



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Many deserving Lions and Leos and Clubs received recognition for their work during the year for their clubs and district 13-J. I wish I could give even more but usually you are limited as to the number you can request. I was allowed to request up to five Presidential Certificates from our speaker. These were awarded to five deserving Lions along with the words that were read as a tribute:

1. **Lion Jim Faust** has been the face of the Ohio Lions Foundation for District 13-J for many years. He represents district interests on this important committee very well. He inspires confidence that money donated will be well spent. The time he donates as a Lion is impressive when one considers he is a teacher, farmer, and donates time to serve on other boards and many other organizations. He is one Lion determined to make this world a better place through his service.
2. **Lion Bill Pierson** has worked tirelessly in the Blanchester area to get the club chartered. He has been functioning as their Guiding Lion. We are close to achieving this charter. He has also been our LCIF Chair and has recently accepted reappointment to this position for another three years.
3. Zone Seven Chair **Jay Holley** has set a mark for others to follow with his approach to his position. He brought an air of professionalism to the position that was refreshing. Jay quietly went about introducing himself to his clubs and letting them know that he was there for them. He has been one of the best zone chairs that I have seen,
4. **Lion Georgia Barber** has conducted the training sessions for secretaries and treasurers on the district level for many years. She does a great job and has received no recognition for this that I can remember. Last year despite health problems she prepared a packet for them and taught the seminar during the district convention. By teaching them the right way to do their jobs she has helped the clubs of the district function better.
5. **Lion Jim Thomas** is the Leo Advisor for Region 2 and for the Waverly Leo Club. The Waverly Leo Club has 150 juniors and seniors. The club is very active and is possibly the largest Leo Club in the world. He took a display about the Leo Club and Lionism to the Ohio School Boards Convention along with four Leos to promote Leo Clubs statewide. This was a wonderful example of thinking

outside the box. He brought the message of a positive way that youth can volunteer in their communities to the very people that might in turn approach their local Lions Clubs and ask them to start a local Leo Club.

I was asked to recommend five Lions for Council of Governors Awards of Merit and one Lion for the Council Chairs Award. These awards were presented by Council Chair Sharon Parker during the Grand Banquet:

1. **David Grover** received the COG Award for volunteering to fill a vacancy as Zone Three Chair this year. And for always having an encouraging word for the District Governor.
2. **Mark Brohard** was recognized with the COG Award for his work with the Global Membership Team to build a club in Rio Grande. His willingness to donate his time to selling a new Lions Club was uplifting.
3. Convention Chair **Ed McQueen** for his work as convention chair, keeping us on target and organized. He has tried to keep me from over committing my time towards the convention.
4. **Laura Thorne** received the COG Award for being the newsletter editor. As a fairly new Lion she has done a great job and is also serving on the convention committee.
5. Lion **John Lloyd** received his COG Award for his labor keeping charge of my schedule and putting up with the stress of being the DG's spouse. He has participated willingly in the spouses activities even though there were few males in the room whether here or abroad. That takes guts. I would not have even started on the path to becoming a district governor

without his support and encouragement.

The Council Chair Council of Governor's Award was awarded to Cabinet Secretary Treasurer **Carol Downton** for her great service and the way she has re-arranged her commitments to help me this year. Carol always has what I need done before I even request it. She worked in Rio Grande to build the new club there. She has agreed to be a Guiding Lion for our new club in Rio Grande. All this with her other volunteer efforts in the community, her church work and being a minister's wife just amazes me. She started a summer lunch program in Jackson with many sites that provides lunches for students all summer.

The plaques for the 13-J District Governor's Contest are divided into three groups.

Group 1 is for clubs with a membership of 25 or less. First place winner was **Leesburg** and the second place winner was **Lynchburg**. Group 2 is for clubs with 26-50 members. Winning first place in this group was **Hillsboro** with the second place going to **Mount Orab**. Group 3 is for those clubs with more than 51 members. First place was won by **Bellbrook**. **Jackson** was the second place winner. The third place plaque was won by the **Wilmington** Lions.

Greenfield placed first for the Healthy Club Award. Second place was won by **Jackson**. The third place plaque was earned by the **Chillicothe** Evening Lions Club.

The Excellence in Communications Award winner for first place was the **Chillicothe** Evening. Second place was awarded to

Wilmington. Lynchburg took home the third place plaque.

The **Waverly Leo Club** was named the 13-J Leo Club of the Year. They will also be honored as the State Leo Club of the Year at the State Convention.

Receiving plaques for the District Governor's recognition for service to District 13-J during 2008-2009 was **DDG Jay Carey, VDG Charles Newland** and **Carol Carey**. The PDG Association selected Hillsboro **Lion Mary Cole** as the Lion of the Year for 13-J.

Congratulations to all the winners! You have worked hard for these awards and should feel proud to have been successful. I encourage all of you to keep track of your activities from February 16, 2009 until next year's cut off date for these contests. Do not wait until the last minute to download the reporting forms from the district web site. You have to nominate your club and provide proof of your activities. I suggest that you download this year's reporting forms so that you will know the kind of information that you will need for next year.

REQUEST FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES

PDG Norman Cupps said that if you want to continue receiving notices from him please send him your email address since there are hiccups in the current list (His terminology not mine!). No, there was no back up of the mail list.

NOTICES:

Vinton County has changed their meeting time to 6:30.

District 13E invites your participation in a Bowling Tournament for Alzheimer's on April 18, 2009. Location is T.P. Lanes, 300 East Lake Ave., Bellefontaine, Ohio with a cost of \$15/person. Proceeds will be donated to local Alzheimer's Disease Research. If you can not join in on the fun--think about donating a door prize or making a donation. For information or reservations contact PDG H. A. "Hank" Kies MJF, 429 Colton Ave., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311-1825. Registration form is available from DG Debbie.

The Coal Grove Lions Club Harold Haney Annual Pancake Day is on Saturday, April 11 from 7 a. m. to 12 noon at Dawson-Bryant High School Cafeteria. Advance tickets are \$4 or \$5 at the door.

SAVE THE DATE: Charter night for the Rio Grande Lions Club will be Saturday, June 13, 2009. Guest speaker will be PID Steve Sherer.

Davidson & Conner Catering was the caterers for the District 13J Convention. They will do Alumni's, weddings, anniversaries and banquets. Phone 937-379-1791.

DG DEBBIE'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

APRIL 3-4	DISTRICT G CONVENTION
APRIL 7	LAKE WAYNOKA
APRIL 18	GROVE CITY

- APRIL 18 DOYLESTOWN 75TH
ANNIVERSARY
- APRIL 21 LEESBURG
- APRIL 23 SABINA 75TH
ANNIVERSARY
- APRIL 24 DISTRICT H
CONVENTION
- APRIL 25 DISTRICT E
CONVENTION
- MAY 4 LIONESS SPRING
FLING
- MAY 5 GALLIPOLIS
- MAY 6 NEW VIENNA
- MAY 13 JACKSON LIONESS
- MAY 14-15 COUNCIL OF
GOVERNORS,
DUBLIN
- MAY 15-17 STATE
CONVENTION,
DUBLIN
- MAY 19 SPRING VALLEY

April_09 Debbie's Dateline

Congratulations to District Governor Elect Charles Newland and First Vice District Governor Elect PDG Jay Carey on their election at the 2009 13-J District Convention. May you have a great year next year!

Thank you to all the Lions that attended the convention. I hope you enjoyed the convention. I especially want to thank the Jackson Lions Club and the Jackson Lioness Club for all their help. It takes many willing hands to put on a successful convention. You all made me so proud of what we were able to do together.

All the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of 13-J have worked hard to make this a successful year in many ways. Our increase in membership is due to your hard work. As you perform service in your communities you attract interest in your clubs. That interest can

manifest itself in new members. Just like Lions Clubs International President Al Brandel's theme for this year Miracles Through Service, you have been creating miracles through your service this year. Thank you for all that you have done and will do for others.

You need to register for the State Convention by May 1. This is your chance to meet the LCI President and his wife. Don't let this opportunity pass by without you. Take advantage of the opportunity to give them a welcome to Ohio that they will never forget. The wonderful Lions, Lionesses and Leos of 13-J need to be part of this event on May 15, 16 and 17! You can register for the full weekend for \$75 or for Saturday and Sunday for \$60. Leos can have full registration for \$30. You can get the registration form from the state website www.ohiolions.org. Registration forms are also available from me. A special Leo event is planned for Saturday that includes a pizza party. You can get more information about this from PDG Chris Homer, the district youth chair.
DG Debbie



MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE!!!

On Sunday during the Grand Banquet John paid me \$10 for the increase in members prior to December 31, 2008 and another \$10 for the increase in members prior to June 30, 2009. He

increased the bet since we have 95 plus 24 charter members for Rio Grande. That makes 119 and we are working on 22 plus for the Blanchester charter. That would make 141 new members this year. John said he would give me another \$10 if we make 150 new members by June 30, 2009. I told him that was quite possible with the way you have been recruiting new members! So what do you think? Can we get another \$10 out of John? I believe it is possible just like I believed the original 50/50 goal was very possible.

There is a very attractive Helen Keller pin for anyone that recruits 2 new members during my year as district governor. Just let me know when you have your two new members and you will get your pin.

LEO CLUBS AND POSTERS FOR THE STATE CONVENTION

All Leo clubs are being asked to design a poster illustrating their activities for display at the State Convention in May. Please participate in this event so that everyone can see all the great things that you have been doing this year. Show everyone how busy you have been helping in your communities and helping your sponsoring Lions

Club. The Waverly Leo Club has been named the State Leo Club of the Year! We need as many Leos from 13-J at the convention as possible to show how proud we are that one of our clubs has been selected for this honor!!



PEACE POSTER PACKETS

Order them today from Club Supplies on the LCI website. Give the school or group information to the youth leader or teacher of your choice now so that they can plan when to use them. Consider offering to purchase the paper for them to use. This might encourage them to participate if they do not have to use their budget for the correct paper size. Be sure to give them the information that more about the contest is on the LCI website email www.lionsclub.org.

FIGHT MACULAR DEGENERATION

There is still time to make a donation or to "Twist for Sight" for this special collection to increase funds available to fight macular degeneration. Send your checks to District Governor Debbie since PDG Norman is moving. Make the check out to Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation with Twist for Sight on the memo line. I

will then forward on to PDG Norman's new address. Hopefully, next month I can supply his new address. On Sunday during the Grand Banquet we collected over \$170.00!!! Great Job Lions!

Dear Lion,

Lions Clubs International has had a long-lasting, and very rewarding partnership with the Special Olympics organization. The Special Olympics organization is engaging in a new campaign, launching March 31, called "Spread The Word to End The Word." It is a national day of awareness for America to stop and think about their use of the R-word. That R-word is not "recession," but something more hurtful and painful – "retard."

Our partnership began with the Opening Eyes program. The Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program is supported by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The partnership program began in 2001 and has provided vision care to more than 100,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities. Together our two organizations are dedicated

to serving those in need; the combined effort helps a population whose needs are so often overlooked.

Our partnership has been further solidified with recent initiatives, including new special interest Lions clubs popping up all over the United States, whose main focus is working with Special Olympics athletes. I also had the pleasure of attending the Special Olympics Winter Games in Boise, ID in February, and can tell you first hand these athletes carry themselves with dignity, and deserve nothing less than our admiration and respect.

Support of this campaign is easy, and will just take a moment of your time. Click on the link provided below to sign the pledge to stop using the R-word. Declare your support for more respectful and inclusive language, specifically that referring to those with intellectual disabilities.

www.r-word.org

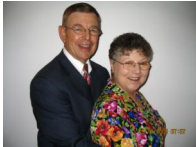
Spread the word Lions!!

Sincerely,

Al Brandel



Make the Wise Choice



Pick a winning team

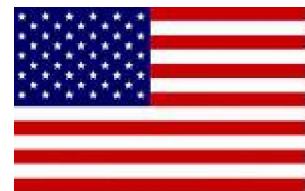
The MD 13 State Convention is coming up very soon. In fact, it is scheduled for May 15, 16, & 17 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio. I have visited the hotel and it will accommodate our convention very well. The convention committee under the direction of PDG George Bachman and 1st Vice District Governor Elect Ron Keller has planned an excellent convention.

On Saturday, May 16 the delegates will get the opportunity to vote for an International Director Candidate to represent the Ohio Lions in Minneapolis. Not only do you get a chance to support me for this position you get to promote a winning team to represent MD 13. PDG Judy has been at my

side throughout this campaign and she brings a tremendous positive influence. Those that know her realize that not only is she positive, she is an experienced Lion who has worked on the Finance & Long Range Planning Committee for a number of years. She is highly knowledgeable regarding MD 13 policies and procedures. So a vote for me on May 16 is a vote for a pair of Lions who are committed to serving the Lions of the world with integrity.

Of course there is another very good reason to attend the State Convention. Another winning team, International President Al Brandel and his wife Lion Maureen will be attending our convention this year. It isn't often that a multiple district has the honor of having an international president attend their convention. I urge the Ohio Lions to take advantage of this high honor and attend this year's State Convention.

PDG Jerry Smith



April 2009
DGe Charles Newland

What is Success?

According to John C. Maxwell's book "Success 101"; he says "You cannot achieve what you have not defined". We can measure the number of eyeglasses we purchase, the dollars we raise, the number of new members we acquire, etc. But are we really successful?

From Maxwell's experiences as recorded in Success 101: Success is. . .

*Knowing your purpose in life,
Growing to reach your maximum
potential, and
Sowing seeds that benefit others.*

Even though our District Convention went well, commemorated a great Lions Year, and is behind us, this year is not finished yet. There is one quarter of the year to go with Governor Debbie at the helm. It's not time to let down or coast into next year. We are in the final bend and preparing for the home stretch. It's time to get off the couch, stretch, warm up and sprint to the finish line.

In the light of 90 days to go, my goal is that your club finishes strong while preparing for next year.

Focus on purpose, preparation, and process which are ingredients in making a difference. I never realized but I've been preparing to serve as your District Governor for the past twenty years. Will you start preparing now to serve our district next year? Read this article enthusiastically to your club members and identify willing individuals to serve in our cabinet. We need a 2nd Vice, a zone chair or two, and I would like to have

an assistant for most of the positions. I need your help now!

The real challenge is growing individual potential. Henry Ford observed, "There is no man living who isn't capable of doing more than he thinks he can do." What about you?

