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## PIP Jim Ervin to Keynote MD13 State Convention

Jim Ervin, of Albany, Georgia, USA, served as president of the International Association of Lions Clubs following his election at the association's 82nd International Convention, held in San Diego, California, USA, June 28-July 2, 1999.

A member of the Albany Lions Club since 1977, Past President Ervin has held many positions within the association, including club president, zone chairman, district governor and council chairman. He was an international director during 1992-94. He is also a past director and trustee of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind.

Past President Ervin has received numerous awards in recognition of his service to the association, including an Extension Award, a Guiding Lion Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, nine International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past President Ervin is a member of several business, professional and fraternal organizations.



## Amendments Set for State Convention Vote

The 2003 MD13 State Convention will be held May 16-18, 2003 at the Ramada Hotel/Roberts Center conference facility in Wilmington. Delegates will decide on six proposed amendments to the MD13 Constitution and Bylaws and changes to the governing documents of the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation. Delegates will also vote on the endorsement of a candidate for International Director.

Complete information on the State Convention – including full text of the proposed amendments, candidate biography, schedule and registration details – are included in this issue.

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## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

PDG Bob Woodside (13G)



For the past three years, I've had the distinct honor and pleasure of spreading the good news of Lionism across Ohio, as founding chair of the Public Relations and Marketing (PRaM) Committee and as editor of The Ohio Lion. This is our ninth issue under the auspices of PRaM, and with mixed emotions, I must announce that it will be my last.

Much has changed for me – personally and professionally – over the past nine months. And – try as I might – I simply cannot find enough time in the day to meet the demands of my job and a new home, while doing justice to the needs and expectations of the Ohio Lions. Rather than perform at less than the optimal effectiveness that you – and I – have come to expect, I have reluctantly decided that PRaM and The Ohio Lion should be turned over to new leaders with the time, talent and energy to handle these vital duties properly.

We are now engaged in the search for those new leaders, and – in hindsight – I would suggest that more are better. I have appreciated the help and support provided by PRaM members over the past three years, but I have come to understand that more hands are needed. Though we are anticipating a heavy turnover on the committee this July, I am confident that returning members will step forward to provide the leadership required to maintain the foundation we've built and strengthen it with promising new initiatives – especially in the marketing realm. The newspaper is of more concern.

There are really several different skill sets involved in publishing the newspaper. One involves the task of reporting and writing, compiling and editing material from a variety of sources. Another involves design, layout, and preparation of digital files for the printer. Still a third includes planning and executing an advertising sales effort. My professional background has embraced all three, and so – perhaps unwisely – I have tried to do all three – plus manage the public relations and instructional functions of PRaM.

I now understand that our efforts will achieve greater success if qualified and talented Lions focus their energies on individual tasks. These need not be members of the PRaM Committee. Separate copy editors, designers, and advertising salespeople could work as adjuncts to PRaM, in much the way our Webmaster, Lion Bill Keller, has. Electronic communications would allow the various Lions to work seamlessly together and with the State Office to publish a newspaper as good as – maybe better than – the one you're now reading.

So...do you have writing experience, or desktop publishing background, or sales expertise? If so, you are needed now. I'll be happy to work with any and all to ensure a smooth transition, but we need to start right away. If you are interested, please let your district PRaM chair or governor-elect know. Or feel free to contact me directly. The sooner a new team is in place, the easier the transition will be. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Thanks also to the 2000-01 Council for having the foresight to establish PRaM; to succeeding Councils for their continued support; to Jim, Crystal and Ed at the State Office; and to the Lions of Ohio for their suggestions and for making PRaM a standing state committee through the 2001 Constitution. Finally, thanks to Lion Denise for her patience and help every step of the way.

At this point, I don't know if my future in Lionism will be found in Ohio or in my new adopted hometown in West Virginia. In either case, I'll be staying closer to home for a while, but I'll still keep in touch. I look forward to seeing and hearing of greater success for PRaM and the Ohio Lions in the years to come. Good luck! ■

## Mark Your Calendars! MD 13 Events 2003

### April 03

12 State Committee Meetings  
Ohio State School for the Blind, Columbus

### May 03

16 Council of Governors Meeting  
Ramada Roberts Center, Wilmington

MD13 State Convention—  
Hosted by District 13J  
Ramada Roberts Center,  
Wilmington (through 5/18)

### June 03

7 Deputy-Elect Training  
Ramada Plaza Hotel,  
Columbus (through June 8)

Fight for Sight Night  
Crew Stadium, Columbus

8 Zone Chair Training  
Ohio State School for the Blind, Columbus

30 International Convention  
Denver, Colorado  
(through July 4)

### August 03

2 Finance and Planning Committee Meeting  
Ramada Plaza Hotel,  
Columbus

State Committee Meetings  
Ohio State School for the Blind, Columbus

Joint Council/Finance and Planning Committee Meeting  
Ramada Plaza Hotel,  
Columbus

3 Council of Governors Meeting  
Ramada Plaza Hotel,  
Columbus

16 MERL Training  
Ohio State School for the Blind, Columbus

### September 03

18 U.S.A./Canada Forum  
Portland, Oregon  
(through September 20)

### October 03

4 State Committee Meetings  
Ohio State School for the Blind, Columbus

11 CANDY DAY  
Statewide

25 Finance and Planning Committee Meeting  
State Office Building,  
Grove City

### November 03

1 Council of Governors Meeting  
Ramada Plaza Hotel,  
Columbus

2 Fall Conference  
Ramada Plaza Hotel,  
Columbus

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT ADDRESS CHANGES!

*Address Corrections:* Forward all address corrections to your Club Secretary to be included on their monthly Membership Report. This information will be forwarded to International. The State Office does not handle address corrections for the Newsletter. International maintains the address list for all members. If you have any questions, please contact the State Office at (614) 539-5060.



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#### Mission Statement of Lions Clubs International:

**“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.”**

#### The Ohio Lions Mission Statement:

**“To support the goals of the Lions of Ohio and Mission of Lions Clubs International by fostering a positive leadership environment, successful community service, mutual respect, and personal development.”**



## PCC Gary Brown Steps Forward as Lone Candidate for ID Endorsement

Lion Gary L. Brown was born on October 19, 1951 in Massillon, Ohio. He is a graduate of Lima Senior High School, and has completed technical training in business, business management and computer science. Along with his wife, Lion Brenda, and two sons, Lion Chris and Jason, they own and operate Progressive Builders, Inc., General Contractors. He and Lion Brenda also own and operate Brown Family Homes. An independent businessman for over 20 years, Lion Brown has been very active in his community through involvement in various civic organizations, in addition to his Lionistic activities.

Lion Brown was sponsored into the Urbana Lions Club in February of 1989, and has perfect attendance. At the Club Level, Past Council Chairman Brown has served as a Director, Lion Tamer, Vice President, President and Secretary for the past five years. For this service, he has received a 100% President's Award and four 100% Secretary Awards. In 1996 Lion Brown became District 13E's first Associate Member in the St. Paris Lions Club. During his 14 years as a member of Lions Clubs International, he has sponsored 18 new members into Lionism.

Lion Brown takes an active role within the Orientation and Membership Committees of his club, working to ensure that new members are given the opportunity to understand the philosophies of our Association, and comfortably join into the fellowship of its members.

In District 13E, PDG Brown has served on the Cabinet for the last nine years. He served as a Zone Chairman for three years, Deputy District Governor in 1997-98, Vice District Governor in 1998-99 and District Governor in 1999-2000. For the past three years he has represented District 13E at the State level as their representative to the MD13 Leadership Development Committee.

In addition to his leadership service at the multiple district level, which has included the development of the Deputy District Governors-Elect, Continuing Education for the MD Deputy Governors and Vice Governors, Governor-Elect Training and Zone Chairperson Training programs, Lion Brown served as Council Chairman for the 2000-2001 Council of Governors. He has also served as Chairman of the MD13 Long Range Planning Committee for the Ohio Lions State Office Building, and is currently an advisor to the State Office on such topics as preventive maintenance and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Lions Gary and Brenda have been extremely active in attending District, State, National and International events, while encouraging others in their District and the Multiple District to do the same. They have attended almost all of the District Conventions since he became a Lion, twelve MD13 Fall Conferences, seven MD13 State Conventions and several USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums and International Conventions.

Past Council Chairman Brown has received numerous awards in recognition of his service to the association, including the Urbana Lions Club Lion of the Year Award, the Ohio Lions Council of Governor's Award of Merit, the Ohio Lions Special Appreciation Award, the International President's Certificate of Appreciation, and the International President's Award from International President Jean Behar. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his business related community involvement, Lion Brown is a Past President of the Cancer Association of Champaign County, and he and Lion Brenda are active members of the Urbana Messiah Lutheran Church. They have two sons, Lion Chris and Jason, and three grandchildren, Gary, Elizabeth and Justin. ■

## COUNCIL CHAIR'S CORNER

### IPDG Judy Strawn (13K)

When is this snow going to melt? We still have snow left on the ground and mounds of it in our parking lots! By the time this newsletter arrives in our homes, though, spring, with its warm, sunny days, should be just around the corner. How welcome it will be after our icy-cold, snowy winter!

The forecast for the state newsletter is looking a little cloudy though. After many issues of the Ohio Lions Newsletter, our great newsletter editor volunteer, PDG Bob Woodside, has decided to give up this job. PDG Bob has done a remarkable job as editor and chairman of the Public Relations and Marketing Committee. His wife, Lion Denise, is resigning from the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation. We wish PDG Bob and Lion Denise all the best in their new home in West Virginia. They have served the Ohio Lions well, and they will be missed!



We do not have a new editor yet. If you are interested in this position, please let your District Governor know.

May, with its warm — but not hot — temperatures is one of the best months of the year. What better way to celebrate spring than by attending your State Convention? We are planning a great one, so get your registration in so you can come and enjoy the weekend with all your Lions friends. Hope to see you there! ■

## Candy Day 2003 Set for October 11

*PID Floyd Newberry, Jr. (13J)*

At the February 8 Council Meeting, the date of Saturday, October 11 was established as the official date for Candy Day 2003. PID Floyd Newberry, Jr. was approved as the MD13 Candy Day Chairman, and he has committed to having the Candy Day order blanks delivered to each Club before any would break for the summer, thus, eliminating the "we got the order blanks too late to participate" problem.



Again this year, 60 percent of the net profit from the project will go to Lions Pilot Dogs, but this time to the operations fund rather than the building fund, which will help them greatly as the costs of their operation continue to escalate.

Every club that has made an honest effort to participate has found this to be one of the easiest fund raisers that they have ever undertaken and many have raised hundreds of dollars in just one day. Those that have had personalized club flyers or brochures made up and distributed with the candy have reported that they not only made a lot of money, but perhaps more importantly, they have gained new members, and greatly improved public awareness of the good work of their Lions club.

We challenge every Lions club in Ohio to try at least one or two cases of candy and give your community the opportunity to participate in this statewide event. Contact your club president or club board of directors and tell them that you would like for your club to participate in this profitable and "fun to do" project! DO IT TODAY! ■

## Card of Thanks — from Lion Betty Coffey

I want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, e-mails, flowers and phone calls that I have received. Since last July, I have had two surgeries — one in July and the second one on Dec. 9. The second surgery was to reverse the first one. Recovered from the first one and then had to go back to square one and start the recovery process all over again. I am regaining my strength again but still not back to my "old" self. But I am confident that I will be as good as new soon. I thank God everyday that it was reversible so I try and not complain too much about the recovery process. We all have to go through these things at one time or another. The support that I received from all of the "Lions Family" from Ohio and around the world was the best medicine that I could have received. Thank you all and God bless you.

P.S. Thank you "Nancy & KJ"!!!! ■

# Ohio Lions Guide to the 2003 International Convention

The 2003 Lions International Convention will be held in Denver, Colorado, June 30-July 4. As of the February Council meeting, a reported 140 Ohioans were registered for the event, although it is hoped that those numbers will grow, especially since Ohio will likely be backing a candidate for International Director.

## Registration Procedure

Although early and regular registration discounts have now expired, it is still possible to register in advance or on site at the rate of \$100 per person (adult)/\$30 per child 17 or younger. Forms are available on the LCI Web site [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), in The Lion magazine, or by calling the international headquarters convention office at (630) 571-5466, ext. 283.

## Hotel Accommodations

The Ohio Lions delegation hotel is the Marriott Tech Center. Advance registrants after February 1 may not be guaranteed assignment to this hotel. LCI will not process hotel reservations after May 1. Hotel requests and deposits must be submitted with advance registration.

## Don't Lose Those Coupons

Advance registrants will receive materials from LCI, including registration and hotel confirmation coupons, selected event tickets and your official convention name badge. These materials should be mailed in May. DO NOT FORGET to bring these items with you to Denver. When you check in at the convention center or at selected hotels, you will be given your badge holder and official program. This procedure, initiated at Indianapolis in 2001, effectively reduces the long lines at check-in.

## Delegate Certification

Every club in good standing is entitled to one voting delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof. Delegate and alternate certification forms were mailed to each club in January. These forms should be completed and returned to LCI by May 1. If not completed by that date, the delegate should bring the form to Denver. All delegates, pre-certified or on-site, must report to the certification desk at the convention center and present positive ID and their convention name badge to receive credentials.

## Voting

Voting on candidates for International Officers and Directors and any amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws will take place on Friday, July 4 from 7-10 a.m. at the convention center. It is important that all certified delegates (or alternates, as applicable) take the time to cast their votes.

## OHIO LIONS EVENTS

### State/Campaign Offices

The State Office will be located in the Maroon Peak room of the Marriott Tech Center. International Candidate Office will be the Blanda Peak room.

### Hospitality Room

Ohio's hospitality room will be located in the Pikes Peak room of the Marriott Tech Center. The room will hold about 175 people, with planned service including snacks and soft drinks. Members of the International Convention Committee will staff the room, along with other volunteer Lions. On arrival at the hotel, all Ohio registrants should stop by the hospitality room to pick up their attendee packets as soon as possible. Anticipated hospitality room hours are as follows:

Sunday, June 29	3-9 p.m.
Monday, June 30	8-11 a.m. 1-4 p.m. 7-9 p.m.
Tuesday, July 1	7-8 a.m. 4-7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 2	7-8 a.m. 1-4:30 p.m. 7-9 p.m.
Thursday, June 3	1-4 p.m. 7-9 p.m.
Friday, July 4	7-8 a.m.

Changes to these hours will be posted.

### Parade

The parade steps off at 9:30 a.m., which is also the Ohio delegation's designated gathering time. Ohio is expected to march in the second segment of the parade; exact time schedules are not yet determined.

Registered attendees may take convention shuttles to the gathering area.

The parade uniform will be as follows: gray Ohio Lions shirt (same as used in Indianapolis in 2001, order form on next page); black pants or skirt; white tennis shoes. Shirt orders will not be accepted after June 1; no shirts will be available for sale in Devner.

Instead of the straw hats used in Indianapolis, a baseball cap will be

worn. Registered Ohio attendees will receive details about ordering caps in the mail from the IC Committee.

### Ohio Reception

The Ohio Reception will be held in the Evergreen Ballroom of the Marriott Tech Center Hotel on Wednesday, July 2 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Each Ohio Lion attendee registered with LCI will receive one free ticket to the reception; additional tickets and tickets for non-registered attendees will be \$10 each, payable in advance. Details and order forms will be included in the IC Committee mailing to all registered attendees. Tickets purchased at the door in Denver will cost \$15.

Anticipated reception activities include recognition of Ohio's candidate for International Director; introductions of all LCI guests; remarks from Ohio's past International family and any current LCI officers in attendance; introduction of the 2003-04 Council of Governors and music from the Ohio Lions All-State Band.

### Ohio Breakfast

The Ohio Breakfast will take place from 7-8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 3 in the Evergreen Ballroom, Marriott Tech Center. Since there will be no Thursday Plenary Session, the time has been pushed back in hopes that more Ohio Lions and spouses will attend. A full breakfast will be served, with tickets priced at \$10 per person, payable in advance. Again, details and order forms will be provided to registered attendees in a mailing from the IC Committee.

Dress for the breakfast is casual.

### Caucus

The delegation caucus will immediately follow the breakfast in the Evergreen Ballroom, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

The Liaison Committee will host the caucus, with presentations made by candidates for International Officers and Directors or their representatives. There will also be an opportunity for questions and answers concerning proposed changes to the International constitution and bylaws, but this is not a forum for debate on the issues.

The purpose of the caucus will be to inform and educate delegates about the candidates and issues, while also encouraging all certified Ohio delegates to vote on Friday morning.

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an International Director for the 2003-05 term. If so, a victory celebration will be held on Friday evening, July 4 at the Marriott Tech Center. The exact time and location will be determined based on the newly-elected Director's

schedule and facility availability. Announcements and postings will be made to inform Ohio Lions of the complete details as they become available.

**Questions?**

For more information about Ohio Lions events and arrangements for the Denver Convention, contact your district's IC Committee member (listed at right). ■

## Ohio Lions Parade Shirt

This shirt (gray with black checkered collar) is the same shirt that the Lions of Ohio wore at the Indianapolis International Convention.

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**XXL:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$32.25 \_\_\_\_\_ **XXXL:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$32.25 \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of shirts ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total payment enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: "Ohio Lions – International Convention"**

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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS DENVER 2003**

**Monday, June 30**

Convention Center Opens/Exhibits  
Ohio Hospitality Room Open  
Ohio Offices Open

**Tuesday, July 1**

International Parade 9:30 a.m.  
Opening Business Session  
Q&A with ID Candidates  
Lions Night at Coors Field

**Wednesday, July 2**

First Plenary Session 8:30 a.m.  
Convention Seminars/Exhibits  
Ohio Reception 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, July 3**

Ohio Breakfast/Caucus 7 a.m.  
Convention Seminars/Exhibits  
Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon  
International Show  
Academy Awards of Lionism

**Friday, July 4**

Voting 7 a.m.  
Closing Plenary Session  
Ohio ID Victory Party 5:30 p.m.

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# TAKING IT TO THE STREETS



PIP Jim Coffey (13G)



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Lion Carmen Tranchito (13C)

## MD13 News Briefs

### MD13 MERL COORDINATORS APPOINTED FOR 2003-3006

The Council of Governors has appointed MERL (Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership) coordinators for the 2003-06 term.

**PDG Homer Rice (13H)** was reappointed Membership Coordinator. **Lion Karl Leonhardt (13D)** was named as Extension Coordinator, while **PDG John Stalder (13G)** was reappointed Retention Coordinator and **Lion Paul Nutter (13E)** will remain Membership Coordinator.

### PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER SELECTED

Becky Nowicki, a seventh grade student at St. Patrick's School in Maumee (13A), was selected as the MD13 winner of the 2003-03 Lions International Peace Poster Contest. She is the second student from her school to win top state honors.

### 2003-04 PEACE POSTER KITS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2003-04 Peace Poster Contest kits are now available from International Headquarters. "Create a Brighter Tomorrow" is the theme.

Clubs may purchase kits now through October 1 with the deadline for submitting local posters to the district governor set for November 15. For more details, contact the LCI Youth Programs Department or visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

### OLF MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM EXPANDED

Due to overwhelming response, the Ohio Lions Foundation expanded its matching grant program to help local clubs provide low-vision reading machines for public libraries. Ten grants of \$1,500 were initially budgeted for 2002-03, but the Foundation trustees doubled the program to 20

grants at its February meeting because of the high response. It is expected that the additional 10 grants will be quickly approved, but clubs interested in the program should contact their district trustees to be placed on a waiting list in the event the program is continued for the 2003-04 funding cycle.

### OLF PROVIDES TORNADO RELIEF GRANTS

Following an outbreak of tornadoes which struck northwestern Ohio in November 2002, the Ohio Lions Foundation awarded disaster relief grants to Lions Clubs in Van Wert, Fostoria, Port Clinton, Tiffin, Grover Hill and Bellevue. As of February 2003, more than \$14,000 in food, clothing, shelter, eyeglasses and home heating fuel assistance had been provided.

### OLRF PROVIDES GRANT FOR DIABETES RESEARCH AT CASE

At its January meeting, the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation Board of Trustees approved a special grant of \$38,000 from the Bryan Fund to purchase special camera and computer equipment for Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. This equipment allows photos to be taken of the retina without having to dilate the patient's pupils. It will be used for a research, screening and treatment program for diabetic retinopathy, including work with low-income, inner-city populations.

### 2006 FORUM PROMOTION EFFORTS CONTINUE

The 2006 USA/Canada Forum Promotion Committee reminds all clubs to return ticket stubs and money for the Amish Rocker/Longaberger Basket drawing as soon as possible. All funds raised will help provide expense assistance for Ohio Lions volunteering to staff the 2006 Forum in Columbus. Drawing will be held at the State Convention. Contact your district's Forum Promotion Chair for details. ■

## District 13D Holds Fifth Annual PDG Banquet



### PDG Bob Whited (13D) PRaM Committee Member

On October 22, 2002, the Past District Governors of District 13D held their fifth annual PDG banquet at The Timberlanes Restaurant in Salem. Fifteen PDGs and spouses attended the event.

Special guests were current District Governor David Rice and wife Bonnie. There was a fine meal with great fellowship and a brief meeting.

PDG Ronald Anderson was chairman for the banquet. ■

*Front Row (left to right): District Governor David Rice; PDG Ernie Williams, Alliance (1968-69); PDG Donald Jones, Cortland (1967-68); PDG Paul Peck, Rootstown (1979-80); PDG Dwain Hawkins, New Waterford (1990-91); PDG Robert Whited, Austintown (1995-96). Back Row: PDG Jerry McCullough, Niles (2001-02); PDG Paul Metrovich, Calcutta (1992-93); PDG Donald Martin, Crestwood (1985-86); PDG Daniel Brown, Braceville (1999-2000); PDG David Repass, Ravenna (1987-88); PDG John W. Mundy, Lisbon (1988-89); PDG Lloyd "Bud" Jenkins, Boardman (1996-97); PDG Elmer Mundy, Jackson Township (1993-94); PDG Ronald Anderson, Lisbon (1998-99).*



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# Youngstown Lions Demonstrate True Christmas Spirit

PDG Bob Whited (13D)  
PRaM Committee Member

The real spirit of Christmas was quite evident on Tuesday, December 10 at Youngstown's Saxon Club, as the Youngstown Lions Club sponsored its 82nd annual Christmas Party for visually impaired and special needs children.

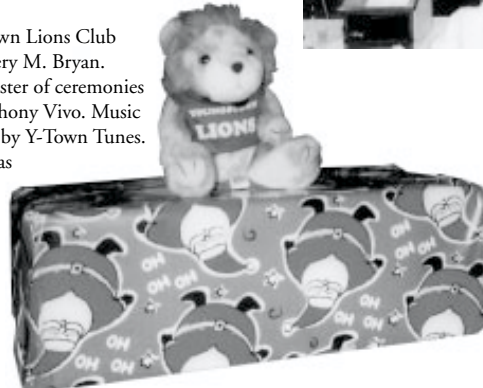
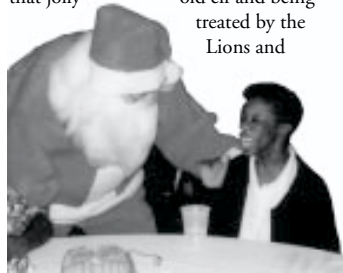
The club, which was chartered in October 1920, has sponsored this event throughout its 82 years, and is proud of creating real excitement for some 140 special children from nine Youngstown area schools, while treating them to a nice dinner with Santa Claus and wonderful gifts as well. Watching the faces of those children light up with the entrance of that jolly old elf and being treated by the Lions and

helping their wishes come true gives a good feeling to all Lions.

Club members and Lion dignitaries, including District Governor David Rice, helped distribute the gifts to the children. Many of those children will deal with sight and other afflictions during their whole lives and the Youngstown Lions Club made their Christmas a whole lot brighter. — one they will never forget.

A presentation was also made to the 2002 Youngstown Lions Pauline Powers Scholarship recipient, Youngstown State University student Amber Stout.

Youngstown Lions Club President is Jerry M. Bryan. Serving as master of ceremonies was Lion Anthony Vivo. Music was provided by Y-Town Tunes. A welcome was given by Michael Bosela, coordinator of the Youngstown Radio Reading Service. ■



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**Two 13J Lions Accepted To Lions Leadership Institute**

Zone 7 Chairman Chris Homer of Gallipolis and Deputy District Governor Ron Barber of Leesburg attended the Senior Lions Leadership Institute, September 15-19, 2002 in Fort Worth, Texas. Candidates were selected through applications submitted to the Division of Seminars and Institutes at Lions Club International.


LCI offers Institutes for both emerging and experience Lion leaders. For more details, contact your district leadership chair or visit the LCI Web site at www.lionsclubs.org. ■

**Note of Thanks**

To All Ohio Lions, Lioness and Leos:

Thank you so much for your sympathy, love and kindness during my time of sorrow. I'm sure my wife, Anne, will be missed by all who knew her.

Sincerely,

  
PDG Fred Watts (13F) ■



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**STATE CONVENTION 2003**

**OHIO LIONS STATE CONVENTION**

May 16 – May 18, 2003

Ramada Plaza Hotel & Roberts Center – Wilmington, Ohio

**Schedule of Events**

*FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2003*

Council of Governors Meeting	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Convention Registration & Certification of Delegates	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Committee Meetings	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Council Luncheon	12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Spouses Luncheon	12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Committee Luncheon	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Council Meeting (continues)	1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Committee Meetings	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies - Social	5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies & Banquet	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Entertainment	8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Hospitality	9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

*SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2003*

Committee Recognition Breakfast	7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Convention Registration	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Certification of Delegates	7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Convention Opening Business Session	9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Spouses Program	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Seminar – “LCI – Your Leadership and the Future”	10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Seminar – “Lions Clubs Legal Affairs”	10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Seminar – “Identity Theft & Fraud”	10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Seminar – “Membership & Retention”	10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Informational Session on Future Potential State Dues Increase	10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Awards Luncheon – Doors Open	12:00 p.m.
Awards Luncheon	12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
District Caucus’	2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Afternoon Business Session	3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Voting Booths Open	3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Convention Dinner Period (On Your Own)	5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Council Roast (Limited Invitations)	6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Entertainment	8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Hospitality	9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

*SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2003*

PDG Breakfast & Meeting	7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Memorial Service	9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Hotel Checkout (General Attendees)	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Grand Banquet – Doors Open	11:30 a.m.
Grand Banquet	12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

# Full Agenda Planned for 2003 MD13 State Convention

Lions attending the 2003 MD13 State Convention May 16-18 at Wilmington should come prepared for a busy weekend.

The business sessions promise a full agenda with votes on six By-Laws amendments and an election to

endorse a candidate for International Director — but that's not all.

Five Saturday morning seminars offer important information on topics including club legal affairs, membership and retention, leadership development, identity theft and the financial

challenges facing our multiple district organization.

Social events and hospitality rooms offer opportunities to renew old friendships and make new ones, while scores of hard-working Lions will be honored for their achievements.

It's not too late to sign up for all the fun and excitement. A number of registration options are available to meet different schedules and budgets. Simply complete the form on this page and return it to the State Office.

At press time, reports indicated that the headquarters hotel, Ramada Plaza at Roberts Center, was nearly or completely sold out of rooms. However, arrangements are available at special Lions rates at two other hotels within easy driving distance. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotels; not the State Office. ■

**MD 13 - OHIO LIONS, INC.  
2003 STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM  
MAY 16, 17, 18, 2003  
RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL & ROBERTS CENTER  
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The 2003 State Convention will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, and the Roberts Center in Wilmington, Ohio, the weekend of May 16, 17, and 18, 2003. The Ramada Plaza and the Roberts Center are located at Exit 50 off of I-71 between Columbus and Cincinnati. District 13J is the Host District this year.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Hotel reservations are available at three hotels this year, and can be made directly through the hotels at the following numbers:

Headquarters Hotel:	Ramada Plaza at the Roberts Center:	Rate \$89 Phone: 1-937-283-3200
10 to 15 Minute Drive:	Wilmington Inn	Rate \$49 Phone: 1-937-382-6000
10 to 15 Minute Drive:	Jeffersonville Hampton Inn	Rate: \$67 Phone: 1-740-948-9499

The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits. Please request the Ohio Lions group rate when calling the hotels.

**REGISTRATION**

There are six general types of Registrations available for the 2003 State Convention. MAKE SURE YOU INDICATE IF THE REGISTRANT IS A DELEGATE. The Registration types are listed below with costs.

<u>TYPE:</u>	<u>ABBREVIATION:</u>	<u>COST:</u>	<u>COVERS:</u>
Full	FULL	\$75	Entire Convention - All Meals & Entertainment
Friday & Saturday	F/S	\$65	Covers all Friday and Saturday Meals & Entertainment
Weekend	WKND	\$60	Covers all Saturday & Sunday Meals & Entertainment
Sat. Lunch	SAT.	\$20	Covers Only Saturday Business/Awards Luncheon
Sun. Lunch	SUN.	\$25	Covers Only the Grand Banquet on Sunday
Business	BUS.	\$0	Registration to Vote and the Business Session on Sat.
Leo	LEO	\$35	Full Registration for All Events (Call for Ind. Events)
Youth (Under 14)	YOUTH	\$25	Entire Convention - All Meals & Entertainment

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**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**    Lion/Lioness    Circle for Delegate    Dist.    Reg.Type:

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TOTALS:    REGISTRANTS: \_\_\_\_\_    FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_    CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal or Meals.

Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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**"Exiled" Ohio Lions Meet in Florida**

PCC Don and Ruth Kepler hosted the annual "Ohio Lions in Exile" lunch on January 28 at Homer's Restaurant in Sebring, Florida. There were 20 Lions and seven guests present, including 14 from District 13E, five from District 13J, and eight from District 13K. Among those in attendance were PID Floyd Newberry, PDGs John O'Flaherty, Bill Price, Don Hart, Don Kepler, Noel Dusan, and Bruce Strome (Florida).

A collection of \$15.00 was collected for Pilot Dogs.

The group will meet again on January 29, 2004 in Sebring. Contact the Keplers at (937) 692-8980 in Ohio and (863) 471-6262 in Florida for more details or reservations; or e-mail don\_ruth@msn.com. ■

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## Club/District News

(Compiled from club and district newsletters and submissions to the Editor)

### Toronto Lions Purchase Equipment for Student

**Toronto Lions (13G)** purchased more than \$500 worth of equipment to aid Dylan Grimm, a sight-impaired fourth grade student in the Toronto City Schools.

The school district secured grant funding for a computer, scanner and printer designed to aid the boy with his studies, while the Lions bought a cart used to transport the equipment to class and a printer for home use.

The club earmarked funds from memorial donations received following the death of Lion George Argentine.

Jim Ray, director of special programs for the school district, said, "Dylan is a shining example because of his sight problem, but from homecoming courts to Leo Club members, the students of the Toronto Schools benefit from the services provided by the Lions Club."

Julie Stenger, Dylan's mother, added, "This was an extremely big help to us and we are very thankful."

*President Joann Sydor, Lion Charles Peters, District Governor David Rice*



### Minerva Lions Celebrate 60th Anniversary

**PDG Bob Whited (13D)**  
**PRaM Committee Member**

The **Minerva Lions Club (13D)** celebrated 60 years of service on October 2, 2002 at the Southern Inn.

Serving as speaker was District Governor David Rice, who congratulated the club and the many activities and service attributed to the club. Lion President Joann Sydor presided.

Special recognition was made to Lion Charles Peters for his 34 years of perfect attendance and service, and 28 deceased members of the club were honored in a special candlelight service.

**Columbus Grove Lions Club (13A)** purchased four maintenance-free benches for the community park.

**Deshler Lions Club (13A)** donated \$3,000 to help send the Patrick Henry Symphonic Choir to the National Choir Cup Competition in Branson, Missouri.

**Holgate Lions Club (13A)** earned more than \$1,600 working concession stands at five Toledo Mud Hens games.

**Bellville Lions (13B)** held a Christmas Party and will be participating in local Ohio Bicentennial events.

**Castalia Lions (13B)** contributed \$175 to the American Legion Buckeye Boys State, \$175 to the School of the Outdoors at Mohican, \$250 to Project Share, participated in the Peace Poster Contest, lighted a sign for the holidays and conducted a Monte Carlo Night fundraiser in conjunction with the local athletic boosters.

**Lorain Lions (13B)** raised some \$1,700 with a holiday fruitcake sale, rang bells for the Salvation Army (raising more than the Rotary Club!), and celebrated their 80th anniversary.

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### New Waterford Lions Club's Famous Roast Beef Dinner



*Members of The Crestview Leo Club taking a short break from their many chores at New Waterford's Roast Beef Dinner.*

**PDG Bob Whited (13D)**  
**PRaM Committee Member**

**New Waterford Lions Club (13D)** has served dinners since 1970, starting with spaghetti and then swiss steak, but they sure hit the jackpot when they decided to serve roast beef dinners at Crestview High School. The dinners are held twice a year in March and October and are edging up to close 1,000 dinners served at each event. The dinners in March go towards their scholarship fund for three \$1,000 scholarships. The October dinner goes into their community fund.

One of the main ingredients of this famous dinner is the assistance of the Crestview Leo Club, who show up 25 strong and help serve and clean up. Without them it would be impossible to put these dinners on.

Dinners include all-you-can-eat roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple sauce, cole slaw and pie or cake.

**North Ridgeville Lions (13B)** purchased hundreds of holiday toys, turkeys and hams for Community Care and held their annual Chili Dinner fundraiser.

**Highland Heights Lions (13C)** sponsored the local holiday home lighting contest, raised more than \$3,500 with a hole-in-one contest and another \$7,500 with a Sweetest Day rose sale.

**North Coast Lions (13C)** held a vision screening for 27 fourth grade students at Longfellow Elementary School.

**Willoughby Hills Lions Club (13C)** was named 2003 "Distinguished Civic Organization" by the Willoughby Chamber of Commerce.

**Kenton Lions Club (13E)** held its 55th Annual "Lions Roar" Show in March.

**Ohio Northern University Lions Club (13E)** held its inaugural Charter Night in February.

**Ridgedale Lions (13F)** raised more than \$500 for the local Salvation Army kettle drive.

**River Valley Lions (13F)** started a business branch club under the guidance of Lion John Kosto.

**Dover Lions (13G)** accepted a challenge from the neighboring **New Philadelphia Lions** to raise money on the bowling lanes for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. The club is also maintaining correspondence with a fellow Lions Club in Dover, England.

**Doylestown Lions (13G)** supplied 90 food baskets at Thanksgiving and 120 food baskets at Christmas.

A new Lions Club at **Powhatan Point (13G)** held its charter celebration in November.

**Wooster Noon Lions (13G)** celebrated their 75th anniversary.

**District 13H** is busy planning Lions Club Night with the Dayton Dragons for Friday, June 13.

**Kenwood Lions (13H)** assisted with diabetes testing at the Mariemount Kroger pharmacy.

**Springboro Lions (13H)** will celebrate their 50th anniversary in April.

**Lake Waynoka Lions (13J)** built a pavilion at the beach.

*Susan Franko, O.D., performs eye screening at East Knox Lions event.*



## East Knox Lions Busy In Service

### Lion Sara Jo Helm

The **East Knox Lions Club (13K)** held its annual free vision screening on October 12, 2002. The event was well publicized, with posters placed in 21 businesses, newspaper and radio announcements and flyers sent home with school students. Despite a schedule conflict with a local high school football game, 30 people showed up to be screened, with many – including children – found to need some sort of vision correction.

Three local doctors – Roger Sherman, M.D., Susan Franko, O.D., and David Wineland, O.D. – donated their services to the effort. Wineland also provided brochures about eye health to be distributed at the event.

The East Knox Lions are also active in collecting can tabs, which are donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus. As of last fall, the club had collected more than 70,000 tabs (approximately 50 pounds) and donated a family's stay for one week at the Ronald McDonald House.



*East Knox Lions Bob and Jo Helm are ready to pour more can tabs into containers at the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus.*

**Lynchburg Lions Club (13J)** celebrated its 50th anniversary.

**Minford Lions (13J)** donated \$150 to the 61st annual Scioto County Music Festival.

**Waverly Lions Club (13J)** celebrated its 50th Anniversary in March, honored local television newsman

Frank Swearingen and started a "road show" to visit clubs throughout the district.

**Lynchville Lions Club (13J)** celebrated its 50th anniversary.

**13K** welcomed a new Lions Club in **Zanesville** and new Leo Clubs in **Licking County** and **Fredericktown**.

## WANTED: Items for Camp Echoing Hills Nature Center

Camp Echoing Hills is a Christian camp for disabled adults and children. Camp Echoing Hills provides opportunities for our special campers to experience things they may not otherwise have the chance to experience. One of these opportunities is our Nature Center/Environmental Education Program. Please consider donating items that you have access to or no longer have use for to our Nature Center.

### Camp Echoing Hills' Wish List:

- Field Guides/Identification books (any kind)
- Non-Fiction Science Educational Books (any, especially picture books and children's books)
- Books about Environmental Education
- Science Education Software
- Abandoned Birds Nests (any, except robin's nests) – if possible please let us know what kind of bird inhabited the nest.
- Feathers of Birds You Can Identify (please no turkey feathers)
- Ohio Animal Mounts (any, especially small animals)
- Shells (any)
- Pelts or Pieces of Pelts (we already have bear, rabbit, caribou and deer)
- Animal Bones and Skeletons
- Insect and Butterfly Collections
- Fossils
- Binoculars
- Tuning Forks
- Prisms
- Stereoscope
- Small Handheld/Compact Mirrors
- Magnifying Glasses
- Science Kits
- Wall Tents
- Anything else that would enhance our Program

*Thank You Very Much!*

Camp Echoing Hills  
36272 CR 79  
Warsaw, OH 43844  
(740) 327-2311  
camp@echoinghillsvillage.org  
Shaker Samuel, Camp Administrator

**Belpre Lions (13K)** celebrated their 50th anniversary in February.

**Kirkersville Lions (13K)** co-sponsored the Outville Christmas Parade.

**Liberty Union Leos (13K)** spent time serving meals at a local shelter rather than watching the Ohio State victory in the national championship game.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE:  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO MD13—OHIO LIONS INC.  
BYLAWS**

Following is the full text of the proposed amendments to the MD13—Ohio Lions, Inc. Bylaws, to be voted on at the Business Session of the annual State Convention in Wilmington, Ohio on Saturday, May 17, 2003. A two-thirds vote of registered delegates present and voting is required for passage.

Old language, new language and reasons for the proposed changes (as submitted to the editor by the C&BL Committee) are listed. No endorsement or recommendation of any group or individual is given or implied.

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**PROPOSAL:**

Modify the By-Laws to eliminate all Committee term limits. Submitted by Finance and Planning Committee.

*Old Language*

**ARTICLE III  
Standing Committees**

SECTION 1. Band Committee  
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee person having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

SECTION 2. Constitution and By-Laws Committee  
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee person having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

SECTION 3. Extension Committee  
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee person having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

SECTION 4. Finance and Planning Committee  
3. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS—B. A majority of the certified delegates to said session shall be required to elect the District representative to the Finance and Planning Advisory Committee in the same manner as all other elective offices. The term of office of these members will be three (3) years. Election schedule: Refer to Section 15 of this Article III.

SECTION 5. International Convention Committee  
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee person having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

SECTION 6. International Relations Committee  
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee person having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

SECTION 7. Leadership Development Committee  
4. TERM LIMIT: A member may serve two (2) consecutive terms, and then be ineligible for appointment to this committee until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

SECTION 9. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)  
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee person having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

SECTION 10. Membership Committee  
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee person having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

SECTION 11. Public Relations and Marketing  
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee person having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

SECTION 12. Sight and Hearing Committee  
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee person having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

SECTION 13. Youth Committee  
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee person having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

**ARTICLE IV  
State Office Building  
Board of Trustees**

SECTION 1. Building Board of Trustees  
3. NOMINATION, ELECTIONS & TERM OF OFFICE—C. Term of Office: Trustees shall be elected to serve a three (3) year term, and are limited to two (2) consecutive terms or a major fraction thereof.

*New Language*

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3. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS—B. A majority of the certified delegates to said session shall be required to elect the District representative to the Finance and Planning Advisory Committee in the same manner as all other elective offices. The term of office of these members will be three (3) years. District representative having served two (2) or more years shall be eligible for reelection. Election schedule: Refer to Section 15 of this Article III.

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**ARTICLE IV  
State Office Building  
Board of Trustees**

SECTION 1. Building Board of Trustees  
3. NOMINATION, ELECTIONS & TERM OF OFFICE—C. Term of Office: Trustees shall be elected to serve a three (3) year term. District Building Board of Trustees having served two (2) or more years shall be eligible for reelection.

*Reason for Change:*

The proposed By-Laws change will eliminate the Term Limit requirement for District Representatives appointed to Standing Committees and District Trustees elected to State Office Board of Trustees. The specific reasons for the proposed By-Laws change are provided below:

- In past years some Governor-Elects have not completely complied with By-Laws ARTICLE III, SECTION 15, entitled Appointments and Elections to State Committees.
- In past years some Governor-Elects have not adequately provided advanced information to their District membership concerning Standing Committee positions that need to be filled by qualified Lions.
- In past years some Governor-Elects have retained qualified Standing Committee representatives past their Term Limit if the District Representative has demonstrated dedication and commitment in that position.
- In some Districts Governor-Elects have difficulty in filling Standing Committee positions with qualified Lions because some on our current membership are only interested in "What's in it for me" if they accept.
- District Representatives that are elected to Standing Committees should be eligible for reelection following the schedule as stated in ARTICLE III, SECTION 15 of the By-Laws.
- In the past few years some Governor-Elects have made Standing Committee appointments without ensuring that the appointed Lion has the required qualifications and commitment for the appointed position. Governor-Elects have basically filled open slots with names to complete their District Directories.
- The removal of qualified and talented performers from Standing Committees and the State Office Board of Trustees due to a requirement for TERM LIMIT

sends a clear message to these performing Lions that their services are no longer needed in our organization. This present TERM LIMIT will only add to our membership problem.

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**PROPOSAL:**

Modify the By-Laws (Article III, Section 4, #3) to impose a maximum term limit of two three-year terms on the Finance and Planning Committee. Submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

*Old Language:*

3. NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS:

A. Nominations for the elective member will be made during the regular business session of the respective Sub-District Conventions.  
 B. A majority of the certified Delegates to said session shall be required to elect the District representative to the Finance and Planning Advisory Committee in the same manner as all other elective offices. The term of office of these members will be three (3) years. Election Schedule: Refer to Section 15 of this Article III.

*New Language:*

3. TERM LIMIT: Committee person having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

*Reason for Change:*

All Committees therefore would be consistent.

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**PROPOSAL:**

Modify the By-Laws (Article III, Section 4, #2) to make the Finance and Planning Committee Member a Governor-appointed position, rather than an elected position. Submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

*Old Language:*

2. MEMBERSHIP: Voting members: One (1) member from each Sub-district of Multiple District 13 – Ohio Lions, Inc., to be elected as hereinafter provided.

*New Language:*

2. MEMBERSHIP: Voting members: One (1) member from each Sub-/ District of Multiple District 13 – Ohio Lions, Inc. to be **appointed** as hereinafter provided.

*Reason for Change:*

All Committees therefore would be

consistent. There would be complete consistency with all other committees in Multiple District 13; that all committees would be appointed by the District Governor Elect.

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**PROPOSAL:**

Modify the By-Laws (Article III, Section 4) to change the name of the “Finance and Planning Advisory Committee” to “Finance and Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee.” Submitted by Finance and Planning Committee.

*Old Language:*

Section 4. Finance & Planning Advisory Committee

*New Language:*

Section 4. Finance & Long Range Planning Advisory Committee

3. NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS—B. A majority of certified Delegates to said session shall be required to elect the District representative to Finance and Long Range Planning Advisory Committee in the same manner as all other elective offices. The term of these members will be three (3) years. Election Schedule: Refer to Section 15 of Article III.

*Reason for Change:*

The addition of **Long Range** to the committee’s name more accurately describes the entire mission of the present Committee. With the conception of the Strategic Planning initiative a few years ago, the need for the **Long Range** in the committee name was omitted during review and was not included in the revision of the present Constitution and By-Laws. However today the Committee has a Short and Long Term Financial Planning initiative, and as such the entire committee now requests that the addition of the wording **Long Range** be added back to the committee’s name to accurately describe the committee’s entire mission.

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**PROPOSAL:**

Modify the By-Laws (Article III, Section 4, #2) to eliminate the Immediate Past Chairman of Council and the Liaison Chairman from Ex-Officio membership on the Finance and Planning Committee. Submitted by Finance and Planning Committee.

*Old Language:*

2. MEMBERSHIP: Voting members: One (1) member from each Sub-

District of Multiple District 13 – Ohio Lions, Inc. to be elected as hereinafter provided.

Ex-Officio Members:

- A. Current International Officer and/ or Director
- B. Past International Officers and Past Directors
- C. Immediate Past Chairperson of State Council of Governors
- D. Chairperson of State Council of Governors
- E. Chairperson of Liaison Committee
- F. Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer
- G. A Current District Governor (appointed by current Chairperson)

*New Language:*

**Remove the following ex-Officio Members:**

- Immediate Past Chairperson of State Council of Governors
- Chairperson of Liaison Committee

*Reason for Change:*

Elimination of the Immediate Past chairperson of State Council and Chairperson of Liaison Committee will not affect the operation of the committee. Both ex-officio members feel obligated to attend meetings, even though both Chairpersons in the past have provided little, if any, input. If their presence would be required, the Finance and Long Range Planning Advisor Committee Chairperson would invite them for their input and comments.

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**PROPOSAL:**

Modify the By-Laws (Article III, Section 16) to enable the Governor-Elect to extend the appointment of a state committee representative past their term-limited service, for a period

not to exceed one year. Submitted by Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

*Old Language:*

Section 16. Limitation on Appointment/Elected Members  
 No Lion shall be appointed or elected to serve on more than one (1) standing State Committee listed in Article III of the By-Laws except on a Sub-Committee to a Committee of which he/she is a member.

*New Language:*

Section 16. Limitation on Appointment Members  
 No Lion shall be appointed or elected to serve on more than one (1) standing State Committee listed in Article III of the By-Laws except on a Sub-Committee to a Committee of which he/she is a member. **In the event that no member is available for appointment to a committee the District Governor Elect shall have the authority to extend the appointment of members to a committee for the period not to exceed one (1) year.**

*Reason for Change:*

Delete “elected” from Section 16. Limitation on Appointment/Elected Members

Delete “elected” from “No Lion shall be appointed or elected...”

This gives the incoming Governor an opportunity, if necessary, to re-appointment the same individual who has served the maximum term limit. It therefore would not create a void in the Governor’s Cabinet nor at the State level for the committee meetings, etc. It gives the incoming Vice Governor one year to obtain a qualified individual for that committee from their District. ■



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## OFFICIAL NOTICE:

### OLERF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS REVISIONS

While the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees, with members elected from each district, it is important to note that every Ohio Lion is a member of the Foundation. The Foundation is required to hold a meeting of the full membership annually; this meeting will be held during the Business Session of the State Convention on Saturday, May 17. At that time, the following revised governing documents will be presented for approval.

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS OF THE OHIO LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

##### ARTICLE I: ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Inc. (Hereinafter called OLERF.) In 1952 the Lions of Ohio established an Eye Research committee. In 1957, The Eye Research Committee was granted Foundation status and the name Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation was chosen. In 1958 the Internal Revenue Service granted 501-c-3 status to the OLERF.

##### ARTICLE II: MISSION STATEMENT

To further research into the cause and the treatment of eye diseases and disorders, including diabetes. The Foundation supports eye research institutions throughout Ohio by providing resources and funds contributed by Lions and the public or private sector. The Foundation shall provide education relevant to vision research and promote the goals of Lions Clubs International.

##### ARTICLE III: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the OLERF shall be July 1 of any calendar year through June 30 of the next calendar year.

##### ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

All Lions in good standing of a Lions club in Multiple District 13 Ohio Lions Incorporated shall by virtue thereof be and are members of this corporation and are eligible to hold office.

##### ARTICLE V: TRUSTEES

1. All power and authority of this corporation shall be vested in the Board of Trustees, and the business of the Corporation shall be

controlled by the Board of Trustees, except as otherwise provided for in the Articles of Incorporation, amendments thereto, or the laws of the State of Ohio. The Board of Trustees may, if it deems advisable, adopt by-laws for its own operation, not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or this Code of Regulations

2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of one (1) Trustee from each sub-district of MD13 Ohio Lions Incorporated.
3. A Trustee retiring from the Board of Trustees shall be granted Trustee Emeritus status, allowing him/her to attend meetings, participate in discussions, but have no voting power.
4. The election of Trustees shall be held at the annual meeting of each sub-district (sub-district convention). If a Trustee from a sub-district is not elected, for any reason, then the sub-district shall, at its caucus at the State Convention next held, elect a Trustee for the term so specified.
5. The term of a Trustee shall be for three (3) years, and the Trustee shall be elected according to the following schedule. A Trustee may be reelected. Districts E,F, and G – 2002 Districts A,B,J, and K – 2003 Districts C,D, and H – 2004
6. A Trustee elected in the manner set forth herein shall take Office at the close of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees next following his/her election and shall continue in office until his/her successor has been duly elected.
7. Vacancies- Vacancies caused by death, resignation, or when the office of a Trustee has been declared vacant by action of the Board of Trustees, shall be filed as follows: the governor of said district so affected shall, with the concurrence of his/her cabinet, appoint a Trustee for the unexpired term. Said appointee shall assume the duties of a Trustee in his/her district immediately following his/her appointment.

##### ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

###### A – CORPORATE MEETINGS

1. The Annual Meeting of this corporation shall be held on the occasion of the State Convention of Multiple District 13, Ohio Lions Inc., at a time and place approved by the State Council of Multiple District 13.
2. Special meeting may be called by the Trustees or by any fifty (50)

members of the Corporation, by a written notice given not less than thirty (30) days before the date set for such meeting, and said notice shall be given in writing or electronic mail to each Lions club in MD-13

3. The members present and voting at the Annual or any Special meeting shall constitute a quorum.

###### B – TRUSTEE MEETINGS

1. A reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held after the close of business of the fourth quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Corporation, at which time newly elected Trustees, shall take office.
2. There shall be four (4) Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees, said meetings to occur generally quarterly throughout the year, with the time and place determined by the President with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees. Notice of the Regular Meetings shall be a complete notice thereof being given via regular or electronic mail to each Trustee at his/her residence or place of business at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting.
3. Special Meetings of the Board of Trustees may be held from time to time, whenever called by the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director, or upon written request signed by three (3) Trustees. Notices of any such Special Meeting shall be a complete notice thereof being given via regular or electronic mail to his/her residence or place of residence or business at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Said notice shall include the purpose or purposes for which said Special Meeting is being called
4. A majority of Trustees shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and shall be necessary to transact business.

##### ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board of Trustees, at its reorganizational Meeting and shall be, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. Any elected Trustee of the Corporation shall be eligible to hold any elected office of the Corporation.
3. The elected officers of the Board of Trustees shall be paid no compensation by the Corporation.
4. The officers of the Corporation

shall be elected for a term of one (1) year at the reorganizational meeting of the Board of Trustees and shall continue in office until their successors are elected, unless sooner removed by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

5. A Trustee may hold more than one (1) office, not to exceed two (2), but in no event may any officer execute any instrument on behalf of the Corporation in more than one (1) capacity.
6. In the event of a vacancy, for any cause, in the office of President, the Vice President shall forthwith assume the office of President. At the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, a Vice President shall be elected, (or at a special meeting called for that purpose, in accordance with the procedures thereof.) In the event of a vacancy, for any cause, in the office of Secretary or Treasurer, the president shall name his/her successor immediately, and said appointee shall serve until the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees when said office shall be filled by an election.

##### ARTICLE VIII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Members and the Board of Trustees, sign records thereof, and perform generally all the duties usually performed for like corporations, and such other and further duties as may be delegated to him by the Board of Trustees.
2. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case of the absence or disability of the President, and other such duties as may be delegated to him by the President or the Board of Directors.
3. The Secretary, (or the Executive Director) shall keep the minutes of all meetings, whether of the Board of Trustees or of the Membership of the Corporation, make complete and proper record of same, and shall be attested by him/her and generally perform any and all duties of the office as may be assigned to him/her, by the Board of Trustees or the President. The Board of Trustees may request that the Executive Director perform the duties of the Secretary.
4. The Treasurer shall receive and keep safely all monies and securities of the Corporation and discharge his/her duties in accord with directions as are given to him/her by the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer shall be bonded in a

sum as shall be determined by the Board of Trustees, the cost thereof to be paid by the Corporation. Upon the expiration of his/her service as Treasurer, he/she shall deliver all monies, securities, and other property, together with all of his/her records, which are the property of the Corporation, to his/her successor.

- An audit, by a certified public accountant, shall be made of the Treasurer's records no less than every five (5) years, unless called for sooner by action of the Board of Trustees.

#### **ARTICLE IX: APPOINTED INDIVIDUALS**

The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, the following individuals:

- Executive Director.** The duties of the Executive Director shall be to perform the day-to-day activities that are required for the efficient operation of OLERF, and such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Trustees from time to time. The Board of Trustees, at its sole discretion, may designate a complimentary compensation for the Executive Director.
- Legal Advisor.** The duties of the Legal Advisor shall be to advise the President and the Board of Trustees on any and all legal matters that may arise.
- Visual/Scientific Advisor.** The Visual/Scientific Advisor shall be a member of the Visual/Scientific Advisory Board and also a member of a Lions club in good standing. The duties of the Visual/Scientific Advisor shall be to advise the President and the Board of Trustees on any all matters relating to eye sight and eye research, act as a liaison between the supported agencies and the OLERF, and to review all proposals for funding before presenting said proposals to the Allocations Committee

#### **ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES**

The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, the following committees. He and the Executive Director shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

- Constitution and By-laws – consisting of three (3) Trustees, whose duty it shall be to review any and all resolutions, amendments, supplements, or repeals to the Constitution and By-laws prior to their being presented to the Board of Trustees or the general membership in accord with Articles XI of the

Constitution and Article VII of the By-laws.

- Allocations – consisting of three (3) Trustees, whose duty it shall be to prepare a list of allocations to the various agencies, a proposal for fellowship grants, and a proposal for diabetes research grants, as submitted by the Visual/Medical chair.
- Budget Committee – consisting of three (3) members, two (2) of which shall be the Treasurer and the Executive Director and an additional member, a Trustee, whose duty it shall be to prepare an operating (administrative) budget for the fiscal year. The proposed budget shall be presented to the Board of Trustees no later than the second quarterly meeting of the Board
- Visual/Scientific Advisory Board – consisting of one (1) representative from each of the agencies supported by the OLERF.
- Agency Review Committee – consisting of four (4) members, viz., President, Vice President, Visual/Scientific Advisory Board Chair, and the Executive Director whose duty shall be to review the research activities of the supported agencies to ascertain that said activities are in compliance with the objectives of the OLERF. This committee shall also arrange to make an on-site visitation of any new agency that requests funding from the OLERF and to make a report to the Board of Trustees.
- Audit Committee – consisting of three (3) Trustees, whose duty shall be to audit the Treasurer's records at the end of the fiscal year. The audit committee's report shall be made at the second quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees.

#### **ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS – REVISIONS –SUPPLEMENTS**

- This Code of Regulations may be amended, revised, or repealed, by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the Corporation.
- Any amendments, revisions, supplements, or repeals must be submitted to the Constitution and By-laws committee as provided for in Article X, paragraph 1 of these regulations. Such proposals must be submitted to the Constitution and By-laws committee in writing, not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting at which they are to be presented to the Board of Trustees. After approval by the Board of Trustees the Constitution

and By-laws committee shall cause the general membership, through the club secretaries, to be notified, in writing, either through regular or electronic mail, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which time the proposals shall be acted upon.

- Any Trustee or member of the Corporation may present a proposal for revision, amendment, supplement, or repeal hereof, but all are bound by the procedural provisions herein provided.
- The Board of Trustees may not table such proposals for more than two (2) Board meetings and must act not later than the third such meeting.

This Code of Regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled meeting in Mansfield, Ohio on 19 January 2003.

Norbert A. Peiker  
President

Richard W. Neiderhauser  
Executive Director

#### **BY-LAWS**

##### **ARTICLE I: ELECTIONS**

- The first order of business at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees, as provided for in Article VII of the Code of Regulations, section 1, shall be the election of officers.
- The officers to be elected shall be in accord with Article VII, sections 1,2,3, and 4 of the Code of Regulations.
- A majority of Trustees, duly elected and qualified, shall be a quorum for conducting an election meeting.
- In event there is more than one (1) candidate for an office, the candidate shall be elected by separate and individual ballot.
- The successful candidate must receive a majority vote of the Trustees present at such election meeting.
- The presiding officer at the election meeting shall designate one (1) Trustee as teller for the purpose of tabulating the vote as cast.
- An office for which there is only one (1) candidate; the vote may be by acclamation.
- The election shall be conducted, as a primary order of business and in no event shall notice thereof be needed.
- Any election held at other than the organizational meeting shall be considered a special election and

notice shall be sent to all Trustees as provided for in any special meeting.

- A special election may relate to and directly concern any elected officer.

##### **ARTICLE II**

The duties of any and all officers shall be in accord with Article VII of the Code of Regulations.

- Additional duties or more complete clarification thereof may be made at any time, providing that said duties are not in any way decreased by virtue thereof.

##### **ARTICLE III**

In addition to the duties of the Secretary, as set for in the Code of Regulations, he/she shall, in conjunction with the Executive Director, maintain and keep up to date, a complete historical record of the Corporation.

- The Secretary shall also transmit any and all notices given to him/her by any officer, Trustee, or Advisor, in order to keep all official persons of the corporation fully advised and shall keep copies thereof in his/her files.

##### **ARTICLE IV**

The Treasurer shall keep safely all monies of the Corporation deposited in such financial institutions, as the Board of Trustees shall, by majority vote, direct.

- Approval of depository institution shall be a matter of primary business at the second quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of each year.

##### **ARTICLE V**

The Board of Trustees meetings, regular or special, and all meetings of the general membership shall be conducted in accord with a published order of business, and be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

- Each and every Trustee, shown by the Secretary's records, present at any meeting, whether regular or special, shall cast his/her vote on every issue, question, or election brought before the Board of Trustees, excepting only if he/she is personally and directly involved in the matter before the Board, no Trustee may abstain from voting, nor may he/she absent himself/herself from the room to avoid casting his/her ballot.

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**ARTICLE VI**

If a Trustee shall fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Trustees, regular or special meetings being considered the same in computing absence, without a cause deemed justifiable in the opinion of a majority of the Board of Trustees, then by motion, duly seconded and passed, the President shall forthwith notify, in writing, the Trustee and the Governor of his/her District, noting in such notice that the District involved is not being properly represented.

**ARTICLE VII**

These By-laws may be amended, supplemented, revised, or repealed by a majority vote of the Trustees at any meeting, regular or special, providing that in so doing, the effect is not to contradict, in any way the Code of Regulations. Any proposals must be submitted to the Constitution and By-laws committee, in writing, by regular or electronic mail, not less than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting at which they are to be presented to the Board of Trustees. The Constitution and By-laws committee shall cause the members of the Board of Trustees to be notified individually, in writing by regular or electronic mail not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which time the proposals shall be acted upon.

**ARTICLE VIII**

In the event of a complete revision of these By-laws, such revision shall take effect upon approval by a majority of the Trustees present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board. Such approval of said revision, properly attested by the President and Executive Director, setting forth the date and place of such approval, and shall by virtue thereof take full force and effect from such date and until further revised. ■

## Lions, Crew “Fight for Sight” Continues

The Ohio Lions and the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer will continue their “Fight for Sight” with the third annual promotional night at Crew Stadium on Saturday, June 7. The U.S. Open Cup Champion Crew will take on the San Jose Earthquakes at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each, with \$5 per ticket sold earmarked to benefit Lions sight-related charities.

Event organizers — the Crew and the Columbus Northern Lions Club — encourage every club in Ohio to send at least two representatives to the event. If the goal is met, at least \$10,000 could be raised. Each club will receive a mailing with more details about this exciting fundraising and promotional event, which organizers hope will become a model for other Major League Soccer franchises.

The event coincides with Super Weekend training program for deputy governors-elect and zone chairs. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Columbus for Lions wishing to stay overnight, at a promotional rate of \$59. For information or reservations, contact the state office at (614) 539-5060 before May 15. ■



Columbus Crew President and General Manager Jim Smith presents the 2002 donation check to the Fight for Sight Committee. Pictured are Lion Jerry Buck, Lion Frank Williams, Jim Smith, Ohio State Representative Jim Hughes, Ohio Lions District F Governor John Fischer, and Lion Sissie Fischer.

## Rave Reviews for 2002 Fight for Sight Night



Ohio State Representative Jim Hughes awards Lions District 13F Governor John Fischer and the Columbus Northern Lions a citation on behalf of the Ohio House of Representatives for their outstanding community efforts for Fight for Sight Night. Pictured are: Lion Frank Williams, The Honorable Jim Hughes, District 13F Governor John Fischer, and Lion Sissie Fischer.



**Rory McGuiness**

Major League Soccer’s Crew Stadium in Columbus was the site of the second annual “Fight For Sight Night” sponsored by the **Columbus Northern Lions (13F)**. The event raised more than \$3,000 for Lions’ sight programs in Ohio. To raise this money, the Lions and the Crew helped to sell tickets to the August 31 Crew game vs. the New England Revolution. Providing the “lion’s” share of this

year’s donation was OhioHealth, a leading health care provider in central Ohio.

To supplement fundraising efforts, the Central Ohio Diabetes Association conducted diabetes screenings on the plaza of Crew Stadium to identify at-risk individuals. Representatives of Pilot Dogs were also on hand to help promote their efforts to the community. Pilot Dogs helps to train dogs to assist the visually impaired in their everyday activities. In addition, high school students from Columbus Public Schools, through the TechPrep program, contributed to the effort by creating promotional websites as a class project.

Each member of the organizing committee was recognized on the field before the game, including the TechPrep students who participated in the program. The committee included District 13F Governor John Fischer, Ohio State Representative Jim Hughes, and Past International President Jim Coffey. While on the field, Crew President and General Manager Jim Smith presented the Lions with this year’s donation check. “It is a pleasure and an honor for the Crew to be

involved with such an outstanding organization,” Smith remarked. “We look forward to growing this event every year and making this event a long-standing tradition.”

With the help of the Lions efforts, more than 24,000 people attended the game—the second largest crowd to ever attend a Crew game. The Columbus Northern Lions are nominating this event for multiple awards at the upcoming Academy Awards of Lionism at the International Convention in Denver.

The night was summed up best by Columbus Northern Lion Frank Williams: “This event is successful on so many levels: It raises money for our cause, it helps identify at-risk persons, it involves the youth in our efforts, it helps to promote Lionism to the public, and it helps in our efforts to attract new members.” ■

Rory McGuiness is a Corporate Account Manager with the Columbus Crew and worked with fellow Account Manager Dylan Hanlon as the representatives from the Crew organization for Fight for Sight Night.

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