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Ohio Lions E-Newsletter

Greetings to Lions, Lioness and Leo Club members statewide!

As I begin to write this message, some of the words to the song the children sang in “Sound of Music” are running through my head – “So long, farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye”. In my case, I’m saying “farewell Lions year 2014-2015” and “THANK YOU” to everyone for making it a year filled with special memories. I appreciate the hospitality each Lion, club and district extended during my travels. We had a lot of fun, shared laughs and tears, and served in many ways this past year. There were even service projects taken on as state projects and fundraising events – raising about \$21,000 to send the Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band to the Washington, D.C. Memorial Day Parade, “CAN DO” canned goods and monetary collection at the Winter Retreat, collecting stuffed animals at the state convention (and some of those went to the international convention’s project, Palama Settlement), raising more than \$600 for Pilot Dogs as I went “begging for money” at district conventions and then PIP Jimmy Ross helping us raise more money for Ohio Lions Foundation (OLF) and Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) at the state convention.

I cannot THANK YOU enough for all you do to serve others. The Centennial theme, “Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion” is so appropriate for the Lions of Ohio! You see the need and work to take care of it.

May the 2015-2016 Lions year be even better!

I wish CC Don Robinette and the Council of Governors a wonderful year.

I hope to see you somewhere at a Lions function!

Best wishes!

IPCC Darlene

Greetings Lions of Ohio!

For those of you who are not familiar with me, I am Council Chair Don Robinette from the current District 13-J (soon to merge with District H to form the new 13-OH6). If you wish to learn more about my time as a Lion, please read my bio in the State directory or on-line at www.ohiolions.org on the left-hand side select Council Chair from the menu.

It was indeed a tremendous honor to be selected to serve as Council Chair by the current District Governors at the State Convention in May.

This will be a busy and challenging year for all Lions with the re-districting efforts, mini-conventions, the on-going Centennial Celebration, preparing for the 100th Lions Club International Convention anniversary in Chicago and all of the various activities that normally take place in our great multiple.

Your Council of Governors will be working hard to make sure that the transitions of merging districts (and all the myriad details that will go along with the merging) proceeds as smoothly as possible. Will there be “bumps” and maybe even some disagreements? Yes. But I know that when all is done, the Lions of Ohio will pull together and make our state organization even stronger than before.

I have been very impressed with the leadership available to our multiple. First and foremost of course is PIP Jim Coffey, followed by PID Floyd Newberry, PID Steve Sherer and PID Jerry Smith; all the Past Council Chairs, past Governors, state committees, MDS Debbie Luttrell and many more faithful Lions that keep our state organization running.

During the past few years I've often heard a speaker or two ask at Zone meetings “WHEN did you become a Lion? Not when you joined Lions, but when it finally clicked that THIS moment is what it is all about?”

For me, it hasn't really been one moment, but a continuing succession of events that adds another layer of “pride”, not of self-pride, but in Lionism. Since joining Lions in 1985, my goal has been to do what I can and serve in whatever position I feel I am capable of fulfilling to the best of my abilities.

If you **REALLY** want to experience all that Lionism has to offer, raise your hand and volunteer for an office in your club, your Zone, your District and yes even at the State level. You'll be glad you did. And so will the Lions of Ohio.

Dignity – Harmony – Humanity

Council Chair Don Robinette



The **MD 13 Global Leadership Team** is seeking all Lions who want to develop their leadership skills –
NO pay, but many rewards

INTRODUCING...

The 2015 Regional Lions Leadership Institute
October 30th, 31st, and November 1st
Deer Creek State Park – Mount Sterling, Ohio

A time and place to help our Lions with skills – for example:

- * personal missions
- * speech development
- * time management
- * team development

Three days of instruction...bonding...fellowship and motivation at the
picturesque Deer Creek Park

LEVELS I, II, III are being offered at the same price.

See Ohio MD13 website for details.

“Service Through Leadership”
One Regional Lions Leadership Institute at a Time

Redistricting, Where are we?

Lions of Ohio,

In less than 12 months MD13 will change from ten districts to seven districts. Since I didn't ask, I don't receive many reports regarding the progress of those areas that are coming together to form the new districts. So, I am writing this to make sure we are all on the same page.

By now each of the new districts should have in place a working committee consisting of several members of each existing district to address many issues for the new district. If that process has not been done, it needs to happen now.

That committee, by now, should have set a date for the new district's convention sometime in October or November of this year. Items that need to be addressed are election of officers for the new district, adoption of constitution and by-laws for the new district, finances of the new district, what foundations and other agencies will the new district support and probably some other issues that I haven't mentioned.

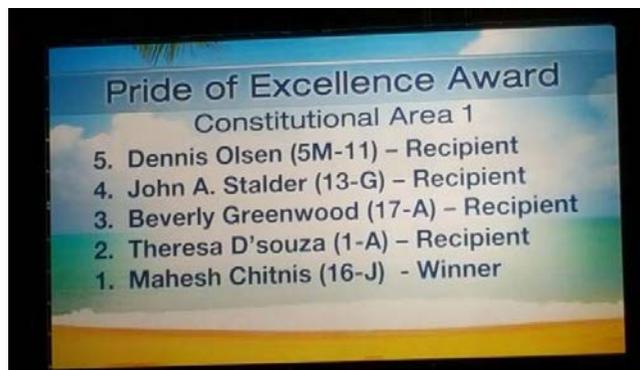
We need to make this transition as smooth and welcoming to all involved Lions as possible. That means that all your committee does needs to be transparent and communicated to all Lions affected by the committee's decisions.

If any of you have questions in this regard please feel free to contact me.

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Congratulations to IPDG John Stalder, 2014–2015 District 13G Governor, who has earned the prestigious **LCI 2015 Pride of Excellence Award**. The LCI Pride of Excellence Award recognizes the top 5 District's in each constitutional area who have the largest percentage of clubs in their District qualify for the 2015 Club Excellence Award.

IPDG Stalder was 4th in our Constitutional Area 1. His name appeared onscreen during the first plenary session on Sunday, June 28, 2015 during the International Convention in Honolulu, Hawai'i (see photo). IPDG Stalder will also receive a crystal award in recognition of his achievement.



The GMT 2014 – 2015 Coordinators wish to thank all of the lions of MD13 for the effort put forward on recruiting new members this past year.

This coming year we need to recruit more lions into our wonderful organization. Just because international president Joe Preston's year is over does not mean the we cannot use his idea of



But instead of just asking one lets go for at least 15.

This would be a great way to be an active part of the Lions Centennial celebration.

A quick recap of our membership from this Lions year.

During the year we inducted 1,100 New members in to lions. The down side of this is we lost 1,359 members, 88 of these members were from clubs that were cancelled during the year. With all of the new members and dropped members we had 134clubs that were at a plus 1 in membership. The GMT Committee wishes to thank those clubs for their hard work in gaining in membership this past year.

At this time I along with the lions of MD13 wish to thank all of the Districts GMT Representatives for their hard work this past year. We have 2 committee members retiring this year they are Michael Nijakowski and PDG Don Heldman. I would like to thank them for their hard work.

I would like to welcome their replacements. They are PID Jerry Smith and PDG Thomas Kirkbride. Welcome to the GMT committee.



Lions Clubs International is celebrating 100 years of service and we're getting ready for our next 100 years!

The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards provides all Lions and Lions clubs the opportunity to earn special Limited Edition awards for inviting new members and helping to organize new clubs. Be recognized as a... Centennial Sponsor

Sponsor a new member and be immediately recognized as a Centennial Sponsor to receive a Limited Edition pin and certificate. Be recognized as a... Centennial Club Organizer Help organize a new club and be immediately recognized as a Centennial Club Organizer to receive a Limited Edition pin and certificate.

EARN MORE AWARDS!

The longer new members and new clubs stay active, the more awards a Lion or Lions club can earn!

For more information Visit the Lions International Website

Let's make the 2015-2016 lions year one of Growth in Members and Clubs

PDG Dana Zody
MD 13 GMT Coordinator

Cambridge Lions and other clubs need a rose supplier as ours has retired. I hope there are clubs out there doing rose days and would share where they buy their roses!
Please have them contact me at htcahoon@gmail.com



Thanks!
PID Tom Cahoon



***Congratulations to the International
Peace Poster Winner!***

The Lions International Essay Contest, sponsored by Lions Clubs International, encourages visually impaired children ages 11-13 to express what peace means to them.

Jalen Ballard's essay was selected for his ability to convey this year's theme, "Peace, Love, and Understanding."

Ballard wrote: "To get the greatest potential out of our precious and limited lives on Earth, we must all be peaceful, love each other, and be understanding. Our world will never be perfect, but that doesn't mean we can't strive for the best as a society."

Ballard's entry was sponsored by the Sylvania Sunrise Lions Club in Sylvania, Ohio.



PDG Sheryl Schlater and IPCC Darlene Roll at the "Lions Care" booth at the International Convention. Some of the Ohio Lions took stuffed animals along to donate toward the Lions project, Palama Settlement, in Honolulu. I don't have a count of how many stuffed animals were donated but I know that it was way more than 15 since my two granddaughters, Katie & Sarah Overley, PDG Sheryl Schlater, Lion Sally Stone and I packed that many into our suitcases when we headed to Hawaii.

Here's some information about La Palama: *Established in 1896*, Palama Settlement is a non-profit, community-based social service agency serving the Kalihi and Palama neighborhoods. We offer a wide range of educational, recreational, athletic, cultural, social, health, and community building programs and services for children, youth, adults, and senior citizens.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2015
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
HONOLULU, HAWAII







