



# OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13E NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2012



## FROM THE DESK OF THE DG

Fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leo's of District 13E;

It's hard to believe it is February and the district convention will be here before we know it. The convention form and tentative schedule has been posted on the district website, <http://www.lionsdist13e.org>. As of this publication we are in need of a candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. Any qualified Lion may contact 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Jack Preston, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Darlene Roll or myself if interested. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

The 5th Annual District 13E Bowling Tournament for Alzheimer's and Diabetic Research will be held Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the T.P. Lanes in Bellefontaine, Ohio. PDG Hank Kies has graciously committed to chair this event again, the flyer can be found on page 6 and the registration form on page 7.

I want to take this opportunity to update you on President Tam's Million Tree Planting Campaign, if you have not been following it on the Lions International website. As of January 22, 2012 the number of trees planted worldwide was 6,644,475. In our district, 29 trees have been planted and reported officially through the WMMR reporting site at LCI. I know of several clubs that have planted trees by their "paper activity report". To count towards the district goal all activities must be reported through the WMMR reporting site. Lions Clubs International will no longer accept the activities report by snail mail. I have said in several articles over the past three years LCI will be phasing out the paper forms. I believe the writing is on the wall. In the September 2011 newsletter I told you of my goal that all club secretaries in our district would have a 100% online reporting on the WMMR site by the end of my term. I am committed to this goal and have posted the WMMR Complete Reference Guide on our district website at the club resource center. I will personally train as many secretaries that need it.

Until the next newsletter,

I believe in you, the Lions of District 13E.  
DG Bill



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## GOVERNORS VISITATION SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

1 - Northridge Lioness'  
7 - Riverside Community Lions  
8 - Zone 3 Meeting

11- 3rd Council & State Meetings  
13- Bradford Lioness'  
14 - Newton Leo & West Mansfield

15- Waynesfield Lions  
16- 3rd District Cabinet Meeting @  
A. B. Graham Center



## Words and Actions by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG

Hello Lions of District 13-E;

I sit at my window this morning looking out on a world of snow and ice. The birds of all types and colors are mobbing the suet block and bird bells hanging from our small tree in the front of our house. It's a pretty scene, especially since I am inside where it's warm looking out at the cold.

Its been a very busy week. PDG Joie Mills from Cave City, Kentucky traveled to our district and taught a workshop on forming new Lions Clubs. After the training a team of us drove to Anna and Botkins in the hopes of forming a new Lions Club in those areas. We have been well received with several commitments from the village administrator, Chief of police, owner of the local IGA store, and the owner of the In-Between Restaurant located half way between Anna and Botkins. Several more citizens of those two villages have committed to attend an organizational meeting at the Anna Village Council Chambers this coming Thursday at 6:30 pm. We are also scheduled to give a decision briefing to the Jackson Center Area Development Association on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January at noon and hope for permission to form a new Lions Club in their town. Keep your fingers crossed and wish us luck! Many thanks to the Lions from Kenton, Marysville, North Hampton, Rockford, Rushsylvania, and Wapak Lions Clubs that attended this training and helped us canvass Anna and Botkins areas to form these new clubs.

This past weekend Lion Cindy and I attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lions Winter Retreat sponsored by Ohio Lions and held at Deer Creek State Park. We had an excellent time seeing Lions that we only see at district and state level Lions meetings and planning with my fellow 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors for the upcoming Pilot Dogs auction to be held on February 10, 2012 during the council of Governors weekend. If you have never attended a Lions winter retreat, I highly recommend it.

I have received the brochures for next years USA/Canada Leadership Forum to be held in Tampa, Florida in September 2012. I will be distributing them as I visit Lions Club meetings and Zone meeting in the near future. My visitation schedule is below.

In Lions, I remain your obedient servant,  
1VDG Jack

### !ST VDG VISITATION SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

- |                        |                                    |                                  |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1- Waynesfield Lions   | 14 - Northwestern Lions            | 25 - Rushsylvania Lions Pancake  |
| 6 - West Liberty Lions | 16 - District 13E Cabinet Meeting  | Breakfast                        |
| 8 - Zone 3 Meeting     | 23 - Zone 4 Meeting, Milford Lions | 25 - Waynesfield Lions Beef and  |
| 13- Huntsville Lions   |                                    | Noodle Super                     |
|                        |                                    | 28 - Zone 2 Meeting, Wapak Lions |



## NEWS & VIEWS FROM THE PEN OF 2<sup>ND</sup> VDG

Dear Lions, Lioness Members & Leos of District 13-E;

As I write this letter, I find it hard to believe that January is almost over and February – with one extra day this year for leap year – is right around the corner. I always like to see February come – even though there can be some very “nasty” winter weather. When it stays light longer in the evening and starts to get light a little earlier in the morning, we know the promise of spring is just around the corner.

There are so many Lions activities coming up – District 13-E Convention at the McIntosh Center on the Ohio Northern University Campus on April 14<sup>th</sup>, Ohio Lions State Convention in Dublin in May, the International Convention in Korea in June and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Florida's Tampa Bay area in September. *Be sure to check out all of these activities on the district, state or International websites.* If you've never attended one of these activities, please consider doing so this year. It is amazing all the things that you can learn and all the friendships you can build at one of these functions.

Of course, there are all the club activities that are in the planning phase now for implementation in the early spring – flower sales, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, park openings, Little League team sponsorships, roadside clean-up, recycling projects and the list goes on and on and always seems to include collecting recycled eyeglasses, too. Clubs should also be busy putting together their 2012-2013 slate of officers, electing those officers, ensuring that they are scheduled to attend officer training later in the spring, and forwarding the PU-101 club/officer information to the appropriate district officer. Planning, implementing, follow-up – all part of *Leadership!*

Have you ever looked at the Lions Clubs International Calendar of Events? January is Feeding the Hungry Global Service Action Campaign and Glaucoma Awareness Month, March is Eye Donor Awareness Month, April is Leo Club Awareness Month and Environmental Projects Global Service Action Campaign, and May is Recycle for Sight Month. If your club has not already considered promoting and participating in some of these activities, why not plan an activity soon?

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Darlene's Visitation Schedule – February

February 6<sup>th</sup> – Springfield National Trail Club

February 7<sup>th</sup> – Laura Club

February 20<sup>th</sup> – Cridersville Club

Until next month  
Lion Darlene/2<sup>nd</sup> VDG

P.S. – Have you seen the billboard on Business Route I-75/State Route 67 at the east edge of Wapakoneta? I didn't get a good look (it was dark and the sign wasn't lighted) but I've heard that it's all about Lions helping to prevent blindness. What a positive PR tool!

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR ZONE?

### YOUR ZONE CHAIR

#### Zone 1

Lion Bob Hare

#### Zone 2

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Darlene Roll

#### Zone 3

Lion Bob Cline

#### Zone 4

Lion Marvin Gilbert

#### Zone 5

Lion Mitch Sweeny

#### Zone 6

Lion Larry Green

#### Zone 7

Lion Jenny Landers

#### Zone 8

Lion Jim Ballard

#### Zone 9

Lion Karl Cox

Zone 2 Meeting, 28 February

Zone 3 Meeting, 8 February

Zone 4 Meeting, 23 February

Zone 6 Meeting, 22 February

**Please send your Zone's activity information to lionsnewsletter@yahoo.com no later than the 20th of the month prior to the publishing of the newsletter. March newsletter information due by February 20th.**

## CLUB HAPPENINGS

**Urbana Lions Club** is having their annual pancake/sausage breakfast on **Saturday, February 11, 2012**, at the 4-H Building at the Champaign County Fairgrounds. We will serve from 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased from any Urbana Lion member or at the door the day of the event. Come join us for some good food and entertainment.

**Rushsylvania Lions Club** are holding a Pancake & Sausage fundraiser on **Sat., Feb. 25** from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Lions meeting room in downtown Rushsylvania across from the post office. The cost is by donation for pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee or milk.

**Waynesfield Lions** are holding their Beef and Noodle Dinner on **Sat., Feb. 25**. Contact Club President 2nd VDG Darlene Roll, bhr8456@embarqmail.com, or club Secretary Lion Sharon Cummins, Iscummins@embarqmail.com for more information.

**Bradford Lions** are having their annual Pancake and Sausage Day on **Saturday, March 3rd**, at the Bradford School Auditoria. Featured will be "all you can eat pancakes" served with whole hog sausage, scrambled eggs, and applesauce. Beverages will be available at a nominal cost. Serving will be from 7 AM to 12:30 PM. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and children 12 and under at \$3.50. Whole hog sausage will be available for purchase. All profits will fund an annual scholarship given to a Bradford High School senior. Any questions, call Lion Kathy Myers, 937-448-2667.

**Give a shout out to these clubs welcoming new members.**

**Arcanum Lions** welcome **Brian Schlechty**, sponsored by Lion Lucian Blier.

**Cridersville Lions** welcome **Joseph Brown**, sponsored by Lion Eugene Watts.

**Kenton Lions** welcome **Sam Norris**, sponsored by DG Bill Keller and **George Robinson**, sponsored by Lion

Phyllip Jennings.

**Laura Lions** welcome **Cheryl Miller**, sponsored by Lion Rick Miller.

**Mechanicsburg Lions** welcome **Scott T. Wolf**, sponsored by Lion Mark Breon.

**Northridge Lions** welcome **Russell Coopoer, Jr**, sponsored by Lion Paul McCarty.

**Northwestern Lions** welcome **Lloyd Palmer**, sponsored by Lion William Couchman and **David L. Stitche**, sponsored by Lion Dale Ormeroid.

**Remember, if you don't ask they can't say Yes.**

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## UPCOMING LIONS EVENTS!

### INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

22-26 June 2012- International Convention  
Busan, Korea  
Sept. USA/Canada Forum  
Tampa Bay, Florida

### STATE EVENTS

State Convention  
18-20 May, 2012 - Embassy Suites, Dublin, Ohio

### DISTRICT EVENTS

District 13-E Convention  
14 April 2012, - McIntosh Center - Ada, Ohio  
Officer Training  
26 May, 2012 - TBD

## In Our Prayers



Please keep PDG Sheryl Schlatters sister, Julie Peterson, in your prayers as she recovers from a lung mass.

Continue to keep West Liberty Lion **Andy Snapp** in your prayers as he recovers from his burns.

Continue keeping **2VDG Darlene Roll** and her family in your prayers.

Keep the family and friends of **Lion Chet Marker** in your prayers.



## God Bless Our Military!

**SPC Gerald (Gary) Norris**, now serving stateside with the 1-174th ADA RGT Army National Guard Unit from Cincinnati. Grandson of Rushsylvania Lions Bruce & Louise Norris

**2LT Amanda Preston Johnston**, U.S. Army Nurse. Daughter of 1st VDG/Wapakoneta Lion Jack & Cindy Preston

**CPT Brian Johnston**, U.S. Army. Son-in-law of 1st VDG/Wapakoneta Lion Jack & Cindy Preston

**SGT Jack Preston, Jr.**, U.S. Army. Son of 1st VDG/Wapakoneta Lion Jack & Cindy Preston

**SGT Jennifer Preston**, Ohio Army National Guard. Daughter of 1st VDG/Wapakoneta Lion Jack & Cindy Preston

**SPC Kent T. Ransbottom**, Army National Guard. Son of Rockford Lions Tom & Neva Ransbottom

**TSgt Brad A Powell**, 123rd Air Control Sqdn, Ohio Air National Guard, Blue Ash Air National Guard Station. Deploying to Southeast Asia supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Husband of West Liberty Lion Brandy Powell and Son-In-Law of Lions Jim and Thresa Hickman.

### The Importance of walking:

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$4,000 per month.

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where the hell he is.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.



Lion David Miller has a new email address. Please update your records.  
dfmjr50@gmail.com



### BRAIN TEASER

I am always hungry, I must always be fed. The finger I like will soon turn red.  
Find answer in this newsletter.

## GLOBAL SERVICE ACTION CAMPAIGN



### December/January – Relieving the Hunger

Today, there are more than one billion people who do not have enough to eat. One person out of six lives in a state of chronic hunger. Lions have an opportunity to show the strength of our worldwide network during a special service action campaign, "Relieving the Hunger."

#### Take Action

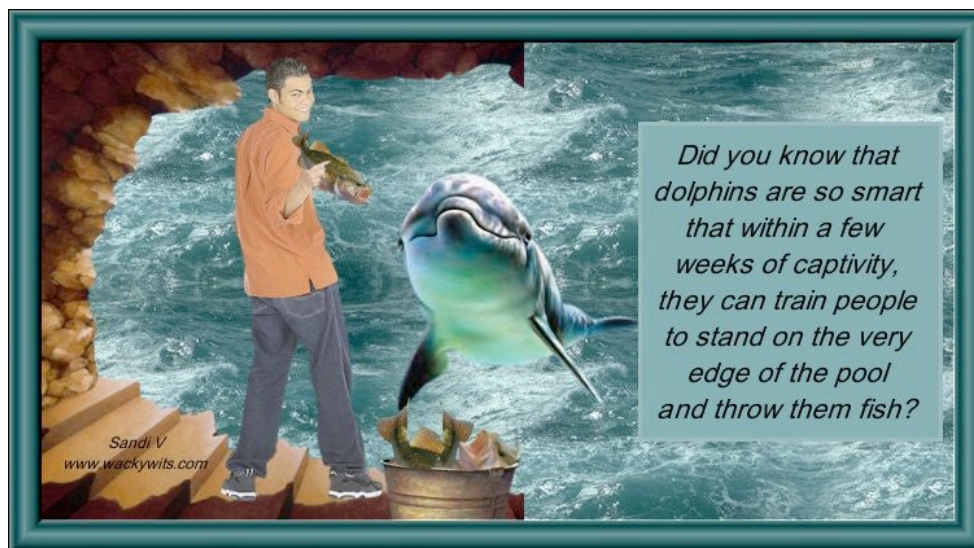
During December and January, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world to help relieve hunger.

- Organize projects that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community – by helping those who don't have enough to eat.
- Visit The Global FoodBanking Network or Feeding America for volunteer opportunities near you. If your local food bank does not have volunteer opportunities available, you may wish to consider other service projects such as preparing and delivering food baskets to families in need or planting a community vegetable garden.

## 25TH PEACE POSTER CONTEST THEME ANNOUNCED



Help us celebrate the 25th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest by sponsoring a local school or youth group in the 2012-2013 competition. The theme for the contest is "Imagine Peace." Lions have given millions of boys and girls a chance to express their visions of peace through this program. Contest kits will go on sale on January 15 from Club Supplies. Learn more about the contest, including how to order a kit. Each kit includes an entry form for this year's Lions International Essay Contest for students who are visually impaired, which shares the theme "Imagine Peace."



Answer to **Brain Teaser**: Fire.



## 5th Annual District 13-E

# Bowling Tournament for Alzheimer's And Diabetic Research

**Saturday – April 21, 2012**  
**1:00 p.m.**

*T.P. Lanes*  
*300 East Lake Avenue, Bellefontaine, Ohio*

**\$15.00 per person**

This is a chance for you, your club, or your zone to do a great thing and have fun! Teams do not have to be just Lions. Get a group together and make a reservation to bowl. Proceeds will be donated to local Alzheimer's and Diabetic research. If you cannot join in on the fun – think about donating a door prize or making a donation.



**Team Registration due by April 14, 2012**

<p>For information or reservations: PDG H.A. "Hank" Kies 429 Colton Avenue Bellefontaine, OH 43311-1825</p>	<p><i>Proceeds will be donated to Alzheimer's Research in memory of Lion Harriet Kies and Diabetic Research in memory of PDG John "Dick" Russell.</i></p>
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**Lions District 13-E Bowl Down for Alzheimer’s and Diabetic Research  
Team Registration Form**

\$15 per person or \$75 per 5-person team

**Please Print**

Date:	Team Captain:
Team Name:	Telephone Number:

Bowler #1	Name:	City:
	Address:	Zip Code:
	Telephone:	Male/Female

Bowler #2	Name:	City:
	Address:	Zip Code:
	Telephone:	Male/Female

Bowler #3	Name:	City:
	Address:	Zip Code:
	Telephone:	Male/Female

Bowler #4	Name:	City:
	Address:	Zip Code:
	Telephone:	Male/Female

Bowler #5	Name:	City:
	Address:	Zip Code:
	Telephone:	Male/Female

Mail to: PDG H.A. “Hank” Kies, 429 Colton Avenue, Bellefontaine, OH  
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