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DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 14 Regular Meeting, Monaco's
6:30 p.m.
- July 21 Board Meeting, Huntington Ctr.
7:00 p.m.
- July 28 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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| July 1 | Rob Mills |
| July 15 | Rick Higgins |
| July 18 | Doug Smith |

LION MARK WRITES

The end of the 08-09 Lions Year has come. Again, my thanks to Past President Rick Higgins for 18 months of serving as President. He deserves another round of applause.

The year ended wonderfully! The weekend of the Special Olympics was just that, Special!! Our booth was busy from the time Tent Town Opened

on Friday up until it closed at 10pm. Saturday was no different. There was a line waiting to get into our tent most of the day. We had plenty of prizes and plenty of players!!!

On June 29th, we were presented with the check for the district from Muirfield. We were very surprised with the presentation. For, as others, we felt with the economic troubles that there would be a possibility that we might not get as much as last year. Imagine our surprise when we got the check and it was actually \$2500.00 higher than last year!! Hats off goes to Lion Ray Empson and all the volunteers involved in the project.

With that being said, let's get ready for the 09-10 year ahead. Let's see if we can all sell one more ad than last year for the Eyesight newspaper. It is never too early to start gathering stuffed animals and T shirts for the Special Olympics!!!

Last but not least!! Everyone please mark your calendars for November 10, 2009. Gov. Barry has asked that we at Columbus Northeast Lions host the cabinet meeting. I told him that it would be an honor for our club to host this meeting.

President Mark

INSTALLATION

The Installation Meeting of the Columbus Northeast Lions Club was held at the Monaco's Palace Restaurant on June 16, 2009. There were 39 Lions and guests in attendance.

The Installing officer for the event was Lion Bill Riggs of the Westerville Lions club. Lion Bill was his humorous self as he installed each of the following officers:

President	Mark Dutcher
1 st V.P.	David Atkin
2 nd V.P.	Kirk Noce
3 rd V.P.	Paul Zyambo
Imm. P.P.	Rick Higgins
Secretary	Traci Gallant
Treasurer	Sal Valvano
Tail Twister	Doug Smith
1 Year Dir.	Linda Dutcher
2 Year Dir.	Josh Peterson
2 Year Dir.	Tom McGowan
Membership Dir.	Ray Empson

Lion Tamer Matt Hall was absent from the meeting. These are our leaders for 2009-2010. Let's all support them.

LIONS OF THE YEAR

At the Installation dinner a number of members were recognized for their outstanding work in the past year. Two members were honored by being selected for Lion of the Year Awards. Receiving the LION OF THE YEAR was Lion Mark Dutcher, our new president. Receiving the NEW LION OF THE YEAR was Lion Paul Zyambo.

Both of these men contributed much to our club last year. Congratulations to each of them.

JUNE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The June Board of Directors meeting was held at Monaco's Palace June 16 immediately following the Installation Meeting. Two items of business were conducted. The first was a motion passed to donate \$250 to the family of Eden Adams, a child suffering from cancer, to help with medical bills.

The second motion was to donate \$100 to the Relay for Life. PDG Lion Ed Green is going to walk in the Relay for Life pushing his terminally ill wife in a wheel chair. Lion Ed has also suffered a bout with cancer.

LION JOHN STRAHAN

Ed. Note: I'm writing the biography this month primarily because I forgot to ask someone else to do it.

I was born in the coal country of southeast West Virginia where my Dad worked for a utility company. Within my first year we moved to Dayton Ohio where I spent my early educational years (up through the 8th grade). In the summer between the 8th grade and my freshman year of high school, the family moved to a small rural town, Arcanum, located in Darke Co. It was the most fortunate move of my life because it was here that I met Martha.

We graduated in 1943, right in the middle of WWII. All the males of my class were eligible for the draft and were served with induction notices, me included. I had my pre-induction physical exam in July along with about 30 others, including Walter Alston who, years later became the manager of the LA Dodgers. (He was a teacher and

coach at one of the neighboring high schools.)

I flunked the physical that first time, spots on the lungs they said. (I was working in coal yard .) I was devastated, but soon recovered. I got a job at the GM plant in Dayton where my Dad worked. That made me eligible to enroll in General Motors Institute, an engineering school located in Flint Michigan. GMI was a co-op school so I attended school for 8 weeks and then came home to work in the factory for the next 8 weeks. Then it was back to Flint to repeat the cycle.

In the summer of 1944 I received my second notice of induction. This time I passed and was assigned to the Navy. I went boot camp at Great Lakes then a series of service schools for diesel engines and finally shipped to Camp Shoemaker in California to await assignment overseas.

We shipped out of San Francisco in March, 1945. After about a month at sea we arrived at the Navy base in Subic Bay, Philippine Islands where I was assigned to a small boat repair unit. It was our job to overhaul the small landing craft (LCVP) used in the invasions in the Pacific. My job specifically was to overhaul the diesel engines which propelled them.

When the atomic bombs dropped we were in the process of preparing to move to China where the invasion of Japan was to be launched.

TO BE CONTINUED

LETTER OF THANKS

Lion Ray received the following letter from Jack Nicklaus:

Dear George:

We could not have asked for a better Memorial Tournament! We had a great

winner, great weather, and nothing but positive remarks all week. Two fine Honorees, a wonderful response to the skins game (in which every player donated his winnings to The First Tee) and a terrific field. With four players tied for the lead over the weekend and a remarkable performance by Tiger Woods to come from four back and birdie the last two holes for victory, the leader board action was dramatic and exciting.

This was arguably the best event we have had in the history of the Memorial Tournament. Barbara and I cannot thank you enough for your hard work in making this an unforgettable week. We are already looking forward to next year.

Sincerely,
Jack

Lion Ray reports that District 13F received \$15,000 this year for their work at the tournament. Compare this with the \$9,000 received the first year of operation.

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

--Lion Ralph Stacy
2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR

As chairperson of the Lions Club Health Services Committee I looked for a way to provide service in the community. In this effort, I started attending the "HELPING HANDS FREE CLINIC" at 1421 Morse Road. On their application for assistance there was a question, "Do you have vision problem?" In consultation with staff, I learned that they had no way of helping persons with vision problem. With help of the staff I was provided a place where I could interview the person who

indicated they had a vision problem, The clinic is open on two nights a month from 4:00 to 7:00PM , usually on the 2nd and 4th Friday nights. I have attended most of the clinic nights since July 1, 2008.

During this period, 12 months, I have interviewed and taken applications from 81 people. Of this group forty-one did not live in our service area (43223 & 43229). Those applications were referred to the Lions District Eye Care Committee (Kathryn Whiteman). Those approved for funding by the Club totaled 40. Of the 40, there were 11 who did not follow through to get eyeglasses. Their vouchers were picked up and reissued to other individuals. A total of 29 vouchers were used. (29 vouchers at \$50.00 equals \$1450.00 : Eye Examinations -28 X \$35 = \$980.00 Total Cost \$2430.00.

Those individuals in our service area received a letter advising them to call LensCrafters on Hamilton Road and make an appointment for an eye examination. A copy of the same letter with a LensCrafters voucher was sent to LensCrafters. When the individual went to LensCrafters for the eye examination appointment, the voucher was there to pay for the eyeglasses. LensCrafters bills our Club for the eye examination at \$35.00 per person. The Club purchases the vouchers from LensCrafters, a book of 10 for \$500.00. Each voucher pays for one pair of eyeglasses.

MILLERSPORT CORN FESTIVAL TICKETS

Lion Ray Empson requests that all members who have either money or tickets for the Millersport Corn Festival turn them in to him at the next meeting. He has 39 books out.

Also Lion Ray informs us that cell phone numbers went public July 1. If you don't want to pay for telemarketers phone calls, you can call the DO NOT CALL number and ask them to put you on the list. The number is: 1-888-382-1222 and you must call from the cell phone you want blocked.

INTERNATIONAL

As this issue of the CLAUSE is being written the International Convention is being held in Minneapolis, MN. If you are interested, it is possible to go to the International Lions web site, www.lionsclub.org, and get a daily report of the convention.

The following is a general description of what a convention attendee will find.

“Attendees visiting the Minneapolis Convention Center (MCC) during convention week can meet with Lions Clubs International Headquarters staff and will find: certification, [Club Supplies Sales Center](#), exhibitors, information/language assistance, International Food Court, Internet Café, metroConnections Tour Company, [Peace Poster Exhibit](#), [photo sales](#), pin trading, post office, [registration](#), seminars, Stamp Club, survey kiosks, [Sydney 2010 International Convention Booth](#), [Multiple District 5M Host Committee](#), [voting](#), Wii Serve Lions Lounge and more. Note: During convention week, the MCC exhibit hall hours are: 09:00 - 17:00, July 6 - 9; and 07:00 - 10:00, July 10.”