

Lions District 13-J December Newsletter



A New Deputy District Governor Is Appointed

PDG Jay Carey has been appointed by the District Governor to the position of Deputy District Governor. If there is not an elected candidate it is up to the District Governor to appoint a Deputy. PDG Jay came to me and expressed the willingness to serve in this position but only wanted to be appointed if no one else came forward. He wanted to be sure that he would not be taking the place of someone else with an interest in serving the district in this capacity.

Some of you might be wondering why someone would be willing to tackle this position so soon after having served in this office. Yes, there is great responsibility but it can be a lot of fun, too. I have enjoyed my time moving through the District 13J chairs. There are many clubs to visit, some meetings to attend as well as speeches to give. There is expense money for the Deputy DG and Vice DG from the District budget. The year you serve as District Governor there are expense accounts from the District and Lions International. Talk to the DG about the expenses and compensation.

The District Governor Elect School is held in the LCI Convention location the year you are elected. VDG Charles Newland will be attending school in

Minneapolis, MN in June, 2009. DDG Jay Carey will be traveling to Sydney, Australia for school. This training in one location allows you to meet the association leaders from all over the world.

We need a DDG candidate for election in March. There have been a few questions about redistricting. Right now it is voluntary if two districts following the map approved at last year's state convention desire to explore merging. Right now there are no plans for our district to merge with district H. Even if that were to change the process would take years to accomplish. This year's candidate for DDG will have their turn at being District Governor of our district as it exists right now.

There are requirements to be met before you can run for the position of DDG. You must have served as a club president or as a cabinet secretary treasurer. One year additional in your club's cabinet is required. You must also serve as a Zone Chair and have an additional year in a district cabinet position. If you meet these qualifications and are interested, then talk to the District Governor or any PDG to see if you have the personal abilities needed for the position.

There are many personal rewards for you by serving in this capacity. For three years you are committing

yourself for true service to others, your fellow lions. It takes all three officers working together to run the district efficiently. You will grow in your ability to interact with other volunteers. Your management skills will improve. You will make new friends and strengthen your ties as a Lion. You will also become part of the Council of Governors and meet with them four times a year. You will make lifelong friends with many that you meet along your journey to become District Governor.



December Debbie's Dateline:

Donations made by December 31, 2008, earn an extra 5 points each in the District Governor's Contest. Check pages 40-42 in the District Directory for information on this contest. Check out the other contests that your club can enter. Also look at pages 47 and 48 for where to send the donations. Remember there are three divisions to the contest based on club size.

Thank you for all the new members so far this year! Some of you have heard that Lion John and I have a side bet on the number of new members this year. See page 2 of the directory. John thought that was too many for a goal. You have taken care of the first part and we are well on the way to achieving and even surpassing of goal four. Keep up the good work. Don't forget that the special Helen Keller pin is available as a reward for sponsoring two new members during my year as DG.

As you are planning for the New Year keep in mind the following:

1. Elect your President, Vice Presidents, secretary and

2. treasurer early this year so that they can participate in training at the District Convention in March.
2. District Convention is March 14 and 15 in Jackson. Each club is allowed voting delegates (1 per 10 members or major fraction of 10). Officer training is on Sat. afternoon and is free.
3. The State Convention is May 15-17. Our International Lions President Al Brandel will be the guest speaker. What an opportunity for inspiration! Please plan on participating to celebrate another strong year by the Lions of Ohio.
4. Purchase Peace Poster Packets after Jan. 15 from Lions International website, www.lionsclub.org. They only cost \$7.95. Giving the packet to the group that you are sponsoring early will help encourage participation.

There are tickets available from me for chances on the raffle for a red lion's jacket covered in pins and displayed in a wheeled cabinet. Tickets are one for \$1 or six for \$5. The money will help with the cost of the State Convention.

DG Debbie's December Schedule:

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| November 29 | Hillsboro | Christmas Parade |
| December 3 | Jackson | Christmas Party |
| December 9 | | Convention Planning |
| December 10 | Jamestown | Christmas Party |
| December 11 | Rio Grande | |
| December 14 | Leesburg | Luminaries Contest |
| December 16 | Leesburg | Christmas Party |

Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things

I saw that phrase on the back of t-shirts in the LCI Parade one year. Through our Lions service we become used to making a difference in small but significant ways in our communities. We lead busy lives but find the time to make a difference. When we make an impact on people's lives we find that it is fulfilling to be both valuable to someone else and to be valued. It is rewarding to lift someone up. You can give time away and get filled up with great feelings. Making someone else's life better can fill our own lives with satisfaction. We make our own corner of the world a better place to live when we serve others.



Ohio has been fortunate to have a number of International Directors and two International Presidents. MD-13 again has the opportunity to run a candidate for International Director. I am running for that position and want to introduce myself to the Lions of Ohio. First of all, I know that if I am fortunate enough to run at Minneapolis and should get elected I will have some very big shoes to fill. IPID Steve did a great job for our Multiple and is highly regarded at the International level for his service on the International Board.

I bring a great deal of dedication and service to my campaign. Since being a District Governor in 13E in 2003-04, I have served on the State Membership Committee and served at Chairperson for three years. I was also a vice-chairperson on the 2006 USA/Canada Forum Host Committee in charge of manpower and I was the 20K Coordinator for MD-13 for IPIP Mahendra's membership program. My theme is "Serving those that Serve".

I recently visited eight of the ten district cabinet meetings in Ohio. Because of scheduling conflicts I will be visiting Districts 13C and 13G in February. While my visit was designed to let the Lions on each cabinet know that I was running, my wife, PDG Judy and I were extremely impressed at the many activities in your district. Not only are you serving the communities where your clubs are located you are also working hard at increasing membership. Your membership growth is coming both from increasing the size of existing clubs but also from forming new clubs with your extension efforts.

I will be back in your district for your district convention. At that time Judy and I hope to meet more of you on a personal basis. I encourage every club to send your allotted delegates to both your district convention and the State Convention in Dublin on May 15 – 17 to vote for me as International Director Candidate from Md-13.

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Jerry Smith



Lions Club of Washington Court House

c/o Victor Pontious, Jr
5427 White Oak Rd NE
Bloomington, OH 43106



Deborah Lloyd, District Governor
District 13-J
201 Redondo Dr
Jackson, Ohio 45640

Dear District Governor Debbie,

The Lions Club of Washington Court House officially endorses the appointment of Lion PDG Jay Carey as Deputy District Governor and pledges to support him as he advances to the position of District Governor.

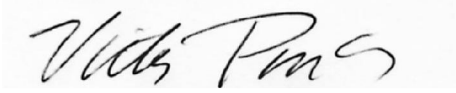
Lion Jay, as he prefers to be known, has served our club proudly through the years, serving in a variety of club offices. Jay has been a devoted member of our Lions Club for over 17 years and strives to attend every meeting and help in all of the projects conducted by the club. He has served the club as Assistant Treasurer and was elected Treasurer where he served for two years, 1999 – 2001. He was elected Vice President for the club year 2001 – 02 and served during 2002 –03, as our President. In addition to these duties, Lion Jay has been a member of our Board of Directors since 1998. During these years, he has exhibited great leadership and always strives to have interesting and informative meetings.

Jay was asked to serve as Zone Chairman for Zone 2 in 2001, a position he held for three years. In

2003, he began a term representing District 13-J on the Ohio Lions State Membership Committee. He is currently serving on Ohio Lions MD-13 State Leadership Committee and is also our District J member of the Ohio Lions State Office Board of Trustees. He was elected Deputy District Governor of 13-J in 2004, Vice District Governor in 2005 and District Governor in 2006. Lion Jay was very honored at Ohio Lions MD-13 state convention held in May, 2005, to receive the very prestigious International President's Award and the Council Chairman's Award of Excellence. In June, 2007, Lion Jay was the proud recipient of the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow award. He was recognized at the 2008 District J Convention and the Ohio Lions State Convention and presented with the International President Certificates of Appreciation, his third. He has completed the training and is a Certified Guiding Lion.

As you can see, Jay has been and is very active and enthusiastic for the many worthwhile causes supported by our own Lions Club as well as across the state and nation. We believe he will do a great job for District 13-J as Deputy District Governor for the remainder of 2008-2009 Lions year. The Washington Court House Lions Club wholeheartedly endorses and supports Lion Jay to be appointed Deputy District Governor of 13-J and therefore, we ask that you appoint him as Deputy District Governor.

Respectfully submitted,



Victor Pontious, Jr
President, Washington Court House
Lions Club



Monday, November 17, 2008

**Debbie Lloyd, District Governor
of 13-J
201 Redondo Drive
Jackson, Ohio 45640**

**Dear District Governor Lion
Debbie Lloyd:**

**It is with great pride that I join
the members of the Past District
Governors Association of 13-J
in endorsing our own Past
District Governor Lion Jay
Carey as a candidate from
Region One for the position of
Deputy District Governor. At**

**our last meeting, the Association
officially approved his
candidacy and pledged to
support him through the years
as he advances to the position of
District Governor of 13-J.**

**Past District Governor Lion Jay
Carey has served proudly and
with great leadership and
enthusiasm. We know that for a
fact in 2006-07, he served as
District Governor for 13-J.
During the years of 2004-07 he
has shown innovative leadership
that has produced exciting
meetings, educational
information, and dedication to
Lionism.**

**We believe that he will do the
same for District 13-J once
again as District Governor. GO
BUCKS!**

**Respectfully yours,
PDG Lion Christopher A,
Homer
PDG Lion Christopher A.
Homer**

All Newsletter submissions are welcome. Please email them to:
Laura Thorne
lthorne61@hotmail.com

The Jackson Lioness Candy Shop is open for business from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, until the candy is all gone. A variety of treats, including sugar-free are available. The shop is located at 153 Broadway Street in Jackson, across from National City Bank.



The Wilmington Lions are beginning our annual Candy Sale. We would like to invite anyone in the Wilmington area to visit our Candy store located in the Books"N"More Bookstore. The bookstore is located at 28 West Main Street in downtown Wilmington. The store will be open 9-7 on Monday thru Saturday and 12-4 on Sundays after Thanksgiving. We have over 50 different kinds of candy to offer our customers. We have great candy and nuts at a very reasonable prices.

Thanks for your help

Lion Bob Thomas





THE MAIN LINE – ALL ABOARD!

With the turkey put away, it's time for "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" season. Most people think of the holiday season as being the end of the calendar year and the beginning of something new. You know--Santa Claus, the ball dropping, New Year's resolutions and all that stuff. However, for Lions, it marks the half way point of our year and probably the peak of community needs.

We need to get ahead of power curve and start thinking and laying the tracks for our new year; 2009-10 which is just around the corner. With our district convention set for March 14-15, 2009, we need to select next year's leaders and delegates so they can attend the training and participate in the convention.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) mission statement is:

"To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs."

This is not your club's mission; it is the role of LCI to empower and support your club to

meet your community's humanitarian needs. LCI also wants to encourage peace and promote international understanding through your club.

Each club should develop and/or update your mission statement. Why does your club exist? Why does your community need a Lions Club? The main line is:

Your Mission – Your Goals – and How to get there.

Did you know every Officer from the International President to your Zone Chairperson is a member of a local Lions club? **The main engine is the local club.** So pack up your thoughts, get the conversation started, and let your membership know why they are so important to your community. Jay and I, we wish you and your family the best holiday season possible.
-VDG Charles Newland





The Ohio State School for the Blind Band (OSSB) members react to the announcement that their band has been accepted to march in the 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade.

Help the OSSB Band to march in 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade

The Council of Governors voted on November 1, 2008 to create a committee to assist the OSSB in raising money to send the OSSB Marching Band to the Rose Bowl parade on January 1, 2010.

What can you do to help: Clubs, Individuals or Corporations may make a donation to help the OSSB. All donations are tax deductible through the Ohio Lions Foundation. The Committee's goal is to raise \$80,000.00 by the 2009 State Convention.

Questions about the fund raising should be presented to PDG Ron

Robbins

(Home) 614-888-8773, (Work)
614-839-4072 or via email at

robbs@sequent.biz.

Information will also be posted on a designated website at

<http://www.ohiolions.org/ossb.htm>

Address your envelope to:
Jeffrey W. Brantner, Executive
Secretary
The Ohio Lions Foundation
1720 Zollinger Road, Second Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43221-2879

***(Please detach and return with
your check)***

All checks payable to *Ohio Lions
Foundation* .

Enclosed is a check for the amount of
\$ _____

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Address:

City:

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail:

Checks for donations should be made payable to The Ohio Lions Foundation and in the memo line indicate Ohio State School for the Blind Restricted Fund