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INSPIRING THOUGHTS FROM DG SHERYL



Happy New Year Lions!

Some of you may make New Year resolutions for the coming calendar year in your personal lives, but perhaps it may be a time to revamp some events or projects that your Lions club is working on. This is the time of year to put a new perspective on the things that your club is involved with, a time to get more club members involved, a time to invite more of your community into your club's projects and a time to keep working on building your club membership. Remember that as "We Serve" in our community's we are setting an example for others to follow. Thank you and keep up the great work in our quest to promote

Lionism within our community's!

2016 has been a year of life-changing service, new initiatives and a celebration of our legacy of bringing hope to underserved populations around the globe. Thank you for all that you have done to help make this year a success. Thanks to your hard work Lions worldwide have helped serve more than 120 million people during the Centennial Service Challenge, far surpassing the initial goal of serving 100 million people – and we're still going strong! Lions have completed nearly 8,500 Legacy Projects, providing lasting gifts and reminding their communities just how important Lions are.

This is also the time of year that we start planning for the District Convention. This will be a birthday of sorts, our 1st in District OH1. My Convention Chair Lion Amy and I have been busy planning the convention and we hope that you join us as we celebrate our first year as district OH1. We have many surprises in store for all that will attend. Our keynote speaker for the weekend will be ID Bob Libin and I am sure that he will share some wonderful insights to us from LCI. Remember my theme for this year, "Rolling Towards the Goal" . . . we will be having some motorcycle themed events throughout the convention. So I hope that you will attend the convention as we celebrate you, all your accomplishments and our first year of District OH1.

I do hope that during the holiday season that your club planned a service project that impacted hunger in your community. It certainly is a great opportunity to help make the holidays brighter for children, families and our elderly neighbors that are in need. You can also help by joining Lions around the world for the [Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger this January 9-15, 2017](#). Your club can make a difference!

I am certainly looking forward to 2017 and all that it will bring. Especially as we celebrate our Centennial Year in Lions. There are a lot of great opportunities ahead of us as we "Climb the Next Mountain" in Lions. Especially as we continue "Rolling Towards the Goal".

Happy New Year 2017,
DG Sheryl and Lion Dan

Deadline for January Newsletter is January 25, 2017



A LINE FROM VDG BILL

The holidays have passed and now it's time to get ready to complete our Lion year. Worldwide, Lions have helped over 120 million people during the Centennial Service project. Here in Oh-1 we have performed many service projects and most clubs have already fulfilled their Centennial Service projects.

Let's not forget that the Worldwide week of service to fight hunger is January 9-15. People still are hungry; this problem does not go away after the holidays. We need to help keep the shelves at food banks stocked. Take

this opportunity to promote our good work. Get local media coverage. It is time we pat ourselves on the back and take credit for all the good work we do.

- February is membership month. Right now our District is down only 20 members. We can use our January Service Projects, as a stepping board to convince prospects to join our clubs. People like helping others. Service projects are a great way to show what we as Lions mean to our communities.
- Hopefully, we have a great turnout at this year's Winter Retreat. It is a great way to meet other Lions and learn more about what is happening Statewide. We really need more Lions in our District to take an active role in District and State activities. Attendance at these events really helps to learn and meet the people who will set the course of our future. Please get involved and help us make the proper decisions.
- Thanks for all your hard work in 2016, we are ready for the 2nd century of Service.

1VDG Bill Niejadlik

NOTES FROM 2ND VDG DEAN

Happy New Year Lions of OH1,

I would like to introduce myself to the district. I am Nealy Dean Carruthers, everyone calls me Dean. I have been appointed as the 2nd Vice District Governor for OH1. I have been in Lions since 1980 when I joined in Kenton Ohio. I have held every club officer position but Treasure and served multiple times as Zone Chairperson & Regional Chairperson, I have also served on district boards.

I am honored to represent & serve you as the 2nd Vice District Governor and look forward to becoming your District Governor in 2 years. I want to visit as many clubs in the district that I can and would be honored to visit and attend your club meetings, activities or projects. Please contact me if there is anything I can do to assist you or schedule a visit. Please also add me to your email lists. My contact information is in the district directory under the Zone Chairperson heading. Feel free to email me at bigb31353@gmail.com (if you have problems with that email use ndc1353@hotmail.com) or call me on my cell 567-525-2582 anytime or day between 8:00 A.M. – 11:30 P.M. I look forward the meeting you & contribute to our Motto "WE SERVE"



NORTHWEST OHIO LIONS EYE CARE FOUNDATION MEETING

The next meeting of the Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation will be held February 8, 2017, at the Napoleon Lions/Rotary Building at 6:30 p.m. Meal cost will be \$10. Please RSVP to PDG Pat Goulding at rcgpag@bex.net. All Lions of OH-1 are members of the foundation and encouraged to attend the meeting.

REQUEST FOR LIONS IN ACTION VIDEOS

PID Jerry Smith is looking for videos on any Lions in action at a service project within the last year. He is most interested in services related to youth, hunger, vision and environmental projects. If you have a video please send it to PID Jerry ASAP at PIDJerry@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8, 2017	NWOLECF Meeting, Napoleon Lions/Rotary Bldg, Napoleon, OH
February 26, 2017	Cabinet Meeting, Schnipke Inn, Ottawa, OH
March 31-April 1, 2017	OH-1 District Convention, Findlay Inn, Findlay, OH
May 12-14, 2017	MD-13 State Convention, Kalahari in Sandusky, OH
June 30 – July 4, 2017	Centennial Lions Club International Convention, Chicago, IL

FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

Arlington Lions – Will be working 5 home Arlington Basketball games in January
Bluffton Lions – Collected canned goods and donated tail twisting funds to the Bluffton Food Pantry
Bryan Lioness – Are collecting “box Tops for Education”, “Campbell Labels” and greeting card fronts
Defiance Lions – Made a donation in support of our local Junior Achievement program
Findlay Lions – Donated to the Hancock Leadership Coats for Christmas project
Holgate Lions – Presented dictionaries to the third graders at Holgate Elementary School
Wauseon Lions – Sold 175 Christmas trees and assisted three families thru the Christmas Cheer Program

Napoleon Lions Serve Those that Serve the Community

The number one project for the Napoleon Lions Club is serving up delicious ice cream at the Henry County Rib Fest, the Henry County Fair and the Fall Festival. Proceeds from this dessert-serving project provides funds to re-invest in the community with many projects.

As the volunteers were dipping ice cream at last month's Fall Festival at the Henry County Fairgrounds, club President Marvin Lanzer and ice cream co-chair Duane Ressler thought it would be a nice gesture to reopen the ice cream stand and serve ice cream at the County's tribute to 9-11 on September 11 at the Fairgrounds.

But this would not be a fund-raiser. They decided to dish up ice cream cones and cups to the first responders and others that attended the event free-of-charge. The motto of the Lions Club internationally is “We Serve.” This was the Lions way of serving those who really serve Henry County. It was a way to show appreciation to our own first responders: the fire-fighters, the rescue squads, the peace officers that serve Henry County





Do you know someone who would make an excellent Lion?

Has their excuse to not join Lions been lack of money?

Are you willing to be a De facto sponsor to a Lion whose official record lists another as their sponsor?

If you answered yes to these, here is an exciting opportunity that you may want to take advantage of.

We are looking for good quality Lions Club recruits who will become excellent lifelong members of Lions Clubs International.

The applicants to this program will be competing for one Life Membership to Lions Club International where the International portion of their Dues will be waived for their lifetime. The winner of the contest will only pay whatever your Club's yearly dues are minus the \$43 International Dues charge for their lifetime. (Example: A Club's dues are \$61 a year, if this new member came from this club their dues would be \$18 yearly.)

But wait there is more! If the person you put forth to be sponsored by this program does not win the grand prize of a lifetime dues waiver. They still can be eligible to win a runner up prize of their first year of Club dues. (meals not included) (Example: A Club's dues are \$75 and the meal charge is \$200. A Lion sponsored into the club sponsored by this program would get a one-time Dues allotment of \$75)

Some things to note are:

- Like most contests there is no guaranteed to win either option
- The official sponsor listed on their membership record with LCI will be determined by the contest, however the Lion entering the recruits name in the contest will be expected to mentor the new Lion.
- This Contest is only open to persons seeking first time membership into Lions Clubs.
- Your Club Has to first accept this person for membership, then you fill out the application send it with the completed membership application for review. If approved your Club secretary will be notified to enter the new member with the programs sponsoring Lion Information into My LCI. Once the information is entered into My LCI a check will be immediately sent to the club if the new member won a one year's dues. If they win the Lifetime International Dues waiver, the new members info will be sent to LCI and the Club will not be charged International dues on that member for their lifetime.

Contest Entry Form for

Grand Prize of Lifetime Lions Clubs International Dues Waiver (only LCI Portion)
with runner-up Prize of One Year Club Dues Waiver.

***Not all Entries will win this contest; the contest will be judged on merit among the applicants* Recruits**

Name _____ **Recruits Email** _____

Mentors Name _____ **Mentors Ph# or Email** _____

Lions Club Name _____ **Is the applicant a first-time Lion** _____

Has Applicant been approved for membership as decided by the Club _____

What are your Lion Club's yearly Club Dues _____ **Applicants Birth Year** _____

Does your Lions Club normally pay the New Member Entrance Fee for new members? _____

Tell Us about the Lion Recruit, such as how likely they are to stay a Lion, have they already been active with your Lions Club or with volunteering in the community etc. (Include as much or little Information as you feel is relevant)

I as the Mentor Lion agree to be a good Mentor to the Lion recruit with the understanding that I will not be listed as Sponsor on the New Lions Official Member Record with Lions Clubs International. I realize that the contest will list another Lion as the Applicants Sponsor with LCI. I Certify all of the above Information is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Mentor Lion Signature _____ **Date** _____

To be considered for this contest please complete this form and attach the Applicants Membership Application (or a copy) and send both of these completed forms before January 10, 2017 to:

**IPDG Micheal Gibbs
PO Box 175
Rushsylvania OH, 43347**

**Email: Lionmtg@gmail.com
Phone: 937-935-0477**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact IPDG Micheal Gibbs at Lionmtg@gmail.com

Ohio Lions State Convention

May 12-14, 2017

**Kalahari Resort
Sandusky, Ohio**

Programs & Activities

Register for State Convention & "Lions Day at Cedar Point" online at www.ohiolions.org.
Make payments using *PayPal*.

Two separate registration forms will appear on the homepage, one for the State Convention and one for the Lions Centennial Celebration.

Lodging

Make reservations anytime online at
www.Kalahariresorts.com/Ohio
Or by phone at
877-525-2427 or 419-433-7200

Lions Room is **\$125.00 + tax** for single, double or quad rooms.
Be sure to ask for the "OHIO LIONS STATE CONVENTION" special rate.
You must book a minimum of two nights to get the Ohio Lions discount.

Reservations include passes to indoor water park. Bring a friend or the whole family.

**Children accompanied by a parent or guardian do not have to register for state convention, but must arrange for meals on their own.*



Lions Centennial Celebration

May 13, 2017

**Grand Pavilion at Cedar Point
Sandusky, Ohio**

A once in a lifetime event of epic proportions! Iconic speeches by Helen Keller, Melvin Jones and International President Bob Corlew
Dinner and photo opportunities in the facility where the Lions became the "Knights of the Blind"



This is an official Lions Centennial Event* open to all Lions, Lioness, Leos, Family & Special Guests.

Details on costs, registration and transportation will be available at:

ohiolions.org • MD13convention2017.org

** Registration and fees for this event are separate from the Ohio Lions State Convention registration.*



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
International President
Bob Corlew

New mountains to climb. New challenges to meet. New people to serve. New members to welcome. New leaders to guide us. This is the time to prepare ourselves and those who follow behind us, for the next 100 years.

President Corlew is from Milton, Tennessee. He is retired as chancellor for the State of Tennessee and a professor of law.

He has been a member of the Murfreesboro Noon Lions Club since 1978, holding many offices within Lions and helping to charter a number of new clubs.



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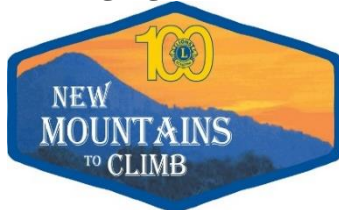
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