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INSPIRING THOUGHTS FROM DG SHERYL



I bring greetings from Lions Clubs International and our new International President Bob Corlew! Lion Dan and I have just returned from the International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan. The trip as a whole was awesome! We heard several inspiring messages from our new IP Bob Corlew, and also encouragement from outgoing IP Yamada.

I would like to share with you IP Bob Corlew's theme for this next Lions year; it is "New Mountains to Climb". As he addressed us during our DGE training, he encouraged and inspired all of the incoming District Governor's with this message, "As we commence a year of celebrating 100 years of

community service – honoring our past and embracing our present – it is our future that we must plan for. Our future is bright, but if we are to ascend the next mountain, we must lay out a trail in front of us; we must mark our trail for future generations of Lions who follow, and preserve our tradition of service." He also shared that "Reaching the top of a mountain is not the end of the journey, but is the beginning of another. A new opportunity." So, I would like to challenge all the clubs of District OH1 to blaze new trails this Lions year as we climb those new mountains ahead of us. Let us "Invite to Impact", so that we have more hands for our service projects this year! Let us "Connect with our Communities", to provide more service to those that need us.

My District Governor theme for this year is "Rolling Towards the Goal". I have established 7 goals for our District this year, and you can read them in the directory. But I would like to share my number one goal for this coming year. I just would like to encourage all club members to "Have Fun" while doing your service projects and fundraisers, as that is the best way for you to promote your Lions club and invite new members into Lions. That in itself will help with our membership goals.

As I start to plan my club visitations I will be promoting the Centennial Challenge as our great Association will be celebrating our 100th year of service at the International Convention in Chicago next June 30 – July 4, 2017. I hope that all of you make plans to attend this celebration of our great Association's history! I will also be asking all club presidents to assign a Centennial Chairperson to help their club with projects relating to the Centennial and also help to remind their club's secretary to get those projects reported each month. We have almost reached our goal of serving 100 million people, during the International Convention in Japan it was reported that we have served 93 million people. We are almost to our goal and still have another year to go. So I encourage all the clubs to continue following the Centennial Service Challenge, and plan your projects around the four campaigns of "Youth, Vision, Hunger, and Environmental".

As your clubs prepare their budgets for the coming Lions year please make considerations to donate to LCIF and the, "One shot, One Life", the measles initiative. Your club can donate to both by going to LCI.org.

August 9-14, 2016 is LCI's World Wide Week of Service for Youth. This week is dedicated to engage our youth in our communities. So please start planning your Youth Projects and share them with everyone by having your club secretary report them on the MyLCI reporting site. This also goes towards our goals to serving 100 million people during the Centennial Challenge. If you need ideas, please visit Lions100.org. Continued On Page 3

A LINE FROM VDG BILL

Welcome to OHIO 1. It's a new Lion year and we now start our 2nd century of service. We look forward to performing Centennial and Legacy projects which really is just the normal day to day business of our club. What we really want to concentrate on is promoting all our good work in our communities. I have been a Lion for 17 years and membership has always been our main goal. We now realize, do the work and they will come. People want to help others. Many members are too busy to attend a lot of meetings, but can always find time to participate in service work. Let's provide them with worthwhile projects. Maybe we can enlist new members who just work projects. Younger people want quick results. As the future unfolds we will probably see more online meetings.

As this year unfolds, we will be introducing a state-wide Legacy project. We will be looking to promote with TV and traditional print. After 100 years of shirking the limelight, we are pushing ourselves into the spotlight. Every club should be sure to let its' local media know about their projects. Send pictures to newspapers, show off our smiling faces. This is the happy news everyone likes.

I will have my visitation schedule out soon. Please be sure to let Sheryl, myself and John know of special charter nights and events. We will try to attended as many as possible. Let's go out and make this a great year! WE ARE OH-1

Vice District Governor William "Bill" Niejadlik

FROM OUR DEN TO YOURS

District13-OH1: after many months of planning and anticipation-it's finally here. Our multiple district and district finances will be better, each district's membership will be stronger and each individual Lions club will still serve its community as always.

Our new District is under great leadership. DG Sheryl is ready to lead the Lions of OH1 and Ohio into a new era; as well as into the next century of Lionism.

Although I will only be serving one year as a District officer, I'm ready, and looking forward to giving OH1 and Ohio Lions 100%. I will be visiting all of the clubs in region 2 and attending as many zone meetings as possible to meet many old Lion friends and to get acquainted with new Lions.

As always, I'm a phone call or an email away to help you and your club.

Roaring Together,

2VDG/PDG John and Sue

ZONE D MEETING

The Lions of Zone D will be meeting on Thursday evening July 21st at 6:30 p.m. We would like to present our Legacy Project lions sign on the route 30 barn. We also want to update members about the vision center in Lima and have clubs give us an update on their previous projects, activities, current events, Fall projects and activities. We want to invite and give a warm welcome to two new clubs in our zone and district, the Lions clubs of Mendon and Rockford. Welcome fellow Lions.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Convoy Methodist Church on the corner of Main and Sycamore in Convoy, Ohio. Please RSVP by July 16. I will be putting an agenda together next week so please let me know if you have anything that needs to be included. Cost of the meal is \$9.00. I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

Zone Chair Don's contact information is: Home phone: 419-647-6906 Cell phone: 419-863-2702 call or text Email: donwiechart@aol.com



Continued Inspiration DG Sheryl

Also, it is time to order your Peace Poster kits from LCI, and if your club hasn't done this before this is a great opportunity to get our youth involved. Kits are available January 15 – October 1, 2016, the completed Peace Poster's need to be sent to DG Sheryl by November 1, 2016. To order the Peace Poster kits please visit the LCI website at lionsclubs.org.

Since we are now District OH1 we have a new District Website, which can be found at: ohiolionsoh1.org, and if you need to contact Lion Rick Carder, our district's webmaster, his email is webmaster@ohiolionsoh1.org. Our district newsletter editor is Lion Dorothy Yenser and you can submit articles to her at: newsletter@ohiolionsoh1.org. And remember if your club needs anything, I and my district governing team is here to serve you and help you better serve your communities.

In closing I would like to thank all clubs for their past support in IIP Yamada's campaign of providing "Dignity, Harmony, for Humanity", and I ask you to help me blaze those new trails as we Climb those New Mountains, as we start this new Lions year.

Let us keep "Rolling Towards the Goal" ...

District Governor Lion Sheryl and Lion Dan

	UPCOMING EVENTS
August 14, 2016	Cabinet Meeting, Schnipke Inn, Ottawa, OH 3:30 p.m.
August 24, 2016	NWOLECF Meeting, Portage, OH 6:30 p.m.
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
May 12-14, 2017	MD-13 State Convention, Kalahari in Sandusky, OH
June 30 – July 4, 2017	Centennial Lions Club International Convention, Chicago, IL

NWOLECF NOTES

At the May 25, 2016 meeting attended by 12 clubs the Foundation reviewed 6 cases; an emergency MRI for a 17 yr-old boy with rare pituitary tumor pressing his optic nerve from Perrysburg was approved. The Medical Director & Board had approved at time of request due to urgency of need. A 45 yr-old woman from Ottawa with severe keratoconus, approval was given for a corneal Collagen Cross link procedure. Four CCTV requests were received; one current client moved out of state so Board agreed to sell her the CCTV, a 55 yr-old woman from Stryker received a CCTV, a 92 yr-old woman from Deshler and a 72 yr-old man from Wauseon were referred to Sight Center for evaluation of other vision aids. Funds were provided to purchase these aids if necessary. The annual CCTV Inventory was completed. New CCTV Use Agreement & Instructions were distributed and need for complete information reviewed. In the future the local club will be responsible for pickup and delivery of CCTV to applicant. PDG Ron will train club. 2VDG Bill Niejadlik, 13-OH1 Sight & Hearing Chair reported on purchase of a second Vision Screening machine to meet all the club demands for screenings. The State Health Department has not yet approved one of the new dual-eye machines. The Board surprised Lion Bob Segna with a Leadership Award from the OLERF. IPDG Mary Crawford presented slate of officers for 2016-17: Pres. PDG Pat Goulding, VP PDG Ron Meyers, Sec. Lion Bob Segna, Treas. PDG Craig Gauger, Dir. 2yr Lions Doug Troutner & Joan Trausch, Dir. 1yr Lions Ellie Niejadlik & Anne Deutschman. All elected by voice vote. Audit and Budget Committees were announced. All Lions in District 13-OH1 are reminded that they are also members of the Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation. The next meeting is Wednesday August 24, 2016 at the Christ UMC, 301 W. Main St, in Portage, OH at 6:30pm.



District OH1 Meet – N – Greet

Who's invited:	ALL District OH1 Lions
What is this event:	It's a get-acquainted Picnic for All
When:	Saturday, August 27 th , starting at 11:00am until ? ? ?
Where:	Waynesfield Lions Club Building 331 East Wapakoneta Street Waynesfield, OH 45896
Why:	Let's get acquainted with our new Lions family from around the District
How:	Potluck luncheon (please bring a dish to share). Hot dogs, brats, table service will be provided. Have a favorite game you like to play? Bring it along – there's sure to be someone who would like to play.

District Governor Sheryl and Lion Dan, along with your District Governing Team invites you to come out, meet, and fellowship with others from around District OH1. We are looking forward to meeting all of you!





Ohio Lions RLLI* 2016 September 30, October 1 & 2

@ Deer Creek Lodge *Regional Lions Leadership Institute

It's planned to be a full weekend for our Ohio Lions to focus on the importance of "Leadership" within their clubs and districts. Levels I, II and III.

We are pleased to inform you that the MD 13 GLT will once again be offering a "Regional Lions Leadership Institute" to the Lions of Ohio. We are also pleased to announce that we again will offer a third level this year. Levels I and II will be limited to thirty participants. Level III will be limited to 15 participants.

The Lions Institutes are indeed the "Ivy League" of leadership training. The institute at all levels will be a three-day immersion into developing and improving your leadership skills. This training will not only help you in your work with Lions, but also in your profession and your life.

This institute is designed solely to enhance your leadership skills. It will not be about fund raising, membership, or service projects. It will be held at Deer Creek State Park in Mt Sterling, Ohio September 30, October 1 & 2, 2016. Attendance is required for all three days.

The cost to participants is \$150.00. The total institute cost per participant approximates over \$300. Grants from LCI and funds from the MD-13 GLT committee allow you to attend for half of the institute cost. Your only other expenses will be your breakfast and transportation to and from. Your hotel bill and 2 dinners and 3 lunches will be paid in full by MD 13 GLT.

ANNOUNCING LION CUB EDWARD

IPDG Nick and Lion Ashley would like to announce the arrival of Lion Club Edward James Schmunk. Cub Edward was born on Monday, May 30th at 12:47 a.m. weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. and is 19 inches long. Congratulations IPDG Nick, Ashley and Lion Cub Justin.

REMEMBERING LIONS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

We wish to acknowledge the accomplishments and passing of the following Lions:

PDG John G Phillips passed away on July 3, 2016. He is survived by his wife Mary and seven children. PDG John was a charter member of the Kalida Lions Club and served as District Governor in 1986-1987.

Jessie Clark, spouse of PDG Richard Clark, passed away on May 30, 2016. She is survived by two daughters. She was a founding member and past president of the Lima Lioness Club and the Troy Lion Tamers. She organized the Lions Club food tent at the Allen County Fair for many years.

FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

Arlington Lions – Awarded scholarships to two graduating seniors

Bluffton Lions – Held a working meeting at the VOSH sorting Center in Pandora preparing eyeglasses

Bryan Lioness –Held a tree dedication service at Garver Park on June 13th

Defiance Lions – Financially assisted Defiance College in sending a retinal camera to Belize

Findlay Lions – Delivered 511 pair of used glasses to VOSH in June

Holgate Lions – Held an Adopt-A-Highway pickup in June

Pioneer Lions – Delivered 850 pair of used glasses to VOSH and purchased a pair of glasses for a child Wauseon Lion – Will be holding their annual food drive at Chief Supermarket on July 9th

We would love to include your club's activities here. Please email the information and pictures to Newsletter Editor Dorothy at newsletter@ohiolionsoh1.org



Over 200 cars participated in the Festival of Wheels project of the Bluffton Lions

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION PROTECTION ACT

For the better part of a year Lions have been trying to get legislation passed to protect our Lions club's members with the Volunteer Organization Protection Act introduced by Senator Mark Kirk. The primary purpose of the bill is to amend the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 by protecting volunteer organizations from being held vicariously liable when the organization had nothing to do with an event that caused harm.

Please have your club members sign the following petition and send by either mail or fax to Senator Rob Portman directly. His address is: The Honorable Rob Portman, U.S.S. 448 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

His fax number in Washington is 1-202-224-9075



TO: The Honorable Rob Portman, U.S.S. 448 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

RE: PETITION TO CO-SPONSOR S. 1684, THE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION PROTECTION ACT We, the undersigned residents of Ohio urge your co-sponsorship of S. 1684, the Volunteer Organization Protection Act introduced by Senator Mark Kirk. The primary purpose of the bill is to amend the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 by protecting volunteer organizations from being held vicariously liable when the organization had nothing to do with an event that caused harm.

All too often, the protections afforded individual volunteers under the 1997 Act have been circumvented by legal rules that are designed for employers but in fact endanger *both* community service volunteers and their respective organizations. Community-based, decentralized, non-profit organizations often have limited financial resources for direct support of volunteers involved in local service work, yet they are tasked with performing services that people need. The "vicarious-liability" rules in question are designed to hold employers liable for the actions of their employees, but they make little sense when applied to volunteer non-profit organizations that are dragged into litigation over an event with no real connection to the purposes or activities of their volunteers.

S. 1684 would merely prevent the application of these rules to non-profit organizations that conduct their activities using primarily volunteers and did not expressly authorize the harm-producing activity in anticipation of raising charitable funds or performing services to the community. Neither does it raise the standard of liability for organizations from negligence to gross negligence.

S. 1684 is a positive bill that will help ensure the long-term viability of service organizations in their primary mission of addressing vital community needs without relying on the federal government. We, the undersigned, appreciate your consideration of this petition.

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