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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 14 Regular Meeting, Monaco's 6:30 p.m.
- April 21 Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Huntington Center on Morse Rd.
- April 28 Regular Meeting, Monaco's 6:30 p.m.
- April 30, May 1 & 2, White Cane Sale
- May 15-17 MD13 State Convention Embassy Suites, Dublin, Oh.

### 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

### LION RICK SAYS:

April is upon us and this Lion's year is rapidly approaching the end. As a club, we've got some big projects coming up. First we have the White Cane Sale at the end of the month, followed very quickly by the Rose Sale. Plan to devote time to these projects. What we do in the way of service next year depends on how well we do in our

projects. Support Lion Kirk and Linda in these endeavors.

I want to congratulate Lion Ray in being named District Lion of the Year at the District Convention. Also, I congratulate Lion John on the newsletter. It won the District Bulletin Contest.

Lion Rick

### APRIL PROGRAMS

- April 14 District Convention Highlights
- April 28 Mike Pabst—Martial Arts

### 2009-2010 OFFICERS

The annual Club elections were held at the March 24 meeting. Lions elected to serve the Columbus Northeast Lions Club in the 2009-2010 year were:

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| President            | Mark Dutcher  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> V.P. | David Atkin   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P. | Kirk Noce     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> V.P. | Paul Zyambo   |
| Imm. P.P.            | Rick Higgins  |
| Secretary            | Traci Gallant |
| Treasurer            | Sal Valvano   |
| Tail Twister         | Doug Smith    |
| Lion Tamer           | Matt Hall     |
| 1 Yr. Director       | Linda Dutcher |
| 2Yr. Director        | Josh Peterson |
| 2Yr. Director        | Tom McGowan   |
| Membrshp Director    | Ray Empson    |
- Congratulations to these good Lions. Let's all give them our total support.

## **WHITE CANE SALE**

The annual White Cane Sale is scheduled for the weekend of April 30, May 1 and 2. Lion Kirk Noce is chairing this year's event.

Our club depends on this project to raise between two and three thousand dollars, all of which will go toward funding the many humanitarian projects we sponsor.

The size of our club makes it imperative that each member participates fully in this project. Lion Kirk has a number of work stations already covered but there are a number of open sites. He will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Make sure you see Lion Kirk for a work station.

## **ROSE SALE**

Lion Linda Dutcher is in charge of the Rose Sale this year. Roses are to be delivered in time for Mother's Day in May, a really good time for such a sale.

Lion Linda informs us that the price is the same as last year, \$16 per dozen and that red, yellow and pink roses are available. The final day to turn in orders is April 24 and they may be picked up at Lion Rick's Garage on May 8.

## **CONVENTION AWARDS**

At the District Convention Columbus Northeast Lions Club received several honors. First and foremost our own Lion Ray was named District Lion of the Year. Congratulations, Lion Ray. You are most deserving.

The Club was awarded second place in the Governor's Contest for clubs

of our size and the CLAUSE was named the best club bulletin. All in all the Northeast Lions did quite well.

## **MEET LION PAUL ZYAMBO**

As all of you may already know, my name is Paul Zyambo, I am a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments. I have been with them for 3 years. I have been a husband to only one bride named Constance, she goes by Connie, and a father to a son named Wezi (which means the given grace of God) and a daughter named Mwenzu (I am a guest).

Contrary to conversational wisdom, I am not originally from Kentucky, I was actually originate from Zambia. For those of you that are familiar with world geography, you will hasten to acknowledge that Zambia is in Southern Africa.

Unlike most African kids, I had the privilege of coming to the United States when I was 6 years old. My father came to study and work with the Reformed Bible College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. One of the most amazing things for my young mind was to see snow on the ground when we first landed in Detroit. I could not comprehend the ground being so white and cold, but like most kids, I fell in love with the white stuff.

Having spent almost 3 years in Grand Rapids, I went back to Zambia where I completed most of my elementary and high school. I then went to Evelyn Hone College to study accounting and spent a whole year in the United Kingdom.

It was during my stay in the UK that I first learned about Lion's Club. However, I was of the belief that Lions was a country club for rich people.

Thus, I always thought I would become a member some day when I am rich.

When I returned to Zambia, I got a job with a vibrant bank as a branch accountant. While the job was very well rewarding and could have put me on the path to becoming rich so I can join the Lions club, I could not cope with being a supervisor to so many elderly people in a culture and environment where respect was demanded. It was hard for me to separate work and cultural customs.

To that effect, I asked my father to see if I could go back to school; it was the best hiding place for a kid that felt unready for work. With his help and the help of his employers, the Presbyterian Church, I went back to school but of all places, I choose to go back to the land were the ground was white and cold. Needless to mention, I come to the wonderful state of Ohio.

After successfully completing another degree, this time in Finance, I restarted a career in financial management. I have spent most of my 15 year career working in accounting, banking, mortgage brokerage, credit card merchandizing and financial advising. The best of these years have been with Edward Jones. It was at Edward Jones that I met Carson Woods. He was the person who helped me understand that I did not have to be rich to become a Lion. Consequently, it was under his tutelage that I joined the North East Columbus Lions Club.

## CONVENTION REPORT

Lion Ralph Stacy

The Lions District Convention provides an opportunity for Lions to meet old and new friends, learn about the Lions Code of Ethics and Objectives and how Lionism is changing. This year

as part of the program, Lions International Past President Bill Biggs conducted a seminar with a list of questions “What is good? What is bad? What are we doing about it?” Part of the session dealt with the question, “What’s wrong with Lionism?” After hearing comments from the attendees, he listed the following: politics, relatives, life time tenure, dishonesty, creativity or lack thereof and jealousy.

After making this list he raised the question, “What can we do about it?” The following responses were provided:

1. Incorporate the Code of Ethics and Objectives in Club Programs and Activities throughout the year.
2. Pledge to criticize less, praise more, build up and not destroy.
3. Remember that anything can be accomplished and any goal can be reached.
4. Always bring an enthusiastic and positive attitude with you.
5. Embrace change as a friend.
6. Include Fun, Fellowship and Friendship in all Lions Events.
7. Renew your personal commitment to Lions Club International.
8. Establish a personal vision and goals for yourself in this organization.
9. If you care as much about the members of your Club as you do about those we serve as Lions, recognize “LION OF THE DAY”.
10. “BE NOT AFRAID”

## GAHANNA NOON LIONS CLUB GOLF TOURNEY

The Gahanna Noon Lions Club is sponsoring an Early Bird Golf Tournament at the Kyber Run Golf Course in Johnstown, Ohio on Saturday, April 25 at 1:30 p.m. All proceeds from the event will go to the Gahanna

Summer Lunch Program for Gahanna school children of families with low incomes. If you are interested in participating, call Lion Ray.

### **MARCH 10 MEETING**

The speakers for the evening were two exchange students from Uzbekistan, Umar and Joston. Uzbekistan was a part of the Soviet Union until the early 1990s. It is basically a Muslim country. The young men gave an interesting power point presentation about their homeland.

Lion Sal conducted the required nomination of officers segment of the meeting. After presenting the slate prepared by the nominating committee, he then called for nominations from the floor but received none.

Lion Ray reported that 10 Lion members and guests attended the Gahanna Noon Charter Night on Feb. 28.

Lion Rick called for a volunteer to head up the White Cane Sale. Lion Kirk volunteered and Lions Dave and Ray agreed to assist him.

Memorial Tournament Leaders, Lions Eileen and Sal asked for volunteers to work at the event. Several members responded positively.

### **MARCH BOARD MEETING**

Health Services Chairman, Lion PDG Ralph informed the board that it would be necessary to purchase another book of vouchers to finish the year. A motion was not required as enough money was left in the approved budget.

Visitations Chairman, Lion Ray reported that 10 members and guests attended both the Gahanna Noon and the New Albany Charter nights. Also we

had members attending the Zone 3 meeting, the London Lions breakfast and the Whitehall Auction.

A motion was made and passed to donate \$75 to the Ohio Lions Band and a motion was made and passed to pay additional \$35 to Camp Echoing Hills in order to completely fund a full camper's scholarship.

Another motion was made and passed to purchase additional gifts for speakers and special awards. Finally there was a motion made and passed to sponsor a hole at the Gahanna Noon Golf Tournament.

### **MARCH 24 MEETING**

This was the annual club election night. Elections Chairman, Lion Sal introduced the candidates for each office and each candidate gave a short talk on why they would make a good officer. Following the presentation of the slate and the talks a motion was made from the floor to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. The motion passed.

Rose Sale Chairman Lion Linda Dutcher reported that the roses would sell for the same price and that the colors of red, yellow and pink were available.

### **MILLERSPORT FESTIVAL TICKETS**

Lion Ray still has Millersport Corn Festival Lottery tickets for sale. The cost is \$2 each or 3 for \$5. First prize is \$10,000; second prize, \$2,500 and third prize is \$500. The profits are going to fund the Ohio School for the Blind Band trip to the 2010 Rosebowl. Our club will receive 50% of what we sell. See Lion Ray for tickets.