

# DISTRICT 13J

## LIONS NEWSLETTER



### NOTES FROM A VOLUNTEER — DISTRICT GOVERNOR RON BARBER JUNE 2005

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Greetings All,

This is the final curtain call for the 2004-2005 District 13-J Newsletters. Many thanks to Lion Janice Kisamore for endless hours of typing, printing, and mailing the newsletter. Also, thanks to my spouse, Lion Georgia, for many hours spent in helping prepare and typing newsletter copy.

Taking into consideration all the time and expense involved, it is my hope that the newsletter was an effective communications tool for all that took the time to read the content.

When we began the trip through the chairs some 3 years ago (as Deputy District Governor), looking ahead, the time seemed endless. Once we are near the end of our year as District Governor, my thoughts turn to June 1997 as PDG Richard Kisamore neared the end of his year as District Governor. Quoting from an old photographer's terminology, "it was just a flash in the pan". During my "flash in the pan" we have met many wonderful Lions and made many new friends and associates that will be remembered and treasured for the remainder of our days.

In the year ahead I wish the incoming Governor Chris Homer every success and hope that during his year the drop in membership will bottom out and the numbers begin to increase.

I see in many clubs, low attendance numbers to be the biggest threat to the life of these clubs. It will not get any easier to carryout our fund raisers and community service if this trend continues. In 1996-1997, I served as the District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. At that time, it was not uncommon for most District Clubs to average 60 to 75%+ range in attendance. This year we see a few clubs that may have 50 to 70%, but they are few. Most attendance figures are in the 20 to 40% range.

We do hope with clubs recruiting new members and the energy and enthusiasm of the officers coming up in the next three years, the low attendance will turn around.

Best wishes for a great 2005-2006.

As we continue to serve, DG Ron Barber

**Annual Activities Report Form A-1**

Lions Clubs International asks each Club Secretary to file the annual Activities Report Form (A-1) by July 15, 2005, of all club activities for the fiscal year 2004-05. This form can be filed on line at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/docs/quickreferenceguide.pdf>. With information from the Form A-1, LCI totals the hours and dollars spent by clubs for Community and Lions Projects. As District Governor, I do hope all clubs of District "J" complete and send to LCI for Form A-1 for the year 2004-05. A sad fact: For the year 2003-04 only 21 of District 13-J's 49 clubs reported the A-1 Form. For those that did not, you will soon have another opportunity to do so.

**Deadline for PU-101 Reporting Form was May 31, 2005**

As of the writing of this article (May 24), 17 of the 47 Lions Clubs in District 13-J have not filed the PU-101 Officer Reporting Form. Lions Clubs International requested all clubs to complete the Club Officer Reporting Form PU-101, and mail to LCI soon after the Club Officer elections in April. Final deadline was May 31, 2005. Where the Club Secretary has website capability, LCI encourages filing the reporting form electronically. If your club did not receive a copy of the blank PU-101 Form, please contact the District Governor Ron Barber right away for a replacement. It is doubly important to file the form PU-101 to the District Governor. This is where the club information comes from for the new District Directory which is usually distributed to the clubs in August of each year. If your club has not sent your PU-101, please do so right away.

**Governor Ron's Schedule****JUNE**

- 2 – Manchester Club Officer Installation 6:30 PM
- 6 – Fairborn 60<sup>th</sup> Charter Night 6:00PM
- 13 – Minford's free family summer picnic 6:00 PM
- 14 – Chillicothe Eve. Lioness Club 6:15 PM
- 15 – Jackson Club Officer Installation 6:30 PM
- 19-25 – Kamp Dovetail
- 23 – Frankfort Club Officer Installation 7:00 PM
- 26 – Ohio Lions All State Band Concert, Midland Theatre, Newark, OH
- 27 – Beavercreek Lions Officer Installation 6:30 PM
- 28 – Chillicothe Eve. Club Officer Installation (Bourneville)

**July**

- 1 – Celebrate Chris Homer being inducted as District Governor for 2005-06

*Best Wishes for a  
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From  
District Governor Ron Barber  
& Lion Georgia*

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This year is quickly winding down. The State Convention in Sandusky was a lot of fun this year. Had the great opportunity to meet and get to know our incoming International Lion President Ashok Mehta. He has a lot of great ideas for next year. His theme will be “Passion to Excel”. I will be sharing in next month’s newsletter what his theme is all about. I had the opportunity to experience some India food while I was at the convention; this is Ashok Mehta’s native food. I must say, it was excellent. I enjoy trying new things. It was good to see everyone from around the state at convention and get to know some new friends. It’s interesting to see how other clubs in the state do projects, run club meetings, and come up with fun ideas to enhance fellowship among club members. There was a lot of laughter, fun, and just being crazy at this convention. Next year the State Convention will be held in Cincinnati.

Kudos go out to Governor Ron for being elected Council Chairman for the State of Ohio. I guess we can call Lion Georgia “First Lady of MD 13” now.

I will be inducted as your new governor in Hong Kong, China. I will be leaving on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June from the Dayton International Airport and returning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July. I am really looking forward to this trip. This will be the first time that I have been overseas. I am looking forward to some great training, new adventures, new foods, and trying to stay out of trouble. If I get into too much trouble, please contact VDG-elect Jay Carey and a good lawyer to get me home. I will try to behave as much as possible. **NOT!!**

**Make sure your club gets their PU-101 in ASAP so we can finish up next year’s directory.** My theme for next year is “We are the Eyes of the World”. Helen Keller challenged us to be “Knights of the Blind” so we can cure blindness and all related eye issues. Is your club working on an eye-related project?

Governor Ron and Lion Georgia, I want to “Thank you” for a fun and educational year. I foresee this district moving within the future. We will have our ups and downs but there are going to be some unique and interesting things that will be occurring within the next three years of this district. The two of you have set the foundation for this district, now it is up to us as a district and officers to build from that foundation. God Bless the both of you and I know you will always be there for the district and us.

District Governor Elect, Lion Chris

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Where did the 2004-05 Lions year go? It has been so chocked full of activities and meetings that time has certainly zoomed by. Here we are almost ready to begin a new Lions year. Are you and your club ready to start a new Lions year?

Has your club elected new officers? We still have a few clubs that have not filed their PU-101s. We, as district officers, would really appreciate it if the secretaries who have not sent their new officer information to DG Ron, take a few minutes and complete the form and send it to DG Ron. DG-Elect Chris is working diligently to complete the district directory and get it ready to be printed so it will be ready for distribution soon.

We just returned from a very enjoyable and enlightening Ohio Lions State Convention at Sandusky, hosted by the Lions of District B. The Lions International First Vice President, Ashok V. Mehta from Bombay, India was present for the entire state convention and was very inspiring and interesting. Some had the pleasure of enjoying some food of India that was prepared for Mr. Mehta at some of our meals and I found it most interesting and tasty – a nice deviation from our norm. This was the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention and was held near Cedar Point where Helen Keller first challenged the Lions to be “Knights of the Blind”. Convention attendees saw a video re-enactment of Helen Keller’s speech to the Lions many years ago. It was a good reminder of our primary focus as Lions. The Convention for 2006 will be held in Cincinnati – make plans now to attend next year. I don’t think you will be disappointed in your experience.

As this is the final newsletter of this Lions’ year, I look back at how quickly it has passed – how many wonderful Lions, Lionesses and Leo I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with during the year – how enjoyable it has been to work with DG Ron and VG Chris as we traveled the district for the good of Lions. Congratulations are in order for our own District Governor, Ron. He was elected to serve the Lions of Ohio as Chairman of Council for 2005-06 where he will be leading the Lions of Ohio for the next year. It will be a challenging opportunity – but I know DG Ron is up to the challenge – Ohio will be in good hands. Also, congratulations to DG-Elect Chris on being elected as Vice Council Chair.

See you around the District,  
Vice District Governor-Elect, Lion Jay

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NOTICE TO CLUB SECRETARIES STARTING JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2005

Information for Club Secretaries filing of reports.

- **MMR (Monthly Membership Report)** (3 copies) send to:

1. **LCI at Oakbrook, IL**  
Lions Clubs International  
300 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Oak Brook, IL 60523
2. **District Governor Chris Homer**  
810 Second Avenue  
Gallipolis, OH 45631  
E-mail: [caegle@yahoo.com](mailto:caegle@yahoo.com)
3. **Club secretary's file**

- **MAR (Monthly Activity Report)** (4 copies) send to:

1. **District Governor Chris Homer**  
810 Second Avenue  
Gallipolis, OH 45631  
E-mail: [caegle@yahoo.com](mailto:caegle@yahoo.com)
2. **Region Chairman** (The club sends their report to their Region Chairperson.)  

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|---|---|
| <b><u>REGION 1</u></b>  | <b><u>REGION 2</u></b>  |
| <b>DDG Elaine Newberry</b>  | <b>VDG Jay Carey</b>  |
| 24 Wagon Wheel Circle   | 635 Albin Avenue  |
| Sardinia, OH 45171  | Washington C.H., OH 43160   |
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3. **Your Zone Chairperson**
4. **Your club secretary's file**

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**Remembering the Deceased**

**Bellbrook:** Joyce (Joy) Queary, wife of PDG Bob Queary (1993-94) passed away May 10<sup>th</sup> at Hospice of Dayton. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Bellbrook UMC. Per Joy's request, her eyes were donated to the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank for corneal transplant. PDG Bob requests memorials be sent to the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank, 456 West 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., FA UHC, Columbus, OH 43210.

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CLUB CONTEST RESULTS

The following results of the District Governor's Club Contest were announced at the District Convention, Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Small Clubs, 1-25 members:

#### Region One:

First Place: Lake Waynoka  
Second Place: Martinsville  
Third Place: Lynchburg

#### Region Two:

First Place: Portsmouth  
Second Place: Vinton County  
Third Place: South Webster

### Medium Clubs, 26-50 members:

#### Region One:

First Place: Fairborn  
Second Place: Leesburg  
Third Place: West Union

#### Region Two:

First Place: Gallipolis  
Second Place: New Holland  
Third Place: Ironton

### Large Clubs, 51 plus members

#### Region One:

First Place: Mt. Orab  
Second Place: Hillsboro  
Third Place: Ripley

#### Region Two:

First Place: Chillicothe  
Second Place: Waverly  
Third Place: Jackson

### Club Scrapbook Contest

#### Region One:

First Place: Hillsboro  
Second Place: Wilmington

#### Region Two:

First Place: Jackson  
Second Place: Chillicothe

### Club Newsletter Contest

#### Region One:

First Place: Hillsboro  
Second Place: West Union

#### Region Two:

First Place: Jackson  
Second Place: Chillicothe

### District Lioness

First Place Scrapbook: Bellbrook Lioness  
First Place Newsletter: Bellbrook Lioness

The District Governor's Club Contest began July 1, 2004 and concluded at the end of February. March 15, 2005 was the deadline for reporting February activities. The Club Scrapbook Contest began at the end of the 2004 Convention and concluded March 15, 2005. The Club Newsletter Contest began September 1, 2004 and concluded March 15, 2005.

**OFFICERS OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS INSTALLED:** District Governor Ron Barber and Lion Georgia, along with Leo Advisor Lion Dave Grover, had the privilege of attending an impressive ceremony on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hillsboro High School. Officers of four youth organizations for the year 2005-06 were installed: ASTRA, a group that support literacy by tutoring and assisting with special activities in the Elementary; the HI-Y Club; the National Honor Society and the Hillsboro Leo Club all were present for the occasion. The 2005-06 Leo Club Officers were installed by Governor Barber, including the President, Megan Wait; Vice-President, Kaylee Sue Patton; Secretary, Brooke Jolitz; and Treasurer, Emmy Lakes. The event was hosted by the ALTRUSA Club of Highland County.

**PEACE POSTER CONTEST NOTES:** Just a couple of quick notes from your Peace Poster Chairman. First, I was thrilled to see six poster entries this year. Thanks to all who made the contacts and did the legwork to get your young artists involved, thanks to the art teachers and mentors who invested their time to support the artists, and thanks to the clubs who were willing to make the investment and follow through. I appreciate it and I know that Governor Ron, Lion Georgia, and Lion Jeanne do, too. Looking ahead to next year's contest, the theme will be, "Peace Without Borders". I'm sending out this advance information because I think it can help boost participation even more. First, if we can talk to our art teachers, mentors, and community organization leaders before the school year is over, we can give them more time to work the contest into their programs, making it easier for them to participate. Second, since one reason for Lions sponsorship of the contest is to increase Lions visibility and contact with the community, if we start earlier, we can build on the momentum from this contest just wrapping up. Find contest details at [www.lionclubs.org](http://www.lionclubs.org), then click on, "English", "Youth Programs", and then "Peace Poster".

Regards, Lion Jim Weeks

**NEW YOUTH BANNER PATCH AVAILABLE TO CLUBS:** Lions club secretaries received information about the new youth banner patch award in their 2004-05 President/Secretary Kit. Clubs that initiated a new youth or children's activity or significantly expanded an existing activity during 2004-05 can receive International President Clement F. Kusiak's new youth award. Award applications also appear on the Lions Website ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)). To locate the form, click into the "resources" section, then "Forms", "Leo/Youth", and "Share Success Form". To qualify for the award, clubs can implement youth activities such as sponsoring or supporting any of the follow: (1) a new Leo Club, (2) a Lions international exchange youth, (3) a Lions international youth camper, (4) a Lions Youth Leaders in Service Award, (5) a Lions Services for Children project, (6) the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, and (7) a drug awareness program. Please do not let this opportunity to receive an award for your club's work with the young people of your community. If you have any questions concerning the new youth banner patch, contact Lion Georgia Barber at (937) 780-6140 or at: [ronbarber@direcway.com](mailto:ronbarber@direcway.com).

**USED HEARING AID PROJECT:** District 13-J has become involved with recycling used hearing aids. A contact has been established with Elizabeth Ryerson, Audiologist with the St. Rita School for the Deaf, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The school is in need of all types of used hearing aids, as well as accessories. Ms. Ryerson setup a most informative display at the recent 13-J Convention April 16<sup>th</sup>. For those Lions that did not have an opportunity to view the material, the following information was provided in a handout:

**Hearing Aid Donation Questions:**

**What kind of hearing aid can be donated?** Any type of hearing aid can be donated, including Digital, Programmable, Analog, Behind-the-ear (BTE), In-the-ear (ITE), In-the-Canal (ITC) and Completely-in-the-canal (CIC).

**Does the hearing aid have to work?** No. Working and non-working hearing aids are accepted. Working BTE hearing aids can be used as loaners. Non-working hearing aids or those that are made to fit only a specific person's ear (ITEs, CICs & ITCs) can be sent away for credit.

**What happens to the hearing aids?** A hearing aid company accepts salvage hearing aids from us and, in return, credits St. Rita's account. The credit is used to pay for repairs, to purchase new hearing aids or to buy other audio logical supplies.

**Can I use my donation as a tax write-off?** If requested, a value can be approximated for your hearing aid and sent with your Thank You letter.

**How can I help?** Send your hearing aids to:

**St. Rita School for the Deaf**  
**Attention: Elizabeth Ryerson**  
**1720 Glendale-Milford Rd.**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45215**  
**(513) 771-7600 ext. 338**  
[eryerson@srsdeaf.org](mailto:eryerson@srsdeaf.org)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Chillicothe Lions:** Fish Fry in the Park, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Fairborn Lions:** 60<sup>th</sup> Charter Night, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for Social time with meal at 7:00 PM.

**Gallipolis Lions:** Co-sponsoring the Duck-Tona 5000 Ducky Derby Race, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. Great prizes to the owners of the winning ducks. 1<sup>st</sup> place: 2005 Yellow Dodge Neon, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Hot tub; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Big screen TV; 4<sup>th</sup> place: Toro Self Starting Lawnmower; Last place: \$100 Gift Basket

**Manchester Lions:** Golf Scramble, Hilltop Golf Course, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM.

**Minford Lions:** A free summer family picnic, June 13<sup>th</sup> for prospective new members at Falcon Road Gazebo.

**Ripley Lions:** Annual Festival July 1-2-3 with fireworks on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sponsoring Carson & Barnes Circus on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

This has been a busy year for all of the Lions Clubs in District 13-J. Congratulations to all of the clubs that have had an increase in membership. I'm especially happy if those new members are women. The Helen Keller Project is an exciting program with lots of opportunity for new members for your club and more community awareness of your club. It's not too late to give a Helen Keller award. You can even give more than one. Lions celebrate her challenge until the end of 2005. If you present an award(s), please send me the information for a display and for my records. Copies of photos or newspaper articles would also help. Lastly, tell me something about your award winners. Send to me at 201 Redondo Dr., Jackson, OH 45640. I am still giving programs on membership. Call me at (740) 286-5971. Lion Debbie Lloyd

### CLUBS WELCOMING NEW LIONS

**Bellbrook:** George Simmons

**Chillicothe:** Warden Seymour, David Dixon, Neal Senff, David Barney, Rick Young, Emmit Hempstead

**Frankfort:** Anthony Drummond, Dana Anderson

**Gallipolis:** Tim Scites, Joshua W. Bodimer, Eric R. Mulford

**Seaman:** Ginny Zimmerman, Dave Zimmerman, Edna McIntosh, Mary Edenfield, Becky Edenfield, Mike McCormick, Dean McCellan, Lea Jane McCellan

**West Union:** David W. Garvin

**Wilmington:** Steve Payne (Reinstated)

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Governor Ron extends a special thank you to the Chillicothe Evening and the Hillsboro Club for assisting in hosting the District Convention. You all did a terrific job!!!!



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## WHAT'S HAPPENED

- Bellbrook Lioness:** Sold 157 dozen roses with Lioness Lynne Dorn selling 40 dozen. Four members attended the Lioness Spring Fling in Jackson.
- Bellbrook Lions:** Donated two corn hole games to the Elementary School. Donated funds for BHS Baseball Dugouts.
- Chesapeake Lions:** Conducted Annual Track Meet for Tri-State Area; donated \$500 to the Red Cross Tsunami Relief Fund; spent approximately 200 hours and \$1,000 for upgrade of T-Ball Field.
- Chillicothe Evening Lions:** Recently inducted six new members; considering using the "Lions AHAP" affordable Hearing Air Project.
- Fairborn Lions:** Approved nine requests for exams and eyeglasses.
- Frankfort Lions:** Held a card party fundraiser and participated in a community yard sale.
- Gallipolis Lions:** Purchased eyeglasses and special vision equipment for a young boy.
- Good Hope Lions:** Donated \$250 to Good Hope Youth Baseball.
- Hillsboro Lions:** Donated \$500 to American Legion Baseball; \$250 to SATH; donated to Buckeye Boys State and to Highland County Children's Service.
- Ironton Lions:** Collected used eyeglasses.
- Jackson Lions:** Donated to Lions Scholarships; volunteered time at a Book Fair and to the Jackson Schools.
- Jamestown Lions:** Purchased two pairs of eyeglasses; honored the Club's Peace Poster winner; held a successful consignment auction.
- Lake Waynoka Lions:** Collected 125 pairs of used eyeglasses; conducted 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Clean-up Lake Waynoka Day.
- Leesburg Lions:** Held a successful Rose sale; hosted the District Convention in Chillicothe.
- Lynchburg Lions:** Held a Breakfast Fundraiser on May 7<sup>th</sup>; collected used eyeglasses.
- Manchester Lions:** Held a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser; participated in Diabetes Education at the Health Fair; donated to Ohio Lions Foundation.
- Martinsville Lions:** Held a special reception for Lion Orville Fields for presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellow; did an Adopt-a-Highway trash pickup.
- Minford Lions:** Donated to a student for a Summer Enrichment Program; did a highway trash pick-up.
- Mt. Orab Lions:** Purchased eye exam and eyeglasses for a 16-year old; sponsored a student to Buckeye Boys State.
- New Holland Lions:** Collected 300 pairs of used eyeglasses. Secretary sends Get Well and Birthday cards to club members.
- New Vienna Lions:** Donated \$500 to Kamp Dovetail and \$750 to New Vienna Recreational Committee.
- Portsmouth Lions:** Paid for exams and eyeglasses for four individuals; donated to a Boy Scout Troop and \$500 to Tsunami Relief Fund.
- Ripley Lions:** Purchased eyeglasses for two individuals; held Fish Fry fundraiser May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Sardinia-Mowrystown Lions:** Held a Pancake & Sausage fundraiser May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Seaman Lions:** Donated funds to purchase historical picture for community room; held a membership drive resulting in 8 new members.
- Washington C.H. Lions:** held a very successful Rose sale.
- Waverly Lions:** Gave a \$500 scholarship; paid the cost of a GED Test for a student; held a very successful Ducky Derby Day.
- West Union Lions:** Participated in the Adams County Health Fair; paid for exam and treatment of an eye problem for an individual.
- Wilmington Lions:** Donated to a student attending OSU School of Optometry; committed to man gates at the Clinton County Fair.
- Xenia Lions:** Paid for eye exams and eyeglasses for two individuals.