

HISTORY OF DISTRICT 13 E

DISTRICT 13 E had its beginning in 1966. It consisted of 44 clubs in ten counties; Clark, Champaign, Miami, Darke, Mercer, Auglaize, Hardin, Shelby, Logan, and Union.

Prior to 1966, the Subdistricts in Multiple District 13 were divided in a different way. The counties of Clark, Darke, and Miami were in District C, along with Preble, Greene, Montgomery, Madison, and Fayette counties. The other counties now in District E were in District D (Mercer, Auglaize, Shelby, Hardin, Logan, Champaign, and Union.)

This redistricting in 1966 was done all over Multiple District 13 to make a more equal distribution of clubs and membership among the Subdistricts. Over the years, some of the Subdistricts had grown much larger than the other Subdistricts.

The redistricting was done by a committee of one member from each Subdistrict appointed by the District Governor from each of the Subdistricts. Lion Gerald Mote, a member of the Laura Club represented our area.

The last District Governors to serve in the "Old" Districts, which are now in District E were Lions Oliver M. Kuck (District D) and Paul H. Harris in District C.

The first Governor to serve in District E was Lion Max Rose who was a member of the Sidney Club. His Cabinet Secretary was Lion Luther Fogt. The Senior Deputy was Lion Emery Tyree, a member of the Northridge Club, and the Jr. Deputy was Donald Wittwer, a member of the Wapakonetta Club. The Zone Chairmen were Lion John Mauer, Zone 1; Lion Tom Bodell, Zone 2; Lion Kenneth Barclay, Zone 3; Lion Carl Rockhold, Zone 4; Keith Roberts, Zone 5; Lion James Funderberg, Zone 6; Lion David Haney, Zone 7; and Herman Benton, Zone 8.

Other members of the Cabinet were Lion Fritz Hemmert, Blind Welfare-Sight Conservation; Lion Olin Rahrig, Braile Board; Lion Don Gibbs, Constitution & By Laws; Lion Jasper Emrick, Extention; Lion Lawrence Lotts, International Convention; Lion Dan Martin, International Relations; Lion Paul Harris, Membership & Retention; Lion Oliver

Kuck, Public Relations; Lion David Studebaker, Eye Research Board. (This was the first year that he was elected to the Board). He served with distinction until 1994. A total of 28 Years.

The total number of Cabinet members at that time was 22. We now have 41 Cabinet members and 14 Advisory members.

Since the beginning of our District, we have added the following State and District Committees:

In 1969, Youth Exchange; Chairman, Lion Tom J. Bodell

Leo Clubs; Chairman, Lion Lawrence Lotz

In 1970, Lions Information, Chairman, Lion Lawrence Lotz

In 1971, State Finance and Planning, This was a State Wide Committee.

This was designated as an elective office. Each Subdistrict

Chairman must be elected for a term of three years to give the

Committee a continuity of members at the State level.

District E's first chairman was Lion John P. Johnson.

In 1972 Leadership Development and Schools; Chairman Lion Donald

R. Wittwer, who served on this committee with distinction until 1995-96.

In 1975 Environmental Committee, Chairman Lion Max Rose.

Lions Club International Foundation, Chairman Lion Richard Crawford.

In 1976 District Pins, Chairman Lion C. Thomas Roberds

In 1977 Lioness Clubs, Chairman Lion Donald C. Yoder

Club Activities, Chairman Lion John P. Johnson.

Leo Clubs, Chairman Lion Gerald Hendrichs

Hearing Conservation, Chairman Lion Fletcher Myers.

In 1979 Bulletin Editor, Chairman Lion Larry Snyder

In 1982 Ohio Lions Eye Bank, Chairman, Lion Robert Barnhart

In 1984 Drug Awareness, Chairman, Lion Matthew Davis

In 1986 Diabetes Awareness, Chairman Lion Richard Palsgrave

In 1987 Ohio Lions Foundation, Chairman Lion C. Thomas Roberds

The following new clubs were added to the District since 1966. Huntsville-Indian Lake and National Trail in 1970; Springfield Breakfast in 1971, Riverside in 1972, Gettysberg in 1975, Northwestern in 1976, Rockford in 1977, Upper Scioto Valley in 1978, Fort Recovery in 1979, Indian Lake in 1981, Catawba and Rushsylvania in 1985. A total of 12 new clubs.

The following clubs dropped since 1966; New Hampshire, Dunkirk, Richwood, Hollansberg, New Madison, National Trail and Springfield Breakfast. A total of 7 dropped.

The following Lioness Club were added to the District. Bradford Lioness in 1986;

Marysville Lioness in 1977; and Fletcher Lioness in 1978.

*The following Leo Clubs were added to the District. Coldwater Leo Club in 1990;
Marysville Leo Club in 1994; and Enon Leo Club in 1996.*

*Submitted by,
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