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#### INSPIRING THOUGHTS FROM DG SHERYL



Greetings Fellow Lions! Here it is November already, a time for celebration and thanksgiving. We have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season, as our district has been busy fulfilling a few of my goals for this Lions year. We have chartered a new club, the Delta-Liberty Club, and they will be celebrating with a Charter Night Celebration on November 12, 2016, and I hope that you will be joining them in their celebration.

The Lima Vision Center will be holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Grand Opening on November 9, 2016. I hope that Lions from around the district will come out and celebrate with them as they go forward in serving the people of North West

Ohio. We also have purchased a Plusoptix vision machine and we will be able to provide more vision services to our youngsters in the near future.

As Lions we do inspiring things. For 100 years, we have joined together to change the lives of neighbors next door to us and the underserved populations around the world. Now that is reason to celebrate. Worldwide the Lions have provided service to over 106 million people so far in the Centennial Service Challenge. Thank you for providing service to your community's under the four Champaign areas of: Youth, Vision, Hunger, and Environment. Great job! Let's keep up the great service to our community's!

How is your club celebrating the Lions' Centennial? Has your club started to plan a Centennial Legacy Project? Centennial Community Legacy Projects are a great way to connect your club with your community and spread the word about Lions Clubs International's 100 year anniversary. Legacy Projects are lasting gifts to your community that raise your club's visibility and build your Lions Legacy. When people in your community learn about the difference you're making as a Lion, I know they'll be inspired to join you in service. Just ask them to join to serve with you on your next Centennial Service Challenge project so they can experience the power of service. Plan a Legacy Project to showcase your club and connect with your community.

World Diabetes Day is November 14, and this year's theme is "Eyes on Diabetes." According to the International Federation of Diabetes, one in two adults with diabetes is undiagnosed. A diabetes screening can identify asymptomatic in individuals who may have diabetes but don't know it. Lions, this November, consider conducting a diabetes screening in your community. Help raise awareness about diabetes, and give community members the resources and information they need to lead healthier lives.

November is also the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving; we celebrate with family and friends. But, I would like to encourage all Lions to take a look in their community's and see if there are any families that may have needs, like not having the means to have a Thanksgiving dinner with family or friends. Perhaps your club can help provide with a donation of food to those that don't have the means to provide it for themselves. This will also help with the Hunger Champaign for the Centennial Challenge if your club would like to report it.

In closing Lion Dan and I would like to wish all Lions of District OH1 and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and I wish that all Lions have a blessed holiday!

So let's keep serving, keep celebrating and keep inspiring our community's as we keep "Rolling Towards the Goal".



#### A LINE FROM VDG BILL

As the holidays approach, we, as Lions, should take some time to see how our year is progressing and take the time to fine tune our agendas. Invite prospective new members to our service projects so they can become excited about what we do. The power of service lets people know the difference we are making as Lions.

In October, Lion Ellie and I along with Lions Craig Gauger and Leon Grace, volunteered at tent city in downtown Toledo. We helped with vision screening, probably close to 200 people. It was a great participating in this event, but I felt we could have done more. Many individuals needed glasses or better ones than they currently used. How sad that we as Lions give

glasses away in third world countries, but are unable to provide them to our own citizens. Perhaps this is a cause we can incorporate into the next version of "not so affordable" health care our country needs so badly. Just a thought, but maybe it's time Lions took the lead in establishing real health care in the U.S.

We have finally purchased a new vision machine. The Bi-ocular Plus-Optix machine has been purchased and should be delivered in a few weeks. We will have a training class scheduled and the machine will be available to all clubs in the district. Please remember that if you are screening at a head start program the Weiss-Allyn Sure Shot is still the only State approved machine to use. The Plus-Optix can be used anywhere else.

I know most clubs will help provide food for those in need this Thanksgiving. Lions will be providing food baskets and will help stock the shelves of food banks. Thanks to all for your kind deeds. I would like to wish all Lions a great Thanksgiving. Enjoy and be safe

Vice District Governor William "Bill" Niejadlik

#### PEACE POSTER & PEACE ESSAY CONTEST

If your club is sponsoring a PEACE POSTER (S) and /or PEACE ESSAY, you need to have them turned into Lion Jessica Reichley or DG Sheryl Burnette by Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 1:30 PM for judging. We will be judging the entries prior to the GMT/GLT/Zone Chairs meeting. Be sure you are on time as we would hate to leave any entry out.

#### **OH1 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING**

The 2017-18 Club Officer Training will be in Bluffton, Ohio, at the St. John's United Church of Christ, on June 10, 2017. The training will be from 9am to 1pm with a luncheon and mock meeting. Training will be for all club presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership chair. In addition, we're looking at holding sessions for tail twisters, lion tamers and some common club committee chairs.

More information will become available closer to the date. All clubs are encouraged to attend. Keep this important date open. We all need to think of training and our futures needs as we look towards our next century in Lions service.

#### PLUSOPTIX VISION SCREENING MACHINE

We have purchased and received our new PlusOptix Vision Screening machine. We will have a vendor led training session on Saturday 11/19/16 in Tiffin, Ohio. The location is 1146 North State Route 53. Training starts at 11:00 a.m. Space is limited so please contact Bill Niejadlik. <a href="Rugguy522@msn.com">Rugguy522@msn.com</a> to RSVP if you are interested. I would like clubs who have many screenings to have priority in this event. Remember that Head Start programs still have to use the WeissAllyn machine as this is a State Law we have to abide by. Many thanks and any questions please contact me.

1VDG. Bill Niejadlik



# 2016 Lions University Graduates



PDG Craig Gauger Bachelor & Master Degree



Lion Faith Gauger Master Degree



Lion Dawn Rice-Norton Master Degree



PDG John Davis Master Degree

PDG Craig Gauger, Lion Faith Gauger, Lion Dawn Rice-Norton and PDG John Davis each completed the required courses for their degree. They received their diploma and pin at the graduation ceremony at the 2016 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha, Nebraska. This is second graduation class since the program started. Besides the three from OH-1, there were 15 other Ohio Lions also receiving degrees.

If you are interested in this program, login to "Lions University" and see how you can earn a bachelor, master and even a doctoral degree. Improve your leadership skills in your club and workplace. One of the requirements to get a degree is to attend a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. The next Forum will be in Portland, Oregon and in 2018 the Forum will be in Columbus, Ohio.

#### 990 FILING DEADLINE

All clubs are reminded that the deadline of November 15 is approaching to file your club's Federal 990N postcard return or 990EZ if your club's gross receipts exceed \$50,000.

If you have not filed already please visit these websites below to file electronically:

Clubs filing the 990N postcard (less that \$50,000 gross receipts) should visit the following website to file. It should be noted this is a new website operated by the IRS and you must set up a User Profile before filing your club's return.

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Those clubs having more than \$50,000 must file at the website below which is operated by a third party. There should be no fee to file. <a href="https://efile.form990.org//default.asp">https://efile.form990.org//default.asp</a>

Typically clubs will not owe tax being that they are IRS 501 (C) (4) organizations, however failure to file will eventually jeopardize a club's tax exempt status and may subject your club to penalties and audits by the IRS.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

November 20, 2016 February 26, 2016 March 31-April 1, 2017 May 12-14, 2017 June 30 – July 4, 2017 Cabinet Meeting, Schnipke Inn, Ottawa, OH
Cabinet Meeting, Schnipke Inn, Ottawa, OH
OH-1 District Convention, Findlay Inn, Findlay, OH
MD-13 State Convention, Kalahari in Sandusky, OH
Centennial Lions Club International Convention, Chicago, IL

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MEMBERSHIP IN OH1?

At the time of this writing we are nearly at the end of the fourth month of District OH1's existence. We started our year with 1744 members. At the end of September, we had a net loss of 42 members. On October 25 I checked the numbers at LCI and found that we are currently at a net loss of 38. That means we are at 1706 members with five days left for clubs to file their reports for October.

Now that all of our clubs are now back in full operation we can work on recruiting new members. Remember that your service projects are a great way to involve a prospective member and let him/her see what we do. Remember, that the Delta-Liberty Lions Club has been chartered and their charter night is November 12. We encourage many clubs to attend this event. Information regarding the event can be found on the district web site.

We are also pleased that the Delta-Liberty, Fayette, Kenton, McComb, Perrysburg Sunrise, Riverdale Community, and Scott Clubs have shown a net increase so far this year.

To help all clubs with improving membership, we have established a statewide Membership Steering Committee to develop new strategies for recruiting new members and retaining existing members. Our most recent meeting was October 19.

Remember that the Ohio Plan can be found at the MD13 website <a href="http://www.ohiolions.org/">http://www.ohiolions.org/</a> and the Membership Satisfaction Guide can be found at http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/me301.pdf. Please use these resources to strengthen and maintain your membership.

If you want to plan a membership night or discuss means of retaining members, remember that the officers, zone chairs, and I are all willing to help your club have a successful year. I can be contacted at 419-340-8152 or pidjerry@gmail.com.

Remember that recruiting and retaining members is not just about numbers, it is about providing more hands to provide services to our communities.

PID Jerry Smith, OH1 GMT Coordinator

#### NORTHWEST OHIO LIONS EYE CARE FOUNDATION

The Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation will meet on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at Westgate Lanes, 721 N Cable, Lima, Ohio. Cost of the meal is \$10 which includes Lasagna, salad and beverage. Dinner and a short business meeting will be followed by a tour of the Lima Vision Center Goodwill/Easter Seals Building. Please make your reservations by Saturday, November 12 to PDG Pat Goulding at rcgpag@bex.net or by telephone at 419-475-7726.

#### FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

**Arlington Lions – Helped pop corn at the fire station for Trick or Treaters** 

Bluffton Lions - Community Meal served 82 persons on October 6th

Bryan Lioness – Are planning a trip to Firekeepers Casino on December 6th

Bryan Lions - Donated to the East Baton Rouge Lions Club to assist flood victims

Defiance Lions – Held their 71st Annual Halloween Parade October 29

Delta-Liberty Lions – Will celebrate their Charter Night with PIP Wayne Madden as speaker 11/12/16

Holgate Lions - Had a very successful Cheese Sale this fall

Glandorf Lions – Celebrated their 37th Charter Anniversary on October 16th – PID Jerry Smith spoke North Baltimore Lions - Completed vision screening of 127 children at Powell Elementary School

Pioneer Lions – Handed out 700 bags of Popcorn October 29 in Montpelier and 250 in pioneer October 31

Sylvania Sunrise Lions - Celebrate Charter Night by collecting bags of food for Sylvania Area Family Svcs.

Wauseon Lion – Celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> Charter Night on October 22<sup>nd</sup>

We would love to include your club's activities here. Please email the information and pictures to Newsletter Editor Dorothy at newsletter@ohiolionsoh1.org or yenser@artelco.net.



### **November is "Lions Diabetes Awareness" Month**

Diabetes awareness is all year long. November 14<sup>th</sup> is singled out as "World Wild Diabetes Awareness" month. Donating to the District Diabetes Fund is important. Clubs are encouraged to plan community diabetes awareness, such as:

Hold a "Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event in your community.

Organize a community support group for parents of children with diabetes.

Invite a healthcare professional to speak about diabetes at your club or zone meeting.

**Support District OH1 Diabetes Fund.** 

Partner with local healthcare provider to organize diabetes and vision screening.

Participate in World Diabetes Day events on November 14.

Distribute Diabetes Awareness pamphlets.

Start planning today to help your community become aware.

Now is the time to send your club's donation for the District OH-1 Diabetes Fund. Every \$500.00 donation qualifies for a Dick Bryan Fellow award or \$500.00 donation over two years will also qualify.

All donations are sent to the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation. They are used for research. Educating your community on diabetes and sponsoring diabetic screenings are just as important. If your club or zone would be interested in sponsoring a screening, please contact me and I'll help you get one organized. Someone may thank-you.

Diabetes affects us all and is one of the major causes for blindness. As Knights of the Blind we all need to put this committee at the top of our priorities.

#### **ZONES A B C MEETING SCHEDULED**

The second zone meeting for Zones A, B and C will be held on November 17, 2016, 6:30p.m. at the Rotary-Lions Community Center in Napoleon, Ohio. The Community Center is in Oberhaus Park on the south side of Napoleon at 750 West Maumee Avenue. The cost of the meal is \$10. Please RSVP by November 14<sup>th</sup> to PDG Ron Meyers at 419-592-6771 or by email to <a href="mailto:rrmeyers35@centurylink.net">rrmeyers35@centurylink.net</a> or contact your Zone Chairperson.





**Pioneer Lions share popcorn with Trick or Treaters** 

North Baltimore Lions conduct a visual screening

#### **DELTA-LIBERTY LIONS**

You may recall that the Delta-Liberty Club, started in 2012 as a branch of the Wauseon Lions, was approved for chartering on September 7, 2016. Our Charter Night is coming up November 12th at 6:00pm. You have published about this event for us in the district newsletter and the webmaster has sent our email alerts for those wanting to attend. PID Jerry Smith and PDG Judy Smith have been our Guiding Lions.

In March of this year we stood at 14 members. We started a push to reach 20 in April and held a membership night. Our goal was to reach the number needed to charter. Although we used the "Ohio Plan" we also created "invitation folders" for each of our members to hand out to folks when inviting them to join. We had found that many of our members felt a bit

awkward approaching people and needed something in their hands to share and go through as they explained our service mission. The folders contain a number of items and could be left with the prospective member to read and think about prior to a follow up contact.

An invitation letter which includes a list of current members (so they can see who they already know among our members); It also includes links to our local web site, our Facebook page; A service projects listing that explains each one of our projects

and what we do; A sheet briefly explaining the four service areas of Lions Clubs

International and giving the link to LCI; A trifold from LCI on LCIF; A trifold about the Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation; A membership form to fill out; This has been very successful in our efforts to recruit. Since March we have added 13 new members bringing us to 27 total for our Charter Night! PIP Wayne Madden will be our keynote speaker.

We are quite pleased at how this has taken off for us and excited about what the additional membership strength will allow us to do with our service projects.





#### Greetings Fellow Lions,

#### Lions,

Our District has a need that hasn't been met yet. The need comes in the form of an eight year old boy that is suffering from a rare eye disease called Norrie. Brady Hohl has under gone several eye surgeries to correct this condition, but unfortunately the surgeries haven't helped much. But I am glad to say, fortunately, there is some technology that can assist this young boy to see more clearly. And he would benefit greatly, not only in the classroom, but in everyday life. This technology is the ESight Eyewear. Some clubs may know what this is and how is helps someone to see more clearly.

Brady resides in Wauseon, along with his family. He attends Wauseon elementary school and is struggling in class and at home to do all the things that 8 year olds love to do. I was contacted by Brady's mom to help with some fund raising projects with the Wauseon Lions Club, and as being District Governor this year, I would like to challenge ALL the clubs within our District of OH1 to help support our fund raising efforts. The need is substantial to raise the funds to purchase the ESight Eyewear for Brady. The cost of the eyewear is \$15,000.00 and unfortunately insurance doesn't cover this. There has been some funds donated, but we are still coming up short in meeting this need.

I am asking each club to make a monetary donation to help Brady see clearly and enjoy life as every 8 year old deserves to be able to do, to enrich his life and to help him become the best that he can be, with this new technology that is available to him, but is just beyond his reach due to the financial aspect.

If your club would like to donate to Brady and his ESight Eyewear needs, PLEASE make out your

clubs check to:

Ohio Lions District 13 OH1

Put in the Memo Line: Brady's eSight eyewear fund

Mail your check to:

CT PDG Dan Ritter

4635 TR 235

McComb, OH 45858. No donation is too small; every dollar

raised goes to help Brady see clearly. Please consider making this donation today and I personally want to thank you all for your generous hearts in your giving to help Brady see!

Thank you for your assistance with helping meet this financial need that is in our District.

DG Shirge Burett

## **Lions Clubs International Centennial Celebration**



# OHIO LIONS WINTER RETREAT Deer Creek State Park

January 13-15, 2017
Games \* Entertainment \* Fellowship
General Sessions \* Lion Sessions \* Fun/Educational Sessions
AND MORE!

The 2017 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat information and Registration Forms are available on line at <a href="https://www.ohiolions.org">www.ohiolions.org</a>.

#### REGISTRATION

Full registration paid by December 1, 2016 will be \$120.00. Full registrations December 2, 2016 - January 4, 2017 will be \$140.00. No registrations will be accepted after January 4, 2017. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line, and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: <a href="mailto:lionsoffice@ohiolions.org">lionsoffice@ohiolions.org</a>. Or use your credit card and go to <a href="https://www.ohiolions.org">www.ohiolions.org</a> & use PayPal.

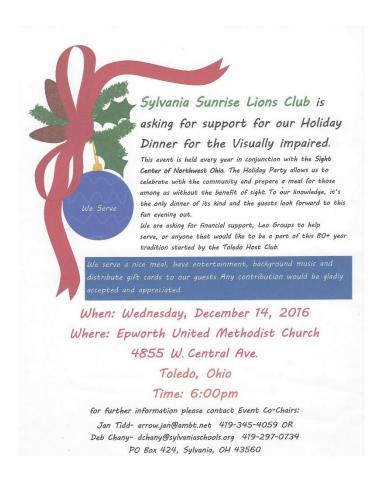
#### **Hotel Reservations**

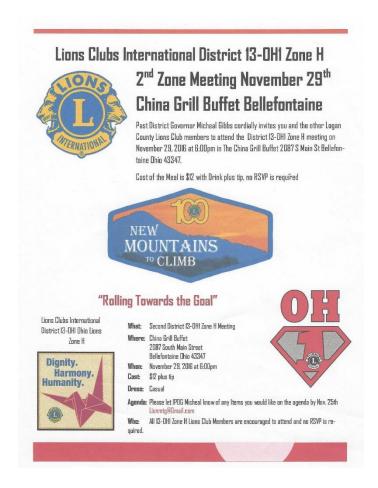
Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel at <a href="http://www.deercreekstateparklodge.com">http://www.deercreekstateparklodge.com</a> or by phone 1-800-282-7275. Room reservations prior to November 30, 2015 may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions group rate of \$90.00\*/night plus tax <a href="with 1">with 1 to 4 persons per room</a>. After November 30<sup>th</sup> the room rate <a href="may">may</a> increase. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits. \*Price includes a \$2.00 technology fee.

All registered Lions will receive a 2017 Commemorative Winter Retreat pin and a 2017 Deer Creek dangler.









#### CABINET MEETING MINUTES

In the spirit of open communication with our members, here are the important items reviewed and voted on at the OH 1 Cabinet meeting August 14, 2016.

Old Business - We are still waiting for LCIF to release the money for the matching grant for the Vision Reader.

#### **New Business**

- -Audit report for the fiscal year 2015-2016 was reviewed.
- -Motion by Lion Dean Caruthers and second by PDG Judy Smith that the 2016-2017 budget presented be approved. Motion carried.
- Motion by PDG Rev. Ralph Stuebs and seconded by IPDG Nick Schmunk that travel reimbursements for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG's remain at \$500 each. Zone Chair expenses was kept at \$150 each (a mileage report @ twenty-five cents per mile must be furnished). If you are a VDG and a Zone Chair you will receive the highest amount (No double collecting.) Motion carried.
- Memorials for PDG's that pass away were set at \$25 donation to LCIF.
- Motion by PDG Judy and seconded by Lion Anne Deutschman that IPDG Nick Schmunk and PDG Pat Goulding work together to rewrite the OH1 Constitution and Bylaws. Motion carried.
- Motion by PDG Craig Gauger and seconded by PDG Jay Deutschman to accept the resignation of PDG John Davis as our 2VDG. Motion accepted with regrets.
- Motion by IPDG Nick Schmunk and seconded by 1VDG Bill Niejadlik to approve the appointment of Lion Nealy (Dean) Carruthers as our new 2VDG. Motion carried.
- Alert procedure for the district was discussed.
- PRAM has a new name Marketing and Communication

The next OH1 Cabinet Meeting will on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at Schnipke's Inn in Ottawa, OH.

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