

# District 13-J Lions Newsletter

November 2008

## Wanted: A Great Lion

Seeking a sincere, committed, caring, honest individual. A person whose membership enhances the group. This successful candidate will be able to oversee, mentor, able to follow up with individuals and coach.

If you are interested in the position, please contact District Governor Debbie Lloyd at [lloydroars@yahoo.com](mailto:lloydroars@yahoo.com) or call (740) 286-5971.

I worked on the above job description during the state membership meeting on October 11. Look at it carefully. Doesn't it describe a person you would like to know? Anyone having the majority of those qualifications would be a great lion, a great addition to your club.

A lion fitting the job description would make a great officer in a local club but would also be a prime candidate to serve in a district cabinet position. We have many individuals in District 13J who fit the description of a Great Lion.

Great Lions of 13J you exist! Step forward to serve your club, zone or district. By doing so you will enrich your life beyond your dreams, currently, we are looking for a Deputy District Governor for this year and for next year. Serving your district in this capacity will give you the opportunity to make many more friends with wonderful lions who are doing great



things in 13J. You will be giving time and talent to a cause greater than yourself. District Officers embody the concept WE SERVE. They serve the public, their fellow lions and their community.

## DEBBIE'S DATELINE

Thoughts on Lionism by DG  
Debbie Lloyd

A candidate for president recently said, "Nothing brings greater happiness than to serve a cause greater than yourself." I like to think that Lions have already discovered that with our motto We Serve. I do think that we forget the happiness part. Rediscovering the pride, happiness, and joy of working together on service to mankind would rejuvenate us all.

When I began moving through the officer ranks of our district, I consciously tried to give talks that I hoped would reignite pride in being a Lion. I am very proud to be a Lion. I think that Lions Club International and its mission is one of the finest organizations with which to be associated in the world.

I am thinking of the enthusiasm that I recently saw on the face of a new Lion as she purchased her first set of pins from me. Are you that enthusiastic about being a Lion? We serve in a great organization with an awesome and proud history! Think about what Lions as an organization do all over the world. Rediscover that enthusiasm about being a Lion. Think about all that your club does for your community. You are heroes to many for what you do!

Included in this newsletter is a fact sheet from Lions Clubs International. The information included would be a great resource for club orientation. The information is invaluable when recruiting new members or when giving an interview about your club. DG Debbie's Tentative Schedule:

November 1	Council of Governors (Columbus)
November 2	Fall Forum (Columbus)
November 3	Rio Grande Lions
November 4	Jeffersonville
November 5	New Vienna
November 6	Zone 1 (Bellbrook—Lion Building)
November 7	Western Brown Leos
November 9	Cabinet Meeting (Waverly)
November 10	Zone 5
November 11	Zone 3
November 12	Zone 4
November 13	Zone 7 (Ironton- -Giovanni's)
November 18	Zone 2
November 21	OSU Tailgate Party (Washington CH)

November 24                      Zone 6  
(Gallipolis—Holiday  
Inn)

November 25    Port William



Dear Lions,

I want to ask you to support our “re-branding” efforts. To attract high quality new members to our clubs we must be able to clearly articulate who we are and why we are important. The eight core messages of the re-branding process are our way of doing that. I ask every Lion leader to commit them to memory and to bring them to the attention of fellow Lions and the communities we serve.

Our eight core messages are:

1. We are global.
2. We serve where we live.
3. We give 100 percent.
4. We do it ourselves.
5. We are rich in heritage and pride.
6. We are in good company.
7. We're open.
8. We are dedicated to sight and more.

Let us join together to speak with pride these simple truths about lions. The success of your club's membership plans may depend on the eight core messages.

Sincerely,  
Al Brandel  
International President



## “Know the Magic of Pulling Together”

A man was lost while driving through the country. As he tried to reach for a map, he accidentally drove off the road into a ditch. Though he wasn't injured, his car was stuck deep in the mud. So the man walked to a nearby farm to ask for help. “Warwick can get you out of that ditch,” said the farmer, pointing to an old mule standing in a field. The man looked at the decrepit old mule and looked at the farmer who just stood there repeating, “Yep, old Warwick can do the job.” The man figured he had nothing to lose. The two men and the mule made their way back to the ditch. The farmer hitched the mule to the car. With a snap of the reins he shouted,

“Pull, Fred! Pull, Jack! Pull, Ted! Pull, Warwick!” and the mule pulled that car right out of the ditch.

The man was amazed. He thanked the farmer, patted the mule, and asked, “Why did you call out all of those names before you called Warwick?”

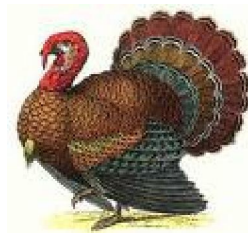
The farmer grinned and said, “Old Warwick is just about blind. As

long as he believes he's part of a team, he doesn't mind pulling.”

From a book Titled “You Can't Send a Duck to Eagle School” page 109 by Mac Anderson, he tells the following story, which was adapted from Some Folks Feel the Rain: Others Just Get Wet, by James W. Moore. I feel it exemplifies a lesson for a Lion leader to exercise that is teamwork.

Submitted by VDG Charles R. Newland

District 13-J Cabinet Meeting  
November 9, 2008  
Waverly Lions Den  
Victory Drive  
Waverly, OH  
Lunch will be at 1:00  
Meeting to begin at 1:45  
Lunch cost \$7.00





# Lions Clubs International Fact Sheet

## Membership

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas. Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. Founded in 1917, the association's motto is "We Serve."

## Service to Others

Worldwide, Lions clubs are recognized for their service to people who are blind and visually impaired. This service began when Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the 1925 Lions Clubs International Convention. Today, Lions extend their commitment to sight conservation through countless local efforts, as well as through their international SightFirst Program, which works to eradicate blindness. Lions also collect and recycle eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries year-round and especially during May, which is Lions Recycle for Sight Month, and October, as a way to mark Lions World Sight Day, which is held the second Thursday of each October. In addition, Lions make a strong commitment to young people through many youth programs. Lions also work to improve the

environment, build homes for the disabled, support diabetes education, conduct hearing programs and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world. Based on a recent report of Lions clubs worldwide, it is estimated that each year Lions clubs donate approximately US\$449 million and 76 million hours, which is equivalent to more than 31,000 people working full time for a year.

## International Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. The foundation's mission is to support the efforts of Lions clubs around the world in serving their local and global communities by funding humanitarian service projects.

[www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org)

## Sight Programs

In 1990, Lions established SightFirst, a US\$202 million global initiative to fight the major causes of preventable and reversible blindness. The unprecedented program joins Lions volunteers with blindness prevention experts and organizations and governments. The more than 841 SightFirst grants have:

- provided more than 7 million cataract surgeries and prevented serious vision loss for 20 million
- supported 80.5 million treatments for river blindness
- built or expanded more than 213 eye hospitals/clinics/wards and upgraded more than 325 eye centers with equipment
- improved eye care in 90 countries around the world
- trained more than 305,000 ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, other professional eye care workers and village health workers

Lions have launched Campaign SightFirst II to raise at least US\$150 million to continue and expand the extraordinary work of SightFirst.

**Founded:** 1917

**Motto:** "We Serve"

**Members:** 1.3 million

**Clubs:** 45,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas

### **Convention:**

June 23-27, 2008

Bangkok, Thailand

### **International Headquarters:**

Oak Brook, Illinois, USA

Lions clubs support other sight-related activities.

Lions clubs and members:

- provide 600,000 free professional glaucoma screenings and make 26,000 corneal transplants possible each year
- establish and support a majority of the world's eye banks and hundreds of clinics, hospitals and eye research centers worldwide
- collect an estimated 30 million pairs of used eyeglasses annually and send approximately 6 million pairs to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers for recycling and distribution at no cost to those in need in developing countries
- offer screenings, eyeglasses and sports goggles to athletes through the Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program--more than 100,000 athletes have been screened
- provide free quality eye care, eyeglasses, Braille-writers, white canes and other assistive devices for thousands of people each year

### **Youth Programs**

Numerous programs exist to assist Lions in fulfilling the needs of the youth in their communities.

### **Lions Services for Children**

Lions provide local and international health and education services that improve the lives of children and young adolescents who suffer from poverty, homelessness, abuse, neglect, disease and disabilities.

### **Lions Quest**

Lions clubs sponsor school-based programs that teach young people basic life skills and civic values that promote social and emotional learning, character development, substance abuse and violence prevention skills and a commitment to service. Lions Quest brings the school, family and community together to promote the development of healthy and responsible young people.

### **Leo Clubs**

Lions clubs in approximately 130 countries sponsor more than 5,500 Leo clubs. The 140,000 Leo members, ages 12-28 or

maximum age as determined locally, perform community service activities and support a worldwide project to help children in adverse circumstances.

### **International Youth Camps and Exchange**

Each year, thousands of young people, ages 15-22, learn about other cultures while participating in Lions camps and staying with Lions host families in countries around the world.

### **Lions International Peace Poster Contest**

Each year more than 375,000 students, ages 11-13, from approximately 100 countries, express their ideas about world peace through artwork, which is judged at local, regional, national and international levels. One grand prize and 23 merit posters are awarded.

### **Service Activities**

Lions clubs build stronger communities through a variety of projects and activities that:

- address unmet needs such as teaching life skills to children, building playgrounds and supporting the elderly
- reduce blindness caused by diabetic retinopathy through diabetes education, early detection and treatment programs and support of research
- conduct hearing projects, including newborn hearing screenings and providing hearing aids
- preserve our water, air and land
- improve international relations through assistance projects, exchange programs and health missions to the developing world, often in conjunction with the United Nations and other organizations
- provide disaster relief, including food, supplies and healthcare screenings

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## Ohio Lions All-State Band

THE BAND COMMITTEE MET AT A SPECIAL MEETING SAT, SEPT. 13, AT THE STATE OFFICE, AND REGULAR MEETING OCT 11 AT SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

A GOAL WAS SET TO GET AT LEAST ONE BAND MEMBER FROM EACH ZONE IN THE STATE, AND EVERY CLUB DONATE AT LEAST \$100, HELPING PUT YOUTH FIRST.

MATT STANLEY WAS NAMED AS BAND DIRECTOR AND TWO NEW ASSISTANTS.

A TENTATIVE PRICE HAS BEEN ESTIMATED AT \$600.00 PER MEMBER. MUSKINGHAM MOTOR COACH WILL BE USED, (MR STANLEY PREFERRED THEM.) THE BAND WILL BE HOUSED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DORMS, TWO TO A ROOM. THEY CAN ALSO GET THREE MEALS A DAY THERE.

SUBMITTED BY LION LOUIE TEUFEL



District 13-J Lioness Clubs

As District Lioness Chair, I have visited the Bellbrook, Chillicothe, Jackson, and Sardinia-

Mowrystown Lioness Clubs at their regular meetings during the month of October. These Lioness are all very busy with activities and working with their communities and Lions Clubs. All of these Lioness Clubs have given scholarships to their local high schools and given to many community programs.

The Bellbrook Lioness just completed their Prince, Princess, and Queen contests at the annual Bellbrook festival. They are now handling the concession stand at the Halloween in the Park and then they will be involved in their Christmas baskets for the widowers in their area.

The Chillicothe and Jackson Lioness are both very involved at present with their Christmas Candy Sales. They would welcome your purchasing candy from them during November and December if you are in their area. There are also many Lions Clubs selling candy in various areas throughout our District, and they too would appreciate you stopping in and purchasing that "yummy" candy. Help the Lioness and Lions out!

The Sardinia-Mowrystown Lioness held their 24th Charter celebration, and they are making plans for their holiday and Lionistic givings. I have enjoyed my visits with all these Lioness and they are a hard working group of gals. We thank them for their service to their communities.

IPDG Elaine W. Newberry  
District 13-J Lioness Chair

## Zone Meetings:

Zone 1: November 6 at Bellbrook at 6:30 contact Zone Chair David Jordan for reservations at [dmj67@netzero.com](mailto:dmj67@netzero.com) and reservations cost \$10..

Zone 2: November 18 at Jeffersonville Lions Den at 6:30 cost \$10. Contact Lion Jim Georges at

[jimgeorges56@gmail.com](mailto:jimgeorges56@gmail.com). Please  
make reservations by Nov. 14.

Zone 3: November 11 at the New  
Vienna Firehouse. Contact President  
Richard Hiatt for reservations at  
[rhiatt@rerc.org](mailto:rhiatt@rerc.org) or Zone Chair David  
Grover at 937-393-3789.

Zone 4: November 12 at Contact  
Zone Chair Steve Caraway at  
[stephen\\_caraway@hotmail.com](mailto:stephen_caraway@hotmail.com)

Zone 5: November 10 at Frankfort  
Presbyterian Youth Center 52  
Springfield St. The cost will be \$10.  
Please contact Zone Chair Leon  
Deardorff at  
[deardorff9007@roadrunner.com](mailto:deardorff9007@roadrunner.com) by  
Nov. 7.

Zone 6: November 24 at Gallipolis  
Holiday Inn, Rt. 7, at 6:30 cost \$11.25  
contact Zone Chair Rick Tipple at  
[r.dtip@netzero.com](mailto:r.dtip@netzero.com).

Zone 7: November 13 at Ironton  
Giovanni's, buffet costs \$8 or menu  
cost. Contact Jay Holley at  
[jayholley@cs.com](mailto:jayholley@cs.com).

Reminder to all who want a place on  
an agenda, please request time from  
the Zone Chair prior to the meeting.

Notice: Wayne Long has resigned as  
Zone Two Chair due to work  
responsibilities and Jim Georges has  
agreed to fill in the rest of the year as  
Zone Chair. Thank you Jim! His  
contact information is in the directory  
under International Convention State  
Committee



Lions Club Tailgate Party  
Friday, November 21, 2008  
6:00 to 10:00 pm.  
Mahan Building, Fayette Co.  
Fairgrounds  
Admission: \$15 per person or 2  
for \$25  
Includes full buffet meal, pep  
rally, snacks, silent auction, live  
auction, raffle items and more.  
Beer and Wine Coolers Available.  
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