

## **Year End Report - Submitted by 2nd VDG Deb Mosier District 13 OH3**

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the district this year in the capacity of Chair of Region 2 and Second Vice District Governor. While it was certainly an expectation for me to help provide some direction and leadership to the district, it was a welcome reward for me to have received far more than I gave this year. Both in knowledge and in friendship. I have visited all but six clubs in region 2 and attended meetings in 6 of the 8 zones. I have also enjoyed attending charter dinners, anniversaries, new member inductions and general celebrations of all kinds throughout the year, while getting to know my fellow OH3 Lions better.

I have received the gifts of friendship, knowledge and the spirit of Lionism throughout the year. Lions were always gracious hosts as I visited their meetings as well as enthusiastic to report all they have done throughout the year. We always hear about Lions being proud but it has been very inspiring to witness it first hand over and over again.

I was most surprised to fully understand that 42% of the clubs in our district have fewer than 20 members! Does this surprise you? The truly amazing fact to witness was that all of these clubs were performing service at a level of much larger clubs. The heart of a Lion is alive and well in District OH3. Our members have never forgotten that service is at the forefront of what we are about and what we do. Be proud, you have served well and your communities have benefitted from your generosity of time, talents and money.

No one could have predicted the conclusion of this Lions year. Since March we have all lived a very different lifestyle than we did prior to that time. And that is certainly an understatement of epic proportions! Everything as we knew it came to a grinding halt, including our Lions Club meetings. At least in the form that we always knew them. Only one district in the state was able to have their district convention right before everything in the state was shut down. Our state convention has been cancelled as well as the international convention in Singapore! One thing however, never stopped.....service. We are still having food drives, helping shut ins, providing meals for school children and many more things to improve the lives of others. We have all been reminded how important it is to check in on someone that lives alone, as these times might prove even scarier and lonelier for these people. Something so simple can mean so much! None of us know what this next year will bring but I know that through it all Lions won't lose sight of service and how important it is to strengthening the core of our organization.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working under the leadership of Governor Josie and I look forward to next year working with 1st VDG Terry.

So until you can leave your homes again, report your service, get a new member, hold your elections for your club officers, and stay connected with your club in whatever way is best for you. Until I see you again, ask me anything, teach me everything. Thank you again for the privilege of serving.

**Second Vice District Governor Deb Mosier**