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## 112 FRONT STREET BEAT

Greetings to the Distinguished Lions, Lioness and Leos,



Welcome to 2010! There are several Zone meetings in January and several scheduled for February and I hope most of you can make it. Winter Retreat was a huge success and the weather even cooperated for it. Also, District Convention will be held in April and will be here before we know it. The registration form for it is also attached and I hope to see you all there as I know we are going to have a great time! The District Officers have been busy visiting clubs throughout the district. Our MERL team is busily working.

I know that the weather does not always cooperate with us during the winter months so please be safe in your travels.

I look forward to seeing many of you at either a club visit, zone meeting, or at our district convention this year.

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Don Kring



## WHAT'S COOKING FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



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Dear Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos of 13-H,

It sure is cold outside and I believe winter is here in full force. Most of us are digging out of the snow but I know that a little bad weather can't keep us down. I attended a Zone 2 meeting last week hosted by the West Carrollton Lions and every club in Zone 2 was represented. The food was great and Lion Bud and Ester Brown were the guest speakers. The work they do training puppies is amazing. If you haven't heard them speak or provide a demonstration, you need to call them and ask them to come in and speak to your club. I know the people who receive a trained dog are grateful for their support and hard work.

You will read several articles on the support of the Lions in the recent devastating earthquakes in Haiti. It warms our hearts to know that Lions were one of the first to reach out and provide support in such a sad situation. It is just another reason to be proud to be a Lion.

I still have visitations scheduled for several of the clubs. Visiting and finding out what you are doing is so much fun and it is always interesting to hear about all the things that you do. Keep submitting those good deeds to your Newsletter Editor so that they can be highlighted. Some of the things I have heard that are upcoming are the Springboro pancake breakfast, Mad River supporting Day of Caring, Eaton hosting a Spring Feather Party; Miamisburg and Germantown selling roses, etc. Don't these things sound interesting??? Please get the word out on what you are up to.

I don't know if you have started thinking about attending District Convention yet but it will be here before you know it. I know it is going to be a wonderful weekend with lots of great information, entertainment, food, fellowship, etc. I would love to see you there. Registration forms are attached to this newsletter. If you can't make it for the whole weekend then try and come for a day. You might be surprised at what you learn.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. I am just a phone call away and would be happy to help.

Continue to do those great deeds that you do! I look forward to hearing about your projects that is helping those in need. Your clubs are amazing and have so much to be proud of.

With thanks and gratitude, yours truly,

Lion Freda, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Deputy District  
Governor



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos of 13-H,

District 13H is looking for someone who is willing to become our next 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. There are many of you who are very qualified and would be a terrific upcoming Governor. Please think about it and if you are interested, you can contact Governor Don Kring or 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Freda Wagner. We would love to see YOU on the team!!!

Thanks!

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## ATTENTION LIONS **DISTRICT ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS** OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION

At the request of District Governor Don Kring I am informing all District Lions that at our annual District Convention to be held April 23-25, 2010. Our District will be conducting District elections for our 2010-2011 District Officers (the position of District Governor-elect; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor-elect and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor-elect). The District Convention Delegates shall also elect a Trustee (representative) for the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation. Any qualified District 13H Lion who is interested in being a candidate for a District Officer position or District Trustee position should make their name known to District Governor Don Kring, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Freda Wagner or the District Parliamentarian immediately.

Any qualified District Lion who is interested in serving as a committeeperson on any of the current District or State Committees should also make your name known to District Governor Don Kring, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Freda Wagner or the District Parliamentarian immediately.

This Notification will serve as District's 13H Official Call for candidates prior to the District Convention scheduled for April 23-25, 2010.

Respectively submitted,

PCC/PDG Jay Doty, District 13H Parliamentarian

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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT WIRFS

Dear Lions of the World,

It is with great sadness that the world's attention is focused on the devastating earthquakes in Haiti that left 1.5 million homeless, up to 200,000 dead, and countless injured and traumatized. It will take years for the country to fully recover, but we know that Lions will be there every step of the way.

Just like Lions have done with the South Asian tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, the Sichuan earthquake in China and other calamities, Lions and LCIF will be there for the both the short- **and** long-term - providing immediate aid now but also working to rebuild communities, to restore hope and to support those affected **for as long as it takes**.

If there is one thing that makes Lions unique from other service agencies, it's that we commit for the long term and we work within the affected communities - through our local Lions -- to rebuild for a better tomorrow. The Haitian Lions are our brothers and sisters, members of our international family, and we will never let them down.

As you are likely aware, Lions have already moved swiftly to provide immediate assistance despite the coordination challenges. Lions relief tents are being shipped from Sweden; Lions from Canada on a mission in Haiti during the quake gave first aid assistance during the first hours and days; and Lions in the Caribbean area are sending aid over land and by sea. Additionally, a coordinating committee of Lions in Haiti, Dominican Republic and nearby countries are actively planning for the next steps, and our foundation chairperson, Al Brandel,

immediate past international president, will be traveling there to meet with them beginning tomorrow.

Naturally, the response by Lions to LCIF's **Lions Hope for Haiti** donation appeal has been tremendous. Within days, we have already mobilized more than US\$350,000. By the time you receive this email, I am sure it will be even much, much more. But we'll need millions more if we are to help the country rebuild, to provide homes for the homeless, to rebuild schools for the children, to rehabilitate those left disabled, and to help heal so many shattered and broken hearts. So please donate what you can.

Lastly, I am extremely saddened to report that two of our Haitian Lions -- our family -- have perished and other Lions may have lost family members. On behalf of Lions the world over and members of our international board, we offer our sincere, heartfelt condolences and sympathies to our Lions family who have suffered such personal losses.

To our Lions family in Haiti, I commit to you that the Lions of the world will be there for you today, tomorrow, next week, next month, next year, the year after that - and again for as long as it takes.

There will be more updates from LCIF Chairperson Brandel in the days to come. Meanwhile read the [latest LCIF update on Haiti](#), including information on how you can [make a personal online donation](#). I thank you all ahead of time for any further assistance you can provide.

With sympathies,

Eberhard J. Wirfs  
International President

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## **WALMART EYEGLASS BOXES**

Effective January 2010, Lions International teamed up with Wal-Mart to collect eyeglasses. International has provided new, special boxes.

Wal-Mart will be responsible for shipping them to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers.

If your club has any eyeglass boxes at Wal-Mart Vision Centers, I suggest you pick them up as soon as possible. Some boxes at stores appears to have been thrown in the trash

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## **A WORD FROM YOUR MD13 WEBMASTER BY: Lion Bill Keller**

Have you updated your Lions club website lately?

Seventy Lions Club websites from Ohio have been left abandoned and have not been updated for many years.

Here is a list of what you can do:

A: delete the site.

B: over-look the problem.

C: or update the site.

If you answered C, convert your "Old" site to the new e-clubhouse at <http://lionwap.org/eclub/>

Why should you update your website?

By updating your website your community will know what you have done in the past and keep them informed of current events, also it will keep your club members updated. With your club website you should strive to keep it current with monthly updates and someone in place who is responsible for web management of that site.

Go to

<http://www.ohiolions.org/inactivelionsclubwebsites.pdf>

to see if your club has an inactive club website.

Contact me if you have any questions at [wkeller2@columbus.rr.com](mailto:wkeller2@columbus.rr.com) or call 567-674-9093.

List of clubs out of date follow:

Bethel Lions Club  
Blue Ash Lions Club

Carlisle Lions Club  
Centerville Lions Club  
Cheviot Westwood Lions Club  
Cincinnati-Kenwood Lions Club  
Dayton Downtown Lions Club  
Eaton Lions Club  
Fairfield Lions Club  
Franklin Lions Club  
Goshen Lions Club  
Gratis Lions Club  
Harrison Lions Club  
Lakengren Lions Club  
Lebanon Lions Club  
Lewisburg Lions Club  
Mad River Lions Club  
Madison Lions Club  
New Lebanon Lions Club  
Northmont Lions Club  
Waynesville Lions Club  
West Alexandria Lions Club  
West Carrollton Lions Club  
Zone 2 -  
Zone 4 -

districts, and I thank all of you who have already pledged your support.

LCIF is working directly with Lions of Haiti as well as Lions in neighboring countries to assess the immediate needs and also develop a long-term reconstruction plan. Maureen and I will be traveling to the Dominican Republic in the next few days to lead a team delivering urgently needed supplies into Haiti.

Lions around the world are also assisting:

- Lions in neighboring Caribbean countries are sending cargo containers of requested supplies through connections with transportation companies.
- Lions in Sweden are sending large tents through the Swedish government to provide housing for those who are now homeless as well as relief workers, as they did for the China earthquake.
- Lions from District A-9, Ontario, Canada were in the area when the earthquake hit, helping to establish a clean water system for an orphanage, and responded by establishing a make-shift medical clinic, treating 600 people.
- Lions are contributing generously, some examples include: US\$86,000 pledged from Lions in Norway; US\$20,000 from Lions in China; US\$14,000 from District 105-I, England.

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## LCIF RESPONDS TO HAITI EARTHQUAKE

Dear Fellow Lion,

Since I last wrote you, we have all learned more about the extent of the devastation in Haiti. At Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), we have also learned more about the situation on the ground from the Lions of Haiti. My heart goes out to all the Lions in Haiti, who have been personally affected by this disaster, losing at least two club members as well as many close relatives. Yet they have put aside their own needs to help their community. LCIF is working non-stop with Lions of that area to support "Lions Hope for Haiti."

Lions Hope for Haiti has mobilized more than US\$350,000, to date. Lions around the world are responding generously and quickly to the LCIF designated fund for this disaster. Donations are continuing to pour in from individuals, clubs and

Like other previous disasters, LCIF is not only committed to meeting the immediate needs of the people, but will be working through the Lions in the region to provide relief for years to come. After other relief organizations have moved out of the area, Lions will still be on the ground, overseeing long-term reconstruction projects. Similar to previous disasters, Lions will be discussing the possibility of rebuilding homes and hospitals, redeveloping the eye care delivery system, providing human resource support, and assisting the disabled, including those disabled as a result of this disaster.

Lions who are able to offer services or individual skills can post this information on the [Lions 2 Lions page](#).

As we continue to work with the Lions and determine needs, we will update the [information online](#) with our plans and any news. We also hope to have photos to share soon, that we will post online. Lions can promote their efforts locally by sharing this information along with any local efforts with the local media, and I encourage you to repost our videos and other postings on your individual and club Web pages. LCIF is also working to promote our actions within the media. Our Foundation has been added to several lists of reputable organizations assisting the area.

If you haven't already done so, I ask you to consider [making a donation to LCIF](#) to support this disaster. You can donate in confidence to LCIF, as 100 percent of every donation will go directly to Haiti relief, as administrative costs are paid by interest earned on investments. LCIF just recently received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the highest rating possible from the independent charity evaluator. In 2007 LCIF was named the #1 non-governmental organization with which to partner, a title our Foundation still holds today.

The needs are great, but we can make a positive impact on the people of Haiti for years to come.

Together We Serve,

Al Brandel  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

meatballs, cubed cheese, crackers, and salami, and a vegetable and relish tray. Side dishes included baked potato, vegetable medley with cheese sauce on the side, and asparagus. Various breads with butter were also provided as well as Sweet Treat Bites of brownie, cheesecake, turtle, and apple strudel. A great time was had by all.

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## STATE NEWS

### WINTER RETREAT 2010



Weather was perfect for our first annual Winter Retreat. Ninety-six registrants enjoyed the many seminars, relaxing atmosphere and great speakers that defined the weekend. Planning is already in the works for next year's retreat. Please ask someone who attended how they liked the weekend; then plan on attending next year!!

### VOSH-OHIO MISSION INTO HAITI

Drums beating with people chanting in the night, roosters crowing, goats bleating, and the guard dogs barking. These are the sounds I hear as I lay awake in the early morning hours in our safe walled-in mission compound, wondering our next plan for evacuation.

I am a member of a 16 member optometric team who has just completed our mission work into SOLT mission compound. A mission we had planned with Father Glenn for the past year. VOSH-Ohio sends teams into underserved countries around the world to provide eye care to those needing these services, and this was our first mission into Haiti.

This was a mission that saw 2,556 patients and provided glasses to many of these patients. Most all of the school children were screened and adults from the surrounding villages presented themselves to the compound to have their eyes screened for distance acuity, examination by autorefractor, a health exam by an optometrist, selection of glasses if needed, and fitting of these glasses. Those patients with surgical needs have been identified and will be referred for further care.

Now that the mission is complete, how do we get home? The most devastating earthquake in 100 years has hit Port-au-Prince this week, one that we felt here in Hinche 75 miles from the epicentre. After clinic on Tuesday, the team visited outside the walled compound to see the garden. While visiting, the earthquake hit Port-au-Prince. All of a sudden the entire team experienced extreme vertigo. Not knowing what was going on, it was a strange sensation. We did not feel the

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## MIAMISBURG CHARTER NIGHT



The Lions annual Charter Night banquet was held Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the American Legion Hall in Miamisburg. Social mingle started at 5:45, the dinner started at 6:45. Dinner was delicious. Options were New York Strip Steak or Russian Cranberry Chicken. Our fabulous menu also included appetizers of stuffed mushroom caps, Swedish and BBQ

earth shake; however, there were several bouts with vertigo. The carpenter member had remained at the compound and he reported the house moving and a calendar swaying on the wall. We soon found out of the mass devastation as Father Glenn invited the team over to his house to watch CNN. The news was terrible; I immediately tried to contact four people in PAP and was not able to find out their well-being. As of today, I still have not found out about two of these persons. As a medical optometric team, we have no supplies or organized talent to help those affected; however, the desire remains to help these people and our hearts go out to the beautiful people of Haiti.

Our stay at SOLT has been most pleasant in this country of need. Father Glenn has provided to our team delicious food, homemade bread, Haitian and Cajun cooking at its best, and his presence has enriched the lives of our team members.

This is a first time visit to Haiti for 12 of the 16 member team and a lasting remembrance is one of love and fellowship with our Haitian helpers in the clinic, members of the team at SOLT, and with the team members as we experience our next adventure to depart the country.

The location of SOLT required that the best way to get into the compound would be to be flown over the mountains to the mission. A missionary service provided four six-seater planes to lift the team. Because we carry over 5000 pairs of glasses, equipment, medications, and our own personal luggage, along with food for the team, our host sent a truck to deliver the supplies to the compound.

We found pleasant accommodations for the team amidst the poverty outside the compound. We housed in men's and women's guest houses. We had cold running water and electricity. So the fans were welcome in the hot weather, along with the cold showers.

Father Glenn and helpers cooked our evening Haitian meals with usually rice and beans, along with his Cajun cooking. The second day two goats were butchered. Warm bread from the bakery, that gives bread to the children in the school, was delicious. The compound teaches 1300 children and feeds these children 2 meals each day. Lunches consist of cabbage soup or a porage. Huge gardens are planted to provide food for the children. Hogs, chickens, and goats provide meat and eggs. It is a well run compound. Father Glenn has built 90 houses for the Haitians and set up an organized program for these houses.

Now as we are on our final flight to the States, it is still hard to believe what has happened this past week. We had to make a decision how to try to get out of Haiti. I called our airlines and rescheduled our flights. I was told they would begin flying in five days and so I rescheduled the team for the first flight available, which was in seven days. E-mails kept coming in from family, friends, and organizations giving us advice on how to depart. Options provided to us would be to try to cross the border into Dominican Republic, since the PAP airport was damaged. Then we were told the border into DR was closed. We were told to go north and fly out of Cap Haitien and get a lift by missionary flight services. This would be a five-hour trip in a Tap Tap or Chicken Bus over unpaved roads to reach the port, and then a missionary service could get us out. Another option would be to have the missionary service fly in Pagnon, 13 miles away, to pick us

up. Calls to the missionary flight service told us that they were only taking supplies and rescue equipment into PAP and would not offer their services to us for probably six days. Even though the border to DR was only a few miles away, it was cut off; going north was also not available for us. We felt we needed to get out soon. Reports told us of the unrest and violence in the capitol city of PAP. The US Embassy recommended that US citizens leave, and contact with the embassy provided that, starting on Friday the US would evacuate their citizens. This is our only option.

Quickly the team packed and we rented an air conditioned (meaning the windows open) van and started our venture. We decided that each team member must get out with only one suitcase. Glasses, medications, and some equipment along with all our duffels were left behind. Excess clothes, shoes, and personal items were left behind. We did take toilet paper, water, surgical masks, breakfast bars, and the team made peanut-butter sandwiches for the members, as we had no idea how long we would be at the airport until we were evacuated.

Luggage was piled high on top of the van and tied down with a frayed rope. The van was supposed to hold sixteen and a front seat was to be used by a Haitian guard. Well, that would be sixteen Haitians, not Americans. Four persons were to sit across with a jump seat. No way! Our idea of taking a guard in the front seat was abruptly stopped. We put two team members in that seat and three to four across each bench in the back, assuring that the only two skinny team members were distributed evenly. During the three hour trip I could hear "If you move this way, I could move my foot or shift to this cheek".

Travel over this road from Hinche to PAP had recently been completed to cut an eight to twelve hours trip down to three hours. Haitian roads are mostly not paved and have multiple rocks in the road bed. We honked and swerved the entire trip to miss goats, horses, people, and other vehicles. The bumpy travel was extremely exhausting for the young as well as the older team members. Then our adventure began!

Arriving at PAP we were immediately into a traffic jam. All were trying to pass in the streets scraping vehicles just to get through. Fallen buildings, Haitians walking in mass, Haitians in tap taps and chicken buses over-loaded inside and on top, heading out of the city with furniture, suitcases, chickens, and animals, whatever. Haitians wearing masks, riding motor bikes with multiple people on each bike any way to get out. And we were trying to get into the city.

Our driver inquired the best streets to take in order to get to the airport. Finally we arrived. We found the terminal damaged and the tower not working. We disembarked to a crowd of men wanting to grab our suitcases. I finally consented on 3 helpers, as all suitcases were tied on top of the van. Three were tipped much to dismay and shouting of the others. We were led through the fence to another exhausting part of our journey.

This was Friday at 12:30 PM, 2 ½ hours after leaving the safe compound. We were instructed to stay in line and stand, as the terminal was unsafe to enter. We stood there for five hours, eating our sandwiches for supper and distributing our remaining food to the people through the fence, as we were on our way home shortly. The US had soldiers surrounding the airport. We were safe and going home.

After about five hours in front of the terminal, the team members were looking for a rest room. Men were instructed to stand between two buildings and women were allowed to enter a single very undesirable toilet within the terminal.

Then we were led surrounded by US troops to go behind the terminal where many cargo planes were arriving and departing. The noise level was only shouting level. We were again told to stand in single lines. I think back to our five days of clinic as we had our patients "stand in straight lines". The only difference was the length of time we stood. Planes from all over the world were bringing in rescue teams, the dogs for body retrieval, all sorts of medical and rescue teams were arriving. Three patients with IVs were lying on gurneys on the tarmac waiting for smaller evacuation planes to arrive. We were interviewed by Portugal and French TV stations and some other radio station personnel. Again we stood for another five hours.

At 10:30 PM we were led out onto the tarmac to enter a US Air Force C 17 cargo plane. Probably around 100 people were strapped into seats along the wall and down the center in the belly of this plane. We talked to Brian Williams and Ann Curry. Katy Couric was also a member on this plane. We were treated well by providing blankets, pillows, and ear plugs to help with the noise level.

We needed to stop in Charleston to fuel up and then on to McGregor Air Force Base, as they had been commissioned by the government to deploy the refugees. When we boarded the plane, we had no idea where we would land. Previous flights had taken people into the Dominican Republic and Florida. Now a plan had been arranged with the Air Force base. Finally at 6 am on Saturday morning we arrived and bussed to the base. We had name bands placed on our wrists, given a health kit to shower, briefed by the air force personnel and taken to a gymnasium full of cots. We were provided food and telephones, if need to make arrangements to fly home.

I felt like a refuge; however, it was such a good feeling to be home, especially since my skills as a nurse to help others would be hampered in this situation. After obtaining airline tickets we were led into buses to take the people either to Philadelphia or Newark airports for departure home. A state police was our escort with sirens going through each traffic light for our hour trip to the airport. We arrived at our final airport and home by midnight Saturday, two hours earlier than originally planned from our original flight one short week ago into Haiti. So much had happened after that 30 second shaking of the earth that will be remembered by many people for their entire lives.

Barbara Plaugher  
VOSH-Ohio Mission Coordinator  
January 17, 2010

### **Bellbrook Used Eyeglasses Project**

Christy Noyes, the store assistant manager at **THE GOODWILL STORE** of Xenia, Ohio was talking with her fellow workers about used eyeglasses and was concerned that eyeglasses were being donated and were

not being used or sold. They were sorted, placed in a barrel in the corner and after some time being disposed of as trash.

Christy knew that the Lions Club collects used eyeglasses. She said, "Why don't we collect the glasses and donate them to the Lions Club". She took the idea to her retail district manager, Tom Kingery. Tom liked the idea of helping the Lions Clubs and told her that since it was her idea that the project was hers and she should contact the Lions Club.

Christy made some phone calls and made contact with the **Bellbrook Ohio Lions Club in District 13-J**. Christy said that if the Lions Club would furnish containers for Goodwill, she would make arrangements to take them to their district meeting and distribute them to the 24 Goodwill store managers.

The project was presented to the Bellbrook Lions Club board of directors and the project was approved. The Club would fund the project and supply Goodwill with what they needed to help with eyeglasses collection. All that the Lions Club needed from Christy was a list of the Goodwill Stores, addresses of the stores and the manager or contact person at each store.

Christy was informed of our decision and a sample box was delivered for her approval within the week.

Christy liked the sample container. Arrangements were made with Christy for all the containers to be delivered to Xenia Goodwill store on January 22, 2008.

Tom informed Christy that he would like to start the Goodwill/Lions project at their district meeting on February 9, 2008. Christy would put the containers in storage until Tom picked them up for the district meeting with all stores receiving them on the same day.

This project with Goodwill is how you can make a difference and help **"LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT"**

The project started out with 24 Goodwill stores within a 75 mile radius of Dayton, Ohio. Bellbrook Lion Jerry Wannemacher made 24 identical collection boxes to be distributed to the 24 stores. The boxes have the Lions logo and 'Recycle for Sight' stickers on them and pick-up contact information. Lion Jerry, along with his wife Evelyn, pick-up the glasses every 7-8 weeks. Recently, Lion Jerry has contacted Lions Clubs that are close to 16 of the 24 Goodwill stores and offered to let those Clubs take over the collection process and to donate those glasses in their Club's name. They were told to keep the collection box and were given all the Goodwill stores contact information. To get involved with Goodwill Stores, local Clubs can call direct to gain approval from the store's District Manager. If there is a problem, you can call Lion Wannemacher and he can put you in touch with the Miami Valley Goodwill District Manager, who is 100% behind this project. Lion Jerry also has collection at all area optical vision centers, schools and libraries. The entire Club has gotten behind this project. At every meeting, someone brings Lion Jerry a bag full of used eyeglasses. The Goodwill

store collection started in March of 2008. Since that time, the Lions have collected 9,034 pairs of glasses and have donated them to VOSH for recycling. Lion Jerry has made a big impact with this service project and deserves all the credit. He has done a great job and many people will benefit.

Lion Jerry built the display trailer that contains the used eyeglasses. The trailer, which was pulled behind his truck, was a focal point of our annual festival parade this past August. Lion Jerry also put 6181 pairs of eyeglasses in the display, which resembles a huge Lions eyeglass collection box. After the parade, the display was set up at the festival site for festival attendees to guess the number of glasses contained therein for a 50-50 raffle, half of the proceeds to the person with the closest guess and the other half was donated to Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation. At the same booth, our Lions and Lioness membership chairpersons answered questions pertaining to Lionism. Because of the interest shown we now have 5 prospective Lions, 9 prospective Lioness and 1 prospective Leo member.

### UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Council of Governors Mtg. Feb 13  
Governor Elect Training Feb. 13-14  
CST Training Feb. 14  
State Committee Meetings Feb. 27

### NEW CLUB CHARTER NIGHTS:

Carrollton Lions Club Charter Night 13-G  
Date: January 30, 2010

Columbus Downtown Charter Night 13-F  
Date: February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Rotunda of the Statehouse on Capital Square. Cost: \$30/person, RSVP to Lion Heath Ackley at 614-302-9596 by Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>.

Martins Ferry Lions Club Charter Night – 13-G Date:  
Feb. 20, 2010  
Speaker: PID Steven Sherer  
More details to follow.

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## CLUB DEATHS

If you have Lions that have passed away since last District Convention (April 2009), please send information about the Lion and Club name, etc., to

Lion Miriam Van Scyoc, Convention Co-Chrm.  
8483 Coran Dr.  
Cincinnati, OH 45255 or email:  
[cvsmys@aol.com](mailto:cvsmys@aol.com)

so that we can recognize these faithful Lions in our Memorial Service at District Convention in April 2010 at the Embassy Suites, Blue Ash, OH. Lion Miriam will also see that the State receives the info for the State Convention Memorial Service.

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## TAIL TWISTING FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION

What would a District 13H Convention be without the raffles? Please send your clubs' contributions of \$30 payable to Lion Lydia Houser, 4791 Blue Spruce Court, Dayton, Ohio 45424. If, on the other hand, your club will be donating items instead of money, please email Lion Lydia at [LMHYOYO@aol.com](mailto:LMHYOYO@aol.com).



## DOWNTOWN DAYTON NEWS

The Dayton Lions held a very successful Christmas party for forty handicapped children and their parents/sponsors at the Presidential Banquet Center on December 10. We had great food, great times, wonderful presents for each of the forty kids, Santa Claus, and coverage by Channel 2 News and Jim Booker.

On December 17, we had a very successful Christmas party for Lions members, their spouses, and fellow Civilians and their spouses. This was at The Meadowbrook CC with Dinner, Refreshments, and Santa Claus. We had a great time, created club morale, and encouraged enthusiasm heading into what will be a very successful and progressive 2010.

For the year, we grew by a net two members, gathered and contributed over 3,000 pairs of eyeglasses for donation, provided professional eye care and eyeglasses for twenty eight needy children and adults, at no cost to the needy. We have received fourteen very compassionate 'Thank You' letters from recipients or their sponsors.

And we have, as usual, supported the Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio with our contributions of club funds, and club manpower time for their (LEBOWCO) mission

of providing corneas and other optical service to needy people throughout the world.

We have also supported Lions Club International Foundation, Boy Scouts, the 'Duck Race', Firefighter Phil, and a charitable organization that provides readings services for school kids that are in reading trouble in schools.

And more, but that's enough. Happy New Year to Your Club, your members, and your District !!

Rod Raines  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Lions Club of Dayton #512



## CLUB HAPPENINGS

**CAMDEN** – Inducted two new members. Sold black walnut ice cream at the Camden Black Walnut festival.

**MONROE** – December 5 Pancake Breakfast held at high school, 7:00-1200. Meetings held Jan 11 and 25. Have collected hundreds of eyeglasses.

**MAD RIVER** Dragons training completed 31 Jan. Day of Caring Pancake Breakfast will be held Feb 28. Helping with the Community Appreciation Pancake Breakfast on Feb 20. Selling Elder Beerman books for \$5 to be used on Feb 27. Signing up for Dayton Dragons games.

**MAD RIVER LEOS** – Planning for Relay for Life.

**MIAMISBURG** – Had a joint Christmas dinner party with the Miamisburg Rotary Club, something we had done in the past, but had fallen by the wayside. The speaker for the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting is Mr. Warren Back from the Dayton Gems. Future speakers will include representatives from Vectren Energy Delivery “Conservation Connection” and “Aviation Heritage.” Rose Sale coming in March. Merle Williams Scholarship Dance is now firm for April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**EATON** – Spring Feather Party date is Thursday, Apr 1 at the Preble County Fairgrounds Brunner Arena. Farmers Night is set for Tuesday, Apr 13 at the Eaton Country Club.

**NORTHMONT** – Had visit by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and Zone Chairman. Selling nuts.

**DOWNTOWN DAYTON** – Picked up eyeglasses. Added two new members. Support W. Ohio Lions Eyebank. Will host annual Christmas party for 75 disabled Dayton School system children and their families at Presidential Banquet Center.

**SPRINGDALE-FOREST PARK** – October 3 - Corn Hole Tournament; October 9-10 & October 30-31 - White Cane Days. Did 77 eye exams.

**VANDALIA** – Sold Entertainment Books. Will be working Food Pantry in February. Dec 3 was Christmas Dinner meeting. Dec 12 was Dinner with Santa at Senior Citizens Center.

**VANDALIA LIONESS** – Will be selling Sub sandwiches in March. Annual card party will be March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**BLUE ASH** – Held Christmas dinner at Rusty's.

**CINCINNATI WESTERN HILLS** – Partnering with LenCrafters on Home Town Day. Having a Texas HoldEm Tourney.

**KENWOOD** – Had a great Christmas Party at Rusty's on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. Meeting to be held Jan 19 at Rusty's and Nomination Committee will be assigned. Lions Clark and Miriam Van Scyoc attended the Rose Bowl Parade and got to see the Ohio School for the Blind Marching Band. Zone 5 meeting will be held at Clovernook Center on March 3.

**GOSHEN** – Goshen Lions Club Annual Holly Fair is Nov 21. Our website is: GoshenLions.com

**SPRINGBORO** – Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 8 AM till Noon at Dennis Elementary. **ROSE SALE:** Taking orders

now!! Sale date this year is March 17. Cost is still \$15 per dozen. Last order date is 3/10/10.

New website is:

<http://lionwap.org/eclub/sites/springborooh/>

**SPRINGBORO LEOS** – Working winter projects.

**CENTERVILLE** – Working winter projects.

**WAYNESVILLE** – Working winter projects.

**WEST CARROLLTON** - The West Carrollton Lions Club Christmas Party was held at the Olive Garden on December 16, 2009 with 25 in attendance. Lion President Dave Howard was presented with the diamond President's Pin Award for the year 2008-2009 due to growth in the club. CONGULATIONS LION DAVE!

**CARLISLE LIONESS** - Fish Fry held Oct 17; Lioness provided desserts at Carlisle Lions Den. Hosting a "Silent Auction" at the Carlisle Lions Den on Tuesday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**LEBANON LIONS** – Sold passbooks (coupons) through November. Assisted with Warrior Backpack program.

**LEWISBURG** – Sold pork chops at Derby.

**NORTHEASTERN** – Held Pumpkin Run Oct 2-4 at the Clermont Fair Grounds.

**NORTHEASTERN LEOS** - Served food at a Thanksgiving dinner for seniors put on by a local church. Distributed more than 2,000 canned goods to needy families and local food banks. Wrote letters to soldiers spending the holidays serving our country overseas. Made out Christmas cards for nursing home residents. Purchased Christmas gifts and clothes for 22 needy children in our area.

**MASON** Will have a Rose Sale. Will be doing a Police Ride Along on Halloween as an outreach for children.

**HARRISON** – Collected 950 glasses. Did a Diabetes Clinic and did another one at the Pumpkin Festival.

**ROSS LIONESS** - In December, the Ross Lioness Club had a "Wrap Party", wrapping the gifts that we purchase for the Fairfield Center, Building #5. We combined it with our Christmas party for an evening of great food and fun. Also had Annual Christmas Bingo and Cheer Basket Raffle.

**ROSS LIONS** – Hog Roast held Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. Lioness's provided desserts.

**GERMANTOWN** – Donation to CAMP ministry. Updates to the Constitution and By-Laws formulated by Committee; did they have in the updates that Lion Focht should wear the lion suit to all guest nights? Dayton *Honor Flight* group will be our guest speaker for the Feb 8, 2010 meeting.

**Rose Sale Committee:** The cost of roses remains at \$15.00 per dozen and \$24.00 per dozen for mailers. We will need to have final orders by our Lions Club meeting on March 8th. The actual delivery date is Wednesday, March 17th.

**NEW LEBANON** – Sold Fruit Baskets. Had a fishing tournament for children.

**WEST ALEXANDER** – Has apple butter for sale. Sponsored a Boy Scout Troop. Gave away a scholarship.

**BETHEL** – Buying book bag supplies (\$500) and helping pass out bags to children. Presented \$1000 to Bethel schools scholarships.

**CINCINNATI DOWNTOWN** – Resumed tutoring sessions with second-graders at Saint Francis Seraph, an inner city school in Cincinnati's Over-The-Rhine neighborhood. Sessions with the students focus on basic math skills like counting and addition, as well as social skills like following directions, taking turns and listening. After our session with the children, go to the cafeteria for lunch and a quick business meeting. Completed annual nut and candy sale that started in early November. Gross sales topped \$2000, with a net profit over \$820. Thanks to all the club members, friends and families who purchased nuts or candy to support Sight and hearing projects. Also sold four car detailing gift certificates at \$100 each. Once the weather breaks, the bearers of these certificates will

be able to redeem them for an expert car detailing done by members of the downtown club.

**TRENTON** - Purchased glasses for 3 people.  
Preparing to donate food to 15 families in February.  
Preparing for rose sales.

**MADISON** - 150 pair of eyeglasses collected.  
Held Christmas meeting and had night out for members and spouses.

**NOTICE:** If you have items that you would like to see in the District Newsletter, **PLEASE Send them in to arrive by the 1st of each month to ensure that they will appear in the following month's edition.** Send items to Lion Lydia Houser, 4791 Blue Spruce Ct., Dayton, OH 45424, or e-mail your item(s) to [LMHYOYO@aol.com](mailto:LMHYOYO@aol.com) or call at (937) 236-5254.

**Remember: Email is the better way to get these to me. Thank you.**

**Pass this Newsletter On and  
Around To Your Club  
Members. It is meant to be  
Shared!!!!**



## **NEWSLETTERS**

Does your club publish a Newsletter? If so, please send a copy via email to [LMHYOYO@aol.com](mailto:LMHYOYO@aol.com) or mail a copy to Lion Lydia Houser, 4791 Blue Spruce Court, Dayton, OH 45424.

## **JUST FOR FUN**

### **Coffee filters....**

Who knew! And you can buy 1,000 at the



Dollar Tree for almost nothing, even the large ones.

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome... Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect China by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters.
13. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc on them... It soaks out all the grease.
14. Keep in the bathroom.. They make great "razor nick fixers."
15. As a sewing backing. Use a filter as an easy-to-tear backing for embroidering or appliquéing soft fabrics.
16. Put baking soda into a coffee filter and insert into shoes or a closet to absorb or prevent odors.
17. Use them to strain soup stock and to tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.
18. Use a coffee filter to prevent spilling when you add fluids to your car.
- 19.. Use them as a spoon rest while cooking and clean up small counter spills.
20. Can use to hold dry ingredients when baking or when cutting a piece of fruit or veggies. Saves on having extra

bowls to wash.

21. Use them to wrap Christmas ornaments for storage.
22. Use them to remove fingernail polish when out of cotton balls.
23. Use them to sprout seeds. Simply dampen the coffee filter, place seeds inside, fold it and place it into a plastic baggie until they sprout.
24. Use coffee filters as blotting paper for pressed flowers. Place the flowers between two coffee filters and put the coffee filters in phone book..
25. Use as a disposable "snack bowl" for popcorn, chips, etc.

OH YEAH THEY ARE GREAT TO USE IN YOUR COFFEE MAKERS TOO

## WHO IS A LION

He who lives well, laughs often  
and loves much;  
Who gains the respect of  
intelligent men and the love of  
little children.  
Who fills his niche and  
accomplishes his task;  
Who leaves the world better than  
he found it,  
Whether by a brighter flower, a  
perfect poem, a human soul wake to  
its loveliness;  
Who never lacks appreciation of  
earth's beauty nor fails to  
express it;  
Who always sees the best in others  
and gives the best he has;  
Whose life is an inspiration,  
whose memory a benediction.

**HE IS A LION!!!!!!**

Thank you to those who continue to help me by submitting articles. If you haven't then now is a great opportunity to do so. NOTICE the Club Happenings section, just send me a quick email with your

upcoming events and I will be happy to publicize it for you.

If you have any suggestions please let me know. This is your newsletter.

**Lion Lydia Houser**  
News Letter Editor  
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## VALENTINE TREAT

I hope your Valentine's Day is great.  
I hope it's quite a treat.  
I hope you have a happy day  
Filled with things so sweet.



**PID Steven D Sherer  
For 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Campaign Pledge Form**



The Ohio Lions Council of Governors voted unanimously to support the Candidacy of PID Steve Sherer for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Lions Clubs International. This will be the third opportunity the Ohio Lions will have to elect a president from MD 13 to follow in the great tradition of PIP W.R Dick Bryan and PIP James T Coffey.

There will be two things needed to help with the campaign, manpower and finances. We are asking Lions who are able to make a contribution to the campaign. There will be various levels of contributions. Those who participate in the gold, silver or bronze level will receive a pin to wear which denotes their commitment to the campaign. They will also be able to make their campaign contribution over three payments. We would appreciate your help and commitment regardless of what level you decide.

We thank all Ohio Lions for their support in what will be a successful campaign and Ohio will once again be home to the President of our great association.

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- Gold Level Members            \$500
- Silver Level Members        \$300
- Bronze Level Members       \$150

Payment can be made at one time or spread over three payments made by June 1, 2010, June 1, 2011 and June 1, 2012.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \_\_\_\_\_ Gold \_\_\_\_\_ Silver \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Mail checks made payable to Ohio Lions 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Campaign to:  
PDG Dave Luttrell, Campaign Treasurer  
2034 Fraley Dr.  
Columbus, Ohio 43235-7544

REGISTRATION FORM MULTIPLE DISTRICT 13-H  
 CONVENTION  
**April 23, 24, 25, 2010**  
 EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL  
 4554 Lake Forest Drive  
 Blue Ash, Ohio 45242  
**(1-275 to Reed Hartman - South)**

HOTEL REGISTRATION

All rooms are suites. The rate is \$109 per night, (hot breakfast included). Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel by calling 1-513-733-8900. Mention you are with the Ohio Lions District 13-H Convention for special room rate. Cut off date for special rates is April 8, 2010.

MEALS

- Friday Night - Casual Buffet
- Saturday Luncheon
- Saturday Grand Banquet
- Sunday Morning Brunch

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Hospitality Room
- Spouses Program
- Entertainment
- Business/Cabinet Meeting
- Necrology Service

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

1. Full-\$90.00
2. Friday Night - \$23.00
3. Saturday Luncheon - \$20.00
4. Saturday Grand Banquet - \$25.00
5. Sunday Brunch - \$22.00

Grand Banquet

International Speaker

Door  
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Special Dietary Meals

Total

MAIL THIS COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO: **PDG Clark & Miriam Van Scyoc,  
 Convention Chairs  
 8483 Coran Drive  
 Cincinnati, OH 45255**

**Make Checks Payable to Ohio Lions District 13-H**

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- » True cultural and language immersion—join in daily activities as you live and work in your host community
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## About

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**Lions Of Ohio  
Established 1920**

From: Lion Glen Bowman, Chairperson for "INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS" for Dist. 13-H  
(International Understanding and Cooperation)

Dear Lions of District 13-H,

Happy New Year to you and your club. As chairperson for "international Relations" committee, I would like to thank the ten Lions Clubs who made generous contributions last year to the "international Relations" projects. Thanks to: GERMANTOWN LIONS, ROSS LIONS, WEST CARROLLTON LIONS, MONROE LIONS, VANDALIA LIONS, MASON LIONS, CAMDEN LIONS, SPRINGBORO LIONS, NEW LEBANON LIONS, AND SPRINGDALE-FOREST PARK LIONS. I have included information about the groups who benefit from your contributions. At the state level, all the donations are divided between these three groups:

VOSH - Volunteer Optometrists Service to Humanity. They process thousands of pairs of used eyeglasses and help distribute them to the needy around the world. SVOSH- Student Volunteer Optometrists Service to Humanity. This group is located at Ohio State University in Columbus and do similar work as VOSH.  
AMIGOS DE LAS AMERICAS- This is a humanitarian group of young people that travels to Latin American countries to help improve the quality of people's lives in undeveloped areas.

If your club has not contributed in the past to "international Relations", I would like to encourage you to consider giving to this very worthwhile committee.

If your club has used eyeglasses you would like to contribute to VOSH or SVOSH, please contact me at 937-855-7144 in Germantown. I presently have several thousand pairs of used eyeglasses in my garage that I will be getting to those who can distribute them to the world's needy.

If your club would like to make a contribution to the "INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS" committee, please send the check to:

LION GLEN BOWMAN  
130 FARMERSVILLE PIKE  
GERMANTOWN, OHIO 45327

Yours in Lionism,

# SVOSH

Dear Lions,

The Ohio State University branch of S.V.O.S.H - Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity - would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to you. By supporting our organization you have supported a mission that helps provide vision care to thousands of underprivileged people over the past years. Your donations have been gratefully accepted and put to good use!

Our trips are funded completely through donations from clubs and organizations like yours, so we can buy equipment and supplies, and pay for travel and other trip expenses. The glasses that are sent to our organization are sorted, cleaned, labeled and packaged by members of S.V.O.S.H. These glasses are then taken with us on our yearly trips to foreign countries. During these mission trips volunteers conduct eye examinations for thousands of people whom are less fortunate and would not otherwise receive such care. Team volunteers are able to provide many with glasses from our inventory of eyewear.

For many people in third world countries, an S.V.O.S.H mission may mean clear comfortable vision for the first time in many years or the detection of a threatening eye disease while it is still treatable. Often a simple pair of reading glasses which so many of us take for granted will allow a man or woman to resume simple tasks such as hammering a nail or threading a needle and aid them in earning a living for their family.

S.V.O.S.H provides students not only with valuable optometric experience but also with the deep satisfaction gained when they apply their knowledge and skills to helping others. It takes a team of volunteers to plan, fund, supply and carry out a mission. Thank you for being a part of this team. You are truly appreciated!

Thank you kindly,



Christopher Paulett  
The Ohio State University College of Optometry  
S.V.O.S.H President