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IT'S BEEN WORK & FUN

My year as Governor is nearly over, and I want to take the time to say that it has been a fun-filled, rewarding year full of hard work and bright moments. I would like to thank everyone for your kindness and support. Whenever I asked someone to help with a job, he or she buckled right down and together we got everything done. This is what makes Lions a great organization—working together for the greater good.

The District Convention was quite successful and well attended. PID Ed McCormick and his wife Linda were personable, friendly, and enthusiastic, and this helped to set the tone for the convention. I was especially glad to see some clubs represented for the first time in recent years. I feel the ladies truly enjoyed the programs for them, especially the style show. I was pleased to see many participate in the Diabetes Clinic and the workshops for secretaries and treasurers. Furthermore, I felt the Necrology Service was a fitting remembrance for those Lions who died this year, as well as an inspiration to those present. The Fairborn Club has just recently lost a valued member, Max Elliott, and I wish to express my condolences to the Club and to Mr. Elliot's family. I would like to again say a special thank you to all who worked to make the convention successful. When we all work together, we accomplish much good.

I would like to also say thank you to the cabinet members, without whose hard work we would have been

unable to succeed. A special thank you to Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer PDG Dwain Clark. His help and advice was invaluable. And of course, behind every successful man is a woman, so I would like to thank my wife Jan for her hard work in every area, and particularly on the Newsletter. Then there are the often unsung heroes—the Zone Chairs. Few people realize how much work these individuals must do to keep communication open throughout the district. Their help has been invaluable. I would like to thank Governor-Elect Ron Barber and Vice Governor-Elect Chris Homer for their support and hard work this year. I wish you both well as you begin this next year. And of course, we must welcome Deputy District Governor-Elect Jay Carey aboard and wish him well as he begins his journey. Last, but by no means least, I would like to thank every member in every club who comes to meetings and participates. Without all of you, nothing would get done.

I feel that we were successful in meeting most of my goals this year, although some of them require more effort. Thank you to those who attended the Diabetes Clinic at the District Convention, and to those of you who sponsored clinics in your zones. This is a cause that deserves our support. This year communication was successful mainly because of the hard work of the cabinet and the distribution of the newsletters both on the WEB and at meetings. With such a large district, internet and the newsletters were very important to successful communication. We were able to raise over \$700 through the ads in the directory and the newsletter,

which paid for the directory with money left over for other things. I was proud to be able to save the district the cost of the directory, and I thank all who placed ads with us.

Retention of members continues to be important. I ask all to encourage present members to stay involved, since they are very knowledgeable about Lionism. In addition, I have seen some younger people coming into clubs. This, too, is important; we need them for new ideas and enthusiasm. Our membership is growing, but we must concentrate on growth within the district to bring Lionism to every community.

Thank you to all who took the time to make local newspapers and radio stations aware of Lion events. By keeping the good we do in the public eye, we encourage others to join us. Our presence on the WEB also helps us to reach many.

We had 5 Lions receive the Council Chairperson's Award of Excellence for their work in Lionism, and these Lions also deserve our thanks for their hard work.

Congratulations go to Lion John Hans Giga and Lion Elaine Newberry for receiving the International Presidential Award. Their leadership and commitment to Lionism was evident in their work as Zone Chairs as well as in their other activities. Elaine had especially good turnouts at the diabetes awareness clinics in her zone.

The State Convention was a great success this year, and well attended. Our hats off to the State Office for their hard work to get everything to come together at the right time. A job well done.

Before I close, a couple of reminders to clubs. I want to remind all club secretaries TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE. Also, all PRESIDENTS who have a club secretary eligible for the 100% SECRETARY AWARD should fill out the application and submit it to me according to the directions in the Directory. Well, I've rambled at length, and the time has come to say goodbye. I've enjoyed my year as Governor, and I

wish all of you the best of luck in the coming year. I hope to see many of you around as I visit. Thanks again for a great year. District Governor John C. Smith and wife Lion Jan C Smith

Notes from a Volunteer VDG Ron Barber


This issue of the District Newsletter will be the last opportunity for me to submit a column as Vice District Governor. It has been stated many times by past District Governors, ones tenure as a District Officer passes very quickly. This past year as Vice District Governor is no exception, as it seems the time has vanished like vapors into the air.

The cycle of life and Lionism in the District continues, despite the loss of many friends and great Lions. Their warm greetings and varied talents will surely be missed. Several of the District Clubs has inducted new members to help carry forward the Lions Motto "We Serve". I am looking forward to the new Lions Year, with the challenges and opportunity to help make a difference.

Two very capable individuals will be sharing the Leadership roll. Vice District Governor Chris Homer of Gallipolis and Jay Carey, Washington C.H., is the Deputy District Governor. PDG Richard Kisamore will serve as District Cabinet Sec'y-Treasurer. I will be depending on CST Richard to keep us in line and out of hot water.

Beginning with the July 2004 issue of the District Newsletter, Lion Janice Kisamore will be filling the roll as the editor. Please submit your columns, club news, committee news, etc. to her at P.O. Box 105, Leesburg, OH 45135. Phone (937) 780-6825 or e-mail rkisamore@cinci.rr.com. Please submit your news by the 20th of the month for publication in the next month's issue. To the clubs that have not completed and mailed your PU-101 reporting form for 2004-2005, please do so without further delay. This information is needed for the District Directory. Lions International also publishes your President's name and Club Meeting Information. Finally, a sincere **Thank You** to the Clubs in the District for your hospitality and warm

reception Lion Georgia and I have experienced the past two years. We are looking forward to our visits with you in 2004-05. Lion Ron Barber, VDG

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From the Heart of Romeo Chris Homer, DDG

As I write this letter it will be the last one for me as Deputy District Governor. I am looking forward to moving up to Vice-District Governor to better serve you as 13-J. I look at everyday as a learning experience. There hasn't been a day as DDG that I haven't learned something new in Lionism. I look forward to extreme challenge as VDG. If there is anything that I can ever do for any Lion in 13-J or anywhere in the state please let me know.

Governor Lion John Smith and Lion Jan thank you for a great year. It has been a great pleasure under your leadership. Remember to continue to be very active in Lionism and to share your wisdom and knowledge with other Lions.

Governor Elect Lion Ron Barber and Lion Georgia I am looking forward to being part of your team and look forward to the challenges that you are going to set forward next year. Whatever you need just ask and it shall be done! I bring that challenge to whole District 13-J. Deputy District Governor Elect Jay Carey and Carol I hope that you have just as much fun as I have as DDG. You will find that there is very challenging times ahead but we are a strong District and we will be successful as a District. I am here to help you in anyway possible to improve this district and your leadership as you move up the chairs. I know this is a more serious letter from Romeo; but I just want share my thoughts to you as Lions of 13-J and the District Officers. Take Care and God Bless, DDG, Lion Chris Homer

"SERVING OTHERS ENRICHES YOUR LIFE"

Amendments to the Multiple District 13 Ohio Lions Constitution and By-Laws passed my unanimous vote at the Lions State Convention:

Article 1: Section 1:

The First Amendment was concerning the District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Deputy District Governor of each Sub-District shall be elected by secret ballot at the annual Convention of the Sub-District. This was necessary for the MD-13 Constitution & By-Laws to be in compliance with the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.

Article III, Standing Committees

The Second Amendment was concerning term limits for State Committees. A member in good standing may serve two (2) consecutive terms and then be ineligible for appointment to this committee until one (1) Lions calendar year (July 1 through June 30) as elapsed from the end of his/her appointment.

Article VI State Revenue, Section 7

The Third Amendment was concerning the State Audit/Financial review. The Council of Governors shall provide for an annual or more frequent audit and/or financial review of the books and accounts of all funds handled by the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer provided that a full audit is conducted not less than every 5th year beginning with the 2002-2003 audit. It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman of the Council of Governors and the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer to place the issue of the annual audit and/or financial review on the agenda for the first meeting of the Council of Governors in each fiscal year, which issue shall include a recommendation for an authorization to hire a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to conduct the audit and/or financial review and report findings to the incoming Council of Governors no later than its second regular meeting of the fiscal year. The selection of the independent CPA shall be made by

a committee comprised of the Council Chairman, Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer, and Governor selected by the ten (10) incumbent Governors.

Amendment: (Addition) Article VI State Revenue Section 8

The Fourth Amendment is for an Audit Upon Change of MDST. In the event of the termination or resignation of the MDST, the Council of Governors shall provide for a full audit in accordance with Section 6, Article 7.

Finance and Long Range Planning Committee Constitution and By-Laws Amendment to Section 4 B:

The International Convention Fund shall be used by the International Convention Committee for suitable facilities and events for Ohio Delegates, and for the promotion of Ohio.

Section 4C:

The State Council Fund shall be disbursed by order of the State Council in accordance with rules and regulations as they may provide.

Section 4E:

Remove this subsection in its entirety and re-number Sections 4 F and 4 G to Sections 4 E and 4 F.

Justification:

1. Any future dues increase to these funds will be negated by the current constitutional language. Preventing these funds from accumulating a reserve prevents unspent money from reducing future year's expenses.

2. The current language encourages unnecessary spending from these accounts due to the "use it or lost it" requirement. This forced spending is not in the best interests of the Lions of Ohio.

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Minford Lions Club – Fish Fry and Car Show at the American Legion on Saturday – July 3, 2004 11:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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**Welcome New Member to New
Holland Lions Club:**

Heather Nicole Roherer Scurlock

“Wedding Bells”

Congratulations to Lion Heaather Nicole Roherer on her upcoming marriage to Lion Dave Scurlock

**Welcome New Member to
West Union Club:**

Mary Ann Williams

Vinton County Lions Club


The Vinton County Lions Club celebrated its annual Turkey Festival for the first time in many years there was one difference. The Lions Club did not have their normal booth. Instead, this year the club was lucky enough to have 3 dogs (Sam, Apollo, and Bee) and their trainers from the Pilot Dogs program to walk in the parade. Seven members and their families participated. The dogs were a big hit with parade goers.

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Vinton County Lions Club

Press Release for Week of June
15 and June 28

Vinton County Lions Club invites you to participate in its Eyeglass Recycling Day on July 2, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the office of Dr. Edgar Evans, South Market Street, McArthur, Ohio. Drop off any pair of eyeglasses or sunglasses in good condition and receive a free roll of Lions Mints.

The community already participates by depositing their eyeglasses in the Super Value receptacle. Have you ever wondered what happens to the glasses after you leave them there? A club member retrieves them and delivers them to SVOSH (Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity). VOSH was organized in 1972 in Kansas. VOSH is one of the leading providers of vision care in under developed countries. Students at OSU organized SVOSH in 1984. SVOSH has traveled on missions to Venezuela, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Belize, and others in order to apply their optometric skills to bettering the lives of others.

Each year thousands of used eyeglasses are donated to SVOSH/OSU. Students then clean, label, and package the eyeglasses. Once or twice per year, members of SVOSH travel to a third world nation to conduct free exams. On each mission, thousands are fitted with the closest possible prescription from the inventory of eyewear. A SVOSH mission may mean clear, comfortable vision for the first time in their lives. The Lions Club would like to thank you for the contributions you have already made. If you have old eyeglasses or sunglasses, please bring them to our recycling event on July 2, 2004 and help give the gift of sight. For more information on the recycling program or the Lions, please contact Treacia Kimes-Brown at 740-596-9371.

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**Retention
By: PDG Ivy Walters**

The roll of the club president (“King Lion”) is a prestigious position awarded with many commitments to the membership, local community, Lions District and the International Association of Lions Clubs.

It is the roll of this office to seek out volunteer membership whom desires to share their wisdom and passion as a “Knight of the Blind.” It too, is the club president’s distinct honor to attend District Leadership Seminars; Therefore, discovering new concepts that enrich the valuable donation of time extended by each member.

Local club dynamics must support each member’s expectations. In a team-like effort, it is essential to strive to meet the interests of the group with topics of interest from internal and external resources. This is a club leadership responsibility that is bolstered with the appreciation from the membership.

The induction process should be impressive while stimulating pride within the unfamiliar member, additionally enhancing an affiliation with an international organization. Therefore, fostering a sense of stature into the world’s largest service organization. The first ever to have achieved one million members.

Enthusiasm is a necessary component in our endeavor to maintain and stimulate membership. The sponsoring Lions’ duty should

not concede at the completion of the first year in service. These Lions should strive to usher new membership into various Lions' events throughout their tenure, while nurturing the leadership potential of their applicant into the international world of Lions' Clubs.

Lions Clubs International is an ever-changing entity. Continual orientation is essential for the development of all members. This function should also include local club activities and an extended invitation to participate in Zone and District functions, while achieving direction in leadership as friendships are engendered.

Positive inter-friendships are formed as the organizational horizon evolves. The fellowship and goodwill rising from the service to others is a natural catalyst for International friendships and understanding among people everywhere. It is through these processes that retention and notable services are realized.

Retention is the art of keeping membership active in attendance and productivity as they seek to share the Lions' experience with their family and friends.

Yet, annually the loss of membership is on the incline. Creative club leadership is vital to the retardation of this particularized deterrent. Having a group of community-minded people, who combine their talents in behalf of local needs, as they attend meetings and determine how they may best aid their communities, as they continually implement a variety of service programs that involves the support and participation of local citizens, represents solidarity and it is a healthy challenge for the "King Lion."

The alternative retention solution for the "King Lion" is one of the following:

- Member-at -Large
- Honorary
- Privileged
- Life Member
- Associate Member
- Affiliate Member

The above membership status is discussed in Article III of the Lions Club International Membership Manual or the Regional Membership Chairman can be contacted. Those Lions are:

Region 1 Lion
(740) 335-1107
Region 2 Ken Hardesty
(740) 477-1671

Chillicothe Lioness Donates to Habitat for Humanity

The Chillicothe Evening Lioness organized in 1980 and actually became a club in 1981. We had approximately 50 members. As the years went by some members passed away but we have always strived to bring in younger members and we now have 58 members. We work hard on our projects and we have really become a community organization. Our projects are varied from sight-seeing to sponsoring handicap kids to camps. Our newest project is Habitat for Humanity, which we feel very fortunate to be able to help such a worthwhile organization. We know the money will be put to good use here in Ross County.

Lioness President is June Ginther and Edna Carter if the finance chair of the Lioness Club. June Ginther and Edna Carter presented to Beth Hixon, Local President of Habitat for Humanity and George Lovensheimer, Board Member, Worker, and Site Selector for the Habitat for Humanity.

Newsletter Editor, Jan C. Smith

I hope that all of you have enjoyed the District 13-J Newsletter this year. I have enjoyed working on the newsletter and it has been a new trend for District 13-J this year. Governor John and I have a new family of Lions Members all across the State of Ohio and all across the world. We are still communicating with our twins from Australia. They are a wonderful couple. We would like to wish Good Luck to Governor-Elect Ron and Georgia in the upcoming in all of their traveling.

Jackson Lioness Club Welcomes New Members:

Marolyn Ruston

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