

Lions attend convention

TOLEDO — The 78th annual Ohio State Lions Club Convention was held at the Radisson Hotel and Seagate Center in Toledo, May 17-18.

Attending were Vice District Governor of 13-E Lion Don Kepler of Pittsburg Lions Club and wife, Ruth. There were 500 people attending, including 383 delegates. Zone 6 Chairman Lion Dave Kaplan of Greenville also attended.

The International President, Augustin Soliva, of Brazil gave an innovative speech about Lions building bridges of peace and hope between all peoples of

the world, especially the youth and the children. There are Lions Clubs in 185 countries in the world. Their motto is "We Serve." Their focus is on the youth of the world, diabetes awareness, sight and hearing and pilot dogs.

The Ohio Lions Foundation has sent the victims of the floods in Ohio more than \$35,000 in relief funds. The Lions are there when there is a disaster anywhere in the world.

Other dignitaries attending were Ohio's International Director Floyd Newberry, Jr., Past International President,

James T. Coffey, and Past International Directors Daniel W. Cole and William P. Leibensperger.

Lion Lloyd "Bud" Jenkins, Governor of District 13-D was elected Council Chairman and Lion Don Kepler, Governor Elect of 13-E was elected Vice Council Chairman for the 1997-98 Lion fiscal year.

Many important State issues concerning Lionism were voted on during the business session.

The Convention included both business and entertainment for the Lions who came from all over the State of Ohio.

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