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A Letter from Santa

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Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Dear Lions,

I once heard an African proverb that I will forever remember: the best way to help someone in need is to wipe their tears. Lions, we do this every minute of every day! Our hands are helping those in need, and the compassion in our hearts is wiping their tears. One way we are doing this is by improving the health and education of children worldwide.

Just last month, Margit and I were in [Ethiopia](#) and [Madagascar](#) to help launch our Lions-Measles Initiative pilot programs. In these countries Lions helped vaccinate nearly 10 million children. This is truly sensational!

Did you know that measles is the leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths in children? Over the next three years, 1.7 million children will likely die from this disease, which also causes blindness. Lions, we can and we must stop this!

At a health center in Imersituska, a rural village in Madagascar, I met Marie Louise Razafindranana, who brought her nine-month old son, Patrick, to be vaccinated. She knew all too well the dangers of measles, as she lost her daughter to the disease. I truly felt I was wiping her tears, but she gave me something in return - a smile of hope and gratitude. Her story echoes those that I heard in Ethiopia. But these mothers know that we Lions are giving their children hope for a long, healthy life.

Lions have long been committed to improving quality of life for children. Another way we do this is by improving their education and providing them with vital life skills. In meeting with government officials in both countries, they pledged their full support to the measles program. But they were also very interested in starting Lions Quest in their country.

Like so many other leaders worldwide are realizing, Lions Quest can and should be a key component to improving the general well being of our youth. Government can't do this alone. It takes all of us working together to really make an impact.

Moments like these also make me realize the significance of what our Foundation does for people in need, but there is so much more we can do. Please, Lions, let's continue to give hope to our youth for a healthier and brighter tomorrow by wiping away tears through our Foundation!

With cordial regards,
Eberhard J. Wirfs
Chairperson LCIF



DG Santa

Lions of 13 B

With this writing I hope that all have had a good Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a Merry Christmas.



My sincere condolence to all Lions that have lost loved ones this year. Remember that Lions always have family that will be there, all we have to do is let it be known and Lions will be there at our side.

The year is half over and to date I have visited over half of the clubs. We have had two rounds of Zone Advisory meetings. I think the meetings have been well attended. My challenge to all clubs in District 13B: have at least one member at the third round of Zone Advisory meetings in March. This will show our appreciation to the Zone Chairs for the hard work they have done this year.

At the last round of Zone advisory meetings, I gave a few ideas on ways to increase retention. Another idea to add to the list is: Team. When Lions work as a team, everyone has the feeling of belonging and will make retention easier.

A few statistics on District 13B:

- we have dropped seventy-one members
- sixteen members have died
- we have inducted forty-four new Lions and reinstated or transferred fourteen members

This leaves the District a minus twenty-nine members. I feel that we can still be a "plus" by convention time. Keep up the good work on inducting new members. Remember, together everyone achieves more.

We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas. HO! HO! HO!

DG Dana D. Zody
Lion Julianne
"WE CAN DO IT"



1st VDG Dick

Hello Lions,

As we finish the month of November, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

I had a busy month with Zone Advisory meetings and several club visitations along with a state committee meeting in Columbus.

So far, I have received only a few Necrology reports of Lions who have passed away. I do need the reports as soon as possible so that I can list those Lions and Lioness for the Necrology service at the District Convention. If you need a Necrology form, please contact me and I will send one for each deceased member to you .

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Lionism
1st VDG Dick



2nd VDG Woody

Hello to all in 13-B

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving Day. My daughters do the "Black Friday" thing and tell me that they only had to wait 30 to 45 minutes in line to check out this year. They went to Mansfield/Ontario area instead of the usual Columbus thing. Any of you who get into that, God Bless You. I am happy to just stay in my office that day. Going out and seeing a group of Lions at a club or zone meeting works fine for me.

This last month (November) has been filled up with Zone Advisory meetings. Always informative and informative.

I am looking forward to my first effort to helping with Tiffin's popcorn ball production on Dec 6 and a visit to Marblehead Peninsula Club on the 9th. The week of Dec 19 finds me in Spokane, Washington and I hope to find a club there to visit.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Yours in Lionism
2nd VDG Forrest (Woody) Conrad

Where's Santa And His Elves

DG Dana's Schedule

1stVDG Dick's Schedule

December

1 2nd District Cabinet Meeting
(Firelands Lions)
2 Fremont Noon Lions
2 Lucas Lions
6 Bellevue Lions
8 Attica Lions
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

December

1 2nd Cabinet Meeting (Firelands)
2 Ashland Noon Lions
6 Butler Lions and Lioness
9 Colonel Crawford Lions
14 Firelands Lions Christmas party
16 Ashland Lions Christmas party

January

3 Mifflin Lions
6 Savannah Lions
8 State meetings
11 Rowsburg Lions
14 - 16 Winter Retreat Mohican Lodge
24 Perrysville Lions
25 Loudonville Lions

January

3 Butler Lions and Lioness
5 Jeromesville Lions
8 State Committee Meeting-Columbus
9 MERL Meeting-Perrysville
10 Sycamore Lions
14, 15, 16 Winter Retreat-Mohican State Park
20 Ashland Evening Lions
25 Rowsburg Lions

February

1 Ontario Lions
8 Mansfield Noon Lions
8 Crestline Lions
9 Plymouth Lions
10 Ashland Noon Lions
10 Nova Lions
12 Council of Governors
DGE Training
CS/CT Training
14 Republic Lions
16 3rd Cabinet meeting
17 Madison Twp. Lions
22 Bucyrus Lions
23 Sandusky Lions
23 Mansfield Evening
26 State Meetings
27 District Bowling (Ontario Lions)
28 Zone 5 meeting

2nd VDG Woody Schedule

December

1 2nd Cabinet Meeting
6 Tiffin
9 Marblehead Peninsula
25 Merry Christmas

January

5 Clyde
6 Amherst
14-16 Winter Retreat
17 North Fairfield
18 Vermilion
25 Norwalk
26 Huron

February

1 Lorain Harbor
7 Elyria Evening
10 Avon
14 Lindsey
15 North Ridgeville
22 Milan Edison

Plus One Clubs 2009-2010

The following Lions and Lioness Clubs have achieved the Plus One Award for the past Lion year, 2009-2010, and will be receiving a certificate and banner patch.

Zone 1	Fremont and Oak Harbor
Zone 2	Bascom, Old Fort and Republic
Zone 3	Milan, Norwalk, Sandusky and Vermilion
Zone 4	Elyria Evening
Zone 5	Crestline and Bucyrus
Zone 6	Bellville, Butler, Butler Lioness , Lucas and Madison Township
Zone 7	Nova, Polk and Savannah
Zone 8	Jeromesville

Thank you Lions Clubs in District 13B for your hard work on membership last year.

IPDG Pete DiCesare

Hay Ride

The following school report was written by Polk Lion "Cub", Jasmine Donley. This report shows how important and easy it is for our Lions clubs to include children in our meetings and activities. (Some spelling was corrected to make reading easier.)

HAY RIDE FUN

One lovely autumn evening, the Polk Lions Club and some kids and I went to an old mill for some fun and a wiener roast and a hay ride. I relaxed in front of the fire for a little bit. Finally some kids came and I played with them for about 5 minutes. Then it was time to get on the hay ride.

We went over very bumpy bumps. We went under the spooky rail road tracks. Finally we got back to the old mill. We had our wiener roast. I didn't eat a hot dog. Then the man came that was going to make the hot cocoa. I drank some warm hot cocoa. When it got dark I played with the kids that were there. We played freeze tag and red light green light. Finally our fun was over and we went home.

Jasmine Donley

2nd grade

Breakfast With



Santa

Saturday, December 11,
2010

Northwood Middle School

700 Gulf Road

8a.m.-Noon **\$5.00**

Bring an unwrapped toy for the
Not-Forgotten-Box and receive a 4x6
picture with Santa.

Sponsored by Elyria LEO/Lions Clubs

"A TASTE OF DISTRICT 13B"

A small group of Lions are looking into the possibility of a District project called "A Taste of District 13B".

1. This project would showcase every club's specialty product or project. Clubs would sell sample sizes of their items (one per club)...cheese, popcorn balls, brats, ice cream, etc. The smaller or mini servings and reduced prices would encourage those attending to sample more of what is being offered. (Food items require updated food licenses.)

2. Clubs who do not specialize in a food item are invited to bring their products...brooms, light bulbs, roses, etc., or may choose from a list of food items not already being offered by other clubs.

3. Food items that can be made up ahead of time would be appreciated...popcorn balls, donuts, etc.

4. Electricity would be addressed by need.

5. Clubs would be allowed as much space as needed for trailers, tents or canopies, supplied by participating clubs.

6. The full day activity would be open to the public, with extensive advertising to other state districts and newspapers throughout the state. This would hopefully pique the interest of other Ohio Lions to come and see what District 13B is doing.

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Keep Your PC Safe in 2011 by Lion Don Knaur

This is the time of year I usually do a Santa's Helper article. Due to recent changes in anti-virus software and the fact it seems that Cell Phone equipment has replaced PC equipment in Santa's bag, I decided that Safe Computing was a more important topic this month.

For years I have recommended two products above all others to protect your PC, AVG Free Anti-Virus and Spybot Search and Destroy Anti-Spyware. As of Halloween 2010, I not only do **not** recommend these products, I have Black Listed them! Spybot is not needed if you are using Vista or Windows 7 and it slows XP down to the point that it is unusable.

In late October AVG released a new product called *AVG 2011* which is also known as *AVG 10*. It has been reviewed as a vastly improved product and it probably is if you are using Vista or Windows 7 with at least 2 GB RAM. However, if you have XP with less than 1 GB RAM, it makes the PC almost as slow as the old 386 PC's. If you don't remember them, they crawled at about 1.1% of the speed of the 3 GHz PC's that were all the rage five years ago. So unless your PC is loaded with RAM, you don't want to upgrade to the new AVG. If on the other hand you are loaded with RAM (at least 1 GB with XP or 2 GB with Vista or Windows 7), then go ahead and upgrade to *AVG 2011*, because it is a good product. Fortunately for those of you with less RAM, there is another product available to use in place of AVG. **Avast** is an Anti-virus and Anti-malware product that has

been around for many years and has a good reputation. Like AVG it offers a free version to home users. You can find the free version of Avast on www.filehippo.com which is the same site I've recommended to use for AVG, Spybot and CCleaner downloads. By the way, I still recommend using CCleaner once a week to tweak your PC. The free version of Avast is different from AVG in that it does require you to register your copy of Avast. This is not a big deal; they just require a name and E-mail address. They do ask if they can send you information on their products, but do not require you to accept the offer. If you want to learn more about Avast, you can Google it or simply go to www.avast.com.

The Tiffin Lions and I wish you a Merry Christmas! We also wish you a Happy and malware free New Year! Hopefully this article will help you attain that.

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See What's New for 13-B!

Have you taken a look at our district website lately?? After many long hours, the website has been redesigned. As always, it still features the district newsletter, the updated digital directory, the online calendar and links to websites for Ohio Lions and Lions Clubs International. But now, in addition, there are pages for district information and links to many of our Lions projects.

Our ultimate goal is to make the website a useful tool for the Lions of 13B and for our communities. We want people, both Lions and non-Lions, to be able to use the internet site to find out about who we are and the work we are doing.

Over the last month, we've made the rounds to the zone advisory meetings to show off some of the new features. We need your input. In order to know if the various additions on the site are indeed useful, we need to hear from you. Over the course of the meetings, we have been collecting input, changing what is easily changed and investigating how to make some of the more involved ideas work.

A couple of notes – most of the attached forms and files are in PDF file format, because this can be opened on both Mac and PC computers and is a more secure type of file. PDF files require a program like Adobe Reader to open; if you would like the file in a different file format, you are welcome to e-mail us directly and request it. Also, the larger the file, the longer it will take to download. So the newsletter and directory, which are larger files, will take longer to download than other smaller forms.

All comments and ideas can be e-mailed to me at kep121@msn.com or sent to Kerry Parker, 333 Harwood Street, Elyria, OH 44035. Thanks to all, both computer-savvy and computer-wary, for taking a look and giving us your feedback. Happy Holidays!

Illustrations of the district website homepage and clubs page, follow this article on page 6. Access to the website is found at www.lions13b.org

The new look of District 13 B website!

Type in www.lions13b.org and the screen will open to this:



From the main menu, select "Clubs of 13-B" to open the following screen:



FRIENDS ARE GOD'S WAY OF TAKING CARE OF US

Written by a Hospice of Metro Denver physician. I just had one of the most amazing experiences of my life, and wanted to share it with my family and dearest friends:

I was driving home from a meeting this evening about 5, stuck in traffic on Colorado Blvd., and the car started to choke and splutter and die. I barely managed to coast into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over. Before I could make the call, I saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump, so I got out to see if she was okay. When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen; she was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me; the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95. I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying "I don't want my kids to see me crying" so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now.

So I asked, "And you were praying?" That made her back away from me a little but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, "He heard you, and He sent me."

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling walked to the next door McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee. She gave the food to the kids in the car who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little. She told me her name, and that she lived in Kansas City.

Her boyfriend left 2 months ago and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she wouldn't have money to pay rent Jan 1, and finally in desperation had finally called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there. So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas, but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves, a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?" This definitely made me cry. I said, "Sweetie, at this time of year angels are really busy, so sometime God uses regular people." It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, you guessed it, when I got in my car it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow to check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong.

Sometimes the angels fly close enough to you that you can hear the flutter of their wings.....

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7. Johnny Appleseed Outdoor Theater and Park in southern Ashland County, has been picked as the venue because of its central location to other state clubs. The theater is willing to give this project a major cut in its rental fee and added incentives if this were to become a yearly endeavor.
8. District clubs would only pay a very small rental spot fee (\$10- \$15) toward the rental of the facility.
9. All profit will be kept by each individual club. You make it, you keep it.
10. Particulars concerning date, organizing, and advertising will be addressed if and when the district considers this a worthy project.
11. DG Dana, 1st VDG Dick, and 2nd VDG Woody have been contacted concerning this project. They all feel this could become a good project, by not only helping each club financially, but by also encouraging clubs to work and socialize together.
12. Each club is encouraged to contact me concerning this project by December 10th. This project will require 75% of district clubs participation. Failure to meet the 75% participation level will void the project.
13. Date of August 6, 2011 has been reserved for this project to be held at the Johnny Appleseed Theater in Southern Ashland County. The theater has also booked a musical group "Geez Cats" for 7-9 PM that evening. This show was very well attended last year with over 1000 people attending.

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WHY BE A LION?

Those people privileged enough to be born in good health and in a secure place are obligated to help those who are not so blessed. One of the best ways to truly make a difference, however small, is to become part of an organization that can magnify one's contribution. The opportunities to serve are virtually unlimited, particularly when a powerful entity such as Lions International is your ally.



The Fostoria Lions Club
cordially invites you to attend our
75th Anniversary Charter Banquet

Saturday, January 22, 2011
High Street United Methodist Church
243 West High Street
Fostoria, Ohio

5:30 p.m. Social Hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner

Hot & Cold Hors d'oeuvres, Tossed Salad, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Caramelized Green Beans, Hot Cider & Coffee, Peanut Butter Cake

Entertainment

“Pretty Boy” Floyd, Public Enemy
No. 1—Great Depression Program”

Presented by Kenneth Hammontree

Living History Productions

Chance for Door Prizes

Grand Prize

One night stay at Doubletree® Hotel-Cleveland
South with \$50 towards dinner, plus free
breakfast buffet for two

Please RSVP by January 7, 2011.

Questions? 419-435-6418. Mail payment of **\$20.00 per person** made payable to:
Fostoria Lions Club, c/o Floyd Lawless, 329 Summit Street, Fostoria, Ohio 44830

Name(s): _____

Club Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Past, Present and Future

Ashland Evening

From the PREZ...

Ho Ho Ho MERRY CHRISTMAS Fellow Lions. Christmas is just about a month away, hope you are getting your shopping done.

Our Club has been busy working in the community. Our Recycle Committee over loaded their trailer with scrap metal from the old Salvation Army Building, around 5460 pounds I heard. Great Job and Thank You for your wonderful work!

We are Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army at Hawkins every Friday until Christmas. Thanks for your time and devotion to a worthy project.

Our first Holiday Parade organized by the Club was a total success. Great Job Lion Jim Hofer and fellow Lions. We even got some public relations from the Ashland Times Gazette.

At our last meeting, we had a very special guest visiting our club, DG Dana Zody aka Santa Clause. I hope all fellow Lions were on the best behavior with You Know Who watching.

Looking ahead for the December meetings, our first meeting is December 2nd, being held at the Ashland Senior Citizens Center. Remember to bring the female items the Tail Twister wants. Our December 16th meeting is our Christmas party being held at the Ashland Country Club. Remember to bring an ornament for the tree.

We have adopted a family for Christmas. Please help support this worthy cause and help them have a wonderful Christmas. The family has four children with wishes for Christmas. If you are able, please check with Duane Fulk for gift suggestions and purchase gifts for the family.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and remember to give Thanks to God for all his wonderful blessings that he has bestowed up on our great country.

Lion Walt shared information about Braille Sense Plus. Britany Perman, a college student studying to be a teacher for low vision students would use the machine. Lion Kim will look into the Noonan Use Fund to cover the cost of purchase, quoted as \$5995.00. Lion Gary made a motion to purchase the machine, motion was approved.

A young man who is blind since birth is in need of a computer. The club asked that he get more information as to the actual cost and the type of computer is needed.

Bascom

Our December 7th Dinner Meeting will feature a program by the ensemble from the Hopewell-Loudon Music Department.

Spouses and guests are invited to attend this spirited program.

A Bloodmobile on December 15th at the Meadowbrook Ball room will present an opportunity to give blood locally. The drive begins at 12:30 p.m. Bascom Lions members will assist in the unloading and loading of the Red Cross supply vehicles.

The November 30 meeting featured an informative program presented by CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) representing Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties. Advocates and foster homes are in need to assist disadvantaged children. Anyone interested in the tri-county area should call 419 448-1442.

President Terry Babcock expressed his appreciation for all those who assisted in making the October 29th Trick or Treat Night a real success.

The Club welcomed three new Lions. They are Lion Michael Babcock, Joseph Hoelzle and Gerald Lowery.

Bellville

Bellville Cub Scouts attended the October dinner meeting. Cubmaster Dan Shaffer spoke of the Cubbing program.

President Lion Carolyn thanks the members who participated in the Halloween Parade on October 28th. Special thanks to Lion Randall for obtaining the trailer and straw and driving us in the parade. Thanks to Lion Karen for getting the candy. Filling the trailer with riders, we had family members and kids from a daycare center.

The next Zone 6 Advisory meeting is November 22 and will be hosted by the Lucas Lions.

It is that time again, time to purchase poinsettias from District 13 B. This is one of the fund raisers the District needs to complete business and have a great convention.

We need help with the Toy Time project, help to deliver the toys to Toy Time.

We are in need of a couple members to be on the Phil Dirt and Dozer dance committee.

Lion Nick and I will remain on the Life Saver committee and if anyone else would like to get involved we welcome them.

Thanks to the Butler Lions, Butler Lioness and our club, the young man who needed glasses was able to get them. The cost of his glasses was \$575 and the family did not have to pay a dime. Bellville Lions came up with \$550 and President Lois Reamsnider's church women's group gave the other \$25.

When we all work together good things will always happen.

The Past, Present and Future

Bucyrus

The Bucyrus Lions Club

- recently purchased some smoke detectors for needy families who have pre-school children
- each member of the club donated items to make up a Thanksgiving dinner for a local family
- the club will serve popcorn at the Candlelight Night in downtown Bucyrus

Bucyrus Lions continue to buy eyeglasses and volunteer at a local soup kitchen monthly.

Submitted by Joy Hillis

Butler Lioness

At the November 1st meeting the club discussed and voted to donate money for a pair of eye glasses for a young man from the Butler area who has a special eye condition. Other clubs giving toward this project are Butler Lions and Bellville Lions. Lioness Dorothy Michalovich, Ericka Lowe and Carol Hollar reported on the Halloween party held at Butler school and sponsored by the Butler Mothers Club. These three Lioness pinned name tags on the individuals taking part in the judging. Our club donated \$50.00 to help pay for the food presented to the contestants and their parents.

The December 6th meeting program will be "Project Life Saver" presented by Madison Twp. Lion Gene Barrier.

Colonel Crawford

Nathan Kemper is the October Colonel Crawford Student of the Month. He, a senior, is the son of Chuck and Janet Kemper. Nathan is a three-year Academic Letter recipient and a two-year member of the National Honor Society.

Nathan has earned varsity letters for four years in Cross County and for three years in Track. Other school activities include Project B.L.A.C.K., Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Leo Club where he serves as secretary. Two particular honors Nathan has earned are attending the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference and Buckeye Boys State.

As a member of St. Joseph Church in Crestline, Nathan is a church server, participates in Youth Group and also works at the Church.

Following graduation, Nathan intends to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering, then go on to medical school. Nathan and his parents were guests of the Col. Crawford Lions Club at their October dinner meeting. He received a check for \$50 and a Certificate of Commendation. In addition, a book reflecting Nathan's interests will be purchased and presented to the high school library in his honor.



December 12th is the birthday party for Lion Marge Glendhill from 2:00p.m.– 4:00p.m. at the Wm/Hannah Crawford School. The hostess's are Lion Marge Gledhill's two daughters in honor of her BIG 85th birthday.

Dec. 15th Numerous lions will be traveling to Finlay to meet Dick and Loretta for Breakfast/brunch at 9:00a.m. at the Cracker Barrel to help him celebrate his birthday. All members and spouses/guest are invited. Get in contact with Lions Jim or Carl to carpool

The Colonel Crawford Lions Club had a successful Pancake and Sausage Day in November. Thanks go to all the Lions in the district who attended.

The Halloween party for children was well attended and the Leo Club members helped with "spook alley."

Many club members toured the fire safety trailer brought in by the local volunteer fire department. A donation of \$200 was made to the fire safety program at the school.

The club continues to honor a student of the month, supports Girl's and Boy's State, and sponsors the Peace Poster Contest at Colonel Crawford School

Castalia

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGEI trust that each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are preparing for a joyous Christmas season. We as Lions must not forget the less fortunate in our communities this holiday season. The first meeting of December will be our food drive for Project Share of Margarett Township

Lion Firm and his Duck Pond Sign Committee have officially kicked off the holiday season with their sign lighting across the duck pond. Thanks for the difficult and cold work that your group puts forth to carry on this Lions tradition in Castalia. This year a group of retirees did string the cables across the pond on a warm rainy Monday. The biggest problem was rowing the cables across on a windy day Ask Lions Ed Cullen and Tim Reiesterer.

The Castalia Lions Club donated \$250.00 toward eye surgery for a patient processed through the Sandusky Lions Club.

Lion President Denny reported the GFS Pie Sale returned a profit of \$1176.38 for 2010. Lion Jim Zanotti reported that we made a profit of \$205.00 on the donated grill, thanks to Lion Jim for his salesmanship on this project.

The Castalia Lions Peace Poster Contest winner was Autumn Downing
Lion District Governor Dana Zody and First Lady Julianne paid our Club a visit during our second meeting in November. Lion Junior and his crew staged their annual fish fry on this occasion.

The Past, Present and Future

Castalia continued

The Governor discussed the International Convention and the coming District Convention

Amy and I wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Fostoria

November 4th members were given order forms by Lion Mona DiCesare for the Poinsettias Sales that is now in full swing for November. Members are to pick up plants after meeting on December 2nd. Remaining plants and brooms will be sold at the First Ohio Credit Union on December 3rd.

On November 15th, 19th, 23rd, PDG Pete and Mona DiCesare and Lion Floyd Lawless picked up non-perishable foods at collection points at Fostoria Intermediate Elementary School, Fostoria High School, St. Wendelin High School, St. Wendelin Church, Fostoria Review Times and Fostoria Focus and delivered it to Fostoria Food Bank where it was expected to serve 350 people this holiday season.

PDG Pete delivered bags of popcorn balls purchased from Tiffin Lions to the three nursing homes in Fostoria on November 19th

November 18th, Nelson Ramirez from Governor Strickland office provided a program on The Governor's Closing the Achievement Gap Initiative, a program to encourage kids not to drop out of school and thereby increasing the graduation rate.

November 26th members rang the bell for Salvation Army at Krogers and K-Mart.

November 29th, members met at Good Shepherd home to set up Christmas trees for the enjoyment of the residents.



Hayesville

The Hayesville Lions treated the Hillsdale High School football team, coaches, cheerleaders and band to a Pancake and Sausage

supper before their first playoff game. It must have helped as they went on to win the first game at Western Reserve. Many thanks go out to Lion President Kenny Schuk for coming up with the idea and seeing it got carried out. A picture was in the Times-Gazette of our club president in his football game face.

Hayesville Lions:

- had a program presented by Pilot Dogs Inc.
- collected 565 pair of used eyeglasses.
- sold 1500 pounds of whole hog sausage.

Lorain

I want to thank 2nd VP Lion Doug Kayle, who chaired the Monarch Night Dinner and Lion Bruce Bevan who chaired the pancake breakfast committee for their outstanding work.

The Monarch Night Dinner was a model for how to appropriately recognize our members for their years of service in a dignified way. A speaker who connected us with Lions Clubs International in a way possibly no one else could have. I felt proud to be a Lion, listening to PIP Jim Coffey speak about the great programs and achievements of Lions around the world.

Lion Bruce led a hardworking bunch of Lions on another successful pancake breakfast. More than 55 Lions served over 550 meals, and/or sold tickets or ads to make over \$4,000 for Club projects. Thanks to all of you.

We have more opportunities to serve in the next few weeks.

- we help at Second Harvest Food Bank on November 30,
- we grill pancakes and sausage at the IAV on December 5,
- we take Lorain City School students to Lens Crafters for Hometown Days on December 7
- Ring the Bells for the Salvation Army Kettles on December 11.

Unfortunately, at our October 28 dinner, we missed nine Lions who are eligible for Service Awards. Our Monarchs are:

- 5 years-Chris Bauer, Mitch Fallis
- 10 years-Tom Elwell, Rick Freda;
- 15 years-Dan Metelsky
- 20 years-Dan Asensio, Bruce Diso, Nick Hutlock;
- 25 years-Dave Bickel, Bill Evenchik
- 30 years-Ken Krol, Pete Kohlmyer, Ralph O'Hara, Ken Rebman, Dan Smith, Russ Stinson
- 40 years-Ben Norton
- 70 years-Howard Somers.

We hope we can complete the proper recognitions by having all eligible Monarchs attend our Christmas Dinner on December 16.

Lion Don Stransky was inducted on Nov. 4 in an impressive

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Ceremony conducted by Lion Dale Meredith. Welcome Lion Don and we thank you for all the work you have contributed over the past several months as you learned more about Lionism. The ceremony was also attended by Lion Don's lovely wife Marianne. Lion Bill Neely received a Membership Key award for bringing in two members over the past two years.



Lion Dale Meredith led a meaningful induction



Lion Don Stransky being pinned by IPP Lion Bill Neely

Lorain Harbor

December means a lot of things, and with Thanksgiving just past, we need to continue to remember to be thankful for what we have, and help those who do not (We Serve!!). For our Christmas project, we have chosen to work with St. Joseph Homeless Shelter. We will be accepting donations in lieu of presents. Donations needed are sweetened cereals, snacks such as chips, pretzels and nuts. Also socks, and sweatshirts just to name a few. Items can be for men, women and children and need not be wrapped.

Our January meeting will be a New Member night held at Beaver Creek Reservation on North Lake Street in Amherst. Members will be explaining what it means to be a Lion.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Cheese Sale. Thanks to the Pearl Valley Cheese Company for making the sale possible. They are the greatest. We are looking forward to the sale this spring.

Out and about again, face painting was done at Light Up Lorain, a month long festival of activities celebrating Christmas. Down-

town Lorain is decorated with toy soldiers, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Stars and snowmen. Stores are illuminated by colored lights and sales abound. We volunteered to do face painting for two weekends and were kept very busy. Special thanks to the girl scouts who worked a elves as well as assisted with the face painting.

Lorain Lion of the Month is Bev Husar. She is presently our club Secretary and also writes the lovely letters each December. She coordinates the International Festival. "Aunt B" is active in her church and is known for her good work at Emerson. Lion Bev has been the "go getter" for our grants for vision.

Loudonville

A letter from the American Red Cross gave dates for blood banks in 2011: Feb 16, Apr 13, June 8, Aug 3, Sept 28, Nov 23.

The Board approved donating \$100 to Hospice for Tree of Lights in Central Park in the names of Bill Taylor and George Haudenschild

Board approved donating \$250 to United Way to be designated for the Mohican Community Fund.

Board approved donating \$1000 over a period of five years to the Ashland County Foundation endowment fund called Footprint. For this amount our name will be on a plaque in their building in Ashland.

Read thank you from Buck Haven Learning Center for use of our cooler during their Wounded Warrior archery deer hunt.

Walt Miller also reported that Mason Bigelow, the Ashland boy with optic nerve hypoplasia, to whom our club donated \$5000, is traveling on November 19th to China to get the stem cell based treatment.

The annual Children's Christmas Carnival will be held in the Lions Building on Saturday, December 11th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This has become a very popular event for the children of Loudonville and neighboring communities. Children can visit with Santa, have their photo taken with Santa and put into a folder for \$4, and play various games at 25 cents each with a prize every time. They can purchase food at reasonable costs. Children must be accompanied by an adult who will purchase a batch of tickets at 25 cents each. Only tickets can be used to purchase the various games and food, therefore, children will not be handling money. If they bring a non-perishable item for Helping Hand they get a free game ticket (maximum 5).

Ron Kiefer has arranged for the Lions to once again cook and serve breakfast to the LP bus drivers on the last day of school, Wednesday, December 22 at 8:00 a.m. The drivers enjoy getting together for some socialization before the Christmas break.

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Lucas

Our program year is well under way. Our fund raisers at Heritage Days and Prairie Peddler were successful. It was good to see all of you who stopped by at the Peddler for the “world-famous” bean soup and taco bowls.

We were pleased to again host the community Halloween Parade and costume/float judging competition. Despite less than great weather, there was a good turnout and the cider and donuts went pretty well.

On November 22nd the Lucas Lions hosted the Zone 6 Advisory Meeting. At this function, we conduct some Zone business, but primarily it is an opportunity to meet members of the other clubs, learn about their activities and exchange ideas for programs and events. Representatives from our Lucas Leos Club also attend this meeting and report on their activities.

The club will hold its Christmas Party/Dinner on December 2nd in the school cafeteria. Spouses guests, Leos and district officers are also invited.

Our next community function is the Christmas Tree Lighting event on December 6th at 6:00 p.m. We hope many of you will come join us as we celebrate the season.

Lion President Dan Stotts and Lions Leonard Free and Glen Dawson are representing our club on the planning committee for the Lucas 175th Anniversary celebration to be held next June. We are happy to be participating in this community-wide celebration of our past and present and hopes for the future.

Happy Holidays to all!

Milan Edison

In November, the Milan Lions

- were visited by Zone Chairs John Showalter and Fred Lund.
- the club recognized “Students of Month” Katelyn Alexander for September and Tori Stallkamp for October.
- recycled 317 pounds of aluminum cans.
- collected 20 pair of used eyeglasses.
- started planning for the February Pancake Breakfast FBO Edison Drama Club.

Submitted by Dave Hohler, Secretary

Old Fort

Many thanks to all who helped make the Pancake Supper a success especially our chairman Roger Benz. The profit

should be about \$1630 up \$255.

The calendars are in and ready to be delivered.

- three sight cases approved for \$175 each max
- \$1453 to Gillmor Community Park for wrist banding at fair
- Accepted Brad Steyer into the membership
- Voted to make Bill Biller the charter representative for scouts
- \$250 to Erie County Blind Fund towards \$3800 eye surgery of Bellevue Lion’s daughter

Our annual Lions Peace Poster contest again had a lot of fine entries. The top three winners were:

- 1st \$50 Megan Cleveland – daughter of Bret and Melissa
- 2nd \$30 Alyssa Pence – daughter of Jay and Kara
- 3rd \$20 Jennifer Kirchner – daughter of Ed and Kyung “Suki” Suk

A Blood Drive will run from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Old Fort Elementary Gymnasium. They would appreciate help setting up at noon. The minimum age to give is 17 years. If you are not sure you can donate please call the Red Cross at 1-800-828-1975 with your questions and concerns. The rules have changed over the years and you now may be able to give. Every Old Fort Lion is encouraged to give and if you cannot, please try to get someone to give in your place.

On December 18th we will be meeting at 8:30am at the Fort Seneca Church to PACK and DELIVER fruit baskets for the sick and needy in our area.

Polk

The Polk Lions Club led by Pres. Bob Moorman continues to make an impression on the surrounding community.

The club will donate to all state projects with increased donations to Ohio Lions Foundation and L.C.I.F. The increased donations are due in part to the procurement of a \$750 grant from Verizon. This is the second grant the club has received in the last six months due to the efforts of Lion Margaret Way.

Polk members hosted the recent Zone 7 Advisory meeting. All clubs from the zone were represented and the club thanked all those who attended.

Five members participated in the Polk Halloween Trick or Treat, handing out over 250 candy bars to the many princesses, ghosts and super heroes.

Members voted to support DG Dana and 1st Lady Julianne by helping at the District Convention in April and purchasing an ad in the convention program book. Thirteen members plan to the Convention.

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Members voted to participate in the possible district project, "A Taste of District 13B.

IPP Sandy Welch received the President's award. Polk Lions club received a "Plus One" membership award from PDG Pete DiCesare.



The club's recent hayride provided by Lion Randy Welch and wiener roast hosted by Lion Craig Wiley provided a fun event for members and twenty-three guests. Special guests included the DG Dana, 1st Lady Julianne, and 2nd VDG Dick.



December plans for Polk Lions include participating in the Ashland Holiday Parade, with Lion Barbara Fisher in charge of our entry. Also the club's Holiday Nut Sale starts now and orders were taken until December 2nd. Selections are salted cashews and mixed nuts, along with our own baked cinnamon sugar cashews, mixed nuts, and almonds. New this year will be whole pecans.

This club will be organizing the Polk "Free Christmas" on Dec. 4th. Last year saw over 600 individuals benefiting from the items and groceries donated by the club and other area organizations. The donation of toys were requested of the members. Lion Michelle Hickey was the catalyst in starting this community project.



In addition, food baskets for the area elderly or shut-ins will be provided by the club. Single serving soups, fruit, cookies, teas, noodles, etc., will be collected,

packed and delivered by members.

Submitted by
Lion Candy Donley - Polk Lions Club

Republic

Treasurer Roger Burkholder reported on the Park mowing expense. The price of beer and pop and other Gun Raffle business was discussed. Lion Mike C asked about insurance at the Park as he had previously talked to the village insurance agent.

The Popcorn Ball Project was next on the agenda. Lion Matt M is to purchase the supplies needed to make the balls. We are to start popping the corn at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 3rd. We start making the popcorn balls on Sunday, December 5th at 8:00 p.m.

Sandusky

Zone 3 Advisory meeting met November 17th at the Huron Eagles. DG Zody is looking for a Lion to run for 2nd VDG. Anyone interested? If so, contact DG Zody. He told us that the most important part of retention of new members is the orientation to your club. The sponsor must be a mentor to this new Lion.

We received our Plus I membership certificate and patch from PDG Pete.

The Ohio State All State Band, who will participate at the International Convention, was discussed. They would like each Zone to send a high school representative at a cost of \$1500 per student. We can recruit from our local high schools and our club is responsible for donating or making most of the money to send the student.

PCC Sharon Parker announced a new program, CEP (Club Excellence Process), dedicated to club improvement.

Our district convention will be April 8-9 in Westlake. This year's theme is "Christmas Wonderland". There will be a cornhole tourney, a formal, glitzy evening, door decorating contest, Santa contest and a Toys for Tots drive.

The last Zone 3 Advisory meeting for the year will be held on March 23rd sponsored by the Firelands Lions in Birmingham.

We had the pleasure of meeting our club's Peace Poster winner, 13 year old Shelby Kane, Adams Junior High School. She and her parents, Mark and Angie, attended our meeting on the 24th. Brandy Bennett from the Volunteer Center, along with Lion Jim G, spearheaded the contest in the schools.



Shelby feels that peace should go beyond color, shape and even size. And hopefully someday, if peace is extended around the world, wars will end. Young Shelby is very involved in the

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Sandusky continued

community. She is a Youth for Excellence winner and belongs to Kids Care Club. Shelby even took one of our needy kid's names for Christmas. We hope that you continue serving your community and your future is filled with all that you deserve. Her winning poster was sent to DG Dana where, if it wins, it will continue its journey to state and then International. Good Luck, Shelby.

What's New With..... SANDUSKY LIONS BLIND FUND?

- We received a grant of \$2000 from the Mylander Foundation.
- We received a grant of \$1200 from the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation to purchase the Eye Pal machine for the Sandusky Library.
- Lion Fred has been seeking monetary donations from the Zone I Lions to assist with an epi peal eye surgery for a woman from Bellevue who's deceased father was a Lion.
- Collected 1015 pairs of used glasses with the SMCC Leadership Students during Sight Month.
- Spent \$180 on exams and glasses for the needy.

SMCC Leadership students who helped collect 260 pairs of used glasses during Sight Month



Sycamore

Mohawk teacher Tony Patrizi spoke to the club concerning a teaching project he is initiating at the school. He wants to educate students on how their food is grown and where it comes from. Club voted to give \$50 to this project.

Lions are purchasing 23 poinsettias from the District to place in businesses, churches and give to charter members.

Membership last month: 24

Membership at the end of this month: 24

Tiffin

Tiffin Lions are half way through the Popcorn Ball project. Many thanks to the community, school, and all Lion volunteers who make this project happen on a large scale. Bags of balls have been donated to Health and Family Services, Christ's

Church Food Bank and the School of Opportunity to date. This is our largest community service project.

A donation for \$500.00 was given to the Sandusky Blind Fund to help with an eye operation. One eye exam and pair of eyeglasses were approved. Used eyeglasses continue to be collected.

Upper Sandusky

Lion Kate Aubry introduced the speaker Lana Sakash. Lana is a local counselor and she has traveled to the Ukraine several times on mission trips. However, her topic for the evening was much more personal. She described her journey from finding out her heart was in bad shape to getting a heart transplant at the Cleveland Clinic. She said everything that happened was truly a miracle

Twelve Lions and five Leos participated in the Halloween parade.

Members will be needed on November 13th to help hang the lights in the boulevard at the park for the Fantasy of Lights. Eight members will be needed to collect donations on Friday, December 17th. Lions are needed to hang lights on the downtown trees on November 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Lion Jim Gatchell is to receive the Rotary Club's "Service Above Self" award at a dinner on November 29th.

The Christmas parade will be December 4th. The Lion float will be pulled in the parade with members needed to pass out candy.

Trees at Stepping Stones Park will be planted in the spring. We currently have five trees to plant.

Twenty names will be chosen from the angel tree. Lion John Krock will set a shopping date and members will be needed to help.

Two picnic tables for the reservoir shelter have been ordered.

December and January are food collection months according to Lions International. President Don suggested placing donation boxes at local grocery stores and advertising their locations.

Lion Earl Sayre asked if members would again serve a Christmas dinner to the residents at Senior Village, date to be announced.

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