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Lion Pride

Ohio Lions District 13-B

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Retention

Our District has lost 78 members in the first five months of our year. Research shows that 50% of new members drop out within the first three years. All of our clubs are having problems keeping members. Retention is a challenge for our clubs. Members drop out for many reasons. Many leave due to employment, moving, illness and death. This we know cannot be helped. But many leave because they feel they are not needed, meetings are boring, club cliques, lack of enthusiasm and lack of goals.

We can turn this decrease around by reminding our members what we are all about. One of the most important thing that needs to be done is orientation as soon as possible for the new members. Do an assessment of your club to find out if there are any problems that you do not know about. People join the Lions for many reason, but the main reason is volunteering their time to help those that are in need. If members feel that their contributions are not needed or valued they will leave.

What can we do as Lions? We can make sure that new members are warmly welcome. Encourage all members to voice their opinions. Encourage those members that are uncomfortable talking to speak up. Make sure that your club knows the goals of the club. Make sure to listen to your members. Treat all members as equals. When brainstorming new ideas remember that no idea is a bad one. Club officers should not show favoritism to individuals. Make sure you communicate constantly with your members. This can be done by email, facebook, web site, texting and talking. Always talk to the member that wants to leave to find out why. You may be able to resolve the reason why the member is leaving.

If there is a conflict in the club you need to fix it quickly. Even the strongest clubs has conflicts from time to time. You do not want the conflict to go on too long.

I feel that we all needed reminded on how to help us keep members and I hope this will be a help.

Governor Carolyn

DG Carolyn

This is hoping everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Bill and I went out for dinner and spent the rest of the day watching football. We took this day to relax.



I will be one of those nuts that will go shopping on "Black Friday." I will be visiting the following clubs in December:

Bascom	Dec. 1
Fostoria	Dec. 3
Clyde	Dec. 7
Crestline	Dec. 8
Upper Sandusky	Dec. 9
Republic	Dec. 14

I am taking the last two weeks of December off to get ready for the holidays. Governor Carolyn

As we enter this Holiday season lets all take a moment to consider all of the things we have to be thankful for.

Family, health and the ability to serve, I want to thank all of my fellow lions for the thoughts and prayers for my daughter Megan. It's amazing how she can bounce back, we are hoping for an all clear after another few procedures, but not there yet.

My visitations are going great and it's really awesome how large my Lions family is getting to be. Almost every club visit has at least a few familiar faces----when you run into Lions at District and zone events you don't really think about where they are from. It's GREAT to see how active our clubs are in their communities and some of the ideas that they come up with. Our newest club in Gibsonburg has a lot of energy and they have ideas that are quite unique and have not been tried before GO FOR IT Gibsonburg

Like I voice in my club visits, please encourage all voices to be heard and don't be afraid to try something NEW!!!! If you want to have a high energy and hear all kinds of wild ideas experience attend a LEO club meeting Youth are fearless.

Sometimes something "new" might be something you tried with limited success 30 years ago. We want everything to be a huge success but if everything you try is a huge success then you are not really challenging yourselves. If nothing else trying something new will give your club a "remember when we tried that back in 2015" experience Life is what you make it

DONATIONS to our vision screener project are starting to come in. Once again we are asking every club to try to make a donation of \$250 or more. If that is too much, please donate what your club can or even pass the hat to raise a few dollars. It all adds up. PERSONAL donations will also be accepted.

MADE OUT TO Lions District 13B VISION SCREENERS in memo line. Sent to Dave Omlor----7139 N.CR33---Tiffin, OH 44883

Feel free to text or call me at 419-685-1547 if you have questions.

Once again I'm very thankful for all of the blessings I have this holiday season. I hope God blesses you and your families as well as your Lions efforts this season and always. Take Care---Thank You for the opportunity to serve and hope to see you somewhere soon---GREG

Convention Request

Fellow Lions of 13B, do you have a talent? Can you sing, dance, play an instrument; do you think you are funny? On Saturday night April 16th during the district convention we are going to have "LIONS GOT TALENT", a talent show to highlight the abilities of the Lions in the district. There will not be any official judging in this event, but participants will receive a small token of appreciation for participating.

Due to liability restraints, we cannot accept acts that involve chain saws, swords (or other sharp objects), or any open flame. If time permits we may be able to allow participants a couple of opportunities to perform. Watch for registration information in the near future.

Remember to mark your calendar for April 15, 16, and 17th.

Watch for future updates on other new and exciting convention activities like "Show Your Lions Pride".

Also remember from the last update, we will be collecting pictures of your members in action for showing during the banquet. I hope to see you all in Westlake.



1st VDG Steve

Just a short note from your 1VDG



The Holiday Season is already upon us and the District Lions are very busy. I applaud all your accomplishments thus far and all that you contribute to Lions and the surrounding communities. I hope and pray your Christmas festivities are successful and that all of you have a safe Holiday. I will continue to support all the clubs in the District and will be visiting you soon!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

1st Vice District Governor
Lion Steve Cochie

2nd VDG Greg

Lions of 13B,
It's Great to be a Lion it's FUN to be a Lion

WANTED

A Piano Player

For the last
District 13 B Convention
Neurology and Church service
April 17, 2016.

Contact District Chaplin Julianne Zody
@ 419-606-4890

If interested and for more information.





13OH2

PIN DESIGN CONTEST

FOR

ALL LIONS CLUBS IN 13B

**WE WILL BE REPLACING THE "B" PIN TO "OH2"
FOR LION YEAR 2016-2017**

**SUBMIT DESIGNS TO 1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
LION STEVE COCHIE**

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or

send to 3477 So. St. 231 Tiffin, Ohio, 44883

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: 31 DECEMBER 2015



IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 19, 2015

Seneca County Project Lifesaver received a \$1,000 grant from the North Central Electric Cooperative People Fund to assist in the funding for equipment and supplies for a program that helps locate missing people with special needs.

Steve Fruth, secretary of the North Central Electric People Fund, presented the check to Seneca County Sheriff William Eckelberry, and Martha Senn and Cynthia Beat of Seneca County Project Lifesaver at the Seneca County Jail Wednesday night.

"We would like to thank the North Central Electric People Fund. This grant puts us closer to ordering the equipment needed," said Cynthia Beat, president of Seneca County Lifesaver during the organization's monthly meeting.

"Working Together to Bring Loved Ones Home" is the goal of Seneca County Project Lifesaver. The program works by having clients wear a small transmitter that emits an individualized tracking signal. If a client goes missing, the Seneca County Sheriff's Office is notified immediately. This international program is a pioneer in applying tracking technology for the search and rescue of individuals with cognitive disorders.

Project Lifesaver is supported by the Seneca County Lions Clubs of Attica, Bascom, Bloomville, Fostoria, Old Fort, Republic and Tiffin. For more information on Seneca County Project Lifesaver, contact Eckelberry at 419-447-8205 or Cynthia Beat at 419-937-7543.

North Central's People Fund raises funds each month through a program called Operation RoundUp. Cooperative members voluntarily round up their electric bills to the next whole dollar. Over 500 grants have been issued since 1999 to organizations and individuals in the North Central Electric service area. The cooperative serves members in Seneca, Crawford, Wyandot, Hancock, Huron, Richland, Sandusky and Wood counties.



Steve Fruth (second from the right) presents Project Lifesaver representatives (from the left) Sheriff William Eckelberry, Martha Senn and Cynthia Beat with a North Central Electric People Fund check.

The Bucyrus Lions Club
Founded in 1939



November 24, 2015

To: PCC Stan Kopp, Cabinet Secretary District 13-B
From: The Bucyrus Lions Club
Re: Candidate for Second Vice District Governor 2016 -2017

The Bucyrus Lions Club proudly presents Lion Keith Kaufman for the office of Second Vice District Governor of Lions District 13-OH2 for the term 2016 -2017.

Lion Keith has been a Lion since 1993, and he has served our Association in many capacities. He was twice the President of the Jeromesville Lions Club in both 1996-1997 and 2006-2007. He also served as the club's Membership Chairman, Summer Festival Chairman, and Bicentennial Chairman.

In 2009 through 2011 he served District 13-B as Zone 8 Chairperson. During 2011- 2012, he was District Pin Chairman, and in 2011 served on the Multiple District 13 Band Committee, a position he held for two years. He also served the District as Assistant Zone 8 Chairperson.

In 2015, he and his spouse Lion Connie Sue moved to Bucyrus, and they transferred their membership to the Bucyrus Lions Club where they are active and outstanding members of the club.

The membership of Bucyrus Lions Club unanimously endorses and pledges its support of Lion Keith Kaufman. We believe that Lion Keith, with the full support of his spouse and his Lions Club will be an excellent and conscientious officer of District 13-OH2.

Yours in Lionism,

Jeff Hillis

PCC Jeff Hillis, Secretary

I am asking for your help in getting the message out to the Governors on your Council about the 2017 International Convention that will be held in Chicago, Illinois. I have attached our volunteer form that I am asking that you forward on to the Governors so they in turn can send it out to their districts.

I am Council Chairman Steve Anton from District I-A in Multiple District I, Illinois. I have been appointed the Volunteer Chairman for the 100th Lions Clubs International Convention. The host committee has already been hard at work for two years planning this convention and now is the time to start to recruit our volunteers.


With your help in sending out the attached flier I can add the volunteers name and position to our list. I will in turn begin contacting them with information about the convention and the part that they will play. Lions Clubs International is expecting in excess of 40,000 Lions in attendance. The committee feels that we will need somewhere close to 2,000 volunteers. As you can tell we need the help of every Lion that can give a few precious hours of their time. Won't you please be on the front line for me and send this flier to your council so that they in turn can send it to their district.

Thank you for your help with this task and I am looking forward to meeting you as Chicago and the World comes to "Celebrate 100 Years of Service".


Lion Steve Anton
Council Chairman, MD-1
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MD1 Host Committee Fund Raiser

Commemorative Pins



#1




#2


**These pins are available from
the MD1 Host Committee for \$5.00 each**

Actual size not shown


**For a Club or District donation earn a patch that can be
displayed on your Club or District Banner**



**\$100.00
Donation**



**\$250.00
Donation**



**\$500.00
Donation**

**All donations are payable to
Lions 2017 Host Committee**

Actual size not shown

Lion Steve Anton, CC
Volunteer Recruitment Chairman
17324 Highwood Drive, Orland Park, IL 60467-6051
Phone: Res (708) 479-4779 or Cell (708) 514-4215
e-mail: santonlions@comcast.net

I would like to volunteer to work on the following
2017 MD1 Host Sub-Committee

- ☐ Sergeant-At-Arms Committee
- ☐ Airport / Transportation Greeter
- ☐ VIP Driver
- ☐ Hotel Greeter
- ☐ Information Booth
- ☐ Merchandise Booth
- ☐ District Governor-Elect Schooling
- ☐ LCI Headquarter Tour
- ☐ International Parade Marshal

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____


Residence Phone Number _____

Business or Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Lions Club / District _____

For Pin Order or to make a Donation contact



Lion Robert Block, PDG
MD1 Host Committee, Chairman
gov8990@aol.com



2016 OHIO LIONS WINTER RETREAT

January 15 - 17, 2016

**Maumee Bay State Park Resort—
Oregon, Ohio**

Come and join other Lion friends for a weekend filled with lots of fun, fellowship and food! We have planned several different sessions for you. As of now, these include:

***Fishing on Lake Erie**—DG Dan O'Connor

***Cheese Tasting**—DG Rita Shisler

***Maple Syrup**—PDG/PCC Dave Gauch



***Lions Clubs**—Lion Jessica Reichley

***Lions 100 Year Celebration**

***VOSH Mission Trip to Romania**—PDG Dan Ritter

***Lions University**—DG Michael Gibbs & 1st VDG A.J. Westlund

***M & MS**—PDG Dan Lester

***Morgan Invades OHIO**—Lion Bob Goulding

***ABC13-Winter Weather in Ohio**—Ross Elliot

***Sauders Village**

***National Museum of the Great Lakes**



***Jet Express**

***Pin Traders**—Lion Merl Dutt and
PDG Francis Hensel



***Toledo Zoo & Aquarium**

***Lions Quest**

***Spangler Candy Co.**—Dum Dum Suckers
Candy Canes



At the registration table there will be:

A contest to win a free registration for the 2017 Winter Retreat

A friendship puzzle—Each Lion will receive a puzzle piece and will need to find the Lion with its matting piece to help complete the puzzle



Centennial Service Challenge Weekend—All Lions attending the retreat can participate in the LCI Centennial Service Challenge by bringing:

- **Engaging Our Youth**—a stuffed toy to give to local police & fire department for children who need them
- **Sharing the Vision**—a used pair of eye glasses for VOSH
- **Relieving the Hunger**—a non-perishable food item to be given to a local food bank
- **Protecting Our Environment**—a plastic bottle or beverage can for the local recycling center



Evening Entertainment:

Friday Night—"Imagination Station, the Extreme Science Demo," is approx. 60 minutes. This assembly-style presentation allows visitors to explore fundamental concepts with an exciting, extreme twist! Explore the powers of observation as water defies gravity, be amazed when metal creates combustion, and learn about the incredible abilities of a liquid that is -320 degrees F. Throughout the show, there will be volunteer opportunities!

Saturday Night—Jim Boedicker, unique "fingerstyle" guitar-playing appeals to a wide range of audiences. His repertoire includes many humorous songs, occasionally some trick guitar work, standards, and serious songs that can speak to and stay with his audiences. His casual style works equally well in a large concert setting or in a small intimate group, and he especially enjoys performing in family venues.

Registration forms can be found on the Ohio Lions website!

Past, Present and Future

Ashland Noon

The Ashland Noon Club completed their annual rose sale and made deliveries November 19th. For the first time in a few years, we sold out and exceeded our goal! Thanks to our rose chairmen Rose Chairman Mike Hutira, many members exceeding their pledge, and the hard work of the rose crew distribution and delivery went like clockwork this year.

Special thanks to Claudia Grimes of Green Thumb Floral in Wooster for ordering and boxing over 14,000 rose buds, Buehler's Grocery in Ashland for letting us use their cooler for storage, PP Keith Boales and PP Dan Scott for picking up and transporting the roses here, and Assistant Lion Tamer Bill Gebhart for organizing and handling the cooler crew. And special thanks to our customers, who once again proved that Ashland, Ohio is some place special.

Speakers for December include Kristy Brooks on fainting goats, Kim Wolbert with the high school Swing-N-Sing group and Coach Robin Fralic of the Ashland University women's basketball team.

All Lions and guests are welcome to our Thursday noon meetings! It really is great to be a Lion.

Avon



On Saturday, November 21st over 42 Avon Lions and Leos partnered with the Avon Police Department and Community Resource Services to sort food and prepare over 25 Thanksgiving food baskets and turkeys for local families.

At the Lions Community Center at Northgate Park, Avon Lions and Leos sorted over one ton of food which had been collected by the students of the Avon Public Schools. The officers of the Avon Police Department delivered the food baskets and turkeys to local families.

Bascom

On November 3rd eighteen Lions heard from the first recipient of our Bascom Lions Scholarship of \$1000.

Brad Gosche, a 1998 Hopewell-Loudon graduate, shared his travels and experiences during the past seventeen years.

After listening to Brad, we know we made a good investment. After graduating from Hopewell-Loudon, Brad went on to Miami University, BGSU, and the University of Toledo, earning various degrees. Brad has traveled and experienced teaching in five continents and fifteen countries, learning the culture and languages as an International Representative. We are proud of Brad and wish him the very best in whatever comes his way.

On November 17th seventeen Lions and one guest heard an informative program from our local Fire Department. Captain Jim Nagle and Assistant Chief Mark Devault spoke on various topics of interest pertaining to the fire department.

A "Thank You" was received from Seneca County Project Lifesaver for a recent \$500 donation.

Seventy-two entries were received from the Hopewell-Loudon 6th grade for the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. The top 4 entries are moving on to District 13-B judging. The local winners will be announced at the awards program later in the year. Thanks to four Bascom Lions and Superintendent Russell for judg-

ing the contest. Thanks also goes to all the participants and the art instructor.

Bellevue

Bellevue Lions are proud to announce the results of the International Lions Annual Peace Poster art contest from Linda



Cochrans Middle School Art class.

The winner is standing next to Lion Member, Jim Pickering. Kailey Kilgore is showing her poster that is using the International Lions theme "Share Peace". In second place is Travis Brummette and third is Alexis Burns.

The three and their parents will be honored at the Lions meeting December 7. Kailey Kilgore's poster is now on to the next level of judging at Lions District 13-B where she will compete with 57 other District Clubs.

Bellville

There were fourteen members and four guests in attendance at our Family Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19th. Lions shared what they were thankful for. Many members brought toys for Toy Time.

Governor Carolyn presented President Bill with the President Excellence Award and the Club Excellence Award for the year of 2014-2015. This award is from LCI and is very hard to earn. Our president and the members of our club worked very hard last year to meet all criteria. The LCI Board of Directors makes the decision on who will receive this prestigious award.

President Bill and Lion Carolyn delivered

Past, Present and Future

Bellville Continued

barrels of toys to Toy Time Saturday, November 21. The next delivery will be December 5.

The Clubs annual Christmas Party will be December 17. Santa will be there and entertainment is the Clear Fork High School Artesian.

The Butler and Bellville Lions conducted Pre-School Vision Screening on November 2-3. Sixty-six children were screened with six children referred.

Governor Carolyn has asked the club to furnish cookies for the Hospitality Room the convention. The convention theme is Hawaiian.

The District has been challenged by the Pilot Dogs Director to raise \$2500 to go toward the Building Fund. Governor Carolyn reports that our District has raised over \$3000 so far. Her goal is to raise \$4000.

A Happy 66th Anniversary to Clyde and Mariam Bowman!

Bucyrus

The Bucyrus Lions had another successful chicken dinner sale. They want to thank all the people who supported the fundraiser at Cooper's Mill and the Crossroads Factory.

For service projects, the Bucyrus Lions did an eye screening at a local pre-school for 3 to 5 year olds. They continue to recycle household batteries and ink-jet cartridges for an environmental project. The local low vision group members chose \$150 worth of low-tech aids from Functional Aids Company out of Columbus.

Help Me Grow has identified two children under age 3 who are in need of help due to vision problems and the club agreed to spend up to \$75 at this time for equipment for them.

Club members continue to transport blind and physically handicapped individuals and serve food at a soup kitchen.

The club donated \$200 to the Salvation Army for meals.

Lions' activities included hosting the Zone 5 meeting. Governor Carolyn Brook attended the November 24th meeting and told about the Pilot Dogs expansion and the new Optix eye screener. The club received a membership retention patch and a membership satisfaction rocker to place on the club banner.

PCC Jeff and Joy and PDG Terry and Linda competed in the Tri-Village Lions Trivia Contest in Columbus.

Elmore

Elmore Lions are getting ready for Christmas. On December 8th we will be treating the residents of the Elmore Retirement Home to a free meal from Ole Zems, then playing bingo.

We will have a Christmas dinner for the wives on Dec 17th at the American Legion and then pack candy and pop corn balls from the Tiffin Lions for Santa. We will have Santa at the Log Cabin Dec 18th - 19th for area children. We usually have about 100.

We will be having meetings once a month during January, February and March, then back to our regular schedule.

Hope everybody has a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

LaGrange

November 1- LaGrange Lions have begun the labor of love which culminates with our Holiday Cheer event.

LaGrange Lions will be sponsoring Lion Ron Derry on November 30 as he presents his GOOD Program to the 114 fourth graders at Keystone Elementary School.

Dec. 20th. Our food and coin collection boxes are placed throughout LaGrange and Wellington, to hold the donations given to us by numerous caring individuals.

Already, the food is accumulating and the money will help us buy those items we don't receive as a donation. This year, Coach Piazza, from Keystone H. S., will distribute the toys he and his students have collected, as well as hold a free pancake breakfast at Lions Park during the Holiday Cheer



giveaway. This event is for Keystone School District residents.



November 1- LaGrange Lions are one of the recipients of a \$950 food pantry grant. We are so excited as this will definitely help make it possible to purchase the

food items necessary to make our monthly pantry day and Holiday Cheer food boxes as full as possible. We are so grateful to the LCCAA for this opportunity.

December 5- will be our monthly food pantry day.

December 8- we will be hosting 2nd VDG Greg Hess. Hope he brings his wife and his appetite as we will be providing a pot luck meal for that night as well as our Christmas party. These pot lucks are becoming legendary!

Dec 18- we will be donating food to the Boys and Girls Club of Elyria in the ongoing fight against hunger.

Dec 20- Holiday Cheer event/pancake breakfast/toy distribution, 9am - 12pm. at LaGrange Lion Park.

Past, Present and Future

Mohawk Lioness

Mohawk Lioness sold approximately 203 dozen donuts at Sycamore on October 31st. They also donated five dozen donuts to the firemen for parade participants. Donuts are scheduled to be made for the Mohawk Craft Show on November 21st.

District Governor Carolyn and her husband visited the Mohawk Lioness. She showed the new Vision Plus eye equipment for pre-school vision screening. It is much faster, records both eyes simultaneously, and is much easier to operate.

The Club donated \$100 to the Pilot Dogs Building Project.

Norwalk

Guests at our November 10th meeting were Lucinda Smith, Anna Little, Paulette Ewell and Kurt Proctor.

Our program for the meeting was Meals on Wheels and Service's for the Aging Director Lucinda Smith. The Lions support this program by paying for insurance for the volunteer drivers. The program does not receive State or Federal funding for this program. They get donations from individuals and churches. An interesting note due to regulations that fish be handled by licensed fish handlers the program is unable to serve fish.

The club mourns the passing of member David Cornell a life member who has been inactive recently. The Club voted to send \$100 to the First Presbyterian Church as a memorial for David Cornell.

Norwalk Lions will be ringing the bell at Schild's IGA for two Saturdays in late November and/or December.

Old Fort

- The board voted to cancel the December 15th meeting in lieu of Blood Mobile, Goody Bags and Christmas baskets.
- Donated \$248 to pay half the Boy Scout charter fee.
- Donated \$804 to pay the Cub Scout charter fee.

- Donated \$400 toward the purchase of a washer and dryer for a local family.

Old Fort Lions will help with the December 8th blood drive, 1-6 p.m. at the Fort Seneca Church Annex.

On December 19th we will be meeting at 8:00am at the Fort Seneca Church to PACK and DELIVER fruit baskets for the sick, needy, homebound or ones who have lost a spouse or child in our school district.

Plymouth

Plymouth Lions conducted a very successful "Subs-for-Sight" sale in November, hosted a bloodmobile and participated in Shelby's Polar Express Parade. Our parade train certainly looked sharp dressed up with Christmas wreaths and lights and driven by our very own Santa!

Donations for the month were approved in the following amounts: \$250 to support the purchase of a newer and easier to use vision screening equipment and \$175 for each of the (6) State and International projects that we support annually.

December activities include ringing the bell for the Salvation Army in both Shelby and Plymouth, and travelling to Tiffin to help their Club make popcorn balls.

Polk

The Polk Lions Club has been slowing revving up since the beginning of the Lion Year. In July, we held our Ice Cream Day fundraiser where we made pints and quarts of homemade ice cream.

In the fall, we co-sponsored Mapleton's Haunted 5K Run/Walk. We provided food and drinks for the participants during the nighttime event.



On October 29th, a few of our members set up in downtown Polk to pass out candy bars to the kids during Polk's Trick-or-Treat.

October ended with a club outing at Lion Craig's old mill. We had an old fashion campfire and weiner roast for all our members and their families.



The club made a donation to a local family who tragically lost their patriarch. Also made donations to nine District, State and International Lions Funds.

Lion Barbara designed a new pin for our club. The new pins were passed out to members in November and are \$2.00 each.

Port Clinton

Port Clinton Lions had a good time on Halloween doing a party for about 400 children at the local High School. The Club enjoyed a couple potluck dinner meetings at Lions Sue and Horst Herzog and Lion Terry Hartley's.

The Port Clinton Lions have made all of their donations to Lions funds, our local Thanksgiving community dinner and the community Christmas. We will also be collecting paper goods and food for our local food pantries.

The Club will be attending a Christmas lunch with two other service clubs in Port Clinton. We are also planning our own club party. Fun for all!

If any club is having anything coming up that our club might want to make a visit to, let us know. Please come and visit our club also.

We wish you all "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year"!

Republic

Lion Denny B reported 52 people took the the Hunter Safety Course.

President Matt M reported the old gym looks in good shape. Work day at the gym is November 21, 2015 to clean and set up.

He also reported that the picnic tables were put away for the winter. And the road grindings are at the Park.

The Cub Scouts thanked us for the use of the shelter while making their float. They are willing to do some work at the Park.

We have 500 pounds of pop corn to pop on Friday, December 4, 2015. We need help making pop corn balls, Sunday December 6, 2015, at 9:00 AM.

We received thank you notes from the Sons of the Legion for help with the Party in the Park. Another was from the Republic Food Pantry for a \$250.00 donation.

Sandusky

A delegation from our club attended the Zone Meeting on November 16th hosted by the Vermilion Lions Club. Many thanks to the Vermilion Lions for their hospitality and for an enjoyable evening.

On November 20th our club purchased all of the items needed for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner for 6 less fortunate families. Once purchased and

boxed the groceries were taken to The Volunteer Center in Sandusky for distribution to the families.

The holidays are here...on November 21st club members took part in the Ringing of the Bell for the Salvation Army at Kroger's. There was a chill in the air but our hearts were warmed by the over



whelming generosity of the public.

Our club will round out November with our participation in the annual Festival of Lights event at Sawmill Creek. Not only do we have a light display along the Festival of Lights route at Sawmill, but we also participate in the Ringing Swinging Silent Auction which is held on Friday, November 27th from 6-9 pm at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron. This fun event, which is a great way to kick off the holiday season, is open to the public. Admission is \$5 which includes hors d'oeuvres and bid ticket.

Sycamore

At our October 12th meeting, we voted to continue to cover the Seneca County Fair Gates on the last day of the fair. This has been a good project and this was our eleventh year doing it.

We also voted to replace the staff for the U.S. flag at the Sycamore Senior Center in conjunction with the McCutchenville Grange who also meet at the Center.

Peace posters have been judged and the winners announced. Posters will go to District 13-B for entry into the District contest.

We are grieved to share the news of Pete Markiewicz's passing. He was a long time member of our club.

Tiffin

The Tiffin Lions donated \$75 to Pilot Dogs Building Fund and \$75 to Leader Dogs Building Fund.

The board donated \$1,000 to Seneca County Project Lifesaver.

Popcorn Ball Project will continue in December with the Monday and Thursday dates of 7, 10, 14, 17 and 21. We have had volunteers from the community, Sentinel

Vocational Center, Tiffin University, Heidelberg University. Lions from Fostoria, Bloomville and Old Fort have given a hand in cooking, forming, wrapping popcorn-balls after the morning and afternoon crews pop corn. We appreciate everyone who helps and purchases.

Upper Sandusky

The window at the Upper Sandusky Community Library was decorated by the club again this year for the month of October.

The Upper Sandusky Lions will be hanging the park decorations, lights downtown, at the Salvation Army, at Wyandot Senior Village Christmas, and trimming the Angel Tree this year.

Lion Keith Wodrich reported all went well with the preschool eye screening with 106 kids screened and 17 referrals. He thanked everyone involved and said we would be doing it again next fall.

Lion President John presented awards to four students at USHS for Students of the Month.

Lion President John presented Lion Loren Schoenberger with a 65 year Monarch pin, Lion Loren Dillon with a 60 year pin, and Lion George Kreachbaum with a 45 year pin.

Lion Jim Gatchell reported we have collected 856 pairs of eyeglasses and 137 pairs of lens this year.

Vermilion

Profits from selling our homemade fries at the home football games will be divided. Half will be given to the Vermilion Athletic Boosters during halftime at a home basketball game.

We made a nice profit from selling roses for Sweetest Day.

Our club received a 2014-15 Membership Award from Lions International. A patch was given to us for our club banner.

We had a eye glass case from a retired couple who need eye exams as well as new glasses. They were referred to the Lorain Vision Clinic.

November Student of the Month is Kyle Prete, a student at Vermilion High School. December Student of the Month is Christy Fenik, a student of Vermilion

Past, Present and Future

Vermilion continued

High School. They will receive a certificate and a check at an upcoming club meeting.

December 10th we will serve the public hot chocolate in the evening for the Light Up Vermilion at Friendship Park in downtown Vermilion.

Our annual Christmas dinner and auction will take place on December 15th at the Nest. Spouses will also be present for this lovely festive evening. Santa usually stops by to check on everyone.

In December we will ring the bell for the Salvation Army. Also will help with packing food for needy families in Vermilion with Operation Christmas Joy. Then we will help deliver the food and gifts to the needy families.

Our Leo Club and their new advisor, Mr. Jim Klein, have been very busy with activities. In October they had a Halloween Costume Contest at the High School. They made \$120 and donated it to the Relay for Life. In November they

had a huge food drive which was taken to our local Food Pantry. The top three classrooms donating the most food won donuts and drinks for their classes.

Leos and Lions decorated the gazebo and some trees with holiday decorations at a downtown park. December 17th the Leos are having a Cookies and Crafts time for the children of Vermilion at the High School cafeteria. The Lions will help the Leos with their project. Mr. & Mrs. Santa will be there and pictures can be taken with the children.

The Leos are helping with Grace's Kitchen where meals are served to those in need

on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Trinity Lutheran Church. They have been going to the YMCA on Friday Fun Evenings to help with the children. The Leos help the Lions with bingo at the local nursing homes. They will be helping with ringing the Salvation Army bell and with packing food for Operation Christmas Joy. What great activities they have accomplished! Everyone seems to get busy at this time of the year. Enjoy your time with your family and friends. May you have a Very Merry

Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Castalia

Lion Randy and his Duck Pond Sign Committee have officially kicked off the holiday season with their sign lighting across the duck pond. Thanks for the difficult and cold work that your group puts forth to carry on this Lions' tradition in Castalia.

Lion Gene VanOrsdall reported the Student of the Month for November was Kristen Yost.

The Castalia Lions Club made its annual \$1,000.00 donation to Project Share of Margaretta Township.

District Governor's Team Excellence Award

PDG/PCC Jeff Hillis received the Governor's Excellence Medal from Lions International for the year 2014-2015. His team also received medals. This award is a great honor. His team was 1st VDG Carolyn Brook, 2nd VDG Steve Cochie, GMT Kevin Reidy, and GLT Ann Miller.



Castalia continued

The Castalia Lions Golf League Champion for 2015 was Lion Bob Ransom.

Lion Jack invited the membership to a private tour of the Townsend Community School prior to the November 17 meeting. The turn-out and response was very positive for this event.

Lion John and his group will hold the Castalia Lions Reverse Raffle in January 2016.

Fremont

Colleen Carmack installed two new members. Irma Celestino and Christopher Fiegl. The new membership lists coming out in January will have all their information.

The two Students of the Month from SJCC were to be Chloe Liebold and Nick Magro. Nick was unable to attend due to a conflict. Chloe gave an impressive talk about her accomplishments both school and community. She is thinking about attending the Ohio Dominican University and studying Meteorology and Environmental Sciences. She would also like to run Cross Country and Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field.

Bob Gamble introduced our speakers, Sharon Nugent RN from the Dorothy Kern Cancer Center and Dasa Dzierwa from the Promedica Foundation. The Memorial Hospital started here in 1910 and now they are adding the new Cancer Center and are reaching out to service clubs to arrange tours and/or give speeches. The Radiation Wing and Chemo Wing will open in January 2016. This will be the 3rd hub of the Promedica cancer care system. A 7 million dollar campaign with 2½ million from the philanthropic community.

Sharon has been an oncology nurse for 30 years and will be in charge....though not always on site. There will be 2 full time and 1 half time nurse. On the Medical Oncology side there will be 8 bays with TV's and curtains will separate the bays. They have their own lab and pharmacy and will do double checks. A spiritual leader, coun-

selors, financial advisor and patient navigator will be available.

Patients will see a Physician once a week as nurses can handle everything needed. They noted that radiation is more localized whereas Chemo is systemic. They will be able to nip the side effects at the start of Chemo. Dasa and Sharon both remarked that the Cancer Center is full of light with lots of windows.

We did lose one member in November. Ron Whisler passed away on November 7th. Condolences to his wife (member Bonnie) and his family.

Our two Students of the Month were Ross seniors Emily Ou and Sam Belrlecamp. Both of course are exemplary students and active with their various interests. Emily will be going to the University of Michigan and majoring in Marketing. Sam will either attend BGSU or Miami OSU to become a band director. He was also one of the students we helped sponsor for Buckeye Boys.

Bob Gamble introduced our November 17th speaker, Melissa Jensen, who spoke to us about Life Sponsors at Terra. It was formally known as the Elder College. No precious experience needed to do a discussion class or other interesting classes at Terra. Examples would be: Needlecraft, Yoga, PC Basics, Creative Writing, Popcorn and a Movie, Ohio Archeology and Pickles and More Pickles. High School students are able to take classes during the school day at Terra and earn College Credits Plus. There are approximately 900 High School and Middle School students on campus every day.

Guess who will be at this year's Winter Retreat??? LCI 1st VP Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne!!!! This is a great opportunity to meet the Corlew's in a relaxed atmosphere at the beautiful Maumee Bay State Park and Lodge.

This is one time where procrastinating will pay off.....Because of this historic visit to our retreat, the Winter Retreat Early Bird registration of \$115 will be extended until Friday, December 11th. So, get your registrations in now so you can be included in this fun and exciting event!!

Make sure you contact the lodge to reserve your room today.... and while availability maybe limited, remember you and your Lion friends can share a room! Call 1-800-282-7275.

Registrations can be sent in by mail or fax (614-539-5055) and payment can be made by credit card via Paypal or by sending in your check (made out to Ohio Lions) to: Ohio Lions Inc., 4074 Hoover Road, Grove City, OH 43123

We look forward to seeing you at the Winter Retreat, Jan. 15-17, 2016!!

CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

LCI's three fiscal year (2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18) Centennial Celebration includes special centennial membership awards for members and for clubs.

CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS FOR MEMBERS

Sponsor a new member. Be immediately recognized as a **Centennial Sponsor** and receive a *Limited Edition* pin and certificate. Your new Lion will receive a special Centennial member pin rather than the one usually given to new members.

Earn the **Silver Centennial Lion** award when your new member remains in good standing for 1 year and a day. Silver Centennial Lions will be recognized by a *Limited Edition* Silver Centennial pin and certificate, and by having your name featured on the LCI Centennial website.

It gets better! Earn the **Gold Centennial Lion** award once your new member remains in good standing for 2 years and a day. In addition to previous recognition, you will be recognized by a *Limited Edition* Gold Centennial pin and certificate, and with recognition at area forums and district conventions.

AND, when your new member remains active for 3 years and a day, you earn the **Diamond Centennial Lion** award. In addition to previous recognition, you will receive a *Limited Edition* Diamond Centennial pin and certificate, featured with fellow achievers in LION Magazine, photo on LCI Centennial website, and recognition at LCI's International Convention and area forums and district conventions.

The same award progression happens if you help to organize a new club.

CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS FOR CLUBS

Clubs can become **Premier Centennial Lions Clubs** either by:

- Inducting at least 3 new members during one of the 3 fiscal years of the Centennial Celebration and having those members remain active for 2 years and a day - OR
- Sponsoring a new Lions club during any one of the 3 fiscal years with that club remaining active and in good standing for 2 years and a day

Premier Centennial Lions Clubs will be recognized with:

- A *Limited Edition* banner patch
- Club name on the LCI Centennial website
- Recognition at International convention, area forums and district conventions

Should your club induct at least 3 new members in each of the 3 fiscal years of the Centennial Celebration with those new members remaining active throughout the Centennial Celebration,

-- AND -- Sponsor a new club during one of the 3 fiscal years with that club remaining active and in good standing for at least a year and a day, --THEN --your club becomes a **World Class Centennial Lions Club** and will be honored accordingly.

Lion Ann Miller, I3B GLT Coordinator

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