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## District Governor's Report



**It is now four days past the Bulletin deadline, and no Governor's Report has been received. Governor Dona must be missing. Reminder – The deadline for the Bulletin is the tenth of each month.**

## Vice District Governor's Report

The Lion year for our District is now in full swing, under the leadership of our Governor and the MERL Team. The Lions of District 13C have much to do.

Let us set our hearts and hands to bring our District to full strength.

As we build new Clubs let us not forget our existing clubs.

The three District Governors along with the MERL team will work and are working to do this, but please remember they can not do it all by themselves

we need every Lion to share their thoughts with one of the


Governors.

Most of all, share the fun of being a Lion with your friends.

Yours in Lionism, Lions  
Grant & Shirley Frazier

## Deputy District Governor's Report

Extension has obviously been the "buzz" word around our district and state for several weeks, and it appears that at least 10 new clubs have already been formed throughout our Ohio Lions districts. I will be involved with the formation of a Hudson club within the near future and thanks to my home club (Stow-Munroe Falls), they have agreed to sponsor these new Lions. Thanks S-MF

Lions!  We have several other new club possibilities within MD-13C and I look forward to attending their charter nights in 2008 and 2009!

I had the privilege to attend a recent State Leadership Committee meeting in Columbus and have learned some of the planned **Fall Conference (Sunday, November 2, 2008)** sessions that these educators want to offer you i.e.; "Lions Ceremonies"; "Orientation of

New Members”; “Youth Camps”; “Extension Update” and more. The State office has reserved the University Plaza Hotel for this day of learning. Please consider sending a few of your club members (or more) to this once-a-year event - carpooling is a great idea. You will eventually be sent more information from the State office as the time grows near, but I wanted to promote this opportunity for our clubs within MD-13C to be a part of...and a day worth your time.

Are you aware that ALL Lions are invited and should attend our district’s cabinet meetings? They’re not just more meetings...they’re informative, enlightening, and a good time to meet and greet the other Lions of MD-13C. What are you doing on November 13,

2008???



For this month’s “Lions Youth Program of the Month”, I’m recommending that our clubs learn about the “Good Program”. Our Lions State and District Youth Committee Representative, Lion Cindy Palmentera, is doing a fine job and she is currently promoting the Lions sponsored activity the “Good Program”. It’s a wonderful opportunity for our clubs to become involved with their local schools and to also inform - - **NO, BRAG** to their communities of their involvement. The activities are easy and the rewards will be plentiful to all who are committed to implementing this program. I highly recommend that someone from each club contact Lion Cindy for further

information – [Bareftn813@aol.com](mailto:Bareftn813@aol.com).

Stay happy and healthy until we



meet again,

**DDG Lion Marty Dennis**

### **MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

The following clubs will receive Ohio Lions MD 13 Patches for a Plus 1 in membership for 2007-08: Chardon Lions, Chippewa Lake Lions, Cleveland Host Lions, Garfield Heights Lions, Geneva Lions, Greensburg Lions, Highland Heights Lions, Nordonia Hills Lions, North Coast Lions, Royalton Hills Lions, Seville Lions, Wadsworth Lions, Willoughby Evening Lions, and Willoughby Hills Lions. The State Membership Committee has decided to continue this reward for 2008-09; so keep up the good recruiting and let's see if more clubs can reach the +1 Membership Goal.

**Lion Wallie Burnett,  
Membership Chairman**

### **Financial Information from Lion Neil Sheeley**

#### **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.

#### Summary

Lions clubs which sell property as a fund raiser should obtain a transient vendors permit, costing \$25.00 and remit sales taxes collected to the Treasurer of the state of Ohio.

Lions clubs which purchase tangible personal property for use by the club or for use as part of a raffle prize are required to pay Ohio sales tax on such purchases. Signing an exemption certificate stating that the club is not subject to the sales tax under the exemption granted to 501(c) (3) organizations may well be exposing the club or the individual purchaser to problems with the Ohio Treasurer of State's office and the Ohio Attorney General's office.

The Treasurer of State normally looks the other way when civic groups such as the Lions conduct sales of tangible personal property because they serve a civic purpose and/or are of such minimal amounts as to not be worth the state's time

and effort. It is good, however, to be aware of the regulations and the potential problems associated with noncompliance with the actual laws and regulations. The use of the blanket exemption certificate is one area which must be of concern to those Lions who are giving these to vendors. These are very similar to an affidavit signed by the purchaser and in effect the signer is making a false statement to the vendor which could create problems should the vendor ever be audited by the Treasurer of State.

Lion Neil Sheeley  
District Financial Advisor  
August 23, 2008

### **DISTRICT TREASURER'S COMMENTS**

#### **Cabinet Meeting 8/21/08**

1. Budget for 2008/2009 Lion year same as prior year.
2. Dues for first half of 2008/2009 Lion year were mailed June 23, 2008, with second mailing for unpaid dues August 11, 2008
3. District dues are based upon member counts at May 31 and November 30 of each year. The District pays dues to the State MD 13 based upon membership at these two dates.

It is important to keep your membership reports up to

date and do not change the dues billing invoices without discussion with the District Treasurer or District Governor.

4. REMINDER – New tax exempt reporting rule – those tax exempts which had \$25,000 or less in GROSS RECEIPTS must now file online with the Internal Revenue Service by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the fifth month after their fiscal year end. For most Lions clubs, this will be November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Officer of the club must certify that the club has \$25,000 or less in GROSS RECEIPTS. If you have any questions on how to determine gross receipts, please contact the District Treasurer.

Failure to comply may result in loss of tax exemption, tax on any net income, and required filing as a taxable entity.

5. District Form 990 has been filed and is on the District web site under the "Forms" tab.
6. Use the District expense voucher when submitting requests for District expense reimbursement. Form is on the District website.
7. Do not order items on behalf of the District and have invoice sent to District Treasurer without notifying the District Governor or District Treasurer. All such

invoices will be returned to the vendor without payment.

District Treasurer  
Lion Neil Sheeley  
North Royalton Lions Club

**The following was submitted  
by Lion Wallie Burnett**

Dear District and Multiple  
District Membership  
Chairpersons,

Sometimes Lions clubs can have difficulty inviting new members. That said, I would like to remind you, as membership leaders, of the membership growth programs available to your club, district and multiple from the Membership Operations Department at Lions Clubs International. We hope these programs serve as motivation and incentive to invite!

**Award Program**

The October Membership Growth Award Program was re-introduced in 2007 to encourage clubs to invite new members in the month of October. Starting in 2008, all participating clubs will receive a banner patch for their invitation efforts under this program. We encourage you to go online to [view the full 2008 criteria](#) and to see the [results from the 2007 program](#).

**The Year Round Growth Award Program**

The Year Round Growth Program encourages clubs and individuals to invite year round and rewards both clubs and individuals for their efforts. New this year, all sponsoring Lions are eligible for the

International President's Certificate of Sponsorship. To read more on the program and on how to obtain sponsorship and new member certificates, we encourage you to view the [Year Round Growth section](#) of the Web site.

**The Membership Key Award Program**

The Membership Key Award Program is one of LCI's longest running award programs. It awards individual Lions who invite new members. There are 17 keys in the program, each key marking the invitation of a different number of members. One of the most important rules of the program is that new members must remain for *a year and a day* before they count toward a sponsor's key. To read more about how an individual Lion can obtain membership keys, please visit the [Membership Key Award Program section](#) of the LCI Web site.

Remember: Your invitation leads to more hands, more service, and to, possibly, more awards for your club.

Best wishes in your year as membership chair! I *strongly encourage you to share any program information with the clubs in your district or multiple.*

If I can be of help to you, please let me know,

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**Blind Bowling**

Lions will be needed for the American Blind Bowling Association National Bowling Tournament. May 20-25. Greeters, pin spotters, and other helpers are needed. Contact Association President Wilbert Turner at (216) Area 522-2950, 374-7205, or 561-6864, or Lion Kevin Barrett of Broadview Heights Lions Club.

**Zone Meetings**

**Zone 5 Meeting**

The Tallmadge Lions Club will be hosting the first Zone 5 Meeting on September 24, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. at their club. Cost of the meal will be \$11.00. For reservations call Lion Shirley Frazier at 330-794-8606 before September 21, 2008. The menu will be:

Roast beef  
Mashed Potato and gravy  
Green Beans  
Salad  
Roll and butter  
Strawberry Shortcake  
Coffee, Tea or Pop

**Club News**

**North Coast Lions Club**



North Coast Lions Club presents its 4th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner, Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the Patrician Party Center, 33150 Lakeland Blvd,

Eastlake. Doors Open 6pm & Sit Down Dinner 7pm. Silent Auction & Chinese Auction, Door Prizes, Cash Bar (Halloween Costumes Optional) Tickets Cost \$30 per person ~ Contact: Lori @ 440-953-9824 for more information (or Renee 440-944-4782)(rchosen@visn.net) or Wallie 440-944-3947(email: wdburnett@att.net). Also on the web: [www.lionwap.org/OHnorthcoast](http://www.lionwap.org/OHnorthcoast) @ "announcements" link.

Sincerely,  
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### **Garfield Heights**

Clambake – 10/15/08 at Tweedy's - \$25 – Clams, chicken, and sides. There will also be a “cornhole” tournament.

### **Cuyahoga Falls**

Selling Entertainment Books: The 2008 Entertainment Books are in and ready to be distributed. Call at (330) 929-3329 or see me at any of our events between now and mid December to get the books you need.

Help For Our Service Men & Women: Our newest Lion, Joe Bettio informs us that there is an organization in the Akron area called Three Deuces, 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

### **North Royalton**

November 14 2008: Poor Mans Reverse Raffle, held at Pipers III. Doors open at 6 PM. Cost will be \$20/person. Side boards, Chinese auction items and more.

## **CALENDAR**

### **September**

24 - The Tallmadge Lions Club will be hosting the first Zone 5 Meeting

### **October**

15 – Garfield Heights Clambake  
25 – North Coast Lions Murder Mystery Dinner

### **November**

2<sup>st</sup> – Fall Conference  
7 – St Vincent Reverse Raffle – Slovenian Hall  
13 – Cabinet Meeting – Crowne Plaza, Middleburg Hgts.  
14 – North Royalton Poor man's raffle  
18 – Joint Zone Meeting, 3&5

### **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.