

13-J Lion of the Year



Lion Larry Cole of the Hillsboro Lions Club was named Lion of the Year at the District Convention, an award presented by the 13-J PDG Association each year.

Lion Larry was nominated by Zone 3 Chair Jim Faust who wrote, "Larry has been a Lion for 22 years and he has been involved in almost every local, district, and state Lions activity possible." He goes on to note the many offices that Larry has held within his club and his great attendance and visiting record. Larry's resume of community service is lengthy and includes many Lions, church, and community projects.

Zone Chair Jim concluded his nomination, "As a member of the Lions organization for nearly 40 years, I have worked with many super Lions members at all levels in many situations. However, I cannot think of any Lion who is more dedicated to the goals of Lionism than Larry Cole."

It also should be noted that Larry's wife Mary was Lion of the Year in 2009.

Congratulations, Lion Larry ... a well-deserved award.

It was a Lot of Fun. Were YOU There?

As of just a few hours ago, the 13-J District Convention was put to bed for another year. It was a lot of fun and you can be assured that if you didn't take part, you really missed a good time, not to mention some good information that really could help your club.

Mark your calendar for April 21 & 22 of next year. In the meantime, enjoy the pictures below. They do speak a thousand words about all that took place!



Did we have fun?



Oh, yes we did!!!!

Buckeye

Notes

from DG "Buckeye"

Jay Carey



Thank you, Lions of 13-J, for the great District Convention. We have emphasized all year that the convention is not MY convention but YOUR district convention, and your participation emphasized that point.

A convention is to share ideas and to enjoy, and we certainly did both this past weekend. The meetings were productive, the seminar sessions were both fun and informative, the food was great, and the fellowship even greater. The old "water cooler" talk is one of the more important facets of any gathering and I witnessed first hand how much you, the Lions of 13-J, enjoyed just "hanging out" with each other.

The convention is also a time to acknowledge achievement and I wish to again congratulate all of the award winners. The awards recognize the service which has made your community a better place to live.

A special note of appreciation I send out to the 13-J Cabinet. You have been wonderful to work with this year and I certainly appreciate your gift of a Jim Coffey Fellowship which you gave to me out of your own pockets. It will be most cherished for many years.

It is always a relief to the District Governor and the supporting staff when a convention is over but then it is a time to reflect on all of the enjoyable memories created by hard work on the part of so many including Convention Chair Sue Willis, CST Jana Deeks, and many Washington Court House Lions and other neighboring Lions.

Although there are two months left in this term, I did not want to miss the opportunity to tell you that Carol and I will always be deeply grateful to each of you for your support and friendship this year.

From the computer desk of 1st VDG Georgia

By this time each club should have elected their new officers and submitted the officer reporting form (PU-101) to LCI and Governor Jay. This club information is used



to update the district directory for the Lions' Year 2011-2012. Carol Carey has graciously volunteered to help gather and edit the directory. We would like to have the changes completed and the directory ready for print by July. Please help us make this happen.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has given me homework to accomplish before attending the District Governor Elect Seminar the first week of July. They have also supplied interesting and valuable information on their website that I am studying. I would like to share with you how to find this information so you too can take advantage of this library of knowledge.

To access LCI training information go to www.lionsclubs.org. Click on Member Center (follow the yellow line across to the member center in blue). In the next window choose and click on Leadership Development. This new page will give you three choices, Lions Learning Center, Training Materials or Leadership Development. Next choose Training Materials for the club officer individual training. Click on president, secretary or treasurer to take the course. The course is done by slide show and has interacting questions and follow-up information. There is also referral to other training material (including Roberts Rules of Order) that will be helpful as you prepare yourself for service to your club.

In training for Governor I have been working in the Lions Learning Center. One of the most interesting courses that I have taken so far is the Meeting Management. I highly recommend this course for anyone that needs to lead a meeting whether at a Lions meeting or the PTA. Here you will find answers for many of your questions on how to prepare and lead a successful meeting.

At the time you receive this issue of the District newsletter (if elected) I will be called District Governor elect. Thank you to all those who took the time to vote for me and who marched in my demonstration.

Convention Election Results

The results of the election held at the 13-J Convention in Washington Court House on May 1 are as follows:

District Governor-elect	Georgia Barber, Leesburg
First Vice District Governor-elect	Rick Tipple, Gallipolis
Second Vice District Governor-elect	Sherry Bingamon, Mt Orab
Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation	PDG Norman Cupps, Chillicothe
State Building Trustee	PDG Jay Carey

The District leaders will take their positions effective July 8 with the District Governor Installation Ceremony at the International Convention in Seattle Washington.

DG Jay presented DG-elect Georgia Barber with her Governor's gavel.





I look back through the articles that I've written since becoming Second Vice District Governor, and it amazes me how frequently I have mentioned how rapidly the year is going by. I was told that this would be the case, and here we are only two months remaining in this Lions' year. I hope that you had representatives of your club at the convention and that some of them represented your club as delegates so that your club's voice was heard.

There were some great food, informative seminars, and well-deserved recognitions. The business sessions, necrology service, and the messages from ID Haynes Townsend all made this a very worthwhile weekend.

The Necrology Service, of course, honors those Lions and Lionesses from our district who have died in the past year. I have had the opportunity to attend seven other district necrology services and it is my opinion that if you attend ours you will be attending the best.

Remember that there are some things every club needs to do before we close out this year, such as elections of club officers and the completion of the PU- 101 with LCI.

Another thing that we need to continue to work on is membership. (You knew I couldn't do an article without talking about membership since it's the lifeblood of our clubs.) There is some shuffling and renaming of the structure for membership, retention and extension, to hopefully put more emphasis on growing the organization. The bottom line is still the same. We have to go out and ask people to join our clubs. So, in your spare time, ask someone to be a Lion.

Congratulations 13-J Contest Winners

Excellence in Communications

The Excellence in Communications Award recognizes and promotes effective communications strategies that enhance a successful Lions Club. It should be noted that this is not a scrapbook contest but rather seeks to encourage clubs to create widespread awareness of the mission and activities of Lions Clubs.

1st Jackson Lions Club

A picture and/or article follows every meeting, pre-and post-project articles are frequent, community involvement and support is superb.

2nd Wilmington Lions Club

Regular media write-ups, bi-monthly member newsletter, and notebooks and scrapbooks for every year.

3rd tie New Holland Lions Club
Lynchburg Lions Club

Four judges agreed that it would be a shame to eliminate one of these clubs. Regular radio and newspaper cover, placemat and community involvement in Lynchburg, eyeglasses and candy dispensers through New Holland community.

Healthy Club Award

The Healthy Club award recognizes membership improvement by measuring net membership growth and successful retention outcomes.

1st Jackson Lions, Club

14 new members, 20.3% growth

2nd Greenfield Lions Club

4 new members, 16.6% growth

3rd Blanchester Lions Club

2 new members, 10% growth

District Governor's Contest

The various District Governor's Contests encourage timely reporting,

inter-club activities, attendance at district, state, and international functions, and support of Lions state and international programs and the motto: WE SERVE.

Small Clubs (Under 25 Members)

1st New Holland Lions Club

708 points, 65% of which were earned in Club Service

2nd Leesburg Lions Club

519 points, a number of local projects

3rd Lynchburg Lions Club

513 points of which 285 were earned from donations

Medium Clubs (26-50 Members)

1st Hillsboro Lions Club

1409 points, 55% earned in Club Service, 152 points in district and state participation

2nd Mt Orab Lions Club

753 points, 1900 pair of used eye glasses, 44% of points from donations

3rd Gallipolis Lions Club

527 points, 57% of points in Club Service, 2,000 pair of used eye glasses

Large Clubs (51+ Members)

1st Bellbrook Lions Club

1438 points, 42% from collecting used eye glasses

2nd Jackson Lions Club

36% of points earned from contributions to Lions projects and their community

3rd Wilmington Lions Club

83% of total points earned in Club Service

13-J Governor's Leo Contest

1st Waverly Leo Club

3552 total points

32.11 service points

2nd Ripley-Union-Lewis-

Huntington Leo Club

410 total points

“Small...but Mighty”

The headline read, “Wellston Lions Club may be small, but its projects are mighty important.”

The article in the newspaper known as *The Telegram* ran a four column article detailing the purpose of Lions Clubs and, particularly, the Wellston Lions Club’s contributions to its community.

Among the things listed are the Veal Festival in May which helps provide local scholarships and the Rose Sale in August which funds the Lions eye glasses program as well as provides support for the local food bank. In September, the Lions sell fish sandwiches at the Coal Festival and proceeds usually support other community events. The traditional Halloween Costume Contest in October and the Christmas Parade in December are both sponsored by the Wellston Lions Club and are perennial community favorites.

The article includes a plug for new members and details the date, time, and place for meetings.

Congratulations to Wellston Lions for this great article. It is a wonderful way to explain to the community what Lionism is all about. Can new members be far behind with such great PR?



25-Year Pin Awarded

Jeffersonville Lion President Bob Steeler (right) presented Lion Jim Downing with a 25-Year Chevron at the club’s April meeting

Ironton Lions Award W.R. Bryan Award



OLERF Chair/PDG Norman Cupps (right) presented the Dick Bryan Fellowship to Dr. Bill Basedow on behalf of the Ironton Lions Club.

Ironton Lions Club member Dr. Bill Basedow was recently awarded the prestigious “W.R. Bryan Award” for his service to the Lions and his community in Diabetes Awareness and Prevention. Dr. Basedow has been a member of the Ironton Lions Club for 8 years. He and his wife Arlene are both Doctors (DO), and own and operate the Basedow Family Clinic in Ironton. Dr. Basedow is active in all local Lion activities and takes an active interest in college sports. He has been instrumental in the medical supervision of all of the annual Ironton Lions Club Diabetes Awareness Days.

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We Serve

Mt. Orab, OH

Mt. Orab Lions Club

April 12, 2011

Lion Jay Carey
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Dear Lion D.G. Jay:

This is to certify that the Mount Orab Lions Club has officially voted to support the Second Vice District Governor candidacy of Lion Sherry Bingamon of 311 Water Street, Mt. Orab, OH 45154 for Lions year 2011-2012. Lion Sherry is a long-time member (in good standing), joining our club in October 2003. We are united in her support, and we believe she is well qualified to serve our District 13-J in this endeavor.

To the best of our knowledge she meets all the requirements as she has served our Club as President in 2005-2006 and our Zone 4 Chair the past two years of 2009-2011. Lion Sherry assures us that she has the desire to continue on her ultimate goal to become the future Governor of District 13-J.

Lion Sherry has been a tireless worker in our Club and in our District, and we are proud and pleased to be able to support her quest for future service to Lionism.

Sincerely,

PDG Robert "Bob" Richmond, President
Mount Orab Lions Club