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Reclaim Your Lion's Roots

In January, I attended a training seminar in Morgantown, West Virginia designed to assist District Governors-Elect in setting and refining their goals for the 2014-2015 Lion's year.

The following was said during the Membership Presentation, and I think that it should be repeated.

"We know that hands-on service is an important part of membership. Clubs that only write checks always have trouble gaining new members. For Lions Clubs to grow they need to be known to their communities."

Is there anyone who would disagree? I think not, because it is a statement to which we all subscribe. In our gut, Lions know that the one thing that distinguishes our clubs from our Rotary friends is that we have a long history of volunteering our time and labor, not just our money. Being a hands-on group is a part of the DNA of Lionism.

Please take a look at what you and your club is doing (or not doing).

Are you busy in your community?

Are you a hands-on group?

If you are not, why not?

Have this discussion with your club. It is time to reclaim your Lion's roots!

Jeff

Jeff Hillis
First Vice District Governor



Here's your Lions District 13-B Convention Update

2014

We Serve

You are cordially invited to attend the Ohio Lions District 13-B Convention, which will be held March 28, 29, 30 2014 the Holiday Inn® Cleveland West in Westlake, Ohio.

Our special guest speaker will be **JUDY HANKOM INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**



Judy Hankom, from Hampton, Iowa, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 95th International Convention, held in Busan, Korea, June 22-26, 2012.

Director Hankom is a retired assistant business manager for the Hampton-Dumont Community School District. A member of the Hampton Lions Club since 2001, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, district governor, council chair, district and multiple district women's membership chair, and district extension chair. She has also served as chair of the First Lions Women's Symposium in Iowa, Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute faculty member, Club Excellence Process facilitator, Campaign SightFirst II Group coordinator, Iowa KidSight screening volunteer and Special Olympics Opening Eyes volunteer.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards, including the club Lion of the Year, Iowa Lions Foundation Warren Coleman Honorary Award, International President's Award, International President's Leadership Medal and five International President's Certificates of Appreciation. She is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Hankom is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including former chair of the Trinity Lutheran parish board and past president of the Hampton Public Library board.

Director Hankom and her husband, Ron, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have three children and two grandchildren.

- In addition to many of the regular Convention agenda items you've come to expect such as the Silent Auction and Euchre Tournament, we'll have some exciting new entertainment this year. . There will also be **Euchre** and **Corn Hole** tournaments. Watch for more details when you arrive.
- **SPOUSES PROGRAM:** This year will feature portrayal of Helen Keller by Jackie Christensen. Along with a Ladies tea. Hope to see you there.
- Also this year, you'll receive up to two free **Breakfast Buffets** per day with your paid hotel room. The Holiday Inn is offering a discounted rate of \$74.00 per night plus tax for this year's Convention. To receive this rate, which includes the free Breakfast Buffet for up to two people, register by March 1st and be sure to mention that you're attending the Lions District 13-B Convention.

2014 Lions 13-B Convention Schedule Highlights*

Friday, April 8th

- Registration & Delegate Certification – 3:00-9:00 p.m.
- Silent Auction Donations Received – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Silent Auction Begins – 6:00-10:30 p.m.
- Cabinet Dinner – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Hospitality Rooms Open – 8:00-11:00 p.m.
- Entertainment 9:00p.m.
- Euchre
- Registration – 5:00-7:00 p.m. / Tournaments – 9:00-12:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 9th

- Registration & Delegate Certification – 8:30-11:00 a.m.
- First Session Seminars – 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Second Session Seminars – 10:15-11:15 a.m.
- Awards Luncheon – 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Business Meeting – 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Spouse's Program – 2:00-3:00 p.m.

- Grand Banquet – 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Doors Open @ 5:30 p.m.
- Hospitality Rooms Open – 9:00 11:00 p.m.
- Corn Hole 9:00p.m.

Sunday, April 10th

- Registration & Delegate Certification – 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- Worship & Necrology Services – 8:00- 9:00 a.m.
- Business Meeting & Elections - 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

* All times and events are subject to change. Please refer to the Convention Booklet upon arrival for the final, complete schedule.

CONVENTION REMINDERS

Full Convention Registration covers all convention activities and meals, including the Awards Luncheon and the Grand Banquet on Saturday.

- ☐ Regular pricing is **\$55.00** per person through **March 1, 2014**.
- ☐ Registrations received after March 1 will incur a **\$5.00** late fee per person.

Optional Ala Carte Convention Pricing

- ☐ Convention activities only, with no meals - \$15.00 per person
- ☐ Saturday Awards Luncheon only - \$20.00 per person
- ☐ Saturday Grand Banquet only - \$35.00 per person

To register members of your club, please follow the instructions on the previously received Registration Form.

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- ***There is still time to place an ad in the Convention Program booklet. To participate, complete the enclosed form and mail your check made payable to the Upper Sandusky Lions Club. Be sure that Lion Earl Sayre receives your payment and artwork by March 1, 2014***

We're asking each Lions Club to bring the following items with you to the Convention:

- ☐ Door prizes and/or Silent Auction donations
- ☐ Lions Club Scrapbooks and History Boards for display
- ☐ Lions Club banner for the Parade of Banners to be held Saturday, March 29, 2014

- **Silent auction donations or questions please contact Bill & April Mullen
email: aprilmullen_7@msn.com phone: cell 419-835-5042**

- **Raffle donations or questions please John Hout @ 419-310-4961 or
johnhout@hotmail.com**

DG Francis

Old man winter has finally arrived with a very cold and snow weather pattern. We have not had weather like this for a number of years. This weather reminds me of the



1978 Blizzard, the drifting snow of 1962 and 1949 or 1950. The 1949 or 1950 snow extended school for a number of days. I never went to school for fifteen days in March of that year.

The weather this year has caused me to reschedule some visitations. I still have days open that will allow rescheduling. Clubs have notified me in advance of cancelled meetings. I thank them for letting me know so I have not made drives to clubs that cancelled meetings.

Convention time will be here soon and that means I will be at some district convention almost every weekend in March and April. I am looking forward to our District 13-B convention the last weekend in March. Our guest will be International Director Judy Hankom of Iowa. Registration forms can be printed from the new web site: ohiolions13b.org

The redistricting of Ohio into seven districts has been proposed by PID Jerry Smith and will be voted on at the District 13-B Convention. 13B will be not be changed in the counties it serves. All other districts were redrawn to make each district have a membership between 1,754 and 1,931. This was determined by dividing the total membership of Ohio's 12,832 Lions as of June 30, 2013 by 7. This would mean each district should have 1,833 members if each district was balanced. This could not be done by using the guide lines of not splitting up a county. What has been proposed is the best balance by county that PID Jerry Smith could devise.

Francis O. Hensel
Governor 13B

- training
11 Loudonville
12 Mini Cabinet Meeting
19 Third Cabinet Meeting
24 Perrysville
25 Polk
27 Bellville
28 District 13 K Convention

MARCH

- 1-2 District 13 K Convention
3 Clyde
5 Jeromesville
6 Nevada
7-9 District 13 A Convention
11 Norwalk
14-15 District 13 F Convention
17 Bellevue
20 Hayesville
21-23 District 13 D Convention
25 Rowsburg
28-30 District 13 B Convention

Please contact Francis Hensel to reschedule my visitation if there is a conflict. Thanks,

1st VDG Jeff

Please see article on page 1

2nd VDG Carolyn

I wish to thank all the Lions and friends that sent cards and kept us in their prayers during this difficult time of the passing of my father, Ed Doup. It was a blessing that God finally took him to be with him. Again thank you. My Lions family are the very best.



2nd VDG Carolyn and Bill

Keep in Mind

District 13 B Convention

Holiday Inn
Westlake, OH
March 28-30, 2014

District 13 B Leadership School

Trinity Lutheran
Church
May 3, 2014
Ashland, OH

Future International Conventions

97th Convention
Toronto, Canada
July 4-8, 2014

98th Convention
Honolulu, Hawaii
June 26-30, 2015

99th Convention
Fukuoka, Japan
June 24-28, 2016

100th Convention
Chicago, Illinois
June 30-July 4

37th Forum
Overland Park,
Kansas
September 19-21,
2013

38th Forum
San Juan, Puerto
Rico
September 11-13,
2014

39th Forum
Grand Rapids, MI
September 17-19,
2015

40th Forum
Omaha, Nebraska

FEBRUARY

- 4 Castalia
6 Lucas
8 State Committee mtg. 3 COG mtg
and Governor Elect Training
9 Governor Elect Training and CST

Our District's Newest Leo Club

The Hillsdale High School Leo Club was officially chartered on January 18th, 2014. Sponsored by the Jeromesville, Mifflin, and Hayesville Lions Clubs; our newest Leo Club has already completed several projects. They are a great addition to District 13B. (Photo by Jodi Long)



Members of Hillsdale LEO club collected 855 stuffed animals during home athletic events in December and delivered them to Akron Children's Hospital on January 5th. Fifteen members of the Hillsdale LEO Club also took a tour of the hospital.

On behalf of International President Barry Palmer, I am pleased to share with you that Lions Clubs International's Board of Directors has approved a special pilot program to waive the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans of all ages.

The **Involve a U.S. Veteran** program is being offered only in the United States. The program waives the charter or entrance fee for any qualifying veteran who joins a new or existing Lions club between July 1st, 2013 and June 30th, 2015.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Re-

serves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to the first 5,000 qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club.

Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members are honorably discharged from the military, let's offer them an opportunity to get involved in their communities.

Search for LCI Veteran Program to learn more about this special program. You'll find a program fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release you can use to promote this program in your community's news outlets.



District 13-B Lions Convention March 28-30, 2014

Dear Lions, Lions Clubs and Area Businesses,

Thank you for your service and your support of District 13-B! We hope that you will consider supporting it again by placing an ad in the convention booklet. The ad may give you, your club or your business the opportunity to share what you're doing, a chance to 'toot' your own horn, or to pass on good wishes or a thank you to the District Officers. A list of the ad sizes and prices are below.

Please complete the convention advertising form below and mail it with your check:

- By: March 1, 2014
- To: Earl Sayre
- 7575 SH 182
- Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351
- Make checks payable to: Upper Sandusky Lions Club

Any questions, or need assistance please feel to contact Earl Sayre @ 419- 294-8359 or email e.sayre67@gmail.com

District 13-B Lions Convention Booklet Advertising

Business, Organization, or Club Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Ad Size:
Full Page - \$100 _____ Half Page - \$50 _____ Quarter Page - \$30 _____

Print Ready Ad: _____ If Yes, Please attach the ad

_____ If No, Please list the information for the ad in the space below or attach an additional page if needed

**COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED
BY MARCH 1, 2014**

DISTRICT 13-B
CONVENTION DELEGATE REGISTRATION--2014

Dear Club President and or Secretary:

According to the Constitution & By-Laws of Ohio Lions Inc. and the International Association of Lions Clubs, the election of district officers shall be conducted by secret ballot. To insure a secret ballot and that the casting of ballot is done only by authorized delegates, clubs and delegates must comply with the following rules:

1. **Each Club is entitled to one (1) delegate for every ten (10) members or major fraction there-of, that have been enrolled in the Club for at least one year and a day as of February 1, 2014. It is the duty of each Club to send a full delegation to the District Convention.**
2. All Past District Governors of 13-B shall be considered Delegates-at-Large to this Convention, in addition to the delegate quota of your Club. Any delegate shall have but one vote on each question or issue that is submitted to this Convention.
3. The Club must be in good financial standing with Lions International and District 13-B. All dues must be current and merchandise paid for.
4. This form, listing delegates, **MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED** to the CABINET SECRETARY by the Club Secretary by March 21, 2014.
5. Each delegate must be a member in good standing with their Club and must pick up, from the Certification Desk, prior to 9:00 AM on March 30, 2014, their authorization to receive a ballot for the business session. **It will be necessary for the delegate to present their SIGNED and CURRENT Lion's Member Card.**

LIST BELOW, by name, your Club's official delegates and alternates:

CLUB _____	Number of delegates _____
1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS:

ALTERNATES:

1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____

Signed: _____ Secretary of Club Date: _____

RETURN BY March 21, 2014 TO: Rebecca Krock (email: rkrock@woh.rr.com) (phone: 419-310-5573)
Cabinet Secretary
9527 County Highway 111
Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351

Check out the new District 13B website at
<http://ohiolions13b.org>

Lion Dan Smith, Webmaster, liondansmith@yahoo.com or liondansmith4805@gmail.com

http://ohiolions13b.org/ Home

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YOUTH

Lions provide the young people of the world with opportunities for achievement, learning, contribution and service, individually and collectively.

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our mission:

"Into the Light"

My Fellow Lions,

Eye Research is my passion. For over 26 years I have been involved in the "eye research arena", mostly through the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) and the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank (COLEB). Over the last half century I have seen and experienced the innovative, hard, result-driven work of doctors and researchers that we as Lions have supported. Yes, we truly followed Helen Keller's call to be the "Knights of the Blind".

A few weeks ago Barbara and I received an invitation to witness the kick-off of The Ohio State University Department of Ophthalmology's global **"Into the Light Project"**. With many research doctors, eye research fellows and medical students in attendance we met and learned of Doctors Geoffrey Tabin and Sanduk Ruit, who have done incredible sight saving work in many third-world counties such as Nepal, Ethiopia, Rhowanda, and many more.

Dr. Tabin said that over 40 million people in those counties are blind, mostly due to cataract; however, 31 million may be saved by surgery. Dr. Tabin, the "black sheep" of Harvard Medical School in the 1980s, a mountain climber who conquered Mount Everest, first-hand learned of the need to restore sight in such poor, underdeveloped counties, and the need of focusing on improving lives of people in areas that we often have forgotten.

So, why did Dr. Tabin come to The Ohio State University on December 5, 2013?

As of late all applicants for acceptance into the OSU School of Medicine have asked for opportunities of outreach... OSU, following "the call", will provide for ophthalmology resident doctors as well as medical students the opportunity, as part of their experience, to work in third-world countries. The "Into the Light Project" was introduced that evening of December 5th. Dr. Geoffrey Tabin came to challenge, he penetrated our hearts, he called for action! He humbled everyone who listened to him. He is a true pioneer who worked under dismal conditions.

Lions, I thought I should share this story.

Lion Norbert Peiker

OLERF Trustee Emeritus

Member of Ashland Evening Lions Club

Voting Eligible at the District Convention

THIS MESSAGE IS BEING FORWARDED BY
THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR
YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

As District Governor I receive many reports. Lions Clubs International (LCI) has sent me a report that shows only 34 clubs with eligible voting rights at the District Convention. This means that 21 clubs have not paid their dues or owe outstanding balances as of 2/1/2014. I know some checks may have been issued but not received yet. I urge all club presidents and secretaries make sure treasurers have paid dues payments and other outstanding balances to LCI so their club can vote.

Lion Francis Hensel District Governor 13-B

Lorain Lion Richard A. Meck 1941-2014

Lorain Lions mourn the passing of our brother Lion Richard A. Meck, 72, on Friday, January 24, 2014 at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland. Dick joined the Lorain Lions Club in April, 1999, and his sponsor was the late Owen (Al) Parsons. Both were retired teachers of Lorain City Schools. A life-long Lorain resident, Dick was born July 29, 1941. He graduated from St. Mary's School and later from Kent State University. He married Dianne (nee: Hemminger) on August 29, 1964. Richard was a teacher for 35 years. He also was an active member of St. Peter's Church in Lorain, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Name Society, Lorain County Deanery Association and Lorain Education Association of Retired Teachers. During his nearly 15 years as a Lorain Lion, he served several terms on the board of directors and as Tail Twister. He also served as an assistant secretary and co-Growl Editor. About 25 Lorain Lions honored him at a memorial service at the funeral home on Jan. 26 conducted by Lion Bruce Meadows. Lion Dick will be honored at the necrology service on Sunday, March 30, on the final day of the District 13B Convention in Westlake. Rest in Peace Lion Dick.



PROCLAMATION

TO THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 13B

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THE CANDIDACY OF LION STEVEN COCHIE OF THE TIFFIN LIONS FOR THE POSITION OF 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR THE LION YEAR 2014-2015.

WHEREAS: LION STEVE HAS SERVED AS A LION IN GOOD STANDING FOR OVER 16 YEARS

WHEREAS: LION STEVE HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT FOR THE SATELLITE BEACH LIONS CLUB, DISTRICT 35D, FLORIDA

WHEREAS: LION STEVE HAS SERVED AS ZONE 2 CHAIR FOR DISTRICT 35D, FLORIDA

WHEREAS: LION STEVE HAS SERVED AS DISTRICT 35D FLORIDA GUIDE DOG CHAIR AND EYEGLASS CHAIR

WHEREAS: LION STEVE HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE TIFFIN LIONS OF DISTRICT 13B

WHEREAS: LION STEVE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE ZONE 2 ASSISTANT CHAIR

WHEREAS: LION STEVE IS A PROGRESSIVE MELVIN JONES RECIPIENT

WHEREAS: LION STEVE HAS SERVED AS CHAIR OF MANY CLUB PROJECTS AND FUNDRAISERS

WHEREAS: LION STEVE SERVES AS THE DISTRICT 13B CHAIR FOR THE ALL OHIO STATE BAND

WHEREAS: LION STEVE HAS SERVED HIS COUNTRY FOR OVER 20 YEARS

WHEREAS: LION STEVE HAS COMPLETED THE LION'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTION HELD IN OHIO

WHEREAS: LION STEVE HAS ATTENDED DISTRICT CABINET, CONVENTIONS, AND RETREAT MEETINGS

WHEREAS: LION STEVE HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE TIFFIN LIONS CLUB

THIS PROCLAMATION IS PRESENTED TO THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 13B FOR THE CANDIDACY OF LION STEVE COCHIE FOR 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 2014-2015.

RESPECTFULLY,

THE TIFFIN LION CLUB

MARCH 28th, 29th and 30th, 2014

Holiday Inn Cleveland West

11100 Crocker Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145

HOTEL RESERVATION

All room reservations should be made directly through Holiday Inn by calling (440) 871-6000. Room rates are \$74 per night plus tax. Be sure to mention that you are attending the Ohio Lions District 13-B Convention to obtain this special rate. You must be registered for the convention to receive this rate. Cut off is 03/01/14.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

- 1 - Full Registration - \$55
- 2 - Conventions Activities Only (NO Meals) - \$15
- 3 - Saturday Awards Luncheon - \$20
- 4 - Saturday Grand Banquet - \$35
- 5 - Child Registration (12 and under) - \$15

MEALS

**Saturday Awards Luncheon –
Turkey croissant**

Saturday Grand Banquet – Salad and dessert
Choice of:

Choice of:

1: Herb Chicken

2: Tilapia

CONTACT INFORMATION

Club Name:

Contact Person:

Email:

Phone:

PLEASE PRINT

<u>PRINT or TYPE</u> Name as to appear on name tag.	Registration Choice 1,2,3,4,or 5	Meal Choice 1 or 2	Room Type** N or E	Special requests or Special Needs	Check if attending Spouse Program	Amount
Make checks payable to: Upper Sandusky Lions Club Send to: Jim Gatchell P.O. Box 143 Harpster, Ohio 43323						Total Due

Make checks payable to: Upper Sandusky Lions Club
Send to: Jim Gatchell
P.O. Box 143
Harpster, Ohio 43323

*** Room types are N=No Preference for room selection. E=Easily Accessible Room to convention. Please only request rooms as needed. Easily accessible rooms are for those who may need a room a little closer to the elevators.

***** AFTER MARCH 1st ADDS A \$5 LATE FEE TO EACH REGISTRATION*****



**PARK
LANES
MANSFIELD**

**AND THE
BELLVILLE
LIONS**



**TEAM UP
FOR THE DISTRICT
BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

**1410 Park Avenue West
Mansfield, OH**

February 16, 2014

Start Time 1:00 PM

9-PIN TOURNAMENT

REGISTRATION of _____ LIONS CLUB

Team One Name:

Team Two Name:

Captain: _____

Captain _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

4. _____

4. _____

Cost \$48.00 per team (\$60.00 after February 1)

Make checks payable to: Bellville Lions Club

Mail to: P.O. Box 460, Bellville, OH 44813-0460

Bellville Lions Bowling Chair: Carolyn Brook

Phone: 419-886-4181

E-Mail: csbrook@oulook.com

Two 50/50 Drawings

Door Prizes throughout the afternoon

First & Second Place Trophies



**TIFFIN LIONS CLUB 85TH ANNIVERSARY
CHARTER NIGHT**

**WHERE: TIFFIN MOOSE LODGE 846
1146 N. STATE ROUTE 53, TIFFIN**

WHEN: FEBRUARY 24, 2014

SOCIAL: 6:00PM

DINNER: 7:00PM

SPECIAL PROGRAM: PICTORAL HISTORY OF TIFFIN LIONS

**MENU: PRIME RIB or CHICKEN CORDON BLEU BUFFET , SALAD, DESSERTS
COST: \$15.00**

PLEASE RSVP BY 19 FEBRUARY

CONTACT: LION STEVE COCHIE

567-207-6419 OR EMAIL: scloghome@gmail.com

Pancake Breakfast



All you can eat pancakes
Sausage, fruit & drink included

Saturday February 15, 2014

**Rowsburg Lions Club
Community Center**

Serving 7:00 am to 11:00 am

Adults - \$5.00 Children 4 to 10 - \$2.50

Proceeds to be used for
Community Service



Avon Lions Club

presents...

A Night at the Races!



Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 6pm - 11pm

Tom's Country Place - 3442 Stoney Ridge, Avon

TO BENEFIT THE BUILDING FUND OF THE CLEVELAND FISHER HOUSE*

\$25 TICKET includes:

Dinner, Draft Beer, Pop, Dancing, DJ, Horse Racing, Raffles,
Side Boards, and plenty of fun and excitement! (21 and over only please)
Bring your own spirits/snacks

To purchase tickets, a horse(s), sponsor a race or purchase a program ad, contact any Avon Lion member or call Doug at (440) 387-9181. For more information visit our website at www.avonlions.org.

SERVING MILITARY AND VETERANS' FAMILIES IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.



Above is a rendering of:

THE GREATER CLEVELAND FISHER HOUSE

20 Family Suites, Common Kitchen and Family Room.

* Proceeds go The Cleveland Fisher House - a facility to be built on the grounds of the Louis Stokes Wade Park VA Hospital to provide military families lodging and support while their soldier is receiving treatment.

Past, Present and Future

Ashland Noon

The past month saw us finishing up collection of funds from our rose sale, with regular business and speakers at our weekly meetings. We also inducted two new members.

Preparations are underway for the annual mission to the Dominican Republic in February by some of our local ophthalmologists, including our own Lion Mohinder Gupta. They will be performing free eye exams, doing surgeries for cataracts and other eye problems, and fitting used glasses to those in need. Their volunteer trip is funded in large by the Lions, including our own club.

At least two other members of our club will be accompanying them as support to help set up and move the temporary clinics, and guide and schedule patients each day. Many patients walk long distances to take advantage of the free, life changing aid offered by the Lions.

Bascom

While we were finalizing a program for the January 7 meeting, Mother Nature made an unwelcome appearance announcing, "I have a cool subject for your Lion's meeting, I do not have a meteorologist available to give you in details of what the Polar Vortex does. So, without a meteorologist to listen to, Lion President Bob and his calling committee cancelled the club meeting.

Sixteen Lions, including three long-time members (total of 117 years of service) did not let the weather deter them from the January 21 meeting. It was inspiring to see Al Crandall (24 years), Len Watson (51 years), and Ray Valentine (42 years) brave the weather to join us.

Seneca County Sheriff Bill Eckelberry joined by his wife, shared an interesting video presentation of the past and present history of the Seneca County Sheriff's Department including its related departments.

Bellville

We made two referrals to Lenscrafters

for eye exams and glasses.

We approved student scholarship of \$100 to Emily Ebert to attend Downunder Sports in Australia this summer. She will be our speaker at this week's meeting.

We also gave a \$100 scholarship to Joey Pocs who is going to Cambodia, Laos and Thailand as an intern with a photo journalist. He attends University of Columbia in Chicago and is a Clear Fork High School graduate.

We have another new member coming into our club. Sheree Crawford is employed at Lenscrafters. She works with all the Lions Clubs in Richland County. Lion Carolyn sponsored Lion Sheree.

We discussed the Bowling Tournament on February 16. We hope to get at least two teams from our club as the entries come in slowly from the district. We need to get door prizes for the tournament. Three people will be needed to check teams in, sell 50/50 tickets and door prizes.

Castalia

Castalia Lions have been unable to remove the sign (letters) from the Duck Pond due to heavy snow and extreme temperatures.

The following Lions were recognized for their long years of service to our club; Don Coburn 45 year., Gene VanOrsdall 45 years, and Joe Bias Jr. 15 years.

The Club approved the purchase of a new refrigerator for our kitchen, Lion Tim will handle the acquisition.

Fostoria

The January 2nd meeting was cancelled as a result of the snow and cold.

The club made our annual contributions to the various state and district committees and LCIF.

In spite of the snow on January 12th, a small group got together and approved two sight cases. One was a sixteen year old, the other a thirteen year old. Both

received eye exams and glasses.

Also attending our meeting was J.D. Per-fopfersohn, a prospective new member.

He asked many questions in addition to our telling him what the Lions do in our community, state and the world. So, hopefully a new member.

Hayesville

At the December 12th Christmas party, Lion Gene Yeater received a Leadership Award and pin for 60 years of membership in the Hayesville Lions. The award is from Ohio Lions Research and was presented by Lion Bill Harner.

Lion Don Ritchie presented an award to Richard Forbes for 25 years of membership. Ten year chevrons were presented to Lions Darlene and Kenny Schuck. He also received a pin for sponsoring two new members.

Donations were collected for the food bank. Thank you cards from fruit basket recipients were read. Money collected is to buy stuffed animals for the Hillsdale Leos club. They will be taken to Akron Children's Hospital.

A joint new member information night will be held at 7 p.m. January 11 at the Loudonville Lions building. The event will include the Hayesville, Jeromesville, Mifflin, Loudonville, Perrysville and Rowsburg clubs.

Nancy Earick of the Solid Waste Management presented the program at the January 16th meeting. Solid Waste Management started as Earth Day and became more visible with a grant designed to teach conservation and recycling ideas.

Hayesville Lions Follies theme this year is "Live from Hayesville." Show dates are April 4, 5 & 6. Show times are 7:30 on Friday and Saturday and Sunday time is 2:30 at Hillsdale High School.

Ticket prices are \$5.00 pre sale and \$6.00 at the door. Student price is \$2.00 for ages 6 to 12. Children under 6 are free.

Past, Present and Future

Hayesville continued

Other upcoming events are

- Zone 7 and 8 social, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Park Street Brethren Church in Ashland
- 65th Charter Anniversary night is February 20 at 6:30 at Hayesville United Methodist Church
- Chili supper and Euchre tournament on March 15th at Hayesville United Methodist Church

Mohawk Lioness

At our December 5th board meeting, plans for the library dedication were discussed. We planned for 100 people to attend. We heard later that the dedication went very well with standing room only and more than 100 attended. There was plenty of goodies to go around and all enjoyed the refreshments. Our thanks to all who helped with this dedication.

The club voted to donate one of our coffee urns for the library addition.

Poinsettias were delivered to six area businesses in appreciation of their support for our club and our projects. Look for them at the Post Office, Library, Sycamore Telephone Company, First National Bank, Fillmore Pharmacy and H & G IGA.

Darcy reported that there were nine people who needed help with utility bills this year. The club voted to pay on each account.

Linda Warren reported that Mohawk has requested our aid with Christmas for three families. The club voted to help them. Darcy will deliver gift cards and certificates to the school to be given to the families.

The club also voted to make a donation to Fillmore Pharmacy, as we have done in the past.

The club discussed the purchase a Melvin Jones Fellowship, possibly awarding it to one of our charter members.

Next projects are the Valentine Fruit Baskets at our February 6th board meeting. We are also looking forward to the Seneca School of Opportunity on March 15th and Spring Donuts at the Fire House on March 29th.

Old Fort

Old Fort Lions board of directors recently:

- paid International semi-annual dues and District 13B semi-annual dues
- donation of \$250 for half of a Buckeye Girls State fee.

IPP Carl Miller and the directors will be working on the slate of officers for 2014-2015.

Plymouth

Plymouth Lions were pleased to have Governor Francis and Lion Leon Dillon at their January 8th meeting. Governor Francis encouraged us to take part in the reading appreciation program and to seek new members for our Club.

The Club recognized the Students of the Month for November, December and January at their January 22nd dinner meeting.

High School Principal Mahon introduced students Luke Houser, Jon Zhang, Andie Daron, Amy Grube and Kristen Schneider and highlighted their involvement in school and community activities, as well as



their future plans.

Members hosted a blood drive and attended Madison Lions fundraising dance.

Donations were made to Project LifeSaver and the Plymouth Library for children's books.

Sycamore

Everyone had a good time at the Christmas party. United in Harmony sang Christmas songs that put us in the spirit of Christmas.

After a delicious meal, four lucky people went home with poinsettias. Thank you Jean and Juanita for the lovely table decorations.

During the absence of Terry and Eddie Doss who have escaped to Florida, Jean Walton will take reservations for the meal meetings.

Vermilion

Our 2014 New Year began with the cancellation of our first meeting due to the weather conditions.

Dale Grygier was presented a Melvin Jones award by our PDV JJ Jeavons at our Christmas dinner in December. What an honor for him!

Our January Student of the Month was Madison Finn from Vermilion High School. She and her parents were presented certificates by our President Fred Lunn.

The topic of our program at the meeting was Land Conservancy. A presentation by Andy McDowell informed us as to this project.

We, and the Leos, assisted the residents of Kingston and Mill Manor Nursing Homes with their bingo this month.

Our guests at our second meeting was 2nd Vice District Governor Carolyn Brook and her husband Bill. She mentioned our District 13B Convention coming up. The dates are March 28-30 at the Westlake Holiday Inn. Forms are in our January District Newsletter.

She also talked about Preschool Vision Screening. She believes it is great to get a heads up on our little ones with eye prob-

Past, Present and Future

Vermilion continued

area Lions clubs are working in conjunction with the Sheriff departments on this project.

Our annual Reverse Raffle will be held on Saturday, March 22, at Germans Villa in Vermilion. You have a chance to win \$1500 plus two steak dinners, open bar, and dancing. The music will be by The Beat DJ, our own Lion John Showalter. All this for \$75 per couple. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets please see or call a Vermilion Lion member.

Our Red Cross Blood Drives will be held on Monday, March 31 and Monday, September 22 at the Ritter Library.

In the spring we will be begin caring for our adopted Friendship Park.

With the arctic blast that we have had this month, let's hope that the rest of this winter is not so brutal. Have a warm and safe month!

In The Nick Of Time !

Castalia

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.... The January meeting was light on attendance with our friends fleeing to Florida after the holidays. We had a full agenda making plans and implementing them for our winter event.

The Castalia Lions Club Student of the Month for January was Logan Bauer and for February, Austin Spicer.

The Castalia Lions Reverse Raffle was held January 25th at the UAW Hall. It was slightly smaller in attendance than last year, but with weather conditions being so extreme we were happy with the turn out. The people attending were very generous and everyone enjoyed the small environment and the pace (complete by 8:40 p.m.) of the raffle. Plus you could hear what was going on. The Pre-sale 50/50 Raffle Tickets were a great success

and the Ticket No. 13 Raffle showed a good profit (200 tickets sold).

The grand prize was shared by the last two tickets in the drum. **Great Job Raffle Team**

Remember the Valentine Meeting at the Cold Creek Café February 18 with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Lorain

Leslie Stephens, Regional Manager of the Puppy Program for Guiding Eyes for the Blind, with one of her guiding companions, spoke at our January 16 lunch meeting about the program and how dogs are bred, prepared, and trained to serve the blind and persons with special needs.



Sarah Orlando of the Ohio Sea Grant Program spoke at our January 23 meeting and gave Lions the latest news on Asian carp and algal blooms that are threatening Lake Erie and the Great Lakes.

Elyria Municipal Court Judge Gary Bennett, left, with Bailiff Larry Reardon, right. At our January 9 evening meeting, Judge Bennett gave a very informative explanation of the court and a personal insight into the work of a municipal judge.



Zone News

Zones 7 and 8

Attention Zone 7 & 8 Lions!
It's that time of year again!

WHO: Lions of Zone 7 & Zone 8, District 13B

WHAT: District 13B Lions Zone 7 & 8 Social
Includes dinner, musical entertainment, door prizes and FUN!

WHEN: Saturday, February 15, 2014, 6:30-9:30(?)p.m.

WHERE: Park Street Brethren Church, 619 Park St., Ashland, OH

DETAILS to be emailed in Mid-January, 2014, to Zone Chairs & Club Presidents of Zones 7 & 8.

WE SERVE!

Zone 2 Advisory Meeting

The Zone 2 Advisory Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the Attica Fairgrounds, Entertainment Building, 15127 E. TR 12, Attica, OH. The meeting will be hosted by the Attica Lions Club.

Meeting will start at **6:45 p.m.** with the opening ceremony. Meeting will then adjourn briefly for dinner. Pork Chop dinners are \$10.00 per person and you are responsible for all reservations made.

Reservation need to be turned in Monday, **March 3, 2014** to ZC Cindy Beat, beatfarms@yahoo.com or 419-947-7543.

All those needing time to speak please advise.



**PARK
LANES
MANSFIELD**

**AND THE
BELLVILLE
LIONS**

**TEAM UP
FOR THE DISTRICT
BOWLING
TOURNAMENT**



**1410 Park Avenue West
Mansfield, OH**

February 16, 2014

Start Time 1:00 PM

9-PIN TOURNAMENT

REGISTRATION of _____ LIONS CLUB

Team One Name:

Team Two Name:

Captain: _____

Captain _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

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Cost \$48.00 per team (\$60.00 after February 1)

Make checks payable to: Bellville Lions Club

Mail to: P.O. Box 460, Bellville, OH 44813-0460

Bellville Lions Bowling Chair: Carolyn Brook

Phone: 419-886-4181

E-Mail: csbrook@oulook.com

Two 50/50 Drawings

Door Prizes throughout the afternoon

First & Second Place Trophies

On behalf of International President Barry Palmer, I am pleased to share with you that Lions Clubs International's Board of Directors has approved a special pilot program to waive the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans of all ages.

The ***Involve a U.S. Veteran*** program is being offered only in the United States. The program waives the charter or entrance fee for any qualifying veteran who joins a new or existing Lions club between July 1st, 2013 and June 30th, 2015.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Re-

serves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to the first 5,000 qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club.

Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members are honorably discharged from the military, let's offer them an opportunity to get involved in their communities.

Search for LCI Veteran Program to learn more about this special program. You'll find a program fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release you can use to promote this program in your community's news outlets.



HAYESVILLE LIONS CLUB 65th ANNIVERSARY CHARTER NIGHT

Where: Hayesville United Methodist Church

When: Thursday February 20th, 2014

Social: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 7:00

Guest Speaker: Lion Dennis Henkle

Meal : Two Meats and sides. Cake.

Cost: \$17.50

Please RSVP: By February 7th

Contact: Lion Darlene Schuck

419-282-0053

e-mail: krschuck@frontier.com

Rationale for Redistricting MD 13

In June 1992 the total number of Lions in MD13 was 20,121. At the end of June 2013 the total was 12,283 Lions. At the present time District C, E, F, and H are below the 1250 limit prescribed by LCI to qualify for full funding for DG Elect training. Based on the average net loss per year it won't be long until there will be other districts approaching the 1250 figure.

In the past, it was a common occurrence to have two or more Lions running for elected cabinet positions and Second Vice Governor. In recent years more and more districts have had difficulty finding qualified individuals who are willing to step up for these positions. In fact, there have been an increasing number of districts where the 2nd VDG position has not been filled at the district convention. It can be argued that this has occurred because our pool of potential leaders has been reduced due to the overall declining enrollment in each of our districts.

It is logical to believe that redistricting from 10 to fewer districts will strengthen every district in the state. This plan will allow us to make sure that our DGE can be fully funded by LCI. Having larger base numbers in each district will bring forth a better pool for district officers in each of the new districts. In addition, a better pool of district officers will improve our ability to attract new members and keep current members. In forming fewer districts an attempt will be made to level the playing field in terms of total district numbers so that it makes it more realistic to maintain and grow our membership numbers.

A side effect of redistricting is that this move will

benefit the finances of the multiple district. Our expenses for district officers and state committee members will be reduced by approximately 30%.

Logistics of Redistricting

It should be noted that LCI recommends that the redistricting process take two years. The first year to gain approval from the districts and the multiple district. While LCI only recognizes the vote from those districts that have 1250 members and 35 clubs and are affected by the change, we will ask all districts to vote on the final plan at their district conventions. All recognized districts must approve the proposal by a majority vote. The vote at the multiple district is a Constitutional change so it takes a 2/3 majority and delegates from all 10 districts are eligible to vote.

The proposal is to implement the change at the beginning of the 2016-17 Lions year. This will allow all current district officers to complete their term before



PID Jerry Smith

the change is implemented.

If the plan is approved, the second year will be to work out issues between combining districts such as finances, incoming officers, foundations, and any other concerns that might exist.

Our final plan to LCI must include not only our geographic changes, but also a plan to maintain and grow our membership developed by our MD13 GLT and GMT teams. I am happy to say that both PDG Fred Breyer and PDG Dan Ritter have submitted preliminary proposals in this regard. Respectfully submitted,

PID Jerry Smith

November 26, 2013

Dear DGs All,

I have finally completed my visitations regarding the proposed redistricting plan for MD13. I want to thank each of you for your willingness to meet with me with a gracious attitude in regard to a very difficult subject to discuss. Your open-mindedness was greatly appreciated. The final plan is attached. Some of you may note that there have been some slight changes from the one I presented to you when I visited. However, I don't believe there have been any changes that the affected districts did not approve.

During my visits, every district recognized the need for redistricting. However, in some cases the district didn't necessarily like where the boundaries were drawn. In some cases we were able to adjust those boundaries and in others we were not. Some of the adjustments were made to reduce travel in certain districts. At any rate, I believe we have a plan that can be promoted in every district. I am asking your team to support this in your district at your district convention and the multiple district convention in May. A copy of the proposal is attached for your inspection.

I am working with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee in this regard so let me again review the process:

We will ask every district to vote on approval of this proposal at their 2014 district convention. The language for that proposal is attached.

LCI will only recognize the votes of those districts that have 1250 members and 35 Clubs and are changing their boundaries. We want all districts to be a part of this vote.

A majority "No" vote in any LCI recognized district will defeat the plan for the entire multiple district.

The district vote is not a change of the district's constitution so it only requires a majority vote.

The issue will be voted upon at the MD13 Convention in May. Since it is a change of the MD13 Constitution it will require a 2/3 majority for approval.

At the MD13 Convention all registered delegates from all districts in Ohio are eligible to vote.

The effective date for implementation of this plan will be 7-1-2016 so that all current officers can complete their term as district governor.

It is highly recommended that the 2014-15 2nd VDG in each district be elected at the caucus at the 2014 multiple district convention.

I would suggest that promotion of this plan be started immediately. I would suggest a meeting with the PDG association in each district to distribute and explain the plan. In some cases it may be wise to have a special Cabinet meeting for your Lions.

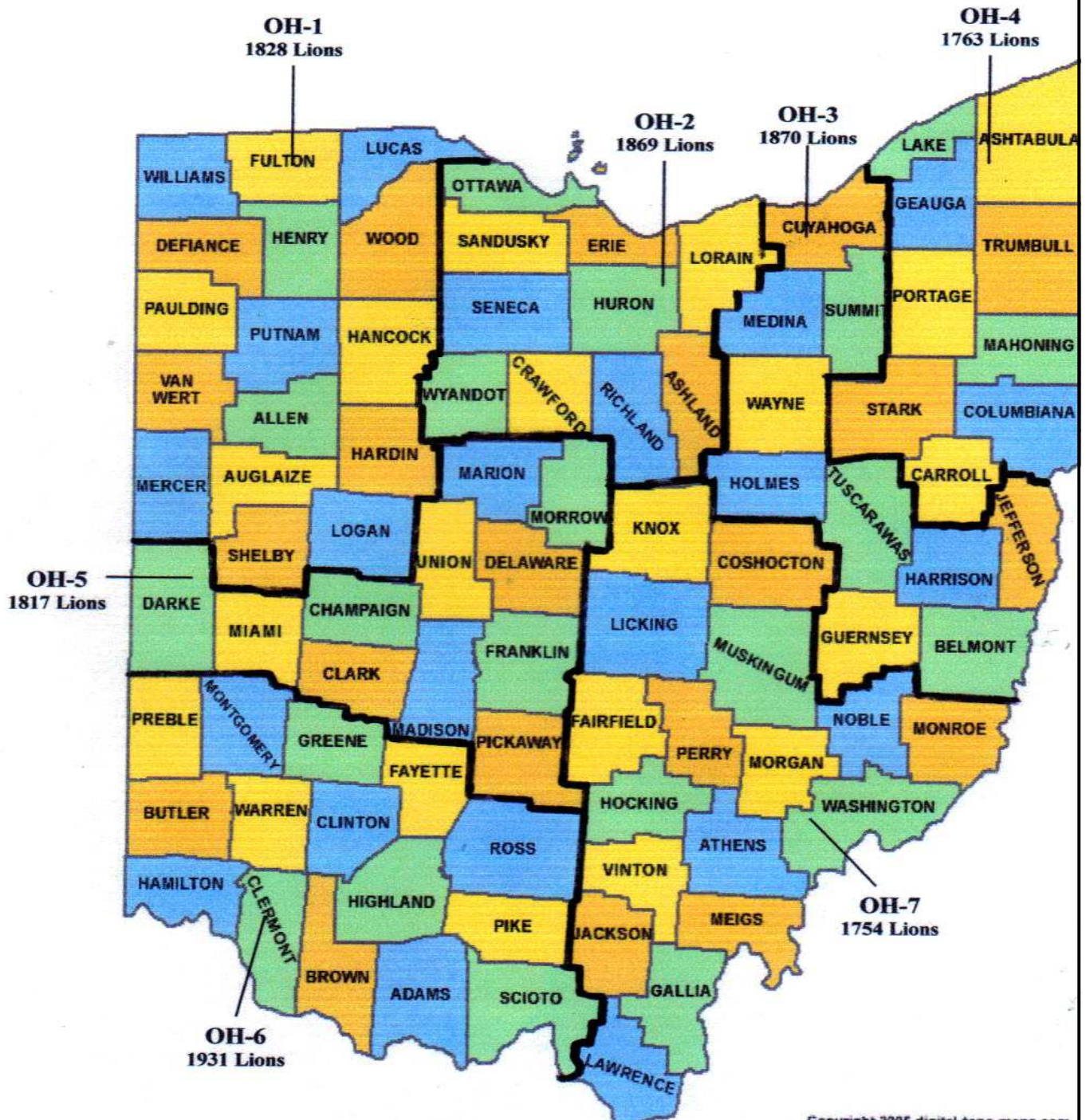
There will be a request for the COG to approve placing this issue on the ballot at the state convention at the Feb. COG meeting.

Please remember this is not a solution to our membership issues. This is an administrative change to put all districts on a level playing field as we maintain and grow our membership. We are having a great year, so far, and I expect that to continue in the future.

Sincerely,

PID Jerry Smith

**MD13 Redistricting Plan
Based on Membership by County
as of June 30, 2013**



MD13 Redistrict Plan									
Based on Membership by County									
as of June 30, 2013									
Dist.	Origin	Counties	Total	Clubs	Dist.	Origin	Counties	Total	Clubs
#1	13A	Allen	137	4	#5	13F	Delaware	94	3
#1	13A	Defiance	37	1	#5	13F	Franklin	726	23
#1	13A	Fulton	141	4	#5	13F	Madison	96	3
#1	13A	Hancock	122	5	#5	13F	Marion	207	7
#1	13A	Henry	80	3	#5	13F	Marrow	31	1
#1	13A	Lucas	43	2	#5	13E	Champaign	148	4
#1	13A	Paulding	22	2	#5	13E	Clark	158	5
#1	13A	Putnam	369	7	#5	13E	Darke	168	2
#1	13A	Van Wert	119	6	#5	13E	Miami	78	4
#1	13A	Williams	93	4	#5	13E	Union	75	2
#1	13A	Wood	90	5	#5	13J	Pickaway	36	2
#1	13E	Auglaize	110	4	OH-5	Total		1817	56
#1	13E	Hardin	148	5					
#1	13E	Logan	141	5	#6	13H	Butler	170	5
#1	13E	Mercer	156	5	#6	13H	Clermont	111	3
#1	13E	Shelby	20	1	#6	13H	Hamilton	106	5
OH-1	Total		1828	63	#6	13H	Montgomery	268	9
					#6	13H	Preble	73	4
#2	13B	Ashland	352	11	#6	13H	Warren	113	5
#2	13B	Crawford	95	3	#6	13J	Adams	109	4
#2	13B	Erie	156	5	#6	13J	Brown	114	4
#2	13B	Huron	136	4	#6	13J	Clinton	191	6
#2	13B	Lorain	327	9	#6	13J	Fayette	151	4
#2	13B	Ottawa	125	4	#6	13J	Greene	200	7
#2	13B	Richland	142	5	#6	13J	Highland	120	4
#2	13B	Sandusky	90	4	#6	13J	Pike	76	3
#2	13B	Seneca	338	7	#6	13J	Scioto	25	2
#2	13B	Wyandot	108	3	#6	13J	Ross	104	2
OH-2	Total		1869	55	OH-6	Total		1931	67
#3	13G	Belmont	101	4	#7	13K	Athens	121	7
#3	13G	Guernsey	125	2	#7	13K	Fairfield	346	9
#3	13G	Harrison	52	1	#7	13K	Hocking	7	1
#3	13G	Holmes	67	2	#7	13K	Knox	96	5
#3	13G	Jefferson	212	9	#7	13K	Licking	270	9
#3	13G	Tuscarawas	299	12	#7	13K	Meigs	14	1
#3	13G	Wayne	296	10	#7	13K	Monroe	0	0
#3	13C	Cuyahoga	346	16	#7	13K	Morgan	23	1
#3	13C	Medina	121	4	#7	13K	Muskingum	212	7
OH-3	13C	Summit	251	9	#7	13K	Noble	19	1
	Total		1870	69	#7	13K	Perry	103	5
					#7	13K	Washington	189	5
#4	13C	Ashtabula	68	3	#7	13K	Vinton	0	0
#4	13C	Lake	101	5	#7	13G	Coshocoton	99	3
#4	13C	Geauga	54	2	#7	13J	Gallia	36	2
#4	13D	Columbiana	253	9	#7	13J	Jackson	86	2
#4	13D	Mahoning	246	7	#7	13J	Lawrence	133	4
#4	13D	Portage	308	12	OH-7	Total		1754	62
#4	13D	Stark	508	16					
#4	13D	Trumbull	192	8					
#4	13G	Carroll	33	2	MD	Total		12832	
OH-4	Total		1763	64					

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