



**We Serve**

# District 14-B Newsletter

ONE WORLD, ONE HEART



BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW

International Association of Lions Clubs

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Lions, Lioness & Leo's:

Thank you Lions Clubs of 14-B for all your support and enthusiasm at my annual visits. Once again I will repeat our International President Kay K. Fukushima's theme "One World, One Heart". We must reduce apathy, indifference and non-focus and combine our energies to Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership and Orientation. This will be our strength to help build a "Better Tomorrow". I encourage all Lions to continue the work you are doing. **We must increase our membership NOW.** We also need to mentor and train every new and senior member. Let's have each member and officer bring in a new member and celebrate at the DG Spring Party, April 26, Holiday Inn, RIDC O'Hara Township.

### PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

Please copy this newsletter and pass it out to your membership.

[www.lionsofalleghenycounty.org](http://www.lionsofalleghenycounty.org)

## REMINDER:



Copies of the M&A and M&M reports are to be sent to the District Governor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

Following is a list from the International of Non-Reporting Clubs dated January 2003.

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Date Last Monthly Membership Report Recv'd. in Int'l. Office</u>
Braddock	December 2002
Elizabeth	October 2002
Forest Hills	December 2002
Glassport	November 2002
Greater Pgh. Airport	September 2002
Monroeville	December 2002
North Suburban	December 2002
Pitcairn	June 2002
Pgh. Oakland	September 2002
Pgh. Sunset Hills	November 2002
Robinson	October 2002
Upper St. Clair	October 2002
Wilmerding	January 2002

## *Proud Lion - Proud Sponsor*



To complete your responsibility to your new member, help him/her to earn the Proud Lion Award, and, while doing so, earn the Proud Sponsor Award for yourself. Follow the rules of your club on the timelines, but walk the member through the following:

1. Attending a Board Meeting
2. Visiting another club
3. Participating in a club project
4. Attending a Zone Meeting or District Function
5. Bringing a guest to a Club Meeting



## USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, whose theme is *Innovation: the Gateway to Leadership*, will be held from September 18-20, 2003 in Portland, Oregon.

If you have never been to a Forum, it is a great opportunity to meet Lions, have fun, and enjoy leadership training at its best. Various seminars are offered throughout the day, as well as sessions with outstanding motivational speakers.

For more information about the forum, see their website at [www.usa-canada-lions-forum.com](http://www.usa-canada-lions-forum.com) or contact me at 412 531 3512 or [mvu@hotmail.com](mailto:mvu@hotmail.com)

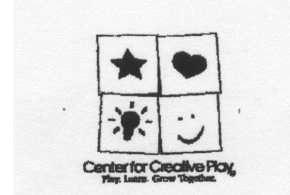
PDG Mike Vudragovich

## In Memorial

**Lion George Shawl**  
**Jefferson Hills Lions**

We also wish to extend our sympathy to Vice District Governor Richard Keller and his family on the recent death of his mother

## CENTER FOR CREATIVE PLAY



Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers don't forget our District 14-B Project. \$100.00 or more for the Center for Creative Play. Checks should be mailed to Treasurer Harold Fletcher and made out to District 14-B "Center for Creative Play". We are hoping to raise enough money to apply for a matching grant from the Lions PA Foundation.

As District Governor, I receive a lot of Newsletters each month from other Districts. Enclosed is something I came across in the January issue of District 14-E's Newsletter and I believe it is worth your reading.

## One Lions View of a Positive Lions Attitude

### Integrity within the Lions

*Often times in our daily conversations with individuals seeking advice concerning Lionism, frequently critical comments are overheard. Without a doubt, some of these comments are valid and indicate a need all of us to continually emphasize the importance of being a member of a Lions Club.*

On the other hand, a large percentage of the complaints are the direct result of a misunderstanding or a lack of adequate information given to a specific individual. This deficiency reflects directly on our failure to fully explain the concept of the entire situation, or enough time is not given to persons to insure they thoroughly understand all the answers given to the questions they asked.

It has become painfully apparent that either some of us are not concerned with the importance of explaining *Lionism*, or simply not discharging our responsibilities as dedicated members of a *Lions Club*.

As people are our primary concern, we must continually respect their rights to receive the full benefits our knowledge and obligation to provide the best possible information.

Not receiving the correct information, individuals are left to discuss their questions with others not associated with a *Lions* organization and are not qualified to render advice about *Lionism*. Such unofficial discussions (commonly called Philadelphia Lawyers), only aggravate the situations and in a long run may result in loss of potential new members.

In all fairness to every person we explain *Lionism* with, you must make a special effort to impress upon yourself the perpetual responsibility to provide everyone with the best possible answer. Every day courtesy and a basic concern for others are essential

in being a good *Lion*. By setting principles for ourselves, and applying them at all times, we will fulfill our responsibilities, render a greater service, and thereby enhance the image of all *Lions Clubs*.

In summary, I am positive that we can have ambitions to attract new members, however, great ambitions without self-contributions are sometimes insignificant

Lion Carl F. Johnson  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President*  
*Lower Burrell Lions*

## We welcome this month's new Lions:

### Monroeville

Regis P. Shogun  
John E. Aiker sponsor

### Jefferson Hills

Joseph S. Herndon  
Lucille Herndon sponsor

### Elfinwild

James Soden  
James R. Stoeckel sponsor

Quinn Donovan

Michael J. Quinn sponsor

### West Mifflin

Beatrice R. Chopnah  
Charles Demke sponsor

### Pgh. Deaf Blind

Paul Harvey  
Barbara Schimmel sponsor

### Grandview

Constance Tuszynski  
Judy Kerni sponsor

### McKeesport

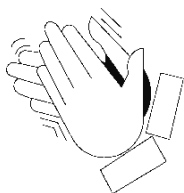
Laurie Z. MacDonald  
Michele Barch sponsor



## Congratulations

to the following clubs for their White Cane collections:

**Jefferson Hills**      **\$3,047**  
**Central Elizabeth**   **\$800**



Jason Altmire, White Cane Chair

## LIONS NIGHT WITH THE PIRATES



Although it is only March, it's not too early to be thinking spring and Pirates baseball. Mark your calendars for *Saturday, May 10, 2003*, for our second annual *Lions Night With the Pirates to Support PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp*. That night, the Pirates take on the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Tickets are only \$10 (that's cheaper than last year). We have again reserved right field grandstand seats. The view of the field is excellent, plus you also get a great view of the Pittsburgh skyline.

Invite your family, friends, co-workers, employees and anyone else you can to come out and have a great night with the Pirates and other Lions. Make it a club project and donate some tickets to a scout troop, little league team, senior center, or other organization in your community. Let's all work to make this a success and help Beacon Lodge.

You will be receiving fliers directly from the Pirates in the mail with further details.

If you have any questions, please contact PDG Harold Fletcher at 412 384 2240 or PDG Mike Vudragovich at 412 531 3512 or mvu@hotmail.com.

## STEEL VALLEY ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

The Steel Valley Chamber of Commerce named the **Homestead District Lions Club** the "Organization of the Year". There will be an awards dinner on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at the Loews Theater at the Waterfront. Congratulations to the members of the Homestead Lions Club. District 14-B is proud of you.

## BEACON LODGE CAMP WORK WEEKEND



When I think about Beacon Lodge Camp and the work weekend, I think about the atmosphere, the fellowship and a feeling that's just incredible. To me, this is a place where everybody can learn about

themselves, an inner search of our souls as to why we are here and why we are Lions. Join with us April 4, 5 and 6 (Friday evening - Sunday morning) in this "labor of love". The camp is about 3½ to 4 hours from District 14-B. Perhaps the most popular route is Pa. Turnpike east and exit at Fort Littleton (this is the first exit east of Breezewood). Take Rt. 522 north for 28 miles and turn right onto State Rt. 103 north for 5 miles. At this point the Juniata River will be to your left and the camp entrance to your right. Our work assignment includes installation of Braille Trail markers as well as serious brush clearing, so bring work clothes and gloves that are appropriate for the task at hand as well as adverse weather conditions. Also consider bringing rakes, shovels, bow saws, pruning shears, chain saws and such for brush clearing. At no cost to you, the camp will provide lodging, sheets, blanket, and pillow, three meals on Saturday plus breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Make your intentions known to Beacon Lodge Chair, Lion Tom Hurrell at (412) 466-6358 by March 30th as the camp will need to know how many to prepare for. Hey, we more than need you, we want you.

# District 14-B Events



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CLUB VISITS

## March

- 4 Bethel Park
- 18 Monroeville Leo - Gateway High School
- 19 Bethel Park Lioness
- 27 Cheswick-Springdale

April 15  
Duranti's Restaurant

Joint Zone 3 Meeting  
Oakland

April 26  
Holiday Inn RIDC  
Pittsburgh (Blawnox)

District Spring Party

## WESTERN PA SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN TODDLER'S PROGRAM

The Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children Toddler's Program is dedicated to the care of blind children. I would ask each Club in District 14-B to send a donation to Toddlers Program Director Janet Simon.

May 3  
Pa School for Bind Children  
8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Annual Leadership Seminar  
Oakland



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### Special Invitaion To all Lions of 14-B Annual Leadership Seminar

#### Agenda

- ☀ Club Officers - Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers
- ☀ District Officers - Zone & Committee Chairman
- ☀ New Member Orientation - Designed for both new and long time members
- ☀ Club Fundraisers - New Ideas-information

above seminars are planned for all Lions and Lionesses in District 14-B

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Where: PA School for Blind Children  
(Bellfield Avenue, Oakland)

When: Saturday, May 3, 2003  
8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Cost: NO CHARGE

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**Registration**  
CALL LION GEORGE BURGESS, LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN  
412-241-4200 ext 115