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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 12 Regular Meeting, Monaco's Restaurant, 6:30
- Jan. 19 Board Meeting
Huntington Center, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 15, 16, 17 Winter Retreat
Mohican State Lodge
- Jan. 23, 24 District Bowling Tourney,
Capri Lanes.
- Jan. 26 Regular Meeting, Monaco's Restaurant, 6:30

**MISSION STATEMENT OF
LIONS CLUB
INTERNATIONAL**

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet Humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

- Jan. 17 Martha Strahan
- Jan. 18 Rick Hannah

LION MARK WRITES

Hello Lions,
I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. It seems like it has been awhile since our Christmas Party. But it is time to get back to the matters at hand.

Please remember that our District Governor, Barry Brandt will be at our meeting on January 12th. It will also be interesting to hear from Lion Lou about the trip to the Rose Bowl Parade. Congratulations to the Ohio School for the Blind Marching Band!!!

Let's focus a little on getting new members. Remember, if you know of someone that would make a good Lion, please bring them to a meeting. Or forward the person or person's name and contact information to Lion Ray Empson. He will contact them regarding a visit to our club.

Last but not least, Lion Doug Smith you, are in our thoughts and prayers and we hope you are doing well.

President Lion Mark

JANUARY PROGRAMS

- January 12 Dist. Gov. Barry Brandt
- January 26

WELCOME, LION JACQUIE

Lion Jacqueline Giles has transferred her membership in the Northland Lions Club to our club. Lion Jacquie is a long time Lion Member. She has served several terms as president of the Northland Lions Club and will be a

real asset to the Columbus Northeast Lions Club. Welcome, Lion Jacqueline.

DISTRICT BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The Annual District 13F Bowling Tournament will be held at the Capri Lanes Saturday and Sunday Jan. 23 and 24. The Columbus Northeast Lions Club has always been well represented at this tournament. Lion Tom McGowan should have all the details.

NEWS FROM LION RAY

Doug Smith is on a Chemo program and would like someone to help or replace him as Tail Twister. Lion Jacqueline Giles 3975, Wynding Drive Columbus, Ohio 43214 is the club's newest transfer from Northland. Regina Davis of the Gahanna Noon club is steering a sub sale for the Super Bowl. Ray will be taking orders for the subs at the next meeting. The cost is \$4 per sub. The deadline is January 22. Pick up will be Feb 8.

Remember the Governor's visit January 12. New charter night for Downtown Lions club is February 6 in the Capital State House.

The club met Lion Rob's \$500 challenge and more, providing over \$1,000 pocket money for members of the School for the Blind Band members at the Rose Bowl Parade. We also donated 100 pairs of sunglasses to them.

Please bring names of friends and business associates to next meeting to help the membership team increase our rolls.

Lion Ray

NEWS FROM LION VAN

"Van" & Peggy flew to Florida on Dec.17th. Son Jim flew in on the 15th from Ft .Myers. We loaded the car on the 16th and Jim left early on the 17th. He made it to our place by noon on the 18th just AHEAD of the snow in the mountains. Thank Goodness.

The only ICE down here is in our drinks!!

Loved the Rose Bowl Game
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Lion "Van"

CHRISTMAS CARD FROM LION PAUL BRANDFASS

Long time Lion Paul Brandfass, who is living in the Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio sent a card to the club which should be read by all.

The Older I Get—

The simpler my holiday preparations become—the closer I feel to old friends as I write my Christmas cards—the more

I cherish the oldest ornaments—the more fondly I remember Christmases past—the longer I hold onto a holiday hug—the more I realize Christmas is a matter of the heart—the tighter my throat gets when I sing “Silent Night”—

The more I enjoy giving than receiving—the more I try to see Christmas through the eyes of a child—the longer I sit at night in the glow of the Christmas tree—the more wondrously beautiful the Christmas story is—the deeper my awe at God's infinite love—the more I love Christmas!

**The older I get—the more I enjoy
sharing Christmas greetings with
wonderful people like you!**

BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON

Paul O. Brandfass

NEWS OF LION IRWIN'S XANTO

Lion Irwin Hott has passed this news along about his wonderful dog, Xanto.

Saturday January 2, 2010

Hi, I am sending out a brief e-mail and will follow up later when I am capable of thinking and talking. Xanto had surgery this afternoon after an ultrasound showed a tumor on his spleen. The surgery lasted for about one hour and 45 minutes.

The spleen was removed. He may survive a few days or perhaps a few months. There was significant bleeding in the abdomen.

He had not been eating and was throwing up once in a while. Nothing was noticed in feeling his abdomen on December 22nd and X-rays didn't show anything except for an unusual gas pattern in his small intestine.

The blood work in December was normal and the fecal sample didn't show anything abnormal.

He is only 8 and a half. He is almost certainly to be retired as the vet is pretty sure the tumor is Sarcoma.

HISTORY OF THE WHITE CANE

In 1921, James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England, became blind following an accident. Because he was feeling uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home, he painted his walking stick white to be more easily visible.

In 1930, the late George A. Bonham, President of the Peoria Lions Club (Illinois) introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a

means of assisting the blind in independent mobility.

The Peoria Lions approved the idea, white canes were made and distributed, and the Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving the bearers the right-of-way to cross the street. News of the club's activity spread quickly to other Lions clubs throughout the United States, and their visually handicapped friends experimented with the white canes. Overwhelming acceptance of the white cane idea by the blind and sighted alike quickly gave cane users a unique method of identifying their special need for travel consideration among their sighted counterparts.

Also in 1931, in France, Guilly d'Herbement recognized the danger to blind people in traffic and launched a national "white stick movement" for blind people. She donated 5,000 white canes to people in Paris. Today white cane laws are on the books of every state in the US and many other countries, providing blind persons a legal status in traffic. The white cane now universally acknowledges that the bearer is blind.

Editor's note: The above information is provided by Lion Irwin Hott.

INTERNATIONAL

OAK BROOK, IL, USA, September 18, 2009 – At a time when many membership organizations are seeing a decline in members, Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization, has recorded two straight years of membership increase. This is its first consecutive years of membership increase since the 1990s.