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2006-2007 International President Jimmy M. Ross: How Lions Can Institute a Paradigm Shift



“As Lions, we need first to take care of our own communities, where our members live,” says Jimmy M. Ross. “If we do this, we will encourage other community-minded citizens to join our clubs and, upon meeting local needs, we can expand our outreach on a global humanitarian basis. But first we must focus on our own localities. It will build membership and strengthen both our individual clubs and the entire association.”

Today Lions clubs need what I call a Paradigm Shift,” says Ross. “We must help Lions Clubs International better answer the needs of our customers—the individual members. Ask members and potential members what they want as Lions and then work to meet those needs. Only then will we strengthen the foundation of our clubs, districts and association.”

Ross is focusing on a number of objectives for his year. Among

the most important is Campaign SightFirst II. “The fundraising goal of Campaign SightFirst II is something we must achieve,” he says. He is also committed to expanding the Leo club program, International Youth Exchange, the affordable hearing aid project, Lions Quest and other activities in which Lions are involved. “If we’re going to do something, let’s do it right,” he says.

“I hope to set the stage for membership growth in the years ahead. I realize that tremendous growth can’t be made in one year because it takes, I would say, five to seven years for any plan to be successfully implemented, to establish the proper environment for people to want to be members of the club.”

Ross also plans to improve how incoming district governors are given training. Instead of intensive training only at the District Governors-Elect School, the school’s group leaders have already worked with the incoming governors at the regional or constitutional area level. There, they have set their own goals for the year.

“I don’t think it is my job to tell the governors what to do. Rather, we should sit down and discuss what is best for the district and the clubs and then ensure that those goals are met,” he says.

“Everything we do as Lions,” he advises, “we should ask, ‘Is this helping us live better as an organization and grow and establish goals and more clubs?’ If not, we need to re-evaluate ourselves.”

Ross believes it is an important objective of this association to serve the needs of the entire family. He advises Lions to recruit young men and women ages 21-35 because they represent the future of Lions Clubs International.

According to Ross, “We Serve says it all. Those two words have given inspiration and guidance to the greatest service club organization in the world...and they will continue to do so.”

District Governor’s Message



Here it is the beginning of another Lions year. I spent a very enjoyable week at the International Convention in Boston. From June 26th to the 29th I attended the District Governor Elect Seminars. These seminars

were very informative with lots of new ideas. I was also informed of our new International President’s goals and objectives for the Lions year of 2006-07. It is simply said “We Serve.”

My goal for this year is to get our District out of its transition status. As you might know a District has to maintain a total of 1,250 Lions and a minimum of 35 clubs. Presently we have a little over 1,100 Lions. This means that we need another 150+ Lions in our District’s ranks. I am continuing IPDG Jim Brubaker’s **10% + 1 membership goal**. This means that if your club, for example, has 20 members it should have 23 members at the end of this Lions year. You must also consider of making up the difference in losses to drop-outs and deaths. Whatever you began this Lions year with you should have 10% increase in membership!

Join In - Be a Lion

Jim Hartman

District Governor 14-B

The First Cabinet Meeting for the District will be held on Saturday, August 12th, 9 am til noon at the Center for Hearing and Deaf, 1945 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh.

All Club Presidents and Secretaries are requested to attend these meetings. Any other Lion interested is also invited to attend.

Lions of this District have to get more involved at the District level of operations. At present the majority of the Cabinet is from the southern end of the county. We need the Lions from the northern end to participate. We would like to have the quarterly Cabinet meetings around the whole county. Why not have your Club “sponsor” the next Cabinet meeting in your area? Get involved! Contact DG Jim Hartman or VDG Michele Matuch for more information on this project.



VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

As the immediate past president of the McKeesport Lions Club and Region 2 Zone B chair, it is an honor to serve our Lions of Allegheny County in a new capacity along side of District Governor Jim Hartman.

Throughout the years since 1993, you have provided ongoing financial support of those afflicted with diabetes, a chronic disease that can lead to blindness if not properly treated. Through the Lions Diabetes Relief Fund, over \$104,000 assisted the indigent populations in our communities who are at-risk by providing them the medications and diabetes supplies they needed through the Lions Diabetes Center at UPMC McKeesport.

Because of your efforts, we have foreseen an opportunity to use these valuable resources to support the increasing number of diabetes cases diagnosed each year. At its meeting on June 4, 2006, the District Cabinet unanimously endorsed submission of the Core 4 Diabetes Grant Proposal to the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Also supporting our efforts are our friends from District 14-E. If awarded, the Core 4 Grant will provide District 14-B with far greater opportunities "to serve" the indigent population in our communities with a Continuum of Diabetes Care Plan that will educate them and provide them with the medications and a weight management program they need to self-manage their illness. Each month, you will receive an update on the progress of the diabetes proposal that will be reviewed by the Lions Clubs International Foundation on October 2, 2006.

As your Vice District Governor for 2006-2007, I pledge you my support and commitment as District Governor Jim Hartman's right hand in moving us forward in a year where Lionism is present and growing.

Michele Matuch
Vice District Governor



Campaign SightFirst II was launched in 2005 and will celebrate its success in 2008 at the International Convention. This program has helped save sight for 24 million people world wide. There has been more than 175 million dollars in sight first grants awarded by LCIF. We have provided 65 million treatments for river blindness. Upgraded 300 eye care centers with equipment. Trained 68,000 ophthalmologists and other eye care professionals. As you can see the money raised is worthwhile in the continued struggle against blindness.

This memo is a reminder at the end of your Lions year to please set aside money to be sent to LCIF for SightFirst II. \$1,000 donated will qualify you for a Melvin Jones; it also grants your club a patch for your banner that shows you have donated to this worthwhile campaign. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. We want to make this campaign a success for us all

Dennis McCarthy
Sight First Coordinator

Monroeville Lions

8th Annual Golf Outing (Scramble)

Saturday, August 19, 2006

Tee Times starting at 11 AM

Willowbrook County Club

28 Markle Rd., Apollo, PA 15613

(724) 727-3442

18 Holes of Golf - Cart - Beverages -
Tournament Dinner

Door Prizes - Skill Contests - Raffles

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Don't have a foursome?

Send in your name and we'll match you up!

West Mifflin Lions

2nd ANNUAL GUN BASH

Sunday, October 1, 2006

Homeville Fire Hall, West Mifflin

Doors Open at Noon

Buffet, Refreshments, Raffles

Tickets \$20

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**District Seminar for
Presidents & Secretaries**

Saturday, July 8th marked our first seminar for Club Presidents and Secretaries. Lions met at the Bondi Medical Building in McKeesport at 9 am.

Officers from the Jefferson Hills, Boston-Greencok- Mt. Vernon, Sunset Hills, Upper Saint Clair, Central Elizabeth, Monroeville, Pitcairn, DeafBlind, Pleasant Hills, McKeesport, Shadyside-Squirrel Hill and Whitehall were in attendance for this informative seminar.

VDG Michele Matuch and ZC Barbara Schimmel opened the seminar. Lion George Burgess gave a talk on duties of the President and Secretary. A seminar was held on how to use LCI's MMR website. Lions were instructed with "hands on" computer time and informative instructional CDs and hand-outs.

Our District plans to have more of these seminars on a monthly basis. We would like to "reach out" to all the District and have these in your locality. We need the participation of the Clubs in the "northern" end to participate and arrange for a place for these seminars. Please contact DG Jim Hartman jwhart@adelphia.net (412) 600-0229 to get your region on the list and get our meetings to your area.

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None Assigned
Position Open

REGION 1 ZONE B

None Assigned
Position Open

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Lions of District 14-B:

Now is the time for your Club to get involved in affairs at the District level. You will notice that there are THREE positions open for Zone Chairs.

Region 1 Zone A (Allegheny County North) has the following clubs: Cheswick-Springdale, Elfinwild, Gibsonia/Hampton/Richland, Northern Allegheny, Pittsburgh Northside, Tarentum Area.

Region 1 Zone B has the following clubs: Coraopolis, Moon Township, Imperial, North Boroughs, North Suburban, Robinson, Sto-Ken-Rox.

Region 2 Zone B has the following clubs: Boston-Greencok-Mt. Vernon, Central Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Versailles, White Oak, Duquesne Leos.

Please contact DG Jim Hartman or VDG Michele Matuch if you are interested representing these Clubs for the District. Your Help is needed!



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Saturday, July 8, 2006
President – Secretary Seminar

Sunday, July 16, 2006
PA Lions Appreciation Day
Beacon Lodge, Mt. Union, PA

July 21-23, 2006
Leader Dog Seminar
Rochester, MI

Saturday, July 29, 2006
District Re-organization Meeting
Center for Hearing & Deaf
1945 Fifth Ave. Pittsburgh

August 4 - 6, 2006
Preliminary State Council Meeting
Bethlehem, PA

Saturday, August 12, 2006
First District Cabinet Meeting
Center for Hearing & Deaf
1945 Fifth Ave. Pittsburgh

Wednesday, September 27, 2006
"Passing of the Banner"
from Pleasant Hills
to West Mifflin Club
Westwood Golf Club
West Mifflin, PA

District Calendar 2006 - 2007

September 14-16, 2006
USA/Canada Forum
Columbus, OH

Saturday, September 23, 2006
Eye Research Seminar
Hershey, PA

October 23, 2006
District Fall Rally
Westwood Golf Club
West Mifflin, PA

November 3 – 5, 2006
State Council Meeting
Holiday Inn Holidome
York, PA

Saturday, November 11, 2006
2nd District Cabinet Meeting
Place TBA

TBA , December 2006
Christmas Around the World

February 2 – 4, 2007
State Council Meeting
Greensburg Four Points
Greensburg

Saturday, February 10, 2007
Third District Cabinet Meeting
Place TBA

February TBA 2007
Blind Bowlers Tournament

Friday, April 20, 2007
District Spring Party
Westwood Golf Club
West Mifflin, PA

May 17 – 20, 2007
State Council/ Convention
Holiday Inn
Fogelsville, PA

TBA
Fourth District Cabinet Meeting/Picnic

July 2 – 6, 2007
International Convention
Chicago, IL