

Lions 13-J Newsletter

August 2008



Zone Meetings Are Important

The new directories will be available from your Zone Chairman.

They will be available during the first round of zone meetings. The meetings are part social and part informational. It is good to get together with the other Lions in your zone and find out what they have been doing lately and hear about their upcoming events. It is a time to renew old friendships and make new friends.

All clubs are encouraged to attend these meetings with as many members as possible. All club presidents and secretaries promise to attend these meetings as part of their officer installation. There is usually a great meal to enjoy.

Members of the cabinet are usually present with the latest news. The Zone Chairperson will report on information from the latest cabinet meeting. The meeting is an opportunity to have questions answered and to find out the latest news that might impact your club.

August_08_Debbie's Dateline

Bangkok was a very different experience for John and me. Imagine being in a room with twenty-five thousand Lions. You hear languages from all over the world. All around you there is a parade of fashion like you have never seen before. General

meetings in the large convention center were crowded but interesting.

According to the new Lions Clubs International President Al Brandel, Lions are everyday heroes. They are working miracles through service to humanity every day. Year after year Lions are heroes by filling in the gaps in their communities. Simple acts of kindness mean so much to others. The average Lion doesn't realize that those acts of kindness are hero makers.

The Lions of 13J are my heroes. You make your communities a better place to live. Most clubs purchase glasses for those in need. Some provide food for food pantries. Sports programs, college scholarships, band support, equipment for emergency services, fruit baskets for widows and widowers, financial assistance for a child needing cataract surgery, sponsoring scouting programs, flag displays and money to support Lions' projects all make 13J Lions heroes.

13J Lions take part in festivals, arrange for car shows, flip thousands of pancakes, produce corn roasts, and hold fish fries, barbeque chicken dinners and corn roasts. They may sponsor fireworks displays, produce parades, and have festivals. The Lions of 13J bring energy to their communities. Very active clubs gain new members because people see all that the club is involved in and want to become part of the action. Few people join a Lions club because they want to attend dinner meetings. They do join clubs because they want to be part of the action.

Reports, Reports

Why are the secretaries asked to fill out reports? The Monthly Activity Reports give information

to the cabinet and LCI about what your club has been doing in your community. You should be proud of all that you are accomplishing. The district officers read these reports to keep current on what is happening with all the clubs in the district. It encourages everyone to read about club activities.

The Monthly Membership Reports are important because they keep your membership accurate. Dues are assessed on the reported membership. It is important to have accurate information. Members will receive information in the Lion Magazine only if they are registered as members. Your dues reflect the reported membership in May and November. As your membership changes through new members, transfers, drops, or death, the name and member number is reported to LCI and the district officers so that an accurate picture of the health of the district is made.

Recently a secretary assumed that the district officers could go on line and get the report information. Not all officers have access to that information. Since we have forty six Lions Clubs, 5 Lioness Clubs and 5 Leo

Clubs in the district it is very helpful to have copies of the reports sent to each officer and the zone chairman for your zone.

The district officers also must fill out reports. The district governor must fill out a report on every visit. No report then no mileage reimbursement. There are other reports that district officers must fill out monthly.

We welcome all submissions to the newsletter.

Please email or snail mail your articles by the 20th of each month to:

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Club News

1. Chillicothe Lioness Club gave five one thousand dollar scholarships this year. They have an ongoing project providing baby layettes to Adena Hospital for mothers in need.
2. Waverly recently donated \$100 to Hospice, have donated free clubhouse rental to youth and community organizations and is getting ready for a fair gate project.
3. Chillicothe Evening Lions Club has donated 2,200 used eye

- glasses for recycling. They spent \$1100 for a wheelchair swing at the Pioneer Center and gave three \$1000 scholarships.
4. Martinsville Lions donated 723 hours selling pop, water and sandwiches at the fair and have a new member. Recycled 750 pairs of glasses.
 5. Wilmington Lions had a successful fair gate project. They celebrated 74 years of service in June. They officially have 98 members!
 6. The Bellbrook Lioness Club is busy preparing for the Prince and Princess Contest and the float for the parade on August 16. They are also busy putting up stands for the high school band.
 7. The Bellbrook Lions are busy getting ready for their August Festival. Contact the club for more information about the event including a wonderful chicken dinner.
 8. The sixteen Bellbrook Leos volunteered at Kamp Dovetail. Two Leos gave a report about their experiences at the July 10 Lions meeting. They are working on providing school supplies for 66 youth. They are also helping sort clothes for the Clothes that Work program.

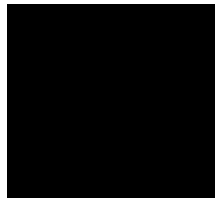
If you want mentioned in this column, send Monthly Activity Reports to the DG and news items to the Newsletter Editor. We especially want notice of upcoming events.

6, 2008 at White Oak Golf Course, located on Tri-County Highway (just east of Mt. Orab). Registration begins 9 A.M. with Starting time 10 A.M. Player \$50.00 - 4 person team \$200.00. All Golfers invited and have a fun day. For more information or to make reservations contact Lion Ben Houser at 937-444-2576 Extension 24.

The Jackson Lions Club has volunteered to host the 8-12-2008 Zone 6 meeting. Time will be at 6:30 at the Ponderosa in Jackson.

Bits and Pieces from the 91st Lions Clubs International Convention

Bangkok, Thailand is literally a world away from Ohio. The people were warm and welcoming to the tourists that looked so differently and spoke so many different languages. Our flight left New York City and flew over Greenland and over Europe to reach Thailand. It took seventeen and a half hours to land in one of the newest and most modern airports in the world.





Our new LCI president, Al Brandel, is a retired police detective and he calls Lions everyday heroes, but more about that in another column in this issue. President Brandel has served for ten years as the Lion Representative to UNICEF at the United Nations. He is the visionary behind the School in a Box Program. These school supply boxes are delivered to areas around the globe after a disaster. The contents of the box allow school to begin again as soon as possible.

In a speech during the convention the new president said that, "A small club can make miracle happen for so many people. No act of kindness is too small." The 2008-2009 Lion's theme is Miracles through Service. The hands on service make us who we are. Present checks in person whenever

possible. And don't forget to toot your own horn by getting publicity for what you are doing in your community. We can no longer afford to be a secret for what we do in our communities.

Lions Club International has been nominated by former President Jimmy Carter for the Nobel Peace Prize! This is based on the caring, teaching, giving and the way we come together to ease our neighbor's burdens. The new Lions Alert Program is designed to help local Lions Clubs be prepared to help their communities in case of a disaster.

Lions recently received 7.5 million from Rotary International for Campaign Sight First II. We have surpassed the \$200 million goal for the campaign. Together the Lions of the world have raised the \$150 million for eye care and more than \$50 million for eye research.

Lions all over the world have banded together to reach out during times of disaster to aid communities through emergency grants. There has also been directed giving during major disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the recent China earthquakes. As an organization we have proved many times that together we can achieve

greatness. Aren't you proud to be a Lion?

Debbie's Tentative Schedule:

August 1-3	Council of Governors
August 4	Wilmington
August 5	Ironton noon
August 5	Chesapeake
August 6	Manchester
August 9	training in Grove City
August 10	full cabinet meeting Jackson
August 11	Beavercreek
August 12	Zone 6
August 14	Zone 7
August 16	Bellbrook Parade and Festival
August 18	Zone 4
August 19	Martinsville
August 20	Zone 5
August 21	Zone 1
August 26	Chillicothe
August 27	Zone 3
August 26	Zone 2
September 2	Sabina
September 4	New Holland

Attention all club presidents and secretaries:

If you have email please take a copy of the newsletter to your club meeting and pass it around. If you do not have email then try to find someone in your club who will accept important messages and the newsletter for you. You can also get a free email address at your public library and use their computers.

Charlie's Campaign

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Focus on working together
(Teamwork)

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision, It's the fuel that allows common people to obtain uncommon results."

Andrew
Carnegie

Clubs that are unable to bridge differences and unite for a common goal will create dissatisfied members. Smart strategies for club cooperation are:

1. LOOK closely at the current state of your club
2. LISTEN to input from fellow club members
3. LEARN where problem areas exist
4. RESPOND by implementing appropriate changes

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There are many ways to say the same thing, however to cut through the verbiage (red-tape) let's focus on personal fundamentals of accomplishing our mission. Let's work on improving ourselves. I realize that my personal objective while serving as Vice District Governor is to support and make our Governor, Cabinet Officers, and District Lions Clubs successful. What can I do for you and your club? To reach my goal – each Lion needs to participate in self-improvement. I will work with you, will you work with me?

"The more you know, the more you can do"

According to *"Five Star Teamwork - How to achieve success... Together!"* written by Steve Ventura & Michelle Correia Templin: it requires five

commitments: Are you willing to be committed to – each other – the mission – the customer – resolving conflicts – and committed to the details. Do you want to know more, just ask, check my references, or read a recently published book on teamwork and share your findings?

The 1st District 13-J Cabinet meeting will be a carry-in luncheon at the First Presbyterian Church, 225 Church Street, in Jackson on Sunday, August 10, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Spouses are invited to attend as well.

ZONE MEETING DATES

Zone 1 Aug. 21, Nov. 6, Mar. 5
Zone 2 Aug. 28, Nov. 18, Mar. 11
Zone 3 Aug. 27, Nov. 11, Mar. 3
Zone 4 Aug. 18, Nov. 12, Mar. 16
Zone 5 Aug. 20, Nov. 10, Mar. 4
Zone 6 Aug. 12, Nov. 24, Mar. 12
Zone 7 Aug. 14, Nov. 13, Mar. 18

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