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DISTRICT GOVERNOR DON'S THOUGHTS

Hello my fellow Lions of OH1

I came across a parking pass in my car yesterday for a meeting I attended in Bowling Green having to do with Voice Corp. The reason I bring this up is the meeting was on the same date that Governor DeWine essentially started the process of shutting down the state which was nearly two months ago. In some respects that day seems like yesterday and in other respects it seems almost like a few years have already passed. That said the wheel still turns and life continues onward.



I am happy to report that many clubs have still been able to be active and safe and are still able to serve their community. I was actually able to attend a club meeting a few weeks back for we had the meeting outside and effectively social distance ourselves from one another. Also as many of you I'm sure know that restaurants can open to the public for in person dining starting next Friday with some precautionary guidelines. So hopefully life will be getting back to normal sooner rather than later. With that said I'm hopeful that by next week we may also be able to decide if we can have some sort of event like a banquet or get together for the district to

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celebrate the year we had this past year. So bear with us and we will keep you posted by email and by announcements on our district facebook page.

We just completed our district elections by mail or email since we didn't have them in person due to the convention cancellation. I'm am happy to report and wish to congratulate the following individuals:

1. District Governor Elect Lion John Davis Findlay Lions
2. 1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion Rebecca Dent-Weiss Wauseon Lions
3. Pediatric Chair Lion Deb Crawford McComb Lions
4. State Building Trustee Past International Director Lion Jerry Smith Wauseon Lions
5. Ohio Lions Foundation Chair PDG Lion Jack Preston Wapakoneta Lions

Congratulations Lions one all and best of luck in our upcoming Lion year. Now just a reminder to all the clubs that haven't done so please find a way either virtually or if you're able to meet safely in person to elect your officers and report your results to both Lions Clubs International and DGE John so he can put together a district directory in a timely manner. Also, we are looking for an ambitious person to fill the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. If you think you might be interested please get in touch with us soon.

Hopefully, keep our fingers crossed and pray that we will be able to meet in person soon, in the meanwhile any clubs that are having virtual meetings and would like to have me attend by all means send me an invite. A final note we will be having a district Zoom meeting this coming Saturday May 16 at 6 PM. Earlier that day we will have a Council of Governors meeting and I would like to report on that and hopefully I will have other good news to report on as the state starts to re-open. The ID for the Zoom Meeting is 907 148 875. I look forward to seeing and hearing many of you there.

Until we meet again either virtually or in person All the best in Lionism!

DG Don Wiechart

"BE PREPARED".....



The Boy Scouts' motto. The pandemic during the last few months has caught us off guard. Things are slowly opening up and life is starting to improve but we still need to be cautious-be prepared. Hopefully by fall we will have regular meetings, be able to plan our community parades and hold our annual fundraisers. I know this sounds too good to be true and a long way off. However if we all listen to our doctors and scientists it could be a reality.

The doctors and experts are also saying a second wave of Coronavirus is inevitable. Since we do not know what to expect, how we prepare now is most important. Now is the time to think like a scout and "Be Prepared". Now is the time to start making our backup plans for our clubs to continue serving our communities. The District and most clubs could hold virtual meeting on the computer to keep up with our district and various, unique community needs. These needs are why we all serve.

But, don't forget our Lion members who have limited or no computer access. We need to be prepared to communicate to them with hard copies of all plans and correspondences. Be inclusive.

We all hope it won't be as bad. Then our backup plans can be filed for another time. This virus doesn't care if you're rich or poor, young or old, male or female or belong to a service club or not. We can beat it. Lions will continue to serve!

We are all in this together, so "Be Prepared", share ideas and plan now.

We Serve,

DGE/PDG John Davis



This pandemic is reminding us that our true work is not our job, that is what we do, not what we were created to do. Our true work is to look after each other, to protect each other and to be of benefit to one another.



COMMUNICATIONS FROM 1VDGE REBECCA DENT

...The Ferengi Captain, Arrikor, of the Star Fleet ship USS Breva, paid a diplomatic visit to Vulcan before the battle, so although she lost her ship, her life was spared through diplomatic intervention... The same battle took the USS Sophia of Captain Cirroc, a Changeling, leaving her to fight her way across Orias to get to the ship Daemon Quad of the ally group, Founders ... Meanwhile, Rachael "Snake" McLeod, the Cyber Viper, was trying to navigate the Star Fleet Academy halls, dreaming of her first berth as engineering Ensign on the USS Claymore...



Oh, hello there, fellow Lions, Maybe I better back up a bit. Gaming is big at Northwest State Community College. Some of you may remember Mike Vanderpool, who spoke at the combined Zone A B C meeting on April 29th of last year. He is lead faculty for the NSCC visual communication graphic design program which hosts Game Con. Last December over 250 people enjoyed retro gaming consoles, Legos, card & board games, and a "Smash" tournament. The winner from 70 competitors had travelled 170 miles to participate. Soon after the attending the Game Con, I joined a Dungeons & Dragons RPG group.

When NSCC closed its doors, classes & student services went to Zoom so did other activities. I opened the Magic, Movies & Shopping Zoom where our D & D group could discuss tech purchases and wish lists, share movies, and play games. But what does my futurist game playing have to do with today's Lions and our current activities or cancellations? The answer is, "I don't know," but I am learning new ways to use technology. I know that some Lions do not have email, computers, and internet. And while we do not want to leave any Lion behind, we have new challenges to face. I know that we can, and will, learn to balance technology and tradition going forward!

Lions attend many meetings, sometimes throughout the District, and even throughout the state. Certain behind the scenes meetings -- business meetings, zone and interclub planning meetings, committee meetings -- can be done remotely so that we can choose when to show up in person to be most effective. Lions do not turn their backs on blindness, hunger, diabetes, environmental problems, and community needs. So, let's not turn our backs on the solution potential of technology we have yet to learn. We can do this because #WeServe!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Rebecca, 1VDGE

To: Fellow Lions of OH1

From: DG Don Wiechart

Re: Updates from International, MD 13 and OH1

Hello fellow Lions of OH1, I hope everyone is doing well and doing their best trying to transgress through this crisis. I want to take this time to update everyone on issues at the international level, state or Multiple District level and at our district level.

Internationally speaking our international president this year is Dr. Chung-Yui Choi from South Korea and he will be our president next year as well. First Vice President is Doug Alexander from Brooklyn, New York, 2nd vice is Brian Sheehan from Bird Island, Minnesota and 3rd vice is Dr. Patty Hill of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Lions International Board of Directors, all 34 of them, will be back next year to serve at least another year and included in that group is our very own Steve Thornton of The Wooster Noon Lions who I am happy to say is recovered from the Covid 19 virus. The USA Canada Forum is scheduled to take place this year starting on Thursday September 17 and wrapping up on Saturday September 19. If you have registered and paid and the event is cancelled you have the option of receiving a refund or forwarding your fee and using it to register for the forum in 2021 which is in Des Moines, Iowa on September 9-11. The International Convention next year is scheduled for June 25-29 in Montreal, Canada. So we have three international events in the next 16 months fairly close to home. Start making plans and trust me, once you attend an international convention or USA Canada forum you will want to go back.

This past Saturday, our multiple district more commonly known as our state of Ohio Lions had a zoom Council of Governors meeting more commonly known as a COG meeting. This past weekend would have been the weekend of the state convention but of course it was postponed until Saturday September 5th, Labor Day weekend. It will be a one day event instead of three. Also, we elected new leadership for next year with Kenny Schuck from The Hayesville Lions in OH2 being elected Council Chair also known as the CC. Our District Governor Elect John Davis will be The vice Council Chair for next year. Congratulations CCE Kenny

and VCCE John.

Last but certainly not least, our very own district. Our district convention was scheduled for April 3-4 in Van Wert, but we had to postpone it. We will be holding a day event on Saturday, June 20 which will be virtual and may also be held in person as well if we are able to and if some members are interested. We actually held a version of that this past weekend where about 5 or 6 people were at the home office and the rest at their homes on zoom. We just completed our district elections. Congratulations to next year's officers: District Governor Elect (DGE) John Davis Findlay Lions and Vice District Governor Elect, VDGE, Rebecca Dent-Weiss Wauseon Lions. The 2nd Vice District Governor position is open if anyone is interested contact me or DGE John. Also elected were Deb Crawford to serve as Pediatric Cancer Chair from the McComb Lions Club, PID Jerry Smith to serve as State Building Trustee from the Wauseon Lions and PDG Jack Preston to serve as Ohio Lions Foundation Chair from the Wapakoneta Lions.

It has been a pleasure visiting the clubs this year and seeing all the great work that is done in our district. I've only been able to visit two clubs nearby once state shutdown was in effect and I still have a dozen more clubs I haven't visited yet but would like to if possible either virtually or in person if possible. Many of the clubs I visited this year, the members or the clubs themselves bought tickets for a raffle we were planning on holding at the convention. We will be holding that drawing at our June Meeting and giving that money to the prospective winners. The prizes are: 1st place \$300, 2nd \$150 and 3 \$50. Let me know if you're interested in tickets by emailing me at donwiechart@aol.com or texting 419-863-2702.

As we conclude this year we want to get ready for our next Lion year starting on Wednesday July 1, 2020. First we need you to hold your local elections and report your results to LCI. Please, if you have problems let us know and report your results to us so we can get a district directory out in a timelier manner this year.

The final issue I wish to discuss in this letter is a conversation we had at our zoom meeting this past Sunday. Dr. Darrel Groman one of the founders of VOSH, Volunteer Opt metrics Services to Humanity. Spoke at our meeting. Dr. Groman

was actually going to be our guest speaker at our district convention on Saturday. Dr. Groman gave a brief history of the last 35 years of VOSH and told how at our sorting center in Pandora we are in need of two or maybe three coordinators since we are losing both of our volunteer coordinators to family issues. First we would like to thank two full time volunteer coordinators Lane Burry and Janice Augsburger and wish and pray for the best of them in the days and weeks ahead. We would also like to thank the other part time volunteer helper Drena Doseck. Second, we would like to ask anyone who would be interested in helping our great organization VOSH Ohio continue the work which has helped nearly 4 million individuals enjoy the god given gift of sight. If you think you are interested please contact me and I will let Dr. Groman know as well.

Let me finish by saying I have enjoyed serving as your governor this year and I am looking forward to the last six weeks in assisting DGE John in a smooth transition. Please, in the meanwhile, feel free to contact me on any issue big or small.

My best in Lionism
to all of you!

DG OH1

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Peace Poster Contest 2020-2021

"Peace Through Service"



From District OH1 Youth Chair, Lion Darlene Roll (E-mail: youth@ohiolions.org):

Peace Poster Contest 2020-2021 is now open. Kits can be ordered through Club Supplies.

The 2020-2021 Theme is "Peace Through Service".

Lions have provided an important reminder to the world that, through service, we can give and receive so much—joy, kindness, hope and PEACE. This year, young people have the opportunity to express their visions of peace through the lens of service.

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.

Please consider sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest in Your Local Schools.



**Louisville
Kentucky**

September 17-19, 2020

2020 USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM

Make plans now to attend the USA/Canada Leadership Forum September 17th - 19th in Louisville, Kentucky. Early Bird registration fee is \$285.00 per person. Registrations postmarked after May 31st will be \$320.00 and postmarked after July 20th will raise to \$345.00. Special Louisville Forum Events include: Forum Strides Walk, Louisville Hands-on Project, Lions University Graduation, Leo Day, and much more. Interesting Louisville fact: the Kentucky Derby winner is covered with 554 roses.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM CLUB AWARDS

The Ohio (MD-13) Global Membership Team would like to recognize those clubs and members who have excelled at increasing club membership, as well as those Lions that sponsored multiple new members. These awards were to have been presented at District Conventions however District OH-1 had to postpone their event which was to have been held April 3 and 4 in Van Wert. The time period covered is February 2019 to January 2020. This allowed for the time needed to review membership information prior to the start of the Ohio District Conventions in March.

- The Middle Point and Napoleon Lions Clubs tied for first place for having a net increase of five (5) members during the noted period. Second place was also a tie with Continental and Sylvania Clubs having net increases of four (4) new members.
- Lion Bill Johnson from the Middle Point Club sponsored four (4) new members and was awarded the #1 Lion Catcher Award. The #2 Lion Catcher was Lion Michael Kaufman of the Ottawa Lions Club who sponsored three (3) new members.
- Zone Chair IPDG Dean Carruthers was awarded the top Zone Chair in membership increases. Zone B had a net growth of one.

Clubs still need to note that +1 Patches will again be awarded to all clubs having a net increase of one or more for the current Lions year which is July 2019 to June 2020. These awards will be sent out in the fall of 2020.

PDG Dan Ritter
District GMT Chair



For additional pictures, videos, and OH1 Lions updates during the month, be sure to check out **Ohio Lions 13 OH1** on Facebook!

Deadline for the June Newsletter is June 10, 2020.
Submit your newsletter items to Newsletter Editor Jessica Reichley at newsletter@ohiolionsoh1.org or jlreichley@gmail.com

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