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District Governor's Report

"In order to succeed we must first believe we can"

The extension blitz in Twinsburg was a success and a club in Hudson is in the works.

The first organizational meeting of the Twinsburg Club was held on Monday Nov.10 2008 at the Twinsburg Senior Recreation Center.

This was a meet and greet meeting for the new members to meet their Guiding Lions, Lion Wallie Burnett and Lion Jim Klages. The new members also chose the clubs name and set a date for their second organizational meeting. It will be on December 1, 2008 and they will then elect their officers, pick a date for their Charter Celebration and select a place, date and time of their first official meeting .

I would like to thank Lions Neil Bevere, Maggie Dellmore and Jim Klages for their hard work in Twinsburg and a special thank you to Lions Wallie & Dave Burnett for spending all three days in Twinsburg ,beating the pavement, knocking on business doors and talking up this great organization we all belong to. Also, thank you for

all your hard work setting up the first meeting .

I received the October membership report from International and our figures have changed some from September. We brought in 29 new members in October.

Unfortunately we lost 40 members, giving us a total of 1108 members which is a -11 for this Lions year. This total DOES NOT include the new members from Twinsburg or Hudson .

Thank you to all of the clubs who are working on membership. Keep up the good work but don't forget about retention. Let's keep the members we worked so hard to get.

Here are 6 Basic Fundamentals of a Successful Lions Club

- 1- A MAJOR SERVICE ACTIVITY which the community needs and wants, which attract the imagination and notice of the entire community.
- 2- A MAJOR FUND RAISING PROJECT in which the community will participate and to which the community will contribute
- 3- GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS, both inside and outside the club

4- GOOD MEETINGS -

Regular meetings in an adequate location, with good meals at fair prices; **proper greeting; unusual and fun taitwisting; suitable programs and on time adjournment**

5- ESPRIT D' CORPS - Good

Lions information, encouraging active participation by club members within the Club, Zone, District, Multiple District and International; thus developing Pride and Fellowship

6- A MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND RETENTION PROGRAM

which must include the good orientation, indoctrination and involvement of each Lion's member
Check these fundamentals against your club and see how your club rates

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO

DC Dona



Welcome to our newest Club –
Twinsburg!

Vice District Governor's Report

Now that the Fall Conference has come and gone, the Lions of 13C can be proud of our MD, with the hard work the Lions have put into the extension program. With this program, we have added 10 new Clubs to our MD – with 310 new members! Let us not forget, however, that to keep these new Lions we must educate and inspire and orient them.

This is but one way to build a better Club, Zone and District.

PDG Neiderhauser, Executive Director of OLRF, spoke of dry macular degeneration and the research that OLRF is doing, but funds are badly needed to continue the work. One way for the Lions to help is to give a part of their tail twisting to OLRF, so this much-needed research can continue. If we are to be Knights of the Blind, now is the time. Let us not forget - as Lions **We Serve**.

PDG/ VDG Lion Grant

Deputy District Governor's Report



My “chauffer” (Lion Rich) and I have been visiting many of our district's clubs (within Region 2) these past four months, and we are *thankful* to have such dedicated Lions as a part of MD13-C. While speaking to

these clubs, I reminded them of their club's age (when they chartered) not only to indicate how many years they have been in existence, but to congratulate them as to how long they have helped others for those many years. In response to my comments, several of the club members added (with a special spirit and a sense of pride) that they continue to help others within their community in so different many ways and enjoy seeing the results from this purpose of assisting those less fortunate.



Within our continued travels, we have also attended meetings in Columbus to fulfill our duties as Deputy District Governor and the “husband of” not only to reap the rewards with further education of our Lion's operations, but to meet new Lions across the State of Ohio. My “team” of deputies is such a great cross-section of individuals (some retired, some wishing they were retired, and some who are counting the years to retirement) – but all proud of their “step-up” within the World of Lions to eventually become their district's Governor. Both Lion Rich and I are *thankful* to have met these special Lions and to continue our service together over the next 3 years and beyond.

I have obviously chosen the theme of *thankful* to express my appreciation to our Lions of MD 13-C and afar. As we celebrate the holiday of “Thanksgiving”, we should be proud of our service to

others...having a club **TO** help those we serve...and to maintain the friendships we have created within our club and elsewhere.

Enjoy your holiday of "Thanksgiving" and please continue to remember those whom we serve within our



communities.

Stay happy and healthy until we meet again.

DDG Lion Marty Dennis and Family



District Treasurer's Report Lion Neil Sheeley

OHIO REGISTRATION FOR TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS

Any tax exempt organization soliciting monies from the public, or engaged in bingo in order to raise funds must file with the Attorney General of the State of Ohio on the 15th day of the 5th month following their tax year end.

The rules for this annual; registration depend upon whether the tax exempt is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization or a 501(c)(4) Civic and Social Organization.

What makes the rules concerning this annual filing requirement confusing is that the Ohio Revised Code refers to all tax exempt organizations as Charitable Organizations, but in reading the code, it clearly states that the term "charitable" is not limited to the Internal Revenue Code definition of "charitable" which refers strictly to 501(c)(3) entities.

Charitable Organizations 501(c)(3)

Any 501(c)(3) with gross receipts in excess of **\$5,000** or gross assets of more than **\$15,000** must file an annual financial report or a complete copy of their federal 990 with the Ohio Attorney General.

Civic and Social Welfare Organizations 501(c)(4)

Any 501(c)(4) with gross receipts in excess of \$25,000 and that intends to solicit contributions in the state of Ohio must file an annual report with the Ohio Attorney General. The Organization may file a complete copy of its federal 990 in lieu of the Solicitation financial statement.

Due Date

Annual filing with Attorney General of Ohio is the 15th day of the 5th Month following the tax exempts fiscal year end or the due date of the federal 990 if return is extended 3 months.

Fees

The annual fee is based upon the Gross Contributions received by the Organization. Contributions include gross proceeds from fund raising events, proceeds from donors,

but does not include membership dues or income from investments.

Gross Contribution

Fee

Less than \$5,000	- \$0.00
\$5,000 to \$24,999	- \$50.00
\$25,00 to \$49,999	- \$100.00
\$50,000 or more	\$200.00

Address:

Ohio Attorney General

Charitable Law Section
150 East Gay Street
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Membership Chairman's Report

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

Membership count in July, 2008, was **1,121**, and the latest LCI Monthly Report (11/9/08) reflects **1,112** members. During the last reporting month, 13-C added 20 new members and dropped 15 members, giving us a +5 for the month. Let's keep the momentum going.

In August all club secretaries received a letter either by email or regular mail as a reminder of the importance for timely filing of MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORTS: **electronic filing due the last day of each month and paper filing due the 20th of each month.** Monthly reminders continue to be sent to all clubs via emails and the District Bulletin. In September specific clubs were

emailed; in October 8 clubs were called; and we are continuing to send monthly reminders via emails and the District Bulletin.

Thirty-four clubs filing current; 3 clubs have not filed since August; 2 clubs have not filed since May/June; and 1 club has not filed since September 2007.

The **NEXT STEP** is calling the 3 clubs who have not filed since August and visiting the 3 clubs who are considerably delinquent.

The **GOOD NEWS** is that 12 clubs were delinquent at the beginning of the Lion year and now only 6 clubs need to file each month.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 14 CLUBS who received the STATE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PATCH FOR +1 MEMBERSHIP 2007-08: CHARDON, +4; CHIPPEWA LAKE, +1; CLEVELAND HOST, +13; GARFIELD HEIGHTS, +2; GENEVA, +1; GREENSBURG, +5; HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, +1; NORDONIA HILLS, +2; NORTH COAST, +2; ROYALTON HILLS, +4; SEVILLE, +1; WADSWORTH, +2; WILLOUGHBY EVENING, +2; WILLOUGHBY HILLS, +2.

STATE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: we are continuing the **011 PLAN** and **AWARDING PATCHES FOR +1 MEMBERSHIP FOR 2008-09.** The State Committee is also focusing on Retention Techniques and Extension throughout the state. As I visit

Zone Meetings, clubs are receiving LCI Mentoring Program Packet; this is only one tool to close the back door and retain our members.

LION WALLIE BURNETT

AMIGOS AMIGOS DE LAS AMERICAS

When your club donates to International Relations Committee each year at our district convention, part of that money for the last few years has gone to an organization called Amigos.

Amigos is an international, not-for-profit organization that provides unparalleled leadership and service opportunities for young people while concurrently contributing to the well-being of communities throughout the Americas. More than 20,000 high school and college-age students have served as AMIGOS Volunteers since its founding in 1965

The young volunteers live and work in host communities in Latin America, conducting a wide array of health, education and environmental projects. They train for their service with one of more than 25 chapters across the USA.

With your help, Amigos can reach more young peoples and more communities in Latin America. You can help develop future leaders and continue a tradition of

volunteer service that has brought health, hope and friendship to millions of families throughout the Americas.

Want to learn more about AMIGOS? Let me know if you need a speaker for a dinner meeting. I'll arrange to be there or if possible have a representative from amigos there to answer your questions. Call or e mail me at 330-467-2784, nyeti@aol.com.

Lion Dave Ptak

Lions Eye Clinic at St. Vincents

The Charitable Gambling Fund Raiser in the Cleveland Flats was a grand success thanks to 82 Lions from 17 different Clubs and 32 non-Lion volunteers. THANK YOU once more! The proceeds from the four day weekend were \$56,300.00. After various expenses were paid, the Lions Eye Clinic received \$38,249.00. Out of this amount, \$1,759.00 was shared with G.A.L.E.P. for their participation.

At the request of the Medical Director of the Eye Clinic, the L.E.C. Board and Delegates voted to assist in the purchase of a new piece of diagnostic equipment for the Clinic (Tonometer) in the amount of **\$16,000.00** (about one third of the cost of the machine). We are still

providing eye glasses for those who are indigent and in need at a rate of approximately 20 every two weeks. Of course, when the Clubs of District 13C refer qualifying individuals, those individuals are always approved.

With this new Lionistic year, several new Directors and Delegates have come on board in addition to the filling of a couple of vacancies. We welcome our full complement of volunteers!

Recently we were asked and participated in an Open House at Wm. Patrick Day (Head Start Program) Elementary School which is just around the corner from St. Vincent Hospital. The exposure was good for our program and was received very favorably with several parents looking for assistance with their children's sight problems.

Lions Eye Clinic Pres.,
Lion Andy Kolbus
(Editor's apology – This should have been in last month's Bulletin)



In response to several Lions within our MD 13C, there is a scheduled training session planned just for you!

✓ **EXTENSION TRAINING** is the reason

✓ **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009** is the date

✓ **1:00 PM – 4:00 PM** is the time

✓ **Tallmadge Lions Hall in Tallmadge, OH** is the place

Please consider taking a few hours of your time on February 8th to join your fellow Lions to learn what the Extension Committee has been doing for the

past few months to promote new members.

More information will follow.



DDG Lion Marty Dennis & Extension Committee

CALENDAR

November

20 – Joint Zone Meeting, 3&5
Joint Zone Meeting, 4&6

February, 2009

19 - Cabinet Meeting – Crowne Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.

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.