



**November 2014**

# Ohio Lions E-Newsletter

## News from Council Chairman Darlene

International President Joe Preston's theme, "Strengthen the Pride", provides us with many opportunities to grow stronger clubs as we become stronger Lions. The result: Communities that are better served. Isn't that what "We Serve" really means?

One way in which Ohio Lions are strengthening the pride is through the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI). This year there were about 55 Lions in Level 1 and Level 2 sessions. I had the pleasure of being at the graduation ceremony at Deer Creek State Park on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, PDG Fred Breyer and the Global Leadership Team (GLT) for all the work put into these sessions. All the comments I heard were very positive.

Another way Ohio Lions are strengthening the pride is through membership. Congratulations to Districts A, B and J for having positive membership numbers through September. Additional congratulations to District B for chartering a new club in Gibsonburg as well in early October. We have added 226 new members; however, we have lost 343 for a difference of -117 through September. Service activities are the strength of most Lions clubs. Clubs reported activities as follows:

- July – 480 activities
- August – 576 activities
- September – 604 activities
- Total for the quarter – 1,660 activities

All core campaigns – Engaging Our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting Our Environment are included in the activities account. Lions' hours reported are 65,673 and people serviced is 597,312. Thanks for all the work you do, Lions! A special "thank you" to club secretaries or any others who use My LCI to report these events!

If you haven't made plans to attend Winter Retreat, the deadline will soon be here. MDS PDG Debbie Luttrell and the Winter Retreat Committee are planning some fun activities along with learning opportunities. It's a great weekend to visit with old friends and make new friends! I realize that by the time you receive this newsletter, Veterans Day will be past. No matter when you see a veteran or an active military member, please thank them for their service to keep us free.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday! Most of us can count many blessings for which we are thankful not just on Thanksgiving Day but throughout the year.

Until next time – Thanks for helping others see a brighter future!

CC Darlene

# What is happening with Redistricting?

## Big News - LCI has approved the MD13 Redistricting Plan!

To aid in communication about the upcoming Multiple District 13 (Ohio) redistricting, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) is being developed. Each month several questions will be in the newsletter. In addition, the entire FAQ to date will be placed on the [www.ohiolions.org](http://www.ohiolions.org) web page.

This is designed to meet **Your** needs but we can't guess very well. Do you have questions you would like to see answered in a future FAQ? If so, ask!

A state-wide transition committee has been formed to aid in district transition efforts. PDG Jay Carey is the Chair.

Questions? Feel free to contact PDG Jay Carey at [buckeyejcarey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buckeyejcarey@sbcglobal.net) or PDG Dave Luttrell (Chair, MD13 Constitution and Bylaws Committee) at [pdgdave@luttrellzoo.com](mailto:pdgdave@luttrellzoo.com) or 614 459 0821.

Note: previously numbered questions were listed in an earlier newsletter. Please see the newsletter or the Ohio Lions web page.

1. What are the names of the new districts?

(Revised October 2014) LCI has approved the MD13 redistricting plan. They have designated the new districts as 13-OH1 through 13-OH7.

8. What happens for elections in the Spring of 2015 (for 2015-2016, the last year of the 10 districts)?

(written June 2014) Elections will be held as normal. Lions running for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Governor/2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor/state committee rep positions understand that there is no guarantee that they will be to return the following year without contested races or voluntary decisions to run in a future year.

9. Who develops the new district constitutions?

(written June 2014) Governors are encouraged to put together ad Hoc "new district" transition committees to work out details, such as proposing district constitutions. In addition, the August 2014 Council of Governors will give consideration to a state-wide "transition resource committee".

Hello Lion of MD-!3.

So far this year the state has increased by **451** new members since the first of July. But we have lost **458** members. This means we are doing a good job in recruiting new members but are falling down on retaining our present members.

Below are a few items that I saw in the Internationals Membership Plus newsletter. I think these are good ideas and decided to pass them on again.

### **Ask One Works!**

Just imagine if every Lion asked just one person to join their club. Members and clubs around the world are embracing the Ask One campaign and are well on their way to a successful year! Keep encouraging your members to invite a friend, neighbor or relative to attend your next meeting. Start today...and Ask One! Has your club invited new members this year

### **Blueprint For A Stronger Club**

The key to strengthening your club is to create a strong plan for the future.

The new [Blueprint for a Stronger Club](#) can help you develop a plan for your club in three simple steps:

1. Assess your club
2. Establish goals
3. Identify the steps to achieve goals

Help your club stay on track for a successful year.

### **Retention**

Retaining existing Lions is vital to the success of any club. The more members you retain the more service you are able to complete. Help retain existing members in your club by utilizing the resources below.

**How Are Your Ratings?** (ME-15 & ME-15B)

**Lions Mentoring Program** (MTR-11):

**Membership Satisfaction Guide** (ME-301):

Congratulations to all that have sponsored a new member. Keep the good work up your Club, Governor and Multiple District appreciate your efforts.

PDG Dana Zody  
State GMT Coordinator Chair



## **MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE UNDERWAY**

NEWS RELEASE November 1, 2014

The Ohio Lions PDG Association is conducting a 50/50 Raffle in which all active Past District Governors are selling tickets with the proceeds benefitting "Lions service projects in Ohio." The proceeds this year have been designated to benefit the Ohio Lions Foundation, the Ohio Lions Research Foundation and Lions Pilot Dogs.

The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00 and can only be sold to LIONS (no sales to the general public) by LIONS. We have no idea how large the pot will be by May 17, 2015, when the winning ticket will be drawn at the MD-13 Ohio Lions State Convention. The winner does not need to be present to win, but must be a Lion. Last year's winner was Lion Marian Zickefoose from District D.

We hope all Lions will purchase tickets and help promote the Ohio Lions PDG Association's programs and activities. See any PDG in your district for a chance to win  
**BIG!**

\*Submitted by CC Darlene Roll, PDG Sue Haban, PDG Mary Chentnik, PDG Don DeVault, PDG Jim Ferritto, PDG Frances Hensel & PCC Ron Keller



Please come and join us for the first annual Ohio Lions Pin Trade in Millersport. Do you have pins you are looking for, pins you want to get rid of or if you are just learning about the hobby this event is for you. Pins will be available to buy, sell or trade.

***Ohio Lions Pin Traders Club***  
***First Annual***  
***Millersport Pin Trade***  
**July 25, 2015**

**Millersport Lions Clubhouse**  
2900 Chautauqua Blvd  
Millersport, Oh 43046  
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Pin Traders who wish to set up can register for a table at a cost of \$20.00. The fee will include coffee and donuts in the morning and a box lunch. Table setup is at 8:00AM and the pin trade opens at 9:00. Extra tables at \$10.00 each.

For a table, send a check for \$20.00 made payable to PTCO to PID Steven Sherer, 1090 Thomas Drive SW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

**Come and learn everything you always wanted to know about Lions Pins**  
**Free Admission**  
**Pin give-a-ways, door prizes and silent auctions throughout the day.**



2015 WINTER RETREAT

## 2015 OHIO LIONS WINTER RETREAT

Salt Fork State Park Lodge, Cambridge, OH

January 16 - 18, 2015

Games \* Entertainment \* Fellowship

General Sessions \* Lion Sessions \* Fun/Educational Sessions

AND MORE!

The 2015 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat information and Registration Forms are available on line at [www.ohiolions.org](http://www.ohiolions.org).

### Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel at <http://www.saltforkstateparklodge.com> or by phone 1-740-435-9000. **Room reservations prior to November 30, 2014 may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions group rate of \$80.00\*/night plus tax with 1 to 4 persons per room.** After November 30<sup>th</sup> the room rate may increase. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits. \*Price includes a \$2.00 technology fee.

**\*\*SAVE \$15.00 PER PERSON BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2014\*\**MAKE IT A FAMILY WEEKEND!***

Happy Holidays?









