

Rob Murry informed the DG's that he was retiring from his position as Assistant MD13 Treasurer, and the DG's approved the nomination of PDG Randy Goff to replace Rob beginning July 1, 2024. PDG Rob also announced his intention to step down from the MD13 Liaison Committee, effective the end of June, so DG's will select a replacement for that position at the State Convention. MD13 Lions and OH3 have been blessed by the leadership and service PDG Rob Murry has provided in these two important offices, as well as the OH3 CST, over many years. Thank you, Lion Rob, thank you.

We are close to moving into positive numbers in membership growth for the first time this century! We are currently only 15 members in the red, if you are familiar with accounting terminology. There are many things we can do to put us in the black. We can embrace the Recruiter's Passport Program. Lions who have received this handy guide to recruiting new members have been quite enthusiastic about it. We can accept the Council Chair Challenge to finish the year +2 or better in membership in our clubs. We can invite non-Lions to join us in our service projects. We can put our new members to work and make sure they feel welcome and essential to the life of our clubs. We can make sure we have sufficient orientation to both new and longtime members about how our club, our district and our international organization function. We can remind members who have sponsored new Lions that their duty does not end when the new Lions are installed. We can recognize that not all our members have the same skills and motivations in being part of our organization and work to take advantage of those areas in which they are adept. In other words, growing by adding members is important, but keeping members by following the WE SERVE of Lionism is why we exist.

Best Wishes in the coming months. Plan to attend your District Convention if possible. Spring Ahead (as the Daylight Savings Time folks say) into a season of growth in service.

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