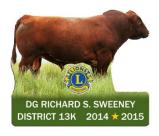
# BEEFITUP! District 13K 2015 CONVENTION CONVENTION REPORTS

## March 7, 2015



**Richard Sweeney District Governor** 



Strengthen the Pride Joseph "Joe" Preston International President

### **Governor's Convention Report**

I want to thank the Lions of District 13K for all of their help and cooperation this year. It is by your dedication and assistance that an organization like this continues to help those in need. I ask for your continued support for the remainder of the year to provide a positive start for the 2015-2016 Lions year.

Welcome to **your** convention! I hope you enjoy all that we have planned for you. Learn more about what is going on in Lions during the business meetings, the break-out sessions, and the International Director's address. Have fun at the Country Fair and enjoy the sounds of Winchester Steel Company steel drum band. Support the Leos by playing their games. Enjoy the fellowship of the Lions of 13K, Ohio, and Minnesota. Reacquaint yourself with Lion friends you have made in the past and make some new Lion friends. Most of all have **FUN**!

Yours in Lionism, DG Richard Sweeney Greetings from Canine Companions!

I have had a wonderful time serving as Chairperson for this wonderful Lions Project. I have received great information for the Clubs and have given it out at Zone Meetings I have attended. For the other Clubs I will be sending it out in the mail.

A brief History: March 18, 2013 Lions Project Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI) celebrated 30 years of support, and raised close to \$3 Million for CCI! Over \$100,000.00 is donated every.

LPCCI has 17 Area Directors and 68 Trustees (which I am very proud to be) working to create awareness and support all that CCI provides.

I hope you will attend CCI's Session Saturday Afternoon, it will be put on by Lion Bud Brown (rumor has it he has a special guest) at 2:15. We will have information and will answer any questions you may have.

Also hopefully you have received your Annual Fundraiser Opportunity Drawing in the mail. They were sent to the Treasurer's of your clubs. This fundraiser is \$5.00 a ticket, or \$100.00 for all 25 tickets that were sent. This is a Win Win! Drawing...the Winning ticket received \$2000.00 for their Club...see me if you didn't get yours.

I hope you will consider doing a project for CCI.

I'm just a phone call or e-mail away.

I'd loved to share with you what CCI does for your community.

In Lionism, Bobette

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

## **CABINET AND CONVENTION REPORT**

## 2014-2015

I want to thank Lion Governor Richard for allowing me to serve on this committee again this year. With all the redistricting issues, it has been an interesting year.

Some of the topics we have discussed so far are implementing a new privacy policy pertaining to how we use and collect information on Lions and working on language to stagger MD 13 state committee assignments/election under the new redistricting. If anyone would want a detailed copy of the plans, get in touch with me by e-mail (<u>ttewks@roadrunner.com</u>) and I will forward the information to you.

I know more issues will be considered at our next meeting either before or at the state convention,

Tom Tewksbary



Lions, Lioness, and Leos:

Imagine a world without Diabetes!

Your club's help and support can continue to lead the fight against the deadly consequences of Diabetes and help stop this disease once and for all! Diabetes is killing more and more Americans every year. Donations will accelerate the development of new therapies for better treatments, and help gain the knowledge to prevent and cure Diabetes.

When your club does make its donation, be sure and make the check out to: **OLERF** and place Diabetes Awareness in the memo portion of the check. Those will be sent to me. All donations will count towards the W.R. "Dick" Bryan fellowship awards or Knight for Sight awards.

I have presented a short program to several clubs, so contact me if you would like me to do a program at your club.

Let's educate all Dist. 13-K clubs on Diabetes Awareness.

In Lionism,

PDG Don DeVault, R.N. District 13-K Diabetes Awareness Chairperson

#### District13-K Convention Report – March 2015 Environmental Report

For nearly 100 years Lions have served with dedication and contributed to the development and wellbeing within their communities and the world. In April 2015 LCI is sponsoring a Global Service Action Campaign. One of the programs is the Protect Our Environment, the premise being to raise awareness about current and emerging environmental issues. Do you know that in the last century the world lost more than 80% of its original forest, which provides a source of livelihood, protection from natural disasters, and absorb carbon dioxide emissions that lead to global warming?

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The dictionary's definition of environment is "the circumstances, objects, or conditions by which one is surrounded by the complex of physical, chemical, and biotic factors (as climate, soil, and living things) that act upon an organism or ecological community and ultimately determines its form of survival. Every individual, community, state, nation, political sub-division through this world has a responsibility to protect and practice good environmental procedures.

What can our Lions clubs do to promote a community environmental program? How about Lions clubs developing an environmental awareness campaign around the issues? We all know about the highway cleanup and planting trees which are the "environmental project(s)" most Lions clubs report. We need to look at other options that we, as Lions, can do to promote our environment. The following are a few ideas on projects Lions can do in their communities. Organize a "trash-mob" race to pick up trash in a single location for a specific time limit (30 mins). Cleanup a beach or stream bank. Recycle - establish a school wide recycling program; organize club members to recycle plastic, glass, aluminum cans for cash (funds to administrative fund); volunteer in a recycle center; work with local recycling centers to collect batteries, cell phones, computer hardware, appliances. Have a community cleanup day by cleaning up a playground, park, remove debris from a nature trail; clean gutters and rake leaves for an elderly person or a public facility. Clean up a vacant lot or paint a structure. Gather up used clothing from the community and donate it to a charity or shelter. Offer students in school to come up with a creative solution to solve an environmental issue, and award a prize(s) for the best solution. Work with local environmental authority on a "going green" project. Organize a bike to work/school day.

The most important issue is to get the community and a LEO club, or a youth organization, involved in your environmental project. Plan your project and promote it to the membership by explaining why this project is important. Motivate members by including their participation and ideas, and recognize them for their efforts. Share your environmental project with other Lions clubs and with LCI.

Be recognized in your community and take pictures of your efforts and publicize them in a newspaper. Include other facts about your Lions club activities. We all know new members are hard to get, and retention is a greater problem. This is a potential membership growth program, and gives all members a chance to participate and feel needed in a project. Communities will always support any organization that makes lives better for all residents through environmental improvements within their respective community.....just select a project, promote it, and invite others to participate.

PDG Stan Starling, 13-K Environmental Chairman

#### District 13-K 2015 Convention Report - PDG Ed Otte District 13-K Lions Eye Bank Donations 2014-2015 Thru February 17, 2015

Lions Club	Am	ount	Ck #	Lions Club	Amount		Ck #
Amanda	\$	50.00	2658	Millersport	\$	300.00	8565
Athens	\$	50.00	1566	Mt Vernon	\$	160.00	3742
Bloom Carroll	\$	60.00	2057	Nelsonville-York	\$	25.00	5058
Carroll	\$	100.00	2463	New Concord	\$	100.00	1324
Centerburg	\$	100.00	782	Pickerington	\$	500.00	49746291
Chauncey Dover	\$	25.00	2863	Reno	\$	100.00	2235
Danville	\$	50.00	2441	Rushville Union	\$	500.00	6070
Duncan Falls-Philo	\$	50.00	1560	West Muskingum	\$	25.00	1460
East Knox	\$	50.00	2065	Zanesville Host	\$	350.00	1703&1713
Fredericktown	\$	50.00	4715	Millersport Lioness	\$	200.00	2554
Heath	\$	50.00	1389	Leos			
Johnstown	\$	50.00	2530	Alexander	\$	10.00	616
Lancaster	\$	100.00	2302	Lion Dona tion	\$	300.00	1050
Lancaster Tarhe	\$	300.00	1141	Total	\$	4,705.00	
Licking Valley	\$	300.00	4723				
Marietta Noon	\$	750.00	3132	PDG Ed Otte			

Donations 2014-2015 Thru February 17, 2015									
Lions Club		Research	Ck #		an Fund	<u>Ck #</u>	Fellowship	<u>Ck #</u>	Total
Alexander	\$	150.00	6432	\$	75.00	6433			\$ 225.00
Amanda	\$	50.00	2657	\$	50.00	2659			\$ 100.00
Athens	\$	50.00	1571						\$ 50.00
Baltimore	\$	150.00	1787	\$	150.00	1793			\$ 300.00
Beverly	\$	50.00	5643	\$	1,287.75	5650			\$ 1,337.75
Bloom-Carroll	\$	60.00	2056	\$	60.00	2062			\$ 120.00
Carroll	\$	200.00	2462	\$	200.00	2468			\$ 400.00
Centerburg	\$	100.00	783						\$ 100.00
Chauncey Dover	\$	25.00	2862						\$ 25.00
Chesterhill	\$	25.00	3939	\$	25.00	3940			\$ 50.00
Danville	\$	50.00	2440	\$	50.00	2444			\$ 100.00
Duncan Falls-Philo	\$	50.00	1559	\$	50.00	1563			\$ 100.00
East Knox				\$	50.00	2066			\$ 50.00
Frazeysburg	\$	50.00	1395	\$	50.00	1396			\$ 100.00
Fredericktown	\$	50.00	4712	\$	50.00	4708			\$ 100.00
Heath	\$	-		\$	100.00	1383			\$ 100.00
Johnstown				\$	200.00	2531			\$ 200.00
Lancaster	\$	100.00	2303	\$	100.00	2304			\$ 200.00
Lancaster Tarhe	\$	300.00	1140						\$ 300.00
Licking Valley	\$	200.00	4727	\$	300.00	4729			\$ 500.00
Limestone Valley				\$	50.00	5325			\$ 50.00
Logan	\$	50.00	2435						\$ 50.00
Marietta Noon	\$	750.00	3133	\$	800.00	3138			\$ 1,550.00
Millersport	\$	800.00	8572	\$	800.00	8563			\$ 1,600.00
Mt Vernon	\$	75.00	3741	\$	50.00	3753			\$ 125.00
Nelsonville-York				\$	25.00	5057			\$ 25.00
New Concord	\$	100.00	1323	\$	100.00	1328			\$ 200.00
Pataskala	\$	300.00	1129	\$	500.00	1148			\$ 800.00
Pickerington	\$	100.00	49746203	\$	400.00	49746204			\$ 500.00
Reno				\$	100.00	2236			\$ 100.00
Rushville-Union	\$	1,000.00	6069	\$	500.00	6071			\$ 1,500.00
Scenic Hills	\$	100.00	1739	\$	100.00	1743			\$ 200.00
Thornville	\$	500.00	2967	\$	200.00	2968			\$ 700.00
West Muskingum	\$	50.00	1461						\$ 50.00
Zanesville Host	\$	-		\$	50.00	1704			\$ 50.00
Maysville Leos	\$	10.00	240						\$ 10.00
Lion Donation	\$	300.00	1048	\$	100.00	1049			\$ 400.00
Total		\$5,795.00		\$	6,572.75				\$ 12,367.75

#### District 13-K 2015 Convention Report Ohio Lions Eye Research - PDG Ed Otte Donations 2014-2015 Thru February 17, 2015



#### MD-13 Finance & Planning Committee Convention Report

It has been a privilege to succeed PDG George Bachman as the District 13-K representative on the MD-13 Finance & Long Range Planning Committee. Under the leadership of Committee Chairman, PDG Bill Christensen from District 13-F, the committee has worked diligently with all of the state committees to make sure they do not exceed their budgets while also making recommendations to the Council of Governors to trim the State Council budget.

The biggest turn around we have witnessed this past year has been the MD-13 Band Committee eradicating their debt from the 2011-2012 fiscal year while generating a healthy cash reserve as they prepare to field an All Ohio Lions Band in Chicago in 2017. Also the MD-13 Building Committee has successfully signed a three-year lease with a new tenant to occupy the first floor of the Ohio Lions Office in Grove City. This long sought achievement will greatly help the revenue generated for the Ohio Lions.

The F&P Committee, upon the recommendation of Council Chair Darlene Roll, has created a budget line for the MD-13 Centennial Action Committee and loaned "seed money" to the newly formed 2018 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Host Committee.

The focus of the committee this year has been to realign and adjust expected revenues and expenditures over the next five years to reflect the redistricting that reduces the number of sub-district in Ohio from 10 to 7. The goal is to provide a smooth transition in state operations while maximizing the dollars generated without a dues increase. Working together we should be able to achieve that goal.

On May 14, the committee elected IPCC Woody Conrad Jr. to serve as our new chairman, succeeding PDG Bill Christensen, who had to set down due to term limitations but will now serve as Treasurer of the 2018 Forum Host Committee. I will continue to serve as Secretary for the coming year.

Respectfully, Ron Keller

PCC Ron Keller MD-13 F&P Committee District K Representative

## Your Ohio Lions Foundation PDG Larry M. Roberts March 6th - March 8th, 2015

The Ohio Lions Foundation's web site, www.ohiolionsfoundation.org, contains contact information for the foundation's officers; a list of the district trustees with their addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses; copies of the Foundation's organizational documents; financial information, including a complete copy of the most recent IRS Form 990; disaster relief grant procedures and forms; information regarding the Ohio Lions Foundation Helen Keller Scholarship Program, including contact information for participating universities; a report of the i-Pad and Low Vision Reader Matching Grant Programs, including downloadable grant information and application forms; and information regarding the James T. and Betty Coffey Fellowship Program.

## Helen Keller Scholarship Program

The \$3000.00 scholarships have been renewed for the 2014-2015 academic year as follows:

The Ohio State University (4) Ohio University (1) Bowling Green State University (1) University of Cincinnati (1)

Cleveland State University (1) Wright State University (1) Youngstown State University (1)

To date over 558,800.00 in scholarships have been awarded to blind and visually impaired Ohio students.

### **Disaster Relief Grants**

The Foundation continues to be proud of its record of responding quickly with disaster relief grants for food, clothing, blankets, temporary shelter, home heating fuel, medical expenses, eyeglasses, and sanitation supplies for victims of floods, tornadoes, ice storms, fires and other disasters striking Ohio. Since the Foundation started, more than 168,500.00 has been awarded for disaster relief.

### Low Vision Readers and i-Pad Matching Grants

To date more than 70 low vision reader matching grants have been awarded and grants remain budgeted for this fiscal year. The i-Pad grants continue to be very popular because of their usefulness and relative low cost. Applications may be found on line at www.ohiolionsfoundation.org. These applications should be routed through me to assure proper handling.

Other State Wide Grants Include:

Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band Cody Fund Grants for persons who are legally blind Matching grants for sight-related programs and equipment Educational programs via the James T. and Betty Coffey Scholarship Fund.

### **District 13K**

As of this printing, 40 District 13K clubs have donated a total of \$4630.00 to the Ohio Lions Foundation. Your club may receive a beautiful founders plaque, to be given to whomever your club desires, with a donation totaling \$1000.00 over a four (4) year period.

Thank you for your excellent support.

Patron	Purple Patron	Gold Patron
(\$25.00 - 99.00)	(\$100.00 - 499.00)	(\$500.00 and up)
Fredericktown Lions Heath Lions Amanda Lions Nelsonville York Lions Nt. Vernon Lions Bloom-Carroll Lions Trimble Twp. Lions Frazeysburg Lions Chesterhill Lions Zanesville Host Lions Alexander Lions Athens Lions Beverly Lions Duncan Falls Philo Lions Limestone Valley Lions Logan Lions Chancey Dover Lions Noble County Lions Johnstown Lions Danville Lions	Rushville Union Lions Carroll Lions Thornville Lions Reno Lions Baltimore Lions Marietta Noon Lions Scenic Hills Lions Pataskala Lions Centerburg Lions Summit Station Lions Millersport Lioness Licking Valley Lions Millersport Lions The Plains Lions New Concord Lions Newark Lions	Pickerington Lions

Also Contributed:

Maysville Leos Alexander Leos

#### District 13K Cabinet Report—February 8, 2015 Global Leadership Team (GLT) and District Convention

Since the last cabinet meeting, the Ohio Lions held its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Ohio Lions Winter Retreat, January 16 – 18 at Salt Fork State Lodge. There were 138 who attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy the informality of the weekend—all other one roof. The food and entertainment were excellent. There was a nice mix of Lions and non-Lions topics—from Guiding Lions to being *guided* down the Bourbon Trail! Mark your calendars now for next year's Winter Retreat, January 15 – 17, 2016, at Maumee Bay State Park, near Toledo. Come join us for a fun weekend!

I hope you are making plans to attend Governor Richard's District Convention. It will be held March 6 – 8 at The Crossroads in Lancaster. Register with your club secretary so you can send in your reservations as a club. Deadline for registration is February 20. We hope to see you there!

The next event your District Global Leadership Team is planning is the annual District K Leadership School. It will be held on Saturday, May 2, again at Licking Valley High School, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The most important function of the Leadership School is club officer training. For that reason the Global Leadership Team is again offering a patch for your club banner if the following 4 club officers attend: **President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair.** These are the 4 club officers for the next Lions year—the ones listed on this year's PU-101. If your club received a banner patch already, you can add a rocker patch with 2015-2016 on it. We offer this as an incentive to encourage club officers to attend. Likewise, we want to get new Lions to attend, so anyone who has been inducted since May 2014 can attend Leadership School free. And for everyone else, it's still a bargain at \$5, which includes a continental breakfast, fabulous speakers and sessions, and a box lunch! We will offer 5 new sessions and will repeat our lunchtime speaker, Abigail Kline, from the Ohio Attorney General's office, speaking on "Avoiding Theft in Nonprofits." Look for more information in the March edition of the District Newsletter. As you make visitations in our district, please encourage your fellow Lions to attend Leadership School. They will be glad they did!

Yours in Lionism,

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Sue Diehm, District K GLT Coordinator and District Convention Co-Chair Lion Dave Stockum, Region 1 Lion Gerald Smitley, Region 2

#### INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION USA/CANADA FORUM Report to District 13-K February 7, 2015

The International Convention Committee will meet on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015 at the Ohio School for the Blind for our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly meeting.

#### Pin Report:

We still have current 2015 State pins available for those who are interested. Cost is \$2.00 per pin.

#### 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention:

The 2015 International Convention will be in Honolulu, Hawaii – Friday June 26 thru Tuesday June 30. The Ohio delegation will be at the Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki. The International parade is on Saturday, June 27th. (Parade assembly area TBA.) The following parade uniform is for the Lions wishing to participate from Ohio. The red button up shirt we have worn the past couple of years, black full length pants or slacks, black shoes & socks and possibly a hat or visor. (Parade uniform subject to change.)

#### Midwest Breakfast:

Illinois MD will be hosting the Midwest Breakfast in Hawaii. Information will be sent at a later date.

#### For Tours:

Lions wanting to tour the USS Arizona Memorial and/or the Battleship Missouri Memorial should purchase tickets in advance of trip.

#### International Campaign Support for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP:

Support Ohio's endorsed candidate for International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Steven D. Sherer, Past International Director.

#### USA/Canada Forum:

www.USACANADAlionsforum.org

I have flyers for the 2015 USA/Canada Leadership Forum which is in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Sept. 17-19, 2015.

#### Future International Conventions:

2015 June 26-30 Honolulu, Hawaii, USA 2016 June 24-28 Fukuoka, Japan 2017 June 30-July 4 Chicago, Illinois, USA 2018 June 29-July 3 Las Vegas, Nevada, USA 2019 July 5-9 Milan, Italy

#### Future USA/Canada Forums:

2015 Sept 17-19 Grand Rapids, Michigan 2016 Sept 15-17 Omaha, Nebraska 2017 Sept 21-23 Portland, Oregon 2018 Sept 20-22 Columbus, Ohio

Ted W. Keller

PDG Ted W. Keller 1989 Walnut Road Millersport, Ohio 43046 740-467-2735 <u>Triggertwo49@hotmail.com</u> Home Club: Millersport

#### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT TO OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13K CONVENTION OF MARCH 7, 2015

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Governor Bill for allowing me to serve this great district. Secondly I want to thank all of the clubs that made donations this year. As of Feb 7, 2015, 23 clubs have made donations.

The following table is a breakdown by Zone of the club donations received as of February 7, 2014. A total of \$1,870.00 has been collected.

CLUB	AMOUNT	Zone	CLUB	AMOUNT	Zone
Mt Vernon	\$50.00	1	Thornville	\$150.00	5
East Knox	\$50.00	1	Zanesville Host	\$50.00	6
Summit Station	\$100.00	2	Duncan Falls/Philo	\$50.00	6
Pataskala	\$50.00	2	Limestone Valley	\$50.00	6
Johnstown	\$50.00	2	Frazeysburg	\$50.00	6
Licking Valley	\$50.00	3	New Concord	\$100.00	6
Millersport	\$200.00	4	Marietta Noon	\$100.00	7
Carroll	\$100.00	4	Scenic Hills	\$100.00	7
Bloom Carroll	\$60.00	4	Alexander	\$50.00	8
Rushville Union	\$200.00	4	Alexander Leo Club	\$10.00	8
Pickerington	\$100.00	4			
Lancaster Tarhe	\$100.00	4			
Amanda	\$50.00	4			

This is an increase in donations over last year's collection, with an increase in the number of clubs donating. I thank each of the clubs that maintained their previous year's donation, and give an extra thank you to the clubs that were able to make an increase in their donation.

The international relations Committee met October 4th at the OSSB in Columbus. Seven districts were represented. The VOSH and AMIGOS groups gave PowerPoint and verbal presentations and answered questions from the district chairs. The SVOSH representative was unable to be present.

Your support of this project will be used to help various organizations next year. Amigos, S.V.O.S.H., and V.O.S.H. Ohio were the three organizations that received help this year from funds donated during last year.

Preliminary figures from the Lions state office, indicated last year's contributions totaled \$14,544.00, which is down \$3221.00 from last year. The amounts would then be VOSH – \$2182, SVOSH – \$7272, and AMIGOS - \$5090.

There are still almost 4 months left in this year. If any club can see fit to make a donation, it will be appreciated by the organizations that we support next year.

Dan Osborn

Lion Dan Osborn International Relations



Thank you for a great year of donations to the Lions Club International Foundation. Your donations were appreciated, and will be used for many worthwhile programs to help those in need.

The following clubs have qualified for a Melvin Jones Award:

Amanda Lions Athens Lions Carroll Lions Danville Lions East Knox Lions Frazeysburg Lions Johnstown Lions (3) Licking Valley Lions Marietta-Noon Lions Newark Lions (2) Pataskala Lions Reno Lions Zanesville Host Lions

The above mentioned clubs should consider presenting the very prestigious Melvin Jones Award to a well deserved Lion in your club.

Congratulations! The following clubs have qualified for the Russ Williams Chapter Award. This is an award presented to clubs that have donated \$10.00 per member to LCIF.

Athens Lions	Johnstown Lions
Baltimore Lions	Lancaster Tarhe Lions
Carroll Lions	Marietta Noon Lions
Centerburg Lions	Nelsonville-York Lions
Chesterhill Lions	Pataskala Lions
Duncan Falls-Philo Lions	Pickerington Lions
East Knox Lions	Rushville-Union Lions
Frazeysburg Lions	The Plains Lions
Heath Lions	Thornville Lions

Please continue to send all donation checks and Melvin Jones Award requests to me at: PDG Sue Haban

3705 Sheets Road, NW Lancaster, Ohio 43130 740-756-4430 e-mail: lionsue@yahoo.com

Yours in Lionism, **Past District Governor Sue Haban** 

## DISTRICT 13-K

## **OHIO LIONS YOUTH BAND**

## CABINET REPORT

## 8 FEBRUARY, 2015

My thanks to Governor Richard for allowing me to serve on the District 13-K Cabinet as Band Chair. The following is a list of clubs and donations made.

LIONS CLUBS	DONATION
Licking Valley	\$ 50.00
Carroll	50.00
Bloom Carroll	60.00
Zanesville Host	50.00
Rushville-Union	50.00
Pickerington	50.00
East Knox	50.00
Scenic Hills	100.00
Alexander	50.00
Millersport	50.00
Frazeysburg	50.00
Pataskala	50.00
Johnstown	50.00
Millersport Lioness	50.00
Alexander Leo	<u>10.00</u> \$770.00

Lion Barb Skinner 13-K Band Chair

#### OHIO LIONS STATE BUILDING TRUSTEES 3rd QUARTER REPORT February 14, 2015

Report # 5

Council Chair Darlene Roll Council of Governors 2014-15 International Family Members

The third quarterly meeting of the Ohio Lions Board of Building Trustees was held in late January via teleconference. Trustees were present from Districts A, B, C, E, F, G, H, J and K. F& LRP liaison, PDG Norman Cupps and MDS/PDG Debbie Luttrell were in attendance. DG liaison, DG/PDG John Stalder was excused.

The Building Trustees are pleased to announce that a long term tenant has been contracted to occupy the first floor space that has been occupied by Carleton Realty for several years. Carleton exited the space as of December 31, 2014. The new tenant is Premier Employee Solutions and they started the move in process immediately after Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. We have signed a three year lease agreement with Premier and look forward to a long term relationship.

SWEA and Hatfield and Associates that are housed within the Ohio Lions Building are current with their monthly lease payments through December, 2014.

The carpet replacement for Hatfield and Assoc and SWEA has been completed. Both office areas are refreshed with the new carpet and Hatfield has repainted their reception area to coordinate with the new carpet.

The trustees are constantly working to maintain the building in a good state of repair and maintenance. Sometime this has become a very demanding task. We have talked with many small business maintenance firms to locate a person or firm to take care of these issues. We have been able to locate an individual that is engaged in small business and home maintenance and have signed an agreement with him for as-needed service. He has already performed several jobs within the building with the level of work being very satisfactory to date. We plan to review our relationship after six months to determine any changes that would benefit the Ohio Lions.

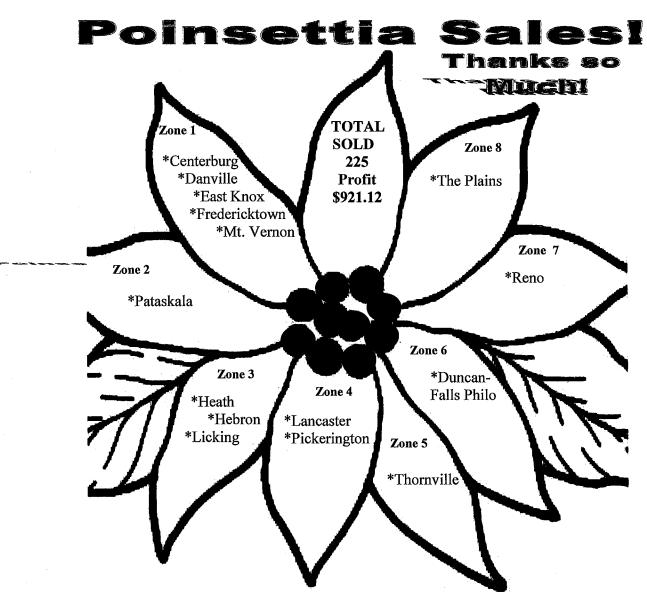
We have endured many service calls this year for the HVAC system within the building. We are in the process of evaluating the condition and viability of the current system in conjunction with our servicing contractor. We hope to have an in detail evaluation and recommendations available by the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

The terms of Building Trustees currently serving from Districts C, F and H will be due for election this year. New trustees will assume trustee positions effective July 1, 2015 from these respective districts. The trustees from these districts will be elected for a one year term as redistricting will become effective in 2016. Election for trustees from each of the seven new districts will be elected as each new district is formed effective July 1, 2016.

As Chairperson of the Building Trustees, I will continue to be diligent in my duty to my fellow trustees and to the continued satisfactory operation of the Ohio Lions State Office Building in a prudent and responsible manner.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Jay Carey Chairperson, State Building Trustees



Special thanks to the following, who even though their clubs did not order, they still made monetary contributions: Marietta Noon, Baltimore, and Millersport.

Once again we got some beautiful poinsettlas from Darrell Norris & Son Greenhouses LLC in Racine, Ohio. We had a great driver this year, Denny, and the pickup time of Noon worked out perfect! Everyone seemed to be able to locate Hoback Park in Heath, Ohio, for pickup, and everyone was on time to get their poinsettias! Thanks to everyone from their promptness.

Thanks to all Zone Chairs for getting me their club's orders and payments in a timely fashion, and if you were a Zone Chair picking up your club's poinsettias, thank you for doing that too!

Special thanks to Lion Bobette Grimm and Lion Vicki Boggs from the Belpre Lions for helping organize Zones 7 and 8's pickup and delivery. Also, special thanks to CST Lion Sharon Sweeney from the Carroll Lions, Lion Vickie Boychan and Lion Carol McLaughlin from the Heath Lions, for helping unload the truck, organize the tables, and help those picking up, load their cars. Everything went as smooth as silk!

See you before you know it!

Lion Fran Heimerl, Poinsettia Chair





## PRaM Committee Meeting

At the PRaM Committee Meeting on February 14th, we will be discussing what activities have been happening in each of the Districts. We will also have our election of officers for 2015-2016 on the committee.

We will be discussing the State Convention Booklet ads. The deadline for purchasing an ad in the booklet is March 15th. We will see how many ads have been sold so far. Hopefully 13K will be the leader in selling the ads again this year.

We will discuss the District Conventions and the State Convention as far as promoting attendance to them and promoting Lionism. We will see how the Ohio Lions website is doing and also look at what will be needed from the committee as far as promoting the 100 year Anniversary of Lionism at the International Convention in Chicago in 2017.

We will schedule a PRaM Meeting for the State Convention in May. We will also continue to see about getting a grant from Lions International to help promote Lions of Ohio, possibly through developing a mobile app.

Thank you for all your help in the past. PRaM Chair Barb Boggess

## District 13-K Convention Report March 7, 2015 District Governor Richard Sweeney

## Sight & Hearing - Chair Lion Lilane Fox

The MD13 Sight and Hearing Committee wishes to thank, all of the Lions, Lioness and Leo clubs for their consideration and support of the Sight & Hearing Projects for this Lions year 2014-2015. Contributions have been generous this year, as shown on the second and third pages of this report. Contributions are encouraged, and can also be made in recognition of a deserving or deceased Lion. What a great way to honor a Lion's work!

Please remember donation checks to Sight & Hearing should be made payable to OHIO LIONS, with "Sight & Hearing Fund" in the memo line. Donations meant to go 100% to Pilot Dogs should have checks made out to PILOT DOGS, INC.. Your support is needed to meet the goals of the Ohio Lions Sight and Hearing Committee to support and serve those with sight impairments. The projects supported by Sight & Hearing include Pilot Dogs, Prevent Blindness Ohio, Ohio Speech and Hearing, Newsreel, Ohio Radio Reading Service, and the MD13 Vision Screening Project.

Donations have increased for Lions year 2014-2015 which is awesome news! My hope is that this is the beginning of a long trend. As always, be sure to notify me (FoxL3@aol.com) if donations are provided to any of the projects supported by Sight & Hearing, including Pilot Dogs, so I may record your contributions for future club recognition.

While the State Committee continues to look for ways to improve our Vision Screening Project, District 13-K is currently seeking volunteers who would be willing to become proficient at using the Sure Sight Vision Screener, and be available to travel around the district at the beginning of each school year and physically do the vision screenings for the District. We almost have enough volunteers to begin the training and preparations to kick-off a district-wide pre-school screening campaign in the fall of 2015. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact me.

Finally, I would like to give a special thanks to PDG Stan Starling for his mentorship and guidance to help make it possible for me to step into his rewarding role in my service to Lions and my community. I will continue to improve in this role, and can only hope to ultimately live up to the standards you set! Thank you, PDG Stan, and God Bless!

## District 13K Webmaster Convention Report

By Lion Brian Fox bfox1964@aol.com

1. <u>WWW.13klions.com</u> is up & running on the E-clubhouse platform. We've updated the site in a number of ways this year in order to include important documents, such as:

- The District Directory;
- Lions videos
- Convention registration form;
- Club Awards Forms;
- Governor's Contest Form, etc.

#### 2. It currently has 12 pages, including:

- Home \* Events Calendar
- Contact Us \* District Officers
- PDG Page \* Lions Resource Center
- \* Projects \* Photo Gallery
- \* Cabinet Directory \* Club Contacts & Links
- \* District Convention\* Gov's Message & Goals

#### 3. Club Statistics

There are currently approximately 36 clubs with websites in the District. I'm happy to say that most of them appear to be up to date. I encourage all clubs to check your websites and make sure that they contain correct information and that they give the public an easy way to contact your club.

Two Leo Clubs have websites on the e-clubhouse platform: Duncan Falls-Philo and Pickerington. Most Leo Clubs have an active Facebook presence and some Lions Clubs have a page of their websites devoted to their Leos.

#### 4. Low Maintenance Websites

This is for clubs that want a professional website presence, but don't want to constantly maintain the site. I can help with that. Two clubs have taken this route thus far. Please take a look at their websites and see if this might work for you.

- Lancaster Tarhe: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/lancaster\_oh
- Chesterhill: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/chesterhill

## www.13klions.com



#### Women and Family in Lions Convention Report March 6 – 8, 2015

Listed below indicates where our District started the 2014/2015 Lions year in relationship to Women & Family numbers.

District 13 K has a total of 49 clubs. There are 4 clubs without women as members and 19 clubs without family membership.

District 13-K	June 2014	Percentage	July 2014	Percentage
Total Membership	1,346		1,337	
Family Units	164	12.18	163	12.19
Women Members	421	31.27	417	31.18

District 13-K	June 2014	Percentage	Sept 2014	Percentage
Total Membership	1,346		1,327	
Family Units	164	12.18	161	12.13
Women Members	421	31.27	414	31.20

District 13-K	June 2014	Percentage	January 2015	Percentage
Total Membership	1,346		1292	
Family Units	164	12.18	153	11.84
Women Members	421	31.27	409	31.66

#### Introduce Family and Friends to Lions Service

There is no one more important in our lives than family and friends. However, many of those closest to us do not know what we, as Lions, do within our communities. Think about undertaking new projects or revisiting existing projects that can involve people outside of your Lions club. There's no better way to introduce what we do as Lions than to invite family and friends to see us in action.

**Special Events** – Invite your community to join you for special events like Family and Friends Month in April to showcase your club and the difference you're making.

#### Lions Family and Friends Month in April!

Invite family and friends to learn, serve and celebrate with your Lions club in April. Organize a service project, plan an open house or host a lunch or picnic—you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love!

Here are some great ways to make your Family and Friends Month a success:

<u>Plan an Open House</u>. Invite family and friends to learn more about your club and the difference you are making in the community.
<u>Go Green in Your Community</u>. Plan an April service project to showcase the Protecting Our Environment campaign so everyone can feel the satisfaction of improving the community. Consider planting trees, recycling or cleaning up a park for your campaign.
<u>Share the Gift of Literacy</u>. Organize a fundraiser or service project that promotes the power of reading to children in your community. Learn more about the LCI Reading Action Program and find literacy project ideas and resources for your club.
<u>Sponsor a Leo club</u>. April is also Leo Awareness Month, so it's a great time for your club to get involved and support youth development in your community. Learn more about the Leo Club Program in the Leo Zone.

•Host a Picnic or Barbecue. Celebrate with family and friends after your successful service project or fundraiser.





2014-2015

#### District 13-K Youth Convention Report

**LEO'S:** On October 12, 2014 we held our first District Leo Fall get together meeting of the year.

Recognition of last years officers was given by Youth Chair Lion Debbie Tyo.

Leo Morgan Cole was recognized not only as last years President, but also she received recognition as a "Leo of the Year" Award Winner from Lions International.

Election of new officers was held off until our Christmas party in Dec.

Our new Governor Lion Richard Sweeney spoke to our Leos about their role at the district convention in March of 2015. The theme will be a "County Fair" and our Leos will make games for the Sat. evening entertainment. We will also be serving the coffee and snacks for the Lions business meeting on Sat. morning at the convention.

The Leos then made the decision to donate money to Camp Echoing Hills and the Columbus School for the Blind as their District project for the year.

Goals for this year will be to help our communities and those in need and help our Leo Clubs grow and work hand in hand with our sponsoring Lion Clubs.

Youth Chair Debbie will see if we can get Lion Ron Derry to be our speaker at the Convention for the Leos.

At our Christmas Party on Dec. 7, 2014 a motion was made to keep the same officers as last year.

President: Leo Morgan Cole, Vice Pres. Leo Kaitlyn Bennett, Secretary, Leo Emily Dietz.

The Leos then enjoyed food, games and a gift exchange.

I was happy to induct 36 new Leos into the Tri-Valley Leo Club on Dec. 15, 2014.

We currently have 18 Leo clubs, and I am proud to announce that we are working on three new Leo Clubs.

Rushville Leo Club, New Lexington Leo Club and Marietta Leo Club.

**PEACE POSTER CONTEST:** Again this year we only had 5 entries, but this year winner is Sydney Mason sponsored by the Heath Lions club. Please remember to order your Peace Poster Kits which are available now.

**LIBERTY DAY OHIO:** Thank you to all those who participated in Liberty Day. Please call PDG Lion Don DeVault as he is in charge of the Liberty Day Books. He will be glad to get them to you, and remember to reimburse him for them. They only cost \$1 dollar a book. A small cost for such a great book.

Call Don at 740-763-3733 to order the books.

<u>G.O.O.D. PROGRAM</u>: What a wonderful program Lion Ron Derry has put together for our area youth. Please continue to support Lion Ron with his <u>Going On Or Defeated program.</u> –1-740-862-3363.

**<u>YOUTH EXCHANGE</u>**: PDG Lion Steve Tyo is in charge of this years Youth Exchange. We did not have anyone last year, but hope to have some this coming year from Finland.

**<u>CAMP ECHOING HILLS</u>**: Please keep supporting the camp, and thank you to all those that did this year. This is a wonderful place where handicapped youth can go and have a weeks worth of wonderful memories, also with the redistricting they will now be in our district.

JAMES & BETTY COFFEY SCHOLARSHIPS: Please continue to donate to this fund for future awards.

LIONS QUEST: No workshops are in the works to date.

Respectfully submitted: District 13-K Youth Chair Lion Debbie Tyo



## Convention Report February 8, 2015 Zone 1

Zone Chair Mary Bumpus Assistant Zone Chair Danny Lamb

#### Centerburg - 10 Members

- Conducted "GOOD" program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes
- Maintenance on Heart of Ohio Trail and cleaned portion of Route 314
- Maintain area around Alleycat recycle center
- Had 5K run walk during the Old Time Farming Festival
- Donated to Heart of Ohio Trail Committee
- Attended District Convention
- Purchased new Lions Club International sign for entrance to village
- Collected eyeglasses
- Held a Liberty Day program for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Made donations to LCIF, OLERF, Pilot Dogs, and OLF
- Helped decorate village Christmas tree
- Donated gas cards to Interchurch Services
- Hosting Zone 1 meeting in February

#### Danville – 11 Members

- Awarded 4 \$500. Scholarships to Danville High School Seniors
- Donations made to District Humanitarian Award projects.
- Crossing guards during the Halloween trick or treat
- Helped with improvement projects at local parks
- Provided funds for health screenings
- Purchased eyeglasses
- Helped with Scout activities and numerous activities at local schools and sporting events.
- Held Annual Raccoon Dinner and Entertainment

#### East Knox – 16 Members

- Lions visit and assist shut-ins
- Held weekly turkey shoots in the fall major fund raiser
- Lion instructs groups about preparedness for disaster relief
- Assisted with Youth Field Day held by Pheasants Forever
- Lion helps prepare and serve meals for those less fortunate
- Participated in "Earth Day" at Kenyon College.
- Awarded two scholarships totaling \$2500. to East Knox High School seniors
- Held 5K "Turkey Trot" run as part of the Danville Turkey Festival

- Helped with the Food for the Hungry collection in December by putting Christmas tree at community center
- Planted 125 pine trees for Arbor Day
- Purchased hog at the Knox County Fair. This is considered a "scholarship" for farm youth.
- Had root beer float stand during the Dan Emmett Festival
- Procured and repackaged dog and cat food to be given to pets of the recipients in the hot meals program.
- Purchased an iPad and Keyboard/cover for scholarship recipient to assist in school. Student is legally blind.

#### Fredericktown – 30 Members

- Lions visited shut-ins and nursing homes
- Lions make desserts and work every week at food pantry and food for the hungry
- Hosted Zone 1 meeting in November
- Lion donates time at the Knox County Humane Society for their bingo fundraiser.
- Purchased eyeglasses for those in need.
- Ran food booth at July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at the park.
- Operated food booth at Annual Tomato Show.
- Donated to District Charities for the Humanitarian Award
- Passed donuts (55 doz.) and cider (20 gal.) during Halloween trick or treat.
- Donated safety books to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Helped a family during the Christmas holidays
- Recognized "GOOD" students with a special dinner at a meeting

#### Mount Vernon – 15 Members

- Lion helps prepare and serve meals for those less fortunate
- Lions transport handicapped person to various functions
- Gave scholarship to deserving Mount Vernon High School Senior.
- Operated food trailer during Dan Emmett Festival
- Donated items for boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- Hosted Zone 1 meeting in August
- Lions donated fruits and vegetables from their garden to those in need.
- Collected mittens, hats, and scarves for local school children
- A blind Lion's member held classes about his blindness, proper etiquette around a guide dog and handler, and the opportunities for the blind having a guide dog.
- Provided many pairs of glasses to those in need.
- Lion attended USA/Canada Leadership Forum in San Juan
- Operated food trailer during annual yard sale held at the Knox County Fairgrounds in May.
- Received a CCTV as a donation and was able to pass this item on to a person who needed one to help her be able to read.
- Helped with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life" by having a team walk.
- Operated the food trailer during the "Relay for Life" and donated profit to the American Cancer Society.

- Donated to Hope Now, Inc., Faith Lutheran Church, Food for the Hungry and District Humanitarian charities.
- Helped a single parent provide Christmas for her 2 children.
- Purchased and donated a CCTV to a Mount Vernon Middle School student.

As you can see, we are a vital part of our communities. I have more than likely missed some of the activities and the various ways of we help and donate; please accept my apology.

I would also like to take this time to thank District Governor Richard for allowing me to be an active member of this year's cabinet.

I would also like to thank Lion Danny Lamb for being my assistant this past year. Thanks for everything!

In Lionism,

Mary Bumpus

Zone Chair

WE SERVE!

## District 13 K

## Zone 3 February 2015 Zone 3 Report February 8, 2015 Zone Chair Jeff Craig Assistant Zone Chair Ron McLeish

Club Reports

Heath-23 members

Hebron-28 members

Newark-58 members

Licking Valley-57 members

Reports are included, but due to printer problems, there is only one copy. Please call or e-mail ZC Jeff Craig if you would like a copy of the reports from these clubs. Thank you.

## Zone 4 Report for the District 13K Convention

Amanda – 18 Lions (plus 1 for the year)

Gave \$1500 scholarship. Had sweethearts dinner for Valentines Day. Donated to OSSB Marching Band Project. All appropriations have been made and dues are current.

Baltimore – 19 Lions (minus 5 for the year)

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Significant support for the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce and Baltimore/Liberty Township Food Pantry. Dues are current.

Bloom Carroll – 16 Lions (minus 1 for the year)

Continued support of The Lighthouse. Served cookies and hot chocolate for the Christmas Carroll Celebration. Active in visitations and attendance to Zone Meetings, as well as support of 2<sup>nd</sup> VG Sue Diehm. Annual Appropriations and dues are current. Two Keurig coffee raffles to support charitable donations.

## Carroll – 20 Lions

Renovations of clubhouse as a result of damage caused by a ruptured water pipe Supported planning of DG Richard Sweeney's Convention. Annual appropriations and dues are current.

## Lancaster – 33 Lions (minus 3)

All appropriations have been made and dues are current. Attendance at zone meetings and recognition for appropriations to LCIF and OLERF. Purchasing over 80 eye exams and eye glasses annually in Lancaster. Celebrated charter anniversary. Golf outing March 17. Sight Seals Campaign in March.

## Lancaster Tarhe - 18 Lions (minus 4)

All appropriations have been made and dues are current. Scholarship for nursing student. Planning annual golf outing. Active in support of local initiatives. Makes good use of Eagle Gazette and Towne Crier in publicizing activities.

### Logan – 8 Lions

Successful Winter Walk Project at Old Man's Cave serving eight dozen donuts to hungry hikers. Helped in planning and co-sponsoring of zone meeting. Purchased eye glasses and exams in Hocking County. All dues are current.

## Millersport – 102 lions (minus 1)

Numerous projects in support of Millersport community. Christmas projects on their own and in cooperation with the local schools. Support of three area food pantries. Support of Nationwide Childrens Hospital. Planning of 2015 Sweet Corn Festival. Support of Logan Winter Walk Booth. Outstanding attendance at all zone meetings and district Lion events. Holds six Red Cross blood collections a year.

## **Millersport Lioness**

Generous donation to OSSB Marching Band Project. Appropriations are complete. An active participant in the Millersport Sweet Corn Festival.

## Pickerington – 49 (minus 2)

Turned in over 100 pair of used eye glasses at last zone meeting. Active participant in Pickerington Chamber of Commerce. Fosters an active LEO club; planning a 5K event with their LEOs in the coming months. Continues to host and expand the Pickerington Labor Day Celebration. All appropriations are complete and dues are current. Publish an awesome newsletter. Over \$8500 in donations.

## Rushville Union - 53 (plus 2)

Turned in 137 pair of eye glasses at last zone meeting. Ran six Red Cross Bloodmobile collections in past year. Reroofed clubhouse. Completed installation of generator. A Red Cross Crisis Site. Received recognition for generous donations. All dues are current.

### **Zone 4** – 336 Lions (minus 13)

Perfect attendance of all clubs at two of three zone meetings during year. Featured OSSB, Camp Echoing Hills, The Good Program, and Hocking College Optometry Program at zone meetings. Donated \$1345 to OSSB Marching Band Project out of total of just over \$21,000 across Ohio. 100 % participation in project and top zone in number and total of donations. Extremely active in District 13K activities, including 3 of last 4 District Governors. Active in attending district meetings, as well as seeking and accepting leadership roles at the state level. Supports district projects, LCIF, OLF, and OLERF. Large and active zone working to maintain and raise membership despite a 3.7% loss. Communication among clubs in the zone is good, but there could be more visitation to improve cooperation in the zone. Clubs are generous in their support of traditional local needs. All clubs purchase eye glasses and exams and collect used glasses, cases and some hearing aids.

#### ZONE 6

#### 2014-2015 DISTRICT 13-K CABINET

#### AND

#### **CONVENTION REPORT**

The clubs of Zone 6 have been very busy again this year in supporting the various local, state and Lions International projects. Some of the projects that the clubs donated to are as follows: Anna's Angels, the Good Program, Salvation Army, United Way, Red Cross, National Road Museum, Ohio Lions Band, Christ Table, and The Miracle League. One club purchased a "big toy" for their township park. All of the clubs have purchased eye glasses for residents of their communities and one club even picked up the tab for a motel room for a family in need.

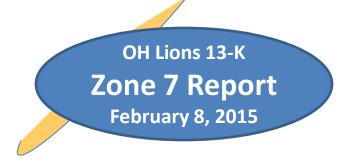
The Zone 6 project of last year is complete. The Zone applied for a grant from OLF to purchase 5 I-Pads for the Muskingum Library System. All 7 clubs donated the money for the matching funds and the I-Pads are now in operation.

Four clubs in the Zone sponsor Leo Clubs, Duncan Falls-Philo – Philo Thunder cats, Limestone Valley and Springfield Township – Maysville Leos and Frazeysburg – Tri Valley Leos. All the Leos have worked hard supporting the Local, State and International projects.

As my years as zone chair come to an end, I want to thank everyone for their support and it has been a pleasure to be your zone chair. Looking forward to help the next chair in anything I can do.

Tom Tewksbary

Zone 6 Chair





#### MARIETTA NOON:

Three new members joined the club and two members had resigned, leaving our club total at 69 as of 2/6/15. Had members attend the 11/2014 Zone 7 meeting and one member attended the 11/2014 District Cabinet Meeting. A Food and Product Drive was held during January's Lions World Wide Week of Service. Donated \$500 to the Washington County Boys & Girls Club, \$50 to the District Poinsettia Sale, and \$100 to Eve, Inc. Flags were put out around town on Martin Luther King Jr Day (1/19) and are scheduled to be put out again on President's Day (2/16). An application has been submitted to International for a LEO Club at Marietta High School, with 15 student applications in hand and another 15 expected in the next week. Working on scheduling a Charter Night for the new Leo Club. The Board voted to hand out (2) \$1000 scholarships next year to graduating Marietta High School students planning to attend college. Currently have 8 members signed up to attend the Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Zone Meeting and 10 members attending the Business Luncheon at the District Convention. And finally, Marietta Noon is currently making plans for a Christmas Party (yes, you read it right.....a Christmas Party in February or March!).

#### NOBLE COUNTY:

In December provided and decorated a Christmas tree for Summit Acres Nursing Home and then took the down in January. Purchased eyeglasses for 2 Noble County residents. Donated to OH Lions Foundation. And plan to begin a Community Assessment in March.

#### RENO:

Members attended the Zone 7 meeting in November as well as the District Cabinet Meeting. The club held a Community Thanksgiving Dinner. In December Reno Lions had a Christmas Dinner at DaVinci's, went with the Beverly Lions to see Hone Town Christmas and also attended the Beverly Lions Christmas Auction.

#### SCENIC HILLS:

The club made the following donations: \$200 to LCIF, \$100 to OH Lions Eye Research Foundation, \$100 to District 13 International Relations, \$100 to Pilot Dogs, \$100 OH Lions Foundation, \$100 to Diabetes Association, \$100 Camp Echoing Hills, \$100 to OH Lions Band, \$500 to Western Washington Co. Food Bank, \$200 to 3-C Food Pantry, \$442 to The Solution Center, \$600 to World Affairs Seminar, \$250 to Legion Post 750 Auxiliary (Girl's State), and \$300 to Legion Post 750 (Boy's State). Foundation Basketball game raised \$1,980. Delivered 105 Poinsettias to nursing homes and shut-ins in the area. Sponsored Christmas in the Village, but the parade was cancelled because of rain. Upcoming events include: Basket Bingo in March and a Golf Outing in June.

Respectfully, *Lian Stephanie Wilea* Assistant Zone Chair

## CONVENTION REPORT DISTRICT 13 K - ZONE 8

#### Membership Report

Club	Opening Balance	Added Member	Dropped Members	Current Balance	Loss/Gain
Alexander	29	0	1	28	-1
Athens	23	1	0	24	+1
Chauncey-Dover	17		1	16	-1
Coolville	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Nelsonville-York	4	1	0		+1
Pomeroy- Middleport	14	0	0	14	0
The Plains	25	0	0	25	0
Trimble Township	3	0	0	3	0
2015 Zone Jan	115	0	0	115	0

#### Coolville Lions

Effective January 31, 2015, the Coolville Lions Club president contacted Lions Club International and closed the club. This action was learned by the Zone 8 Chair after-the-fact. It was indicated the club members didn't want to pay dues to LCI nor follow the Construction and By-Laws to remain a club with the current membership.

#### Zone Project

Create a club fact sheet that would position us for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2017. The sheet is to be utilized by club members to increase growth and promote Lionism in our communities. This task has been completed by Athens and Nelsonville-York Clubs. I'll continue to work on this project into the summer.

Each club was asked to budget money to purchase one pair of glasses that is not in their normal area/school district during this Lion Year. This is how request will be handled for areas outside club established areas.

Working on serving our communities and doing this by working the International plan and earn our "Jewels".

#### New Members Lion Year July 1, 2014 thru February 1, 2015

Dr. Katherine B. Hartman 01/2015 (Athens) Amanda M. Fetty 10/2015 (Nelsonville-York)

Prepared by Zone 8 Chair Laura Jordan Lions Year 2014-2015

#### **International President's Theme**

Strengthening the Pride - ASK 1

#### **Engaging Our Youth Campaign**

Alexander - Sponsor of Alexander High School Leo

Alexander LIONS have confirmed that their LEO is extremely helpful in helping them serve their many communities in the school district. The LEO help the LIONS with Halloween patrol, work in the food booth for the Athens County Fair and Albany Independent Fair.

Our Club helped sponsor a Leo to work at Camp Echoing Hills.

Chauncey-Dover

Aug.  $28^{th}$ --We provided and prepared dinner at The Plains Methodist Church for the Athens High School Football Team. There were seventy players, cheerleaders, coaches, five mothers, and eight Lions members in attendance. The service provided was great publicity, as it was announced numerous times on the sound system during the football game on Friday night.

#### Nelsonville-York - Nelsonville-York Community Leo (Non-Chartered Leo with 4 members)

We are exploring cyber and/or conference calling for new members.

September 19 Nelsonville-York Lions hosted an Athens County Youth Night at 7:00 pm, at the Dow's Roller Arena. We are hosting this event with Murray City Miners Festival Queens. This activity is the start of attempting to build a new N-Y LEO club county/community based membership base. Alexander and Athens LEO members may also attend.

The LEO members have helped with the Santa Train and took charge of the "Feed the Birds" environmental project.

The Plains

TPLC has been successful in engaging their LEO club members to help with the Indian Mound Festive activities.

#### Sharing the Vision Campaign

All clubs have purchased eyeglasses for the elderly and youth.

#### **Relieving the Hunger Campaign**

Athens

We provided funds to Good Works and items involving food and cleaning.

Alexander

This club has extended their hand offering help to fire victims and meeting food needs as well.

Nelsonville-York

Donation of gift cards totaling \$75 to help purchase food items for Holiday Food Baskets distributed by the Nelsonville-York Fire Department in our community.

Purchased 100 books for youth and donated them to the Nelsonville-York Fire Department, who put them in the holiday food baskets.

#### Protecting Our Environment Campaign

Nelsonville-York

The N-Y club provided funds for the LEO group to "Feed the Birds". This involved collecting pine cones, bird seed, and peanut butter and passing them out to a school friend and the local nursing home.

#### Signature Activities

#### Nelsonville-York

Greet travelers that come to Nelsonville, Ohio to ride the Hocking Valley Scenic Railroad during the month of December. We offer cookies, hot coco, and coffee. We received donations to help purchase eyeglasses from the many travelers to our area.

#### The Plains

This club plans a three-day festival called The Indian Mound Festival, which honors local Adena Indian heritage.

A series of 10 to12 cruise-ins (car shows) are held as primary fund raisers for The Plains Lions Club. We are aided by the Athens High School Leo Club and about 6 to 8 cruise-in sponsors who pay for the trophies and most of the door prizes given out at each event. Our Lions provide the DJ work and all preparation and registration activities. The cruise-ins provide TPLC with about \$3000.00 in operating funds each year and thus serve as our primary founding source. November begins the planning for the next year's cruise-in series yearly.

Planning and construction of all large scale improvement projects for The Plains Community Park are done by The Plains Lions Club with the help of the Athens High School Leo Club and the Athens Township Trustees. In November annually, we prepare the park for winter usage by checking out furnace and winterization of unheated garage.

The Plains Lions plan a cruise-in during Fourth of July in the Athens City Community Park located on East State Street to raise money for a worthy charity. Last year it raised money for Athens Food Pantry.

#### Service Activities

#### Athens

The Athens Club works at the Special Olympia Activities held at the Alexander High School in April.

The Athens Club has a food booth at the Athens County Fair in the Grandstand area. They also sell advertisement and do a Race Day program for the horse races. This primary activity allows us to buy eyeglasses and to make other donations.

#### Alexander

We have a food booth/trailer at the Athens County Fair. This is our major fund raiser.

Provide health care equipment, such as a hospital bed, wheel chair, etc., to members of our community.

Finished the Albany Community Fair, with our food booth, which is one of our major fundraisers. We have donated to the Leo Club for helping us at both fairs. Our club has donated to the Ohio Blind Marching Band. We just finished our bi-annual Roadside Cleanup, with the help from the Leo's and Boys Soccer Team. We also loaned our bean pots.

We have donated to the communities of Shade, Albany & New Marshfield for their Halloween parties. Our members patrolled the streets of Albany helping control traffic during trick or treat.

We have donated to the Albany Grange. This is our meeting place and home.

Our Club worked the concession stand for Senior Night at Alexander-Meigs football game and this is our World Service project.

We also helped with the Shade Community Center Halloween party. Our Leo Club helped us with patrolling the streets & also helped at the Community center Halloween party at Shade.

We donated to the District Project that was presented at the Zone Meeting. We purchased eyeglasses for a lady in the community.

We held our Annual Family Christmas Dinner. We invited the spouses of our deceased Lions & had three attend. We also had our Leo Club Officers attend. Fun was had by all including good food.

The Club donated money to two area families who lost everything in two separate fires at their homes.

The Club had the Membership Chair attend the Winter Retreat.

We loaned out a hospital bed for a child.

We supported by donating to the District Convention for raffle items.

Our club members have collected 150 pairs of eyeglasses.

We passed out & collected community needs assessments forms.

#### Nelsonville-York

This club completed the community assessment. Thus far, we have been able to present 100 books to children by allowing distribution thru the NYFD.

Currently, we are working thru our Zone Chair who has contacted Lion Lilane Fox to get letters, etc., to set up the vision screening process for pre-school age children. The plan is to work thru the local library. After we get a closer look at the information, this may change.

We completed our community service Santa Train project. We touched 10,000 people both young and old who visited our community. We spent several weekends serving hot coco, hot coffee, and yummy cookies. Because of our Santa Train project, donations have been made to Lions Club International, Sight and Hearing, Ohio Lions Pilot Dogs, Ohio Lions Foundation, Camp Echoing Hills, District 13K Youth Exchange, Coffey Fund, OLERF – Dick Bryant Diabetes, and Central Ohio Lions Eyebank-COLEB. Our local donation went to the N-Y Fire Department to help feed the hungry.

We are continuing to work on establishing our Nelsonville-York Community LEO club. A special thank you goes out to the LEO for their service time working at the Santa Train. They were also instrumental in the success of completing our environmental project we call, "Feed the Birds".

Our Vice-President Amanda Fetty is representing N-Y Lions on the Parade of the Hills committee. We look forward to increasing our participation in this event.

Our club is maintaining a charity and administrative fund successfully.

Prepared by Zone 8 Chair Laura Jordan February 8, 2015