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**District Governor's Report
(Maggie's Corner)**

MEMBERSHIP:

Congratulations to Cleveland Host Club, they have thirteen (13) new members and are expecting a few more. Way to Go!!!!!!

I attended the second Council of Governor's Meeting, not much new. Redistricting is still very much alive. We must continue to get new members so we can reach our goal of plus 100 and keep our district in tact.

FALL CONFERENCE:

Lion Ray and I attended the Fall Conference and found good sessions. The one on membership with Forrest Gump was extremely well done and interesting.

There was a session on redistricting, which was very well attended. There are several districts and clubs that are very much against this happening at this time, but there are several people who feel that it is only time and this will have to happen. If we all get busy with new members we can keep pushing the time frame back.

CONVENTION:

Remember our convention is April 4, 5 and 6 at the Quality Inn in Richfield. If you plan to attend the Friday night races, I would suggest you get your form filled out and returned to Lion Chuck Barton.

MISCELLANEOUS:

It has come to my attention that several club Secretaries are not turning in their monthly reports with activities and club member information. It is very important that International receives this information so they have the correct number of members listed for each club. If you are a Secretary and do not have a computer or do not want to file these on line, let me know and I will get you a supply of the hard copy forms.

Lion Ray and I want to wish everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving". If you are traveling, have a safe journey.

Lion Maggie
District Governor

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

Lion Wallie Burnett

"A diverse club better serves its community. Members who represent different segments of the community will ensure that a club adequately responds to community needs. And, of course, clubs that are welcoming will grow and prosper. Adding and retaining members will not be a problem. Truly, there is strength in numbers--and in diversity." Lion Albert F. Brandel, First International Vice President.

LEADERSHIP

Success is a result of strong leadership--it is not too early to think about training the future leaders of our district. Mark your calendar for the District Convention and leave time for all the seminars including training. There will be something for everyone!!!! So, look for more info in future bulletins. Leadership committee.

Lions in the News

Pride of Lions Raises Funds For Community



Medina Lions Club members Rich Bonitz, Dick Turner and Bob Smith sell roses for the Lions Club last weekend.

Story and photo by: Chip Jenkins

There is a very good reason that a group of lions is called a pride. However, this is a different group of lions than one may think. This group of Lions consists of human beings, not felines. The Medina Lions Club consists of approximately 30 caring individuals whose work could easily explain why the feline groups are called a pride. The Lions Club has much to be proud of.

Over the previous five years, the Medina Lions Club has raised or has helped to raise over \$57,000 for charitable causes throughout the community, and they also contribute to causes throughout the country. It's not widely publicized, but the Lions will pay for eyeglasses or eye surgery for any person in need and unable to pay for it themselves. They help pay for the training of pilot dogs for the sight impaired. They also routinely collect used eyeglasses and send them to needy people all over the globe.

The club also sponsors a Little League Baseball team each year

and it helps support youth bowling. Most cities in the area have a little league baseball field that is named "Lions Field." Those fields are named for the organization that made them possible. There is a pavilion at the Medina soccer field that was built with money donated from the same group of Lions. All proceeds collected by the Lions Club are donated to a worthy cause. They also donate money to the battered women's shelter in Medina. This is only a sample of the good deeds that makes one proud to be a Lion.

The Lions club hosts two major fundraisers each year, a rose sale in the fall and a reverse raffle in the spring. The reverse raffle takes place on the first Friday in March and is open to anybody that buys a ticket. A ticket is good for the meal, the beverage and one entry in the main jackpot.

The Medina Chapter of the Lions Club has been in existence for about 80 years, according to Medina Lions current Vice president Mark Williams. Williams has been a member for 12 years and admitted that they are "a very senior group." "We would like to expand our membership to include younger members," explained Williams. Anyone who would like more information about the reverse raffle or information about joining the Medina Lions Club can contact Mark Williams at (330) 722-6766.

North Royalton Service Clubs - Making a difference in our community

By **CHUCK POLIAFICO**
Contributing Writer

The Lions Club is involved in so many North Royalton activities that it takes two organizations to service the area. While the North Royalton Lions Club is comprised of mostly male members and the Royalton Hills Lions Club is an all female organization, but clubs work well together and focus on community service.

"The Lions Club International is one of the largest civic groups in the world and both North Royalton Lions organizations are two of the most active clubs in this area said Daniel Evans, president of the North Royalton Lions Club. "We are involved in Homecoming, the Christmas Parade, Home Day, the Harvest Festival. You name it, we are there."

Nancee Visintainer, president of the Royalton Hills Lions Club agrees. "We are involved in numerous community projects, charities and fund raising events," Visintainer said. As part of their mission, the Lions Clubs take on roles as organizers, advocates, fundraisers and hands-on volunteers.

While the Lions Clubs total more than 1.35 million members worldwide, locally there are more than 110 members in the two

organizations. Both Evans and Visintainer agree that the Lions Clubs major service initiative is serving the blind and visually impaired.

Both Lions Clubs are preparing several activities during the next several months. The North Royalton Lions Club is offering a \$125 gift certificate to the North Royalton elementary school student who collects the most pairs of used eyeglasses during the month of October.

The eyeglasses will be sent in St. Vincent's Lions Eye Clinic in Cleveland where they will be refurbished and distributed to individuals all over the world, who cannot afford eyewear. Eyeglasses can be dropped off at North Royalton elementary school officers are given to a school counselor. The contest runs through October 31.

Gift cards will also be presented in the students who bring in the second and third highest total of eyeglasses. For additional information on the eyeglasses program, contact Albion Elementary School Counselor Paul Tomaszewski at 440-582-9064.

The Royalton Hills Lions Club kicked off the beginning of its busy holiday season with a Reverse Raffle at St. Michael's Woodside on October 16. Monies raised during the raffle will go in a variety of the Club's projects and events. In November and December, members of the Royalton Hills Lions club will be found outside of the North Royalton Giant Eagle ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. The group will

also be at the North Royalton Christmas Parade, where members will be providing hot chocolate at Judy's Chocolate House.

But according to Visintainer, the holiday activities are just the tip of the iceberg in what the organization does for the community. Other projects and fund raising events include the Olde Timers Banquet in which residents 70 years and older who have resided in the city for more than 30 years are provided with a free meal; work with the Office of Aging in providing food to needy families; work with such charities as the Juvenile Diabetes, the Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent Charity Hospital, the Greater Akron's Lions Eye Program (GALEP); and give scholarship funding to several graduating seniors from North Royalton High School.

The Royalton Hills Lions Club also supports Laura's home for abused women and children, St. Malachi House in Cleveland, the City Mission, Relay For Life, the Ohio Lion's Foundation, the Ohio Lion's Eye Research Foundation, SightFirst the Cleveland Sight Center Eye Bank and Safetytown. The organization also supports the Cleveland Scrappers Beeper Baseball, which is a baseball game through the National League for the Blind, and Camp Echoing Hills, a Christian based camp for special needs children

Other events are also planned by the Royalton Hills Lions Club is the Pont Man's Raffle an February 23, 2008, a Golf

Outing on June 18, 2008, and a Red Hat Luncheon on July 26, 2008 The Royalton Hills Lions Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Eddie's Creekside Restaurant.

Keeping just as busy as the Royalton Hills Lions Club is the North Royalton Licata Club. Evans said the group is holding a Poor Man's Reverse Raffle on November 16 at Pipes III. A \$20 donation to the event includes a family style dinner-The Lions are asking those attending the event bring a food item or toiletry article for the food bank. The North Royalton Lions Club meets every second and fourth Tuesday each month.

According to Evans; the main focus of the Lions Club is to help those who are visually impaired, especially those with low income who can't even afford a pair of glasses to see.

In addition to participating in Harvest Fest, Home Days and many other city related activities, the Lions Club is also selling bricks for its Memorial Day 2008 celebration planned at the city cemetery, located off of Royalton Road, Bricks are \$50 to \$100 and are being sold to help offset the cost of seven flags and poles purchased by the Lions Club that will be dedicated during the Memorial Day events at the city cemetery

While working with their numerous fund raising projects and supporting many activities, both Evans and Visintainer agree that, as a Lion, those who volunteer make life better for others while enriching their own life in the process "As a Lion,

you can make a difference," Evans added.

For additional information on the Royalton Hills Lions Club, contact Visintainer at 440-237-2659. Information on the North Royalton Lions Club can be obtained by contacting Evans at 440-237-9123.

Looking Back

HISTORY of LIONS

1. Began in 1917 when Melvin Jones, a Chicago business leader asked his local business and professional group to expand their interests from purely business concerns to that of civic betterment and "GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY".
2. The Lion was adopted because of its symbol of strength and ultimately became the acronym for LOYALTY, INTELLIGENCE, and OUR NATIONS SECURITY.
3. Became International in 1920 when the first Canadian Lions club was established in 1920.
4. At the International convention at Cedar Point Ohio in 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions club members and challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind" and the Lions have been actively involved in service programs to aid the blind and visually impaired, from providing prescription eyeglasses to those in financial need, to financing and assisting in the fight against eye disease, to visual assists such as

Magna vision readers in schools, libraries and even to individuals in financial need.

5. During the 1930s through today, the Lions clubs have extended their reach to encompass over 1.3 million members in 195 countries and geographic areas.
6. Lions have adopted the motto "We Serve"
7. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization with 45,000 clubs worldwide.
8. Melvin Jones passed away June 1st, 1961 at Flossmoor, Illinois.

MISSION

1. The Civic mission of Lions is "giving back to the community". Includes, building parks, helping during natural disasters, providing books for schools, building playgrounds, and meet the unmet needs of local communities worldwide. The civic mission of Lions is accomplished everyday by the individual Lions clubs throughout the world.
2. The Charitable mission of Lions related to the challenge of Helen Keller in 1925 and includes eye research, diabetes research, provision of prescription eyeglasses for those in need, financial assistance to those needing cataract surgery or other forms of eye surgery, donation of magnifiers and similar equipment to local libraries, building of eye care clinics worldwide, eye screenings and many, many more similar projects.

Structure

1. LCI has its headquarters in Oakbrook Illinois in a basic 3-story building. All Lions clubs must obtain a charter from LCI and pay dues to LCI in order to use the Lions name. All chartered clubs must comply with the bylaws of LCI.
2. The club is the essential unit in the Lions International organization. When a group of 20 or more individuals decide to seek a charter to operate as a Lions club, they do so in conjunction with sponsorship from another actively chartered club nearby. This results in the club becoming part of an administrative unit known as a District and a Multiple District. The clubs within geographic boundaries controls the District and Multiple District. Each year throughout the world, clubs elect their District Governors and Vice District Governors who take office July 1st of each year.
3. The Multiple District is operated by the current year District Governors serving in the multiple district with an Immediate Past District Governor serving as Chairman. He is known as the MD13 Council Chairman.

The Cleveland Host Lions club was the first Lions club in Ohio chartered March of 1920 and is one of 40 clubs in District 13-C. There are 10 districts in Ohio Multiple District 13. District 13 or what is now known as the International established

MD13 was established in 1922.

1. The district holds its annual convention each year in March or April at a location chosen by the current District Governor. The 2008 Convention is to be held at the Quality Inn, Richfield Ohio, April 4-6, 2008.
2. The district has approximately 1,200 members.
3. The district covers the Northeastern Ohio communities from Ashtabula in the North to Westlake in the West, to Chardon in the East, and Copley and Akron to the South.

What we do in District 13C

1. Operate 2 eye clinics
Lions Eye Clinic Inc at St Vincent Charity Hospital – established 1970
Greater Akron Lions Eye Program – established 1980

During 2006 the clinics provided over 800 pairs of prescription eyeglasses, helped finance over 25 eye surgeries, provided at least 2 eye prosthetics, and provided over 1,000 eye examinations. The clinic at St. Vincent Charity Hospital has provided over \$1,000,000 in ophthalmological equipment to St. Vincent Charity Hospital since the clinics inception.

2. The clubs within the district have provided low vision readers for local libraries, including the Tallmadge Library, the North Royalton Library, and the Willoughby Library.

3. Provide college scholarships to students for high school graduates in the District 13-C area.
 4. Provide special vision equipment including computers and related software to students in need.
 5. Build picnic pavilions, flag memorials, and playgrounds in local communities.
 6. Support summer sports for children.
 7. Provide camping activities for disabled children through camping sponsorships at Camp Echoing Hills, a Lions supported camping facility for disabled children.
 8. Provide water and irrigation projects in countries as far away as Haiti. (Broadview Heights Lions).
 9. Provide home repairs and yard clean up for senior citizens in the community.
 10. Provide used prescription eyeglasses to those in need in third world nations under Volunteers Optical Services to Humanity (VOSH) missions.
- 12 Provide eye screenings for eye disease at no charge.**

1. Lions is the largest service organization in the world with 45,000 clubs in 195 countries and geographic areas.

2. There are over 1.3 million people that call themselves Lions.

3. Lions have a dual mission (a) Giving back to the community by performing civic projects at the community level, and (b) Charitable projects, by providing financing for eye research, and providing vision

equipment, including prescription eyeglasses, prosthetic eyes for those in need.

4. Lions operate with the lowest administrative costs since almost all positions held at the state, district, and club level are held by volunteers. District 13-c has one paid person who handles the financial affairs for the entire state of Ohio.

5. The International Association of Lions Clubs (LCI) provides assistance to the clubs when asked but allows the clubs to operate as autonomous units with little interference, asking only that the clubs abide by LCI bylaws and regulations and pay an annual fee of \$39 per club members.

6. District 13-C is unusual in that it supports 2 eye clinics which provide eye care and eye exams as well as prescription eyeglasses and prosthetics to those in need.

IN MEMORIAM

PDG Lion Joe Konnelly
passed away on November
8, 2007

Lion John Tigue submitted the following:

WILLOUGHBY EVENING LIONS CLUB HISTORY

The Willoughby-Evening Lions Club was chartered in October of 1982 when 20 civic-minded individuals with a variety of backgrounds and occupations decided it was time to further serve their community, state, country, and even the world

they live in by joining with the other 1,300,000 members known as Lions International. Lions Clubs internationally are known primarily for their generosity in support of sight-related programs. But we're also involved in projects such as diabetes research, drug awareness and hearing programs, to name a few. We are in our 26th year of providing service to the Willoughby community.

Locally, the Willoughby-Evening Lions is an autonomous service organization, donating funding and resources to a cornucopia of service projects. Our list of accomplishments belies our relatively short tenure. Following is a partial list of beneficiaries of our donations.

- Annually to News-Herald Clothe-A-Child
- Donation of lifelike CPR training doll and associated equipment to the Willoughby Fire Department
- **Annually to St. Vincent Charity Hospital Lions Eye Clinic**
- **Annually to Greater Akron Lions Eye Care Program**
- **Annually to the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation**
- **Annually to Pilot Dogs Program for the blind**
- Camp Echoing Hills handicapped camp
- Various school and youth sports programs
- Lions Club International Foundation (emergency disaster funding, AIDS research, etc.)
- Hearing dogs programs

- Ohio Lions Foundation (education and emergency relief grants)
- Annually to District 13C Lions Hearing Aid Bank

In addition, the Willoughby-Evening Lions have provided the following services and/or resources to the community:

- Donated to Kourtaney Collins Fund
- Transport of eye enucleations between hospitals at any hour
- Eye exams/surgery funding for the needy
- Clown Corps (club functions, Rainbow Babies and Childrens, local parades, etc.)
- Santa Calling (over 3,500 children received calls from Santa the last 21 years)
- Halloween parties with the Willoughby Recreation Department for children
- Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for the needy
- Labor to construct parcours at local elementary school
- Blind (and handicapped) bowling
- Blind (and handicapped) "Beeper Ball"
- Willoughby Frontier Days participant
- Assist other Lions Clubs in service and fund-raising projects
- Donated to construction of Willoughby Todd Field multi-purpose facility
- Donated to Christie Montrella Fund
- Sponsor of the Biathlon in the Willoughby Corporate Challenge
- Donated to South High School Safe & Sober Prom

- Support and participate in the Willoughby Sports Building Committee
- Special program for all 2nd grade students in the Willoughby-Eastlake Schools
- Eddie Eyeglasses
- Assist Prevent Blindness Ohio with free eye screening
- Assist Lake MetroParks Special Olympics
- Assist local youth in special trips for educational purposes

Funding for such a large volume of projects is via a variety of methods such as an annual pancake breakfast, our "Journey For Sight", donations from private citizens, and donations to our Clown Corps from social organizations. Our largest undertaking was the Soccer-for-Sight All-Star Game. Our most recent fund-raising efforts have been our "Golfin' for Sight" scramble for 4-person teams, our 23rd Annual Pancake Breakfast, our 2nd Annual Pasta Bonanza, and now our 15th Annual Holiday Auction.

The Willoughby-Evening Lions are members in good standing of Lions International and the Lions of Ohio, and have consistently been at or near the top in the Lions Governor's Race, which recognizes clubs for excellence both administratively and in community service.

Willoughby-Evening Lions Club

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THE WILLOUGHBY-
EVENING LIONS CLUB
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COMING EVENTS
LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 8,
2007
CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 6, 2007
DIRECTOR'S MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2007
PUNCH BOWL DECEMBER
27 OR 13, 2007

North Royalton Lions Club

The North Royalton Lions Club (Ohio) held its first ever October eyeglass collection contest at the North Royalton Elementary Schools. Prizes were awarded to the top three students who collected the most eyewear at our dinner meeting on Nov. 13th. Chaired by Lion Paul Tomashefski, a guidance counselor at Albion Elementary, the project exceeded all expectations. With students bringing in glasses from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31 and filling up his office, we collected over 3500 pairs. The used eyewear will be given to the Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincent's Charity Hospital and then forwarded to V.O.S.H. for distribution around the world to help give the gift of sight to those in need.

Congratulations to the winners who were Jimmy Giles (collected an amazing 1363 pairs), Matthew Brewer, Kathan Fleming and Gabriel Skorepa.

Plans are already in the works for next years contest!



Calendar

- 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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