



Kicking off a New Year

On or before July 1, we kick off a new Lions year with new officers, new plans, and new directions. I am truly honored to be serving as your District Governor this year and hope that I can work for you and with you to make your Lions Club as good as it can be.

Any Lions Club is as relevant and active as your members want it to be. Can it be better? Of course, everything can be improved. The question is, "Do you want it to be better?"

My goal this year is to make District 13-J as good as it can be but just like your club, we are only as strong as our weakest link. It takes every Lion making a commitment to the LCI motto --- WE SERVE.

To say that we are going to get better is an elusive statement. We need strong and specific goals and most of all, we need the commitment of many Lions to really improve.

The goals for District 13-J for 2010-11 were set after consultation with numerous Lions around our district. They are a product of numerous discussions and great commitment by your leadership. I sincerely hope that you commit to success for you club and community.

* 13-J GOALS *

1. For every club which asks for assistance, there will be programs designed for them to increase club

membership. Clubs with 10 or less members will increase membership by 25% by December 31, 2010 and exceed 12 members by June 30, 2011.

2. The number of clubs in 13-J will increase by 2 by June 30, 2011.

3. 3 extension workshops will be held in the district by June 30, 2011. Two of the workshops will be conducted before December 31, 2010.

4. 3 Leo Clubs will be added in the district by June 30, 2011.

5. 13-J will increase the number of clubs sponsoring Peace Poster Contests by 50% during the 2010-11 Lions year.

6. 13-J will have a declared candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor by January 1, 2011.

7. A district newsletter will be distributed on a monthly basis to each club within the district.

* YOUR HELP IS VITAL *

You can readily see that it will take many Lions wanting to be better for all of this to happen.

If your club falls into the parameters established in Goal #1, please, PLEASE, keep in mind that we do not want to run your show.

We want to help you better serve your community. You must want to do this or it will not succeed. It's up to you to call and ask for our assistance.

Clubs should also pay attention to goal #5. Have you ever sponsored a Peace Poster Contest? It only takes a \$10 kit per school to get started and it is wonderful PR for your club. Contact PDG Debbie Lloyd 740-286-5971 or lloydroars@yahoo.com to find out how.

And finally, Goal #7...The newsletter is to help keep you informed and to promote your activities. Please relay information that is relevant to your members AND send in your pictures and activities so we can show others your success. All contact information for district officers is on the back page of each newsletter.

Use your District Governor, Vice District Governors, Zone Chairs, and newsletter editor to help you build success for your club.

Go Lions (and Bucks, too)

District Governor
"Buckeye"
Jay
Carey



offering hope, integrity, opportunity

From the computer desk of
**1st Vice District
Governor
Georgia**



This column, dedicated to words of wisdom from the 1st VDG, has been awarded to me for the Lion's year 2010-11. Somehow, in a moment of feeling strong and confident, I put my name in the hat for the job.....and the job looms ahead like a very tall mountain of responsibilities. The first Sunday in June, I came home from three days of training for 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors with a stack of handouts, a head filled with new knowledge, and a deep appreciation for the MD-13 Leadership Committee.

The Lion sitting in front of the computer desk will represent me for the next two years. The computer is a gateway to a vast world of knowledge and a tool that is free for all to use. In preparation for the District's Officer Training Session for Secretaries and Treasurers, I did research online. What a wealth of information is available to all Lions on the LCI website and the Ohio Lions state website.

Below is a listing of a few of the sites at www.ohiolions.org

- **Resource Center:** Here you will find PDF files containing print friendly information. Print your club a copy of the MD-13 Constitution, By Laws and Policy Manual. The Ohio Plan used by the club to bring in new members is listed here. An important booklet on Legal Affairs, a must have for all clubs to stay in compliance with state and federal regulations. And the list goes on.....

The Lions Clubs International (LCI) site at www.lionsclubs.org

- **Membership:** Click on this site to open a wealth of knowledge. Club Resource Center contains club forms, publications and information that are print friendly. Communicate Your Club's Activities gives you PR tools. A guide to sponsoring a Leo Club can be found at this site. There is even a link to creating a website for your Lions Club with the e-Clubhouse.

Please let me know if I can be of service to you.

Tips Tidbits

Hello, my name is Rick Tipple, and I'm your newly elected Second Vice District Governor. I have just recently returned from completion of the second vice district governor training class in which I learned all kinds of new things that I'm going to be responsible for completing in the coming year. One of these things is to pick a subject and write a news article for our district newsletter every month. Since I've never done anything like this in my career, I find this to be a daunting task, but here goes.

My topic is education/learning. Over this past year PDG Charlie was constantly offering relatively new books on Leadership for us to read and learn from. I suspect very few took up Charlie's challenge and actually read any of the books that he suggested. Does anybody not remember the joy we felt when we graduated from high school, and finally got out from under that disciplined learning approach? We were all encouraged to continue our education, whether going to college or to a trade school.

So when does this educational process end? For some of you, my comment may come as a disappointment. I think we learn from the time we are born until we die. I believe that the more we learn the better prepared we are to deal with the problems that the future brings.

What does this have to do with Lions? The world is changing faster every year. We as Lions have to be prepared to deal with the problems that these changes bring, both in the recruiting of new members, and in the operation of our clubs.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone especially the membership chairs to take advantage of every training opportunity, especially in the areas of membership, retention, extension, and communication. Communication is one of the most rapidly changing fields in the world today. We must learn or we will be left behind.

District Officers Summer Schedule

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
18 Mini Cabinet	7 State Committee Meetings
Washington CH	7/8 1st Council meeting
24 Zone Chair Training	Columbus
Chillicothe	15 1st Cabinet Meeting
25 COLEB day at the	Lake Waynoka
Clippers	21 Bellbrook Festival
31 Lions Day at Reds	

A Simple Football Cheer

“It started out as a simple football cheer,” noted OSU President Gordon Gee, “but today O-H-I-O means much more.”

With that thought in mind, DG Buckeye Jay will soon offer the new 13-J Governor’s Pin for sale. The price cannot be set until the mini-cabinet meeting in mid-July but it is sure to be a popular item around the state.

In addition, DG spouse Carol will offer an accompanying pin for \$5.00 with all proceeds to be donated to Pilot Dogs.



Get both ASAP as they will go fast!



13-J CONTESTS: START NOW!

To avoid confusion and to give you plenty of time to prepare your entries, the District Contests are being announced now.

Healthy Club Award will recognize membership improvement. Clubs must show a net membership growth and verify a successful retention outcome.

Excellence in Communication Award has been established to improve communications concerning Lions Club activities and purpose, need for new members, and sponsorship encouragement. A scrapbook should be prepared demonstrating such efforts.

District Governor’s Contest encourages: timely reporting, interclub activities; attendance at district, state, and international functions; support of Lions’ state and international programs and the motto, “We Serve.” The District Governor’s Contest has three divisions: large clubs with 51 or more members, medium sized clubs with 26 to 50 members, and small clubs with 25 or less.

The District Governor’s Leo Contest has changed slightly and will be explained to Leo Advisors and Officers in August and in the new district directory.

These contests are designed to give every size club a chance to win. Just ask Lynchburg a club with less than 20 members which consistently wins awards.

You can’t win if you don’t enter. Nomination forms will be available in January. **The deadline for entry for all contests is April 1, 2011.** See the new directory for complete details for each contest, and start collecting you stats today!

Service and Sand Dollars

Sid Scruggs, was elected as President of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association’s 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 - July 2, 2010.

President Scruggs is a retired commercial airline pilot who resides in Vass, North Carolina. His complete bio is detailed in the new district directory which will be coming in July.

IP Scruggs was the speaker at the Ohio Lions Convention held in May as was written in the last newsletter. It was noted that he used the acronym for Lions to mean Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service.

This depiction of our organization is perfect for what will

be the emphasis for IP Scruggs year, and that is Service, Service, Service.

To illustrate his point, Scruggs told the story of a little boy standing on a beach which was literally covered with thousands of sand dollars. The boy stood there throwing one sand dollar at a time back into the ocean.

A man who witnessed the actions of the boy, approached him, and told him that he was wasting his time because with all of the sand dollars strewn around, he could not possibly make a differenc.

To which, the wise little boy picked up another sand dollar and replied, “It makes a difference to this one,” as he threw it too back in the water.

The new pin for IP Sid Scruggs



What a great approach for our Lions Clubs. Your club, big or small, wealthy or not, can make a difference one person at a time, one dollar at a time. When, in your heart, you know you have made a difference, is the day you know you really are a Lion.

IP Sid Scruggs has challenged each of us to make a difference in our community...a commitment every club can make with confidence and pride.

Let’s do it!



13-J Club Officers attended the training sessions held in June. This one, held at the Southern State campus in Washington Court House, was very well attended.



Gallipolis Lion and MFJ Fellow Gene Wood presented a Melvin Jones Award to Lion Harold Thompson during the June 2nd Charter Night Celebration.



Incoming New Holland President Marty Mace presented a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing President Ed Taylor



New WCH President Sue Willis was installed by PDG Elaine Newberry



DG Jay Carey installed incoming Beaver Creek President Jane Cotterman

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