



## COLEB “Miracle” Helps New Holland Lion

Over the 50 years that Kenny Kirkpatrick has been a member of the New Holland Lions, he never thought that he could be a recipient of one of the organization’s sight saving services. However, after an unsuccessful cataract surgery three years ago, Lion Kenny had continuing loss of vision in his right eye.

One bad eye is workable but when Kirkpatrick had another cataract diagnosed in his left eye, he was hesitant to commit to another such procedure. After numerous visits to eye care specialists, Kenny visited Dr. James Garrett Mouser, a clinic ophthalmologist at Fayette County Memorial Hospital. Mouser referred him to Dr. Thomas Dingle located in The Eye Center on Neal Avenue in Columbus.

Following two visits to Dr. Dingle, Kenny was scheduled for a cornea transplant in late summer of this year. Arriving in the office at 8:30, he and his wife Jody had a short wait before the procedure took place. At noon, Kenny received a brief lunch, and by 4:30 he was back at his home just outside of New Holland.

Lion Kenny had instructions to lay on his back for four days but could get up briefly for meals, etc. He wore an eye patch only for sleeping to prevent scratching. Immediately, he noticed an improvement in his vision and that improvement is continuing yet today, three months after the procedure.

Corneal transplantation, also known as corneal grafting, is a surgical procedure where a damaged or diseased cornea is replaced by donated corneal tissue in its entirety or in part. The graft is removed from a recently deceased individual with no known diseases or other factors that may affect the viability of the donated tissue or the health of the recipient. There are no matching requirements as with other transplants. However, older patients are usually matched with older donors, etc. Some 46,000 patients have this procedure each year.



Lion Kenny Kirkpatrick and wife Jody

Since 1973, the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank (COLEB) has facilitated the successful collection and transplantation of over 10,000 corneas. Servicing more than 60 hospitals in 45 Ohio counties, Eye Bank staff and volunteers helped provide the gift of sight for 400 patients last year.

Lions Clubs throughout the Eye Bank’s service area make annual donations to help the organization achieve its mission. Each year at the conventions of the three Lions districts in Central Ohio (F,J,K), the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank presents Eye Opener Awards to those Clubs which donate \$10 or more per member during that year, and to Clubs that have increased their annual donation by 50% or more. Lions contributions make it possible for the Eye Bank to purchase state-of-the-art equipment, to perform special projects, and to honor eye donors and their families.

Lions volunteer their services on the Lions Board, as Eye Bank Trustees, and by being Eye Express Drivers. Eye Express Teams are formed by local Lions Clubs for the purpose of delivering donor eyes in a timely and economical manner to COLEB, saving the Eye Bank transport costs and making it possible for corneas to be expeditiously prepared for transplant surgeries.

“It’s a miracle,” Kenny’s wife Jody states in awe. As for Kenny, he is most appreciative of the 61 year old male who was the donor who gave him back his vision.

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# Buckeye

## Notes

from DG "Buckeye"

Jay Carey



LCI has given us a Christmas present this year and it is called "Club Excellence Process." Seven 13-J Lions attended the training session and we all agree that this can help any club who wishes to become involved.

Cost? Hey, I told you it is a gift but like any gift, if it is left in the box and/or shoved in a closet, you will not enjoy it.

So, here is my recommendation. Read page 4 of this newsletter where we give a few more details about the process. You will see that the only thing needed on your part is your members' desire to improve your club and the commitment to spend some time doing it. You will never plow a field by turning it over in your mind.

No one is going to force you to use this gift. It is simply yours for the taking. If you wish to make your club better, give me a call and we will match you with one of our trained facilitators. The Club Excellence Process can be used by every club no matter how big or how small and no matter how active your club is.

We want to help you IF you want to be helped and IF you want to improve your club.

In closing, Carol and I wish you and your family the happiest of holiday seasons. No matter what your religious affiliation is, the spirit of the season is always a welcome reminder of what truly is important in our lives.

As Helen Keller said, "The only blind person at Christmastime is he who has not Christmas in his heart."

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to Each of You! I sincerely thank all of you for the help and cooperation you have given me so far this year.



Former Hillsboro Leo became that club's first Leo to be inducted as a Lion. New Lion Cody Haggerty, pictured with Martinsville President Ron Gibson, was recognized at the Zone 3 meeting in November.

## From the computer desk of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Georgia



November seems to be the month that clubs decide to clean out the non-paying, non-productive members, ie. the "deadwood". This is so that Lions Club International doesn't charge the club for members that have not paid their dues or been a productive member of the club. I understand this. But I wonder how these non-productive members developed in the first place. When they joined the club, they were ready to serve, saying "I will" during the induction ceremony. Where did we Lions fail our new member?

During the induction ceremony the sponsor is asked to fulfill the following obligations to the new member.

1. Make him/her feel welcome, introduce him/her to all club members.
2. Provide him/her with information about the club, the officers, the Constitution.
3. See that the new member has assignments that will enable him/her to become an active Lion.
4. Arrange for Orientation Sessions on Lionism
5. Be ready to answer any questions on the operation of the club, as well as any other subject of Lionism.
6. Encourage him/her to let you know of any existing problems and offer possible solutions
7. Assist him/her in developing into an outstanding Lion.

In short the sponsor's job is to help the new Lion live up to the Lions motto: "We Serve".

At [www.ohiolions.org](http://www.ohiolions.org) you can find the pocket guide for new member sponsors. Click on Resource Center, scroll down to Sponsors Handbook (next after new members induction ceremony). Each sponsor of a new member needs to read and implement this guide to being a sponsor.

A successful club starts at the door with a smile and a warm handshake. Be proud to be a Lion by wearing your vest and Lion pin. Check on the member that didn't make it to your meeting by a phone call and/or a post card. Praise often. Allow all members to find that warm feeling of serving others during "hands on" projects. In other words, welcome each member with open arms, educate through orientation and put all to work serving on your fundraisers and service projects. The new member is guided by the sponsor, but is also the responsibility of all club members to make them feel welcome into your "Pride" family of Lions. Let's retain our members and build our clubs. Remember "Many hands make light work" and allow more people to benefit from the services that Lions offer.



Wow. I turned around and the holiday season is upon us. We held our second Council of Governors meeting, our second cabinet meeting, and now are on the way to completing all the second round of zone meetings.

From the club reports that I've heard so far it's obvious that everyone is busy with the projects that their holiday season projects...everything from candy stores to Christmas parades, pancakes and sausage breakfasts/suppers to fruit sales. We have many clubs helping with food pantries, continuing to provide new glasses to those in need, eyeglass screenings for young people, and many other community needs.

It makes me very proud to be a part of an organization that has so many members who provide such great services to their communities.

The one thing I can think of that you need to do and may be doing, is to make sure your community knows what you are doing. You need to toot your own horn. That communication helps when you're attempting to recruit people to join your club. They already have an idea of what you do and if it's something that they would like to be part of, you're much more likely to be able to get them to join. Think what a great present it is to introduce someone to the greatest service organization in the world. I'm sure that you know that our motto is "We Serve." Let me add something to that, but I don't know who said it. "It is the service we are not obligated to give that people value the most."

Keep up the great work, and may you have a wonderful Christmas. Remember to keep learning and ask someone to become a Lion.

## 13-J Peace Poster Winner



"Peace means accepting each other and living in harmony."  
Brooke Henry describing "Peace"

**Congratulations to Zones 1 & 3 for AGAIN having every club attend their Zone meeting!**

### 1st VDG Georgia's December Schedule

- 7 Beaver Lions Club
- 9 Hillsboro Lions Club
- 12 Leesburg Luminaria

12-year-old Brooke Henry of Greenview Intermediate School is the winner of the 13-J 2010-2011 Peace Poster Contest. The winning art, sponsored by Jamestown Lions Club will now be entered in the state competition.

## LCIF Report

The State Committee for Lions Club International Foundation is considering establishing some new goals. For starters, more emphasis is being placed on coordinators to visit local Lions Clubs. The idea of also seeking support from individual members and community businesses and leaders has been suggested.

Pins are available for individual donors. Bronze pins are available for donations of \$20, a silver pin for \$50 donations and for \$100 donations a gold pin is available. Only one donation of \$1000 for LCIF has been received this year in the district.

For the year 2009-10 LCIF received donations from District 13J in the amount of \$13,626. This was from 27 Clubs. The goal for 13-J is to have a donation from every club in 2010-2011.

The total from Ohio Lions to LCIF last year was \$173,780 and Lions worldwide donated \$36 million. This total included \$5.5 million towards Haiti relief efforts and \$10.6 million towards finishing Campaign Sight First II pledges and commitments.

13-J LCIF Chair Bill Pierson has information as to how much unname money each club has on deposit at LCIF which could be used for Melvin Jones Fellowships. He is also available for club programs.

Donations with checks made out to LCIF should be sent to Lion Bill so that clubs receive their proper recognition.(See page 55 of 13-J Directory.) This is a charitable contribution and tax deductible for individuals and corporations who qualify.

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## Club Excellence Process Designed to HELP YOUR CLUB

Your club -- big or small, very active or moderately so --- can benefit from the newest LCI program titled Club Excellence Process (CEP). The goal of CEP is to provide all Lions with resources to strengthen their club

There are seven 13-J Lions who have been trained to be CEP facilitators, and they are the ONLY ones who can assist you with implementing this program: DG Jay, 1stVDG Georgia, 2nd VDG Rick, PID Floyd Newberry, PDG Elaine Newberry, Zone 4 Chair Sherry Bingamon, and Lion Gary Young. (NOTE: They cannot facilitate their own club).

The Club Excellence Process is a workshop program dedicated to club improvement. A club that agrees to participate in the CEP will be guided by a facilitator through four steps of approximately an hour each. A participating club will look at their community's needs, take a survey on their membership experience, use resources and develop action plans.

Here is a quick look at what a participating Lion will accomplish during the four steps of a CEP Workshop.

**Step 1: Why Are We Here?** (45-60 minutes) Discover community needs and complete a Community Needs Assessment, Discuss how Lions make a difference, Talk about what Lions have accomplished, brainstorm about what Lions could accomplish in the future.

**Step 2: What Makes an Excellent Club?** (75-90 minutes) Determine the characteristics of an excellent club. Talk about the stumbling blocks that prevent us from excellence. Discuss how to improve your club effectiveness, Complete the How are your Ratings? Survey

**Step 3: How Can We Determine Our Needs?** (45-60 minutes) Review the Community Needs Assessment, Review the How are your Ratings? results, Learn about resources available to improve excellence

**Step 4: What Can We Do Next?** (45-60 minutes) Set goals, Create action plans, Program review

Each Lion attending a CEP Workshop will be completing several assignments under the guidance of a facilitator. Two of these assignments are the Community Needs Assessment and the How Are Your Ratings? survey. Clubs may be asked by their facilitator to complete these assignments before, during, or after the workshop. The program can be delivered in one session or two sessions as opposed to four. Each workshop session can be held at a club meeting, club retreat or other gathering. Clubs interested in participating in a CEP Workshop should contact District Governor Jay.

## Winter Retreat Seminars

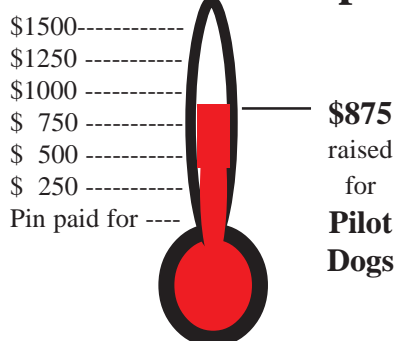
The seminar topics for the January 14-16 Winter Retreat at Mohican State Park are as follows:

- Digital Photography
- Beacon of Hope
- Cyber Lions Clubs
- Boy Scoutings
- Pilot Dogs
- e-Clubhouse
- Pin trading
- Benefits of being a zone chair
- Mohican Lodge architect
- Diabetes Awareness
- Club Excellence Process
- Putting fun in fundraisers
- Possum Run
- Developing webpages
- Bringing in younger Lions
- Wines of Ohio
- Benefits of Leo Clubs
- Quest
- Fitness, food, family, and fun
- How to develop a newsletter
- Presidential Memorabilia
- Roberts Rules of Order
- Legal Issues
- Renovating Lions Clubs
- Certified Guiding Lions
- and the ever popular - BOF

Certainly there is something that is of interest to you and your spouse, friends, and family.

Space is limited. For more information and/or to obtain a registration form visit: [ohiolions.org](http://ohiolions.org) and click on 2011 Winter Retreat Registration Form and 2011 Winter Retreat Seminars.

## IO Pin Sales Report



## Looking for New Leo Clubs

One of the 13-J goals this year is to add three new LEO clubs by June 30, 2011. Almost all of the clubs have received the three page instructional document on how to "Start a New Club."

Thus far, seven clubs have requested and received an "Organizational Kit" for Alfa Clubs (12-18 years

of age).

One club requested and received an organizational kit for Omega Clubs (age 18-30 years).

Any club interested in receiving any or all of this material should contact LEO Chair PCC Ron Barber (Home 937-780-6140, Cell 937-763-4697, email [ronbarber@cinci.rr.com](mailto:ronbarber@cinci.rr.com)).

## Scenes from Manchester Lions 80th Anniversary



District Governor Jay inducted the "two newest Lions in the world": Kristi Rideout and Larry Heller. Sponsor Roscoe Woollard (next to DG Jay) stood with them during the ceremony.



President Roy Carpenter was assisted by a Cub Scout Marty Catrell drawing for the door prizes. Scout Avery Reed also assisted.

## Around 13-J ....



Zone 5 Chair Norman Cupps guided attendees through the meeting on November 18 which was held at the Waverly Lions Den.



New Vienna Secretary Don Geer (left) and President Larry Black-burn (right) gave their newest member Kasey Smith a great overview of Lionism by bringing him to the Zone 3 meeting.



Before the Ironton Lions Christmas Parade, Santa Brent promised to deliver a "Second Honeymoon" to beautiful Norwalk, Ohio for Zone 7 Chair Lou Pyles .

Lion Ron Clay (center) boxed up purchases at the Good Hope Candy Story on Black Friday. The club ordered 14 TONS of candy for their store which will be open until December 24. Last year, Good Hope netted nearly \$35,000 from candy sales.



Waverly Leo Andrea Dryden, tried out a P.E.T. following Jim George's presentation on the project at the Zone 5 meeting in November.



Fairborn Lions members provided assistance during the annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Fairborn Senior Center. Picture L to R: Lion Secretary Ed Hank, Zone Chair and Bellbrook Lion Ernie Josche, Fairborn President Beth Cauley, Bellbrook Lioness Jeanne Josche, and Dot Cauley.





1st Vice Governor Georgia Barber answered questions during her visit with Chesapeake Lions Club. Looking on is Club Secretary Richard Meyers, Past Council Chair & 1st VDG spouse Ron Barber, and Club President Paul Nathan Hart.

Waverly Lions hosted the 13-J Cabinet meeting on November 14. Lion President Dave Crawford and Lion Ed Howard dished out the delicious lasagna for all. They also announced that they try to accommodate any request for use of their Lions Den in Waverly and food services.



## Greenfield Sponsors Screening

Greenfield Lions recently sponsored eye screenings for all kindergarten students in the Greenfield school district. Ohio State fourth year optometry students performed the screenings which included stereo vision, near vision acuity, cover test, retinoscopy, and ophthalmoscopy. A total of 156 students were screened with 26% referred to an optometrist for vision problems that might otherwise not have been detected. All costs of the screenings were covered by the Greenfield Lions Club through sales of candy and brooms, a burger booth at local functions, and Sight Seal donations.

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