

Debbie's Dateline

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I recently heard a political candidate say that, "True happiness is found when you serve a cause greater than self." I like to think that as Lions we have already discovered that with our motto, We Serve. We serve our communities. We work with Lions all over the world to eliminate preventable blindness. We fill in the gaps when something is needed and there is no one to provide the service.

However, Lions do not work alone. When you give contributions to our many approved State and International projects, you are joining your money with money from other Lions to accomplish a large project. These projects are listed on pages 47 and 48 in the district directory. Lions clubs that can say, "Come help us do this project," attract new members. People want to be involved in bettering their communities.

I have a picture of me on an elephant in Thailand. If you look closely at the picture you can see four mahouts (elephant handlers) with me as well as the elephant.

When it came time for me to ride that elephant, it soon became apparent that I was not going to be able to climb aboard without help. The elephant did his part by kneeling down. All four mahouts stepped forward and assisted me. And together we accomplished what had seemed to be impossible.

Healthy Lions Clubs work like those mahouts. You help each other accomplish projects, raise money and serve your communities. If you work separately, not together, you are not able to accomplish what you could together. Yes, you may complete the project but you have left something out. The spirit of togetherness that you build with your fellow Lions when you work together on something will be missing. That spirit of togetherness is what makes clubs strong. Remember, together We Serve.



Lions Day at the United Nations

The 31st Annual Lions Day with the United Nations event will be held Friday, March 13, 2009 at the UN headquarters in New York. Highlights of the day long program include presentations from International Lions President Al Brandel, UN speakers, and the unveiling of the 2008-2009 Lions International Peace Poster winner. Lions Club International is the only service organization that is honored with a day at the UN.

A lunch with UN ambassadors is available. Seating at the luncheon is limited to 250 reservations. If there are more reservations than the limit then a waiting list will be established. At 11 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2009. The names of persons on the waiting list will be announced in the conference room. Persons who are present will receive a ticket. Persons not selected will receive a refund for the lunch portion of their payment. Refunds will be issued several weeks after March 13, 2009.

Please note that in mid 2009, UN Headquarters will begin extensive renovations. The 31st Annual Lions Day with the UN provides an opportunity to view the historic UN building. The United Nations reserves the right to cancel this event. The needs of government take

precedence over the requests of non-governmental organizations. If the General Assembly is called into an emergency meeting, the Conference Room must be vacated. Lions Day with the UN will be presented in English.

UN security requires that each attendee submit a separate registration form. The fee for the day program and lunch is \$110 per person. The fee for the day program without lunch is \$60 per person. There are reduced fees for Leos and students, ages five to eighteen. The registration form for Lions, spouses and guests can be obtained from the District Governor or downloaded from the Lions Web site

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_int_ldun2.shtml.

You will need to mail the form with payment by check or money order made payable to Lions Clubs International before February 6, 2009.

At the end of the day program, a free 45 minute tour of the UN building may be available to the first 200 registrants. More information is available by calling 630-468-6728, or email programs@lionsclubs.org or log onto the Lions Web site at: www.lionsclubs.org.



Upcoming Events:

Ironton Haunted Tunnel will be open weekends in October. They welcome volunteers. Contact the President Dave Swartzwelder at 740-532-9348.

Chesapeake Oktoberfest on Oct. 11, the club will be selling sandwiches.

October 4 will be the Georgetown Pancake breakfast at the Fireside Restaurant on Rt. 125 from 7-10:30 a. m.

October 25 will be the Mt. Orab Pancake breakfast.

Chillicothe Lions will be celebrating 85 years of Lions Service on May 2, 2009.

The Spring Valley Potato Festival will be on October 4.

D G Debbie's Tentative Schedule:

October 3 North Adams Leos
October 6 Fairborn
October 7 Coal Grove
October 9 Bellbrook Leos
October 9 Peebles
October 11 State Committee
Meetings at the School for the Blind
October 13 Lynchburg

October 14 Yellow Springs
October 15 Georgetown 8 am
October 15 Hillsboro Leos noon
October 16 Good Hope
October 21 Spring Valley
October 27 Aberdeen
October 28 Jamestown

Nov. 1 Council of Governors
Nov. 2 Fall Forum
Nov. 3 Minford
Nov. 4 Jeffersonville
Nov. 5 New Vienna
Nov. 6 Zone 1
Nov. 7 Western Brown Leos

Peace Poster Contest Entries

2008-2009 Lions International Peace Poster Contest(s) must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2008 if you are mailing them to the District Governor. Please select one winning entry from each contest and submit it on time to the District Governor. If your zone meeting is prior to November 19, you could bring your entry to your zone meeting. Only clubs in Zone 6 will have to either mail them or deliver their poster(s) to the DG before their zone meeting since their meeting is after the deadline. One poster will then be selected from 13J to submit to the council chairperson no later than December 1, 2008. If you have any questions about the contest contact DG Debbie

News Letter October 2008 By V.G. Charles Newland

The 32nd USA/Canada Leadership Forum was concluded September 20th in Saskatoon. If you have never been to a Forum, you don't know what you have missed. In general, the **Forum is a giant 3 day school** with four (4) home room periods and 59 classes. It's informational, motivational, fellowship, and you can **lead with vision for real change**.

Most Lions think membership is our most critical problem but I think it's a symptom of a more complex issue. Yes, membership is a serious problem for most clubs and we need to work on membership. However, I think the real problem is **our inability to change** and we need to develop, "change agent" leaders. The world around us has changed while we are, generally speaking, great 1950's clubs. Initially, with the Library Idea for 2008, I asked our leaders to read books that dealt with eight (8) fundamentals of change. Dr. John C. Maxwell says, "you don't change the organization, you change individuals". Thus until our leaders develop current life skills, our clubs will basically remain static.

"Lead with Vision – for R.E.A.L. Change!" How do we accomplish this? It means recognizing that each Lion is a Leader and we all need to develop individual competencies. We need to improve our Relationship, Equipping, Attitude, and Leadership skills. To learn more, read one of Dr. Maxwell's 101 Primers on R.E.A.L. subjects. As we learn, develop and apply your personal skills our clubs will prosper.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008

The Ohio Lions Fall Conference is coming and will be here very soon. The University Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 3110 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, Ohio, is the site of the 2008 Fall Conference. The schedule is as follows:

7:30 – 8:00 AM Non-Denominational Service
8:15 – 9:45 AM Fall Conference Breakfast (Doors open at 8:00 AM)

Conference Breakfast Speaker – Ohio's own IPID Steve Sherer

10:00 – 1:00 PM Seminars (3 seminar sessions of 50 minutes each)

Seminar Topics to be offered include the following :

Lions Ceremonies
Redistricting Update
Membership/Retention
Member Orientation
Youth Camps – Kamp Dovetail,
Camp Echoing Hills
Legal Issues
Hearing Aids
Moving Up In Lionism
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Registration forms will be sent to each club secretary and will also be available on the Ohio Lions website (www.ohiolions.org). Full conference registration is \$35 and completed registration forms must be sent to the Ohio Lions State Office, 4074 Hoover Rd, Grove City, OH 43123

Get a car load lined up from your club and come to Columbus on November 2nd for a day to visit other Lions from across Ohio and gain some valuable information about Lionism at the same time.

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Dear Fellow Lions,

I would like to provide you with an update on LCIF's response to the recent hurricanes.

This summer there were a great number of hurricanes throughout the Caribbean and U.S. Gulf Coast. The destruction was significant, killing thousands and destroying properties across several countries and states from wind damage to flooding. Similar to past disasters, Lions and LCIF quickly responded to provide immediate relief items and help families to get back on their feet.

Hurricane Gustav caused \$20 billion in damage and caused great flooding damage in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, areas previously hard hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. LCIF issued five Emergency grants to Lions districts in Mississippi and Louisiana, totaling \$50,000 in relief funds. Grants totaling \$15,000 were also awarded to Lions in the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

Hurricane Ike, the ninth hurricane of the summer, also hit the Gulf Coast of

the U.S., making landfall in Texas and causing destruction along hundreds of miles of coastline. LCIF has issued five Emergency grants to districts in Texas and Louisiana, totaling \$50,000 for immediate needs.

LCIF has responded to a number of recent natural disasters around the world. Since July 1, LCIF has issued \$464,000 in Emergency grants. LCIF continues to be in touch with Lions in the affected areas to assess the situation and respond as needed.

Emergency grants and Major Catastrophe grants are funded through LCIF's general humanitarian fund. Donations to support these disasters and future disasters can be made online at www.lcif.org/donate or by calling 630-468-6774. Contact LCIF by e-mail at lcif@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Foundation. As members, we all belong to LCI, but LCIF belongs to us.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Amarasuriya

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International
Foundation



News from Lions Clubs International

New Lions Green Team projects are hands-on, high-visibility initiatives such as community clean-ups, tree plantings, recycling, or education efforts. Green project suggestions appear:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_cult_enviro.n.shtml

[Lions Environmental Photo Contest illustrates the beauty of nature. Submit a photo to your club-level contest. One photo per club advances to the district, multiple district, and international competitions.](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/environment_photo_contest.shtml)
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New LIONS CREW AT WORK projects include repairing and improving non-profit community centers, shelters for homeless persons or battered women, food pantries, schools for disabled children, summer camps for “at risk” youth, parks, or playgrounds.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/cms/staging/EN/content/programs_community_crew.html

The **31 Annual Lions Day** **with the United Nations**

(UN)st **event** will be held Friday, March 13, 2009 at UN Headquarters in New York. This is your last opportunity to tour the historic building prior to its renovation.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_int_ldun2.shtml

LIONS ALERT encourages clubs to develop a plan of action in the event of a natural, man-made, or healthcare emergency. Contact your local authorities. Ask how your club can help.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/alert_program.shtml

Lions Emergency/Non-Emergency Assistance is a Web-based location for the exchange of materials and volunteer services for Lions emergency and non-emergency projects.
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_assistance.shtml

Ninth Annual Lions Performance Festival will occur during the 92nd Annual Lions International Convention, July 6-10, 2009 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. TLions and Leos can volunteer to share their culture.

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http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/annual_performance_festival_05.shtml

International Club Twinning is a voluntary and mutual agreement of friendship between Lions or Leo clubs in different countries.
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_int_twinning.shtml

For additional program information, e-mail: programs@lionsclubs.org



**MD 13 - OHIO LIONS, INC.
FALL CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION FORM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008
UNIVERSITY PLAZA
HOTEL & CONFERENCE
CENTER
3110 OLENTANGY RIVER RD.,
COLUMBUS OH**

The 2008 Fall Conference will be held at the University Plaza Hotel on Olentangy River Rd., just off I-315 at the E. N. Broadway Exit (Riverside Hospital Exit) in Columbus, Ohio on Sunday, November 2, 2008. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel reservations can be made through the hotel at 1-614-267-7461. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits. Request Ohio Lions group rate of \$93.00 plus tax.

REGISTRATION

A full registration is \$35 which includes Breakfast, guest speaker and all seminars. **The deadline for registration is Monday, October 20, 2008.** Registrations received **after** this date will include a \$5.00 late registration fee. Seminar Only Registration is

\$20. Leo Full Registration is \$15.00. The PDG Association will meet at 7:00a.m.

Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify FALL CONFERENCE in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: lionoffice@rohio.com.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

6:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration
Pre-Function Area
7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. PDG Association Meeting
Honors II
7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Non-Denominational Service
Honors I
8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Fall Conference Breakfast
Doors open at 8:00 a.m.
Plaza Ballrooms
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Seminars
Varied Locations Throughout the 1st floor of the Hotel



REGISTRATION RATES

Full Registration:
\$35.00 F

Seminars Only:
\$20.00 S

Leos Full:
\$15.00 L

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SPECIAL NEEDS: Please List any special dietary needs required, **including the need for a Diabetic Meal.**

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