



District 14-B Newsletter



International Association of Lions Clubs

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Well the traveling is all done for awhile and it is time to go to work.

The International Convention was great. Denver, CO is a wonderful place for a convention. News from the convention is that the **Dues increase was passed**. This increase went into effect as of July 1, 2003 so all clubs should be looking at their dues structure to adjust. An explanation of the dues increase is included in this newsletter.



The trip to Leader Dog School was a rewarding experience for my family. The new facilities for the students are wonderful and were needed. The School is looking into the future to improve services to those in need. Please don't forget Leader Dog when you are making your donations.

A great day was spent at Beacon Lodge on July 20. The camp is making improvements to make the campers' stay a more enjoyable one. District 14-B cabin is in need of some renovations, and we will be looking into this in the near future.

As we are all enjoying the remainder of the summer; we should be starting to plan for the year primarily, membership growth and service activities. Start reflecting now on innovative ways to accomplish these important tasks. When you and your Club find new ways to achieve your goals, you may discover that there are many roadblocks standing in your way. When obstacles to your success appear, remember that only those who dare to try can realize great achievements, and that opportunities are never lost, someone always pursues them. Innovation is difficult, but we as Lions are ready for the challenge. As Lions we work together, we will achieve together, and we will celebrate together.

D. G. Rich Keller

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In Memoriam

With great sorrow I bring the news that the Lions of District 14-B and the West Mifflin Lions lost a member. PDG Cornelius "Mack" McConville past away in July. PDG Mack was District Governor in 1982 – 1983. Also, the Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon Lions Club lost Lion Robert B. Latta. Please remember PDG Mack and Lion Robert and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

The RIS Report

PORT Pittsburgh Oldtime Radio Theatre

Sandy Baskind, who was recognized at the volunteer dinner for his 10 years of service to RIS, created a "marriage" between Radio Information Service and PORT. He grew up with a fascination for the "wonderful world of radio" in the 1930's and 1940's when sitcoms, soap operas, and adventure stories were entertaining a fast-growing radio audience. It was out of love for this genre of radio and his commitment to Radio Information Service that this "marriage" was born.

The PORT players are all volunteers. The nominal fee charged at each performance is donated in its entirety to Radio Information Service. If you or your club (or anyone who might be interested) would like to have the PORT group perform at their organization or Lions Club function, call Paul Mooney at 412-921-6924.

DATE TO REMEMBER: October 19, 2003 -- On that date from 9 AM to noon we will have the "RIS Patty Burns Walkathon" at the Carnegie Mellon University track in Oakland. All Lions Clubs are invited to participate.

Samuel J. DePiero, RIS Chair

Club Visitation Schedule

My visitation schedule is included in the news letter. Please review and mark your calendars when I will be visiting your club. If there is a conflict with my schedule please let me know as soon as possible so I can adjust it.

Looking Ahead



Let's take a quick look ahead to the District's end of the year Celebration next April. We have decided to have a Hawaiian Luau. Since Hawaiian shirts were so popular this year and may not be next year, possibly purchasing one now at the August clearance prices may be a great idea and savings.

Peace Poster Contest

It is August and summer is coming to a close and we start hearing my favorite words "BACK TO SCHOOL". With that thought, we should be thinking about getting our local schools involved with the Lions Peace Poster Contest. This is a great project to get Lions involved with the schools and a way for children and parent to learn about Lions and your club. The Peace Poster Kits are available at International (try ordering online) and each club must order their own kit. For more information on the Peace Poster Contest please contact District Chairperson Matt Borichevsky at 724-274-9556. The District needs to have all entries in by November so they can be judged and sent to the State and on to International.



Service Projects

I would like to know what SERVICE Project each club in the District is doing or planning on doing this year. Service projects are not Fund raisers; they are projects where you as a club go out into the community and give of your time and energy. They can be projects like working at the local personal care home, or cleaning up the local community park or highway. Remember our motto is "We Serve", so let us go out into our own communities and show them that we do. Please e-mail or make note on your club's M&A report of your service project. I will be reviewing them and reporting them in the upcoming news letters.



We Serve

District Fall Rally

District 14-B Fall Rally will be held on Thursday October 23 at the White Oak American Legion. More information on the rally will be coming out in the September News Letter. Right now PDG Harold Fletcher the Coordinator of District Activities is working with PDG Bill Gazica to try and get Pittsburgh Pirate Great and Hall of Famer Bill Mazaroski as a guest speaker. Keep your fingers cross that we get him.

Dues Increase

As I stated in my cover letter at the Lions International Convention in Denver the dues increase past. **The increase goes into effect as of July 1, 2003 (this year).** The dues increase is a \$15.00 increase over 3 years. The International break down for the dues increase over three years is \$4.25 in 2003-2004 (this year), \$4.95 in 2004-2005, and \$5.80 in 2005-2006. This increase will be in the next pre capita statement your club receives.

Please remember that this is an International dues increase. There **HAS NOT** been a State or a District dues increase.

Travels of the District Governor

Each month I would like to share my journeys and experiences as your District Governor. I hope you enjoy these pictures from the International Convention and Leader Dog School. I again want everyone to know how much Mary Jane, Matt and I appreciate all the experience and knowledge we are gaining.



Matt with our Twin Governor and wife from Norway



Future Lion and Future Leader Dog

First Cabinet Meeting

The First District Cabinet meeting will be held on Saturday August 16 at the Center for Creative Play. My partner in service Mary Jane and I encourage the Cabinet members and their spouses or friend to join us for this meeting. After a lite breakfast the spouses will tour the facility and enjoy some fun and fellowship.

Dates to Remember

August 8 -10, 2003 State Council Meeting, Allentown PA

August 16, 2003
First Cabinet Meeting at the Center for Creative Play 9:00 am

September 17-21, 2003 USA/Canada Forum, Portland OR

October 23, 2003 District 14-B Fall Rally, White American Legion



Quote for the Month

Don't let anyone talk you out of pursuing what you know to be a great idea.



The Kellers at Leader Dog School

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CLUB
VISITS 2003-2004**

SEPTEMBER

3	North Suburban	17	North Boroughs
4	Carnegie	22	Coraopolis
10	Dormont	24	Northern Allegheny

OCTOBER

1	Lions Club of Pittsburgh		
1	Bloomfield-Lawrenceville	20	Homestead
7	Robinson	28	Pittsburgh North Side
15	West Allegheny	29	Liberty Borough

NOVEMBER

3	Pleasant Hills	17	Forest Hills
4	Pitcairn	18	Bethel Park
5	Upper St. Clair	19	Beechview
6	Jefferson Hills	25	South Park
11	Imperial		
13	Greater Pittsburgh Airport		

DECEMBER

1	White Oak	11	Cheswick-Springdale
2	Clairton	15	Central Elizabeth
4	Turtle Creek	16	Elizabeth
9	Grandview		

2004

JANUARY

6	Shadyside/Squirrel Hill	15	Wilmerding
7	Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon	22	Braddock
7	Versailles	27	Glassport
8	Pittsburgh Hilltop	28	Mt. Lebanon
13	McKeesport	28	West Mifflin
14	Gibsonia/Hampton/Richland		

FEBRUARY

3	Monroeville Leo's	17	Oakmont
10	Pittsburgh DeafBlind	25	Monroeville
4	Brentwood		

March

2	Tarentum	11	Elfinwild
3	Pittsburgh Sunset Hills	16	Sto-Ken-Rox
10	Whitehall	17	Bethel Park Lioness

CENTRAL ELIZABETH LIONS CLUB

LIONS PRIDE RIDE

MOTORCYCLE EVENT FOR CLARITY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

RAIN OR SHINE

AT THE CLAIRTON PARK LODGE AND
PAVILION

RT. 885 IN CLAIRTON, PA

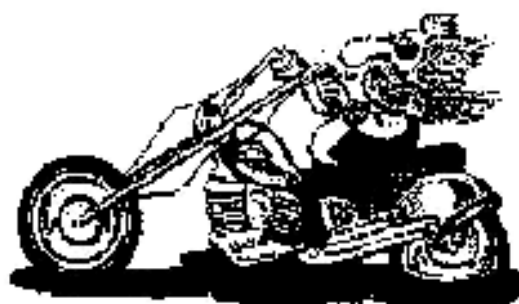
REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT 9:00 AM

BIKES WILL LEAVE AT 11:00 AM

ADMISSION IS A \$10.00 PER PERSON DONATION

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIONS CLUB CHARITIES

FREE RIDE PIN TO THE FIRST 100 PEOPLE
REGISTERED



COME TO RIDE OR JUST TO PARTY!

NON RIDERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AT THE \$10
ADMISSION PRICE.

ALL BIKES ARE WELCOME!

DIRECTIONS:

FROM R151:

FOLLOW CLAIRTON SIGNS ONTO 837N. TURN LEFT ONTO ST. CLAIR AVE.
ST. CLAIR TURNS INTO RAVENSBURG BLVD. CROSS RAVENSBURG BRIDGE.
MAKE A RIGHT ONTO 885 SOUTH. CLAIRTON PARK IS ON THE IMMEDIATE
RIGHT.

FROM LEBANON CHURCH RD:

TURN ONTO 885 SOUTH FOR APPROXIMATELY 4 1/2 MILES. PARK IS ON
RIGHT.



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by

The Central Elizabeth Lions Club

**Seven Springs Golf Course
Elizabeth Township, PA**

Saturday, September 20, 2003

Registration 10:30 AM

Tee-off at 11:00 AM

**All proceeds to benefit the Lions Diabetes Center at UPMC
McKeesport Hospital**

Your \$80.00 fee includes golf, cart, refreshments at the turn, buffet dinner and chances to win valuable prizes!

Have your Lions Club enter a foursome to compete for a District 14B Trophy!

Please complete the bottom portion of this flier and return to PDG Harold A. Fletcher at 425 Stoncybrook Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037. Questions regarding the tournament should be directed to the tournament chairman, PDG Joe Donkin at 412.673.1905.

Name(s) of golfers: _____

Contact person: _____ Phone _____

Name of Lions Club _____

_____ We would also like to sponsor a hole at a cost of \$100.00

_____ In lieu of sending golfers, we would like to make a donation of \$ _____

Please make your check payable to "Central Elizabeth Lions Club."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!