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THOUGHTS FROM THE DG



Wow! An end of an era is just a month away. Let us take the GREAT things we have done, not only this Lions Year, but over the last 50 years as District 13-A into the future as District 13-OH1. We have accomplished so much this Lions Year, and it has been an honor and a privilege serving as your District Governor. I hope you all work just as hard for DG-elect Sheryl, as you have for me.

Despite being -9 in membership as of the end of May, we still have managed to serve over 150,000 people in our District alone. With our 1215 Lions members, we have dedicated over 15,000 Lions Hours into Service. That is a GREAT accomplishment. I know each club in our district has served their communities well, and 36 of the 42 clubs have reported at least one Service Project on MyLCI. That is 86% of our clubs reporting to let us know that they are ROARING in their communities. As I have visited every club in the district this year, I had one common theme to when I spoke, and it was all about Service and the Centennial Service Challenge. I am excited to say that 60% of our clubs that have reported on MyLCI have reported at least One Centennial Service Project. I am also excited to say that 48% of our clubs that have reported on MyLCI have reported at least Two different Centennial Service Projects, which is greater than last year.

During my visitations to all the clubs, many clubs had a common question for me: How do we get new and younger members? The answer is quite simple: Service, Service, and more Service. As a younger Lion, I was and still am attracted to Lionism by the Service my Lions Club provides to our community. By serving others, not necessarily going to club meetings, is where I truly became a Lion in my Heart and the reason why I continue to serve every day. We should always stay vigilant and visible to be able to attract new Lions, but remember to be vigilant and visible to keep your current members hungry yet satisfied in Lionism. By Asking One family member, friend, or neighbor to join you in service, We Can Serve More.

I would like to challenge each and every club in the District two things before the end of the Lions Year: Bring in One New Centennial Member, and Complete and Report One New or One More Centennial Service Project. If you need help, all you need is to ask. We have a district full of Lions that are able and willing to assist. We are here to serve not only our communities, but each other as well.

We truly Score through the Service to humanity in our communities, our district, our state, and throughout the world.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Nick, Lion Ashley, Lion Cub Justin, & soon-to-be Lion Cub Edward.



The deadline for the July newsletter is June 20, 2016

1VDG SHERYL'S SENTIMENTS

Greetings my Fellow Lions!

Wow, here we are, almost to the end of the Lions year. We sure have been busy and have accomplished so much, not only in the district as a whole, but we have expanded our service in our communities, and we still have one more month to complete those goals that our District Governor set before us to reach this Lions year.

Lion Dan and I attended the Ohio Lions State Convention the weekend of May 20-22. I know that we saw a lot of you there and I do hope that you had a good time. We certainly had a good time. We saw a lot of friends and we even made some new ones. There was a lot of fellowship going on, good entertainment, great seminars to attend in which to learn from, and our International Guest, PIP Jim Ervin and his wife Lion Sharon were great to talk to, and I hope that you took the opportunity to say Hi while they were here in Ohio. Our Council Chair did a marvelous job in conducting the business meetings and the Grand Banquet was a spectacular event. If you have never attended the State Convention, perhaps you should put the date on your calendar for next year as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary as an Association. Next year's Ohio Lions State Convention will be held at Kalahari Resorts & Convention, May 12-14, 2017. This is a special celebration and we will have special guests in attendance. On Saturday, May 13, we will be at Cedar Point, the same place that Helen Keller challenged all Lions to be "Knights of the Blind". I do hope that you make plans to attend.



Lion Dan and I are preparing for the upcoming International Convention, being held in Fukuoka, Japan. There, I will receive the rest of my district governor training by LCI. I have been busily preparing for the next Lions year and I know with your help we will have a successful and fun year as we move forward in becoming OH1!

As this Lions year comes to a close, I just want to thank DG Nick and Lion Ashley for their service to our district. DG Nick did an outstanding job, not only getting things together so that we can move forward as we become OH1 smoothly, but he tackled all his duties wonderfully. I just want you all to know that it is my intention to continue to work towards growing our districts membership and to retain all lions. We are a great Association and we cannot continue to serve our community's without each and every one of you. Thank you for your service!

Let us continue "Scoring Through Service" as we continue "Rolling Towards the Goal". . .

DG elect Sheryl and Lion Dan



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NOTES FROM 2VDG BILL



Summer is upon us and we look forward to a new Lion year. 2015-2016 is over and our District 13A has come to an end. We accomplished much this year and I am looking forward to being OHIO 1. We will enlarge our territory and get to work with Lions from Former District E. This change will help bring costs into line but, also enhance our District with new ideas and approaches to our club, needs. We all need to bring “new blood” into our clubs. We are recycling Presidents, Zone Chairs, and even Governors.

Perhaps the best way to create our future is to promote ourselves. When you perform service projects, get photos to your local newspaper or T.V. stations where possible. Our preschool vision exam is a perfect vehicle for this. Who doesn’t like children and trying to help prevent vision problems? People join clubs to serve, not because they like chicken and green bean diners. Retailors, doctors and lawyers all self-promote. It’s time we as Lions tell the public what we are, who we are and what we do.

In August 2016, Ohio 1 will get one of the 3 Vision machines available from the State. We will also be purchasing one of our own giving us a total of 3 machines. I will move the machines about the district and will provide training as needed. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

The Sight and Hearing Committee has been hampered by the Board of Health of Ohio. They met in January 2015 to approve a vision machine for the state. As of this writing no decision has been made. We have asked numerous times for a decision, even a clue as to what they are thinking. No reply. Sight and Hearing Chair Bob Medley and Council Chair Don Robinette are preparing a form letter for all clubs to use to send to our state representatives, state senators and the Governor’s office. We need them to know that these appointed directors are not doing their job. 17 months and no decision. We are trying to comply with the rules but the rule makers will not answer our questions.

In closing, I want to congratulate Governor Nick on great year. He worked, was governor, bought a house and he and Ashley will welcome a new addition to their family. Thank you for your service. I look forward to helping Sheryl and Ohio1 make next year great.

Respectfully,
2VDG Bill Niejadlik

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| June 24-28, 2016 | International Convention, Fukuoka, Japan |
| August 14, 2016 | Cabinet Meeting, Schnipke Inn, Ottawa, OH |
| Sept 15-17, 2016 | USA/Canada Forum, Omaha, Nebraska |
| Sept 30-Oct 2, 2016 | Ohio Lions Regional Lions Leadership Institute, Deer Creek Lodge |
| November 30, 2016 | Cabinet Meeting, Schnipke Inn, Ottawa, OH |
| February 26, 2016 | Cabinet Meeting, Schnipke Inn, Ottawa, OH |
| March 31-April 1, 2017 | OH-1 District Convention, Findlay Inn, Findlay, OH |



THE END OF AN ERA



Last month's question was, "How many clubs started with District 13-A in 1966?"

In July 1, 1966, District 13-A had 48 clubs. At the end of June 30, 2016, the District will have 42 clubs. Of the original 48 clubs, 31 are still serving their communities. Twenty-seven clubs are the homes of District Governors. Between 1966 and 2016, 31 clubs have been chartered, but only 11 remain active.

Over the past year we only touched on the history of the last 50 years. We didn't even talk about the Lions' years between 1920 and 1965. History is not only fascinating but is a learning tool teaching us how to build Lionism.

This month's question is, "What will our District be like in 5, 10, 20 or even 30 years from now?"

There's no answer to this question yet. Only time will tell. But as a member of this District and this association you can have a major impact. You can just pay your dues and be a passive member, or you can step up and be a leader in your club and district. Never think the other guy will do it...

DATES TO REMEMBER

Training for Zone Chairs will be held at Ashland on June 11, 2016, and at Washington Court House on July 9, 2016.

Ohio Lions Winter Retreat will be held at Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling, Ohio, on January 13, 14, 15, 2017.

2016-17 OH1 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Congratulations to the North Baltimore Lions Club for having all four officers trained for the 2016-17 Lions Year. They will receive the 2016-17 training rocker for their Club banner.

Ohio Lions Regional Lions Leadership Institute 2016 is coming!

September 30, October 1 & 2 @Deer Creek Lodge

A weekend for our Ohio Lions to focus on the importance of "Leadership" within their clubs and districts. (More details will follow.) Check the Ohio Lions GLT web site for more specifics.

CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE BY THE NUMBERS

- 85,441,769 people served
- 28,984,642 people benefited through Engaging our Youth
- 14,100,338 people benefited through Sharing the Vision
- 18,561,977 people benefited through Relieving the Hunger
- 23,794,812 people benefited through Protecting our Environment
- 58% of clubs are engaged in the Centennial Service Challenge
- 108,715 Sharing the Vision projects completed
- 2,343,795 trees planted through the Protecting our Environment campaign
- 50% of clubs have implemented an Engaging Our Youth project
- 18,363 communities positively impacted through Relieving the Hunger projects



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MEMBERSHIP IN 13A?



By the time you receive this article there will only be about one month remaining in this Lions year. Let's close out the year on a strong note and end the year with a net increase for the district. In order to help to that I am recommending the following.

We are approaching that time of the year when many clubs need to drop members for none attendance, none payment of dues, or both and for various other reasons. District Governor Nick and I, as Membership Chairperson, are requesting that you hold all drops between now and the end June until July.

Let me explain. Each year we have a larger number of drops in May and June than we do the rest of the year. For the current governor that means there are losses that can't be made up before the end of the Lions year. However, if we hold those members until after July 1, it gives the district and next year's governor a full year to recoup those losses. We understand that your club will be responsible to LCI for the dues for those members you carry over into July. But, I have checked with LCI and found that if you then drop those folks on your July report you will be credited the full amount for each member by LCI on your club account. So in the end your club will not be paying for that dropped member.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

District 13A was a net -6 at the end of April with a total of 1215 members. The good news is that we have taken in 74 new members since July 1. Unfortunately, we lost 80 members during the same period of time.

I would like to congratulate the Arcadia, Archbold, Bluffton, Bryan, Continental, Convoy, Defiance, Edon, Fort Jennings, Grover Hill, Kalida, McComb, Middle Point, Napoleon, North Baltimore, Ottawa, Ottoville, Paulding, Perrysburg Sunrise, Portage, Spencerville, Swanton, Sylvania Sunrise, Van Buren, Wauseon, and West Unity Lions Clubs for sponsoring at least one new member so far this year. Those 26 clubs are 62% of our total of 42. Remember, we need every club to sponsor at least one new member this year.

Of the 26 clubs that have taken in at least one new member 11 have had positive growth this year. Congratulations to Arcadia, Archbold, Continental, Convoy, Grover Hill, Ottawa, Ottoville, Perrysburg Sunrise, Portage, Spencerville, Wauseon, and West Unity for your efforts. Congratulations to those clubs for a job well done.

Remember that the Ohio Plan can be found at our District 13A website <http://www.lionsdistrict13a.org/> and the Membership Satisfaction Guide can be found at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/me301.pdf> . In the months remaining in this Lions year please use these resources to strengthen and maintain your membership.

If you want to plan a membership night or discuss means of retaining members, remember that the officers, zone chairs, and I are all willing to help your club have a successful year. I can be contacted at 419-340-8152 or pidjerry@gmail.com.

Remember that recruiting and retaining members is not just about numbers, it is about providing more hands to provide services to our communities.

PID Jerry Smith, 13A GMT Coordinator

Lions of Ohio:

A great opportunity to live out our motto, “WE SERVE” has come your way.

From January 20-27, 2017, a group of Lions from Ohio in conjunction with the Clayland Lions and Imagine Missions will be making a trip to Des Piños, Haiti. While there, we will visit the Loyal Oaks Community Chapel Orphanage; spend time with the children; get to know these wonderful young men and women; work on some service projects or one large project in the community and/or at the orphanage; and with some luck, we will be able to meet up with the Lions Club in Cabaret, Haiti.

This opportunity is being offered to the first 16 individuals to commit by paying an initial \$200 deposit by August 1, 2016. Yes, for those of you wondering, spouses are welcome, and no they don't have to be Lions members.

While on this trip, lodging as well as three meals a day will be provided. We will be within walking distance from the orphanage and get to experience not only another culture, but learn of the daily life challenges which face the Northern Hemisphere's most impoverished country.

As a team, our goal will be to complete one large project. A list has been established based upon the needs of the orphanage and there are several project opportunities that can be done to help the community as well. Together, we can look over and discuss possible projects based on available funds from your own clubs, personal donations, and fundraising.

Currently, roundtrip Airfare is approximately \$800 per person with room and board costing \$40 per day or \$280 for the seven-day trip. (Please keep in mind, based on booking times our price with the airlines may change.)



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Lion Nathan Douglas, Clayland Lions Club.

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To learn more about Imagine Missions, visit ImagineMissions.org

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” –Helen Keller

FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

Bluffton Lions – Presented 6 scholarships to graduating seniors from area schools

Bryan Lioness – Will be manning the Bloodmobile Canteen on June 9th at the K of C Hall in Bryan

Defiance Lions – Made donations to the Tinora Academic Boosters, The Tuttle Museum, & YES Project

Holgate Lions – Will be holding White Cane Days on June 3 and 4th

Pioneer Lions – Presented 137 Evergreen tree seedlings to Montpelier & N Central 4th graders

DISC GOLF FUN DAY PLANNED

The McComb Lions Club will be hosting a Disc Golf Fun Day on June 11, 2016 at the McComb

Village Park. This is NOT a tournament but an opportunity to learn the sport of disc golf on the 18-hole course at the park. Cost of the event is \$15 and includes a starter disc and lunch.

Fee after May 31, and the day of the event, is \$20. Experienced players will be available that

day for instruction and advice.



Registration forms are available on-line at www.mccomblionsclub.org or you may register at Tees, Tees and More. 155 East Main Street, McComb. You may also email the club at mccomblions@hotmail.com for more information. All proceeds from the event will benefit McComb Lions Club projects.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Thank you so much for supporting the Northwest Ohio Science & Engineering Fair (NWOSEF) and our efforts at the 2016 INTEL International Science & Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona! You certainly helped make our dreams come true!

This year, Northwest Ohio was incredibly successful at the international science fair with Kate Murphy from Hicksville High School placing 4th in Behavioral Sciences out of 1,760 students with her project “Analyzing Women’s Representation in the Health Care Field on American Television from 1965-2015” and Karenn Langhals from Columbus Grove

receiving an Arizona State Scholarship. It has been quite a while since both of our participants have garnered honors in the same year.

In addition to the international science fair, Kate Murphy received her 6th Year Award at the Ohio State Science Day, the Top Nursing Award for the State of Ohio, and the Ohio Psychological Association’s Top Behavioral Science Award. Kate’s 2015 science fair project “Analyzing Female Gender Roles in Marvel Comics from the Silver Age (1960) to 2014” was also just published in Case Western Reserve University’s Undergraduate Academic Journal, Discussions. It has been a very exciting science fair season!

Thank you SO MUCH for helping us to achieve so much and for helping us to represent Northwest Ohio at the 2016 INTEL Science & Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona. We just could not have done it without you and your support. Thank you so much!

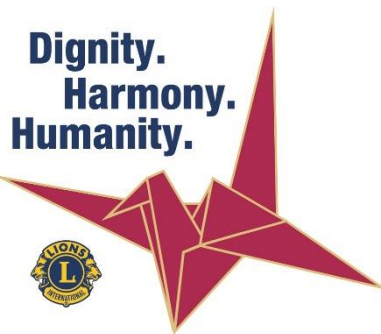
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