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# Ohio Lions E-Newsletter

## News from Council Chairman Ron



### A NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITIES

*A message from the Council Chair*

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Ring in the New Year is always exciting as we anticipate what new challenges and good fortune awaits us in the days ahead. Hopefully it will be a banner year for the Lions of Ohio as we work together to grow in membership, expand service to others and recruit more leaders. It is our hope in 2012 that Ohio Lions can deliver quality pre-school eye screenings throughout our ten districts, we can secure additional commercial tenants for the state office building, several new clubs will be chartered after successful extension drives, the All-Ohio Lions Band completes a successful summer concert tour, strategic planning yields our new vision for tomorrow, and we are awarded the successful bid to host the 2016 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Congratulations to the Kenton Lions Club, Kenton Middle School, District E Lions and Governor Bill Keller for submitting the winning entry in the MD-13 Peace Poster Contest. We are hoping that Lions International selects artist Parker Lewis' poster during the final round of judging. Deep appreciation goes out to all of the students and schools that participated this year at the club and district level. The LCI theme this year was "Children Know Peace" and Parker Lewis says "you can hold peace in the palm of your hand."

Our prayers and sympathy go out to 2VDG Darlene Roll, daughters Janie and Kay, sons John and David, her five grandchildren and the entire Rolls Family on the death of PDG Barney Roll on December 11 after a long illness. PDG Barney served as District E Governor in 2000-2001 and was enjoying his travels with 2VDG Darlene. The Lions of Ohio will sorely miss PDG Barney and wish strength and support to 2VDG Darlene as she continues to serve in 2012.

We are only a few weeks away from the best educational, training and skill sharpening opportunities that MD-13 offers its members. Lion Kitty and I are looking forward to spending an entire weekend with friends and colleagues at the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat on January 13 – 15 at the Deer Creek State Park Lodge. PDG Barry Brandt and his planning committee have worked long and hard to put together this awesome event.

So let's usher in 2012 with BIG plans to do BIG things in a BIG way. The great jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr. once said, "I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against the wind – but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."

It's about team...the Ohio Team, the Lions Team, the Winning Team!  
Lion Ron Keller, CC/IPDG



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Fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leos of MD 13 Ohio, What an honor and privilege it is to serve my district as governor, but also be a representative of our multiple districts. I have been a member of the Kenton Lions club for twenty-nine years and am currently the governor liaison to the Sight & Hearing committee and the Ohio Lions All State Band Committee. I was reunited with my childhood sweetheart Cindy and we married in 2002. My hobbies include drumming and listening to all kinds of music. But what I like to do for fun is traveling, pin collecting and collecting old Lions Clubs International

magazines. My official bio can be found on our district website @ <http://www.lionsdist13e.org/> that I have maintained for 12 years or the MD13 website @ <http://www.ohiolions.org/> that I have taken care of for the past 11 years. District 13E is made up of 10 counties. We currently have 40 Lions clubs at this time. My District Membership team is working on chartering 3 new clubs this year. Unofficially my clubs have planted 26 trees to comply with my district goal of 155 trees to be planted district wide in accordance with President Tam's one million-tree campaign. Our District convention will be held at ONU McIntosh Center in Ada on April 14, 2012.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Lion Becky Thornton who has taken over the responsibility of putting together the MD 13 monthly newsletter; she is doing a great job.

DG Bill Keller



# Winter Retreat - Fun, Friendship, Food and Freebies...

By PDG Barry Brandt

Our Winter Retreat is swiftly approaching and it has proven to be an enjoyable break in our Ohio winter. Each year our registrations grow larger with more and more people coming to enjoy the long weekend. This year, in addition to having sessions on cooking, quilting, photography and such we also have sessions which will directly affect the success of your districts and clubs. If you have ever wanted to become a Guiding Lion but haven't had the time, this is your opportunity to complete the course and become certified in just 2 hours! Even if you have no intention to become an active Guiding Lion, you will find that the information is outstanding and will help make your club, or district more successful. How about Membership? Try the 2 hour version of The Ohio Plan. Have you considered trying the Club Excellence Program? Again, this is your chance to learn how to make your club

excellent in record time. I know none of us have problems with Retention, but if you did, we have got some great strategies for keeping your current members. Are you a Zone Chairperson? Join the session on what is working and what is not...and then visit the new Zone Chair Clubhouse to talk about Zone issues or to learn what it takes to be a Zone Chair. This could be fun. Do you like history? Why not visit the Harding Cabin, located right there at Deer Creek. How about a session on Presidential history? Beer Tasting? Cheese Tasting? By the way...did I mention that we have several special surprises awaiting you? Did I tell you that on Saturday night we have an Antique Road show just for our Lions? Bring antiques or heirlooms to get them appraised. I suggest that you do NOT bring your spouse for appraisal. Regardless of what you

may think they are definitely not antiques... Remember, it's all there just waiting for you on Friday, January 13th through Sunday the 15th, 2012. See you there! It's going to be a great time!



The final copy of the Sight & Hearing Vision Screening manual has been completed and is now available for download from [www.ohiolions.org/s-h.htm](http://www.ohiolions.org/s-h.htm) . It also includes a video of how to use the Sure Sight. For the newsletter, S&H will be doing training on the Sure Sight and Pass 2 on Saturday Jan 13, 2012 at the winter retreat at Deer Creek Resort in Columbus. We will train as long as we have Lions interested in becoming vision screeners. We also will have some of the Doctors who trained us there. Hope to see you there.



## January Leo Spotlight

Vermillion Leo Club

### District B

Vermillion Leos have 61 members this year. They are planning various activities, such as bingo nights at the two local nursing homes: Kingston and Mill Manor. They are working on a page on their school's website and on their sponsoring Vermillion Lions Club site. They have created and sent Christmas cards to the troops overseas, held a Santa's Workshop for children in the community and organized bell ringing at local businesses for the Salvation Army. **Submitted by Leo Advisor Marty Plas**

A very popular and special event that the Leos organize each December is "Cookies and Crafts with Santa". The entire community is invited to decorate Christmas cookies and create other craft items to share with their families. The children are always delighted with the appearance of Santa Claus (played by Leo Advisor and Vermillion Lion Marty Plas). This year over 100 children and adults participated in the event.

According to Vermillion High School's news source, Advisor Plas was chosen "December Teacher of the Month" and is a caring individual who emphasizes to his students the value of community service and giving back through the activities he organizes each year. He was congratulated for his dedication not only to his students, but also to the community as a whole. His efforts this month have helped brighten the lives of many in Vermillion and the surrounding area.

Colonel Crawford Leos

### **District B**

Colonel Crawford Leos assisted their sponsoring Lions club with their annual Pancake Day event. For the holiday, they collected and packed 43 shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Christmas project. Another service activity this month was delivering 30 Books and Bags to Galion Community Hospital.

***Submitted by Leo President Claire Chandler***

### **Canfield High School Leo Club**

#### **District D**

Here's a summary of what the Canfield High School Leo group has done this year. The club has about 70 card-carrying members. So far, the Canfield Leo Club has participated in four large-scale events this year. Our first project was one that has not been done in the past. The idea came up at a brainstorming meeting over the summer. For the first time, we hosted a shoe drive called 'Soles 4 Souls'. To carry out this project, we hung posters and flyers around the school, as well as made announcements to encourage students to donate. After a month, we collected 152 pairs of gently used shoes. These shoes were donated to children and families overseas.

Our next project was the Lions Food Drive. Leos helped with this event by teaming up with Lions members and delivering 3000 paper bags to the doorsteps of homes around Canfield asking for non-perishable food donations. A week later we went back and collected hundreds of bags filled with food. This food was separated, boxed, and delivered to needy families around Canfield just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Money collected during this event was donated as well, some in the form of Christmas gifts to needy children. It was also used to buy turkeys and hams for the holidays.

Operation Christmas Child is a Leo Club signature event as well. Members pack a shoebox with small toys, toiletries, and school supplies to be delivered to children overseas as a Christmas gift for the holidays. The boxes are delivered by the company Samaritan's Purse and this event has proved to be a great success over the years. This year, our club donated 73 shoeboxes and raised over \$500 to go towards shipping money.

Leos assisted the Lions Club with their annual 'Candy Day'. On this day, members stand outside of local supermarkets collecting donations to help the blind. This year, the Lions and Leos raised \$3100 total. The money collected goes towards the training of Seeing Eye dogs, eye research, diabetes research, radio for the blind, pays for operations, and also glasses. ***Jessica Tseng, President LEOS as submitted to Phillip Bova, District D Leo Chair***

Newton Leo Club

### **District E**

Our latest activity was a shopping trip for Christmas toys to be donated to the Salvation Army here in Troy. The kids purchased \$400 worth of toys that will be distributed to needy children here in the Troy/Pleasant Hill area this Christmas. We have done this activity every year for the past six.

In January, we will be collecting and purchasing food items for the food pantry in Pleasant Hill and then on the last Sunday in February we will be cooking and serving another meal at St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen in Troy. **Submitted by Scott Davis, advisor**

### **Northeastern Leo Club**

#### **District H**

The high school students of the Northeastern Leo Club know that residents in their community are going through hard times, and it doesn't seem to be getting easier anytime soon. Every year, the Leos work hard to make the holiday season a little brighter for people, and this year will be no different! In fact, this season, the Leos are striving to help more people than ever!

Leo students partnered with another club in their school to collect canned food during November. Once the food was collected, Leos organized it into "meal boxes" and used money they raised by working events for their sponsoring Northeastern Lions Club to purchase a turkey to go with each meal box. This way, needy families had an entire turkey dinner to enjoy during the holiday season!

In addition to these efforts, the Leos provided Christmas gifts for 15 children. They not only purchased these gifts, but they wrapped them to deliver for Christmas.

Leos did not forget the senior residents of their community. They handmade Christmas cards to pass out during a caroling project. They went caroling in early December at several nursing homes, as well as at the local hospital to spread the joy of Christmas to seniors who may not have had any family to visit with for the holidays. **Submitted by Darla Smith, Northeastern Lions Member & Leo Advisor**

### **Hornet's Corner Leo Club, Dawson Bryant High School**

#### **District J**

There is a new Leo Club in District 13-J sponsored by the Coal Grove Lions Club. Their Charter night was on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This was a most impressive induction ceremony with District 13-J Leo Advisor Lion Michelle Arnold as keynote speaker. Their new advisor is Dawson Bryant High School staff member, Traci Hunt, Advisor

We have received the good news that the Chillicothe Evening Lions Club has applied for a Charter for Bishop Flaget HS Leo Club. **Submitted by Ron Barber, District J Youth Chair**

## **Fredericktown Leos**

### **District K**

Fredericktown Schools Leo Club was very active this fall. We raked numerous yards, raising \$300 for Christmas. Club members voted to adopt 3 families from Interchurch at Christmas. Students then shopped for clothing and toys for the families. Leos were also responsible for wrapping the gifts. On the second Saturday of December, 28 Leos manned four stations for Salvation Army. Once a month six students attend Friendship meals (lunch with a shut in) with adult members of a local church.

***Submitted by Kathy Toms, advisor***

### **District K's Leo Club Meeting**

Leos held a Christmas Pizza Party for their quarterly district meeting. In attendance were Matthew Pitcock-District President from Maysville; Kari Ward-District Vice President of Maysville; Kristen Delong, Chase Delong, Kaitlyn Bennett, Hannah Gee, Kayla Hussing, Maysville Leos and their advisor Theresa Jacolenne; Chris Norris, Leah Norris, Christina Norris, Athens Leos and their advisor, Clyde Bohr; Cassy Clawson, Kendall Rhodes, Glenna Moore, Katie Moore- Duncan Falls/ Philo; District Governor Janice Arnold, Reno Lion; Tany Arnold, Reno Leo; Sandy Crossan, Licking Valley Lions; PDG Don DeVault, Youth Chair; Debbie Tyo, Duncan Falls/ Philo co-advisor and Sue Durant, Duncan Falls/ Philo co-advisor; Bill Schultz of Baltimore- 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG; Visitors, Dave Clawson and Melody Moore.

PDG DeVault explained about the upcoming two district awards Leo Club of the Year awards: One for clubs with 50 members or less and another award for a club with 51 or more members. The district uses the same format as the State Leo Club Contest. Deadline for the contest is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Next they discussed their district Joint Lions/Leo Projects: one where they are assisting a fellow Leo and the other where they buy dog food for Pilot Dogs Inc. Also, under discussion was the upcoming MD 13 State Leo Retreat at Camp Echoing Hills on March 30-31<sup>st</sup>

They also covered their District K Leo Convention on Saturday, March 3rd. All registrants are asked to bring canned food for a Leo Food Drive. Their Lion/Leo Spring Project is Tree Planting for Arbor Day held District Wide on either April 28th or May 12th but the location is undecided. Each Leo Club should plant at least one tree this spring in local communities

Finally, they reminded everyone that the 4th annual State Convention Youth Day event is on Saturday, May 19th, 2012. ***Submitted by District K Leo Chair PDG Don DeVault***



## Leos plan retreat at Camp Echoing Hills in March

Through the combined efforts of the State Youth Committee and Camp Echoing Hills, Ohio Leos will convene for a retreat on Friday, March 30 thru Saturday, March 31.

Organizing the event with the camp, Karen Knaur, State Leo chair, said, "We are planning a summit meeting for all Multiple District 13 Leos. Camp Echoing Hills has offered its fantastic facility to us for the retreat and we are thrilled." The meeting will kick off with registration between 4-5pm Friday. Teens will get together for icebreakers until supper at 7pm. After dinner, the Leos will break into discussion groups to tackle issues concerning their clubs and their activities.

Saturday, Leos will work in discussion groups on ideas for service and fundraising. Learning leadership activities and sharing ideas will be part of the retreat. Highlighting Saturday's activities will be a hands-on service activity for the camp. The retreat will end at approximately 3pm. Cost for the event will be \$25.00, which will include 3 meals and overnight accommodations. Each Leo group will need to be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

The event was the result of brainstorm of State Youth Chair Don DeVault who contacted fellow Lion and District G Youth Chair Rev. Cordell Brown, who has organized the event with Echoing Hills. Advisors around the state have been asking for a state event for Leos and themselves. According to Knaur, this event will give the Leos a chance to bond as a Multiple District 13 group.

Registration packets will be sent to all Leo clubs in the state and their sponsoring Lions Clubs in January. Knaur said, "We would like to have the registrations by **Friday, February 10**, so we can finalize plans at the State Youth meeting on Saturday, February 11." If you have any questions, please contact Karen Knaur, at (419) 435-3131 or email her at [www.loisla0303@aol.com](mailto:www.loisla0303@aol.com)







(Picture courtesy of the Kenton Times/Dan Robinson)

The Kenton Lions Club honored the artwork of three Kenton Middle School students in its Peace Poster contest. The club, district and multiple district winner was Parker Lewis (center). The club also honored the entries of Kyra Collins and Adrianna Miller. Presenting the students certificates are District 13E Governor Bill Keller and Kenton Lions Club President Bob White.



Each poster is to be accompanied with a quote by the artist.  
Lewis' Quote on Peace, "You can hold peace in the palm of your hand".

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE OHIO LIONS ALL STATE BAND  
ON OUR TRIP  
AROUND OHIO**

*Join Us June 27—July 5*

Please visit our website at:

<http://www.ohiolions.org/BandHomePage.htm>

Or visit us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/OhioLionsBand>

There are links at the bottom with more  
Information on the band, the trip, forms  
and contact information.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE OHIO LIONS ALL STATE BAND**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Sex (M) (F)

Instrument Played \_\_\_\_\_ If Baritone: Bass Clef Treble Clef

Shirt Size S M L XL XXL (circle one)

If selected, our student will attend all rehearsals, performances and comply with the policies and of the Ohio Lions All State Band. We understand that the trip price is \$800. Each student's Lions Club or Zone is responsible for paying ½ the cost of the trip (i.e. \$400). We agree to pay the amount of \$400, with a deposit of \$200 of the total fee due with this application. We also give photo release permission for pictures of our child for purposes of publicity.

There will be a **zero** tolerance policy concerning drugs, alcohol, tobacco, firearms & bullying.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Application and \$200 deposit fee must be returned by **January 31, 2012**. All fees must be paid in full by **February 27, 2011**. All checks should be made payable to **Ohio Lions All-State Band** and mailed to you district band representative. If you have any questions please contact your local Lions Club or the representative on the reverse side of this brochure or visit our website at:

<http://www.ohiolions.org/BandHomePage.htm>

or on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/OhioLionsBand>

Remember: The local Lions Club and/or Zone is responsible for paying ½ the cost of the trip (i.e. \$400) for each student selected.

*Note: Parents are welcome to chaperone this trip, on a space available basis. You must pay the same fee as the band members.*

*Please check here, if interested* \_\_\_\_\_

*Audition tapes are not required; only a recommendation from your band director. We will select the band based on a first-come-first served basis and/or instrumentation needs.*

Please complete the form above. Print your information and return the application to the address on the reverse side of this form.

## OHIO LIONS ALL-STATE BAND

Founded in 1984, the Ohio Lions All-State Band first traveled to San Francisco, the site of the 1984 Lions International Convention. Since that time, our students have performed throughout Ohio and at International Conventions all over the United States and abroad. The Ohio Lions All-State Band Director is Mr. Matt Stanley, a 1989 graduate of Warren Local High School and a 1994 graduate of Ohio University. He is currently the Director of Bands at Washington Senior High School in Washington C.H., Ohio. The bands at Washington have received numerous superior ratings at the district and state level, along with many honors. The Blue Lion Marching Band represented the State of Ohio in the 2002 National Independence Day Parade in Washington D.C. Matt and his wife, Holly, are the parents of Carter and Brooklynn.

The Ohio Lions All-State Band has a show band style. The Band will be playing a variety of music ranging from the pop sounds of the 50's to contemporary chart toppers of today. While in concert and parade, the Band will be incorporating some choreographed dances that will really pep up our performance and definitely turn a few heads.

**If you are seeking a meaningful experience with music, travel, education and social inter-action with others, the Ohio Lions All-State Band is for you. The rewards of excellence and pride will be something that will always be cherished by you and the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of Ohio.**

### **2012 Band Trip**

The 2012 band trip will start with the arrival of band members at band camp on June 27, 2012. Band camp will conclude with a performance for family and Lions.

The band will perform at the Rushsylvania 4th of July Parade and be treated to the Rushsylvania Lions chicken Bar-B-Que. Other possible performances are at Kings' Island, and Red, White, & Boom in Columbus. There may be a performance on a riverboat cruise and possibly a trip to the Columbus zoo and/or Zoombezi Bay.

All applications and a down payment of \$200 must be in by January 31, 2012. All fees must be paid in full by February 27, 2011. All checks should be made payable to **Ohio Lions All-State Band** and mailed to your district band representative.

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### ***Who is in the Band?***

Band members from Ohio High Schools, grades 9 through 12, are eligible to audition for the Lions Band. The band includes traditional woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. It is not an honors band, and includes a broad range of performance levels.

### ***How do students become members of the Band?***

Band members are selected through applications and recommendations from High School Band teachers. In the event of excess instrumentation, auditions tapes demonstrating tone quality, range and ability will be required.

### ***How do I get more information?***

Around November, Lions and Lioness Clubs throughout Ohio will receive applications with information about the Ohio Lions All State Band and the upcoming trip. It contains audition information, application forms, and information about the current year's tour.

### ***When/Where does the band rehearse?***

Band camp takes place at a high school or church camp near central Ohio the weekend before the trip. Specific details and rehearsal dates are sent to the students in a packet of information from the director along with music and forms that need to be completed and returned before the trip.

### ***What does the tour fee include?***

The tour fee includes all transportation, meals, lodging, tours and admissions. Band members are provided a video tape, souvenir pin, and band shirt (top of uniform). Meals are also pro-vided during the band camp. The total cost varies according to the destination and length of the tour.

### ***How do band members pay for the tour?***

Students are responsible for paying half of their tour fee. They may approach local Lions Clubs, band boosters, service clubs, and other community organizations for financial assistance. However, funds not raised through these efforts must be paid by the individual band members. Full payment must be received no later than the specified deadline.

### ***How do the Lions Clubs of Ohio support the Band?***

Lions Clubs may choose to donate money to-ward the trip fees of individual band members and/or to donate money to the band to help re-duce the cost of the trip for all students.

<http://www.ohiolions.org/BandHomePage.htm>

## SPONSORING LIONS CLUB INFORMATION

Sponsoring Lions Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_)

**HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR** High School Band Director recommendation for:

(student name)

Please evaluate student below:

Sight Reading Superior Excellent Good

Tone Quality Superior Excellent Good

Musicianship Superior Excellent Good

Technique Superior Excellent Good

Class of Solo or Ensemble A B C Rating I II III

Comments:

**Director Signature**

Please Print Name

School Address

Home Address

School Phone ( )

Home Phone ( )

Make checks payable to **Ohio Lions All-State Band.**

Mail to your district band representative.



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Many thanks to everyone for your thoughts and prayers while I have been under  
the weather.

I so much appreciate my Lions Family!

Lion Becky Thornton



## OHIO PDG ASSOCIATION – NEWS ITEMS

During the year of 2012, the Ohio PDG Association will be having TWO meetings. One meeting at the State Convention, May 18-20 @ Dublin and the second meeting will be the Fall Gathering, October 14 @ Millersport. Please mark your calendar.

Don't forget to pay your dues for the year 2012. Send your money (\$10.00) to PDG John Davis, 933 Thornapple Lane, Findley, Ohio 45840.

The NEW directory (2012 – 2014) will be handed out @ the State Convention meeting. If there are any changes, please notify PDG John Davis as soon as possible.

The Entertainment Committee, which was formed last fall, has been discussing the type of entertainment for the State Convention. An announcement will be coming soon. Watch the NEWSLETTER.

NOTICE - The PDG Association is looking for a new logo/letterhead for the Association. Anyone interested please forward a sample to NEIL BEVERE. Currently we have several samples.

Districts A & E are the only districts in the state that does not have a PDG Association. We have been advised that District E is starting to organize a group. Maybe we can get someone in District A to do the same thing. Any takers?

PDG Neil Bevere, Pres.  
330-633-6022  
neilbevere@sbcglobal.net





## News from Multiple District 13 GLT Committee.....

Starting last May our Multiple District (MD) 13 Global Leadership Team (GLT) has been working hard to implement our half old the new structure that replaced the old MERL structure. The new structure has taken four independently acting committees – Membership, Extension, Retention, and Leadership and narrowed them down to two – the Global Leadership Team, and the Global Membership Team. This has not only cut the number of committees in half but the two new groups are designed to work together as we increase the strength of our organization.

Our first task was to develop a MD 13 Leadership Development Plan with goals and action plans for reaching those goals. At the August Council of Governor's meeting the council endorsed our Plan. Our mission statement is as follows:

*The mission of the Global Leadership Team is to facilitate the identification and development of present and future leaders for the clubs and subdistricts within Multiple District 13, by providing them the necessary training, resources and motivation to be successful in this task.*

We have developed five goals for the 2011 – 2012 Lions year:

- *To identify present and future leaders*
- *The MD 13 GLT will put into place the strategies necessary to develop the leadership skills of those newly identified potential leaders and further develop the Leadership Skills of those currently serving in Lion Leadership Roles.*
- *The MD 13 GLT considers it essential to develop an open communications process that utilizes all technology available to insure open and two way communications with all parties involved in the GLT Process.*
- *Planning and executing a training program for MD 13 District Officers*
- *To develop an Ohio Lions Resource Center for developing leaders and their leadership skills. This center will provide opportunities to develop and promote individual personal growth and leadership excellence.*

The complete set of goal and the action plans are on the State Lions Website under the GLT Tab.

The next step was for each of the districts to develop their own leadership development plan based on the needs of their district. At this point eight of our ten districts have completed their District Leadership Development Plan.

We are also working hard to identify potential and existing Lion Leaders. We ask that if you know of a club member who has not taken a leadership role in his or her club but has demonstrated the characteristics necessary to be a leader we ask that you submit his or her name to our committee by using the form on the Ohio Website under the GLT Tab. So far we have identified over 40 leaders who we hope to get involved in our leadership development programs.

We are currently working on a major overhaul for the zone chair training and the development of a mentoring program for leaders.

We will keep you informed as the year progresses and we are open to any suggestions.



### Facts and Figures about Pilot Dogs

1) How many guide dog schools are associated with the United States Council of Guide Dog Schools?

- a) 6
- b) 12
- c) 10
- d) 15

2) How long has Pilot Dogs been providing service to the blind?

- a) 25
- b) 40
- c) 62
- d) 55

3) How many different breeds of dogs does Pilot Dogs use?

- a) 7
- b) 10
- c) 1
- d) 3

4) How many puppies did Pilot Dogs place in volunteer foster homes this past year?

- a) 75
- b) 130
- c) 150
- d) 100

5) Who is eligible to become a Puppy Raiser?

- a) 4-H Members
- b) Adults
- c) Youths (Community Projects)
- d) Leos
- e) Boy/Girl Scouts
- f) All of the above

6) How many blind individuals did Pilot Dogs work with in 2011?

- a) 50
- b) 87
- c) 110
- d) 148

7) How many of the students Pilot Dogs worked with in 2011 were Ohio residents?

- a) 55
- b) 44
- c) 73
- d) 62

8) Last year, what was the furthest location a student traveled from to train with a Pilot Dog?

- a) South Korea
- b) Israel
- c) British Columbia
- d) U.S. Virgin Islands

***\*\*Fun Fact\*\*-We had students from each of the above locations in 2011!***

9) What is the most common breed used at Pilot Dogs?

- a) Golden Retriever
- b) Labrador Retriever
- c) German Shepherd
- d) Doberman Pinscher

10) It costs Pilot Dogs approximately \$ 9,000 to graduate one Pilot Dogs team. This includes: The dog's veterinary care, grooming and obedience class in its first year of life. The dog's formal guide training, during which period it is cared for at the Pilot Dogs kennel. The student's round-trip transportation four week stay at our In-residence facility in downtown Columbus (meals included), training, their Pilot Dog and the dog's equipment (harness and leash). What is the cost to the blind student?

- a) 59,000
- b) \$1,000
- c) \$500
- d) \$0

If your Lions Club is interested in learning more about Pilot Dogs, we can arrange for a speaker to come to one of your meetings, or your club can plan a visit to our facility in Columbus (625 W. Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215) where you can take a tour and we also have space to hold a dinner meeting. To inquire about scheduling a speaker or visit please contact Jay Gray at [jgray@pilotdogs.org](mailto:jgray@pilotdogs.org) or Kate Walker at [kwalker@pilotdogs.org](mailto:kwalker@pilotdogs.org).

Please visit our [website](http://www.pilotdogs.org) for more on Pilot Dogs' history, training program, current happenings and how you can help in our mission to serve the blind. Answers in Feb. Newsletter.