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STATE CONVENTION 2010

This year's convention will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin May 21-23, 2010. Registration and delegate forms are available on the Ohio Lions website: www.ohiolions.org. Questions? Contact MDS Debbie Luttrell.

Our international guest will be 1st VP Sid Scruggs, III. 1st VP Sid will be elected President of our association in July in Sydney, Australia, so we'll have an opportunity to visit with him prior to his being president. We look forward to meeting 1st VP Sid and Lion Judy.

Raffle prizes: Our Host District, 13-D, have some great raffle prizes. Tickets are being sold in all districts for some great prizes – like: a big screen TV with Blue Ray disc player!!!!

YOUTH DAY: 2nd Annual Youth Day will be held on Saturday, May 22nd beginning at 11:30 a.m. Motivational speaker Bill Beusay will be the featured speaker along with PCC Jay Gray, executive director of Pilot Dogs. Leo Clubs are asked to bring posters that depict their club activities. Questions? Contact PDG Don DeVault, Youth Chairperson.

Convention schedule to be published soon.

Hope to see you there!!!!

Rationale for approval of 2010 dues realignment and increase:

- ◆ Based on 5 year projections of revenue and expenditures through June 30, 2014, the Finance and Long Range Planning Committee has **projected fund deficits in the State Council Fund beginning in fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011).**
- ◆ The State Council Fund deficit is projected to grow from (\$30,146) at June 30, 2011 to (\$127,303) by June 30, 2014. **Dues collected for the State Council Fund are primarily used to provide training for MD 13 leaders and reimburse MD 13 state committee and Council of Governor expenses.**
- ◆ In addition based on the current dues structure, the Promotions Fund balance is projected to continue to significantly grow to \$121,775 by June 30, 2014 while the Restricted Fund balance is projected to decline to \$4,720 by fiscal year end 2014. The Promotions Fund is designed to promote Lionism to Lions and non-Lions. Restricted Fund monies are used to highlight MD13 Ohio at the international level and to pay for a portion of International Directors and International VPs campaigns.
- ◆ **The last dues increase of \$1.00 was passed in the late 1980's** and was temporarily added to the Restricted Fund to support the campaign of Jim

Coffey for International President. In the mid-1990's, the temporary \$1.00 dues was made permanent and moved to the Promotions Fund.

- ◆ Since that time, **MD13 paid staff levels have been reduced from as high as one full-time person and two part-time people to one paid part-time person.** In recent years, **Committee expense reimbursements and meals provided to MD 13 Council of Governors has also been cut.** Multiple printed newsletters per year have been replaced with **no printed newsletters.**
- ◆ After careful consideration of the MD 13 finances and current dues structure, **this constitutional amendment was proposed by the ad Hoc Finance Committee, appointed by the Council of Governors, and has been recommended to be brought forward by the Finance and Long Range Planning Committee and the Council of Governors.**
- ◆ This amendment will first **realign dues monies to the proper funds where the expenditures are needed.** In effect, the Promotions \$1.00 dues will be moved to the Restricted Fund.
- ◆ **The additional \$3.00 per member dues increase will help ensure the State Council Fund has sufficient monies to continue to provide quality training to MD 13 Lion leaders and reimburse Lions who serve on MD 13 state committees and the Council of Governors.** (Note: LCI primarily reimburses District Governors for expenses).
- ◆ **If this amendment passes, the Finance and Long Range Planning Committee project sufficient monies will be available for at least the next 5 years to maintain and support the MD 13 Ohio Lions structure and operations.**

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Council of Governors Mtg. May 21st

2nd Vice Gov.-Elect Training June 4-6th

Intrnational Convention June 28 – July 2nd

Zone Chair Training July 17th & 24th
more details to follow soon!

