

OSU- 25 new Lions. Most are SVOSH and optometry, but we do have a medical student and a AG student in the mix thus far. We will be reaching out and working to increase the membership with other students. The potential here is "limitless". This new club is the beginning not the end resolve. We are fortunate to have a great advisor who I can assure you will do an excellent job.

Hollywood Casino - Continuing to build relationships that will ultimately result in a new club. We have been promised a gift basket for the convention. Working our way through various layers of management. Planning another meeting with the Casino and event managers.

Scioto Downs Eldorado - Finally have a contact here to pursue a new club. Like Hollywood, they have over 2000 employees and encourage service activities in the community. They are difficult to communicate with, don't return or even answer phone calls. Challenging to say the least.

Sheiks - We are feeling positive about the Sheiks. It has been a slow process to build trust with the "powers to be". We have been promised a meeting with their senior leaders in the near future. Somewhat of a language barrier but we are making progress. They have a young person who is now a receptionist which should make it easier for us.

Buckeye State Bank - We have proposed having a company Lions club, "Buckeye State Bank Lions". They are very receptive to the idea if not excited. Unlike the larger corporate banks, they are local. They already practice much of what we do as Lions...helping with food pantries, collecting coats for those in need, etc. We have provided a presentation in "bullet" format per our contacts request which she in turn will use to discuss with management early next week. We met with the bank staff Thursday and they are very enthusiastic about the possibility of having their own Lions Club. If you are interested in a copy of the presentation, please let me know and I can email it to you.

VFW Grove City - We have made headway here with very positive feedback. We can gain some members, form a community partnership or perhaps end up with a club. We have proposed a presentation with the members of the lodge to include "Dogs Inc". Waiting for a date and confirmation from the commander. We're planning to do the same with the Hilliard VFW. They too have a large contingency. Talking to the members has been interesting. Many are bored and feel they don't have a purpose. Perhaps we as Lions are the answer!

Resort Lifestyle Communities - This might be overlooked by clubs for the potential of new members. We met the management team of this senior community yesterday at the Hilliard Chamber of Commerce meeting. They invited us to meet with them next week to discuss the possibility of having their own Lions club. Perhaps we can form a new club or if not, bring them into the Hilliard club to bolster their membership. I know we want

young members but these are people who want to be involved and do things to contribute to their community. Very exciting and promising!

We have 4 other “targets” we’re working on. More details as they unfold. If your clubs are not members of the local Chamber of commerce I would highly recommend joining. In Hilliard they have already proven to be a great resource.

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