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District Governor's Report

Dear MD 13-C Lions,

While pondering my thoughts of what I wanted to write in this month's district bulletin, I think the most appropriate would be to "thank" all of you for a memorable year as your District Governor. Both Lion Dick and I have experienced some wonderful club visits, officer installations, charter nights, and fund raisers throughout our district. We were privileged to have met new Lions along the way and learned of their reasons for joining our wonderful organization. These are fond memories that will last for a very long time.

One of life's distressful times is losing someone to death, and our district has unfortunately lost many of our long-time Lions this year. Whether these Lions served as a club member/officer or on our district cabinet, they were special to us and we will miss them.

The district is revitalizing our membership numbers with the formation of the Parma Hills Lions Club! We have recently submitted the application for their charter of 20 new Lions and will keep you all apprised of the charter night plans. A special "thank you" goes to Michael Lupico of Parma who has been the driving force to make this club a reality. Michael will be inducted as the new club's president and the club's assigned Guiding Lion is Neil Sheeley of the North Royalton Lions. It's an exciting time for our district and we hope you will support their endeavors within the months and years to come.

Lion Dick and I attended the recent Cleveland Sight Center's "White Cane Walk" in Westlake. What a wonderful experience! Thanks to DG-elect Lion Mary, Lion Neil Sheeley and Lion Judy Sklarek, we represented our district Lions at the publicity table. We met so many great individuals who praised our

organization for what we do for those who are visually impaired or completely blind. Sylvia Snyder, who works for the Cleveland Sight Center, was very accommodating to us and in fact, Sylvia will be the Membership Chairman for the new Parma Hills Club! 😊

Congratulations to Lion Ray Dellmore and his Sight & Hearing Committee for finalizing the grant and the equipment (auto refractors) for our ten districts! Lion Ray now has our district's Welsh/Allyn Suresights equipment (auto refractor) and will be scheduling demonstrations and training within the months to come. It's a wonderful program to bring our Lions into the forefront once again to help our young people.

Well, as the song goes... "goodnight Sweetheart, well it's time to go"... I have enjoyed the "ride" as your District Governor and as I mentioned at our district's convention, it's going to be a bittersweet time for me. I have enjoyed everything about this position - many hours, days and weeks were absorbed to represent our Lions within so many ways, but it was all worth it! Congratulations to DG-elect Mary, 1st VDG-elect Dan and 2nd VDG-elect Wallie.

We have a fine district of clubs and Lions who provide their communities with help in so many ways. Keep it going...Keep it fresh...and Keep committing yourself to those who need our help.

Finally, thanks to our dear departed PDG Don Maletz (my mentor) - you made these past 3 years the best because of your belief in me. 🙏😊🙏

Until we meet again, stay happy and healthy,

DG Marty and Lion Dick Dennis

First Vice District Governor's Report

Someone preparing to become a new Governor will invariably have aspirations and expectations that they wish to accomplish over the coming year, and of course, I have a few myself. I would like to share one of mine with you now. I believe that one of the primary goals for our District is to build on our existing Clubs, increase membership and form Leo Clubs. You have all heard this before ad nauseam. However, I would like to make this my goal for the coming year and have written it into my Goal Statement, which is: **To form a collaborative relationship with other non-profit organizations that will**

provide opportunities for Lions to assist in providing service to the community, build a relationship with children, increase Club Membership, and create Leo Clubs in District 13-C.

In pursuit of this goal, I have talked with the regional representatives from a group called Project Linus (www.projectlinus.org). This organization makes blankets and quilts for children in need. These blankets are distributed to local organizations that serve children, including children's hospitals, pediatric units, Red Cross, and Children Who Witness Violence, to name a few. My sister Susan has been working with Project Linus in North Carolina for a number of years, and she has been bringing these projects to 7th and 8th graders, providing them with instructions, materials and motivation. These children have been creating beautiful quilts for the benefit of others. I believe Project Linus would be a perfect partner for Lions and a great way to get our Clubs involved with youth. I believe Project Linus would give us the involvement with children who could easily transition into a Leo Club. It would also give us an opportunity to meet with the parents and teachers who could also become Lions. At the first Cabinet meeting for the new fiscal year, August 18, 2011, I have invited a representative from Project Linus to speak briefly on their organization and help you understand their mission. I am hoping that I can encourage you to consider this

project and believe, as I do, that it is worth trying. If we can get a few Clubs to incorporate this project as a way to provide service to the community and build a relationship with children we can again have Leo Clubs active in our District.



These are examples of Project Linus quilts made by children in the 7th grade at the Exploris Middle School in Raleigh, NC. Please consider working with Project Linus, and please

contact me if you have any questions.

1st VDG/DGe Mary Chentnik

Second Vice District Governor's Report

1st VDGe Report

As we start the new Lion year, I want to thank Governor Marty for the fine job she has done for 13-C. She is not going away. As we move on, Lion Marty [soon to be PDG Marty] will be our district GLT liaison with the state. I wish her all the luck she needs.

The upcoming year should be a great one with Lion Mary at the helm. I'm looking forward to working with her and 2VDGe Wallie for the 2011-2012 year. Remember this...we need to recruit new members at a 7% rate just to maintain our current numbers!

The State Convention was held at the end of May and was a good one. In the future years we will be trying to get more of our own lions to become more interested in what goes on beyond your clubs. We need to try to increase our attendance at the State and District conventions. There is always something to learn at these events and the fellowship is wonderful...and this year I can talk!!

The VDG training was held June 4-5 at Salt Fork Park and was well attended. I am looking forward to my visitations to the clubs I did not get to visit last year. Again Lion Andy Kolbus will be my scheduler so please treat him with all due respect.

Let Lion Mary or myself know if there is anything we can help you with for your clubs.

Yours in Lionism,



1st VDGe Lion Dan Lester

CABINET TREASURER COMMENTS

DISCLOSURE OF CLUB FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Per the Internal Revenue Code: "Exempt organizations **must** make available for public inspection certain annual returns and applications for exemption, and must provide copies of such returns and applications to individuals who request them. Copies usually must be provided immediately in the case of in-person requests, and within 30 days in the case of written requests."

It has come to my attention that some club officers have been reluctant to provide financial information to their dues paying club members, when such information is requested.

The club's financial information is public record and the officers of the organization have a responsibility to provide that information when requested by

a member of the public or by a club member, subject to protection of certain information such as federal identification numbers, social security numbers, bank account numbers, and private personal information.

Club Treasurers do not need to be accountants, bookkeepers, or even work in the financial field. A check register can often be sufficient disclosure as long as it is complete and provides adequate disclosure of the financial activities of the organization. Copies of bank statements with the account numbers redacted can also provide adequate disclosure.

Computer programs such as Quicken, QuickBooks, Peachtree, and similar software provide a simple and relatively inexpensive method of maintaining the financial records of the club. Intuit provides, at no cost, an abbreviated QuickBooks program called Simple Start which would provide more than adequate financial records.

It is important to maintain a healthy club by making all club members aware of the financial activities of the club. Withholding financial information breeds mistrust and suspicion.

Lion Neil Sheeley
Cabinet Treasurer

Membership Chairman Report

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

It has been my pleasure to serve as Membership Chairperson for the past five years and write the Membership Moments. Now it is time to move on and start a new journey as 2ndVDG and serve the District in a different way. I will still be available for any questions or assistance that you may need regarding membership recruitment and/or retention. I am just an email or phone call away. Always remember that the best way to recruit is ASK, ASK, ASK. You never know who will say YES.

I look forward to visiting the clubs down "south" of me; a phone call or email will be coming soon. As always, yours in Lionism, 2nd VDG **Wallie**

Lion Wallie Burnett
Membership Chairman

GALEP Report

GALEP ACTIVITIES

GALEP held its Board meeting June 6, 2011 at Tallmadge Lions Hall with 20 Lions in attendance.

President Elect Lion Jeff Ennis
It was with sadness that we lost Lion Jeff Ennis MAY 19th. Over 40 Lions attended the special Lions funeral service in Akron on May 23rd.

Election of GALEP President
Lion John Tigie advised that since Lion Jeff had not yet taken office, the election of Jeff

as President of GALEP is considered invalid and a new election for President was required.

Nominations from the floor for President include Lions Maggie Dellmore and James Lostetter.

Lion Maggie Dellmore was elected GALEP President for the 2011/2013 term.

Officers for the 2011-2013 Term.

President

Lion Maggie Dellmore

Vice President

Lion Walter Park

Secretary

Lion Ray Dellmore

Treasurer

Lion Neil Sheeley

GALEP Code of Regulations

Lions John Tigie, Dona Klages, Bill Hixon, and Maggie Dellmore are to meet and consider amendments to the 2011 Code of Regulations with respect to the (1) election of officers, (2) revisions for the reduction of zones from 6 to 5, (3) codification of the Review Committee authority and responsibilities, (4) any other areas which need updating.

PREVENT BLINDNESS OHIO(PBO)

PDG Dona Klages explained the relationship between PBO and the Eye Clinics, clarifying that both GALEP and St Vincent programs are Referring Agencies for PBO and may refer applications for eye

examinations and eyeglasses to PBO.

The agency relationship is not a contractual relationship and does not commit either organization with any financial obligations.

It is anticipated that the PBO relationship will free up funds for cataract surgeries and other eye care medical needs which are going to be more difficult for those in need to obtain due to government budget cuts.

It has been determined by the GALEP Board, that ALL club referrals will still be handled entirely by GALEP, Dr. Adams and Osman Optical.

Finances

GALEP has \$116,076 in cash reserves as of May 31, 2011. For the five months ending May 31, GALEP provided 19 pairs of eyeglasses, 2 eye examinations, 2 special contact lenses, and 1 prosthetic eye.

GALEP SERVICE POLICY

It is the policy of GALEP to pay for eye exams for children which cost \$30. Adults are referred to Summa for eye exams or if the applicant prefers, they may go to Dr. Thomas Adams of Osman Optical and have their eye examination at a cost of \$50.

The next Board meeting of GALEP will be Monday August 1, 2011 at 7:00PM at Tallmadge Lions Hall, Northeast Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio.

**The GALEP
Lion James Lostetter
President**

**Lion Walter Park
Vice President**

**Lion Raymond Dellmore
Secretary**

**Lion Neil Sheeley
Treasurer**

**Lions Eye Clinic at St.
Vincent Charity Medical
Center
LIONS EYE CLINIC, INC.**

Dates to remember:

Next Board Meeting: July 13, 2011

Next Delegate Meeting: July 18, 2011

Bulletin Editor:

PDG Maggie Dellmore has volunteered to be the Lions Eye Clinic Bulletin Editor. Telephone number is 440.525.5005 and email address is muggs08@hotmail.com.

Applications:

In May we approved 46 applications, referred 6 to Prevent Blindness Ohio and released 78.

Slate of Officers:

At the Delegates meeting the following slate of officers were approved:

President:
PDG Grant Frazier
First Vice President:
Lion Joy Dobson
Second Vice President:

PDG Ken Marshall
Secretary:
Lion Arldon Smyth
Treasurer:
Lion Neil Sheeley
Assistant Secretary:
PDG Dona Klages
Assistant Treasurer:
Second Vice District Governor
Wallie Burnett

Delegate Meeting Reminder:
**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND
THAT YOU MUST LET US
KNOW PRIOR TO 10:00 AM
FRIDAY BEFORE THE
DELEGATE MEETING IF
YOU PLAN TO ATTEND
AND ENJOY DINNER
WITH US. We have to pay
based upon the numbers we
call in on Friday.**

Other:

Our volunteers are busy with the various jobs of boxing up used eyeglasses, filing applications, answering the telephone, printing envelopes, maintaining the offices, printing and mailing postcards and notice to the clubs. If you would like to join us, please come to the office between 9:30 and 10:00 am on any Wednesday.

We are in need of a used vacuum cleaner. The one we have has seen better days and the cost to repair is too great. If you have a cleaner that you would like to donate please contact us at 216.363.2500 or email to lionseyeclinic@lycos.com

PDG Maggie Dellmore
Bulletin Editor

**Lion Neil Sheeley
President
Lions Eye Clinic**

OSSB

The OSSB Marching Band will be the lead band in the Lions Club International Parade of Nations in Seattle, Washington, July 5, 2011. The band will leave July 3 and return July 6. A highlight of the trip (besides the parade) will be watching a variety show of international acts including The Canadian Brass, CABO--a Japanese drumming group, and a Bollywood group. Another highlight is the dance for teenagers participating in the parade. Everyone will enjoy the Experience Music Project and the Science Fiction Museum as well as a tour of Seattle in an amphibious vehicle. It's called the "Ride the Ducks" tour. Here's their July 4 schedule:
Experience Music Project | Science Fiction Museum
♪ Ride the Ducks of Seattle Tour (2 Ducks exclusively for the group for a 1.5 hour tour)
♪ Free time to explore Pike's Place Market
♪ Group dinner at Hard Rock Café
♪ Fireworks at Gasworks Park on Lake Union
This spring they will begin practicing parade marching a couple times a week from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

We are now in the process of fund raising thru the OSSB PTSF & OLF and \$30,000 of

the \$63,000 needed has been raised.

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Letter from ID Jerry Smith

Dear Ohio Lions:

Judy and I can't begin to thank you enough for our reception at the State Convention last weekend. It was so good to be back with our friends in Ohio. In reality, it is us who should have had a reception for all of you. After all, it was you folks who gave us an opportunity of a lifetime. However, it was very gracious of you to recognize the small part we have played in supporting Lionism. We so appreciated the many kind comments from so many of our fellow Lions. It has truly been an honor for us to serve in our capacity for the past two years.

We also appreciated the great gifts that you presented to us. The clock with the world as its face and the tip of the second hand being an airplane was most fitting for the many travels over the past two years. The check is greatly appreciated and will be used to support progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships in our names. That way your gift to us will help needy individuals somewhere in the world.

Judy and I look forward to being back in Ohio, serving the Lions of MD 13 and strengthening old friendships.

Yours in Lionism
Jerry Smith

Club News

Medina

The Medina Lions Club tragically lost an outstanding member. Lion Linda Eastwood passed on.

Tallmadge

At the May 25th meeting, Tallmadge Mayor Lion David Kline presented a proclamation from the City Of Tallmadge to Lion Grant Frazier.



Mayor Lion Dave Kline with Lion Grant Frazier and City Proclamation for his years of work in the community.

The proclamation was for Grant's 51 years working as a barber. Lion Grant retired from his barber business on May 26th. In spite of being told the last customer's haircut was "Barber's Choice",

Mike Doherty of NAPA Auto Parts on Osceola in Tallmadge volunteered. The day included cake, cuts and ended with a very unique haircut.



N' is for NAPA, and Mike can now advertise with just a tip of his head.

JEFF ENNIS

The Tallmadge Lions club extends their sincere sympathy to the family of GALEP President-Elect, Akron Host Lions Club President-Elect, Lion Jeff Ennis. His passing is a great loss to his club and to the District.



Lion Jeff Ennis, passed away on May 19th

CALENDAR

July

25 – Lions Night at the Captains
see below:

August

6 – Twins Day Parade – see
below:

ATTENTION LIONS OF DISTRICT 13-C



SAVE THE DATE!!
Twins Day Parade
August 6th, 2011
Twinsburg, Ohio

More details to follow ...
Contact: Lion James Feils
Phone# 330-289-0786
e-mail: nhlions@yahoo.com

Join the Captains at Classic Park as we celebrate
Lions Night of North East Ohio



Monday July 25 at 7:00PM

Advanced Tickets are \$9 each for you & your guests.

*Ohio Lions District 13c 2nd Annual Event:
Collecting Used Eyeglasses & Hearing-Aids at the Gate*

PNC "Buck Night" \$1 for most items including
hot dogs (2 for 1), fries, popcorn, onion rings,
soda and beer!

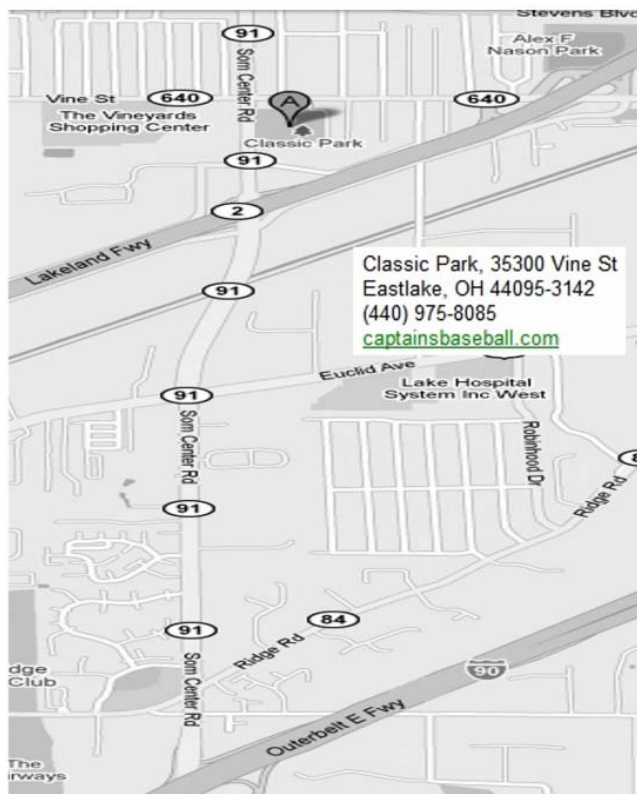
*GREAT night of fun for the whole family!
Time to enjoy an evening of baseball & help cheer
on the Captains as they battle the Cedar Rapids Kernals.*

**Activities include pre-game "Lions Parade",
National Anthem, On-Field Contests & "Lions"
airtime in the Radio Booth!**

Tickets Payable to: **North Coast Lions Club (by 7/11)**
(www.lionwap.org/OHNorthCoast)

Send Checks to: 31701 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills 44092
Contact Club Secretary: Lion Wallie (wdburnet@att.net)

Phone: 440-944-3947



Classic Park, 35300 Vine St
Eastlake, OH 44095-3142
(440) 975-8085
captainsbaseball.com

captainsbaseball.com, "classic park" tab, "directions" link
From South: I271-N to I90-W to Rt 91, turn right (3 miles)
From East: I90-W to Rt 91, turn right (north) (3 miles)
(alternate E): Rt 2 West to Rt 91, turn right (north) (.4 miles)
From West: I90-E to Rt 2 East to Rt 91, turn left (north) ("")
Stadium=on Right+ ♿ parking; Genl Parking=on left



Garfield Heights Lions Club
Annual Golf Outing

@ Valleaire Golf Club
6969 Boston Rd, Hinckley, OH 44233
(440) 237-9191

When: Thursday, June 23rd
Tee off begins at 10am

What: 2 Man Scramble Format
Cash Prizes and skill contests!!!

Cost: \$100 per golfer includes golf,
cart, lunch, drinks, and dinner

***All proceeds benefit eye care and
blindness research & assistance***

For Tickets call Carmen Iammarino (216)
308-1670 or Kerry Hardin (330) 620-6219

Garfield Heights Lions Club

Golf Outing, Thursday, June 23rd@ Valleaire Golf Club

Our club is again, having it's annual golf outing fund raiser to provide blind individuals with eye care at St. Vincent Charity Hospital, guide dogs, and to the needy who cannot afford the cost of that kind of care.

You have been very generous to our club in the past and we are asking you to help us in our cause by sponsoring a hole at our outing again this year. Or become a donor for the first time! The club will provide a sign on one of the tee boxes advertising your business or individual.

The donation is \$100.00 per hole.

We are a small club, but we have been able, in a large way, to make life a little easier, with the eye care we have been able to provide because of individuals like you who have been so generous. Won't you please help again this year!!

Also, as in other years, you are invited to participate in in our outing. We would be very pleased if you come out and enjoy the day with us. Lots of fun!!!! Enclosed is an entry form. Just fill it out and send it in.

Fill in the space provided below and put your name as you would like it shown on the sign. Send it to the address listed below or call Carmen @ 216-308-1670 or Jerry @ 216-906-1110 and we will come a running to pick up your donation. Your generous donation will be acknowledged on a tee box as well as at our award program.

Here is my donation of \$ _____ to sponsor a hole at your golf outing. Below is what I would like on the sign.

**Please send in a 1 week prior to 6/20/07 or sooner. Send to:
Norm Kubbins 6000 Nob Hill Dr. #112, Chagrin Falls, Oh. 44022**

Do YOU have items that no longer serve you and need a new home?

Do you have clean and useable left-overs from your own garage sale too good to throw away?

You are invited to drop off items at the rear of the Garage Sale Bonanza site beginning May 2 and before June 30.

Drop-off times are:

Mon., Thur., & Sat.
10:00—4:00

Wed. eve 6:00—8:00

After June 1

Mon.—Sat. 10:00—6:00

Wed. eve 6:00—8:00

Other times possible.

Call 440-319-2248 or

440-428-4927 or

440-997-5353

to arrange a different time or a pick-up.

No clothes, please.



12th Annual

GARAGE SALE BONANZA!

Coordinated by Wellness & Total Learning Center

Benefiting:

Animal Protective League—Dental Task Force
Conversation Station of Orwell—Faith in Action Caregivers
Friends of Children Services (Hannah Cleversy Race,
Foster Parents Association, and Help Me Grow)
Girl Scout Troup 525—Independent Living Services
Lions Club of Geneva—LIVING! with Cancer Support Group
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
Spiderweb of Jefferson—Wellness & Total Learning Center



Antique Appraisal: Friday, Jun 24, 6 pm—8 pm \$5 per item

Presale: Wednesday, July 6, 5 pm—8 pm with \$10 entry fee

Thursday, July 7 closed for restocking

Sale: Friday, July 8 Saturday, July 9, Sunday, July 10 9:00 am—6:00 pm

SAYBROOK PLAZA

Courtesy Saybrook Plaza merchants

Tell friends
and
neighbors



Food Wagon

Wellness & Total Learning Center

715 West 30th Street, Ashtabula

FMI: 440-997-5353 Please Post

For Additional Information:

Amy Housel, Public Relations

Garage Sale Bonanza

Ph: 440-997-2355 Cell: 440-812-0831

12th Annual Garage Sale Bonanza to Benefit Twelve Ashtabula County Organizations

The Lions Club of Geneva will again be one of the twelve benefiting organizations hosting the annual Garage Sale Bonanza coordinated by the Wellness and Total Learning Center. Scheduled this year for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 8, 9 and 10, 9 am—6 pm, the extravaganza will be held at the old Big Lots Store and the adjoining vacant store in the Saybrook Plaza. An antique appraisal of special items is available on site for \$5 per item on Friday, June 24 from 6 pm—8 pm. The initial shopping opportunity will occur at the Pre-Sale on Wednesday, July 6, from 5 pm—8 pm for a \$10 fee. Admission is free during the sale.

Volunteers are needed over the next two months to pick up and drop off items, process items on site, prepare displays, price items and distribute flyers throughout the county. When a volunteer signs in to work, they may designate their time to be allocated to a specific benefiting organization or to "all."

Proceeds are distributed after the sale by 50% going to the organization designated by the donor of the sale item and the other 50% going to the benefiting organization based on volunteer time. Call Bonanza Coordinator Dick Mueller (Ph: 319-2248) if you are interested in volunteering.

In addition to the Lions Club of Geneva, the benefiting organizations for the 2011 Bonanza include:

Animal Protective League, Conversation Station of Orwell, Dental Task Force, Faith in Action Caregivers, Friends of Children Services (Hannah Cleversy Race, Foster Parents Association and Help Me Grow), Girl Scout Troup 525, Independent Living Services, LIVING! with Cancer Support Group, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Spiderweb of Jefferson and the Wellness & Total Learning Center.

Drop off times for sale items during May are Monday, Thursday and Saturday 10 am—4 pm and Wednesday 6 pm—8 pm. During June, drop-offs are accepted Monday thru Saturday 10 am—6 pm and Wednesday 6pm—8 pm. No clothes are accepted; other clean and useable items will be appreciated.

Mark your calendars to treasure-hunt this organized sale of over 21,000 square feet and bring your family and friends to benefit twelve very worthy Ashtabula County organizations.



We Serve

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