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The Evaporator

“Boilin’ It Down Every Month”

Knights of the Blind

Our district has a signature service project – the Melvin Jones District 13-D Lions Eye Care Foundation. Its mission is “To provide financial assistance to individuals in obtaining needed vision care including eye exams, eye related medical procedures and the acquisition of eyeglasses in case of (confirmed) financial need where other sources of assistance have been exhausted or are unavailable.” The Eye Care Foundation was established in 1999 to replace the district eye bank. It was thought that a new focus could better serve needing individuals in our district. All of the funds the Eye Care Foundation raises are used in our district, whether from Lions or others.

Annual expenditures incurred by the Foundation have averaged approximately \$25,000 per year, while the total income has averaged about \$28,000 each year. Of the total income, nearly \$11,000 comes from Lions clubs in our district. However, last year \$20,909 came from the 45 clubs in the district to support the Foundation. During the first three months of this Lions year, the Foundation has expended a record \$19,000 for eye care assistance and vision screening supplies. A record of nine eye-related cases were approved for assistance in those three months and another seven cases were approved for assistance in October. It is imperative that the Lions of District 13-D continue to contribute to our signature, and only, district project. In our current economic climate more people are asking for help – and our Foundation continues to meet the challenge from Helen Keller to be Knights of the Blind.

Early in its existence the Board of Directors of the Eye Care Foundation established a program to recognize those Lions clubs and individuals in the district that made significant contributions to our Foundation. They initiated two recognition programs, each to provide recognition for contributions totaling at least \$500 during a consecutive three year period. The first is to present an Eye Care Foundation banner patch to each club the first year they qualify and a banner rocker patch for each subsequent year they qualify. The second recognition is to present a Knight of the Blind plaque to an individual designated by a club to receive the fellowship for their service to the blind and visually impaired. Individuals can also qualify for this fellowship with their own donations. The Foundation has recognized 135 Knights of the Blind with fellowship plaques since the beginning of the program.

On Wednesday, October the 5, at The Ala Carte in Canfield, the Past District Governors and spouses of District 13-D Lions Clubs held their annual banquet. Serving as host and Master of Ceremonies was Past District Governor Harold Ullman of the Crestwood Lions Club. Wife, Joyce Ullman served as hostess. After dinner there was a business session and discussions. Special guests were present: District Governor David Gauch and wife Lion Patti, also from the Crestwood Club. Gauch, in his remarks, praised the PDG’s for the great leadership they have shown and the help they have given to him personally in his present term. There was a roll call and a moment of silence for the 22 deceased PDG’s. Much fellowship prevailed at this gathering. District 13-D is comprised of clubs in Mahoning, Trumbull, Portage, Stark and Columbiana counties.



Front Row L-R: (PDGs and club served while being Governor)

Verna Williams - Warren, Harold Ullman - Crestwood, Ronald Anderson - Lisbon, Ronald Clifton – Youngstown South Side,

Second Row: Donald Heldman - East Liverpool, Donald Martin - Crestwood, Ted Filmer - Canfield, Bob Whited - Austintown, Paul Metrovich - Calcutta, Jerald McCullough - Niles, Bud Jenkins - Boardman, Bill Mundy - Lisbon

Third Row: Governor David Gauch - Crestwood, Robert Booher - Canal Fulton, Tom Kirkbride - Lisbon, Jeff Snyder – Magnolia, Charles Allcorn -Sebring.

The Draw-Off from District Governor Dave Gauch

We're four months into our Lions year and what a year it's been for me. I've enjoyed getting around to the various meetings and other events and projects. I enjoyed the training and convention in Seattle. I enjoyed the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Anchorage. The four hour time difference took some getting used to, but the fellowship and the scenery in Alaska made me forget about it. All of these functions have given me the opportunity to speak to many, many Lions. The effort, the enthusiasm, the passion for what we do continues to impress. When a speaker at a charter night gets choked up talking about what his club has done and will do, well, what can I say! Many Lions have gotten so much out of the association, me included. We give to give, not to get, but what a feeling to help others!

The seminars at the USA/Canada Forum are always informative, but one of the reasons we go almost every year is to renew the friendships we have made over the years. Many of those friendships are Lions who have been our speakers at district and multiple district conventions. I had not seen PID Dave Stouffer in Seattle since our paths didn't cross there, but it was nice to see him and Rachel in Anchorage. They were our guests at our 2010 district convention. Lion Patti and I were honored to sit with ID Gene Spiess and Lion Rita for dinner at the Forum. You'll remember that ID Gene was our guest this past March, but Rita could not come up for our convention. What a pleasure to chat with both of them over a great meal! New friendships are also made at the Forum. Who would have thought that saying hello to a Lion at a small café in Anchorage over a bowl of oatmeal would lead to a conversation about my grandfather's drug store in the suburbs of Rochester, New York. Colorado Council Chairman Ron Lockner had spent some time in the Rochester area and knew Cole Pharmacy. My grandfather died in 1969 and the drug store closed in the late 70's or early 80's, so I was surprised that anyone would have remembered. What memories!

My final thought this month is about dogs. Having walked blindfolded with a dog at Pilot Dogs I know what those dogs can do. They can see to lead those who can't. But what about when the dogs can't see either? In Anchorage I bought a book titled Sled Dog Wisdom by Tricia Brown. It is a collection of tales from Alaska's mushers. Aside from the athleticism of these dogs, they are amazing in other ways. One of the stories is of musher Christopher Knott and his adventure during one of the Iditarod sled dog races. "For a while, the Iditarod musher had no idea where he was headed. After three hours of creeping along, Knott's leaders, Hotfoot and Charlie, suddenly stopped. "What's going on?!" Knott wondered. The snow was blowing so hard, he could barely see past the end of his sled, let alone to his leaders. He set his ice hook and struggled to the front of the team. There he discovered Charlie standing on the very steps of the checkpoint. "I have no idea why he went to that building," Knott said later. "He'd never been there before." Simply amazing!



Yours in Lionism,
DG Dave



Greetings from International President Wing-Kun Tam



My Fellow Lions,

Relieving the Hunger

With more than one billion people in the world who do not have enough to eat, Relieving the Hunger may seem like an impossible task. But like every other Lions project, we can change the world one person, one life, at a time.

Your club can:

- Sponsor a community food drive to replenish a local food pantry.
- Volunteer to deliver prepared meals to elderly or disabled citizens.
- Serve meals at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
- Partner with local restaurants or food markets. Pick up donations of fresh food items for a women's or children's shelter.
- Collect infant formula and baby food for an organization serving young mothers at risk.

For more project ideas and help planning events see [Relieving the Hunger](#) at the Lions Clubs International Web site.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam
International President

From Your First Vice District Governor - FVDG John Woodside

It's that time of year, when the season of the year matches the outdoor activity of falling leaves. Driving at this time of year is a colorful sight as I get to enjoy the changing colors while journeying to District activities and club visitations. My October, 2011 schedule included visitations to the Windham, Canfield, Atwater, Niles, Streetsboro and Kent Lions Clubs as well as attending the Hartville Lions 65th Charter Anniversary celebration and the District Tail Twister Night. I also attended a special Council of Governors meeting; a District Long Range Planning and Finance Committee Meeting; a MERL/GLT/GMT meeting; and a celebration by the Boardman Lions Club to recognize the outstanding service and leadership provided to our Association by PCC Bud Jenkins of their club. Congratulations and thanks to the Hartville Lions Club for their 65 years of service to their community and our Association.

The month of November is Lions Diabetes Awareness month. During this month Lions have special opportunities to promote diabetes awareness. World Diabetes Day is November 14, 2011. Clubs should take the opportunity to learn about activities your club can do to promote diabetes awareness in your community. Information can be obtained from our District Diabetes Committee Chairperson and can also be found on the Lions International website.

Reports I receive from Lions International indicate that during the 1st Quarter of our current Lions year (July thru September), our District has added 21 new members and dropped 37 members for a net loss of 16 members. We need to keep recruiting new members and retaining those we have so we can continue our service to our Association and our communities.

As your First Vice District Governor I will be continuing to make visitations in Region One of the District. To date, of the twenty-six (26) clubs in Region One, I have scheduled or made fifteen (15) club visitations. I am requesting those clubs that have not provided me a visitation date to contact me soon.

Remember, "We Serve" is not only our Motto – it is our commitment.

Yours in Lionism,

FVDG John

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

By now you have probably become familiar with the GMT/GLT positions in our LIONS ORGANIZATION.

As the new GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, it is my duty to help increase MEMBERSHIP in our DISTRICT. We are currently working in 2 new areas to start NEW CLUBS. Those of you who have attended Zone Meetings should be familiar with our intentions and goals for this year. We need everyone's help to bring in new members and also to give them a good ORIENTATION in order to keep them. This should be done by either the CLUB PRESIDENT or ZONE CHAIRMAN.

TOGETHER, WE CAN INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP.

**PDG DON HELDMAN
GMT CHAIRMAN**



A Buckeye for Bud

On Wednesday evening, October 26, at the Boardman Township Park, a tree was planted in honor of PDG, PCC Bud Jenkins, of the Boardman Lions Club. Many club members, friends and dignitaries attended the event. Boardman Lion Terry Shears served as Master of Ceremonies. Special guests included Lions Past International President James Coffey, from Toronto, Ohio, District 13-D Governor, David Gauch, of the Crestwood Lions Club, First Vice District Governor John Woodside, of the Jackson Township Lions Club, Zone 5 Chairman Bill Rausch of the Boardman Lions Club, plus family members wife Jean Jenkins, daughter Bonnie and husband Lion Dennis Koch. The tree, an Ohio Buckeye will reach a height of about 50 feet. During the ceremony, all attendees got a chance to sprinkle the mulch around the base of the tree. There was a social following the ceremony where Bud thanked every one for attending and giving him this great honor.



Photo (L-R) 1st VDG John Woodside, Zone Chairman Bill Rausch, PIP Jim Coffey, District Governor David Gauch, PDG Bud Jenkins (with shovel) and King Lion Terry Shields

Lions On-Line Courses

Fellow Lions,

We all know that the cost of a college education is increasing. But did you know that you can get an education for FREE!

Lions International offers nineteen courses on line that you can take from the convenience of your own home at no cost. These courses will not only help you be a better leader but the material that is covered in the classes is also very applicable in the work force.

The classes can be taken to fit your schedule. You can work on a class one evening and then go back to the spot you stopped at previously and start over from that spot. The courses also feature a note pad where you can take notes and then print them out and save them.

The District D GLT Committee encourages all Lions in the district to enhance and improve their leadership capabilities by completing the Lions on Line Learning Courses offered on the Lions Clubs International website.

The nineteen courses fall into four categories:

1. Leadership courses are focused on a broad range of skills to succeed as a Lion leader. These courses include the following: Introduction to Lions Leadership / Writing Your Personal Mission Statement / Creativity / Promoting Innovation / Managing Change
2. Managing others courses are geared toward gaining the skills to effectively create and maintain successful and productive relationships with people. These courses include the following: Coaching / Conflict Resolution / Delegation / Effective Teams / Member Motivation / Valuing Member Diversity / Mentoring
3. Achieving results courses are designed to assist in setting and achieving goals, both personal and professional. These courses include the following: Setting Goals / Decision Making / Managing Meetings / Providing Community Service
4. Communication courses are courses that increase interpersonal skills and success in public speaking. These courses include the following: Effective Listening / Public Relations / Public Speaking

Those courses can be located as follows:

Log on to the "ohiolions.org" website

Click on the "Global Leadership Team" symbol on the right center of the home page

Scroll down the page to the resources at the bottom of the page -- click on the "Lions Learning Center (LCI Website)".

Click on the "course category" on the left side of the page corresponding to the course category you wish to pursue.

The site will instruct you to go to the "course registration page" to register.

You will have to "create an account" -- by putting in your Lions ID number and selecting a password.

You can then select the courses you wish to complete and the website will keep track of your progress and the courses you complete. LCI will email you a copy of this record at your request.

Those Lions who complete ten (10) online courses and submit proof to the District D GLT Coordinator by February 1st each year will be recognized at the Annual District D Convention.

You do not have to complete all ten courses in a single year -- just provide the information to the District D GLT Coordinator when you have completed ten.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? You can contact me at p_metrovich@yahoo.com or 330-385-4405.

PCC Paul Metrovich
Global Leadership Team

NOTICE OF DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

The second District Cabinet meeting will be hosted by FVDG John Woodside and the Jackson Township Lions Club. It will be held at the John Knox Presbyterian Church, 5155 Eastlake Street NW, North Canton. Maps are available if needed. The business meeting will begin at 2:00 pm followed by a meal about 4:30 pm. There will be a Spouses Program during the business session. The meal cost is \$7.00 per person. If you or your spouse cannot attend please advise or you will be charged for the meals. After Nov. 2nd, all communications regarding the cabinet meeting (reservations, cancellation, etc.) must be sent to the District Governor at pzcdave@cebridge.net or 330-527-2048

All reports must be submitted to me by Nov. 2, 2011 so they can be included in the info package. I can handle Word, Excel and PDF files as well as email text. I will respond to all emails confirming I have received your report. If you do not get a reply from me I did not receive your email. In addition to the written report, Cabinet members will be asked to give a BRIEF verbal report with highlights of your written report.

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Mark Your Calendar



NOVEMBER 13 - SECOND DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

This event will be held at the John Knox Presbyterian Church at 5155 Eastlake St. NW, North Canton. Business meeting begins at 2:00 pm with meal about 4:00 pm. Cost: \$7.00 per person. See pg 4 for further details.

NOVEMBER 19 - KENT LIONS CLUB 65th CHARTER NIGHT

This event will be held at The Rusty Nail at 7291 St. Rt. 43, Kent. Social with cash bar at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. Guest Speaker will be PCC Jay Gray from District 13F and Pilot Dogs. Dress: Semi-formal. Cost: \$30.00 per person RSVP by Nov. 11th with payment to Lion Tony DeLuke at 2484 4th Street Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

NOVEMBER 20 - Districts 13C & 13D LIONS CLUB DAY *Cleveland Browns vs Jaguars*

1:00pm at Cleveland Browns Stadium Cost: \$35 or \$40 each depending on available seating. For Tickets Contact: Iman Warren at 440-824-6226 or iwarren@clevelandbrowns.com



NOVEMBER 26 - WEST POINT LIONS 18th CHARTER NIGHT

This event will be held at the Winona Friends Church (Family Life Center) at 4615 Whinnery Road Salem (Winona), OH. Social begins at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost: \$12.50 per person. RSVP by Nov. 16th to Lion Rhonda Farmer at 35103 Teegarden Rd, Lisbon, OH 44432 or 330-222-1589.

JANUARY 6 - CANFIELD LIONS MONTHLY FISH DINNERS ON FRIDAYS

This event is held at A La Carte Catering at 429 Lisbon Street, Canfield. Main Course dinners choice of Haddock (baked or fried), Macaroni & Cheese, or Haluski with Pierogi and choice of side dishes, dessert and beverage. Served from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Cost: \$10.00 per person Take out available



JANUARY 13 - 16, 2012 WINTER RETREAT 2012 DEER CREEK STATE PARK RESTORT

It may be warm outside but it's time to think winter.Winter Retreat that is!! Be sure to register for the 2012 Winter Retreat. Cost is \$105 paid per person until December 1st. December 2nd through December 31st the registration fee increases to \$125. Hotel reservations can be made by calling Deer Creek directly and asking for the Ohio Lions rate (\$75 + tax) 1-740-869-2020 by November 30th.



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