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District Governor's Report

From Maggie's Corner

This is the last bulletin that I will be writing to you as District Governor. I want to thank everyone for their support and kindness the past three years. Lion Ray and I have met a lot of interesting Lions and have made many new friends.

Even though we did not make my goal of 100 new members, I think the District should feel good about the year. Unless something unusual happens between now and the end of June, we will have a plus membership for the year. When I get the final figures, I will let you know what they are.

State Convention - We missed all of you. We enjoyed the weekend in Columbus, meeting old friends and making new ones. The new accommodations were a nice change. The Governor's roast went well and we all had a good time.

The paid extension person has been approved by International and is available for our use to help form new Clubs. The cost will be picked up by International and will not be

paid for by the States. Vice District Governor Elect, Lion Dona will have more information on this as her year progresses.

Recognition Dinner - Please mark your calendars for Thursday, July 17, 2008. We are going to have a recognition dinner to be held at the Willoughby Hills Community Center. The cost for dinner will be \$12.00, prepared and served by Sophia's Catering. We will be recognizing Lions who have not received the recognition they deserve for projects or things they have accomplished during the past year. If you have any questions regarding this event, please give me a call (440) 942-2816. Additional information will be forwarded to the individual Clubs. Hope to see you there.

Again, thanks to all of you for what you do for Lionism.

Governor Maggie

Governor-Elect Report

“Goals are dreams with deadlines”

I've heard that “time fly's when your having fun”. Well I'm here

to tell you that is really true. When DG Maggie and PDG Grant asked me to run for Deputy District Governor I thought two years to prepare would seem like a long time. Boy was I mistaken.

As another Lions year draws to a close, I have been thinking about the past two years and all of the new Lions friends that we have met.

Lion Jim and I have had a lot of fun visiting some of the clubs and getting to know the Lions of 13-C.

As you know, the International Convention and the District Governors training are coming up. I will be leaving for Thailand on Sunday June 15 and am looking forward to learning more about my responsibilities to District 13-C and how I can serve you, the members, better.

I am working on developing my goals for 2008-2009 and I would like you to give some thought to what you would like to see your club or the District do this next year. If you have any special ideas you would like to share, please email me. I would like to hear your ideas. Next month starts a new Lions year and we are looking forward to working with all the Lions in 13-C to help our District grow and become the strongest district possible. We can achieve this by developing new clubs and service projects in our communities.

It is going to take lots of hard work and some time, but I am confident that if we work together we can achieve this.

Remember: **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

THANK YOU FOR ALL
THAT YOU DO
DGE Dona

Vice Governor Elect's Report

Lion Shirley and I hope all our Lions are having a fun-filled summer. This coming year as your Vice Governor we are looking forward to seeing each and every Lion once again. I know that working with DG Dona and Jim and DDG Marty and Dick, we will have a strong team, and we encourage all Lions to speak up. This organization is yours and no one but yours! Together we can and will make it strong - apart we will fail!

An example of Lions working together - the Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Hospital held its charitable gambling in the Flats, for four nights, with the help of many Lions and non-Lions. We did well, but let me say that without the non-Lions, the Eye Clinic would not have done nearly as well. As Lions, we must try harder.

Yours in Lionism.
VDG Grant & Shirley Frazier

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

ON A POSITIVE NOTE:
District 13-C had an increase of 7 new members since the April

filings. We are presently at **1,119 Members**; a little short of our goal of 1,250.

But, recruitment is an ongoing process; we can never become complacent; members will come and go; we need to be vigilant and keep sharing Lionism and keep **ASKING**.

CONGRATULATIONS

only 2 clubs are not current with Membership Reporting for 2008. **THANK YOU** to the Club Secretaries who have been filing on a timely basis; **THANK YOU** to the Club Secretaries who started filing on a timely basis; and I **encourage the 2 remaining clubs** to join the band wagon; it is so easy--only a click away.

FYI: Membership Retention will be an additional focus this coming year. I look forward to bigger and better things from the Lions of 13-C.

Yours in Lionsim,
Lion Wallie Burnett
District Membership
Chair/State Membership
Representative.

USA/Canada Forum:

To get price break on registration fee, please register before June 15th!

32nd Annual
USA/Canada Lions
Leadership Forum
September 18-20, 2008
**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan,
Canada**

All the information on the Forum can be found at:

<http://usacanadalionsforum.org>

Register now!

Please share this information with the members of your club.

Seminars List has been updated. Check out all 58 seminars:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/seminars.html>

Forum Timeline for help in planning your trip:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/timeline.html>

Registration Form to print off or register online at:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/registration.html>

To help with your travel plans, we have an official travel agency:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/travelagency.html>

Don't forget to plan some local tours:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/localtours.html>

Host Committee is planning special events:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/host.html>

32nd Annual USA/Canada
Lions Leadership Forum

Dear Club Officers:

This is the last membership-focused newsletter of our leadership year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and dedication as we have striven to embrace the challenge to change. I could not be more proud of what we have accomplished together.

I have had the privilege of visiting Lions in nearly 40 countries and I can tell you that Lions the world over are committed to evolving and adapting so that our light of service shines as brightly in the 21st century as it did in the 20th.

The totals in the most recent membership reports are much more than encouraging. They are spectacular! Since we began our efforts in Chicago last July worldwide membership in Lions Clubs International has risen by 19,182. We are 8,819 ahead of last year's total at this time, virtually assuring that, for the first time in recent memory, we will most likely end the year with a membership that is larger and stronger than the previous year.

Congratulations! You have made this happen. It is clear that your individual efforts to strengthen your club have contributed to a worldwide change in the way that Lions Clubs are perceived in their communities.

A large part of this change is due to the [growing number of women](#) in our membership. I am very pleased to report that today, nearly one of every five Lions is a woman and I am proud to say that they are contributing out of proportion to their numbers. They are providing new ideas, assuming leadership positions and invigorating clubs with their energy and enthusiasm. I know that this trend will continue to the benefit of clubs everywhere and to the entire association.

Across the globe Lions clubs are becoming younger and more diverse. Our new membership paradigm has yielded more than [110,000 family memberships](#) throughout Lions Clubs International, including more than 1,000 new Lions between the ages of [18 and 29](#). Again, congratulations on your success! As impressive as these statistics are, to have a lasting impact on our association and our communities, we must consolidate and preserve what we have gained. It is imperative to ensure the ongoing interest and commitment of old and new members by fulfilling the promise of a 21st century Lions Club.

Are your members' needs being met? Does everyone have an opportunity for meaningful, hands-on participation? Are meetings brief and engaging? Are new members being mentored and encouraged to grow as Lions? The time to ask these questions is now, so that you can provide a vital

“snapshot” of your club to next year’s leaders.

Although our leadership year is rapidly coming to a close, our responsibilities have not yet ended. As Lions, our greatest responsibility is to [the blind people of the world](#) and those in danger of becoming blind. This year we have done much to fulfill that responsibility by exceeding the US\$150 million minimum goal (now at \$165 million as of May 3) in [Campaign SightFirst II](#). The worldwide CSFII week in May was a great success and moved us closer to our US\$200 million challenge goal. Adding this historic achievement to our leadership legacy is within reach! In fact, if every club throughout Lions Clubs International were to dedicate one [Melvin Jones Fellowship](#) to Campaign SightFirst II, we would surpass our goal by an impressive margin. I urge you and your club to consider taking this step on behalf of the world’s blind and our oldest and most honored service tradition.

Finally it is our responsibility to end the year on a positive note and ensure that the momentum of our hard work carries forward into the coming year. Please be sure that the [incoming leadership](#) is well prepared to build upon our successes.

I thank you again for being part of this very important year in Lions’ history. I hope to see many of you in [Bangkok](#) where we will celebrate our great success in Campaign SightFirst II.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President

Update:

Vision for All: A CSFII Challenge for Lions

Lions have surpassed their US\$150 million minimum goal, but Lions’ efforts to reach US\$200 million challenge goal will result in many more millions of individuals receiving the SightFirst treatment, surgeries and screenings that will save or restore their sight.

In these final weeks of CSFII, [club commitments and pledges](#) will allow clubs to raise more funds over time and provide sight to many more individuals. Can your club be the Lions to help surpass Campaign SightFirst II’s challenge goal?

- **Less than 45 days remain to save sight** and be a part of Lions’ CSFII success.
- **Only 65 more Lions clubs are needed** to surpass CSFII’s 3,000 Model Club goal by the end of June 2008. Can your club accept the Model Club challenge?
- If every Lions club around the world designated **one additional Melvin Jones Fellowship to CSFII**, Lions would surpass their US\$200 million “Vision for All” challenge goal.

Visit www.lions-csfii.org to learn more how your service through a pledge can provide sight.

[LCI Web site Links](#)

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_women.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_family.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_student.shtml

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_index.shtml

<http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/index.shtml>

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_don_melvin.shtml

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/le1.pdf>

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_convention.shtml

http://www.lions-csfii.org/assets/forms/clubforms/donor_card_web.pdf

http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/model_clubs.shtml

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/lcif42m.pdf>

Dear Fellow Lions,

I want to update you on LCIF’s response to the devastating 7.9 magnitude earthquake that struck central China on Monday, May 12. LCIF is mobilizing US\$1.5 million to aid Lions-led relief efforts in China .

Lions and LCIF are already responding to the powerful, massive earthquake. Lions in Hong Kong and Macau have raised US\$600,000 and LCIF has committed an initial grant of US\$500,000 to address

immediate needs and provide medicines, clothing, blankets, water purification and temporary housing.

Local Lions have already sent 5,000 tents for displaced victims, and more are on the way. Through a vast network of Lions clubs members in Hong Kong and China , Lions and LCIF are also dispatching relief teams to the affected areas to deliver supplies and assist with hands-on relief efforts.

The Foundation expects donations from Lions around the world to surpass US\$400,000 in the first week. Your donations will support both immediate and long-term reconstruction efforts. Every dollar that you donate will go directly toward the relief efforts in China . Please visit the [LCIF Web site](#) to contribute.

For more information about LCIF's relief efforts for the Chinese earthquake, please view the [Foundation's Web site](#). This page will continue to be updated regularly with response efforts. Please distribute this release to your local media.

Together, Lions can bring a sense of hope and healing to those greatly affected by this disaster.

Yours in Lionism,

Jimmy M. Ross
Chairperson, LCIF

**Lions Eye Clinic at St
Vincent's Charity Hospital –
Charitable Gambling**

I wish to thank each and every one of you who participated in this great event.

Many, many thanks to all Lions and Lions' friends as well other charitable groups who helped make our Charity Gambling a success!!! All the bills have not been submitted as yet, but it looks like we may do better than last year. If we do better it is only because of the greater number of volunteer hours this year. A more detailed report will follow, but for now...THANKS!!!!!!!!!!!!

May 19, 2008

**MEMBERSHIP
RETENTION FROM A
CLUB
MEMBERS POINT OF
REVIEW**

By Lion Neil Sheeley
North Royalton Lions Club

I would have to guess that tens of thousands of dollars have been spent on programs to increase membership in Lions clubs and an infinite number of hours have been devoted by Lions throughout the United States encouraging clubs to seek new members.

Well - maybe the real emphasis, time, and money should be spent on **retention**. Bringing in new members means nothing if the clubs are unwilling to do what is necessary to keep new members.

New members need to be allowed to make mistakes and to learn. The new members need to feel that they are part of the club. Cliques need to be avoided.

Each person who joins Lions has their own reasons for joining, but most want to give back to the community and to do good works. They did not join to be yelled at or ridiculed or treated badly.

Each person who joins Lions has so much time to give to volunteer work and they need to balance their volunteerism with work, family, children, and other commitments. We can not expect every person who joins a Lions club to give equally in time or money to the Lions. All club members need to accept whatever time and money a new or old member gives to the mission of Lions.

Every member, new or old, needs to feel that they are part of the club and its mission, without fear that older members will criticize them for mistakes made. It is through the mistakes that we learn.

**Lion Neil Sheeley on Ohio
Sales Tax**

**OHIO SALES TAX AND
YOUR LIONS CLUB:**

Sales of Tangible Personal
Property

All sales of tangible personal property except those specifically exempted under the Ohio Revised Code are subject to Ohio sales tax.

Exempted Sales

Organizations exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3) are permitted six sales tax free days annually on items sold for benefit of the organization. Lions clubs are 501(c)(4) tax exempts and are not exempted from the Ohio sales tax.

Casual Sale

Sale of personal property acquired for personal use and then sold at a location which can not be defined as a permanent trade location and which can not be defined as the "carrying on of a trade or business". Best example is a garage sale held once or twice per year. Sales of registered motor vehicles are never considered casual sales.

Purchases of Tangible Personal Property

501(c) (3) tax exempt organizations are exempt from Ohio sales tax on purchases of tangible personal property made in the name of the tax exempt entity and to be used for the charitable purposes of the tax exempt entity. Lions clubs are 501(c) (4) entities and are not granted this exemption.

Blanket Exemption Certificate

The vendor or seller of tangible personal property is required to collect Ohio sales tax under Ohio Revised Code Section 5739 and remit the collected taxes on a regular prescribed basis, unless the seller has obtained a Blanket Exemption Certificate from the purchaser of the property. The Blanket Exemption Certificate protects the seller of taxable goods and services and places the burden

upon the purchaser who by signing the certificate states they are not subject to Ohio sales tax under a specific section of Ohio Revised Code Section 5739.

Any purchaser who falsely initiates a Blanket Exemption Certificate may be subject to the full remittance of any sales taxes due without the certificate as well as penalties, interest and possibly other actions by the Ohio Attorney General's office.

Lions in the News

Memorial Day project will be dedicated May 26 at NR Cemetery

By ZEPHYLU KHOOBLALL
Contributing Writer - Royalton Recorder

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. This Memorial Day, Monday May 26 at 9 a.m., at the North Royalton Cemetery, the Lions Club will be dedicating its Memorial Flag Project to all who have served in the military.

Fred DeAnna, the Memorial Flag Project chairman, is a veteran of the Marine Corps himself. Having served from 1952 to 1955 in areas including Korea and Hawaii, DeAnna never saw combat, but he knew some young men who perished. They were his inspiration for this memorial. He estimates that he has been thinking about this idea for at least five years, but

only recently did he introduce his proposal to his fellow Lions.

Out of the 42 members in the North Royalton Lions Club, five belong to this project's planning committee, and all 42 are involved in its construction. There has been no outside collaboration with this project's planning. The memorial was even designed by a Lion, who happens to be an architect.

"Seven of us were out there tonight with a pick and shovel," DeAnna said when he was asked if the Lions themselves were getting their hands dirty.

The area of the cemetery intended for the project was donated by the City of North Royalton. Measurements on the site began last June.

Construction officially began on April 19 when seven flagpoles were installed in the southwest corner of the cemetery. Seven representative flags will wave this Memorial Day in honor of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Prisoners of War, and our nation.

Part two of the construction includes a walkway, brick pavers, and landscaping. More information is available on the Lions Club website www.northroyaltonlions.org.

DeAnna says he hopes to see everyone at the dedication ceremony on Memorial Day to honor all our fallen heroes.

Club News

Cuyahoga Falls

MELVIN JONES AWARD:

The Committee to select another MELVIN JONES selectee comprised of Lions Kathy Hummel, Kenny Shoemaker and Sid Baker have met and made their selection. We are pleased to announce that Lion Jerry Jones has been selected to receive this great honor. Congratulations Lion Jerry! This is an honor greatly deserved.

LIONS WEBSITE: We now have a CUYAHOGA FALLS LIONS CLUB website. Its address is 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.

Please visit the site, as 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.

ROCKIN ON THE RIVER:

On July 18th your Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club is scheduled to serve the beer at ROCKIN ON THE RIVER. There will be three (3) beer wagons with five (5) taps each. We will need between ten (10) and fourteen (14) volunteers for each beer wagon. We will need four (4) experienced people on the beer taps, four(4) people serving the customers and (2) people moving the beer from the tapped beer table to the serving table. The other four (4) volunteers will be needed to give others a break when

needed. So we are looking for forty (40) volunteers in total for the evening. We will meet with Bob Early at 4:30P.M. so he can lay down the ground rules and then start serving at 5:00 P.M. until 10:30P.M. Remember there are three primary rules. 1. No drinking of beer while serving. 2. No giving away of beer and 3. No giving away of tokens. If you want to drink a beer you must step outside the serving area, buy a token and drink your beer away from the beer wagon. We have five(5) weeks to line up our volunteers so call your friends and relatives and call Lion Syd Baker with your list of volunteers. You can reach Lion Syd at (330) 655-3543.

Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity is building a house at 895 Thorp St. in Akron over Father’s Day weekend. They need volunteers on Friday June 13th to help from 8:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. No power tools will be needed, only hand tools. Lunch will be provided. If you wish to help you can call King Lion Rick Sabo at (330) 926-0861

HELP FOR OUR SERVICE

MEN: Our newest Lion, Joe Bettio informs us that there is an organization in the Akron area called Three Duces, that provides many free services to area service men and women and their families. These services include such things as psychiatric help, household repairs and many others. If you know of anyone who has a husband or wife on active duty or a service man or woman who has returned from active duty, who needs help of any type, please give Lion Joe a call at

(330)929-0546 or (330) 655-2933

Stow/Munroe Falls

Sold hanging baskets and potted plants - \$6500

Presented 8 Stolion Awards at High School

CALENDAR

June:

23 thru 27 - International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

July

26 - Ohio Lions Night at the Cleveland Indians

September

Bus trip to USA Canada Forum in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



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