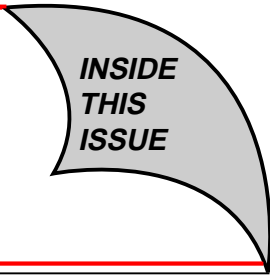


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Cover Story... Constitution and Bylaws Set for May Vote

Texas PID Ross to Speak at State Convention

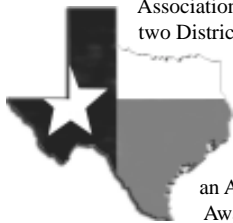
The Ohio Lions are proud to have Past International Director Jimmy M. Ross of the Great State of Texas as our Honored Guest at the 82nd Multiple District 13 State Convention.

Past International Director Ross, of Quitaque, Texas was elected to serve a two-year term as a Director of The International Association of Lions Clubs, at the Association's 79th International Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, July 9 through July 12, 1996.

PID Ross is a self-employed businessman in the Public Relations field, as well as in ranching. He has also served as a County Judge, and as a Staff Member for the Governor of Texas.

Past International Director Ross has been a Lion since 1969, and is a member of the Quitaque Lions Club. He has served the Association in many capacities including Club President, Zone Chairman, District Governor, and Council Chairman. Additionally, he has served Multiple District 2 as Chairman of its Membership, Extension and Convention Committees. He has been Director of the Texas Lions Camp, organized more than 80 new Lions Clubs, and has spoken at two International Conventions and two USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums.

Past Director Ross has received numerous awards in recognition of his contributions to the Association. These have included two District Governor Appreciation Awards, a Membership Award, an Extension Award, three International President's Awards, and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor



PID Jimmy Ross

granted by the Association to its members. He is a Life Member of the Hi-Plains Eye Bank, and of Girls Town, and is both a Jack Weich and Texas Lions Fellow. PID Ross is also a Melvin Jones Fellow and a member of the Texas Lions Hall of Fame.

In addition to his Lions activities, PID Ross has been a member of numerous community and civic organizations. He is presently a Life Member of the American Quarter Horse Congress. He has served as a President of the Flomot Homecoming Association, on the Board of Directors of both the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce and the Light-house Electric Co-op, and as Chairman of the

Board of the 911 Emergency System in 26 counties in Texas. He has organized and then Chaired a county-wide Task Force for Industrial and Tourism Development, and was selected to be among the Outstanding Young Men in America by the United States Jaycees.

Past International Director Ross and his wife Velda have three daughters.

Constitution Coming Out of Committee

The Ohio Lions Council of Governors voted at their February Council Meeting to submit the proposed Constitution and by-Laws to the Ohio Delegates at the State Convention in May. The document, almost two years in the writing, has been the subject of much review and debate over the last several months. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the Finance and Planning Committee have worked together to bring to the floor of the Convention a proposal that meets the future needs of the Ohio Lions, and includes a revised Constitution and By-Laws and a modified Policy Manual.

The Delegates will be asked to consider the new documents at the morning session of the Convention on Saturday, May 19, and then will have the opportunity to discuss these documents at their District Caucus and the afternoon business session, with voting taking place beginning at 2:00 p.m. and continuing until 5:30 p.m. Certification of Delegates will be permitted until 4:00 p.m.

All Ohio Lions are encouraged to come and the part in the debate of these materials, and help determine the direction the Ohio Lions will take entering the 21st Century.

(The full text of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws is printed in this issue, on pages 14-19.)



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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

IPDG Bob Woodside (13G)

First and foremost, I want to thank those of you who have taken the time to call, write, e-mail or speak to me personally with their comments and suggestions for the "new" *Ohio Lion*. Just seeing the finished product when the last issue came back from the printer made all the time and effort worthwhile. Getting such positive feedback from Lions across the state and at all levels of the organization was a bonus. The tough part, now, is building on the initial success and providing a constantly improving paper.

One of the challenges faced with a basically new publication is settling into a "rhythm" of regular features. The different topical demands for space at various times of the year require some adjustments, which will take a few issues to get used to. For example, many people remarked positively about the "Governor's Diary" feature written by **Governor Don Maletz (13C)** for the last issue. With the cooperation of the Governors, I would like to continue exploring the intangible, personal rewards that come with Lion leadership. Unfortunately, this issue is packed full of timely items—"all the news that fits"—so the "Governor's Diary" will have to wait for another time. Still, there's plenty of information inside for you.

On the facing page, **Council Chair Gary Brown (13E)** reflects on the need for more Lion leaders to step forward and on the many reasons why Lions should challenge themselves to take the leap into leadership—certainly a timely topic as our clubs and districts prepare for a new year. You'll also find on the next few pages updates on the wide variety of efforts underway on the multiple district level. It's astounding to consider how many projects—both administrative and service-oriented—are moving ahead simultaneously, and a testament to the dedication of the state committee members and Lions who keep so many balls in the air at one time.

The "Membership Matters" section on page 4 gives us a look at ourselves in the media mirror, examining a recent *Columbus Dispatch* feature on the thinning ranks of service and fraternal organizations, along with something to think about in news of the death of "Someone Else."

Pages 6 through 9 could be called "the travel section," with complete guides to the upcoming International and State Conventions. On pages 10 and 11, we spotlight "Our Clubs in Action," with examples of several outstanding service efforts on the local level. We introduce another potential regular feature, opening "The Idea File" on pages 12 and 13. Here we share some suggestions for new and unusual service opportunities, and take a look at administrative issues, including a call to action against a potential legislative threat to a popular fundraiser. On page 13, I present my case for what I believe to be one of the most critical indicators for a club's success—does it have a PR Chair? Again, as we prepare for a new year, now is the time for every club to fill this vitally important position on its roster.

On pages 14-19, you'll find the complete text of the proposed new MD13 Constitution and Bylaws, to be voted on at the State Convention. We urge every Lion to carefully consider the document, then to come to Toledo in May and exercise your club's right to vote. Finally, on page 20, we pass on some obscure but fun facts in "Bet'cha Didn't Know."

Of course, to sustain the many potential new features and to come up with even more, we need your continued input. So, as they used to say, "Keep those cards and letters (and phone calls and faxes and e-mails) coming. And stay tuned for our electronic online version when the new MD13 Web site debuts soon...more on that development next time.



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MD13 News Briefs...

2006 USA/Canada Forum Bid Proceeds

Ohio's bid to host the 2006 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Columbus has been submitted for consideration. Forum Bid Committee Chair **IPDG Paul Willer (13F)** reported to Council in February that competing bids were received from Syracuse, New York and San Juan, Puerto Rico.



The 2006 proposal is very similar to the bid submitted for the 2005 Forum, which lost out to Peoria, Illinois on a close vote. The main changes this year are the addition of two airport-area hotel (Radisson and Courtyard Marriott) and detailing a self-parking rate. Two of the three members of the site selection committee visited Columbus last summer, while the third visited an Ohio convention last year, so it is expected that a full site inspection this year will not be required. The Forum Committee and International Board will select the 2006 site at this fall's Forum in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Serving with Willer on the Bid Committee are **PID Dan Cole (13K)**, **Governor Don Maletz (13C)**, **Governor-Elect Judy Strawn (13K)** and **SEA Jim Green (13F)**.

Office Building Improvements Move Ahead

At its February meeting, the Council of Governors accepted a recommendation from the Building Committee repair and re-cover the roof of the State Office Building in Grove City. Council and the Building Committee are also awaiting receipt of bids for the installation of an elevator in the three-story building. Financing for the elevator project is being arranged through a loan of up to \$125,000 (final amount to be determined after project bids are received) from the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation.

License Plate Progress Stalled in State Senate

Due to legislative emphasis on school funding and other major issues, the bill to establish a Lions Club License Plate remains on hold in the State Senate. Any further progress will be reported in our Summer issue.

Mark Your Calendars!

UPCOMING MD 13 EVENTS

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| April 7, 2001 | State Committee Meetings
Ohio State School for the Blind, Columbus |  |
| May 18-20, 2001 | State Convention
Wyndham Hotel, Toledo |  |
| June 1-3, 2001
June 3, 2001 | Deputy Governor-Elect Training
2000-2001 Zone Chairs Training
Best Western North Hotel, Columbus |  |
| July 2-6, 2001 | International Convention, Indianapolis |  |
| August 4, 2001 | Joint Council/Finance & Planning Meeting
Best Western North Hotel, Columbus |  |
| August 5, 2001 | State Committee Meetings
Ohio State School for the Blind, Columbus |  |
| Sept. 20-22, 2001 | Council of Governors Meeting, Columbus |  |
| Sept. 29, 2001 | USA/Canada Forum, Halifax, Nova Scotia | |
| Sept. 29, 2001 | State Committee Meetings
Ohio State School for the Blind, Columbus | |
| Oct. 13, 2001 | CANDY DAY II — Statewide | |
| Oct. 20, 2001 | Finance and Planning Comm., State Office | |

More Support Needed for Statewide Quest Program

Last year, MD13 was awarded a \$200,000 LCIF "Core 4" Grant to expand Lions-Quest programs throughout Ohio. While the grant took effect on July 1, 2000, progress toward implementation of the program has started slowly, according to IPDG Paul Willer (13F), Program Steering Committee Chair. The grant program is designed to conduct 30 Quest teacher training workshops across the state over a four-year period. The first two workshops are being planned to be held this summer in Districts 13F and 13G, but the pace will have to pick up substantially to reach 30 workshops by June of 2004.

Under terms of the grant, LCIF funds provide about half of the total costs of the 30 workshops. Another 25 percent of the costs are paid through State Office support and "in-kind" contributions of hourly labor, workshop locations, and food donations. The remaining 25 percent of the program is to be covered by donations from Lions Clubs throughout Ohio. So far, two mailings have been sent to all clubs in Ohio asking for a commitment of at least \$75 per year for the next four years. Again, Willer reports that response to the plea has been slow, but he is hopeful that the pace will pick up. According to SEA Jim Green (13F), the top two contributing districts will be recognized at the State Convention at Toledo in May.

Lions-Quest programs are recognized as one of America's most successful efforts to train young people with the skills to build self-esteem and resist the temptations of peer pressure, substance abuse and violence. Curricula are available for grades Kindergarten through 12. It is hoped that, through the Core 4 Grant, Quest programs can be established in school districts where they are not now offered, and expanded to additional grade levels where they are currently in limited use.

The potential offered by the Core 4 Grant is impressive. Assuming an average of 35 teachers trained in each workshop and 30 students per teacher, Lions can positively impact the lives of more than 35,000 young people statewide. To reach that potential, we need the support of all Lions Clubs. Please consider committing to an annual contribution, and perhaps organizing a teacher training program in your area.

International Relations Appropriations Approved

The Council of Governors has approved appropriation recommendations from the MD13 International Relations Committee as follows:

- \$16,000 to AMIGOS (social services and economic development in Latin America).
- \$4,000 to VOSH (Volunteer Optometrists in Service to Humanity).
- \$14,000 to Student VOSH (\$10,000 for two upcoming missions to distribute recycled eye-glasses in South America and \$4,000 for the purchase of portable Auto Refractor equipment.)

According to committee chair **Lion Dave Ptak (13C)**, funds for these projects come from club donations to International Relations. All clubs are urged to continue giving generously.

COUNCIL CHAIR'S CORNER

IPDG Gary L. Brown (13E)



As of March 1, there were four Districts in Multiple District 13 that had yet to have a Lion come forward as a candidate for Deputy District Governor. This "never ending" task of finding qualified individuals to fill our leadership positions at the State, District and Club levels has, and continues to be a major concern for all service organizations.

I often look back at the years that I was advancing through the various offices at both the Club and District levels. As an officer at any level, one of the responsibilities I took most seriously was that of finding "Key" people to fill "Key" positions. During these times I can honestly say that I never asked a Lion to fill a position or office in which I didn't feel he or she would succeed. Surprisingly, finding these qualified Lions was not the problem, because in my heart I knew that the Lions I had asked would make exceptional leaders. The problem I encountered was getting these Lions to realize their true potential as a Lion Leader.

I cannot remember the number of times during my conversations with perspective new officers that the conversation was turned from them to me. I had, during our conversations, spoke of the confidence that I had in their abilities. I confirmed their dedication and commitment to our association and our motto "We serve." I left nothing out as to why I knew they were the right Lion for the job, but in the end I was always asked these last few questions. "Why?" "Why should I commit and accept the personal sacrifices that you are asking me to make?" "Why did you make the commitments you are asking me to make?"

The answer to these questions is "Pride." Pride in knowing that my personal commitment to my club has helped to make my club the best service organization in my community. Pride in knowing that because of my involvement with the leadership of my club that my club is growing, and in growing we are helping more of my neighbors and fellow citizens. Pride in being so proud of my club that I want to help the other clubs in my Zone become the best clubs that they can be by becoming a Zone Chairperson.

The pride does not stop there. My pride is deeply rooted to the principles of Lionism. I am proud to be a member of an association that has been built upon the motto, "We Serve," and whose foundation is a Code of Ethics which exemplifies the very way in which I would like my life to be remembered by my friends, family and business associates.

Yes, I am proud to be a Lion! I truly believe in our Association's principles and projects. But most of all I am proud to be an Ohio Lion. I was proud to serve this Association as the District Governor of 13E in 1999-2000, and I am proud to

serve as the Council Chairman of MD13 this year. Your dedication, sacrifice and commitment have been an inspiration to Lion Brenda and myself this year, because **YOU HAVE** made a "Difference."

This feeling of pride and admiration in the successes of the Ohio Lions this year is not just the feelings of Lion Brenda and myself. It is a feeling that is universally shared by all Lions. I see the pride each month when I read your Club's Newsletters. I see it when I read the District Newsletters, and I see it each time I visit a Club or attend a Charter Anniversary. The pride exists in every club, in every district and throughout the state. If you feel it too, ask yourself if you can find the time and energy to help spread it. Then, when you are asked to accept a position of leadership, give it some serious thought, because we need leaders like you.

As International President Behar has so often emphasized, we need **QUALITY** leaders. I know this Council of Governors, the Vice-Governors, Deputy Governors and many of the Committee Leaders, and I have the utmost faith in their judgments. Therefore, I know you would not have been asked to assume a leadership role in this Association if you were not a Quality Individual. Have faith in yourself, and when asked to lead, give some consideration as to how your role in your Club or District will help shape the future of our Association. You might be surprised as to how much of a "Difference" you can make. But whatever you might decide, always know I have pride in your service as a Lion.

In closing, let me ask you to make a commitment to attend your District Convention. It is a great way to show your pride and get together with fellow Lions. I know your respective Governors will appreciate your attendance. Your Governor and First Lady, as well as your Convention Committee have worked very hard to plan a convention that will be memorable for your District. It is indeed **YOUR** Convention. Please plan to attend.

With pride and optimism, Lion Brenda and I look forward to meeting you at your District Conventions, as well as at the State Convention in Toledo the third weekend in May.

Remember that the work we do is important and appreciated. You should have pride in your accomplishments; so share the "PRIDE." If asked, offer your Leadership for tomorrow. You are qualified; you know it, and **WE NEED YOU**.

Yours in Service,

IPDG Gary L. Brown
Chairman of Council
MD13 Ohio Lions

Every Great Story Has a Sequel—
Coming in October 2001...

Candy Day II



PID Floyd Newberry, Jr. (13J)

October 13, 2001 is fast approaching! Now is the time to begin to plan for this statewide fundraiser which, again this year, will raise funds to erase the laboratory obligation of the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation and raise funds for the many projects of local Lions Clubs.

But even more important than all of that, we again will have a great opportunity to let all of Ohio know who and what the Lions are all about! Our Candy Day Committee and PRaM Committee will provide PR programs to enable us to even better spread the word.

We were reminded by PDG Arden Pacey (13A) that back in the 1960s we had a Candy Week that was very similar to the current Candy Day, and we will incorporate some of the PR ideas used in that endeavor into this year's event.

We were able to raise nearly \$24,000 (60% of gross) for the Lab Fund in 2000 with less than one-third of all clubs participating. If we can

get 100% of the clubs involved this year, and with even greater PR, we believe the potential for \$100,000 or more is possible each year for different needed state projects. This would mean that the local clubs would have raised \$40,000 for their local charities. But even more important, more and more people in Ohio would know what we do—meaning more support and more membership. **This is a WIN-WIN-WIN situation for all Ohio Lions.**

Editor's note: In an effort to encourage greater participation in Candy Day II, we'd like to feature some Candy Day I "success stories" in our Summer issue. If your club reaped great benefits by participating in Candy Day I—in terms of funds raised, PR exposure, fellowship... even new members, please let us know. All submissions are welcome and may be directed to PDG Bob Woodside, 227 Woodridge Drive #F302, Wintersville, Ohio 43953. We look forward to hearing from you!

Ohio Lions in Exile in Florida

While most of us have shivered in Ohio over the past few months, a fortunate few have spent the winter in the Florida sunshine. PCC Don and Lion Ruth Kepler (13E) report that they hosted a spirited gathering of 32 Ohio Lions and two Michigan Lions at a local restaurant and at their home in Sebring on January 24. Among the attendees were PDG John Wittwer (13E), PDG John and Darlene O'Flaherty (13K), Lions Tom and Betty Hurte (13K), Lion Janet Weddell (13H), PDG Bob and Joy

Queary (13J), PDG Noel and Eve Dusan (13K), PDG Bill and Lion Loretta Rauch (13E), Lion Marvin and Frances Stevens (13E), PDG Ed and Lion Sue Lantz (13E and Florida District O). Others present included Lion Leonard and Jean Coate (13E), Lion Winston and Marilyn Klepinger (13E), Lion Clifford and Jeanne Blackmore (13E), PDG Bruce and Lion Vi Strome (13E), Lion Jim and Bonnie Johnson (13D), PDG Jim and Janet Pence (13E) and Lion Ron and Lioness Sherynne King (13E).

FROM THE STATE OFFICE...

Lion Jim Green (13F), SEA

"Enhancing Your Club's Traditions Through Growth and Change"

It has been said that to move forward with new ideas and new ways of doing things is to forget tradition. I do not believe this to be the case.

Change is a constant in life. We are either moving forward or moving backward, but we never stay completely in the same place. Change is as much apart of our lives as birth, taxes and death. And yet, even though we are constantly changing, our traditions are still a very important part of our lives, and this is how it should be, because tradition is the string that binds our past to our present and shows us the way to the future. Tradition is the comfortable feeling of knowing where we are going, because we know where we've been. Still, if we are to grow we must allow our traditions to give us options, which include change, for when we see the virtues in expanding our horizons, we allow our traditions to grow and expand as well.

A wise man once said that, "the windshield is larger than the rearview mirror for a reason." This may be a tongue-in-cheek way of saying that we need to look more to the future than the past, but it holds a lot of good advice. If we are to succeed in what we are trying to accomplish personally, or within our Lions Clubs we need to concentrate more on the future than on the past. We have all heard someone say, "That's the way it's always been done," or "We don't do things that way," or "We don't believe in that." These comments are not tradition speaking up, they are expressions from individuals who are comfortable with the way things have been done. Tradition is not a way of doing things; it is a philosophy. In Lionism, it is a philosophy of service within a club or a district. Tradition speaks to the commitment to help those in your community. Tradition speaks to support for projects through the same annual program, but it does not preclude doing other things to reach that traditional goal of helping the local charity. Tradition is indeed a philosophy, and being true to that philosophy is what is important, not HOW you are true to it.

In my travels around Ohio, I have had the wonderful opportunity to speak to many of the great members in this Association, and I would never presume to be able to tell these fine Lions how to operate their individual clubs. Let me say however, that when you sit down each meeting to review your successes and plan the future that you spend a few minutes at each meeting talking about new ideas...New Ideas for Service...New Ideas for Fellowship...New Ideas for Membership. Talk about them in general without imposing them on anyone who disagrees, but when an objection is raised try to think of a way to fit the new idea into the Tradition of your club.

Let me give a couple of examples. I have heard club members say, "We only give to local projects, because we want our funds to stay in the community." This is a great tradition—one of the finest. Being a Lion is about serving your community, and most service is local. And yet, what if you gave regularly to LCIF or the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, or the Ohio Lions Foundation? Can you work this donation into your club's tradition of local support? I would answer, "Yes." The money that goes to these Foundations does come back to the communities. LCIF and OLF support disaster relief aid, and whether you give or not, if your community experiences a natural disaster, they will be there for you. How about OLERF? The research dollars donated by the Ohio Lions to this worthy cause may someday result in members of your community having their vision restored or preventing a local citizen from going blind. Additionally, LCIF funds are currently at work throughout Ohio on Habitat for Humanity homes and Lions-Quest teacher workshops. These areas may not show your club members the immediate results that building a playground will, but they are every bit as much a service to your community.

Another area where I have heard tradition used as reason for not considering change is the touchy area of female membership in some of our clubs. At the outset, let me say that I fully respect any club's right to determine whom they invite to join their club. That having been said, all I would suggest is that when this subject comes up for debate, that tradition be given a very serious look when making a decision. Is the tradition, having all men in the club? Or is the tradition having a group of quality members who have shared great fellowship and friendship over the years, while providing legendary Lions' service? I would say, it probably in most cases is the second of these, because tradition must mirror the philosophy of the Association, and the philosophy of Lionism is Service and Fellowship, regardless of an individual's gender. Think of it in another way, if your club had always had 20 members, would the growth to 30 or 40 a break with tradition? In matters of club membership give tradition it's due, but consider how change will truly build upon your traditions, not destroy them.

These are only two examples of how to consider an idea that will change the way your club has operated, but will do so without hurting the traditions you have established over the many years of your service. I am sure there are hundreds more waiting to be explored. We only need to look at our traditions in a different light, to see how a new idea will enhance them, not hurt them.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to a few ideas on how change and growth will continue to build on the traditions of the Ohio Lions Clubs. Thank you for all you do to make this Association the greatest service Association in Ohio and the world. Have a great remainder of this year, and I hope to see many of you at the District Conventions and the State Convention in May.

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Membership Matters...

Lions Included in *Dispatch* Article on Falling Membership

Usually, seeing the Lions Club name in a major article in a newspaper like the *Columbus Dispatch* is a good thing...but not always. **Governor John Dille** (13F) passed along an article from the January 22 issue of the *Dispatch* under the headline, "Fraternal Groups Trying to Recruit."

The article grouped Lions (who consider themselves a service rather than a fraternal organization) along with the Moose, Elks, Eagles and Masons—all of which have philanthropic programs. Still, the point was clear and discouraging. The drop in Lions Club membership (from a peak of 530,000 in the U.S. in 1980 to 460,000 today) is also reflected in the ranks of the fraternal groups as well as in the other service organizations (such as Kiwanis and Rotary) that Lions generally use for comparison.

- The Moose show a loss of 200,000 members since 1990; the Elks have lost as many since 1995.
- Free Masons' membership in the U.S. is at its lowest point ever, having fallen by 2.2 million since 1959. In a slightly longer time span, Eagles have 300,000 fewer members.
- American Legion rosters have shown a drop of 500,000 since they peaked in 1946, while VFW posts have lost 300,000 in just 10 years.

The article draws heavily from the work of Harvard professor Robert Putnam, author of *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of the American Community*. Putnam's recent book examines the decline of civic activity in the U.S. and the complex reasons for the downturn.

Among the problems Putnam cites are two-career families, busier schedules, and suburban sprawl resulting in longer commutes. He also notes that younger peoples' attitudes have changed. While still interested in community efforts, they are put off by the "older" image of traditional service or fraternal groups, preferring instead to get involved in less-demanding, more loosely organized programs or single-issue groups targeting one social issue.

The *Dispatch* article explains the efforts groups are making to reverse the trend, including the Lions' outreach into establishing clubs on college campuses and high-school Leo clubs, while the fraternal lodges are de-emphasizing their taverns and stressing charity fundraising and "family-friendly" atmospheres.

Whatever the reasons for the decline, Putnam asserts that reversing the decline in civic involvement is critical. "This is not a matter of nostalgia," the *Dispatch* article quoted him. "When people become socially isolated, communities don't work as well...Low civic involvement has a direct effect on the country."

Putnam says clubs "shouldn't try to reconstruct the '50s." but need to think in new ways, and be prepared for slow progress. "It took 20 years to get into this. It could take a decade to get out. Some clubs will be able to revive themselves; some won't"

Will the Lions be among those who can? The answer lies in the dedication and creativity of every member. Think about it...

Points to Ponder...

Someone Else: R.I.P.

The world was saddened to learn of the death this week of one of our club's most valuable members—Someone Else.

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with the club since its beginning. He did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a rose to sell, a committee to be chaired or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips: "Let Someone Else do it."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest contributors of his time to the club; whenever there was a need for

volunteers, it was just assumed that Someone Else would be there.

Someone Else was a wonderful person—sometimes appearing superhuman; but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else.

Now Someone Else has gone. We wonder what we are going to do.

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow; but who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

Next time when you are asked to help, remember—we can no longer depend on Someone Else.

—From the **Dover Lions Roar (13G)**; PDG John Stalder, President.

Coffey Scholarship Fund Finds New Home

The James T. and Betty Coffey Scholarship Fund has found a new home. Previously administered by Quest International in Newark, the Fund provides grants to schools and other youth support organizations to conduct Lions-Quest programs and other similar life skills educational programs for young people. A recent reorganization at Quest has necessitated the administrative change in the program's operation, but has not changed the philosophy or goals of the program.

Funded through James T. Coffey (\$500) and Betty Coffey (\$250) Fellowships, the scholarship program will continue to focus its resources on helping our youth face the challenges of their daily lives in a positive and successful way. Indeed, the new administrative structure will make it easier for clubs and individuals to contribute to this very worthwhile program. In the past if a club or individual wished to recognize someone through a James T. or Betty Coffey Fellowship, they would have to donate the entire amount of the Fellowship donation at one time.

LCIF Seeks Help with Indian Earthquake Relief

Indian Earthquake relief is a major focus of LCIF. The foundation is making a strong fund raising commitment to alleviate suffering in India from the recent earthquake.

Soon the focus will shift from emergency relief to helping people rebuild their lives, their homes, their villages. As you know, the media and relief agencies will pack up and leave. Lions will still be there to help with the rebuilding process, just as happened in Honduras and Turkey.

An amount of US\$125,000 will construct 50-100 homes for people who have lost everything. This will include building the permanent infrastructure, including roads, sanitation and water that these people so desperately need.

In addition to individual and club donations, LCIF seeks contacts with people working in corporations or foundations who may be able to help.

Please visit <http://www.lcif-relief-india.org/> for the latest update on efforts. For additional information or to offer contacts or other types of assistance, please contact: Kent C. Weimer, Development Manager, LCIF, 300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523, Phone: 630-571-5466 Ext. 392, Fax: 630-571-5735, E-mail kweimer@lionsclubs.org

Under the new administrative procedures, it will now be possible to accumulate donations for up to five consecutive years toward the recognition of an individual or club through a James T. or Betty Coffey Fellowship.

Contributions for this program, and actual amounts donated toward either a James T. or Betty Coffey Fellowship will now be administered through the Ohio Lions State Office with the Ohio Lions Foundation acting as the financial agent for the program. Donations will continue to be tax deductible to the full extent of the law, given the Ohio Lions Foundation's IRC §501(c)(3) status. The procedure for donating to the program is to send the check made out to "Coffey Scholarship Fund – Ohio Lions Foundation" to your Youth Committee Representative. They will forward the check to the State Office. If the donation is for a fellowship, you should include with the check a letter stating whom the recipient of the James T. or Betty Coffey Fellowship is, by whom it is being donated, when it is to be presented, and where to mail the award. If the donation is not for a full fellowship amount the letter should state if the donor would like to have the funds logged for accumulating toward a future fellowship. If you are ordering a fellowship award it will be mailed directly from the trophy shop and not through the state office or the Ohio Lions Foundation.

This program continues to build on the Ohio Lions commitment to Youth as exemplified by Past International President Jim Coffey during his term in office, and we hope these new procedures will allow additional clubs and individuals to recognize worthy Lions for their commitment to youth through either a James T. or Betty Coffey Fellowship.

WELCOME! To MD13's Two Newest Clubs

A hearty "ROAR" of welcome to the two newest clubs in MD13. The **Apple Creek Lions (13G)** have successfully executed the new Branch Club program and installed officers for the **Holmesville Branch Club** on February 27. State Extension Chair **PDG Bill Alexander** was instrumental in the organization.

Meanwhile, the **Ohio School for the Blind Leo Club (13F)** held its chartering ceremony on February 21, under the sponsorship of the **Columbus Beechcroft Lions Club**.

Going to the International Convention? Here's Your Complete Guide to... What You Need to Know to be Ready for Indianapolis

Seldom does an International Convention take place as nearby as the 2001 gathering in Indianapolis. So it's not surprising that MD13 International Convention Committee Chair **PDG Bud Wills (13G)** expects the Ohio delegation to exceed 400 people. With that large of a group, and many procedural changes, Wills stresses that all attendees need to be prepared. Among his reminders...

• **If you haven't done so yet, register all attendees NOW!** The deadline for preregistration is May 1. While it is still possible to register on-site in Indianapolis, there are several drawbacks. Not only is on-site registration more expensive, but it complicates planning for both LCI and the state committee. Tickets for all events may not be available, and transportation resources are strained by more riders than expected. Also, if you are planning to stay at lodgings other than an LCI delegation hotel, or commuting at home in western Ohio, please inform your International Committee representative so that you may receive information on Ohio event tickets and the committee can plan accordingly. If you are staying at a non-LCI hotel, you will need to go to the nearest official delegation hotel to use shuttle bus transportation.

• **Even Convention "Regulars" need to pay close attention.** The procedures have changed drastically this year. If you have already registered, you should have received a letter from LCI confirming your hotel reservations. Read the accompanying instructions carefully, and *bring this letter with you*; it replaces the confirmation coupon used in previous years. In late April, you will receive a second mailing containing your name badge, International Show ticket, and registration exchange coupon. Again, *you must bring these all with you to Indianapolis.* These items cannot be replaced, and your name badge is required for riding shuttle transit, attending convention events, or certifying as a delegate. Once you arrive in Indianapolis, you will need to exchange the registration coupon for your badge holder and program book. In addition to the Convention Center, exchange desks will be open at selected delegation hotels, thus reducing the traditional crowds and long lines at the convention center. Detailed instructions on the new procedures will be included with the name badge mailing; read them carefully and bring them with you!

• **If your plans change:** The deadline for refund of a convention registration is May 1; the deadline for refund of a hotel deposit is June 15. Deadlines refer to the date written confirmation must be received at the International Office in Oak Brook.

• **Delegate certification:** Each club is allowed one voting delegate and one alternate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof. Delegate and alternate forms have been sent to all clubs. These forms must be completed with the delegate's/alternate's name and signed by the delegate/alternate and the club president or secretary, and must be returned by mail to LCI no later than *May 1*. If delegate selection is made after May 1, the entire completed coupon should be taken to the convention. Whether or not the form is submitted by mail, delegates and alternates need to go to the convention center to complete the certification process. Delegates must present positive identification and sign in to receive a credential card, which must be shown when arriving to vote on Friday, July 6. Complete details on the procedures were mailed to all clubs with the delegate forms, again, *please read them carefully!*

• **About the Parade:** With the convention nearby, there is an opportunity for Ohio to enter a limited number of additional musical units or floats in the parade. There are strict guidelines, including a rule that all motorized vehicles must be approved by LCI; only fully-decorated vehicles are allowed; and proof of liability insurance is required. There is also a parade application form that must be submitted to LCI by June 1 for review and approval. In order to coordinate all requests from Ohio, all unit entry applications must be submitted by mid-May *either to PDG Wills or to the State Office; do not send them directly to LCI.*

As for the regular Ohio marching delegation, the uniform has been set as the new gray "checkered-flag" collared golf shirt, black trousers or slacks (no shorts) and black belt, white shoes and the white straw hat with red "Ohio Lions" band used last year in Honolulu. Any marchers not in uniform will be asked to march behind the regular uniformed delegation. For information on ordering the shirts, read on...

• **Ohio Events, Tickets and Ordering:** The Ohio Reception has been rescheduled for Tuesday, July 3

and will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, which is the overflow Ohio hotel and located adjacent to the main delegation hotel, the Airport Courtyard Marriott. Each attendee registered with LCI will receive one free ticket to the reception. Additional tickets for non-registered attendees will be \$10 each.

The Ohio Breakfast will be held on Thursday, July 5, also at the Adam's Mark, and tickets will be \$10 per person. Schedule information and order forms will be mailed to all Ohio registrants whose names are provided by LCI; an additional order form is provided below.

The same order form will be used for ordering the parade shirts. The International Convention Committee will be displaying shirts and taking orders at all district conventions or through the mail. Cost is \$25 each for sizes S/M/L/XL and \$27 for XXL and XXXL. It is hoped that shirt orders will be received in time for distribution at the State Convention. Tickets purchased for convention events will be distributed at the Ohio hospitality room in Indianapolis.

That's a lot of information, but if you have more questions, feel free to contact your district's International Convention committee member.

OHIO LIONS
84th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—INDIANAPOLIS
EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____

NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____

EVENT REGISTRATION

Ohio Breakfast (Thursday 7/5) \$10 each x _____ = \$ _____

Ohio Reception* (Tuesday 7/3) \$10 each x _____ = \$ _____

* Each attendee registered with LCI will receive one free reception ticket. Additional tickets for non-registered attendees will cost \$10 each.

PARADE SHIRT ORDER FORM
Sizes S/M/L/XL = \$25 each • Sizes XXL/XXXL = \$27 each

Name: _____ Size S M L XL XXL XXXL \$ _____

Name: _____ Size S M L XL XXL XXXL \$ _____

Name: _____ Size S M L XL XXL XXXL \$ _____

Name: _____ Size S M L XL XXL XXXL \$ _____

TOTAL ORDER \$ _____

Check Number: _____

Tickets can be picked up in the Hospitality Room in Indianapolis.
Contact your International Convention Committee representative for shirt delivery details.

If ordering both tickets and shirts, send form to:
Ohio Lions, Inc. • 4074 Hoover Road • Grove City, OH 43123

If ordering shirts only, send form to
Lion Ada Ahrens • 11583 Mapleridge Dr. • North Royalton, OH 44133
or
PDG Gene Cox • 15796 Waynesfield Rd., Waynesfield, OH 45896

Make checks payable to Ohio Lions, Inc.—International Convention

All-State Band to Return at Indianapolis

After a year's hiatus, the Ohio Lions All-State Band will return to the International Convention in July at Indianapolis. Band Committee Chair **PDG Ron Anderson (13D)** reported details at the February Council of Governors meeting.

A key piece of the plan was the commitment of a new band director, Matt Stanley. The band director at Washington Court House High School, Stanley built the school's program from 23 to 102 members in the past five years.

According to Anderson, the plans call for this year's band to have up to 80 members, selected based on audition tapes focusing on scales, range, articulation and playing style. A complete information brochure including application form and instructions is being circulated throughout the districts, and Anderson encourages all districts, zones and clubs to support their local young musicians to participate in the band.

While the band's most visible performance will be in the International Parade, it will also appear at the Ohio delegation reception and



breakfast. There will also be opportunities for the students to visit tourist attractions, such as the Speedway, and to meet new friends and learn about Lions Clubs through attendance at convention events, such as the annual Connecticut Teen Dance.

Band members will be housed at Anderson University, about 35 miles outside of Indianapolis, which will also be home base for the Maryland and Mississippi Lions bands.

While the band returns this year, so too will the band trading pin, with proceeds designated to support the ongoing All-State Band program. Featuring a race car theme, in keeping with this year's convention site, the pin is now available in all districts for \$2.00 each.

For more information about the pins or about sponsoring members to this exciting youth service project, please contact your district Band Committee representative.

From Your State Leadership Committee... Come On! Let's Celebrate!



Lion Gary Burroway (13G) Leadership Committee Member

Let's celebrate the success we've had in Lionism this year. That's what our Convention in Toledo is all about. It's a celebration of the great year we've had as Lions. We've had a tremendous year at every level of Lionism including all of MD 13, our own individual districts, our zones, our clubs and as individual Lions.

Think of all the good things we've accomplished since we last met in Cleveland. We're all a year older, that's true, but it's been a good year in which to grow older. The ten districts in Ohio, all of the 500+ clubs, and all of the 17,000+ Lions have done great things.

We've raised millions of dollars for our community projects, for our Eye Research Foundation, for Diabetes, for our OSU Lions Eye Research Lab and we've helped thousands of people, not only here in Ohio, but around the world. And it's all been done while having good fun and fellowship within our clubs.

That's good cause to celebrate and you, your fellow club members and your District Officers should celebrate your success. Why not join your Governor and other Lions from around Ohio to cut loose and have some fun? Why not escape for the weekend and bask in the warm glow of Lionism, that will reign supreme in Toledo May 18-20? We're going to have fun. We're going to see old friends. We're going to share our victories with other Lions and we're going to learn how we can do even more next year.

There will be some great seminars aimed at helping you make the next Lions year even better than this one. Reward yourself by attending one of our seminars that will both inform and entertain you! Come Listen to Sam Bates and Paul Schumm.



These two old Lions will roar into our convention and share their "Secrets of Building Lionism Within Your Club." You'll laugh, you'll cry, you may ask yourself "Why?" when Sam performs his magic!

You can hear the latest about the LCIF Core-4 program and how your club can make use of these grants. We promise we'll work hard to keep Ray Miller from telling his jokes! We'll share the latest information about our partnership with Habitat for Humanity and the combined MEL team will present their vision for Ohio as we build membership and implement some novel membership programs born right here in Ohio.

Bring the Spouse! Bring the Kids! Bring the Neighbors if you like! But most of all, bring yourself and your great Lions Spirit. Let's celebrate the greatness that is Lionism in Ohio! And, if you haven't been to a state convention for a while, "Remember how much fun Ohio Lions State Conventions used to be?" **They still are! See you in Toledo!**

Any Questions?

For more information about the International Convention, contact your district's representative on the MD13 International Convention Committee:

PDG Al Trausch (13A)
(517) 567-4419
atrausch@cass.net

Lion Francis Hensel (13B)
(419) 294-2918

Lion Ada Ahrens (13C)
(440) 237-4754
ahrensarch@aol.com

PDG Dave Repass (13D)
(330) 296-6956

PDG Gene Cox (13E)
(419) 568-4471
rcox@wooil.com

PDG Harold Fryman (13F)
(740) 494-2719

PDG Bud Wills (13G)
(330) 343-2424
rosebudzr@aol.com

PCC Rick Carlson (13H)
(513) 755-1735
csrarc@compuserve.com

Lion Karen McElwee (13J)
(937) 393-2240
shamrock2@ameritech.net

PDG Ed Green (13K)
(614) 875-5417
pdgedgr@earthlink.net

UPDATED International Convention Highlight Events

Tuesday, July 3

International Parade • Downtown Indianapolis
Ohio Reception • Adams Mark Hotel

Wednesday, July 4

Opening Plenary Session • RCA Dome
Governors and Past District Governors Luncheon

Thursday, July 5

Ohio Breakfast and Caucus
Second Plenary Session • RCA Dome
(Keynote Speaker: Former French President
Valery Giscard D'Estaing)
Melvin Jones Fellows Luncheon
International Show • RCA Dome

Friday, July 6

Voting • Convention Center
Third Plenary Session • RCA Dome

For further details, see recent issues of The Lion Magazine or visit the LCI web site at www.lionsclubs.org or the Indianapolis Host Committee web site at www.lions2001.org

www.ohiolions.org Coming soon to a computer near you... Stay tuned for more details.



All Roads Lead to TOLEDO!

MD 13 STATE CONVENTION 2001

82ND ANNUAL OHIO LIONS STATE CONVENTION
 WYNDHAM HOTEL—TOLEDO, OHIO
 MAY 18, 19, 20, 2001

CALL TO CONVENTION

In accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the Ohio Lions - MD 13 Constitution:

THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 13 DO HEREBY ISSUE A FORMAL CALL TO THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 13 STATE CONVENTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 18, 19 & 20, 2001 AT TOLEDO, OHIO.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Toledo Wyndham Hotel is located at Two SeaGate/Summit Street, on the Maumee River in downtown Toledo. Reservations (we have 200 rooms blocked) MUST be made through the hotel by calling them directly at 1-419-241-1411 or dialing their toll free number 1-800-996-3426. (The State Office will not be accepting hotel reservations.) The room rate is \$85.00 per night, and is good only until April 30, 2001 at which time all remaining rooms in our block will be let go. Please ask for the Lions Group Rate.

CONVENTION OVERVIEW

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2001

Council of Governors' Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Hospitality Lounge	10:00 a.m.
<i>Hosted by Governor-Elect's Spouses</i>	
Registration	10:00 a.m.
Sight & Hearing Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Council Luncheon	12:00 p.m.
<i>Sponsored by O.L.E.R.F.</i>	
Spouses' Friday Luncheon	12:00 p.m.
<i>Hosted by Brenda Brown</i>	
Sight & Hearing Luncheon	12:00 p.m.
Governors Meeting Reconvenes	1:30 p.m.
Selected State Committee Meetings	1:00 p.m.
Certification of Delegates	2:00 p.m.
Late Registration	5:00 p.m.
Welcome Banquet Social Hour	6:00 p.m.

Welcome Banquet— "In the Winner's Circle"	6:30 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies	7:30 p.m.
Entertainment	8:30 p.m.
Hospitality Suites	9:30 p.m.

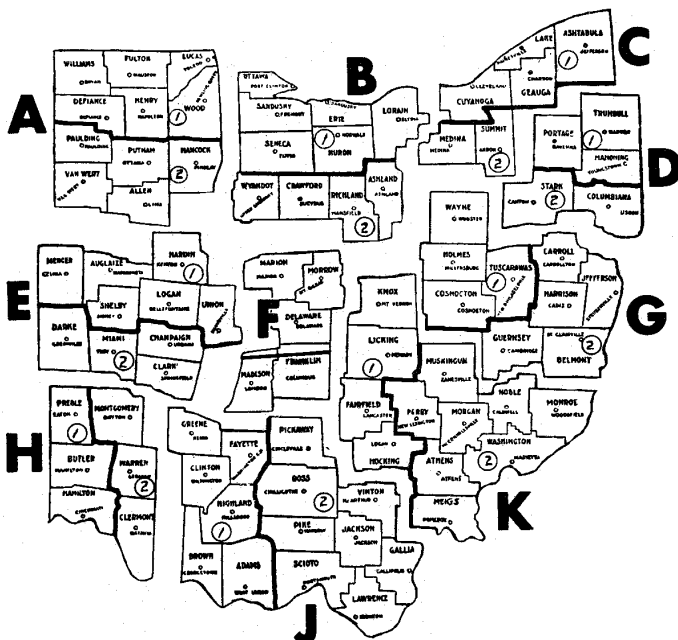
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2001

Past District Governors' Meeting	6:00 a.m.
Past District Governors' Breakfast	7:00 a.m.
Registration/Certification of Delegates	7:00 a.m.
Beverage Service	7:00 a.m.
Morning Business Session	8:00 a.m.
Seminar—Membership Methods	10:20 a.m.
Seminar—Partnerships— Habitat for Humanity	10:20 a.m.
Seminar—Building Lionism	10:20 a.m.

Seminar—Partnerships —Lions Quest	10:20 a.m.
Spouses' Program & Luncheon	11:00 a.m.
Multiple District 13 Awards Luncheon	12:00 p.m.
District Caucuses	2:00 p.m.
Afternoon Business Session	3:00 p.m.
Voting Room Closes	5:30 p.m.
Posting of Election Results	6:00 p.m.
Hospitality Suites	9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2001

Committee Recognition	
Sit-Down Breakfast	7:00 a.m.
Necrology Service	9:00 a.m.
Hotel Checkout	10:00 a.m.
Governors Photographs	10:00 a.m.
Grand Banquet—Doors Open	11:45 a.m.



District Conventions 2001

- 13A • March 30-April 1 • *Speaker: IPID Carl Battistone (Pennsylvania)*
Holiday Inn, Montpelier • (419) 485-5555
- 13B • March 23-25 • *Speaker: PID Robert Browning (West Virginia)*
Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron • (419) 433-3800
- 13C • March 23-25 • *Speaker: ID Buster Hall (Alaska)*
Holiday Inn Richfield • (330) 659-6151
- 13D • March 30-April 1 • *Speaker: PID Carlos Justiniano (Puerto Rico)*
Radisson City Center, Akron • (330) 384-1500
- 13E • April 21-22 • *Speaker: ID Scott Rennels (Arkansas)*
Best Western Wapakoneta • (419) 738-8181
- 13F • April 27-29 • *Speaker: ID Wayne Madden (Indiana)*
Holiday Inn West, Columbus • (614) 771-8999
- 13G • April 20-22 • *Speaker: ID Connie de la Garza (Texas)*
McDonald-Marlite Convention Center
Schoenbrunn Inn, New Philadelphia • (330) 339-4334
- 13H • May 4-6 • *Speaker: ID Darley Travers (Maryland)*
Kings Island Inn & Conference Center, Mason • (513) 398-0115
- 13J • March 30-April 1 • *Speaker: IPID Dennis Cobler (Michigan)*
Southern State College/Days Inn Hillsboro • (937) 393-0299
- 13K • March 9-11 • *Speaker: ID Arthur Lazarow (Virginia)*
Holiday Inn Zanesville • (740) 453-0771

BUSINESS PREVIEW

As of this printing, the only business which will be conducted at the State Convention is the approval or rejection of the Proposed Re-Write of the MD13 Ohio Lions Constitution and By-Laws.

Tentative plans call for a motion to approve to be placed before the Delegates at the morning business session, with major concerns being raised immediately. Following the recess of the morning business session, and prior to the reconvening of the afternoon business session, question and answer seminars will be conducted to address some of the concerns raised in the morning session. Formal debate on the motion will then take place at the afternoon business session.

Voting will take place in a separate room and will begin at 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and continue from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Delegates will be permitted to vote at any time, and the results of the vote will be posted outside the main Ballroom upon completion of the count.

Certification to vote will be allowed until 4:00 p.m. sharp. Anyone in line to certify at 3:00 p.m. will be certified, and anyone in line to vote at 5:30 p.m. will be allowed to vote.



FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Always looking to get the best value for the money, your convention planners have arranged to present five entertainers in one body! Variety is the buzzword for the 21st century, and **Bill Maxwell**, America's real-time comedy magician is on the cutting edge. Maxwell gives equal time to all five facets of his talents—mind reader, pickpocket, comedian, escapist and magician—in his high energy 45-minute performance. Plus, if you show up early, you can catch the “strolling magician” Maxwell as he works the room with his mind-boggling illusions. The Ohio Lions will roar with approval when Bill Maxwell casts his magic spell, so be sure to be on hand early Friday evening at the Toledo Wyndham Hotel for the opening festivities of your State Convention 2001!

2001 STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

CONTACT PERSON: (Please specify the following information regarding this registration.)

Name: _____ Club: _____ District: _____
(Person submitting registration)

Phone: _____ Does this registration include a Delegate(s)?* Yes No

* If the answer to this question is “Yes,” then a copy of the Club Delegate Certification Form should accompany this registration, or be forwarded to the State Office prior to April 1, 2001. Please speak to the Secretary or President of the Club to obtain the form or a copy of it. **THIS REQUIREMENT IS UNNECESSARY IF THE ONLY DELEGATE(S) REGISTERING WITH THIS REGISTRATION ARE PDG(S), AS THEY ARE “DELEGATES AT LARGE.”**

REGISTRATION DIRECTIONS:

Please fill in the form below COMPLETELY for EACH registrant.

1. A Full Registration includes all meals and events at the Convention - \$75 (Leos & Youth \$50)
2. There are three (3) Partial Registrations:
 - A. *Weekend Registration:* Saturday and Sunday Events and Delegate Registration - \$65 (Leos & Youth \$40)
 - B. *Saturday Special:* Saturday Events and Delegate Registration - \$35 (Leos & Youth \$20)
 - C. *Sunday Special:* Sunday Events Only - \$35 (Leos & Youth \$15)
 (Children Under 12 are Free - Please Indicate Number Attending Below)
3. Delegate Registration Only is free, but a registration form must still be filled out before May 1.
4. Please be sure to list a Club for each registered Lion, Lioness or Leo. Leave the Club space blank if the registrant is not a Lion, Lioness or Leo.
5. Please be sure to circle whether or not the registrant will be participating in the Spouses Program and Luncheon. (Spouses Program participants will have time to vote.)
6. Please be sure to check yes or no if the registrant is a Delegate to the Convention.
7. The **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** is **TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2001.**
8. Late Registration is permitted from May 1 until May 18, and is \$5 additional for ALL registrations.
9. Make Checks payable to “**Ohio Lions State Convention.**”
10. Mail the registration to: **Ohio Lions State Office • 4074 Hoover Road • Grove City, Ohio 43123.**
11. **HOTEL RESERVATIONS** may be made by calling **1-419-241-1411**. The rate is \$85 per night. We have only 200 rooms reserved in our block.

2001 STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Registrant	Club (Leave blank if not applicable)	Delegate Y or N	Full -\$75	Wknd. -\$65	Sat. -\$35	Sun. -\$35	Delegate Only-\$0	Spouse Program Y or N
_____	_____	Y or N	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	Y or N
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LEOS/YOUTH	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	Y or N
CHILDREN UNDER 12 - FREE (Please Indicate Number)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	Y or N
TOTALS:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

NOTES:

1. If registration is postmarked later than April 30, 2001, please include a \$5.00 late fee for EACH registration. This includes DELEGATE ONLY registrations also. You will be allowed to register as a Delegate at the Convention, but it will cost \$5.00 to do so.
2. Please be sure you have circled “yes” or “no” for the *Delegate* column.
3. Please make sure you have circled if the registrant will be attending the Spouses' Program.

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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Our Clubs in Action

Honor Students Raise Funds for Needy Children's Eyeglasses

On December 1, the Ross County Honor Society Chapter held a Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for the **Chillicothe Evening Lions Club (13J)** and its efforts to purchase eyeglasses for local schoolchildren.

The six county high schools, grades nine through 12, participated. The only stipulation was that the money raised be used in Ross County.

The Chillicothe Evening Lions Club received \$2130.90 from the Bowl-A-Thon for the purchase of eyeglasses. "What a nice Christmas gift from one group of students to another," said Lion President Richard Homer. "On behalf of the Chillicothe Evening Lions Club, a heartfelt 'Thank You.'"

—Submitted by club secretary
Lion Steve Maybriar.

Leo Club Raises \$6,000 for New Picnic Shelter at Community Park

The **Starr Commonwealth Leo Club (13A)** recently presented the last installment of \$6,000 raised for the construction of a new shelter house at Jubilee Park in Van Wert. The contribution was part of cooperative project undertaken by the Starr Leos and their sponsoring **Van Wert Lions Club** in 1997.

Much of the funding was raised through sales of a Van Wert Trivia Game developed by the Leos several years ago. Most of the 1,200 games manufactured have been sold. The Leos also operated refreshment stands at local seasonal festivals and parades, and held car washes, bake sales and an annual pancake and sausage breakfast.

In addition to raising money for the shelter, Leo club members pitched in during work sessions at the site.

The Starr Commonwealth Leo Club was founded in 1992 and averages between 10 and 12 members at any given time. Its efforts were recognized with the prestigious International President's Certificate of Appreciation in 1999. Advisors include Lion Howard Shobe, Quincy Cloud and Starr Commonwealth campus advisor Allan Hart.

—Submitted by District Governor *Ron Meyers.*



Van Wert Lions Join with Habitat

In the year 2001, the **Van Wert Lions Club (13A)** are hoping to join with Habitat for Humanity to build a home for Laurie Heath of Van Wert County. Ms. Heath was injured in a motor vehicle accident more than 17 years ago. Because of the accident, Ms. Heath lost her right leg, leaving her with special needs.

Lions Clubs International Foundation has joined with Habitat to build homes for handicapped individuals. At a November meeting the program was presented to the Van Wert Lions Club with the hopes of finding an individual who would be eligible for a home. One of the members of the club knew of Laurie and, at the encouragement of program presenter Phil Campbell, contact was made with Laurie to see if she would be interested in a Habitat home. An application was then made by Laurie and presented to the Lions and Habitat. All qualifications have been met and, as of this writing, Laurie is patiently waiting for the final acceptance of her application, expected the first week of April.

Plans for the home are moving ahead and groundbreaking should follow in early April, with project completion sometime in early fall. Nearby Lions Clubs and various other organizations in the area have already volunteered labor, finances, home furnishings, etc. Some fundraisers are currently underway with the proceeds earmarked for this project.

Most recipients of Habitat homes are required to do 250 hours of "sweat equity." As Laurie is limited in her ability to do a lot of physical labor, this is another way people can help with this project. Volunteers are needed. Anyone wishing to do so should contact Lion Bob Patterson at (419) 238-0299 for more details.

—Submitted by *Lion Bob Patterson, a new member of the Van Wert Lions, and VDG Charlie Hinkle.*

Submit club news to:
PDG Bob Woodside, Editor,
227 Woodridge Drive #F302
Winterville, Ohio 43953



Profiles of Quality—

13H Habitat Houses Help Build Lions

Governor Clark Van Scyoc (13H)

The Lions of District 13H in southwestern Ohio have accepted the challenge to provide five houses to families with members who are blind and/or have serious handicaps and presently live in substandard housing. Three houses are to be built in greater Cincinnati and two houses in Dayton. The families chosen have exhibited great enthusiasm and willingness to partner "in labor" and to assume the payments and upkeep of their new homes. The path toward this goal has been laid out carefully.

With the leadership of Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity Director John Cerniglia; Lion Janet Burns, past president of the Cincinnati Price Hill Lions Club; Dayton Habitat for Humanity Director Randall Daniel; and District 13H Governor Clark Van Scyoc, a series of mailings and Governor's speeches have outlined the needs, opportunities for service and support, and timetables for meeting specific objectives. A formal Habitat-Lions bid was submitted to Lions Clubs International Foundation and Coordinator KaSondra Byrd. The bid was greatly received and commended as impressively prepared. Adjustments are being made to finalize the bid. Lion Rex Smith, 13-H Public Relations Chair, has plans to highlight our Habitat-Lions House project throughout southwestern Ohio through newspaper, radio, and television media outlets. The Lions efforts will be documented and sequenced.

The bid has been assigned a grant number. Bids will be reviewed at the international LCIF Board meeting on April 5, and we should receive word as to the success of our bid shortly thereafter. The viability of our project has been enhanced by the tremendous response from our Lions and Lions Clubs through pledges, contributions of in-kind services, and assistance from churches and individuals who see "family health and welfare" as necessary foundations to a "healthy society." Our Lions Clubs International Foundation, through its visionary "Core-4" Habitat-Lions Partnerships have enabled local communities to secure 75% assistance, to add to the 12.5% contributions of investments and community-church support through your Habitat agencies. The guidelines provided by LCIF and Habitat for Humanity have enabled us to focus our attention and energies in securing the appropriate funding, services, and leadership direction necessary to engage and complete these Habitat projects within our May-November 2001 time frame.

The vision of Lions members working side-by-side with other members of our community, churches, and Habitat families will extend the concept of LIONISM where our main objective is to provide "quality service" to "quality people" through "quality work." This charge by Helen Keller for Lions to serve as "Knights of the Blind" seeks to make known to others that LIONS CLUBS work together to improve the "quality of life" to those who are less fortunate, that suffer vision impairments, and to provide means for handicapped individuals to live and work productively.

The need to make more meaningful the concept of "united in service to others" within our own Lions Clubs and District organization is very important. Clubs that lack a stimulating and meaningful purpose for community service reflect a lackluster approach to fundraising, provision of needed services, and a decreasing visibility within their respective communities! This also leads to a lack of member confidence and support! People like to belong to an organization that values "quality leadership," "quality vision and service," and "quality efforts and results."

As the Lions of District 13H have united in response to these "housing" and "humanitarian" needs, we have begun to see an increase in requests to serve, and to accomplish "great tasks" with many hands united to "make a difference" in the lives of those just needing a bit of assistance. They seek only to be able to secure a safe haven for their children to grow productively. We Lions serve as mentors to others. Lions can become an effective organization, a place where "quality membership" is developed, nurtured, and utilized to best meet the needs of their communities.

As Lions, we must angle our attitude and efforts upwards if we are to climb, to grow, to exert a greater influence within our own clubs and communities. Good public relations relies on "quality direction," "quality media coverage," and "quality response to meeting the needs within your towns and cities! Let's learn how to better influence the support and response of others in accomplishing Lions service to mankind!

Our Habitat for Humanity experiences are just beginning. They provide a means where our four ships in Lionism may guide us in developing "Quality Fellowship, Membership, Leadership and Partnerships" within our worlds of opportunity and services. Make your experiences ones that help build "Quality Lions!"



“Beep-Ball” World Series Comes to Cleveland Area This Summer Visually Impaired Athletes “Follow the Beeping Ball”



Lioness Club “Coats and Boots” Project Expands with \$50K Grant

For many years, the **Cambridge Lioness Club (13G)** has been providing coats and boots to needy local children during the holiday and winter seasons. This year, the project expanded significantly with the help of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) grant funding from the Guernsey County Department of Job and Family Services.

The original grant was for \$40,000, according to Lioness Kim Conrath, club president. While the figure seemed staggering, it was quickly exhausted. “We thought, at first, we’d never be able to spend \$40,000,” Conrath said. “But this let us branch out and cover the whole county.”

Recognizing the success of the program, the Department of Job and Family Services added an extra \$10,000 to the funding, for a total grant of \$50,000.

Project chair Lioness Colleen Wheatley reported in mid-February that to date \$47,463.67 had been spent. More than 1,300 children (infants through high school) from 600 families meeting income guidelines received clothing, and assistance was also provided through partnerships with the Salvation Army and other community organizations. In addition to coats and boots, winter essentials such as gloves, hats and socks have been provided with the expanded funding.

Lioness club members worked with school principals in the East Guernsey, Cambridge City, and Rolling Hills school districts and officials of local Head Start centers to identify eligible children, who were then taken to the local K-mart store to try on and select winter clothing.

The store offers the items to the club at discount or sale prices. Conrath complemented the K-mart personnel for their service and willingness to “go the extra mile,” contacting other nearby K-marts to find sizes or items in short supply at the Cambridge location.

The Lioness club plans to apply for a similar grant next year, though it is not yet known how much money will be available.

—Submitted by committee chair Lioness Colleen Wheatley.

The World Series is coming to the Cleveland area this year.

That’s not a prediction about the outcome of the Indians’ upcoming season. This is the 26th Annual National Beep Baseball Association (NBBA) World Series International Championship, to be held the week of July 30-August 5 in Strongsville.

Nearly 400 blind and visually impaired athletes from throughout the United States and around the world, representing more than 20 teams, will visit northeastern Ohio to determine Beep Baseball’s champion for the 2001 season.

The 2000 World Series was held in Taipei, Taiwan, where Ohio’s own Cleveland Scrappers and Columbus Vipers were among the seven teams representing the United States.

The Scrappers, hosts of the 2001 tournament, have been providing an opportunity for the blind and visually impaired to play ball since 1984.

Beep Baseball is a healthy activity for blind and visually impaired people of all ages. It helps them to become or to remain physically fit, and to improve self-esteem, self-confidence and independence. The NBBA gives the sight impaired a

chance to play ball with dignity and honor and to lead healthier and fuller lives.

If you or your Lions Club would like more information or are interested in getting involved, please call Lion Kevin Barrett at (216) 671-8647 or Tournament Director Ken Koblitz at (330) 468-0697.

—Submitted by Lion Kevin T. Barrett, Broadview Heights Lions Club (13C).

“Strike Four; Yer Out!”—The Basics of Beep Baseball

- The beeping baseball was invented by Charley Fairbanks, an engineer with Mountain Bell Telephone, in 1964. In 1975, the Minnesota Telephone Pioneers introduced a larger, tougher 16-inch ball (a little larger than a standard softball) with better sound quality and endurance. This type of ball is used in today’s Beep Baseball competitions.

- Two teams of sight-impaired athletes in Minnesota experimented with developing rules in 1975. The concept soon spread to Phoenix and San Francisco, and a national league was formed soon after. The first World Series Championship in St. Paul drew more than 1500 fans. The league now boasts teams from across the country and around the world.

How the game is played...

- **There are only first and third bases, no second base.** The bases contain sounding units that give off a buzzing sound when activated. The standard base is between 45-54 inches around. A 16-inch ball with a beeping sound is used.

- **All players are required to wear a blindfold while playing.** This “evens the playing field” between sight-impaired players with still some vision and those who are completely blind.

- **The defensive team** consists of six players, with one or two sighted spotters in the field to assist.

- **The offensive team** has its own sighted pitcher and catcher

- **Innings/Game Length:** A batter is allowed four strikes and one pass. A team has three outs per inning. Games are six innings unless more are needed to break a tie.

- **Basics of Play:** When the ball is hit, the base operator activates one of the bases. The runner must identify the correct base and run to it. Meanwhile, a spotter calls out the number (one through six) of the player in the best position to field the ball.

When a fair ball is struck (one that travels at least 40 feet and remains within the normal foul lines

for the first 100 feet from home plate), the batter must reach the buzzing base before the hit ball is fielded to score a run. If the runner is safe, a run is scored.

An out is recorded either by a strikeout or when a fair ball is struck and is clearly fielded by a defensive player prior to the runner reaching the buzzing base.

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The Idea File...

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PID Floyd Newberry, Jr. (13J)

City of Hope, a world-renowned National Medical Center and Research Institute was founded in 1913 in California as a tuberculosis sanitarium (two tents on 10 acres). Today, City of Hope encompasses 110 peaceful, beautiful gardened acres, many thousands of square feet of modern facilities, more than 300 physicians and scientists, accommodating more than 200,000 patients each year. It is recognized as one of a handful of institutions that are designated by the National Cancer Institute as a Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Outstanding cancer and cancer-related research has resulted in new and promising treatments and possible cures for cancer, HIV/AIDS, diabetes, and many other related dreaded diseases. Their mission statement is as follows:

"City of Hope, inspired and supported by a philanthropic volunteer movement, is dedicated to the prevention, treatment and cure of cancer and other life-threatening diseases through innovative research and patient care."

All new treatments and research developments are shared with other institutions worldwide. Of the hundreds, if not thousands, of major developments resulting from their research have been bone marrow transplants and the synthetic insulin, called Humulin, which made insulin available to millions of diabetics worldwide!

City of Hope is supported in part by the Lions of California and Lions Clubs around the world and is worthy of our individual and club donations.



Their main support comes from large corporations and wealthy individuals who realize and wish to reward their outstanding achievements. The purpose of this article is to acquaint you with a recent program designed to enable each and every Lion who has access to the Internet, to participate on an individual basis *at no personal cost whatsoever*. This program is called "Click for Hope!"

Once per day, every day; you, your friends, family, associates, anyone, everyone who has access to the Internet can log on—simply sign on to www.clickforhope.org and click the purple icon. That's all there is to it! When you do this, numerous corporate sponsors will make a donation to City of Hope. Then, bookmark the site, and return every day to save lives. By doing this, you will be taking an active step every day in the fight against cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and other life-threatening diseases.

So that your Lions District will receive credit for your efforts, simply select the District you wish to support when you log on. Your favorite District will then get the credit for your click, making your click count. Your non-Lion friends and family can also give your District credit by clicking. How often do we have the chance to become involved in saving lives without it costing anything? Please join with me as we *Click for Hope*.

Make a Global Difference LCIF and UNICEF Team Up to Provide "School in a Box"

In nations ravaged by poverty, warfare and natural disasters, UNICEF and Lions Clubs International have offered the key to a better life—education—for nearly five years. LCIF and the United Nations agency teamed up in 1996 in a partnership where "the main area of cooperation shall be on programs and projects for youth, with special emphasis on street children and on 'School-in-a-Box/Edukit.'"

The Edukit is designed to be a low-cost, rapid response to an emergency by establishing a self-sufficient classroom. Truly a "school-in-a-box," each kit contains basic educational materials for about 40 students—chalk and chalkboards, pens, pencils, glue, erasers, ruler, scissors, tape, exercise and activity booklets, paper, and language and culture appropriate teachers guides and curriculum.

Among areas in which Edukits have been distributed are well-known nations ravaged by armed conflict, such as Angola, Bosnia, Cambodia, Liberia, Mozambique, Rwanda and Somalia. Other countries include those facing "silent emergencies," ongoing poverty or repression that is less

publicized, such as Afghanistan, Haiti, Malawi, Sri Lanka and Zambia.

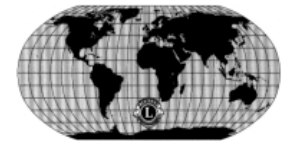
While these difficult situations are a world away from our own communities, we as Lions should keep in mind our obligation under the first Object of Lionism: "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world."

A typical Edukit costs about \$200 (which is the minimum donation level), or only about \$5 per student served—a small investment in global goodwill and international service.

Donations to the Edukit program should be made payable to LCIF and submitted to the LCIF Department at International Headquarters.

For more information, log on to www.centralnylions.com/edukit.htm

—Thanks to PIP Jim Coffey for forwarding this information, which he received from PID Al Brandel of New York.



Proposed State Legislation Endangers Highway "Coffee Break" Fundraisers

PDG Phil Wallace (13G)

During the 122nd Ohio General Assembly, a bill was introduced into the House that would seriously threaten fundraising at roadside rest areas on the Interstate highway system in the State of Ohio.

The bill that was introduced, House Bill 210, would make your time spent at a "coffee break" non-valuable to help programs in your community. Food vendors that operate the vending machines along the Interstate system have stated that they are losing money by letting homemade food be brought into the rest areas to be given away. The food vendors want to change Ohio Revised Code 5515.07 to require all organizations that operate a "coffee break" on the Interstate system to distribute only prepackaged foods.

During the 122nd General Assembly, no action was taken on House Bill 210. Now in the 124th General Assembly it is being worked on again to present a bill to change the Ohio Revised Code. Although at this time, no new bill has been written, there is a

strong indication that one will be written and introduced.

As it now stands, Lions Clubs and other organizations can bring homemade wrapped cookies, snacks, and fresh coffee to the "coffee break" areas, not only to make money for their scheduled programs, but mainly to give tired drivers on the Interstate a place to get a fresh cup of hot coffee, or a homemade snack. This practice has proven to be a huge success in helping the travelers talk with someone and refresh their bodies and minds while they continue to their destination.

If your Lions Club, or other organization with which you are affiliated, gives its time on weekends to help tired drivers, and wants to continue doing to help them, I would strongly advise that you write to your State Senator, State Representative, and the Department of Highways District Director in your area, to let them know where you stand on this issue.

"Coffee Breaks" promote Lionism and safe driving.



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Does *Your* Lions Club Have a Public Relations Chair?

IPDG Bob Woodside (13G)
MD13 PRaM Committee Chair

It's been a topic of good-natured debate for years: Which is the most important club officer, the president or the secretary? Some think it's the president. He or she sets the tone and the goals for the year, oversees and coordinates all the committees, and presides over the meetings in a manner that promotes both fellowship and the efficient transaction of business. Others claim it's the secretary, who effectively juggles all the paperwork, correspondence, membership and attendance records.

In some clubs, the friendly rivalry extends to the committee chairs. Which fundraising project clears the most cash and involves the most members? Which service project is most unique or serves the most people? And of course neither fundraising nor service committees could function well without a membership chair recruiting or retaining members, or the finance or other administrative committees, or the social event and fellowship committees. Of course, all of the officers and chairs have vital roles to play in the operation of a quality Lions club. In the interest of provoking thought (not necessarily more debate), I would plead the case for another post as perhaps the most important to a successful and growing Lions Club: the club-level public relations chair.

I can almost hear the murmurs as you read this. "What's that? Our club doesn't have a public relations chair." Unfortunately this is true of far too many clubs. Some do little or no public relations at all. Others place the responsibility for promotion in the hands of individual fundraising or service committee chairs. Few have an individual or committee designated to coordinate a comprehensive year-round PR effort.

Typically the reasons given for this are well-known. Presidents and nominating committees face a tough enough challenge filling traditional offices and committee posts amid dwindling club rosters and members who have "too many other things to do." And of course, nobody wants to volunteer for a post that seems as exotic and complex as PR. So we struggle along without a PR chair. "Maybe next year," is often said.

Well, next year is nearly here. Spring is the time when we're electing and training our leaders to take office in July, and club presidents-elect are forming their new committees. Are we going to take this vital issue by the horns, or wait yet another 12 months?

The question is more than academic to the members of our statewide

PRaM Committee. Among the many items on our "to-do" list is the development of training and resource materials for club and district PR chairs, and the establishment of a statewide PR chairs network. Committee member **Lion Rex Smith (13H)** has done a great deal of work to assemble media lists and other resources, but he and the rest of us don't want to just distribute them to have them tossed into filing cabinets or, worse yet, to have them misused by well-meaning but untrained club-level PR operatives.

We are encouraging the governors, vice governors, and district and state leadership personnel to include PR training in all of their spring schools, and many have responded positively. But who will we be training? Your district PR chair already has—or soon will—survey all the clubs in your district to determine if your club has a PR chair and, if so, gather contact information to be used in assembling the envisioned statewide network. Again, will your club have a name to give us?

I recently got an e-mail from another of our committee members, **Lion Dan Smith (13B)**. The scheduled speaker for the coming week's club meeting had cancelled, and Lion Dan had 15 minutes to try to encourage someone to volunteer to be his club's PR chair. "What should I say?" Lion Dan asked. I spent an evening typing up a few notes, e-mailed them back to Lion Dan, and wished him luck. A few days later I heard back from Lion Dan with news that the sales pitch worked, and a recent transfer member had stepped forward to volunteer as club PR chair. In hopes of repeating this success on a larger scale, I share with you some excerpts from those notes:

We often hear members complain that LCI, the state or the district doesn't do enough PR. In the first place, it's simply not true. LCI has spent a great deal of money in recent years on such efforts as television and newspaper ads. But these are very expensive, and we simply don't have the resources to sustain paid advertising for very long in national or international media. LCI has also retained a global public relations firm which has been successful in gaining press coverage for major international events such as World Sight Day. On the state level, a Public Relations and Marketing Committee has been formed just this year to address such needs as setting up an Ohio Lions Web Site and a statewide media relations program. These efforts take time, but will pay off in the long run, and in order to reach their full potential, need support from the club level.

No matter what LCI or the state organization do, the simple fact remains that the most important public relations work takes place at the local level. McDonald's and Wal-Mart have thousands of stores and spend millions on advertising, but your impressions of those companies rests largely on your experience with the stores in the area where you live. Similarly, we have 45,000 clubs around the world. The public's opinion of Lions Clubs isn't based on a global media campaign, but what folks see in their own local communities. We need to ensure that every Lions Club is the most visible and respected service club in its own community. This requires not only quality service programs, but a quality club-level public relations program to fully inform the public.

When we hear the term "public relations," we most often think about media relations... writing and distributing news releases and public service announcements, etc. Certainly that is a big part of the job. Many Lions are uncomfortable with contacting the media or uncertain of their writing abilities, but there are many resources available to help Lions sharpen their skills. The club PR Chairs Handbook provides practical tips and examples. District and state level PR personnel are available to provide additional training and advice. The LCI web site offers a growing number of publications and brochures, as well as a monthly PR newsletter full of helpful tips. Lions entering this position should be energetic and creative, but they need not be prize-winning authors and they certainly should not be intimidated by the thought of dealing with the media.

There's also more to the job than just media relations. Everything our clubs do, to one extent or another, is part of public relations. Ideally, then, the PR chair should be involved in some way with the planning and execution of just about every club project and activity (how many other committee assignments offer that opportunity?). Every successful fundraiser requires promotion...not just news releases and PSAs but also flyers, brochures, signs, banners, etc. It's all part of spreading the word. Many service projects are also great opportunities for public relations. While we don't perform service simply to get ourselves recognition, people need to know about the good work we do if we expect the public to support us...and perhaps join us.

Today's club PR chairs also have a powerful tool at their disposal...the Internet. Club-level PR chairs can be instrumental in giving their local clubs—even the smallest ones—a

global presence on the Web. Even if one isn't technically-inclined, a club-level PR chair can develop the text and graphics and let the experts do the tech work. Again, LCI is providing significant support and numerous local resources are also available.

PR involves internal as well as external communications. By working with the club newsletter editor, membership chair, social committee, etc., the PR chair can play a vital role in keeping members informed about club meetings and events and educating them about the needs of the community and about district, state and international programs. Through both internal and external PR, the club develops greater cohesion and members gain a sense of satisfaction and achievement that keeps them motivated, involved, and feeling good about the club and about themselves. Success breeds success.

PR can also be fun. Dress up in a Lion costume and lead a club marching delegation in a local parade. Challenge another local organization to a charity sporting event. Get your club and nearby clubs together for "Lions Night" at a ball game. Set up an Lions information fair at a park or shopping mall. It's all about communication and visibility

For the newer member, working on club public relations is a great way to learn more about club programs and operations—and about your fellow Lions—by working closely with all the different project and administrative committees. For the older member, doing PR offers a chance to discover new challenges and opportunities while employing the experience and institutional memory gained over the years. All Lions who work on PR can sharpen existing communication and leadership skills and learn new ones that can prove valuable in their professional lives or in work with other community groups.

"If a tree falls in the woods but nobody's around to hear it, does it make a sound?" If a Lions club does great service work, offers fellowship and personal growth, but nobody knows about it, is that club as successful as it could be? Will it survive for very long?

"He who has a thing to sell, and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers."

"The codfish lays a million eggs; the cackling hen but one. The codfish never says a word to show what she has done. We scorn the modest codfish; the cackling hen we prize...proving that, without a doubt, it pays to advertise!"

Official Notice— Full Text of Proposed Constitution and Bylaws

Following is the full text of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions Inc., to be voted upon by the delegates at the State Convention. Since the pagination of text in tabloid format is different from that of the printed document on letter-size paper, only the Table of Contents has been omitted.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 13 OHIO LIONS, INC. CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

This document does not and will not supersede and/or displace the authorized and approved Lions Club International Constitution and By-Laws. It is intended to serve as the Constitution and By-laws of MD13—Ohio Lions, Inc., its clubs and affiliates for reference and use thereof. No part of this document may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical including photocopying, recording or by information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the MD13—Ohio Lions, Inc.

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MULTIPLE DISTRICT 13— OHIO LIONS INC.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization duly recognized by the International Association of Lions Clubs and constituted under their authority as "Multiple District 13—Ohio International Association of Lions Clubs," comprising the territory within the State of Ohio shall be the "Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc."

ARTICLE II OBJECTS

Section 1. The Objects of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc. shall be:

- To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the purpose and objects of the International Association of Lions Clubs in this Multiple District.
- To encourage, promote and assist in the organization of Lions Clubs in all eligible cities, towns, villages and communities in the State of Ohio.

- To coordinate, standardize and direct the activities, other than local activities, of all affiliating Lions Clubs within the State of Ohio.
- To unite the membership of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc. into a closer bond of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding, that they may assist each other.
- To promote the welfare of the Lions Clubs of the State of Ohio, with particular reference to the following:
 - Relationship with Lions International Headquarters, its Officers and Directors.
 - State and District spirit, insignia, uniforms, and delegations to International and District Conventions.
 - Relationship with the Governors and Officers of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc.
 - Encouragement of Regional Meetings and Inter-Club Meetings and Activities.
 - Provide ways and means for the activities of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions Inc.
 - To otherwise promote the general welfare of the International Association of Lions Clubs, and of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc., and to carry out the ideals and principles of Lionism.
- To further the charitable objects of the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Inc.
- To further the charitable objects of the Ohio Lions Foundation, Inc.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership

The membership of this organization shall be all Lions Clubs in this Multiple District chartered by Lions International.

[Article III amended at the 1993 Ohio Lions State Convention.]

ARTICLE IV STATE ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Number of Districts

For the purpose of administration, Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc., shall be divided into ten districts: designated as District 13A, District 13B, District 13C, District 13D, District 13E, District 13F, District 13G, District 13H, District 13I and District 13K. The boundaries are described in Appendix A. Each Sub-District comprising Multiple District 13 shall be divided into two Regions by the District Governor in concurrence with the District's Cabinet.

Section 2. Procedure for Redistricting & Convention Approval

Any Single District which desires to become a Multiple District and any Multiple District which desires to add one or more Sub-Districts thereto or to otherwise change or redistrict any one or more existing Sub-Districts in any way shall submit to the International Board of Directors a redistricting proposal approved by a convention of the respective Single or Multiple District, and in case of a Multiple District redistricting proposal, approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the conventions of the Sub-Districts comprising the Multiple District, together with a map showing the boundary lines for all proposed Sub-Districts and a list showing the Lions Clubs which shall comprise each proposed Sub-District.

Section 3. Procedure Requirements

No such redistricting proposal shall be considered by the International Board of Directors unless each proposed Sub-District shall contain at least thirty-five (35) Lions Clubs with a total membership of no less than one thousand two hundred fifty (1250) members in good standing. In considering approval of any redistricting proposal,

the International Board of Directors may give weight to any factors it deems proper and may require such additional number of Clubs and/or Members per Sub-District as it deems proper.

Section 4. Procedure Approval

In the event the International Board of Directors approves such redistricting proposal, it shall become effective at the close of the annual International Convention which next follows the date of such Board approval; provided, however, that delegates from Clubs which will comprise the respective new Sub-District shall elect a District Governor and may adopt a Constitution and By-Laws at a meeting held in conjunction with the Convention, held after said Board approval and prior to said International Convention, of the Sub- or Multiple District being redistricted. If an existing Sub-District is substantially realigned, the Delegates of the Clubs which comprise said Sub-District may elect a District Governor at a meeting of the registered Delegates of the Sub-District in attendance at the annual Convention of the Multiple District.

Section 5. Procedure for Transferring Clubs

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Club may transfer from one District to an adjacent District and boundaries changed accordingly without the necessity of following the formal redistricting procedures if such transfer does not substantially change the existing District boundaries; provided, that it obtains the approval of a majority of the members of the Club, approval of the current District Governor of the respective adjacent Districts, and approval of the District Governors' Cabinets of the respective adjacent Districts and approval of the International Board of Directors. Such club transfer shall become effective immediately upon Board approval.

Section 6. Procedure Following Re-Districting

A map showing boundary lines for all newly formed Districts, whether formed within the boundaries of an existing District or by the changing of the boundaries of several Districts, shall be submitted to the International Board of Directors within 30 days after final action taken to establish any such new District. In the event the International Board of Directors approves the proposal submitted, the division of the District will become effective for the election of District Governors at the next annual Convention of the State or the District; said District Governors so elected to assume the duties of their office at the close of the next annual International Convention, or as otherwise provided in the event the International Board of Directors may in extraordinary circumstances advance the effective date of such division.

Section 7. Governing Documents

The Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc. shall govern all Conventions and other meetings of the Multiple District and Sub-Districts.

ARTICLE V STATE COUNCIL

Section 1. Council of Governors

There shall be a Council of Governors composed of all District Governors in the Multiple District. The Vice District Governor and Deputy District Governor shall be present at all Council meetings in an advisory capacity and may represent the district in the absence of his/her District Governor in order of rank.

Section 2. Election and Eligibility of Council Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chaplain

The District Governors-Elect (following their election to the post of District Governor) shall select one member from the current Council of Governors, who shall serve as Chairman of the Council of Governors, and an ex-officio member of all State Committees for the ensuing year. In the case of a tie, the Council Chairman shall have one vote on each question requiring action of Council. He/she shall serve one (1) year with no right of

succession and prepare and present to the Council of Governors, in cooperation with the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer, an agenda prior to each council meeting. The District Governors-Elect shall elect one (1) member from the current District Governors-Elect as Vice Chairman, to serve in the absence or incapacity of the Council Chairman. Shall elect one (1) member from the current District Governors-Elect as Council Chaplain.

Section 3. Appointment of Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer and Site of State Office

There shall be a position with the title of Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer, who may be recognized as the State Association Administrator, as defined, directed and implied in this Constitution, attached By-Laws and prescribed Policy Manual.

Section 4. Meetings of State Council

The Council shall hold a regular meeting within sixty (60) days after the date on which the District Governor officially takes office, and such other meetings as a simple majority of those on State Council deem advisable. The Council Chairman, or the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer at the Chairman's direction, shall issue a written call for each meeting of the Council, with the time and place thereof to be set out in the call and to be determined by the Chairman. The Council shall determine the date of any meeting save the first, which shall be set by the Chairman.

Section 5. Quorum of State Council

The personal presence of a majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum at any meeting thereof.

ARTICLE VI STATE REVENUE

Section 1. Amount, Division and Billing of State Per Capita Tax

An annual per capita tax equal to the sum of the accounts to be distributed under Section 3 of this Article VI shall be levied upon each active member, affiliated member, honorary member and member-at-large of each club in the State Organization, each Club to be billed quarterly on July 1, based upon membership as of May 31; October 1, based upon membership as of August 31; January 1, based upon membership as of November 30; April 1, based upon membership as of February 28; dues payable in advance and delinquent thirty (30) days after billing.

Section 2. Procedure for Collection

This tax shall be collected from the Clubs in each District of the State by the respective Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer and he/she shall place the money so collected in a special account to be forwarded to the State Office after receipt of per capita tax billing from the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 3. State Revenue and Funds

The revenue received under Section 1 and 2 of Article VI shall be distributed as follows:

- State Council Fund—One dollar and thirty-five cents (\$1.35) of the annual per capita tax
- State Office Operation Fund—Five dollars and seventy cents (\$5.70) of the annual per capita tax
- International Convention Fund—Fifty-two cents (\$.52) of the annual per capita tax
- Promotional Fund—One dollar and thirty-one cents (\$1.31) of the annual per capita tax
- Restricted Fund—Twenty-eight cents (\$.28) of the annual per capita tax
- District Funds: Refer to Article VIII Section 1

Section 4. Per Capita Tax Distribution

A. The State Council Fund and the International Convention Fund shall be forwarded to the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer, and shall be distributed according to the provisions established in the Constitution and By-Laws.

B. The International Convention Fund shall be used by the International Convention Committee for suitable facilities and demonstrations for Ohio Delegates and for promotion of Ohio. All remaining available funds shall be used to support Ohio's International Vice Presidential Candidates through his/her campaign to completion of his/her term as Past International President. Beginning with the fiscal year following our candidate's term as President, each year's balance of the per-capita tax only over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be placed in the Ohio Promotional Fund. The International Convention Fund shall be divided into two classifications.

1. International Convention Fund: All per capita tax collected from MD 13 - Ohio Lions, Inc., shall be deposited in this fund.
 2. International Convention Fund Projects: All revenue from the sale of pins, bells, or other fund raising projects shall be deposited in this fund, and shall not be transferred to the Ohio Lions Promotional Fund.
- C. The State Council Fund shall be disbursed by order of the State Council in accordance with rules and regulations as they may provide. Each year's balance shall be carried over and left in the State Council Fund excepting that any excess over two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) at the fiscal year's end shall be placed in the Ohio Lions Promotional Fund.
- D. The Restricted Fund shall be used only for special purpose pertinent to the furtherance of Ohio Lion's candidate for International Office such as campaign expenses or Ohio Night when we have an International President. The Restricted Fund shall be forwarded to the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer and disbursements shall be made from this fund only upon majority recommendation of the Finance and Planning Advisory Committee and approval of the Council of Governors.
- E. Any excess receipts over expenses for the State Convention in any year shall be placed in the Ohio Lions Promotional Fund.
- F. The Ohio Lions Promotional Fund shall be used for the furtherance of Ohio Lionism, and disbursements shall be made from this fund only upon recommendation of the Finance and Planning Advisory Committee and approval of the Council of Governors.
- G. The Ohio Lions State Office Operations Fund shall be used to provide the facilities, operation and expense incident to maintenance of an Ohio Lions State Office.

Section 5. Control of Additional Funds

Any Committee or Board of Multiple District 13 - Ohio Lions, Inc. duly established in accordance with this Constitution, is authorized to receive additional funds by way of voluntary contributions and/or fund raising activities specifically approved by the Council of Governors. Any and all funds raised shall be handled and disbursed strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual applicable to each Committee or Board.

Section 6. Bond of Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer

The Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer shall be bonded in sufficient sum at all times to cover the amount to be expendable. Surety and Performance Bonds shall be made at the direction of the Council of Governors.

Section 7. State Office Audit(s)

The Council of Governors shall provide for an annual or more frequent audit of the books and accounts of all funds handled by the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer. It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman of the Council of Governors and the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer to place the issue of the annual audit on the agenda for the first meeting of the Council of Governors in each fiscal year, which issue shall include a recommendation for an authorization to hire a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to conduct the audit and report findings to the incoming Council of Governors no later than its second regular meeting of the fiscal year. The selection of the independent CPA shall be made by a committee comprised of the Council Chairman, Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer, and Governor selected by the ten (10) incumbent Governors.

Section 8. Publication of Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

A condensed financial report shall be made available to all Lions Clubs in Multiple District 13 - Ohio Lions, Inc., upon request.

ARTICLE VII DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Section 1. District Cabinet

Each Sub-District shall have a District Governor's Cabinet composed of the District Governor, as Chairman, the Immediate Past District Governor, Vice District Governor, Deputy District Governor, and the following who shall be elected or appointed under procedures provided in the respective Single, or Multiple District Constitution: the Region Chairman, the Zone Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and such other Club Members as may be provided for in the respective Single, or Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.

PROVIDED: Each respective District Governor shall have the authority to determine whether the position of Region Chairman will be utilized during his/her term. If not so utilized, the position of Region Chairman shall remain vacant during said District Governor's term.

Each Sub-District shall provide in its District Constitution and By-Laws for the elected office of Vice District Governor, duties of the said office to be established by the International Board of Directors. A Club member may be elected or appointed as a Region Chairman. A club member shall be elected or appointed as a Zone Chairman for the Zone in which his/her Club is located.

Section 2. Meeting and Quorum of District Cabinet

The District Cabinet shall meet at such times and place as may be fixed by the District Governors, and the personal presence of a majority of the members of the Cabinet shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 3. Division of District into Regions and Zones

For the purpose of efficiency, economy and stimulation of action, each District shall be divided by its District Governor into Regions and each Region into Zones of no less than three (3) Clubs, due regard being given to geographical locations of the Clubs, which divisions shall be subject to change by the District Governor as may be deemed advisable for the best interest of Lionism and the individual Clubs.

Section 4. Terms of the District Governor, Vice District Governor and Deputy District Governor

The term of the District Governor, Vice District Governor and Deputy District Governor shall begin with the adjournment of the International Convention next succeeding their election. The term of the District Governor, Vice District Governor and Deputy District Governor shall end with the adjournment of the International Convention next succeeding their election of their successor.

Section 5. District Governor's Qualifications

A candidate for the office of District Governor shall:

- A. be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in his/her Sub-District.
- B. secure the endorsement of his/her Club or a majority of the Clubs in his/her Sub-District.
- C. currently be serving as the Vice District Governor within the District from which he/she is to be elected.
- D. only in the event the current Vice District Governor does not stand for election as District Governor, or if a vacancy in the position of Vice District Governor exists at the time of the District Convention, any Club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of Vice District Governor as set forth in Article VII, Section 9 (a)(2) of the International Constitution, and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the District Cabinet, shall fulfill the requirements of Subsection (c) of this Section.

Section 6. Vice District Governor's Qualifications

A candidate for the office of Vice District Governor shall:

- A. Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in his/her Sub-District.

B. Secure the endorsement of his/her Club or a major portion of the Clubs in his/her Sub-District.

C. Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as Vice District Governor:

1. as president of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
2. as Zone Chairman or Region Chairman or Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.

D. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

Section 7. Deputy District Governor's Qualifications

A candidate for the office of Deputy District Governor shall:

- A. be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in his/her Sub-District.
- B. secure the endorsement of his/her Club or a major portion of the Clubs in his/her Sub-District.
- C. Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as Deputy District Governor:

1. as president of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
2. as Zone Chairman or Region Chairman or Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer for a full term or a major portion thereof, and one (1) additional year as a member of the District Cabinet.

D. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

Section 8. District Governor's Advisory and Honorary Committee

There may be an Advisory and/or Honorary Committee, whose membership shall be selected by the District Governor.

ARTICLE VIII DISTRICT REVENUE

Section 1. District Administration Fund

To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of each District, an annual per capita district fund tax of one dollar and eighty-four cents (\$1.84) shall be levied upon members in the District in payments as specified in ARTICLE VI, Section 1. Additional tax for each District in the amount determined by its current District Governor and his/her Cabinet and approved by the voting delegates at its District Convention, shall also be levied upon each member within that District at the same time as specified in ARTICLE VI, Section 1. The said tax shall be collected from each Club by the Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer of the District of which the Club is a member.

Section 2. Payment by new clubs

Newly organized Clubs shall start paying tax at the beginning of the next quarter following the date of organization of the New Club. (Date of organization begins the date the first president is elected).

Section 3. Disbursement of District Funds

Said per capita tax and other levied tax(s) in each District shall become and remain a fund of said District and shall be distributed only for such administrative expenses of the District as are approved by the District Governor's Cabinet. Payments shall be by checks and signed by the District Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer and countersigned by the District Governor.

Section 4. Bond of District Secretary and/or Treasurer

Each District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer shall be bonded by Ohio Lions, Inc. in such amount as shall be approved by the Council of Governors at the first Council meeting.

Section 5. District Audit(s)

Each District Governor's Cabinet shall provide for annual or more frequent audit of the books and accounts of the Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer, and a statement of the financial condition of the District, shall be sent to Lions Clubs International. Each Club at the close of the fiscal year shall receive a copy upon request from the Cabinet then in office.

ARTICLE IX STATE CONVENTION

Section 1. Date and Place of Convention

A Convention of Multiple District 13 - Ohio Lions, Inc. shall be held on the third full weekend starting Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in May of each year. It is to be rotated between Columbus, Cleveland, Akron, Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo, or any other appropriate, adequate location. Arrangements are to be made by the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer five years in advance and approved by the sitting Council of Governors.

Section 2. Procedures for Convention

The current Council of Governors shall confirm final planning proposals for each State Convention with appropriate Convention Officials of the host facility and Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer for the concurrence and acceptance. Emergency measures of a serious nature necessitating change in the prescribed schedule or site selection shall be made by majority vote of the Council of Governors.

Section 3. Official Call

The Council of Governors shall issue, and cause to be mailed to the Secretary of each chartered Club, an official call to the annual State Convention at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening thereof.

Section 4. Management of Convention

The Council of Governors shall be the officers of the annual State Convention, and the management of the State Convention shall be in their hands.

- A. The Sergeants at Arms shall be the Deputy District Governors with their Chairman appointed by the Council of Governors.
- B. Sergeant at Arms, shall be responsible for the proper maintenance of order and decorum at the State Convention, and shall perform such duties as are incident to that office, or as directed by the Council of Governors presiding.

Section 5. Number of Delegates and Alternates

Each chartered Club in good standing on the first day of any convention of Multiple District 13 - Ohio Lions, Inc. shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for every ten (10) of its members, or a major fraction thereof, five (5) being considered a major fraction. Membership shall be shown by records of the International Association Office as of the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the convention is held. Selection of each Delegate or Alternate shall be evidenced by certificate signed by the President or Secretary of each Club.

Section 6. Clubs Not in Good Standing

No Club shall be considered in good standing if, at the time of the annual State Convention, it has failed to make payments of all indebtedness to the International Association, and to the State Organization. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired at any time prior to the close of credentials certification, at such closing time as established by the rules of the respective Convention.

Section 7. Privileged Delegates

All Past District Governors of Multiple District 13 - Ohio Lions, Inc., who, on the date of any Convention of the Organization, and are members in good standing of any Club belonging to Multiple District 13 - Ohio Lions, Inc., shall be considered a Delegate-At-Large, and shall be irrevocable and exclusive of any Delegate quota of their club. Nothing herein shall be construed to allow any person more than one (1) vote upon occasion or in connection with any question before the Convention of Multiple District 13 - Ohio Lions, Inc.

Section 8. Credentials Committee

The Council of Governors shall appoint a committee on Credentials composed of one Lion from each District, the Chairman of which shall be elected by the members of the committee. To this committee shall be referred all questions and credentials of Delegates or Alternates by the District Secretary and/or Treasurer. They shall have ready at all times an accurate record of the number and identity of Delegates and Alternates present at the annual State Convention and make final reports to the Convention immediately before the election of officers. They shall endeavor to make decisions upon questions arising in regards to credentials, and failing to arrive at an agreement, shall submit the same to the Convention without unnecessary delay,

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(Constitution and Bylaws Proposal—from page 15) in which event the members of the Club whose representatives are in question shall have the right to be heard, but shall have no vote in the decision of the Convention which shall be considered final.

Section 9. Voting by Delegates

Only registered Delegates with certified credentials, and present, shall be entitled to vote, and each Delegate may cast one (1) vote at each election and on every question submitted to the Convention.

Section 10. Quorum at State Convention

A majority of registered Delegates with certified credentials, present at any meeting, shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE X INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATE

Section 1. Procedure for Endorsement and Qualifications

It shall be the responsibility of the Council of Governors by their October meeting to establish, whether or not Ohio will have at the next following Lions Year State Convention, a selected candidate for an International Office, for election at the International Convention in the first or second complete fiscal year following said State Convention.

Section 2. A candidate for the office of International Second Vice President shall:

- A. be an active Member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing,
- B. have completed or be completing his/her term, by election or appointment, as International Director;
- C. 1. secure the endorsements by vote of a convention of his/her district (both Sub-District and Multiple District) in accordance with ARTICLE IX of this Constitution, and
2. secure the certification of said endorsement in accordance with the International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3. A candidate for the office of International Director shall:

- A. be an Active Member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing,
- B. 1. have completed or be completing a full term or major portion thereof as District Governor of a full District of this Association; or
2. have completed a full term or majority thereof as District Governor or Provisional District Governor of a Provisional District which
 - (1) attained in said term or later twenty (20) Clubs in good standing or full District status or
 - (2) has been a Provisional District for no less than ten (10) years,
- C. 1. secure the endorsements by vote of a convention of his/her district (both Sub-District and Multiple District) in accordance with ARTICLE IX of this Constitution, and
2. secure the certification of said endorsement in accordance with the International Constitution and By-Laws.
- D. any elected Director, having served as a Director for a full two (2) year term, shall be ineligible to succeed himself/herself.

Section 4. Except for procedures, which concern the time and manner of announcing intention to run for any International Offices and the vote required for candidacy endorsement, which may be determined by the respective Single or Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws, no qualifications in addition to those set forth in this constitution may be required of any candidate for any International Office. Such procedures may not contain requirements, which cannot be fully met in each Association year.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Procedure for Amendment

This Constitution can be amended only at a regular State Convention of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc. Any proposed amendment must first be presented to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the Convention. Said amendment shall be in writing and shall be duly signed by the Chairman on behalf

of the Council of Governors or the presiding Officer or Secretary, on behalf of a District Cabinet, or a State Committee, or a Lions Club in good standing with Lions International and its District. The Committee shall then cause written notice of the proposed changes, without recommendations thereon to be given to the Secretary as record of each Club, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Multiple District 13 Convention.

[Last amended at the 1987 Ohio Lions State Convention]

Section 2. Procedure for Proposing Amendments

The Constitution and By-Laws committee shall then present the proposed amendment to the delegation at the Multiple District 13 Convention, and if adopted, it shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the registered Delegates, present and voting. Each proposed amendment shall be voted separately.

ARTICLE XII ADOPTION

Section 1. Adoption

This Constitution shall be, and become, in full force and effect, at the beginning of the fiscal year immediately following its adoption by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the accredited Delegates present and voting at the annual State Convention, unless otherwise specified in the proposed amendment.

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MULTIPLE DISTRICT 13 OHIO LIONS, INC.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I DISTRICT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. District Governor, Vice District Governor, Deputy District Governor, Election

The District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Deputy District Governor of each Sub-District shall be elected at the annual Convention of the Sub-District if the District Cabinet so decides; otherwise, the District Governor, Vice District Governor and Deputy District Governor shall be elected at the annual State Convention.

SECTION 2. Deputy District Governor Endorsement

The Deputy District Governor shall be elected from alternate regions (example given if elected from Region I this year should be elected from Region II next year). In the event the District Governor shall have received no endorsement for a candidate from the appropriate region by November 1, then the District Governor may declare that a candidate may be elected from either region. In the following year, the Deputy District Governor shall again be elected from the opposite region from that of the Deputy District Governor just elected, unless the provisions of this section apply.

SECTION 3. Time Limitations on Nominating Speeches

Nominating speeches shall be limited to one and not over five minutes in duration, and one seconding speech of not over three minutes for each candidate.

SECTION 4. District Election Procedures

A. If any District Officer (District Governor, Vice District Governor and/or Deputy District Governor) has not been elected at the District Convention on the last business session day of the annual State Convention, the presiding District Governor in the General Convention assembly shall announce the hours during which nominations for all elective officers shall be made, and during which the election, by secret ballot, for such officers shall take place. Duly accredited delegates shall make all of the nominations for District Officers. Each District group of delegates, upon announcement by the presiding Governor or Officer, shall retire during the announced time, to a separate place within the Convention building, and in such places, proceed with the nominations and elections of all elective offices in their respective Districts, and then return to the convention General Assembly still in session. Upon return of all District Groups of delegates, a representative

from each of the Districts, as held in the several District assemblies shall announce the results of the elections, from the floor.

B. A majority of Delegates of each District present at the Convention, in caucus or business meeting and entitled to vote, shall be necessary to elect the District Governor, Vice District Governor, Deputy District Governor, or any other elected position of that District. If, on the first ballot, no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority.

SECTION 5. District Governor Appointments

The District Governor shall by the time he/she takes office, appoint a District Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer, one Region Chair for each Region. Provided, however, each respective District Governor shall have the authority to determine whether the position of Region Chairman will be utilized during his/her term. If not so utilized, the position of Region Chairman shall remain vacant during said District Governor's term. The District Governor shall appoint one Zone Chairman for each Zone in the Sub-District. The District Governor shall not reappoint a Zone Chairman who has served his/her District the majority of a two (2) year period, unless all means have been exhausted to find an able successor. The affairs of the Sub-District shall be controlled by a majority vote of the District Cabinet members.

Members of the District Cabinet, appointed or elected, shall have voting privileges. Any District Cabinet may at its first meeting, extend voting privileges to Past District Governors not holding a District Cabinet office.

SECTION 6. Region and Zone Chairman Qualifications

Each Region and Zone Chairman shall:

- A. be an active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in his/her respective Region or Zone; and
- B. have served or will have served at the time of taking office as Region Chairman or Zone Chairman, as President of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
- C. not have served his/her District in this position the majority of a two (2) year period, unless all means have been exhausted to find an able successor.

SECTION 7. Procedure for Filling Vacancy in District Officers and District Governor

- A. Any vacancy in any District Office, except that of District Governor and Vice District Governor, shall be filled by appointment of the District Governor for the unexpired term thereof. In filling any vacancy arising in the office of Vice District Governor, the District shall convene a meeting of the existing Cabinet as provided in the International Constitution and By-Laws and all Past International Officers who are members in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in the District. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a qualified club member as Vice District Governor for the remainder of the term. In filling the said vacancy, it shall be the duty of the District Governor, or if not available, the most recent Past District Governor, who is available, to send invitations to attend said meeting and it shall be his/her responsibility to preside as Chairman of the meeting. The Chairman shall convey the results to the International Office within seven (7) days together with evidence of invitations sent and meeting attendance. Each Lion that is entitled to receive an invitation to attend and is present at such meeting shall be entitled to cast a vote for the Lion of his/her choice.
- B. In the event of the death, resignation, incapacity or removal from office or from the District of a Lion who has been elected to the office of District Governor, either before or after assuming the office, the Vice District Governor shall act as District Governor and shall perform the duties of, and have the same authority as, the District Governor until such time as said vacancy is filled by the International Board of Directors for the

remainder of the term, as provided for in the International Constitution. It shall be the duty of the Immediate Past District Governor, or if not available, the most recent Past District Governor who is available, to send out, within (15) days, from the time the vacancy occurs, to all members of the existing Cabinet and all Past International Presidents, Past International Directors and Past District Governors who are members in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in the Sub-District, a notice and invitation to attend a meeting, to be held within fifteen (15) days, for the purpose of recommending to the International Board of Directors the name of a qualified Lion to be appointed by the Board of Directors to fill such vacancy. The Past District Governor sending such notice shall preside as Chairman of the meeting, and shall convey the results of the meeting to the International Board of Directors together with evidence of invitations sent and attendance at the meeting, all within the time limits as prescribed in the International Constitution. Each Lion who is entitled to receive an invitation to attend and is present at the meeting shall have one vote for the Lion of his/her choice as the recommendee for appointment by the International Board.

SECTION 8. Procedure for Removal of District Governor or Vice District Governor from Office

In the event that a District Governor or Vice District Governor fails or refuses to perform the duties of office as prescribed by this Constitution and By-Laws or the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions International, the Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer shall, upon the written request of a majority of the members of the District Cabinet, call a meeting of the District Cabinet within twenty (20) days after receipt of such request for the purpose of considering a recommendation to the President and Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International that the District Governor or Vice District Governor be removed from office. The notice of such meeting shall be in writing, shall be mailed to each member of the District Cabinet not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for the meeting, and shall specify the purpose of the meeting. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the District Cabinet in favor of removal of the District Governor or Vice District Governor from office, a recommendation to that effect shall be submitted to the President and the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International for its consideration, together with a recommendation of a qualified successor.

ARTICLE II DUTIES

SECTION 1. District Governor's Duties

Under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors, he/she shall represent the Association in his/her District. In addition, he/she shall be the Chief Administration Officer in his/her District and shall have direct supervision over the Region Chairman (if position is utilized during his/her term in office), the Zone Chairman, the Secretary and/or Treasurer and such other Cabinet Members as may be provided for in the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to:

- A. further the Purpose and Objects of this Association; and
- B. supervise the organization of new Lions Clubs;
- C. promote the Lions Clubs International Foundation and all service activities of the Association;
- D. preside, when present, over Cabinet, Convention and other District meetings. During any period he/she is unable to so preside, the Presiding Officer at any such meeting shall be the member designated by the respective Multiple District Constitution & By-Laws; and
- E. perform such other functions and acts as shall be required of him/her by the International Board of Directors through the District Governor's Manual and other directives.

SECTION 2. Vice District Governor's Duties

The Vice District Governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the District Governor, shall be the Chief Administrative Assistant to the District Governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be:

- A. further the Purposes and Objects of this Association.
- B. familiarize himself/herself with the office of District Governor so in the event of a vacancy in the office of District Governor, he/she will be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said office.
- C. perform such administrative duties as may be assigned to him/her by the District Governor, and
- D. perform such other functions and acts as may be required of him/her by the International Board of Directors through the Vice District Governor's manual and/or other directives;
- E. Actively participate in all Cabinet and Council meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the District Governor;
- F. Participate in the preparation of the District budget;
- G. Be actively engaged in all matters to be continued during the next year;
- H. Participate in the review of the strengths and weaknesses of the Clubs of the District; and
- I. At the request of the District Governor supervise appropriate District Committees.
- J. He/she shall visit each Club in his/her assigned Region at least once each year.

SECTION 3. Deputy District Governor's Duties

- It shall be the duty of the Deputy District Governor to thoroughly acquaint himself/herself with all matters pertaining to Lionism in general and the State Organization, in particular:
- A. He/she shall assist the District Governor in arrangements for meetings in his/her assigned Region.
- B. He/she shall assist the District Governor in the development of their programs and attendance of member Clubs.
- C. He/she shall visit each Club in his/her assigned Region at least once each year, particularly on the occasion of greeting new members, presenting keys and awards, which occasions are entitled to the attendance of a District Officer.
- D. Under the supervision of the District Governor, he/she shall assist member Club Officers in promoting the interest and welfare of the individual Clubs.
- E. He/she shall perform such other duties as directed by resolution duly adopted by the State Council, or requested by the District Governor.

SECTION 4. District Secretary and/or Treasurer Duties

- The Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer shall act under the supervision of the District Governor. The specific responsibilities shall be to:
- A. further the Purposes and Objects of this Association, and
- B. perform such other functions and acts as may be required of each by the International Board of Directors through the Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer Manual and other directives.

SECTION 5. Region Chairman's Duties

- The Region Chairman, subject to the supervision and direction of the District Governor, shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of his/her Region. His/her specific responsibilities shall be:
- A. further the Purposes and Objects of this Association,
- B. supervise the activities of the Zone Chairman in his/her region and such District Committee Chairman as may be assigned to him/her by the District Governor,
- C. play an active role in organizing new Clubs and in strengthening weak Clubs, and
- D. perform such other function and acts as may be required of him/her by the International Board of Directors through the Region Chairman's Manual and other directives.

SECTION 6. Zone Chairman's Duties

- The Zone Chairman, subject to the supervision and direction of the District Governor and/or Region Chairman, shall be the Chief Administrative Officer in his/her Zone. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to:
- A. further the Purposes and Objects of this Association,
- B. serve as Chairman of the District Governor's Advisory Committee in his/her Zone, and as such Chairman to call regular meetings of said Committee,
- C. play an active role in organizing new Clubs and keep informed on the activities and well-

- being of all Clubs in his/her Zone, and
- D. perform such other functions and acts as may be required of each by the International Board of Directors through the Zone Chairman's Manual and other directives.

SECTION 7. Duties of District Cabinet

The District Governor's Cabinet is the deliberative and assisting body to the District Governor in the formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the welfare of Lionism within the District. It shall serve in an advisory and administrative capacity.

SECTION 8. Duties of District Governor's Advisory Committee

This Committee is an advisory body to the District Governor and his/her Cabinet; it represents all of the Clubs in the District in an advisory and administrative capacity, and shall serve at the Governor's request.

SECTION 9. Duties of District Governor's Honorary Committee

The duties and functions of this committee are to promote harmony through the District under the supervision of the District Governor. May also serve on Advisory Committee as ex-officio member.

SECTION 10. Duties of State Council

- A. The State Council shall appoint a State Treasurer, who is also the Multiple District Secretary, who shall submit quarterly financial reports of all the Multiple District moneys entrusted to this officer. Such officer shall serve under the direction of the District Governors of Multiple District 13-Ohio Lions, Inc., and shall disperse funds only as authorized by the State Council.

- B. Powers: Except where inconsistent with and contrary to the provisions of the Article of Incorporation and Constitution & By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, the powers granted therein to the Board of Directors, of said Association, and the policies and acts of said Board of Directors, the Multiple District Council shall:

1. have jurisdiction and control over all Officers and Agents, when acting as such, of Multiple District 13 Council and all Committees of the Multiple District and Multiple District Convention;
2. have management control over the property, business and funds of the Multiple District;
3. have jurisdiction, control and supervision over all phases of the Multiple District Convention and all meetings of the Multiple District.
4. have original jurisdiction, when authorized under policy of said International Board and under rules of procedure prescribed by said Board, to hear and rule upon complaint of a Constitutional nature raised by a Sub-District or District, any Lions Club, or any member of a Lions Club in the Multiple District. All such rulings of the Council shall be subject to review and decision by said International Board.
5. have control and management of all budgetary matters of the Multiple District and Committees of the Multiple District and Multiple District Convention. No obligation may be approved or made which shall effect an unbalanced budget or deficit in any fiscal year.

- C. The State Council shall pay from the State Council Fund the expenses of all officers and members of State Committees when such expenses are incurred in the discharge of duties for the Organization as approved by the State Council, but shall have no power to pay expenses not provided for in the Rules of Audit, nor make expenditures for any officer or committee member, except when engaged in duties required of his/her position. No Governor, committee member or any other Lion shall receive in excess of \$200.00 as expenses to any International Convention.

SECTION 11. Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer's Duties

- A. Under the supervision and direction of the Council of Governors, the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer shall serve as Secretary to the State Council and also as Treasurer with Council of Governor's approval. The Multiple

District Secretary/Treasurer is to advise the Council of Governors and to act as their agent under their direction, especially in conducting and supervising the routine business operations of the Ohio Lions State Office.

- B. The job description duties, compensation, and benefits for the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer shall be developed by the Finance & Planning Advisory Committee and submitted to the State Council for their annual consideration and approval. Such job description is contained in the Policy Manual.

ARTICLE III STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Band Committee

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this committee shall be to recruit and develop a youth band whose activities shall serve both to promote Ohio Lionism and to provide selected Ohio youths with a broadcasting musical and cultural experience at the International Convention and/or other functions.
2. MEMBERSHIP: Voting members: one (1) member from each Sub-District of Multiple District 13 - Ohio Lions, Inc., to be appointed as hereinafter provided.
3. APPOINTMENT: District Governor of each Sub-District shall appoint a qualified Lion from within his/her district for a three (3) year term. Appointment schedule: Refer to Article III, Section 15, Ohio Lions By-Laws. [amended at the 1993 State Convention]
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.
5. AUTHORITY: All actions of this committee shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 2. Constitution & By-Laws Committee

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this committee shall be to study, analyze and interpret constructively the Constitution and By-Laws and Policy Manual of Multiple District 13-Ohio Lions, Inc., in a continuous and timely manner to maintain pace with changing conditions and circumstances.
2. MEMBERSHIP: Voting members: one (1) member from each Sub-District of Multiple District 13-Ohio Lions, Inc., to be appointed as hereinafter provided.
3. APPOINTMENT: District Governor of each Sub-District shall appoint a qualified Lion from within his/her District for a three (3) year term. Appointment schedule: Refer to Article III, Section 15 Ohio Lions, By-Laws.
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee persons having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one year has elapsed.
5. AUTHORITY: All actions of this Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 3. Extension Committee

1. PURPOSE: To coordinate and promote extension of new Clubs within the Multiple District; and to provide consultation, leadership and support to the Sub-Districts.
 2. MEMBERSHIP: Voting members: one (1) from each sub-District of Multiple District 13 -Ohio Lions, Inc., to be appointed as hereinafter provided.
 3. APPOINTMENT: District Governors of each Sub-District shall appoint a qualified Lion from within his/her District for a three (3) year term
 4. TERM LIMIT: Committee persons having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until one (1) year has elapsed
 5. AUTHORITY: All actions of this committee shall be subject to approval of the Council of Governors.
- [Adopted at the 1995 State Convention]

SECTION 4. Finance & Planning Advisory Committee

1. PURPOSE: To facilitate the long term planning of Multiple District 13 and the Ohio Lions through cooperative efforts on behalf of the Council of Governors in the areas of financial management and strategic planning.
2. MEMBERSHIP: Voting Members: Ten (10), one (1) for each Sub-District of Multiple

District 13-Ohio Lions, Inc., to be elected as hereinafter provided.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

- A. Current International Officers and/or Director
- B. Past International Officers and Past Directors
- C. Immediate Past Chairperson of 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)
[Amended at the 1995 State Convention]
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 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.
4. AUTHORITY: All actions of this committee shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 5. International Convention Committee

1. PURPOSE: Prepare plans and make provisions for necessary activities for the annual International Convention for the Ohio Delegation.
2. MEMBERSHIP: One (1) member from each Sub-District of Multiple District 13-Ohio Lions, Inc., to be appointed as hereinafter provided.
3. APPOINTMENT: District Governor of each Sub-District shall appoint a qualified Lion from within his/her District for a three (3) year term. Appointment schedule: Refer to Article III, Section 15, Ohio Lions By-Laws [Amended at 1993 State Convention.]
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee persons having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.
5. AUTHORITY: All actions of this committee shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 6. International Relations Committee

1. PURPOSE: To develop and provide guidelines for implementing continued growth of International Relations programs throughout Multiple District 13.
2. MEMBERSHIP: Voting members: one (1) member from each Sub-District of Multiple District 13-Ohio Lions, Inc., to be appointed as hereinafter provided.
3. APPOINTMENT: District Governor of each Sub-District shall appoint a qualified Lion from within his/her District for a three (3) year term. Appointment schedule: Refer to Article III, Section 15, Ohio Lions By-Laws. [Amended at the 1993 State Convention.]
4. TERM LIMIT: Committee persons having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.
5. AUTHORITY: All actions of this committee shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 7. Leadership Development Committee

1. PURPOSE: The Leadership Development Committee is an Ad-Hoc Committee, which serves under the jurisdiction of The State Council of Governors.
2. MEMBERSHIP: The Committee shall consist of one (1) member from each of the Sub-Districts of Multiple District 13-Ohio Lions, Inc.
3. APPOINTMENT: The District Governor of each Sub-District shall appoint a qualified Lion from within his/her District to serve a term of office. The term of office of these members shall be for a period of three (3) years. The appointment schedule: Refer to Article III, Section 15, Ohio Lions By-Laws.
4. TERM LIMIT: A member may serve two (2) consecutive terms and then be ineligible for appointment to this committee until one (1) year has elapsed.
5. AUTHORITY: All actions of the committee

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(Constitution and Bylaws Proposal—from page 17) are subject to approval of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 8. Liaison Committee

1. **PURPOSE:** Foster and maintain favorable atmosphere for Ohio Lionism throughout Lions International
2. **MEMBERSHIP:**
 - A. Voting Members; three (3) Lions members in good standing that has exhibited prior interest in promoting Ohio Lionism (Past District Governors preferred).
 - B. Ex-Officio Members:
 1. Current International Officers
 2. Active Past International Officers
 3. Selected Candidates for International Office.
3. **APPOINTMENTS:**
 - A. Council will appoint the Chairman of this committee.
 - B. Term of office of these members will be three (3) years.
4. **TERM LIMIT:** Any committee person is eligible for reappointment.
 - A. In the event an appointee has failed to fulfill his/her obligations; the Council will appoint a successor.
5. **AUTHORITY:** All action of this committee shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 9. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

1. **PURPOSE:** To assist the International Association in developing and providing promotional guidelines for implementing continued growth of Lions Clubs International Foundation to all Lions and Lions Clubs throughout Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:** Voting members: one (1) member from each Sub-District of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc.
3. **APPOINTMENT:** The District Governor of each Sub-District shall appoint a qualified Lion from within his/her District for a three (3) year term. Appointment schedule: Refer to Article III, Section 15, Ohio Lions By-Laws.
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
5. **AUTHORITY:** All actions of this Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 10. Membership Committee

1. **PURPOSE:** To coordinate and promote activities for Extension, Retention, and New Members.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:** Voting members: one (1) member from each Sub-District of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc., to be appointed as hereinafter provided.
3. **APPOINTMENT:** District Governor of each Sub-District shall appoint a qualified Lion from within his/her District for a three (3) year term. Appointment schedule: Refer to Article III, Section 15, Ohio By-Laws. [Amended at the 1993 State Convention]
4. **TERM LIMIT:** The Committee persons having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until one (1) year has elapsed.
5. **AUTHORITY:** All actions of this committee shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 11. Public Relations and Marketing

1. **PURPOSE:** To enhance the image of Lionism throughout Ohio by effectively communicating the activities and successes of the Ohio Lions Clubs to all Ohio Lions and increase the awareness about the mission and purposes of Lionism to Ohio citizens.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:** Voting members: one (1) member from each Sub-District of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc., to be appointed as hereinafter provided.
3. **APPOINTMENT:** District Governor of each Sub-District shall appoint a qualified Lion from within his/her District for a three (3) year term. Appointment schedule: Refer to Article III, Section 15.
4. **TERM LIMIT:** The Committee persons having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one

- (1) year has elapsed.
5. **AUTHORITY:** All actions of this committee shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 12. Sight & Hearing Committee

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this committee shall be to serve as an advisory body in coordinating and promoting the approved Ohio Lions Sight Conservation, work with the blind and hearing impaired programs, and activities throughout the State of Ohio, and to serve as resource for receiving and disseminating information and moneys.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:** Voting members: one (1) member from each Sub-District of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc., to be appointed as hereinafter provided.
3. **APPOINTMENT:** District Governors of each Sub-District shall appoint a qualified Lion from within his/her District for a three (3) year term. Appointment schedule: Refer to Article III, Section 15, Ohio Lions By-Laws. [Amended at the 1993 State Convention]
4. **TERM LIMIT:** Committee persons having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until at least one (1) year has elapsed.
5. **AUTHORITY:** All actions of this committee shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 13. Youth Committee

1. **PURPOSE:** To serve in the promotion, administration and coordination of all Ohio Lions sponsored youth activities. Specifically, the Youth Committee duties shall be to serve as an advisory body in the promotion and coordination of Lions sponsored prevention and education on Drug Awareness Programs throughout Multiple District 13, and to promote and coordinate foreign youth exchanges, the International Peace Poster Contest, and other youth related projects or programs such as Leos, Youth Camps, Good Program, or others which may arise.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:** Voting members: one (1) member from each Sub-District of Multiple District 13 Ohio Lions, Inc., to be appointed as hereinafter provided.
3. **APPOINTMENT:** District Governor of each Sub-District shall appoint a qualified Lion within his/her District for a three (3) year term. Further, it is strongly recommended that each Sub-District's Governor appoint separate cabinet level or non-cabinet level officers with district wide responsibilities to promote and coordinate each of the following youth related activities: Leo Clubs, Youth Camps, Youth Exchange, Drug Awareness/Lions Quest, Peace Poster Contest, Good Program.
4. **TERM LIMIT:** Committee persons having served two (2) or more years shall be ineligible for appointment until one (1) year has elapsed.
5. **AUTHORITY:** All actions of this committee shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 14. Other Committees

1. Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation and Ohio Lions Foundation members are district elected positions. Qualifications, duties and terms are determined by the foundations' constitutions.
2. The sitting Council of Governors shall have the authority to appoint committee(s) for special purpose to serve during their respective term. Any such appointment shall include the stated purpose, responsibility and authority of the committee.

SECTION 15. Appointment and Election to State Committees

1. Listed under Article III, Sections 1-13 shall be for a three (3) year term according to the following appointment schedule. Each Committee shall elect a chairman at the last planned meeting of each fiscal year to serve for the ensuing year and who shall issue call for committee meetings and prepare the agendas. Eligible candidates shall be from carryover members of the committee. In the event a committee member fails his/her obligations, the District Governor shall appoint his/her successor.

Years	
2003/2006/2009	
Sight & Hearing	ABCD
Const. & Bylaws	HJK
Intl. Convention	EFG
Intl. Relations	ABCD
Membership Com.	HJK
Youth Committee	EFG
Band Committee	HJK
Leadership Drvt.	EFJ
Extension Comm.	EFG
Finance & Plan.	EFG
LCIF Committee	EFG
PRaM	ABCD

2002/2005/2008	
Sight & Hearing	HJK
Const. & Bylaws	EFG
Intl. Convention	ABCD
Intl. Relations	HJK
Membership Com.	EFG
Youth Committee	ABCD
Band Committee	EFG
Leadership Drvt.	ABGK
Extension Comm.	CDK
Finance & Plan.	HJK
LCIF Committee	ABCD
PRaM	HJK

2001/2004/2007	
Sight & Hearing	EFG
Const. & Bylaws	ABCD
Intl. Convention	HJK
Intl. Relations	EFG
Membership Com.	ABCD
Youth Committee	HJK
Band Committee	ABCD
Leadership Drvt.	CDH
Extension Comm.	ABHJ
Finance & Plan.	ABCD
LCIF Committee	HJK
PRaM	EFG

(Perpetual Dates)
[Appointments for three (3) year term]

SECTION 16. Limitations 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.

**ARTICLE IV
STATE OFFICE BUILDING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

SECTION 1. Building Board of Trustees

1. **PURPOSE:** To facilitate the smooth and efficient operation of the State Office Building, through responsible management of all fiduciary duties associated with operating a commercial enterprise.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:** Voting Trustees: Ten (10), one from each Sub-District of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc., to be elected as hereinafter provided.
 - (A). **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:**
 1. A current Governor appointed by State Council.
 2. The current Council Chairman.
 3. A current member of the Finance & Planning Advisory Committee (only if no elected member is an F&P member).
 4. The Multiple District Secretary/ Treasurer and/or designee.
 - (B). **CHAIRMAN:** The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be a voting trustee and elected by the Board of Trustees to serve a one (1) year term, and shall have one (1) year previous experience on the State Office Building Board of Trustees or the Building Committee. (In the event that no member of the Board of Trustees has previous experience, during the start up year, any member may serve as Chairman. This parenthetical expression shall be removed from the By-Laws in the 2002-2003 Lions year).
Vice Chairman: The Board of Trustees shall elect a Vice Chairman to serve in the absence or incapacity of the Chairman.
Recording Secretary: The Board of Trustees shall elect a recording Secretary for the Board of Trustees.

3. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS & TERM OF OFFICE:

- (A). **NOMINATIONS:** Nominations for the elective Trustees shall be made during regular business sessions of the respective Sub-District Conventions.
- (B). **ELECTIONS:** A majority of the certified Delegates at the regular business session, of the respective Sub-District Convention, shall elect the State Office Building Trustee in the same manner as all other elective officers within the Sub-District, excepting that of the District Governor.
- (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.
- (D). **BOARD ACTIVATION:** For the facilitation of "start-up," all Sub-Districts will elect a Trustee in 2002. The initial terms of these Trustees shall be:

DISTRICTS A, D, G & J—
THREE (3) YEAR TERM
DISTRICTS B, E & K —
TWO (2) YEAR TERM
DISTRICTS C, F & H —
ONE (1) YEAR TERM

 Thereafter, as the terms expire, the separate Sub-Districts will elect their Trustee to the full three (3) terms. (This sub-part D shall be removed from Article IV, Section 3 in the Lions year of 2002-2003.)

4. **ELIGIBILITY:** Any Lion from a Lions Club, both being in good standing in the Sub-District, is eligible to be elected State Office Building Trustee. The State Office Building Trustees are not subject to Article III, Section 16 of the Ohio Lions—MD 13 By-Laws, prohibiting the serving on more than one State Standing Committee.

5. **REMOVAL PROCEDURE:** A Trustee can be removed from the Board of Trustees only for cause, as defined herein, by a 2/3 vote of the Trustee's Sub-District Cabinet.

(A) **REPLACEMENT:** In the event that a Lion is removed from the Board, a replacement will be appointed by the Governor of the Sub-District to serve until the next Sub-District Convention, at which time a Trustee will be elected to serve the remainder of the term.

(B) **REMOVAL:** For Cause includes, but not limited to:

- (1) Failure to fulfill the duties of Trustee as per the Policy Manual; or
- (2) Breach of a fiduciary duty.

(C) **CHAIRMAN REMOVAL:** The Chairman may be removed only from the Chair's position, for failure to fulfill the responsibilities as specified in the Policy Manual. Upon the written request of at least two Trustees, the Council of Governors shall discuss the issue and vote on the matter of removal. A majority vote of State Council is required to remove the Chairman.

6. **AUTHORITY:** All actions of the State Office Building Board of Trustees shall be subject to the review and /or approval of the State Council.

7. **DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:** A description of the State Office Building Board of Trustee's responsibilities, accountabilities and principal duties is presented in the Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc. Policy Manual.

**ARTICLE V
RULES FOR CONVENTION PROCEDURE**

SECTION 1. Convention Protocol
The flag of the United States of America shall be displayed prominently at all Convention sessions.

SECTION 2. Convention Program
The District Governor and Club or Clubs hosting the State Convention shall work with the Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer in arranging the Convention program. After approval of the Convention program by the Council of Governors, the program shall be printed for distribution among the delegates. The program as printed shall be the order of the day for all sessions of the Convention. Changes to these orders can be made from time to

time if two-thirds (2/3) of the Delegates vote in the affirmative.

SECTION 3. Convention Rules

- A. All regulations, reports of committees, communications, and all amendments proposed to them, and all motions such as are known to be Parliamentary practice as non-debatable may be debated from the floor before final action is taken on them, unless by two-thirds (2/3) vote the State Convention decides to dispose of them without debate.
- B. In debate, each Delegate, voting and non-voting, has the right to speak on the same question, on the same day, except on appeal, but cannot speak the second time as long as any Delegate who has not spoken before on that question, desires the floor.
- C. No Delegate shall speak longer than five (5) minutes at a time, except as provided in the order of the day, or by majority vote of the voting delegation.
- D. The Council of Governors, Committees of the State Organization and the State Convention, may submit resolutions directly to the State Convention, and move action thereon.

SECTION 4. Proposed Amendments and Changes

All proposed amendments and changes to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the committee on Constitution and By-Laws, for their consideration and report to the state Convention. CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XI, Section 1 & 2 and By-Laws ARTICLE VII, Section 1 & 2.

SECTION 5. Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Rule of Order shall govern all parliamentary procedure except as otherwise provided in the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Convention.

**ARTICLE VI
FISCAL YEAR**

SECTION 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc., shall conform to the fiscal year of Lions International: July 1 through June 30. [This section approved at the 1993 Ohio Lions State Convention.]

**ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1. Procedure for Amendments

These By-Laws can be amended only at a regular State Convention of Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc., by a proposed amendment, which must first be presented to the Constitution, and by-Laws Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the Convention. Said proposed amendment shall be in writing and shall be duly signed by the Chairman on behalf of the State Council of Governors, or the Presiding Officer or Secretary, on behalf of a District Cabinet, or State Committee, or an active Lions Club. The Committee shall then cause in

written notice of the changes without recommendation thereof to be given to the Secretary of each Club, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Multiple District 13 Convention.

SECTION 2. Amendment Approval

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall then present the proposed amendment to the delegation and if adopted, it shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of registered delegates present and voting at the Multiple District 13 Convention. Each proposed amendment shall be voted separately.

**ARTICLE VIII
ADOPTION**

SECTION 1. ADOPTION

These By-Laws shall be, and become in full force and effect, at the beginning of the fiscal year immediately following its adoption by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the accredited delegates present and voting at the annual State Convention, unless otherwise specified in the proposed amendment.

**APPENDIX
DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

APPENDIX A. Districts

The districts comprising Multiple District 13—Ohio Lions, Inc. shall be divided as follows:

- District 13A—(11) counties*
Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Defiance, Henry, Wood, Paulding, Putman, Hancock, Van Wert and Allen.
- District 13B—(10) counties*
Ottawa, Sandusky, Erie, Lorain, Seneca, Huron, Wyandot, Crawford, Richland and Ashland.
- District 13C—(6) counties*
Lake, Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Medina and Summit.
- District 13D—(5) counties*
Trumbull, Portage, Mahoning, Stark and Columbiana
- District 13E—(10) counties*
Mercer, Auglaize, Hardin, Shelby, Logan, Union, Darke, Miami, Champaign and Clark.
- District 13F—(5) counties*
Marion, Morrow, Delaware, Franklin and Madison
- District 13G—(9) counties*
Wayne, Holmes, Coshocton, Tuscarawas, Carroll, Jefferson, Harrison, Guernsey and Belmont.
- District 13H—(6) counties*
Preble, Butler, Hamilton, Montgomery, Warren and Clermont.
- District 13J—(14) counties*
Greene, Fayette, Clinton, Highland, Brown, Adams, Pickaway, Ross, Pike, Vinton, Jackson, Scioto, Gallia and Lawrence.
- District 13K—(12) counties*
Knox, Licking, Fairfield, Hocking, Muskingum, Perry, Morgan, Noble, Monroe, Washington, Athens and Meigs

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 13—OHIO LIONS, INC.
SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
Year Ended June 30, 2000**

OFFICE OPERATIONS FUND

Salaries	\$50,190
Rent	14,400
Unbudgeted Expense	8,716
SEA Expenses	5,060
Employee Taxes	4,783
Telephone	3,626
SEA International Convention	3,117
Equipment	2,789
Printing	2,274
Postage	2,164
SEA Insurance	1,082
SEA USA/Canada Forum	807
Administrative Assistant Expenses	609
Professional Fees	1,000
Bonding	1,450
Computer Communications	294
Office Supplies	272
	<u>3,228</u>
	\$105,861

MD13 CONVENTION FUND

Awards	\$1,735
Conference Meals	35,827
Gratuities	500
Spouses Program	2,170
Door Prizes	1,265
Speaker Costs	1,268
Speaker Gifts	564
Hospitality Suites	800
Decorations	613
Photography	749
Promotional Events	2,145
Floral	385
Hospitality	407
Lodging	1,270
Printing	2,918
Postage and Administration	1,041
Supplies	789
Travel Reimbursement	1,379
Vice Governors-Fall Conference	1,000
Deputy Governors-Fall Conference	1,000
Cabinet Secretaries-State Convention	900
Deputy Elects-State Convention	170
Bad Debts	<u>170</u>
	\$59,795

STATE COUNCIL FUND

Chairman Expenses	\$2,185
District Governor Expenses	2,046
Vice Governor Expenses	4,500
Ex-Officio Meals/Hospitality	417
Physical Meeting Expenses	1,072
Band Committee Expenses	349
Const. & Bylaw Committee Expenses	1,891
Extension Committee Expenses	791
Finance and Planning Comm. Expenses	1,264
International Relations Comm. Expenses	578
Leadership Devt. Comm. Expenses	840
Liaison Committee Expenses	99
Membership Committee Expenses	645
LCIF Select Committee Expenses	520
Sight & Hearing Committee Expenses	512
Youth Committee Expenses	887
Deputy Governor Expenses	<u>3,216</u>
	\$21,778

INT'L RELATIONS FUND

Amigos	\$26,000
VOSH	1,000
Student VOSH	<u>7,000</u>
	\$34,000

PROMOTIONAL FUND

Administrative Costs	\$28
Awards	729
Banners	500
Unbudgeted Expenses	2,500
Newspaper Printing	\$3,087
Newspaper Postage	4,660
Vice Governor/Deputy Governor Training	213
Governor-Elect/CST Training	2,020
Deputy-Elect/Zone Chair Training	3,459
Leadership Committee Planning	1,516
Fall Conference Programming	500
State Convention Planning	946
Strategic Plan Administration	1,658
Membership Programming	162
Governor's Friendship Pin 99-00	510
Memorial Honorarium	316
USA/Canada Forum Bid Project	1,156
Newspaper Production Costs	<u>644</u>
	\$24,604

Audit Report Summary

At the request of the State Executive Administrator and with the approval of the Council of Governors, published on this page are summary highlights of the recently-completed audit of state accounts. For the complete report or for answers to any questions about this information, please consult with your district's Finance and Planning Committee member, your District Governor, or contact the State Office.

BAND FUND	
Committee Expenses	\$208
Equipment Storage	<u>477</u>
	\$685

BUILDING FUND	
Administrator	\$1,000
Awards and Gifts	148
Advertising	588
Chairman Expenses	484
Committee Expenses	692
Custodial Services	4,373
Equipment	75
Ground Services	530
Insurance	1,074
Maintenance	3,499
Snow Removal	240
Supplies	392
Property Taxes	6,243
Trash Removal	965
Utilities	10,922
Depreciation	7,802
Unbudgeted Permits and Fees	146
Postage	<u>99</u>
	\$39,272

RESTRICTED FUND	
Liaison Committee	\$1,478
USA/Canada Forum Breakfast	898
LCIF Honorary Donation	<u>1,000</u>
	\$3,376

INT'L CONVENTION FUND	
Committee Expenses	\$1,931
Unbudgeted Expenses	1,081
Committee to International Convention	1,000
Breakfast	2,067
Hospitality Event	7,072
Hospitality Room	249
Luau	6,644
Newsletters	110
Parade	806
Shirts	228
	<u>\$21,588</u>

CONVENTION SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$4,196
Pin Purchases	9,296
Bell Purchases	<u>7,444</u>
	\$20,936

YOUTH FUND	
Awards	\$408
Peace Poster Contest	50
Camp Echoing Hills	927
Lions-Quest	24
Youth Forums	300
Other Youth Programs	858
Pin Purchases	<u>1138</u>
	\$3,705

SIGHT AND HEARING FUND	
Columbus Speech and Hearing	\$3,769
Paws With A Cause	373
Lions Pilot Dogs	39,153
Ohio Newsreel, Inc.	189
Ohio Radio Reading Service	189
Prevent Blindness Ohio	1,789
Bad Debt	<u>100</u>
	\$45,562

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR of the MULTIPLE DISTRICT 13—OHIO LIONS, INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — JUNE 30, 2000**

Prepared and Presented by: Norman Jones Enlow & Co., Certified Public Accountants & Management Consultants

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash – checking and money market accounts	\$304,454
Accounts receivable	5,829
Inventory	2,361
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	312,644

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Land	36,102
Building and improvements	160,941
Furniture and fixtures	10,225
Office equipment	13,070
Accumulated depreciation	(23,538)

OTHER ASSETS

Cash – temporarily restricted	2,400
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 511,844

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 47,051
Payroll liabilities	38
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	47,089

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE

	2,400 (Security Deposits)
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LEGALLY UNRESTRICTED ASSETS

	462,355
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND ASSETS	\$ 511,844

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- Ohio at Lions Day at the U.N.
- State Convention Highlights
- Meet Your New Governors
- ...and much more!

THOUGHTS FROM ED'S DESK...

PDG Ed Green (13K), State Administrative Asst.

It's that time of year again—CONVENTION TIME! District Governors wonder where the year has gone as they plan for their District Conventions. The District Convention marks the end of a Governor's term and the State Convention is the Governor's last hooray before the new Governor is sworn in at the International Convention. During my year as District Governor of 13K, one of the hardest jobs was planning my convention. Now, as your Administrative Assistant to the SEA, I get to assist and participate in the planning and running of the State Convention.

Our conventions continue to show a drop in attendance. There are perhaps many reasons why this is so, but I choose to concentrate on the positive reasons why you should be attending conventions.

It's a time to meet old friends and make new ones and have fun during the fellowship you will enjoy at the meals and hospitality time.

It's a time to grow in the knowledge of Lionism by attending the training sessions and seminars. You can obtain new ideas and contribute your own at these sessions.

It's a time to visit the B&L Distributors Clothing Store and buy that Ohio uniform item you have been wanting. The store is present at every district convention as well as the state convention with a large display of Ohio Lions vests, shirts, jackets, ties, as well as hats and Lions jewelry.

It's a time to set a special moment aside by attending the Necrology Service to say goodbye and honor those Lions and Lionesses who have died during the past year.

It gives you the opportunity to cast your vote for issues that affect you. At the district level, you vote for your Deputy District Governor, Vice District Governor and Governor, as well as three chairs to state committees. At the State Convention you have the opportunity to vote on state issues, i.e., changes to the Constitution and Bylaws which will be voted on this year, and had you attended the State Convention last year, you would have had a chance to vote for Ohio's candidate for the office of International Director. Voting is limited to delegates and alternates chosen at the club level. At the District and State Conventions, you are allowed one delegate for every 10 members or major fraction thereof. At the International Convention each club is only allowed one delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof. At District and State Conventions, Past District Governors are delegates-at-large and are not counted in the number you are allowed for each club.

Recently I was invited to the Waverly Lions Club (13J) by PDG Gene James to make a presentation on the State Convention. In an effort to get more of his members interested in attending the conventions, Lion Gene planned a program with speakers talking about each of the conventions that pertain to Ohio Lions. Though it was a good idea, it was only heard by the members of the Waverly Lions Club. The other two presenters, Governor Phil McElwee and PDG Curtis Fletcher, and I felt that this program should be given at every zone meeting where club presidents and secretaries could obtain the information and bring it back to their clubs.

When an International Director or Past International Director is invited to your District Convention, he is required by Lions Clubs International to make a report on his visit. One of the items on this report is the number of Lions, Lionesses and Leos who attend the convention. If the attendance is too low, Lions Clubs International will not pay the travel expenses for the guest speaker. The district would then have to pick up this extra cost.

If you haven't attended a convention, or it has been a long time since you did attend a convention, consider attending one this year.

I am looking forward to seeing a lot of Lions at the State Convention in Toledo in May, and a lot of Ohio Lions at the International Convention in Indianapolis. If you can't attend either of these, please plan to attend your district convention. Once you attend one of these conventions, and you see how much fun they can be and how much you can learn, you will want to go back year after year.

See you at the convention!!!!!!

Ed

Fun Facts from Lions' History—

Bet'cha Didn't Know...

While the Ohio Lions just purchased an office building a few years ago and are now making major upgrades to the property, Lions Clubs International has gone through the same growing pains over the years.

PIP Jim Coffey (13G) passed along some interesting history regarding the International Headquarters facility, originally printed in *The MD20 Lion* (New York/Bermuda). Some

enlightening excerpts from the piece:

"When Melvin Jones organized Lions Clubs International in 1917, his own office on Michigan Avenue [in downtown Chicago] was Lions Headquarters. When the Association outgrew his office, a building was purchased on North Michigan Avenue. It was an old building, dating back to the Great Chicago Fire. Some of the timbers dated back to the fire itself.

"The old building needed repairs and the Lions needed space, so during...1967 and 1968 the board and officers discussed the matter. At the board meeting in Dallas, Texas (1968), just prior to the Convention, action was taken to complete the sale of the old building...For several months, efforts were made to stop the sale, but to no avail.

"In the spring of 1969, efforts were made to find a new location within the city limits of Chicago, but these efforts proved fruitless. There was also a study made by Stanford University to find a completely new location for the headquarters. San Diego, San Francisco, Miami and New York were all recommended. The decision was made to keep the headquarters in the Chicago area.



"Real estate people recommended that if a new building was to be built, that it should be located in the area west of the city of Chicago. Buildings were considered and turned down for one reason or

another in this area.

"The Executive Committee commissioned then-International President **W. Richard "Dick" Bryan [13G]** and Second Vice President Robert J. Uplinger [of

New York] to search for a site. The Northern Illinois Gas Company offered their helicopter for a survey of the area. Bryan and Uplinger flew over the area and located a tract of land near Highway 66. The next day they found that this land had just been purchased by a hotel firm.

"Another search was begun, and this time the tract at 300 22nd Street [in Oak Brook] was located. The purchase price for the 9.1 acres was one million dollars.

"...construction took place during the years 1970-1971...The International Board Meeting was held at Oak Brook in the spring of 1971, as the building neared completion. The new building added much to the image of Lions Clubs International.

"International President... Uplinger was the first President to serve in the new building...

"The Lions of New York State and Bermuda, MD20, wanted to place a display of some sort in the new building, since their president was the first to serve in the building. A globe by Rand-

McNally was chosen by the Council, and was placed in the main lobby. The globe has been the centerpiece of the lobby ever since. It is the most photographed object in the building."



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