



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:

Our District 14-B Spring Party held at the Holiday Inn in RIDC Park, was a great success. International Director Scott Neely's comments were informative and inspiring. He was very impressed with the wonderful work that we do in District 14-B. On a personal note, I learned of the many facets of our International organization. I would like to thank all the District 14-B members and their guests who attended. Your support was overwhelming.

Here I go again - We NEED NEW MEMBERS!!! Every Lion shares a responsibility for identifying and inviting prospective members to join a Lions Club. Our future growth and existence depends on the fulfillment of that responsibility. New members provide willing hands for services and fund raising and bring with them innovative ideas, new outlooks and new enthusiasm that will help our Clubs grow. Thanks to all the Lions who have recruited new members this year.

Our International President has declared the month of May "Lions Family Month". The 2002-2003 Presidential theme is "One World-One Heart". Throughout the past year our Lions Clubs have implemented hundreds of heart-felt community service projects, yet our service to humanity often requires us to be away from our families. The Association appreciates Lion's volunteer service. Likewise, the Association recognizes that it is only with the support and understanding of loved ones that we can fulfill the "We Serve" motto. We as Lions can consider involving family members in a Lions activity. Invite family member to plan and implement a community service project. This effort will help your family "connect" with your Lions family. Service projects to consider are 1) a community clean up project; 2) a tree planting project; 3) distribution of food for the hungry; 4) collect used eye glasses; 4) visit children in a hospital or orphanage.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

District Governor Ken Lloyd

www.lionsofalleghenycounty.org

More from the DG

The American Council of the Blind is having a National Convention in Pittsburgh July 2003. They are in need of volunteers to escort attendees on two tours – one to Wheeling Island on Saturday, July 5, 1pm –6:30pm, for an afternoon at the track and casino, and one going to Sharon, PA Monday, July 7 12:15-6pm to see “The Hall of Voices”. Buses will leave from the Pittsburgh Convention Center. Please contact Renee Abrams 412-363-3112 if you are interested in assisting.

Club Presidents and Secretaries Please Note

P.U. 101's are due now.



Congratulations

to William Myers, Pleasant Hills Lions Club, who received the “Proud Lion Award” and James P. Funkhouser, Pleasant Hills Lions Club, who received the “Proud Sponsor Award”.



For those Lions Clubs that have not donated to the **Center for Creative Play**, you still have time. Please send check to Dis-



District Governor Ken Lloyd with Robinson Lions Club Vice President C.J. Galluze

District 14-B Events

May 15 - 18 State Convention
Genetti's Hotel/Convention Center
Williamsport, PA

June 1 District 14-B Cabinet Meeting
Western PA School for Blind Children 1:00 PM
Pittsburgh (Oakland)

LCIF/Melvin Jones Fellowship Update

As of March 31, 2003, the following Lions Clubs have designated donations towards Melvin Jones Fellowships. These donations vary from \$20 to \$1000. The \$1000 donations have been fully paid, but the club has not yet named a recipient. Following the club name, I have listed the number of fellowships for which clubs have made contributions in varying amounts.

Please review your accounts to see if you are able to complete your donations for the fellowships your club has started, and recognize deserving members of your club or community by presenting them with this honor.

Bethel Park*	14	Pgh Deafblind	1
Carnegie	1	Sunset Hills	1
Coraopolis	1	Pleasant Hills	1
Elfinwild	8	Robinson	1
Imperial	1	South Park	2
McKeesport	1	Sto-Ken-Rox	1
Monroeville	1	Tarentum	1
Mt. Lebanon*	4	Upper St. Clair	2
North Boroughs	1	Versailles	1
Pitcairn	1	West Allegheny	1
Beechview	1	Whitehall	1
Hilltop	1		

*NOTE: At this time only Bethel Park and Mt. Lebanon have fellowships that are fully funded, but no recipients have been designated.

If you have any questions concerning your contributions, please contact me at 412 395 6208(B) or at 412 531 3512(H).

Mike Vudragovich, IPDG
LCIF Chairman



USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

The 27th 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 or contact me at 412 531 3512 or mvu@hotmail.com

PDG Mike Vudragovich

Beacon Lodge Report

**PA BEACON LODGE CAMP
114 SR 103 SOUTH
Mount Union, PA 17066-9601**

Camp Connection 2003:

Camp Connection will be held June 7-10, Camp Connection is a program developed to assist in educating parents and their visually impaired toddlers. If you know of a toddler in your area who would benefit from a program such as this, please refer them to the camp for more details.



PHONE (814) 542-2511 FAX (914) 542-7437
E-MAIL beacon1@hcworkshop.com
OR, write to the above address.

May is Recycle for Sight Month

A GOOD LION OFFICER

Sometime ago, one of our International Officers was asked ; What constituted a good ions Club Officer? After careful thought he answered. To make a good Lions club Officer, you should have the diplomacy of an Ambassador, the judicious skill of a wise Judge, the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of a gladiator, the obedience of a soldier, the sweetness of a mother, the philosophy of Dante and the wit of a Will Rodgers. You should be kind, be a companion, a leader and a loyal friend.

As a Lions Club Officer, your position is one of importance. The manner in which you perform your duties will reflect greatly upon you and upon all the members in your club. Lions Club Officers, keep these things in mind:

Reflect confidence by showing enthusiasm for your organization.

Make an honest effort to do your job well and know your club.

Dedicate yourself to the task of making your club the best in the District.

Organize your work. A well organized club is a well operated club.

In an active Lions club the Board of Directors functions. It meets regularly. It directs the affairs of the club. A good Board of Directors discovers weaknesses and devises a means of correcting them.

A Lions Club Officer should realize that He/She is a servant of his/her club, not the boss.

A Good Lions Club Officer humbly serves, keeping in mind that the thing that has made Lionism so superior is its service to mankind.

Newsletter by Email?

The District Governors's Newsletter can now be sent out by email as a PDF file. If you have email and the Adobe Acrobat Reader, you will be able to view the newsletter on your computer. Acrobat Reader is free and easy to download if you do not already have it. The files are usually less than 500 kb.

If you would like to have your newsletter by email instead of print from now on, please email me at gritus@nauticom.net and let me know. We can save trees and postage and printing costs.

We welcome this month's new Lions:

White Oak

Patricia A. Ciasulla
Dolores Weinstein sponsor

Karen Thomas
David Thomas
Richard Peters sponsor



Pittsburgh North Side

Janet Holtz
Bernie Grant sponsor

William Gardner
Ed Kropf sponsor

BEACON LODGE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Beacon Lodge has received notification that because of budget shortfalls, the state support for Beacon Lodge may be decreased from the current funding level of \$122,000, which is approximately one-fifth of Beacon Lodge's operating budget. Continued state funding, as well as additional sources of revenue, is necessary for the successful operation of the camp.

I have contacted my state representative, and he suggested that all Lions contact their state senators and representatives since they all vote on the state budget. *Beacon Lodge is in a "non-preferred" budget category, so our appropriation has not yet been considered.* It probably will not be considered before May or June. He also suggested letters to the majority leaders of the House and Senate. A letter to the governor would also be appropriate. On the following pages are some sample letters that you may use, but certainly feel free to elaborate if you desire.

If you have any questions, please call me at 412 531 3512 or email me at mvu@hotmail.com.

Mike Vudragovich, IPDG
Treasurer, PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

2002-2003 PENNSYLVANIA STATE PIN ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

NO. OF PINS @ \$2.00 EACH _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Plus Shipping: \$15.00 or under \$3.95
\$15.01 to \$30.00 \$5.85
\$30.01 to \$55.00 \$7.45 \$ _____

Plus 6% Tax (Pins are not exempt from sales tax) \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Mail to: PA LIONS STATE OFFICE
949 EAST PARK DR
HARRISBURG, PA 17111



Dear

I am writing to you on behalf of the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. It is a special needs camp sponsored by the Lions of Pennsylvania. Each year it provides camping opportunities for children and adults with sight or hearing impediments and children and adults with other mental or physical challenges. It also allows parents of these special needs children an opportunity to network with families of children with similar disabilities to learn and to cope with the challenges that lie ahead.

Each year the camp employs over 60 young men and women, some of whom are college students studying for special education. Most of who return year after year, not for the pay, but for the campers and their commitment to those in need.

Although the major part of the funding for the camp is received from the Lions of Pennsylvania, it is important to understand that the Lions also support other worthwhile projects in their local community and worldwide.

To enable us, the Lions of Pennsylvania to continue this work for these most deserving children and adult campers, I urge you to support the appropriation to the camp at its current level from the state.

Sincerely,

Dear Governor Rendell:

Beacon Lodge Camp received a letter in December from the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee advising the camp that because of legislative shortfalls, the state support could be decreased from current levels. Last year Beacon Lodge also struggled with their finances to come up with a realistic budget. Our budget and the services offered by the camp to those less fortunate citizens served by the camp depend in large part on the funding received from the state.

Beacon Lodge is a special service camp sponsored by the Lions of Pennsylvania. Each year it provides camping experiences for hundreds of campers most deserving of our help. The camp serves children and adults with special needs. Whether they are blind or visually impaired, deaf or hearing impaired, or suffering from other physical or mental challenges. The camp attracts children from the ages of 7 to 17 and adults to the age of our oldest camper who is 93 years young. The camp experience also allows families to network with parents of children with similar disabilities and they learn to cope with the challenges that lie ahead.

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Sincerely,



Making a Difference..
May is Recycle for Sight Month
-- make plans to participate!



The World Health Organization estimates that the eyesight of one-fourth of the world's population can be improved through the use of corrective lenses. Unfortunately for many, a pair of glasses is both unaffordable and inaccessible. In developing countries, an eye exam costs as much as one month's wages, and a single doctor may serve a community of hundreds of thousands of people.

For nearly 70 years, individual Lions clubs and districts in the U.S., and several other countries have collected used eyeglasses for distribution to the needy in developing nations.

Lions Recycle For Sight is designed to run in conjunction with, or in addition to, any collection efforts a Lions club may already sponsor. Members can receive program guide and publicity materials by calling the Public Relations Department at (630) 571-5466, ext. 358 or by e-mail at rfs@lionsclubs.org.

Recycling Resources

If your club already collects eyeglasses, use Lions Recycle For Sight Month (May) to give your collection effort a publicity boost and re-acquaint your community with the importance of eyeglasses recycling. If your club is not yet involved in eyeglasses recycling, the Lions Recycle For Sight program is an excellent "kick-off" for the project.

The following resources are available to assist Lion members in their eyeglasses collection efforts:

Publications: IAD-108, Bringing Sight to the World PR-782, Recycle For Sight Activity Guide

Videos: PR-28-V, "New Glasses, New Life"

Supplies: G-1174-D8 Eyeglass Collection Boxes (set of 10)

D-171 Eyeglass Collection Window Decals

D-170 Eyeglass Collection Box Decals D-169 Eyeglass Collection Box Decals

Items from the Club Supplies Department may be obtained online or by calling: (800) 710-7822 - US

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