for our success.

May no person be deprived of the gift of sight.

Yours in Lionism,

Jim Lostetter
President
Sheldon K. Rininger
Treasurer

GALEP Response

To: Lions of District 13-C

GREATER AKRON LIONS EYECARE PROGRAM

At the December 1, 2008
GALEP Board of Directors
meeting, two resolutions were
passed by the 11 Board
members present:

Resolution 1 – Termination of
Summa Hospital Contract for
Services between Summa
Hospital and GALEP

Resolution 2 – Disband GALEP
operations.

The below signed Lions are of
the opinion that the eye care
services which were provided
by GALEP are too important to
be discontinued and are
discussing the reorganization of
the program in order that
greater Akron area persons in
need may obtain eye exams and
prescription eyeglasses.

Hopefully, we can have the
reorganized program in
operation by March of 2009.

We request your support in this
endeavor and request any
comments which you may have
concerning this matter.

DG Dona Klages
IPDG Maggie Dellmore
VDG, PDG Grant Frazier
Lion Ray Dellmore
Lion Neil Sheeley

Club News

Mogadore

Our annual fundraiser to
support our scholarship fund is
the sale of live Christmas trees.
Our lot is located at the
intersection of Cleveland
Avenue (SR 532) and
Mogadore Road in Mogadore.
We are across the street from
Speedway.

Our lot opened Saturday,
November 29, 2008. The lot is
open weekdays from 1 pm until
9 pm; weekends from 9 am to 9
pm

Scotch Pines are from 5 feet to
7 feet tall; Frazier Furs are 3 1/2
feet to 8 feet tall. Prices range
from \$25.00 to \$45.00.

Please include this information
in the newsletter. Mogadore
Lions Club appreciate the
support of our fellow Lions.

Respectfully,

King Lion Charles Rogers

Cuyahoga Falls

LIONS WEBSITE: Please
visit our CUYAHOGA FALLS
LIONS CLUB website. The
address is
www.cuyahogafallslionsclub.org
[g](http://www.cuyahogafallslionsclub.org). As our book markers did not
have the complete web address
printed on them, the site is also
available at
www.cuyahogafallslions.org. It
is updated frequently, thanks to
our Webmaster, Lion Rick
Sabo. There are links to other

Lions websites as well. Lion
Rick is also posting this
Newsletter on our website each
month.

CALENDAR

February, 2009

19 - Cabinet Meeting – Crowne
Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.

March , 2009

6 – Don Maletz Memorial
Reverse Raffle – Guy’s Party
Center – Sponsored by Medina
Lions

May, 2009

1,2,3 – District Convention –
Crowne Plaza, Middleburg
Hgts.
20-25 – National Blind Bowling
Tournament

June, 2009

4- Cabinet Meeting – Crowne
Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.

Editor’s Note

As your Bulletin Editor, I want
to wish you all a happy and safe
Holiday Season, and a healthy
and happy New Year.

Lion Dick Abrams



2009 Don Maletz Memorial Reverse Raffle

Sponsored by the Medina Lions. A great annual tradition!
Buffet Dinner for Two Only \$85, \$65 for One*
Includes Beer, Wine, Mixed & Soft Drinks
and a Chance at

\$2500 Main Board!

ONLY 200 MAIN BOARD TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
Plus many other valuable prizes

*\$45 for those who can't attend but want a chance at the main board

Friday March 6,, 2009, Guy's Party Centre 500 E. Waterloo Road (at I-77) Akron

Open Bar & Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6:30 pm * Dinner at 8:00

\$1000 Side Board Tickets Available NOW! \$10 Each.
\$2009 \$300, & \$500 Side Board Tickets Available at Raffle
Plus Bingo with 50/50 Split!

Splits Possible on all Boards (5 Finalists Decide) Except \$1 000 Side Board Where One Winner Takes All!

Order your special numbers early!

We'll do what we can to get them for you.
Just use the enclosed order form or contact any Medina Lion.

Thank you for your participation. Proceeds benefit those in need.

Ticket Order Form

Don Maletz Memorial Reverse Raffle

Friday, March 6, 2009

My		Total
	Tickets for Reverse Raffle including 2 Dinners	@ \$85
	Tickets for Reverse Raffle including 1 Dinner	@ \$65
	Tickets for Reverse Raffle only	@ \$45
	<i>(For those who can't attend but want a chance on Main Board)</i>	
	Tickets for \$1000 Side Board (Pre-Sale)	@ \$10

Your Name
Address

TOTAL ORDER \$

Phone

Main Board Ticket numbers preferred (not guaranteed).

If NO Preference, Check Here

Only 200 Main Board Tickets will be sold. We'll do what we can to get your preferred numbers for you.

\$1000 Side Board Ticket numbers preferred (not guaranteed).

If NO Preference, Check Here

Only 200 \$ 1000 Side Board Tickets will be sold, We 'll do what we can to get your preferred numbers for you.

**ORDERS FOR PREFERRED TICKET NUMBERS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY
JAN. 23-2009 ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEB, 20, 2009**

Make Checks Payable To: Medina Lions Reverse Raffle

Send To:

MEDINA LIONS RAFFLE
Chairman Basil Guild
7277 Bear Swamp Rd.
Wadsworth, OH 44281

If questions or to
reserve a table for 8,
Call: Basil Guild at
440-346-7296