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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Aug. 11 Regular Meeting, Monaco's  
6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 18 Board Meeting, Huntington Ctr.  
7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 21 District Golf, Kyber Run
- Aug. 22 Club Picnic, Maize Manor  
United Methodist C
- Aug 25 Regular Meeting, Monaco's  
6:30 p.m.

### **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

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

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| August 9  | Irwin Hott   |
| August 12 | Ike Burdette |
| August 19 | Ersel Elkins |
| August 24 | Sal Valvano  |
| August 30 | Lou Mazzoli  |
- Sorry, Lion Kirk, we missed your birthday last month on July 6.

### **LION MARK WRITES**

August is here! We have kicked it off with a bang!! On August 4th, there were ten members of our club that went out to help pack school back packs. Along with others from different service groups as well as individuals who just wanted to help we met the goal. We got between 7,200 and 7,400 back packs for needy school children. If you were there, you had to walk away tired and sweaty but very satisfied for a job well done. I thank all of you that went to help with the project!!

I want to remind everyone about the picnic on August 22. at 2 pm at Maize Manor United Methodist Church.

I also want to keep up the encouragement about the news paper ads!!! We are in the final days to sell some ad space. The ads need to be in to Ralph Stacy on August 24th. Keep up the great work!!!

See you at the next dinner meeting August 11.

President Lion Mark

### **AUGUST PROGRAMS**

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| Aug. 11 | Bill and Bobbie Richards,<br>Honor Flight |
| Aug. 25 | Tim Etienne—Special<br>Olympics           |

## **NEW MEMBERS**

At the July 28 meeting two new members were inducted into the club, Lion Kathryn Hannah and Lion Rick Hannah, wife and husband. Lion Kathryn is an RN serving with the US Air force. Lion Rick works for the USDA. WELCOME to these new Lions. Greet them at the next meeting and make them feel at home.

## **CLUB PICNIC**

The annual club picnic will be held Saturday, August 22 at the picnic shelter located on the grounds of Maize Manor United Methodist Church, 3901 Maize Rd. beginning at 2:00 p.m. More details will be given at the meeting on Aug. 11. This has always been a fun event. There are games, food and lots of fellowship. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

## **WORDS FROM LION ROB**

One can be a LION without being lionized and find a sense of community and self worth. Lions have to conquer selfishness enough to work successfully at club projects to support the leadership team they elect in carrying out our motto we serve. The leadership elected and self appointed must bear in mind that frail and fallen club members can help the club even when family, financial, physical, mental, health limitations and restrictions they are coping with prevent their attending meetings regularly.

--Lion Rob Mills

## **SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND EVENTS**

There are some important events coming up at the Ohio State School for the Blind relative to their band appearance at the 2010 Rose Bowl Parade. In the evening of August 12 a representative of the Rose Bowl will be present at the school to present a flag to the band. Governor Strickland will be in attendance. Then the next evening the band will travel to OSU to practice with the OSU band.

Lion Lou has pins available. The proceeds of their sale will go toward expenses for the trip.

## **NE LIONS ATTEND CLIPPERS GAME**

Nineteen Northeast Lions and guests attended the Clippers "Dime-a-dog" night Monday, August 3. A good time was had by all despite the fact that the Clippers lost. Thanks goes to Lion Van for making all of the arrangements.

## **JULY 14 MEETING**

The speaker for the evening was Dave Cooper of the Northland Area Business Association who explained the operation of the group.

Lion Rick Higgins reported on the success of our tent at the Ohio Special Olympics and said it is time to begin collecting prizes for next year.

Lion Van asked for volunteers for the school backpack program on Aug. 4.

Lions Ray Empson and Lou Mazzoli talked about the 60 pairs of

sunglasses donated to the OSSB Marching Band.

## **JULY BOARD MEETING**

The July Board meeting of the Columbus Northeast Lions Club was held on July 21 at the Huntington Center.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer, Lion Sal presented spread sheets showing the past two year's budget and actual expenditures. Following some discussion a budget for 2009-2010 was adopted.

### **Membership Report:**

Lion Ray read the family application for membership from Rick and Kathryn Hannah. It was expected that the second reading would be held prior to the July 28 meeting and that they would be inducted at that meeting.

### **New Business:**

Lion Van discussed the book bag project and the Honor Flight program. A motion was made and passed to donate \$300 to the book bag project and to donate \$250 to Honor Flight.

## **JULY 28 MEETING**

The speaker for the evening was Major Herbert Mills of the Ohio National Guard Special Forces Unit. Major Mills gave an interesting and informative talk about homeland security, terrorism and safety while at home and traveling.

Lion Ray reported on visitations and took names of those who planned to participate in the District 13F Golf Outing at Kyber Run on Aug. 21. He also reported that the picnic shelter was not available on Aug. 29. After some discussion it was decided to hold the picnic on Aug. 22 at 2:00 p.m.

## **LION JOHN STRAHAN**

Ed. Note: This is a continuation (and completion) of "My Life"

After my discharge from the Navy it was time to go back to school. Martha and I chose Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana as the one to attend. While I was going to school Martha worked at several places in North Manchester to help supplement the GI bill.

I graduated in 1949 with a B.S. in Secondary Education. My first teaching job was in Monticello, Ind., teaching physics, chemistry and math in a small high school.

Monticello was a summer resort town, located on Lake Shaffer and Lake Freeman. In those days teachers were not paid over a 12 month period so I needed to work in the summer time. My jobs were many and varied, newspaper delivery, information booth manager, life guard, roller rink manager, play ground supervisor, yard maintenance at a hydro electric dam and going to school at Purdue one summer.

It was while living in Monticello that our three children, David, Jane and Sue were born. It was also here that I attended Purdue University in the evenings and earned a Masters Degree in School Administration.

In 1957 we felt it was time to move nearer to family so I got a teaching position in West Carrollton, Ohio, a suburb of Dayton. Here I taught physics and chemistry in a high school much larger than the one at Monticello. After teaching there for three years the high school principal retired and I was offered the job which I took with great eagerness and served in that capacity for sixteen years.

During this period I became active in the Ohio Association of Secondary School Principals. In 1969 I ran for the Board of Directors of the Organization and was elected. After serving one year on the board I was nominated along with another principal to run for the position of President elect. I won the election and in 1971-72 I was president of the organization.

In 1975 the organization had grown to point (over 2000 members) where an Assistant Executive Director was needed. I was offered the job and took it in February 1976. This brought about our move to Columbus. My job as the assistant was to serve as an advocate for secondary school principals. I arranged conferences and seminars for them. I was the lobbyist in the State House for the group. I wrote newsletters, participated in legal seminars and helped them with controversial issues.

It was an interesting job. I traveled throughout the state. I met a lot of nice people and some who weren't so nice. I testified on legislation dealing with education. I was available to meet with principals in job disputes. I worked with the large city principal organizations. It was really a varied position. I retired in 1987 after 11 years in the job.

It was in 1966 while at West Carrollton that I joined the Lions Club. We had a really active group there, owning our own club house. When we moved to Columbus in 1976 I was serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P of the club.

I transferred to the then Linden Northeast Lions Club in 1976. The rest is history. A lot of water has passed under the dam and a lot has been accomplished. I guess the best of it was serving as PDG Lion Ralph Stacy's Cabinet Secretary.

## INTERNATIONAL

Here are some of the things that Lions Clubs around the world are doing.

**Cay Compass (Cayman Islands) July 22, 2009** – Lions in Grand Cayman focused their managerial skills at a leadership workshop that explored a list of "best practices" for incoming presidents and vice presidents.

**Wicked Local Abington (Massachusetts, USA) July 20, 2009** – Abington and Rockland Lions prepare for their cooperative Lions Eyes Ride for Sight motorcycle ride project. The 50-mile ride will feature food, raffles and live entertainment at its conclusion.

**Northumberland Independent (Ontario, Canada) July 17, 2009** – Cyclist Ming-Jiing Hsieh is stopping at lions clubs across Canada during his cross-country fundraising trip through the country to raise funds for World Vision.

**Ledger Independent (Kentucky, USA) July 14, 2009** – Tollesboro Lions have used more than \$200,000 to improve their community fairground with the addition of a 24-foot sign, elevated aluminum bleachers and a new pair of restroom facilities to count among the improvements.

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Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.