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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Feb. 9 Regular Meeting, Pizza House Restaurant, 6:30
- Feb. 16 Board Meeting  
Huntington Center, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 23. Regular Meeting, Pizza House Restaurant, 6:30
- March 26, 27 District F Convention,  
Holiday Inn- Worthington.

**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

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- Feb. 4           Linda Dutcher
- Feb. 25        Traci Gallant

**LION MARK WRITES**

Winter is upon us and I hope all stay safe while out and about whether doing personal business or Lions business

First and foremost, our thoughts are with our fellow Lions who are battling illness, Lion Doug Smith and Lion Jeff Higgins\* who had surgery on Feb. 2. We also want to remember Lion Donna Kellogg who is going through more Chemo, and Lion Joe Webber who is still recovering from surgery some time ago.

We are gearing up for our fundraising season to begin. The Rose Sale is right around the corner!! The White Cane Sale is also approaching. Let's get ready to go and do everything that we can to make these two projects more successful than they have been in some time. Also, let's keep our eyes open for stuffed animals and T-Shirts for Lion Rick and the Special Olympics. The more we gather now, the easier it will be in June and the more fun the kids will have.

Last, but not least!! Let's all give a big welcome to the club's newest members by way of transferring in to Lion Audrey Webber, Lion Jacqueline Giles and Lion Rita Couch!! Welcome Ladies.

President, Lion Mark

\*An update on Lion Jeff. They were unable to do the surgery on Lion Jeff at this time. There was a problem getting the breathing tube down his throat. The surgery will be rescheduled later..

## **FEBRUARY PROGRAMS**

Feb. 9 Dr. Mike McGough  
Feb. 23 TBA

## **MEETING SITE CHANGED**

At the last meeting it was decided to change the site of our meetings. Beginning with our first meeting in February, the 9<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at the Pizza House, 747 E. Lincoln. Lincoln is a street that runs east and west from High St. to Sinclair Rd. The Pizza House is located on the south side of Lincoln just west of Sinclair Rd. It is also east of the railroad tracks.

The restaurant comes highly recommended by a number of our members. It will be possible to order from the menu.

## **TAIL TWISTING**

We Lions owe Lion Doug Smith a big thank you for his years of service as a Tail Twister and wish him a speedy recovery.

Lion President Mark has asked several times for someone to fill in for Lion Doug. Since there were no responses, I decided at our last meeting that I would do it for the balance of the Lions year, and so advised Lion President Mark.

With my volunteering come some ideas which you may or may not like. We have for some years depended on the dimes and raffle ticket as a primary part of our tail twisting. I will be trying some other ideas to promote harmony, good fellowship and enthusiasm at our meetings. I am open to your ideas and suggestions. I will be

trying a lot of new things. If you don't like something, please let me know.

As you all should know, the Lions motto is: "WE SERVE".

Lion Ralph Stacy

## **LATEST NEWS OF LION IRWIN'S XANTO**

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

I reported in the last newsletter that Xanto, my Seeing Eye dog, was retired.

Here's what I wrote on the 12th of January in an e-mail.

We heard from the vet yesterday and Xanto has Hemangiosarcoma. Here is what Wikipedia says: "a rare, rapidly growing, highly invasive variety of cancer.. It is a blood-fed sarcoma; that is, blood vessels grow directly into the tumor and it is typically filled with blood. A frequent cause of death is the rupturing of this tumor, causing the victim to rapidly bleed to death."

The good news is that the vet seems to have removed all of the cancer as the tumor had not spread to the edges of the spleen. Since there was lots of blood in the abdomen the cancer is likely to return.

Xanto is still comfortable and happy.

Later: His stitches were removed on the 18th of January. He has been continually improving and the vet thought that if he felt like working, he should do so. I enthusiastically agreed. He went to work with me on Tuesday the 19th.

We don't know how long he will continue to improve. If the tumor comes

back it will show up in the heart, liver or brain.

We're just taking things one day at a time. We are both thrilled that Xanto is working. He comes running whenever I pick up the harness.

### **EYESIGHT MEETING**

Lion Paul Zambo, 3<sup>rd</sup> V.P. is heading up the publication and sale of the EYESIGHT this year. It isn't too early to get started, so Lion Paul has called for a meeting of all of the officers and key workers. This meeting will be on February 11 at 10:00 a.m. at Lion Paul's office, 479 Lazelle Road. Lazelle is close to Sancus Rd. which runs south from Polaris. The office is next door to the Ming Flower Chinese Restaurant.

### **OSSB MARCHING BAND TO SHOW PICTURES**

The Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band will present a video of their Rose Bowl experience and a short concert at the school on February 11 at 6:30 p.m. This will take place in the school auditorium.

### **A MESSAGE FROM LION JOSH**

Greetings and salutations to my fellow Lions,

During my time as a member of the Columbus Northeast Lions Club I have encountered a variety of issues that have been positive and negative. To address the positive aspects, we have a great group of people doing what they can to make a positive impact on the community we live in and support LCI. Unfortunately we have been placed in a

position to address and resolve some negative aspects which in time will make the club stronger and more cohesive.

In order to keep this club operating in perpetuity and servicing the community we need new ideas so we can change with the ever changing business environment and utilize all of our members in the most effective ways possible. Treasurer Sal Valvano and President Mark Dutcher have mentioned that a way to accomplish this is having members become involved with the elections every year. Furthermore new members should make an attempt to fill different offices within our club.

Now we all know that life throws us curve balls and there are times where we cannot participate as fully as we would like. In some cases we may have members that enjoy being part of the organization but they don't feel their talents are used effectively. For all of you that are unable to participate due to various circumstances or for those who feel the club needs to implement additional activities or committees to utilize your skill sets, submit that information to your Directors. The Directors are on the Board to make sure you, the general membership, are represented.

If for some reason a member of the club does not feel comfortable approaching a member of the Board directly with an idea or just doesn't have the time right now, feel free to contact me at [cepahubi@wowway.com](mailto:cepahubi@wowway.com). Submissions I receive will be kept anonymous unless the email specifies otherwise. I do ask that any submissions provided will contain the idea and supporting information so the idea can get a fair shake during our Board meetings.

I look forward to presenting your ideas, information, and solutions to the Board. Together we can make this club stronger.

God Bless, Lion Josh Peterson –Director

### **JANUARY 12 MEETING**

D.G. Lion Barry Brandt made his visit to the club and was the speaker for the evening. He asked what was good and bad about our club and told about the Winter Retreat, a new venture for District 13F.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation by Gov. Brandt of a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Traci Gallant. This caught Lion Traci by surprise. It's also a first for our club. Lion Traci's dad, Lion Jim Gallant was also a Melvin Jones Fellow Congratulations Lion Traci.

### **JANUARY BOARD MEETING**

Treasurer Lion Sal presented a proposed budget. Discussion followed and it was decided to wait until after the Rose Sale to finalize the budget.

Membership Chairman Lion Ray reported on the Columbus Downtown Lions Club Charter night, Feb. 6. He also announced that the Gahanna Noon Lions Club was having a sub sale for the Super Bowl and he reported on his experience at the Winter Retreat.

Motions were made and passed to give \$100 to the Columbus City Schools Visually Impaired Department for their "Eyeing the Future" project and to renew our membership in the Northland Area Business Association at a cost of \$40

Lion Linda Dutcher announced that she is working on the Rose Sale and

that she needs assistance. The last day for the order of roses is April 22.

President Lion Mark appointed Director Lion Josh to form a committee to research the issues relating to the retention of women members in the club.

### **JANUARY 26 MEETING**

The speaker for the evening was to be Dr. Michael McGough. Unfortunately Dr. McGough was ill and could not be with us.

President Mark conducted a general discussion, the main topic being, moving to a new meeting place. He presented the idea of going to the Pizza House. Quite a few members were familiar with the restaurant and endorsed the proposal.. Those present made the decision to move beginning with the first meeting in February.

### **INTERNATIONAL**

Lions Hope for Haiti has mobilized more than US\$1.8 million to date. Lions Hope for Haiti is Lions and LCIF working together to provide relief and hope for the people of Haiti. Lions around the world are responding generously and quickly to the LCIF designated fund for this disaster. Donations are continuing to pour in from individuals, clubs and districts.

LCIF is working directly with Lions of Haiti as well as Lions in neighboring countries to respond to immediate and long-term needs. LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel and his wife Dr. Maureen Murphy led a team of 40 Dominican Republic Lions to deliver water, food and medical supplies into Port au Prince, Haiti on January 22.