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Ohio Lions District 13-B

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FEBRUARY, 2015

District 13-B Convention Coming Soon!

Make sure that you mark **March 13, 14, 15th** on your calendar, and plan to be in Westlake for the District 13-B Annual Convention. Your Convention Chairperson P.C.C. Sharon Parker has a crackerjack weekend planned for all our 13-B Lions.

We are honored that our guest for the weekend will be International Director Kembra L. Smith from Decatur, Georgia. Director Smith is an attorney by trade, and will bring us all the latest information and programs from Lions International.

Friday night we will hold the Annual Euchre Tournament hosted by the Castalia Lions Club, and we will decide who has the, Best Vest, when we hold the First **Best Vest Contest**.

Saturday will kick-off for Club Presidents with **Coffee with the Director** at 8:00 To 8:45 a.m. This will be a chance for club presidents to meet with a member of The International Board of Directors and talk about policies and Lions here and around the world.

Saturday Morning will also be a chance for learning. We are holding four seminars. *Women in Lionism* and *Lions Foundations* will give you the opportunity to learn and contribute in a discussion format. Additionally there will be a seminar on *Membership Growth* and another entitled, *Dealing with Declining Vision* which will show you aids and tips that can be used to enhance your life and the lives of others with vision difficulties.

Our Awards Luncheon will celebrate you, your club, and your successes this year. The Luncheon will be followed with the Parade of Banners and the business meeting.

Saturday night we will hold the Grand Banquet when I.D. Kembra Smith will make her official address.

Sunday we will begin by remembering those Lions who have passed this year, and end with new Officers, as we elect our Governor and Vice-Governors for next year.

All in all, we are in for a great weekend. See you there!

District Governor Jeff

The DG "Invite 35" Scorecard:

Members Asked to date - 23

Members joined to date - 3

DG Jeff

February Visitations And Events



February 4 Zone 4 Meeting
February 5 Madison Twp.
February 8 District Bowling
February 9 Zone 6 Meeting
February 10 Zone 8 Meeting
February 11 Zone 1 Meeting
February 14 Council of Governors
February 16 Zone 7 Meeting
February 19 Lucas
February 21 Zone 7 & 8 Social
February 22 OLERF Board Meeting
February 24 Milan Edison
February 25 Upper Sandusky

position please contact me at 419-571-4630 or csbrook@outlook.com.

1stVDG Carolyn

Please see Letter of Intent on next page.

2ndVDG Steve

Please see Letter of Intent on page 4.

Lion Greg Hess

Please see Letter of Intent on page 5

Lion Tresa Hess

1stVDG Carolyn



I hope everyone is staying warm in this very cold weather. January has been a very busy month for me and I am loving it.....visiting clubs and attending events such as the Charter Night of the Gibsonburg Club. It was so nice to see so many new members and to see how enthused they were to be a Lion. I will be attending Zones 1, 3, 4 zone meetings in February and will continue club visits.

I traveled to Morgantown, WV. VA on January 24th-25th for District Governor Elect training and met many wonderful Lions from West Virginia, Virginia, and Pennsylvania and of course the DGE from Ohio. I learn a great deal and was able to tune up my goals for my year. Hearing from another DGE was really interesting. Each state and districts do thing different, yet they are successful.

I am still in need of a Sight and Hearing Chairman. This is an important position. The duties are to collect money, train members to do pre-school vision screening and to help with the screening when needed. Anyone interested in this

My name is Tres Hess and I take this opportunity to introduce myself as the District 13B Women and Family Specialist. My husband Greg and I are members of the Hayesville Lions Club. Greg is the Fund Raiser and Tail Twister of 13B and currently the president of our club.

It is my goal to assist the district in recruiting and retaining members. One of our greatest, untapped resources for recruiting members is within our families. Our children and spouses are usually involved in club activities, either attending functions or helping with projects. Lets invite them into our clubs as members. A club that fosters a family environment will have a diverse membership of all ages and a strong future.

Please contact me if you feel I can help your club in recruiting women and family members for membership.

Tresa Hess

Email: sasoadvertising@neo.rr.com

Good News!

The missing topcoat of PCC PDG Stan Kopp has been located thanks to all who read their email.

District 13 B Convention

March 13, 14, 15, 2015

Westlake Holiday Inn

See pages 7-12 for details you won't want to miss!

Future Conventions

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

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

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

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

100th Convention
Chicago, Illinois
June 30-July 4, 2017

40th Forum
Omaha, Nebraska
2016

101st Convention
Las Vegas, Nevada
June 29-July 3, 2018



Lion President PDG Ray Miller, Sr. and wife, Lion Ann took their turn ringing bells for the Salvation Army. Thirty-one Lions from the Club rang bells for a total of 78 hours. They were able to collect \$1,016.50 for the Salvation Army. WE SERVE!

Lion Clinton J. Haught

December 30, 2014

Myron Amstutz
Cabinet Secretary
827 Country Club Lane
Ashland, Ohio 44805

Dear Lion Amstutz:

My name is Bill Henderson, and I am writing to indicate support from the Bellville Lion's Club for Carolyn Brook to run for District Governor of District 13-B.

Lion Carolyn became a member of the Bellville Lions Club in 1994. She is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Certified Guiding Lion. She was second vice District Governor and is presently first vice District Governor. As a Lion for 20 years, she has served the club as President for two years, first and second Vice President, Secretary for 18 years, and Director for one year. Always active for Lionism, she received the 100% secretary award several times, President Excellent Award, Zone 6 Chairman for three years, Club's Newsletter Editor and several appreciation awards from her club for the work she has done for the club. She is a member of the Richland County Life Saver Program Committee, which the Lions Clubs of Richland County support.

If you would like to discuss her qualifications further, please contact me at (567) 274-2700. The Bellville Lion's Club is excited to commend her to the District and supports her candidacy one hundred percent.

Sincerely,

Bill Henderson

Bill Henderson, President
Bellville Lion's Club



Letter of Intent

13 January 2014

To Governor Jeff Hillis and Cabinet Secretary Myron Amstutz

It is with great pleasure that I officially announce my candidacy for the position of 1st Vice District Governor for the Lion year 2015 to 2016. I have met all the requirements from District 13B and Lions International. I currently hold the position of 2nd Vice District Governor and Region 1 Chairperson. I will continue to support the incoming Governor and the great Lions of District 13B.

Thank you all for guiding and directing me in meeting these requirements and going further to help all those who need a helping hand in Lionism!

Thanks again,
2nd Vice District Governor
Lion Steve Cochie

January 3, 2015

The Hayesville Lions Club is proud to present District Tail Twister and Club President, Lion Greg Hess, for the position of Second Vice District Governor for the year 2015-2016. Lion Greg has the full support of the Hayesville Lions Club and his wife, Lion Tresa.

Lion Greg has been a Lion since 2002, and has served in all club offices except Secretary and Treasurer. His District offices have been Zone Chairman and Tail Twister. His club activities have included Project Chairman, Tail Twister, Club President for the 2nd time, and many other positions in the club. He is best known for his dancing talents and scenery maker for the Follies.

Lion Greg has 12 years perfect attendance, has sponsored 2 new members, was Lion of the Year in 2006-2007, and was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lions Greg and Tresa have two children and are the owners of SASCO Specialty Advertising.

We, the Hayesville Lions Club, ask for your support of Lion Greg Hess for the office of Second Vice District Governor for 2015-2016.

William Harner, Secretary
Hayesville Lions Club

ASHLAND EVENING LIONS CLUB
ASHLAND, OH 44805

January 14, 2015

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District 13-B Governor
1197 Sherwood Drive
Bucyrus, OH 44820

PDG Myron Amstutz
District 13-B Cabinet Secretary
827 Country Club Lane
Ashland, OH 44805

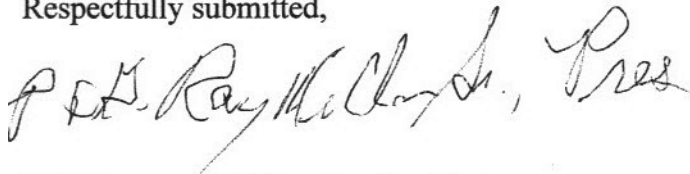
The Ashland Evening Lions Club presents PDG Myron Amstutz for re-election as District 13-B Trustee of The Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation for the term 2015 – 2018.

PDG Myron was Secretary for 19 years and a 100% President of the Ashland Evening Lions Club in 1992-93. He is currently secretary of the Club, a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Life Member of Lions Clubs International.

PDG Myron was Cabinet Secretary in 1988-1989, 2012-2013 and 2014-20215 and has served the Cabinet in various capacities. He was a 100% District 13-B Governor in 2000-01 and served as Chairman of the MD-13 Constitution & By-Laws Committee for five years.

PDG Myron has provided distinguished service to the foundation and our District for the past six years and is currently treasurer. We urge all the delegates at the District 13-B Convention to join us in our support of PDG Myron.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "PDG Ray Miller, Sr., Pres". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

PDG Raymond Miller, Sr., President
Ashland Evening Lions Club

CC: 1st Vice District Governor Carolyn Brook
2nd Vice District Governor Steve Cochie



District 13-B Lions Convention March 13-15, 2015

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. You could also support a candidate running for any specific office. To make it easier for you, we will be happy to help you design your ad. 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, 2015

To: Convention Chair Lion Sharon Parker
121 Brookvalley Dr
Elyria, OH 44035

Make checks payable to: Ohio Lions District 13B

Any questions, or need assistance designing an ad, please feel free to contact Convention Chair Lion Sharon Parker at (440)670-6251 or at lions13bconvention@msn.com

District 13-B Lions Convention Booklet Advertising

Business, Organization, or Club Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Ad Size:

Full Page - \$100 _____ Half Page - \$70 _____ Quarter Page - \$50 _____
Business Card - \$30 _____

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

_____ 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, 2015

District 13-B Lions Convention

March 13-15, 2015

Fellow Lions,

As you know, we are gearing up for this year's District 13-B Convention on March 13-15 at the Westlake Holiday Inn. Governor Jeff and his team have come up with some new ideas to go along with the convention favorites. We will be continuing the traditional euchre tournament, trivia contest and the "Best Vest" contest. The redesigned hospitality rooms will feature typical appetizers and desserts, yes (ICE CREAM), live entertainment, games, and room to gather with fellow lions. Club scrapbooks and boards will be on display, so bring something to show off your club's hard work for the past year. Registration for tournaments will be taken upon check-in Friday evening.

We are still working on the programs to ensure that every Lion that attends convention will find a seminar that he/she will find interesting and will help "recharge" those batteries for service.

The convention registration fee is again \$55.00 and the room cost \$74.00. This year we are encouraging families to bring children/grandchildren and have added a child price for meals. Any special needs for food, such as allergies, should be e-mailed directly to the convention committee at lions13bconvention@msn.com. The Holiday Inn takes great pride in being able to accommodate special circumstances.

We are asking each club to bring an item for the silent auction to help raise additional money to support Lions Club foundations and projects. If anyone would like to make an additional donation of a silent auction item or raffle prize, it would be greatly appreciated.

Get your registration in as soon as possible and ensure that you will not miss this opportunity for education and fellowship with your fellow Lions of District 13-B, the best Ohio has to offer!! Watch your mail, because we will be sending these forms in hard copy to each Club Secretary this week. Also note that the date for registration is February 15th due to the convention being early and the hotel requirements for our group discount.

In Lionism,
PCC Sharon and the Parker Team

Convention Update

Westlake Inn (formerly The Westlake Holiday Inn)

Yes, District 13B Convention is just around the corner. You will be invited to participate for a few new activities. We want you to be prepared for the "Best Vest" contest and the "Trivia" Game.

9:00 Friday evening, the Castalia Lions Club will host the Euchre Tournament. Register at the registration table in the lobby. Also at 9:00 the "Best Vest" contest will take place in the lobby of the hotel. Design your vest, keeping in mind, weight, number of pins and overall design. The vests will be designed by "qualified pin enthusiasts." No need to register, just be in the lobby at 9:00. Prizes will be awarded.

On Saturday, a fun evening is planned for everyone. Trivia buffs and all others will have the opportunity to play or watch a game of "Trivia." This will be at 9:00 following the Grand Banquet. Teams of four will test their knowledge of those "little" (????) bits of knowledge they have been collecting. Register your team at the registration table Friday and Saturday. Check times for registration in the convention schedule. Prizes will be given.

District Governor Jeff is looking forward to a great weekend with the Lions of 13B and guests.

District 13 B Convention Schedules of Events

Friday, March 13th, 2015

- 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Registration – Lobby
- 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Delegate Certification – Lobby
- 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Silent auction – Donations accepted Mezzanine level – Club Room
- 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Euchre Tournament Registration – Lobby
- 5 p.m. to 7p.m. Set up of Peace Poster, Scrapbook and Club History Boards 3rd Floor
- 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar for cabinet members before Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cabinet Appreciation Dinner – (Invitation Only)
- 8 p.m. to Midnight Hospitality rooms open – Conference Rooms
Silent auction, Peace Poster, Scrapbook and Club History Boards
- 9 p.m. “Best Vest” contest – Lobby
- 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Roaming Entertainment
- 9 p.m. till ??? Euchre tournament Hosted by Castalia Lions – Location TBA

Saturday March 14th, 2015

- Breakfast on your own
- 8 p.m. to 8:45 Coffee with the Director – (Invitation Only)
- 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration – Lobby
Delegate Certification – Lobby
- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Silent auction – Club Room
- 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Seminar 1 – Lions Foundations – A/V Room
Seminar 2 – Women in Leadership – Dover
- 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Seminar 3 - Membership Growth– A/V Room
Seminar 4 – Dealing with Declining Vision – Dover
- 11:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. Awards Luncheon – Bassett, Bradley, Canterbury
- 1:45 p.m. to 2 p.m. Parade of Banners Line up in hall outside Canterbury
- 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Business meeting – Dover Room
- 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Spouses Program – Club Level
- 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Registration – Lobby
Delegate Certification – Lobby
Silent Auction Open
- 5 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar before Grand Banquet

6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Grand Banquet – Bradley, Canterbury Rooms

9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Silent auction - - Club Room

9 p.m. to Midnight Hospitality rooms Open- Dover Room

9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Trivia – Bradley, Canterbury Rooms

10:00 p.m. Pick up Peace Posters, Scrapbooks and Display Boards

10:30 to Midnight Silent auction – pick up purchases

Sunday March 15th, 2015

Breakfast on your own

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Registration – Lobby
Delegate Certification – Lobby

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Worship and Necrology services – Bradley, Canterbury Rooms

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting continues & Elections – Bradley, Canterbury Rooms

11:30 a.m. Adjourn

To all Lions of District 13B

The information below is to be reviewed by all clubs prior to the District convention per Article VIII Section I. No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished in writing to each club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Annual Convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said Convention.

PDG Dana Zody

Constitution and Bylaws Chair

Proposed Amendment to District 13B Constitution to be voted on at the District Convention March 13-15 2015

ADD: Article VIII, Amendments, Section 2

Present Section 2 and 3 will be renumbered 3 and 4

New language of Section 2 will be as follows

When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on this District Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this district constitution and by-laws at the close of the convention.

Rational for the amendment is to be in compliance with International Constitution and By-Laws.

MARCH 13th, 14th, & 15th 2015

Holiday Inn Cleveland West

1100 Crocker Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145

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 02/15/14.

MEALS

**Saturday Awards Luncheon --
Westlake Club**

重慶市地方志編纂委員會

Saturday Grand Banquet – Salad and dessert

Choice of:

A: Pot Roast with vegetables and red skinned potatoes

B: Pasta Primavera with roasted vegetables

CONTACT INFORMATION

Club Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Phone:

<u>PRINT or TYPE</u> Name as to appear on name tag.	Registration Choice 1,2,3,4, or 5	Meal Choice A or B	Dietary Needs	Check if attending Spouse Program	Room Special Needs Y or N	Amount
Make checks payable to: Ohio Lions District 13-B Send to: Convention Advisor Brent Parker 134 Buckingham Drive, Elyria, Ohio 44035						Total Due

Make checks payable to: Ohio Lions District 13-B

Send to: Convention Advisor Brent Parker

134 Buckingham Drive, Elyria, Ohio 44035

* Checking this box does not commit you for a blood donation. It is only to indicate an interest in donating.

**** Room types are for easily accessible rooms to convention activities. Please only request rooms as needed. Easily accessible rooms are for those who may need a room a little closer to the elevators.**

***** AFTER FEBRUARY 15th ADDS A \$5 LATE FEE TO EACH REGISTRATION*****

KEMBRA L. SMITH
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



Kembra L. Smith from Decatur, Georgia, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4 through 8, 2014.

Director Smith is a lawyer.

A member of the Decatur North Decatur Lions Club since 1997, she has held many offices within the association, including district governor, zone chairperson, council chairperson, district LCIF chairperson, multiple district MERL coordinator, district and multiple district GLT coordinator, district convention chairperson and CEP facilitator. Director Smith is also the chairperson for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and a certified guiding Lion.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards, including four Contributing Membership Bronze Awards, the Member Key Award and an International President's Award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Smith is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Immigration Lawyers' Association, the American Bar Association's Appellate Judges Conference ("AJC"), Council of Appellate Lawyers and the Federal Bar Association. She previously served as president of the AJC's Appellate Staff Attorneys.

Rescheduled to Snow Date of February 15, 2015:

Zone 2 Fun Day Bowling



Where: Seneca Lanes Fostoria Ohio

When: Sunday February 1st 2015 at 9 AM (Snow Date 2/15/15)

Cost: \$12/Bowler or \$48.00/Team

Cash Breakfast available starting at 8:30 AM

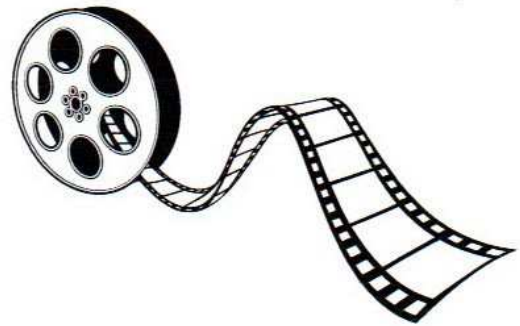
All Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests are invited. Bring a prospective new Lion Member. Fun with Friends, Raffles and Prizes.

Sign up Now!

Send entry to PDG Pete DiCesare at 1033 Kennedy Lane,
Fostoria, OH 44830 or email afirechf@gmail.com
by January 31st, 2015.

Make checks payable to: Fostoria Lions Club.

Questions call Pete at 419-348-5686.



HAYESVILLE LIONS FOLLIES

April 10,11,12, 2015

Practice for the 2015 Follies will begin Sunday, January 11th at 2:00pm. We will be practicing at Hillsdale High School in the band room.

This year's theme is "***Ready for the Big Screen***", featuring musicals, mysteries, and FUN!

We will need chorus members, dancers, stage crew, and general helpers!

Your talents are NEEDED!

Tresa Hess. Director

Ohio Lions District 13-B

2014-15 District 13-B Bowling Tournament



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2015

11:00 AM

REBMAN RECREATION, INC.

**5300 Oberlin Avenue
Lorain, Ohio 44053
440-282-6761**



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Great Membership Tool – come for fellowship and fun!

50/50 DRAWING & RAFFLES

Cost: \$15.00 per person (\$17.00 per person after Jan. 25, 2015)

Make checks payable to Lorain Harbor Lions Club

TEAM: _____

TEAM: _____

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4. _____

CAPTAIN: _____

PHONE: _____

CAPTAIN: _____

PHONE: _____

Mail entries by January 25, 2015 to:

**PCC SHARON PARKER
121 Brookvalley Drive
Elyria, Ohio 44035
440-670-6251 (cell contact)
s_parker121@msn.com**

**DISTRICT 13-B
PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION**



**ANNUAL
ALL-CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE
JUNE 07 2015 (SUNDAY)**

Where: **Brookside Golf Course**
1399 Sandusky St
Ashland, OH 44805

Cost: \$45.00 / Golfer \$180.00/ 4-Man Team

Tee Times: Shotgun Start 9:00 a. m.

Deadline: Please register by June 1st 2015

Mail your registration to:
P.D.G. Terry Spiegel
1109 Hillcrest
Bucyrus, OH 44820
Ph. 419-562-0749

Cell 419-834-2013
Fax 419-562-7826

Email: tspiegel01@columbus.rr.com

All proceeds benefit **OLERF**

(Please detach and mail with check payable to: District 13-B PDG Association)

Please! Mail with payment:

Required information

Player 1 _____ **\$45.00** **Captain:** _____

Player 2 _____ **\$45.00** **Phone #:** _____

Player 3 _____ **\$45.00** **Email:** _____

Player 4 _____ **\$45.00**

PDG All-Charity Golf Scramble Total: \$180.00 Club: _____ Lions

DISTRICT 13-B INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

DON BARNTHOUSE 4650 Henry Rd. Shelby Oh. 44875 jandon7@frontier.com 419-687-9115

To : All Club Presidents and Zone Chairs

Jan. 6 2015

Subject: International Relations Status Report District 13B Lions

My name is Lion Don Barnthouse from the Plymouth Lions Club. I am the committee member collecting funds from District 13-B for MD 13 International Relations. For those of you who do not know what International Relations does, I have enclosed an explanation of what we are all about.

International Relations Committee supports three important organizations: Volunteer Optometrists in Service to Humanity (VOSH), Student VOSH (SVOSH), and Amigos de las Americas (Amigos).

VOSH and SVOSH both go to third world countries to distribute prescription eye glasses and non-prescription sunglasses. People from those communities stand in long lines to get a free eye exam, receive glasses and sometimes be referred for surgery to an Ophthalmologist. The Optometrists often treat diseases of the eyes that if left untreated the person would go blind. VOSH is made up of adult Optometrists and other Volunteers. SVOSH is made up of students from Ohio State University. Both groups accept donations of used eye glasses in which every part is either re-used or recycled.

VOSH Contact person is Lion Barbara Plaughter at arliss@wcoil.com or call 419-204-2242.

Please call the Sorting Center at 419-384-3700 located at 108 ½ East Washington, Pandora, Ohio to arrange to donate your used glasses. This year they received 15% or \$2182.00, of funds collected.

SVOSH Contact person to get a speaker or drop off glasses is Jared Staats a student at OSU College of Optometry 614-292-2020 Ext. 1 This year The SVOSH received 50% of funds collected or \$7272.00

AMIGOS has volunteers from high-school and college age groups. The AMIGOS participants travel to Latin American communities. The participants go through a comprehensive training program to prepare them for their experiences. They live with the host families so they will gain cultural understandings. While the participants are there, they bring the community together to complete a project. They help with projects such as to restore a water system, build parks, playgrounds or build schools. The AMIGOS advocate for Human Rights, Children's Rights, promote Sports and Fitness, Inspire Creative Expression, Advance Health Initiatives. They learn to become leaders and global citizens while developing life-long friends and help make the world a better place to live in. The AMIGOS received 354% of funds collected or \$5090.00

AMIGOS Contact person is Claudia Brobst at cbrobst@calfee.com or call 216-255-4329

www.amigoslink.org

Without our support I am sure it would be difficult for these groups to be as successful as they are on their trips, possibly having to cut down on the number of persons that can go on these missions, thus limiting the number of patients that can be seen and accommodated, especially if the funds fall short. Year after year seeing the presentations of the SVOSH and VOSH groups, and hearing their stories of how appreciative the people were to receive Sight related service, and be able to see clearly, (and possibly for the first time in their lives) , makes us aware of just how much need exist and our how much our contributions can accomplish, and are needed.

The service these groups perform exemplify the LIONS motto of 'WE SERVE', and I don't think that covers it, I have added my thoughts, because **THEY CARE THEY SERVE.**

Thank you

Yours in Lionism Lion Don Barnthouse

International Relations District 13-B

Please make all checks to International Relations mail to Don Barnthouse 4650 Henry Rd. Shelby Oh. 44875

I have listed the contact person should you like to have them at one of your meetings

Past, Present and Future

Ashland Noon

At the monthly board meeting Friday January 9th, the Ashland Noon Lions club met with Ashland County Community Foundation director Jim Cutright (also a Lions club member) to formalize plans for scholarships funded by an endowment set up by the club at the ACCF. It was agreed that the fund would provide two annual \$500 scholarships to Ashland county students to further their education.

Primary consideration for the awards will be given to students showing a history of community service in the spirit of the Lions motto "We Serve". Consideration will also be given for leadership qualities and family ties to the Lions Club (parents, grandparents, Leo club membership). Students can apply through their guidance office or the ACCF.

Bascom

Twenty-one Lions heard local resident, Dan Stahl, Director of the Seneca County Emergency Management Agency, explain many topics the agency handles. They were all local subjects that affect all of us, weather and/or disasters.

On December 2nd seven Lions from the Bascom Club attended the 70th Charter Anniversary of the Old Fort Lions Club.

Our annual blood drive was a success as thirty-seven pints of this valued necessity were donated. The help provided by club members and spouses was much appreciated.

While waiting on the delayed Red Cross truck, we received a phone call from the truck driver calling from the Republic area, asking for directions to Bascom. We got them headed in the right direction and everything turned out great.

On December 16th twenty-five Lions and spouses gathered for the pre-Christmas get together and \$5 gift exchange. The Hopewell-Loudon High School Swing Choir provided the entertainment.

January 6th sixteen Lions benefited from a double program. A representative from Pilot Dogs, Inc. accompanied by a dog-in-training (Doberman pinscher) made the cold trip from Columbus. The club gave the organization a donation of \$50.00 and was invited to visit the organization in Columbus.

The second part of the meeting was a short explanation of the Boys' State Program, held annually at BGSU. H-L Senior, Alex Beleny, explained the program and thanked the club for allowing him to participate.

The Bascom Lions donated \$600 to the New Riegel American Legion to help make this participation for high school juniors possible.

Bellevue



BELLEVUE LIONS CELEBRATE 70 YEARS

It all started in Chicago, Illinois in 1917 when a group of like minded business men got together and formed LIONS International. Our motto "WE SERVE" and our mission statement "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs."

Our local club was formed during WW 11, 9/14/1944 We came together to celebrate November 15, 2015 at the Seybert Methodist Church. The ladies of the church served swiss steak with all the trimmings. Lion Presiden Ann West started the night by welcoming all the Lions and guests. She invited us to stand

and sing a verse of "America", pledge to the Flag and our invocation. We had former Lions in attendance-Joe Sopher, Marge and young Bob Segna and visiting Lions from Clyde, Port Clinton, Lindsey and Bucyrus. Master of ceremonies, Lion Dean Auxter, did the introduction of the guest speakers.

First up was Mark Weisenberger from the City Rec. Dept. giving some of the projects Lions had done over the years.

Diane Streeter represented the Bellevue Schools and read a letter from Superintendent Kim Schubert extolling our services to the schools.

Mayor Don Berkey gave his praise to the benefits done for the city making Bellevue a better place to live.

Closing out the speakers for the evening was District 13B Governor Jeff Hillis. Gov. Hillis oversees 59 clubs in seven northern counties. He presented a view of Lions around the world in over 200 countries showing what has been accomplished from providing eye care and disaster relief. There are currently 1.4 million men and women living up to our motto "WE SERVE"

The final act for the evening was Lion Jim Pickering performing an old tradition of cutting off the tie of a new member. Lion Kevin Oney was the lucky one.

We welcome all interested in joining this fine club to contact Ann West at 419 483 3859 or Jim Pickering 419 483 4992

Bellville

Our Board meeting was held on January 13 with eight officers in attendance. Details of the Honor Flight dinner was finalized.

The Board passed a motion to pay the registration to the convention for all members that would like to attend the convention

Our first benefit dinner was a big success. Thanks to 14 members and nine Cub Scout working to help make it a success.

Past, Present and Future

Bellville Continued

We grossed \$890 which is great. Lion Dean said that several people gave us donations and several said keep the change. Everyone told us that the meal was very good. We had more than enough desserts, so many of us took extra desserts home. We donated some food items to the First Baptist Church for their free meal program.



Bucyrus

The Bucyrus Lions in conjunction with the Crawford County Low Vision Project have placed some used low vision magnifying machines with area residents. They facilitated the placement of a machine in Upper Sandusky with the help of the Upper Lions. They placed one in Mansfield with the help of the Plymouth Lions. They also placed one north of Mount Gilead with a referral from Lisa Kemp, low vision specialist. The machines were donated by families who no longer needed the CCTV's. (The families were glad to get them out of their basements.)

Earlier this Lion's year, the project put the Bucyrus Library in touch with someone who could repair the machine that was donated to the library through the OLF matching grant. This year's cost to the Bucyrus Club: \$0.00. Expressions on the faces of those receiving the machines: Priceless!!

The Bucyrus Lions recently donated a flag and stand to the facility where they hold their meetings. A picture of President Terry Spiegel and coordinator Dave Williamson appeared in the on-line news

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Castalia

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.

Second Vice Governor Steve Cochie and his guest shared the meeting and the after meeting card game.

Please welcome new Castalia Lion Daniel Schroer.

The Castalia Lions Club Student of the Month for January was Lily Adams.

The Castalia Lions Reverse Raffle was held January 31 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. The grand prize was taken by one individual this year.
Great Job Raffle Team

Remember the Valentine Meeting at the Cold Creek Café February 17 with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Clyde

Clyde Lions Club fulfilled several local families holiday wishes and needs in the month of December by providing clothing, shoes and toys.

Shopping and donating was accomplished either individually as well as couple members enjoying the evening selecting the items.

Several members along with area local bank employees gathered to wrap the gifts for the recipients. Such a gratifying emotion to be able to bring holiday cheer to these families.

The January meeting reaffirmed our commitment to our Big Club Project **CLYDE LIONS SKATE PARK**.

Several members attended Gibsonburg's Lions Charter Night. This Club needs to be congratulated on the many accomplishments they have achieved since organizing. Hats off to all of those members!

Fremont

Our January Students of the Month from Ross HS were Jiayan Tong and Nate Domiray and two students from SJCC Briana Reardon and Kyle Veleba.

The Program calendar is full except for June. There will be three monthly meetings, the 2nd, 16th and 30th. Also this is the month for our Installation Dinner. The Social Committee will start planning this soon.

Secretary Nora will be sending out an e-mail listing the past MJ recipients and asking for nominations.

Chris Mollis has an appointment with Hayes Principal, Mrs. Leigh Carroll on Monday and will start working with the school on the GOOD program.

Past, Present and Future

Fremont Continued

Our speaker Detective Captain Sean O'Donnell, 26 years in law enforcement, gave a short talk on security in our homes and neighborhoods.

Some common sense things we can do to make things safer and more secure:

Break-ins can be prevented by not leaving articles in plain sight in your car and making sure it is locked...not only at the store but also in your own driveway. If possible, get an alarm system for your home that is not silent and will make a loud noise when tripped to scare the burglar. Response time can be up to 15 minutes. When you leave your home for any extended time use a timer for lights and TV. Be careful of strangers coming to your door. They may just be checking to see if anyone is home. Businesses especially need to be sure they have locked all access doors at closing time. For guns and jewelry in your house invest in a big heavy safe that is fire resistant. The little safes for your closet can be carried out of the house. Be sure to keep the serial numbers for your electronics, guns etc. That makes it easier to recover goods and put the burglar in jail. Most robberies are done to make money or buy drugs with the burglar in your house for only a few minutes due to alarms and response time by police. You cannot shoot someone who is breaking in to your house. If a robber is not a real threat just call 911 and get out of the house. Nine out of ten times when a robber is breaking in and discovers someone is home they generally leave quickly.

Walmart has been reserved on October 16 + 17 for White Can Days.

Students of the Month



Lorain

Lions heard an informative talk from Lion Dr. John Smith at the Jan. 8 night meeting on new technology for the treatment of eye diseases. He also reported Lorain County Health & Dentistry is planning on opening a health center in Oberlin with basic eye center. Money is available in the District 13B Philanthropic fund to equip such a center, according to Dr. Smith.



Lorain Lions Ken Cromer, Zone 4 chairperson, and Dan Smith, District 13B Public Relations and Marketing Chairman and District Webmaster, pose with District 2nd Vice Governor Steve Cochie at the charter celebration for the new Gibsonburg Lions Club on Jan. 10. It was an inspirational evening recognizing this dynamic



new club with 34 members.

Lorain Harbor

The Lorain Harbor Lions had a successful fundraiser with our Santa Letters, but not

like we've had in past years. Got very few responses from Lions this year. Hopefully we'll get more next year.

Upcoming events are the District Bowling Tournament that we are hosting on Feb 8th @ Rebman's on Oberlin Avenue in Lorain.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at convention again this year.

Mohawk Lioness

In Feb. we will again make Valentine Fruit baskets at the board meeting. Our February 17th meeting will feature a program by Balliett Gardens. District Governor Jeff Hillis will be visiting our club. Hostesses will be Linda Warren and Sandy Lofland

Spring Donuts at the Fire House will be on March 21st or the Sycamore Craft Show on April 12.

Next vision screening will be on April 9 - 10. We will look forward to helping children see better.

Old Fort

Old Fort Lions voted to give **Eric Bell** \$100 towards his Eagle Scout project. He is putting awnings over the windows and a new door on the cabin at Steyer Nature Preserve.

Voted to buy \$50 worth of District 13-B raffle tickets

Congratulations to Brad Steyer and Alexa Stultz on the birth of a son Gunner Stephen, 7lbs 13.8 oz and 21 inch. Also, Brad was the first prize winner of the District 13 B Raffle for \$500. That will buy a lot of diapers.

Also congratulations to Bernie and Jean Steyer on the birth of a grandson to Ben and Whitney Steyer Jackson Henry Steyer weighed 8 lbs 15 oz and is 21 inches.

It's a Steyer population boom.

Past, Present and Future

Perrysville

Lion of the month



Toby L. Beck DVM

Dr. Beck has been saving animals from an early age, when as a small child, he would sneak across the road to rescue toad tadpoles from a mud puddle before the tractors could run over them. His veterinary career was predestined by working with the horses and dairy cattle on his family's farm in the scenic Mohican area of Loudonville/Perrysville. After spending several years in Columbus while attending school and managing an aquarium super store, he has returned to the same family farm where he lives with his father and sister's family, as well as, his three rescue dogs, five horses, forty chickens, innumerable barn cats, Otis the rabbit and a small zoo of reptiles and fish.

When not working at Metro Pet Veterinary Clinic in Berea, he enjoys growing his own herbs, fruits and vegetables, and tinkering around on the farm. Toby is passionate about life long learning and can often be found perusing the wonderful Loudonville Public Library, studying a myriad of diverse subjects. He also loves to cook and enjoys volunteering for the Perrysville Lion's Club Lunches.

Republic

President Tom N called the January 26, 2015 meeting of the Republic Lions' Club to order in the Town Hall at 8:00 PM.

Zone 2 Chairman Bob Swartzmiller was present at the meeting. He talked about membership.: The district is plus 49, be-

cause of the start up of the Gibsonburg Club. The Zone is minus 1. Project Life-saver is still in the planning stages. District Convention is March 13th to 15th.

The Board approved the donation of \$100.00 to each of the six State Projects and \$1000.00 to Lions' International.

A thank you, from Noah Nichols, for our support of his Eagle Scout Project, was read.

Sandusky

At our first club meeting of 2015 on January 14, our guest speaker, Cheryl Miller, an autism advocate, presented on her personal experience raising a child with autism.

We also honored our Students of the Month at this meeting. From St. Mary's High School - Amanda Smith, Julia Edinger and Kaitlin Near and from Sandusky High School - Angel Jones and Amber Linville.

On January 24, club members provided and served lunch to the volunteers at the Nehemiah Center in Sandusky as they gave the inside of the center a fresh coat of paint.

We are happy to announce new member Lion Evon Kademenos. Welcome Evon - we look forward to getting to know you better!

During our January Board Meeting, \$100 donations to both Goodwill and the Boys & Girls Club of Erie County were approved.

Members are asked to mark their calendars as our annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 28.

Sycamore

Mark your calendars for the March 9 Charter Night! Plans are coming together. It will mark our 70th year as a club. The ladies of Sycamore United Methodist Church will prepare and serve the meal at the church.

Tiffin

Bob Miller, creator of Eddie Eyeglasses--a live actor dressed as a giant pair of eyeglasses who educates youngsters in an entertaining way about proper eye care--visited the Bradenton, Florida Lions Club last Tuesday, February 3. The Bradenton Lions are active in eye screenings for pre-school to 3rd grade youngsters. They have already screened over 4,000 children this year

Bradenton Lion Marion Smith and Tiffin



Lions Jack Houck and Ann Smith shown working Gate 3 at the Manatee County Fair January 24th

Pictured with



Bob are transplanted Lions from Ohio: Ann and Marion Smith, Tiffin Lions; Joclyn Martin, Wilmington Lions; and William Gilman, West Carrollton Lions.

Upper Sandusky

Fellow Lions, It looks like the weather is going to be more hospitable this weekend so Lions Allen and Dan have rescheduled work to take down the lights for this Saturday morning. We will start at 8:00am at Harrison Smith Park. See you there, Lion Doug

At this week's meeting we made plans to celebrate Valentine's Day with our annual

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Upper Sandusky continued

Sweeties' Party. It will be held at The Corner Inn at 6:00pm, Wednesday, Feb. 11th. Chef Brad will prepare a special meal for us with a choice of either Pork Chops or Chicken Cordon Bleu. You will need to make reservations so please contact Lion John Houpt by phone (419-310-4961) or email (shoupt@yahoo.com) by Sunday at the latest with your reservation and meal choices. This meeting is a social function and we will not conduct any formal business so bring along your sweetie and have a good time! Lion Doug

Lion President Doug announced that we would induct 3 new members into the club at the January 28th regular meeting. The February 25th meeting would be Charter Night.

Vermilion

December was a busy month for us. The Vermilion Lions and Leos helped with bingo at two local nursing homes. The Leos also helped with ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.

Some of our members helped pack food for Operation Christmas Joy for the people of Vermilion who were in need. Then other members delivered the food and gifts to 167 needy families.

We made hot chocolate and served it on the night of "Light Up Vermilion." We did this at our adopted park, Friendship Park, in downtown Vermilion.

At our annual Christmas dinner and auction we all had a very enjoyable evening. A Melvin Jones award was given to Dr. Bill Decker. Mick Best received an award for having two new members join our club.

Our club is thinking of the District 13B Convention held the weekend of March 13-15 at Westlake Holiday Inn.

Our chairman for our annual Reverse Raffle, Dr. Bill Hendricks, started passing out tickets. The Reverse Raffle will be on Saturday, March 28, at German's Villa in

Vermilion. The cost of the tickets will be \$80 per couple including dinner for 2 plus a chance to win \$1500. There will be an open bar. There will be sideboards as well as a 50/50 raffle and a lotto tree raffle. A great night of fun for all!

Our next Zone 3 meeting will be on February 5 in Norwalk.

Hayesville

The Hayesville Lions will attend the Zone 8 Advisory meeting February 10th in Jeromesville at 7 pm, Trinity Lutheran of Jeromesville

The Dinner Meeting is set for February 19th at 7 pm, Hayesville Methodist, the program is concerned with the Agriculture industry. Lion Tugend should definitely attend.

Remember the Zone 8 Social on February 21st at Trinity Lutheran Church on Center Street, registration opens at 5 pm, social time 5:30 & festivities begin at 6. The theme is RO ARING TWENTIES, dress accordingly. Prizes for best dressed. Reservations DUE by February 12th. The PASSWORD IS LIONS ROAR. Be sure to remember this.

March 13th through 15th, District Convention, at Westlake, Lion President Hess will be running for VDG, the first Zone 8 candidate since 1994. Reservations are due by the February 19th meeting to get the hotel discount.

April 10, 11 & 12 The follies.

Bloomville

The Bloomville Lions club is having a pork chop feed on Sunday, March 8 from 11-1 at the Bloomville Community Center. The menu consists of 2 pork chop, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls beverage, and a dessert bar. Price is \$10.00.

Savannah

The speaker for the evening was Cindy Loe from Akron who is an employee for the American Red Cross. Her presentation provided information as to how the Red Cross started, its different lines of service. Cindy had two excellent volunteers in Lion John and Lion Rod who demonstrated the abdominal thrust method for someone who might be choking. With the help of Little Annie, the mannequin, Cindy demonstrated the proper technique for CPR.

Lion Marj reported that from the club's Christmas dinner the following items were donated to Crestview Elementary School: 2 sweat tops, 6 hats, 10 pairs of gloves, 8 pairs of socks, 5 pairs of girls underwear, 23 pairs of sweatpants

Lion Judy reminded us to get out and get the February pancake breakfast posters posted! Lion Kevin reported that our club donated 250 pairs of eyeglasses to VOSH! Fantastic job, members!

Lion Dave reported that February 16th, our club will be hosting the Zone meeting here at the Town Hall. We want to make sure our club is well-represented. February 8th is the District Bowling Tournament. See Lion Rod for details. Deadline is February 15th for registration to the District convention. See Lion Kevin for all the details. And finally, the Zone 7/8 social is February 21st at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashland.



Lions Clubs International

Dear District Governor:

International President Joe Preston requests your assistance in promoting the 37th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN) on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at the iconic United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

LDUN program highlights include presentations from President Preston and key UN speakers, along with engaging panel discussions focusing on this year's theme of "Children in Need". Be amongst the first to find out and celebrate this year's winners of the International Peace Poster and Essay Contests. Inspiring and informative, LDUN recognizes the impact of LCI's volunteer efforts in supporting the shared vision with the UN of improving our local and global communities. LDUN attendees also have the option to attend the popular Lions-UN Luncheon inside the UN's signature Delegates Dining Room with invited ambassadors. Seating is limited and offered on a first come basis.

For the first time we will be offering early registration material pick-up on Friday, March 6, at the One UN New York Hotel, located directly across from the UN Headquarters, where attendees can conveniently pick up their event badges, program and more. Cash bars will be set for an afternoon hospitality from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. where you can meet and mingle with fellow attendees and staff at the Registration Area. LDUN attendees will receive one complimentary drink ticket redeemable from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on March 6 only.

For attendees that need hotel accommodations, the One UN New York Hotel has a limited number of guest rooms available at a special LDUN rate offered on a first come basis. Guest rooms can be requested when registering online.

To register and learn more about this event, please direct Lions and guests to the Lions Day with the UN page on the LCI Web site for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Brain at (630) 468-6893 or via email.

Yours in Lionism,

Al Brandel

Past International President and UN Representative

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