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INSPIRING THOUGHTS FROM DG SHERYL



Merry Christmas and Holiday Greetings Fellow Lions,

As I have been traveling around to the clubs in our District, not only have I met some wonderful Lions and having heard of your generous service to your community's, but I would like to continue to encourage you and your clubs to engage your community's with all that you do for them. I would like to share that we, as an organization, have surpassed the goal of reaching 100 million people served through the Centennial Challenge. LCI has set a new strategic goal (LCI Forward), a goal to triple our service impact by serving 200 million people a year by 2021. Our membership goals are being reached and with more

members means we can provide more service to those who need us most. Remember, each member serves 70 people on average. So imagine how many more people we can help by inviting others to join us in service. Thank you for helping grow our membership so that we can serve even more people.

The Christmas Holiday is fast approaching. I know within my community there are many needy families that don't have the means to provide anything extra during this holiday season. I do hope that our clubs in our district can reach out and be a blessing to those in need around us. Please, plan a food drive to help out your local food pantry or plan a Christmas Cheer project to help families in your own community's to have a better Christmas. The greatest Blessing is to be a Blessing to others.

On Dec. 5 is when we celebrate "International Leo Day". I encourage your clubs to get our young people involved in our clubs, as this is our Lions future. And on the topic of our youth, Prior to our last District Cabinet Meeting in November I judged the Peace Poster/Essay Contest and I am happy to announce our District winner was sponsored by the Ottawa Club. Our winner is 6th grader, Ellie Porinchok, and I will be inviting her and her family to our District's first ever Convention for OH1, scheduled for March 31-April 1, at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center. Our Saturday luncheon's theme is "Celebrating our Youth". And we have several special surprises in store for those that attend. I hope that you will join me as we honor Ellie for being our District's Peace Poster winner.

In closing, Lion Dan and I would like to wish all the Lions of District OH1 a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year! As we continue to climb those new mountains . . . and let's keep "Rolling Towards the Goal" . . .

DG Sheryl and Lion Dan

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 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 |

Deadline for January Newsletter is December 25, 2016



A LINE FROM VDG BILL

The cold winds of December are upon us, but Lions of OH-1 are still providing services to those in need. This is the time of year when clubs help buy coats, provide food baskets and do whatever they can to make the holiday season brighter for those in need. Worldwide we have served over 100 million people. What a great accomplishment. WE SERVE is more than just a motto.

Clubs are also using the holiday for fundraising as many clubs have sold cheese, nuts, and Christmas Trees. Our communities support these efforts, helping to provide the funds necessary to continue our good deeds.

The Sylvania Sunrise club once again will provide a Christmas Party for the Blind. In conjunction with the Northwest Ohio Sight Center, this will be the 91st year we present this service. It was originally a project of Toledo Host but as their membership has diminished the Sylvania club agreed to step in. Many other clubs in the zone provides funding and help; even the Bedford club from over the border in Michigan contributes to this worthwhile event. Lions know no borders; they just have a willingness to help.

Please enjoy the holidays. Be safe. Be Happy. Be ready for a New Year of challenges. Don't forget the week of January 9-15 is the Worldwide Week to Fight Hunger. This is a terrific way to serve and earn one of your 4 pillars of Service.

January 13, 14, 15 is the Winter Retreat. It is great time to meet with Lions from all over the State. Share ideas and problems. Ask how other clubs solve those problems we all have in common. It is amazing how many simple solutions I have uncovered just by talking to other Lions. It's a great time to learn and socialize. Sign up today.

Lion Ellie and I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday. May the new year bring joy and glad tidings to all.

1VDG Bill Niejadlik

OH1 HISTORY NOW AVAILABLE

PDG Bill Keller has officially launched his OH1 History website on our Ohio Lions OH1 website at <http://www.ohiolionsoh1.org/>.

You will find photos of Past District Governors from 1920-present as Ohio Lions redistricted. State and District conventions from the OH1 geographical area with newspaper articles!

Any additions, corrections, or additional history content may be sent to PDG Bill Keller at wkeller2@columbus.rr.com

A special thanks to PDG Bill Keller for all his work on this project.

OH1 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

The 2017-18 Club Officer Training will be in Bluffton, Ohio, at the St. John's United Church of Christ, on June 10, 2017. The training will be from 9am to 1pm with a luncheon and mock meeting. Training will be for all club presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership chair. In addition, we're looking at holding sessions for tail twisters, lion tamers and some common club committee chairs.



More information will become available closer to the date. All clubs are encouraged to attend. Keep this important date open. We all need to think of training and our futures needs as we look towards our next century in Lions service.



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Dear Lions,

We have seen many amazing advancements throughout our lives. We have walked on the moon, we have phones that guide us when we are lost and we have robots that perform intricate surgeries. Yet, we still see hundreds of children die every single day from a vaccine-preventable disease.

Measles is a highly contagious disease. Those that survive are often left with serious complications, including brain damage, hearing loss and blindness. Too many children are lost to a disease that we can prevent. For about US\$1, a simple vaccine provides immunity against measles. That is why we Lions committed to raising US\$30 million for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, by 2017. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) will match our contributions, for a total of up to US\$60 million mobilized for the fight against measles.



Over the next year, we will need to raise approximately US\$10 million to fulfill our promise to the world's children. I am asking each and every Lion to [renew your dedication](#) to the fight against this deadly disease. Together, we have vaccinated millions of children. But the work is not done and we cannot rest until it is. Please [make a donation](#) today to LCIF's measles fund so that no more families have to endure the heartbreaking loss of a child to measles.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

ZONE H MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Lions of District 13 OH1 Zone H met at the China Grill in Bellefontaine on November 29th 6:00pm. The Lions Clubs of the county gave their reports as did DG Sheryl, 1st VDG Bill, PID Jerry (GMT-D), PDG Barbara (LCIF) and PDG Hank Kies (OLF and Logan County Low Vision).

Those present voted unanimously to approve a motion made by Lion Mike King and seconded by Lion Louise Norris to Close and disband the Zone Low Vision Account and to Donate the \$2042.97 in the account to the District's Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation which has the same mission as what the zone account did. The Foundation will assume the 10 Low Vision Readers in the county and service them as needed.

Lion Louise Norris received the prestigious Lions Clubs International Leadership Medal presented by IPDG Micheal Gibbs for her outstanding job as Zone Chair last year.

Zone H raised \$57 at the meeting by raffling a Plush Lion toy with a little Ohio Lions Vest. The \$57 was donated to the Lions of Tennessee to help those affected by the Gatlinburg fire recover from the devastation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Respectfully submitted,
IPDG Micheal Gibbs (ZC Pro Temp)

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MEMBERSHIP IN OH1?

At the time of this writing we are nearly at the end of the fifth month of District OH1's existence. We started our year with 1744 members. At the end of October, we had a net loss of 28 members. On November 23 I checked the numbers at LCI and found that we are currently at a net loss of 24. That means we are at 1720 members with 7 days left for clubs to file their reports for November.

Now that all our clubs are now back in full operation we are beginning to see more activity in recruiting new members. Congratulations to **the Delta-Liberty Lions Club** that celebrated their charter night on November 12.

We are also pleased that the **Cridersville, Delta-Liberty, Fayette, Kenton, McComb, Perrysburg Sunrise, Riverdale Community, Scott, Van Buren, and Venedocia** Clubs have shown a net increase so far this year. Those clubs that have taken in at least one new member by the end of October are: Bellefontaine, Bluffton, Continental, Cridersville, Defiance, Fayette, Kalida, Kenton, Mc Comb, Napoleon, Perrysburg Sunrise, Riverdale Community, Scott, Swanton, Toledo Host, Venedocia, Wapakoneta, and Wauseon. **Good job!**

To help all clubs with improving membership, we have established a statewide **Membership Steering Committee** to develop new strategies for recruiting new members and retaining existing members. Our most recent meeting was October 19. At that meeting we established February 2017 and our State-Wide membership drive using our revised Ohio Plan

Remember that the Ohio Plan can be found at the MD13 website <http://www.ohiolions.org/> and the **Membership Satisfaction Guide** can be found at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/me301.pdf> . 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*, OH1 GMT Coordinator

IS IT TIME TO ASK FOR HELP?

Should my Lions Club consider working through the Club Quality Initiative (CQI/CEP) to benefit and improve ourselves? Depending on your answers to the following questions then CQI/CEP is what you need.

Are we having trouble gaining new members?

Are we having trouble keeping/retaining present members?

Is your membership under 20 Lions?

Has your community and its needs changed over time?

Does our community know about your club?

Have we started a new community project in the past 1-2-3-4-5 years?

Are your current club leaders/officers the same Lions from last year or the year before?

Do you feel that it is great to be a Lion?

Are your Lions meetings fun and enjoyable with programs that enlighten and enrich your members?

One of the hardest things to do as a club is to admit that you are having problems and you need help. The District OH1 Lions that make up the GMT, GLT, and CQI/CEP committees are here to serve you and assist your club in working through your areas of concern. Give us a call or send an email.... we're here to serve you.

Lion Marv Crawford

District OH1 CQI/CEP Coordinator



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 wavier. 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.

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.



Lions Clubs International Centennial Celebration



OHIO LIONS WINTER RETREAT

Deer Creek State Park

January 13-15, 2017

Games * Entertainment * Fellowship

General Sessions * Lion Sessions * Fun/Educational Sessions

AND MORE!

The 2017 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat information and Registration Forms are available on line at www.ohiolions.org.

REGISTRATION

Full registrations December 2, 2016 - January 4, 2017 will be \$140.00. No registrations will be accepted after January 4, 2017. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line, and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: lionsoffice@ohiolions.org. Or use your credit card and go to www.ohiolions.org & use PayPal.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel at <http://www.deercreekstateparklodge.com> or by phone 1-800-282-7275. Room reservations prior to November 30, 2015 may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions group rate of \$90.00*/night plus tax with 1 to 4 persons per room. After November 30th the room rate may increase. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits. *Price includes a \$2.00 technology fee.

All registered Lions will receive a 2017 Commemorative Winter Retreat pin and a 2017 Deer Creek dangler.



Besides our fun and educational sessions, we will have Lion 2VDG Brandon Johnson of Tennessee as our guest speaker on Friday night. We will recognize Ohio's Past District Governors. We will play in a Putt-Putt tournament. The winner receives a full registration to the 2018 Winter Retreat and their caddie receives a registration for half price. We will travel through the Lions Historical Trail and learn about the past 100 years, design a Lions 100th Centennial Celebration float, participate in the four Centennial Challenges and attend a birthday party on Saturday night with cake, ice cream, noisemakers, door prizes and fireworks..... Don't miss this once in a life time event.

MAKE IT A FAMILY WEEKEND



Sylvania Sunrise Lions Club is asking for support for our Holiday Dinner for the Visually impaired.

This event is held every year in conjunction with the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio. The Holiday Party allows us to celebrate with the community and prepare a meal for those among us without the benefit of sight. To our knowledge, it's the only dinner of its kind and the guests look forward to this fun evening out.

We are asking for financial support, Leo Groups to help serve, or anyone that would like to be a part of this 80+ year tradition started by the Toledo Host Club.

We serve a nice meal, have entertainment, background music and distribute gift cards to our guests. Any contribution would be gladly accepted and appreciated.

When: Wednesday, December 14, 2016

**Where: Epworth United Methodist Church
4855 W. Central Ave.**

Toledo, Ohio

Time: 6:00pm

for further information please contact Event Co-Chairs:

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October 11, 2016

My wife (Connie) and I, continue to keep in regular contact with the staff at Diabetes Youth Services (DYS). Although, we permanently live in Sun City Center, Florida, we will always treasure our fond memories of the children with Type 1 Diabetes and their families, whose lives have been changed by their involvement with DYS.

This is the 14th year I have been swimming for DYS and on February 2nd I will again be swimming 300 lengths. Last year we raised, \$24,968.00 and since I began swimming for DYS we have raised \$184,575.00.

This year our goal is to raise at least \$30,000.00 and obtain a donation from every state in the USA. All the money we raise goes directly to DYS to provide money for needy children with TYPE 1 DIABETES to attend educational summer camp. No child will be turned away from camp due to their family financial situation.

Diabetes Youth Services (DYS) is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The DYS website is www.dys4kids.org. If you wish to make a contribution, please make the check payable to Diabetes Youth Services and send to: Donald J. Smith - P. O. Box 6158 - Sun City Center, Florida 33571-6158 or to Diabetes Youth Services - 2100 W. Central Avenue, Suite 110 - Toledo, Ohio 43606.

Until the Cure,

Donald J. Smith

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Dear Lions Youth Supporters,

Thank you for all the things you do! **"You are fantastic"** because the real service takes place by ordinary Lions doing extraordinary work. Lions local accomplishments and global influence comes from 'networking' together. It's going outside our communities to bring back ideas, concepts, and funds that are beyond our local capacity that makes Lionism what it is today. Lions Quest is one of these programs that can provide life skills to our local youth but is too costly to be provided by a local club.

This is a request for One (1) Dollar from each Lion in Ohio. It's the small things that make a big difference. If each Lion in Ohio would donate \$1.00, it would generate more than the cost of training 40 teachers. This dollar-per-Lion can be collected by the club treasurer and forwarded to: Ohio Lions, Inc. Attention: MD 13 Treasurer PCC Jay Gray, 4074 Hoover Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123. Please note it's for Lions Quest on the memo line.

The Multi-District 13 Lions Quest Committee met 16-October and will apply for a \$25,000 LCI Core-4 Grant. It is a 75-25% matching grant. We need to provide 25% which is \$8,333 and LCI will provide 75% or \$25,000. The funds will be used for teacher workshops on a first come first served basis and will train/certify teachers to use and acquire additional Lions Quest Materials. The cost of a single workshop for 40 teachers is \$9,500 which will provide each participant with the new teaching packet. Additionally, not required, is to provide lunches and snacks during the workshop. These workshops require active participation and generally work during the lunch with interaction and conversation. Any Lion can attend and participant without charge.

FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

Arlington Lions – Collected Canned Food for the Good Hope food pantry at their Christmas meeting

Bluffton Lions – Volunteered as security for the Lima Allen County Museum Festival of Trees

Bryan Lioness – Collected bedding (blankets, sheets & pillows) for the Lutheran Men’s Bed Brigade

Bryan Lions – Sold Christmas trees across the street from the Bryan Walmart Store

Defiance Lions – Had 460 runners and walkers at their annual Turkey Trot Thanksgiving morning

Findlay Lions – Approved three eye cases at their November 28th meeting

Holgate Lions – Delivered 55 pair of used eyeglasses to VOSH

West Mansfield Lions – Held their 68th annual Turkey Festival where they gave away 100 turkeys



The Kenton Lions Club parade was held on November 22, 2016 in Kenton. The Lions Club members passed out candy canes and the Hardin County Leo club presented the Kenton Lions Club banner.

SEND A NOTE TO PDG ED MANN

A family member wanted to let us know that 2007-2008 District 13E PDG Ed Mann has been at the Koester Pavilion care center in Troy since before Thanksgiving and isn't expected to be able to return home. PDG Ed is taking visitors or would love to receive a card or letter for the holidays. His address is: Koester Pavilion; ATTN: PDG Ed Mann; 3232 North Co. Rd. 25A; Troy, OH 45373.



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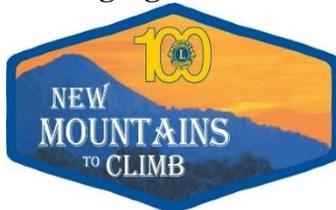
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