



"Communicating with the Lions of Multiple District 13 - Ohio"

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CLUB EXCELLENCE TRAINING

You've heard about the program now get the training!!! This training is for **all** Lions, District Membership and Leadership Chairs, everyone who wants to become a facilitator for their district.

Those attending the workshop on November 7th will be trained to offer the workshop back to clubs in their districts.

WHAT: Club Excellence Training

WHERE: Embassy Suites Dublin
5100 Upper Metro Place

WHEN: Sunday, November 7, 2010

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

What you'll learn:

The Club Excellence Process is a workshop dedicated to club improvement. A club that agrees to participate in the CEP will be guided by a facilitator through four steps of training. A participating club will look at their community's needs, take a survey on their membership experience, use proven resources and develop action plans.

Step 1 Why are we here?

Step 2 What makes an excellent club?

Step 3 How can we determine our needs?

Step 4 What can we do next?

The workshop on the district level will be given in two sessions about 2 hours each. The entire process will be completed in three to four months.

LIONS QUEST

Lions-Quest is a life-skills program for children from kindergarten to 12th grade which teaches how to make responsible decisions, communicate effectively and avoid drugs. It involves teachers being trained for two days to teach special class materials, typically taught weekly throughout the school year. Three level of curriculum are available: Skills for Growing for Grades K-5/ Ages 5 – 10; Skills for Adolescence for Grades 6-8/ Ages 11 – 14; and Skills for Action for Grades 9-12/ Ages 15 – 20.

Lions-Quest is the priority youth development program funded by the Lions Clubs International Foundation. An LCIF Core 4 grant for \$25,000 to support Ohio Lions-Quest teacher workshops has been awarded to the Ohio Lions. This grant would require 25% matching funds to conduct the teacher training. Breaking this down, the \$25,000 needs to be matched by \$8333, which can include in-kind contributions such as facilities, lunches, or trainer expenses. With 10 Ohio districts this is \$833 per district, to be provided by districts, local Lions clubs or other donors with monetary and in-kind contributions, or from state grants or other resources. For example, an individual club could sponsor a teacher from their area at \$250-500, or could provide

the lunches and morning refreshments for the two days of training. A workshop for 36 teachers may be done regionally with teachers from two or more districts. Total costs could be \$6000, requiring \$1500 in matching funds. Two districts could share in providing this match.

The Ohio Department of Education recognizes Lions-Quest as one of the most effective programs to satisfy new state education standards; they will be announcing and promoting these workshops throughout Ohio. We are considering several two day teacher workshops around the state.

I am requesting that your district support this program and encourage our clubs to support our Ohio teachers and students. I have brochures and materials that can be provided to schools or Lions Clubs. Additional information about the Lions-Quest program is available at www.lions-quest.org . Please consider and be prepared to support this program. Donations can be sent to me or the Ohio Lions State Office through your district Youth or Quest Chairperson, most of whom are listed at www.ohiolions.org/lionsquest.htm . Please contact them or me if there are questions.

Yours in Lionism,
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SIGHT & HEARING COMMITTEE

Core 4 Grant for Vision Screening Cameras

In the beginning, Melvin Jones created the Lion's Clubs, blessed are we that serve. **Helen Keller charged us to be "Knights of the Blind,"** and so we are. **The Sight & Hearing Committee challenges all Lions to eliminate childhood blindness** and so we will.

We have made great strides as Lions to help the blind, provide Ohioans with glasses, help support our communities and do many other great things. Now it is time to request funding through Lions Clubs International to accomplish a new goal of vision screening of all 4 year olds.

This core 4 grant is to save children from blindness starting at birth and continuing through their

childhood. The answer is the Sure Sight Camera. What can it detect? Without being technical, lazy eye, cross eyed, farsightedness, nearsightedness and strabismus (eyes do not line up with each other). The main loss of vision is lazy eye. Have many Lion's had this? Yes, but many had it years ago when it was hard to detect. So how do we do this? The answer is that we need some guidance and help. Who will help us? Prevent Blindness Ohio will and is anxious to start.

So who is Prevent Blindness Ohio? "PBO is the state's leading volunteer, nonprofit public health organization dedicated to preventing blindness and preserving sight. We promote eye health and safety while working to find the cure for blinding eye diseases." Whoa.... Isn't that what the Lions of the Ohio do? Where has PBO been all these years? Why have we not known about PBO. Well, to be truthful, some Lion's groups have worked with PBO before, but not extensively.

Being a curious Lion, I approached Kira Baldonado of PBO and asked many questions by phone, was invited to Columbus to their main office, along with PDG's Stan Starling and Dave Luttrell. PBO already has five of these cameras and demonstrated to us their use. They also have guidelines for vision screening, camera training, usage, follow-up, eye exams and glasses. They openly pursue grants from the State of Ohio, U.S. Government, philanthropic organizations and corporate donations. Well, how many people work for PBO? There are five offices in Ohio and each one has one full time and one part time helper, except Columbus. Doesn't sound like a lot of people? The answer is that with PBO's expertise and their willingness to share with the Lions of Ohio, we can partner together using the Lions as the means to accomplish the goal by the strength of our members and the fact that there are over 11,000 Lions in Ohio.

So this is the beginning of a long and great friendship, a partnership for the future of all Ohioans and especially our children. A way to encourage Ohio Lions to participate in more vision screenings, more community involvement , more ways to prevent blindness, more ways to let Ohio know about Lions, and more ways for we as Lions to grow in numbers with dignity. Where can we go? The future is unlimited and we can truly stand in the way of **B "LION" D N E S S**, with PBO's help.

The core 4 grant has been signed off by the Sight & Hearing committee and will be signed off by the District Governors in November at the Council of Governors meeting. It will be sent to LCI for their examination at their quarterly meeting in January. Pending approval, the cameras could be here in Ohio by April of 2011. Sight & Hearing plans to ramp up support and training as soon as possible. More to come over the following months and we will keep the Lions of Ohio apprised of the situation with frequent news releases.

Sincerely yours

**YOUR Sight & Hearing Committee Representatives
from each District in Ohio**

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

State Committee Mtgs. Oct 9th: School for the Blind. 10:00 a.m. to Noon

COG Meeting Nov. 6th State Office
Club Excellence Training: Nov. 7th – Embassy Suites Dublin

“Tails” of Two Dogs: Update:

LEO: We heard about Leo the guide dog from 13-D in the Summer newsletter. Word has it that Leo has found a new home!!! Way to go Leo! Good luck with your new family.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:



13-C: Cleveland Host – 90th Anniversary.

Oct. 9th beginning at 6:00 p.m. PID Steven Sherer speaker. \$30/person. Radison Hotel, North Olmsted. Contact 1st VG Mary Chentnik at 216-533-5474 for reservations or questions.

13-D: Jackson Township – 50th Anniversary.

Sep. 18th beginning at 6:00 p.m. PIP James T. Coffey, speaker. \$30/person. Shady Hollow Country Club, OH RT 241 (4865 Wales AVE NW) Jackson Township. Info available on website: http://www.jacksontownshiplions.org/www.jacksontownshiplions.org/Anniversary_Reservation_Form.html

13-F: Bexley Lions – 70th Anniversary.

Oct. 23rd. beginning at 6:00 p.m. PID Steven Sherer speaker. Holiday Inn Worthington. \$29.50/person. Contact PDG Sam Bates at 614-775-0210 for reservations or questions.

Winter Retreat

Jan 14th through 16th, 2011 at Mohican State Park and Resort. Registration form is on the Ohio Lions website.

www.ohiolions.org

Deadline to register is December 1st.

To reserve a room call:

1-419-938-5411

**Ask for the Ohio Lions
rate.**