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Ohio Lions E-Newsletter

News from Council Chairman Darlene

It's difficult to believe that almost one-fourth of our Lions year is behind us as I write this article.

More than 60 Lions and guests from Ohio joined in the fun, festivities and Lions events at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in San Juan, Puerto Rico in mid-September. The Forum is a great place to see old friends, make new friends, and learn, share and grow in a more relaxed environment. Some key points from the Forum:

- Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about the Centennial Service Challenge.
 - The goal: To serve 100 million people by the end of 2017.
 - The Centennial Celebration theme is "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion"
 - Special Service Challenges
 - Youth – 10 million books and literacy
 - Vision – 10 million children served
 - Hunger – 10 million provided food assistance
 - Environmental – 10 million trees planted
 - District Centennial Celebration Coordinators should be providing updates to you.
- Guest speaker, Patrick O'Dooley, suggests that when someone asks how you are, instead of that downcast, Tim Conway look and foot-shuffle, you tell them you are TREMENDOUS! Try it – it will usually make people smile and react to you in a more positive way (I've been using that with some of the students at school and there are times we're laughing really hard.)
- The donations for the San Juan University Pediatric Hospital were amazing! There were 4 tables of greeting cards, books, toys and games and clothing along with monetary donations. I know that Ohio provided more than 400 greeting cards written in Spanish. *Thank you to everyone who participated in any way.*
- The next USA/Canada Forum is in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I hope many Ohio Lions will make plans to go. Visit the LCI website for information.
- The best news – at least most of us think it is – Columbus was chosen as the 2018 Forum location. It will be a lot of work and we'll need many volunteers but what a wonderful opportunity to showcase our state. *Thanks to all who helped get the bid put together.*

October is "Sharing the Vision – Lead the Fight against Blindness" month. What are you and your club members doing to support this campaign? There are many ideas for projects on the LCI website if you can't come up with an idea.

So far this year, clubs throughout Ohio have volunteered and reported 47,732 hours to 198 projects. Has your club submitted your projects and hours through MyLCI? If not, now is the time to add that information.

District Governors should be providing all clubs with information about compliance (filing the 990 and consequences if not filed) as well as information on incorporation and other governmental reporting requirements. Please know – if your club hasn't filed, paperwork needs to be completed soon. There are people who can help your club – including our attorneys, if needed. We just need to know you need help.

The Global Leadership Team is preparing for the 2nd RLLI (Regional Lions Leadership Institute) at Deer Creek in mid-October. There will be two groups – new and 2nd year attendees. I'm sure that it will be as successful as last year's event was. People continue to talk about what all they learned. *Thanks to all who signed up for the classes and a special thank you to the GLT members for putting this together* Now, it's time to think 2nd quarter and to concentrate our efforts on keeping members we have as well as adding new members and to have fun while we all work together!

Until the next time – Thanks for helping others see a brighter future!



MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE UNDERWAY

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The Ohio Lions PDG Association is conducting a 50/50 Raffle in which all active Past District Governors are selling tickets with the proceeds benefitting "Lions service projects in Ohio." The proceeds this year have been designated to benefit the Ohio Lions Foundation, the Ohio Lions Research Foundation and Lions Pilot Dogs.

The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00 and can only be sold to LIONS (no sales to the general public) by LIONS. We have no idea how large the pot will be by May 17, 2015, when the winning ticket will be drawn at the MD-13 Ohio Lions State Convention. The winner does not need to be present to win, but must be a Lion. Last year's winner was Lion Marian Zickefoose from District D.

We hope all Lions will purchase tickets and help promote the Ohio Lions PDG Association's programs and activities. See any PDG in your district for a chance to win
BIG!

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What is happening with Redistricting?

To aid in communication about the upcoming Multiple District 13 (Ohio) redistricting, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) is being developed. Each month several questions will be in the newsletter. In addition, the entire FAQ to date will be placed on the www.ohiolions.org web page.

This is designed to meet **Your** needs but we can't guess very well. Do you have questions you would like to see answered in a future FAQ? If so, ask!

There is an MD13 Transition Committee being formed with a first meeting in September. In addition, many of the seven "new" districts are forming transition committees. Until they get organized and develop contacts, feel free to contact PDG Dave Luttrell (Chair, MD13 Constitution and Bylaws Committee) at pdgdave-lci@luttrellzoo.com or 614 459 0821.

Note: previously numbered questions were listed in an earlier newsletter. Please see the newsletter or the Ohio Lions web page.

5. Who gets elected for the new district structure starting July 2016?

(written June 2014) In Spring 2016, a meeting will be held with Lions in each of the new districts. The delegates will elect a Governor, a First Vice Governor, a Second Vice Governor, a Building Trustee and a Finance and Long Range Planning Committee representative. In addition, depending on what the independent organizations (Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Ohio Lions Foundation) do, there may be elections for representatives as well. Finally, the delegates will vote on a new OH-x constitution and bylaws.

6. There will be 10 sitting First Vice Governors in 2015-2016 but only 7 Governor positions in 2016-2017. How will that be handled?

(written June 2014) The Governors and Vice Governors of 13A, 13B, etc. will finish out their yearly term in these districts. For the new districts of OH-1, OH-2, etc., Lions will announce and run for these positions. In some cases, sitting 1st Vice Governors will run in a contested race for the Governor position of OH-x. In other cases, there will be voluntary orderings where one Lion will plan to defer and wait to run the next year. This may then cause contested races for the new OH-x First Vice Governor position or more voluntary deferrals. The same is true for the new OH-x Second Vice Governor position.

7. In Spring of 2017, we will have a sitting OH-x Governor, 1st Vice Governor, and 2nd Vice Governor. What will be the election procedure at that time?

(written June 2014) For the 2017-2018 Lion year, the LCI Constitution and By-Laws and the district constitution in place at that time will direct who may and may not run. For example, if the 2016-2017 1st Vice Governor decides to run, he/she will run unopposed as directed by the LCI C&BL.

Have a Wonderful Fall!



