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STATE CONVENTION 2010

Don't miss out on this year's State Convention at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin. Dates are May 21-23, 2010. Registration and delegate forms are available on the Ohio Lions website: www.ohiolions.org. Questions? Contact MDS Debbie Luttrell.

YOUTH DAY: 2nd Annual Youth Day will be held on Saturday, May 22nd beginning at 11:30 a.m. Motivational speaker Bill Beusay will be the featured speaker along with PCC Jay Gray, executive director of Pilot Dogs. Leo Clubs are asked to bring posters that depict their club activities. Questions? Contact PDG Don DeVault, Youth Chairperson.

See you in May!!!!

IRS 990 Form NEWS

Did your club file a 990 form this year??? If not they should have. PLEASE READ THE IRS NEWS RELEASE BELOW:

The IRS Reminds Tax-Exempt Organizations of All Sizes to File the Form 990 on Time to Preserve Their Tax Exempt Status

IR-2010-10, Jan. 21, 2010

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today reminded tax-exempt organizations to make sure they file their annual information form on

time. In 2010 the tax-exempt status of any non-profit that has not filed the required form in the last three years will be revoked.

The [Pension Protection Act of 2006](#) requires that non-profit organizations that do not file a required information form for three consecutive years automatically lose their Federal tax-exempt status. This requirement has been in effect since the beginning of 2007.

A list of revoked organizations will be available to the public, as well as state charity and tax officials on this website.

If an organization loses its exemption, it will have to reapply with the IRS to regain its tax-exempt status. Any income received between the revocation date and renewed exemption may be taxable.

Small non-profit organizations with annual receipts of \$25,000 or less can file an electronic notice, Form 990-N ([e-Postcard](#)). They will need only a few basic pieces of information to file: the organization's employer identification number, its tax year, legal name and mailing address, any other names used, an Internet address if one exists, the name and address of a principal officer and a statement confirming the organization's annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less.

Tax-exempt organizations with annual receipts above \$25,000 are required to file the Form 990 or the Form 990-EZ annually. Private foundations file Form 990-PF. Churches and integrated auxiliaries

of churches are not required to file Form 990-series returns or notices.

Form 990-series returns and e-Postcards, are due by the 15th day of the 5th month after an organization's tax year ends. For more information visit the [relevant page](#) on this web site.

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Rationale for approval of 2010 dues realignment and increase:

- ◆ Based on 5 year projections of revenue and expenditures through June 30, 2014, the Finance and Long Range Planning Committee has **projected fund deficits in the State Council Fund beginning in fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011).**
- ◆ The State Council Fund deficit is projected to grow from (\$30,146) at June 30, 2011 to (\$127,303) by June 30, 2014. **Dues collected for the State Council Fund are primarily used to provide training for MD 13 leaders and reimburse MD 13 state committee and Council of Governor expenses.**
- ◆ In addition **based on the current dues structure, the Promotions Fund balance is projected to continue to significantly grow to \$121,775 by June 30, 2014 while the Restricted Fund balance is projected to decline to \$4,720 by fiscal year end 2014.** The Promotions Fund is designed to promote Lionism to Lions and non-Lions. Restricted Fund monies are used to highlight MD13 Ohio at the international level and to pay for a portion of International Directors and International VPs campaigns.
- ◆ **The last dues increase of \$1.00 was passed in the late 1980's** and was temporarily added to the Restricted Fund to support the campaign of Jim Coffey for International President. In the mid-1990's, the temporary \$1.00 dues was made permanent and moved to the Promotions Fund.
- ◆ Since that time, **MD13 paid staff levels have been reduced from as high as one full-time person and two part-time people to one paid part-time person.** In recent years, **Committee expense reimbursements and meals provided to MD 13 Council of Governors has also been**

cut. Multiple printed newsletters per year have been replaced with **no printed newsletters.**

- ◆ After careful consideration of the MD 13 finances and current dues structure, **this constitutional amendment was proposed by the ad Hoc Finance Committee, appointed by the Council of Governors, and has been recommended to be brought forward by the Finance and Long Range Planning Committee and the Council of Governors.**
- ◆ This amendment will first **realign dues monies to the proper funds where the expenditures are needed.** In effect, the Promotions \$1.00 dues will be moved to the Restricted Fund.
- ◆ **The additional \$3.00 per member dues increase will help ensure the State Council Fund has sufficient monies to continue to provide quality training to MD 13 Lion leaders and reimburse Lions who serve on MD 13 state committees and the Council of Governors.** (Note: LCI primarily reimburses District Governors for expenses).
- ◆ **If this amendment passes, the Finance and Long Range Planning Committee project sufficient monies will be available for at least the next 5 years to maintain and support the MD 13 Ohio Lions structure and operations.**

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Council of Governors Mtg.	May 21 st
2 nd Vice Gov.-Elect Training	June 4-6 th
Intrnational Convention	June 28 – July 2 nd
Zone Chair Training	July 17 th & 24 th