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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Mar. 8 Zone Meeting, New Albany
- Mar. 9 Regular Meeting, Pizza House Restaurant, 6:30
- Mar. 16 Board Meeting  
Huntington Center, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 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

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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| March 9  | Carson Woods |
| March 21 | Eileen Long  |
| March 24 | Bryan White  |

**LION MARK WRITES**

March is finally here! I don't know about anyone else, but I was beginning to think that February was going to go on forever!. Spring is right around the corner!!

It is also time to get geared up for our fund raising season. Coming up, we have the Mother's Day Rose Sale. We also have the White Cane Sale in the near future.

Also, this month we have a Zone Meeting on Monday the 8th at the New Albany Lions Club located at the corner of Central College Rd and State Route 605 in New Albany. At the end of the month is our District Convention!

I want to extend a Lion's welcome to our newest member, Lion Michael McGough. Welcome to the Lion family!!

I also want to continue with our best wishes to our Lion's that are recovering from surgery and illness. Get Well Soon, we miss you all!!

Lion President Mark

**MARCH PROGRAMS**

- Mar. 9 TBA
- Mar. 23 TBA

**NEW MEMBER**

As President Lion Mark indicated, a new member to the Columbus Northeast Lions Club was

inducted at the February 23 meeting. He is Lion Dr. Michael McGough. Lion Dr. Mike is a Chiropractor whose practice is located at 4520 Cleveland Ave. In a future issue of the CLAUSE, we will have Lion Dr. Mike give us a short bio of himself. Again, WELCOME to the Columbus Northeast Lions Club, Dr. Mike.

**2010 NOMINATIONS**

The nominating Committee met at the office of Lion Sal Valvano on March 2. They have come up with the following slate of officers for 2010-2011 and will submit it at the March 9 meeting.

President	David Atkin
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Kirk Noce
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Paul Zyambo
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Josh Peterson
Secretary	Traci Gallant
Treasurer	Sal Valvano
Tail Twister*	
Lion Tamer*	
Director (1yr)	Tom McGowan
Director (2yr)	Linda Dutcher
Director (3yr)	Lou Mazzoli
Immed. Past Pres.	Mark Dutcher
Membership Director	

\*To be nominated from the floor.

Club elections will be held at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION**

The annual Ohio Lions District 13F Convention will be held March 26 and 27 at the Holiday Inn in Worthington. Lion Eugenio Roman Jr., International Director from Puerto Rico, will be the honored guest and the speaker at the main banquet.

The convention kicks off Friday night with a Fiesta Party. Registration is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The opening session is at 7: P.M. Saturday starts with a necrology service at 8:15 a.m. Then there are motivation and training sessions following.

Registration fees are: \$50 for the entire program, \$20 for the Saturday Luncheon and \$30 for the Grand Banquet. Room rates are \$85 plus tax. Deadline for registration is March 15.

**ROSE SALE**

It's not too early to begin to line up sales for Roses for Mother's Day. Lion Linda Dutcher announced at the last meeting that the roses will sell for \$16 per dozen and that there are three choices, red, pink and rainbow. The deadline for placing orders is April 23.

**EYESIGHT COMMITTEE MEETS**

The 2010 EYESIGHT Committee held its' first meeting on February 11 at Chairman, Lion Paul Zyambo's office. A work schedule was established beginning with a sales meeting on April 8 when sales materials will be distributed. The dates of the paper sale are September 10 and 11. It was also agreed that the price of the ads will remain the same for this year as they were in 2009.

Over the years a large list of advertisers has been compiled. Some of them are no longer with us. It was decided that we should study that list and try to reach those who have dropped. Also it was felt that new members of the club would know of new potential advertisers and would contact them.

The EYESIGHT newspaper is our chief money making project. The proceeds from it enable us to serve the community. It is not too early to begin thinking about who we want to contact for ad sales.

### **A LITTLE LION HISTORY**

---Lion Ralph Stacy

The Lions organization was started by Melvin Jones in Chicago in 1917. The Lions Club International has grown to be the largest service organization in the world with over 1,300,000 members in over 45,000 clubs in over 180 countries and geographical areas.

At the Lions International Convention at Cedar Point in 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be the "KNIGHTS FOR THE BLIND". Since that time a major focus of Lions Clubs has been finding and helping people with sight problems.

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2010 COLUMBUS SPORTS CLASSIC**

---Lion Ralph Stacy

It is time to mark your calendars for May 8<sup>th</sup> so you can join this year's Columbus Sports Classic. Volunteers help in a variety of ways. Volunteer job description and sign up sheets are available. Last years event had an all time high of 756 pre-registered athletics from 28 organizations, including 10 counties. Your help is needed so please place the date on your calendar.

### **LION HEALTH REPORT**

Lion Doug Smith continues with his chemotherapy. Lion Tom Eckhart is out of ICU and is improving. Lion Jeff Higgins has had his surgery and is

recovering. Lion Joe Webber is improving slowly. He has moved from a walker to a cane but his energy level is slow in returning. We wish all of these Lions speedy recovery.

### **SAD NEWS ABOUT XANTO**

If you weren't at the last meeting perhaps you don't know that Lion Irwin Hott's faithful friend Xanto is no longer with us. He finally succumbed to the cancer that had plagued him over the last few months. He worked right up to the end which came on February 13. Needless to say, we will all miss Xanto but Lion Irwin misses him the most. Our sincerest sympathies, Irwin.

### **OSSB BAND FEATURED**

All of us took pride in the accomplishment of the Marching Band of the Ohio State School for the Blind in the Rose Bowl Parade and all of the events leading up to it. It's worth noting that their accomplishments were also noted in feature articles (with pictures) in the OHIO SCHOOLS, the official publication of the Ohio Education Association, and NEA TODAY, the publication of the National Education Association. Both articles gave credit to the Lions for their assistance with the band.

### **FEBRUARY MEETINGS**

February was a bad month for our meetings. Foul weather caused the cancellation of our first regular meeting and also the board meeting of the month. This has seldom if ever happened before.

On February 23 we met for the first time at the Pizza House. There was

a good attendance with 5 Lions on a visitation.

The program was given by our newest member, Lion Dr. Mike McGough. He gave us an interesting program on being healthy, showing how our health is closely related to the condition of our spine.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

### **Westerville Lions Club**

The Westerville Lions Club will hold a Pancake Breakfast at their meeting site, the American Legion Hall, 393 E. College Ave., Westerville, on Saturday, March 6 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

### **Columbus Tri Village Noon Lions Club**

The Columbus Tri Village Noon Lions Club will hold PUB QUIZ XI at the Winking Lizard Tavern, 1380 Bethel Road on Sunday, March 14 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. The trivia topics will include: current events, Ohio history, sports, Lions, geography, literature, the Ohio State University and more.

## INTERNATIONAL

### **Relief for Chile**

Lions Clubs International Foundation is committed to aiding communities affected by disasters, including the most recent disaster in Chile following an 8.8 earthquake on February 27. The earthquake is one of the largest ever recorded, and more than 700 people are dead and 2 million people displaced as a result of the devastation to more than 1 million residences. The earthquake hit near the

second largest city, Concepcion, and more than 60 earthquake aftershocks have been recorded.

"Many of you know firsthand how quickly the Foundation acts after disaster," said LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel. "I have tried to call and sent messages to our two Past International Directors who live in Concepcion, but have not been able to reach them yet. LCIF staff and I will continue to try to contact them, as well as the District Governors and Council Chairperson of Multiple District T."

There are four districts in Chile, and three emergency grants each for \$10,000 have been awarded to Districts T-1, T-2 and T-3. District T-3 includes the city of Concepcion, the hardest hit area in the country. Lions Clubs International Foundation awards approximately US\$2 million each year in emergency grant funding, in addition to grants for larger disasters.

A designated account has been created for those wishing to make donations specifically for Chile earthquake relief. Donors can:

- Donate online at [www.lcif.org/donate](http://www.lcif.org/donate). Select Disaster and include "Chile Earthquake Relief" in the comments section.
- Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express. Fax the following information to LCIF: name, address, phone number, credit card type, credit card number, expiration date, and amount of the donation. If you are a Lions member, please provide your clubs information. LCIF's fax number is (630) 571-5735.
- Mail LCIF a U.S. dollar check drawn on a U.S. financial institution. Make the check payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation Earthquake