



"Communicating with the Lions of Multiple District 13 – Ohio"

Issue: **SUMMER, 2010**

STATE CONVENTION 2010

Approximately 300 Lions and Guests enjoyed the weekend at Embassy Suites attending relevant seminars, informative business meetings and voting for the Dues Increase/Realignment. PID Steven Sherer was endorsed as a candidate for 2nd Vice President.

We also enjoyed the weekend with incoming International President Sid Scruggs III and Lion Judy. What an opportunity to hear what his theme will be for the coming year, "Beacon of Hope" and how we as Lions can be a "light" to those in need.

Winter Retreat

Jan 14th through 16th, 2011 at Mohican State Park and Resort. Registration form is on the Ohio Lions website. Deadline to register is December 1st (seems like a long way off....but time flies - before you know it will be football season!!)

DUES INCREASE

The \$3.00 a year (\$1.50 ½ year) dues increase will become effective July 1, 2010. Club Secretaries and Treasurers should be aware of this as districts begin billing for the 1st Half Dues for the upcoming new Lion's year.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Zone Chair Training July 17th & 24th
July 17 – Ashland Ohio
July 24 – Chillicothe Ohio

COG Meeting August 6-8th
State Committee Meetings August 7th
at the Ohio State School for the Blind 9:00 a.m.

Welcome New Lions Club:

13-D: SOUTHEAST PORTAGE COUNTY –
Charter Night – July 10th: PID Steve Sherer
speaker.

"Tails" of Two Dogs:

NEEDING TO FIND A HOME FOR JETTA

A super partnership must end, and another one begins.

When I Went down to Pilot dogs school four years ago not more than four days after my dad passed away from cancer, I never thought that Jetta my partner/Pilot dog would have to retire so soon. She has really been good for me, always there when I cried when

I missed my dad. I have to retire Jetta due to her becoming diabetic; there are two factors one the stress on her, and the vet is worried that she would go into a diabetic coma while crossing the street. I found out in February that she had diabetes, by having blood test and urine tests done. Right now, we have her diabetes stable at 23 units, which means that she does not have to go to the vet for three months. I am trying hard to find her a loving home where she can enjoy her retirement. She will be going to Pilot dogs for Jay Gray to help find a new home. I pray that someone would adopt Jetta so she can give love and happiness back. This breaks my heart to give her up. It is like having to give up a child. The insulin costs \$41 a bottle and we go through one in about 9 to 10 days, then the syringes are \$29 for a package of 100. She is on Purina that costs about \$27, this in the brand that does not make her sick to her tummy.

If anyone would like to adopt Jetta you can contact Jay Gray at Pilot Dogs Inc. phone [614] 221-6367.

I pray that I can find her a family or be a companion to an elderly person that she can give kisses, snuggles, go on walks with and play with.

LEO:

My name is Leo. I've been an honorary member of the Ravenna Lions since 2008.

You've probably seen me and our King Lion Lori at a lot of the Lions' events. I'm the **extremely** handsome Shepherd who has been safely guiding her since 2005, even though I've had a few medical and diet problems. However, it's gotten to the point where it's getting harder to do my job the way it should be done. Her safety has always been my primary concern. Lori has noticed that more and more I have a reluctance in putting on my harness and she had to make

the hardest decision of her life - whether or not to retire me. After a lot of soul searching (and tears) she realized that yes, it is time for me to hang up my harness and just be "a dog" while she starts the application process for a successor guide (although I know that he'll NEVER be the guide that I was). As much as she and Rick would love to keep me, there just isn't room for me and another large dog. And to be honest, I'm not sure how I'd be able to handle her walking out the door with another guide, even though I know it's best for her.

Because of my medical problems (hip dysplasia, allergies) and various food allergies I need a family that is able and willing to give me the care that I need. I've never been around small children a lot so I'm not sure how I'd do in that situation. But I get along with most other dogs (unless they're an alpha male - only room for one in the house). I'm currently sharing my house with a bossy little female Chihuahua, and a black cat. Honest. There is one around, although she hides a lot. I do enjoy a good chase, so if you have a cat, well, I can guarantee that the cat will get exercise. **smile**. I still enjoy walks, just not up to guiding on most days.

If you're interested in giving me the home I deserve, or know someone who might be interested, please contact my person, Lion Lori Dent at 330-678-3981.

