



**We Serve**

# District 14-B Newsletter



International Association of Lions Clubs

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Newsletter Editor

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

### A Time to Give Thanks

November has started and we have turned the clocks back and the days are getting shorter and shorter. We are enjoying the last few days of Indian Summer and getting ready for the Holidays to come and the cold winter weather.

Thanksgiving is one of the warmest and most enjoyable holidays in the year. We are afforded the opportunity to express our gratitude for the blessings we have been given. We embrace family and friends and share a meal or phone conversation. We are thankful for our personal successes, never forgetting our rich traditions.

As Lions we need to keep our rich tradition of providing SERVICE to those in need. We are coming to that time of the year when everyone gets caught up with the Holidays. We sometimes forget that there are people in our communities that will not enjoy their Holidays for a lot of reasons. Lions can provide that little bit of happiness to those people. We as Lions work together for others, we achieve together for others, and we can help others celebrate at this Thanksgiving season so that they too can be thankful for what the Lions do "SERVE"

May Your Family have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Rich



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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CLUB VISITS

### NOVEMBER

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

### DECEMBER

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

## Newsletter Note

If your club would like to put something in the District newsletter please get your article to the District Governor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Plan ahead so your article can be put in the newsletter before not after your club's event or function. This is YOUR newsletter.

## In Memoriam

With great sorrow I bring the news that the Lions of District 14-B have lost a member with the passing of King Lion Efrem "Fred" Snyder of the Coraopolis Lions. Please remember Lion Fred and his Family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Peace Poster Contest

Peace Posters date to remember. November 15<sup>th</sup> is the postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster to the District.

The Judging will be completed by November 24 so the District winner can be sent to the State Office for judging.



## Pennsylvania Counsellors Award / District 14-B Counsellors Award

The Pennsylvania Counsellors have established an award for presentation to deserving Lions throughout Pennsylvania. This is the "**Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Award**". This award gives your club the opportunity to recognize one of your members for all the hard work he/she has accomplished, supporting the great work we do as Lions, and living up to our motto "We Serve".

Each District is entitled to two PA Counsellors Awards per year; and the District presents four District Counsellor awards each year (one per region). The Past District Governors of 14-B will select the candidates for both awards.

The following are the criteria for earning the award:

1. Have served at least 10 years as a Lion
2. Have earned at least 5 years of perfect attendance.
3. Shall have served as either president or secretary of the club or have displayed other exemplary service.
4. Must be in good standing in a Lions Club in good standing within the District.

Please submit qualified candidates application by December 31, 2003 to:

IPDG Ken Lloyd  
450 Rosslyn Ave.  
Springdale, PA 15144-1153

# NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2003  
TIME: 10 A.M. TO 12 A.M.  
WHERE: WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN

A WELL - KNOWN LION HAS THIS TO SAY:

## "NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IS THE FOUNDATION FOR RETENTION"

New member orientation will be conducted during the 2nd District Cabinet Meeting on November 8, 2003.

We urge you to invite your new members (and their sponsors) to attend the New Member Orientation from 10am to Noon. This is a very important step in their journey to becoming an informed and dedicated Lion.

Show your leadership! Encourage them to attend and help pave the way for them to become enthusiastic members of your club!

## Need a place to hold your Club Christmas Party?

How about joint everyone at The Palisades in McKeesport for "Christmas Around the World" on Saturday December 13, 2003. The entertainment for the evening is PURE GOLD. The cost is \$25.00/person and all proceed benefit UPMC McKeesport Lion Diabetes Center. See the flier in the newsletter.

## Driver Needed

- Two days a week
- Approx. 8 hours a day
- Need to own a car and have insurance
- Pay - \$5.15/hour (negotiable) plus mileage (\$.36/mile)
- Travel within Southwestern Pennsylvania

If interested contact Gale at 412-565-3675.

## Directory Updates and Corrections

President of the Clairton Lions

Joseph Julian (Linda) 412-233-3752(H)  
618 Short St.  
Clairton, PA 15025-2326  
[Ljcw1@comcast.net](mailto:Ljcw1@comcast.net)



District Chaplin Robert Johnson Jr. PDG  
phone number should be 412-795-7405

President of the North Side Lions Sandra Collins  
phone number should be 412-635-7365(H)  
412-821-6600(B) [ESTBCOLLINS@aol.com](mailto:ESTBCOLLINS@aol.com)

Secretary of the North Side Lions Linda Leonhardt  
e-mail address is [LEONHLN@aol.com](mailto:LEONHLN@aol.com)

Secretary of the Homestead Lions James A. Milligan  
e-mail address is [J-Milligan@webtv.com](mailto:J-Milligan@webtv.com)

President of the Oakmont Lions Diane Harrell  
e-mail address is [dianelee123@aol.com](mailto:dianelee123@aol.com)

## Need a Speaker?

Need a speaker for your next Club meeting? How about one of the District Chairpersons for a speaker. There are many to choose from: Beacon Lodge to Western PA School for Blind Children. Call any one of the District Chairpersons in the directory, and I am sure they would be happy to come to your club and give their presentation.

## Beacon Lodge 365 Club

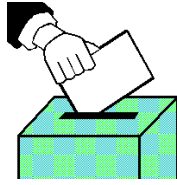
The "365 Club" is an opportunity for an individual Lion, Lioness, Leo or non-Lion to make a personal donation to PA Beacon Lodge Camp. The "365 Club" is based on a penny-a-day donation, or \$3.65 per year. Membership renewal annually. Donations received are applied to camp maintenance only. To express your concerns or for additional information, phone Lion Tom at 412-466-6358.

Thanks for your consideration.  
Lion Tom



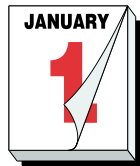
## Election Day

One of the greatest rights we have is our voice in the democratic process. Remember to vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>.



## Dates to Remember

- November 4 Election Day
- November 8 Jefferson Hills Lions Pancake Breakfast  
Floreffe Fire Hall.
- November 8 2<sup>nd</sup> District 14-B Cabinet Meeting  
Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind Children 9:00am.
- November 8 New Member Orientation Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind Children 10:00am.
- November 8 Lions Auction for Diabetes, Youghiogheny Country Club.
- November 14, 15 & 16 Oakmont Lions Club Variety Show, "The Best Time of the Year"  
Tenth St. School Auditorium, Oakmont
- November 15 District Peace Poster Deadline.
- November 27 Thanksgiving
- December 13 "Christmas Around the World" The Palisades, McKeesport
- December 25 Merry Christmas
- December 31 Happy New Year



## Lions Auction for Diabetes

It is not too late to donate an item for the Lions Diabetes Research Center's Auction. All donations Large or small will make this evening a huge success. UPMC McKeesport is spotlighting the Lions Clubs' commitment and support on this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. What great public relations for us!

## District Fall Rally

The Fall Rally was a GREAT time. Greg Brown of the Pittsburgh Pirates gave a great talk and promise to help the Lions with the Pirate game next spring. There were 95 Lions in attendance with 22 Clubs being represented. Those of you that couldn't make it you missed a great night. Remember the Fall Rally is a great place to take a new member to show them what Lionism is all about.

I just want to thank PDG Harold Fletcher for the great job he did organizing the Rally, VDG Denny McCarthy for doing a fine job of MC and to all the Lions for coming.

## Quote for the Month

Judge your success by the degree that you're enjoying peace, health, and love.

## State Committee Members Needed

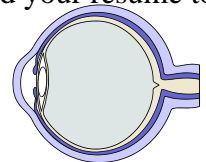
## Youth Exchange Committee

If anyone would be interested in servicing on the Multiple District 14 Youth Exchange Committee please contact the District Governor.

## Eye Research Sight Conservation Foundation

If anyone is interested and has the qualifications to serve on this foundation please send your resume to:

PDG Albert Dettore  
11 Brookside Dr.  
Feasterville, PA 19053  
e-mail [dett0317@comcast.net](mailto:dett0317@comcast.net)



If you have any questions please contact PDG Al Dettore directly.

# When I was District Governor...

I always hate to hear a Past District Governor use that phrase, but for the purpose of this article... oh well!

It's been twenty years since I went in as the District Governor. A lot has happened to Lionism here in our district over the past two decades. Take for instance, back then, we had five regions and ten zones, which meant we had five Deputy District Governors (later known as Region Chairmen) and ten Zone Chairmen. Today, we have eight Zone Chairs and no Region Chairs. Women were not part of our membership at that time.

We had sixty-one Lions Clubs and seven Lioness Clubs. Total membership of the Lions clubs stood at 2,128. Today we have 1,236 members. Lioness clubs are almost extinct today, with only one active club, the Bethel Park Lioness Club, which wasn't even in existence back then! We had a very successful Leo Club that was organized in 1984, but unfortunately, it too has disappeared. Today, we still have one Leo Club in Monroeville and we hope that it will continue in its successful journey.

Can you remember going to the Holiday House in Monroeville for the Annual Spring Party and being entertained by Marty Allen with over 300 Lions and their wives in attendance? How about getting 100 to 150 members out for a Region Rally at the Central Fire Hall or Liberty Boro Fire Hall? Attendance at District sponsored functions has declined to where we're lucky if we get 100 for a Spring Party and 30 to 40 members at a joint zone meeting. How many of you remember "The Cauldron"? It was our quarterly District magazine, similar to today's state publication, the "Pride" magazine. It took 3 lions to put it together and another to publish it.

District projects were something everyone and every club jumped on. They required active participation, not just monetary donations to fulfill an obligation. Remember the Pittsburgh Maulers? How about the Drug & Alcohol Awareness seminar we conducted at the University of Pittsburgh? How many of you remember the great Roots of Rock 'n' Roll Concerts held at the Syria Mosque? Fundraisers were held to support the Lions Laser Center at Eye and Ear Hospital. Where has all of it gone? Are we becoming too old, or are we becoming too complacent? Think back... what was your club's membership twenty years ago? Check the chart on the opposite page to see where you stand.

Membership is down 892 members in the past 20 years. We're all getting older and we're all having a more difficult time in trying to do what we used to be able to do 20 years ago. It's easy for us to say "go out and get one new member", but in reality, how many of us ask someone to join? We all have someone we talk to on a regular basis about what we do as a Lion. We all have special people we ask to buy the raffle tickets and sell the pancake breakfast tickets to... how many times have you thought about asking those same individuals to join your club?

I am certain that if you would talk to International Counsellors H. Turner Frost (District Governor 1955-1956) and Ted Turocy (District Governor in Ohio 1958-1959), that they would have even greater numbers and fundraisers that they could pass on to us.

And last but not least, for those of you who can remember, twenty years ago I had dark red hair and was several pounds lighter!

Harold Fletcher, PDG

Club	1983	2003	Club	1983	2003
<i>Baldwin</i>	16	*	North Suburban	34	13
Beechview	20	18	Oakland	42	28
Bethel Park	69	58	Oakmont	56	46
Bloomfield-Lawrenceville	26	15	<i>Penn Hills</i>	18	*
Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon	64	29	<i>Perry Highway</i>	39	*
Braddock	26	20	Pitcairn	31	24
Brentwood	#	17	Pittsburgh DeafBlind	#	29
<i>Brookline</i>	15	*	Pittsburgh Host	40	21
Carnegie	41	22	Pittsburgh Hilltop	#	11
<i>Castle Shannon</i>	#	*	<i>Pittsburgh South Side</i>	19	*
Central Elizabeth	36	21	Pleasant Hills	38	30
Cheswick Springdale	29	34	<i>Port Vue</i>	14	*
Clairton	77	40	Robinson	16	15
Coraopolis	20	15	Shadyside-Squirrel Hill	#	14
<i>Dravosburg</i>	50	*	South Park	36	24
Dormont	#	7	<i>Southwest Pittsburgh</i>	10	*
<i>East Allegheny</i>	#	*	Sunset Hills	10	11
<i>East Liberty</i>	28	*	<i>Swissvale</i>	19	*
Elfinwild	35	37	Tarentum	29	16
Elizabeth	50	17	Town of McCandless	25	27
Forest Hills	29	14	Turtle Creek	34	9
<i>Forward</i>	13	*	Upper St. Clair	27	20
Glassport	57	44	Versailles	36	19
Grandview	62	19	West Allegheny	28	19
Greater Pgh. Airport	22	10	<i>West Deer</i>	38	*
<i>Greater Pgh. Deaf</i>	26	*	West Mifflin	91	59
Hampton-Richland	#	13	White Oak	60	41
Homestead	53	41	Whitehall Community	48	29
Imperial	20	17	<i>Wilkinsburg</i>	15	*
Jefferson Boro	32	32	Wilmerding	29	26
Liberty Boro	24	9	<b>Lioness Clubs</b>		
<i>Lincoln Place</i>	29	*	Bethel Park	#	
McKees Rocks	25	26	<i>Bloomfield-Lawrenceville</i>		*
McKeesport	60	22	<i>Carnegie</i>		*
Monroeville	20	22	<i>Coraopolis</i>		*
<i>Mon-Yough</i>	47	*	<i>Dravosburg</i>		*
Mt. Lebanon	36	32	<i>Mon-Yough Area</i>		*
North Boroughs	52	29	<i>West Allegheny</i>		*
North Side	37	25	<i>Wilmerding</i>		*
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>2,128</b>	<b>1,236</b>

Membership figures were taken from the latest per capita statements received by the District Treasurer.

**Key:** \* = *Bold italics indicates club no longer in existence*  
# = *New clubs since 1983*

# AGENT ORANGE AND VIETNAM SERVICE

***THIS NOTIFICATION MAY BE IMPORTANT TO LIONS IN YOUR CLUB WHO HAVE SERVED IN VIETNAM.***

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) advises that Vietnam veterans with any of the following conditions are eligible for disability compensation from the VA, based on their presumed exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides in the Republic of Vietnam. Veterans must have served or visited in the Republic of Vietnam anytime during the period between January 9, 1962 through May 5, 1975.

- ***TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS***
- ***RESPIRATORY CANCERS (LUNG, LARYNX, TRACHEA, BRONCHUS)***
- ***PROSTATE CANCER***
- ***LEUKEMIA***
- ***NON-HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA***
- ***SOFT TISSUE SARCOMA***
- ***HODGKIN'S DISEASE***
- ***MULTIPLE MYELOMA***
- ***CHRONIC LYMPHOCITIC LEUKEMIA***

This is very important to Vietnam veterans who have any of these conditions or who may develop them in the future. ***VA will provide compensation for these diseases as well as access to medical treatment at a VA facility.*** It may affect Lions in your club who are Vietnam veterans, as well as other veterans in your community.

Please get the word out. Discuss this in your meetings, place it in your club newsletter, and get the word out to your community.

For further information, contact the VA toll free at 1-800-827-1000 (this is a national toll free number), or visit the agent orange website at [www.va.gov/agentorange](http://www.va.gov/agentorange)

PDG Mike Vudragovich  
412 531 3512 (H)  
412 395 6208 (W)

## Tax Information for Clubs

**The following summary is provided to you by the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) program for use in your organizational communications.**

Last year, Congress passed the Trade Act of 2002, Public Law No. 107-210 (the Act). The Act created the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) for the purchase of private health insurance for individuals certified by the Department of Labor to receive certain benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Act and some individuals who receive benefits from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC).

The HCTC can make health coverage affordable for some who might otherwise go without it. Unlike most tax credits, this one isn't just about money. Being able to afford health insurance and proper medical care can be a lifesaver for people who have retired or have been laid off. Under the HCTC program, eligible individuals can choose to have the 65% credit applied each month to their qualified health plan premiums as they come due. Or they can claim the credit when they file their federal tax returns.

Eligibility is determined on a monthly basis. Understanding the many related rules is necessary to claim this tax credit. To determine if you are a candidate for the HCTC, start by asking if you are (or were during any part of the 2003 tax year):

- Receiving Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) under the TAA program, or
- Eligible for TRA under the TAA program but have not exhausted your unemployment insurance (UI) benefits, or
- Receiving benefits under the Alternative TAA program, or
- Receiving pension payments from the PBGC and between the ages of 55 and 65.

If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes," call the HCTC Customer Contact Center toll free at 1-866-628-HCTC or TDD/TTY at 1-866-626-4282 to determine if you are in fact eligible. You may also visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (IRS Keyword: HCTC) to learn more.

# Lions Auction for Diabetes

*Celebrating 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



**Saturday, November 8, 2003**

**6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

**Youghiogheny Country Club**

**Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages**

**Sponsored by: UPMC University of Pittsburgh Medical Center**

## ***Sponsoring Lions Clubs***

*Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon  
Central Elizabeth  
Clairton  
Elizabeth  
Glassport  
Jefferson Hills  
Liberty Boro  
McKeesport  
Pleasant Hills  
White Oak  
West Mifflin  
Versailles*

# **Cost: \$10 Per Person**

*Tickets are available from Club Members*

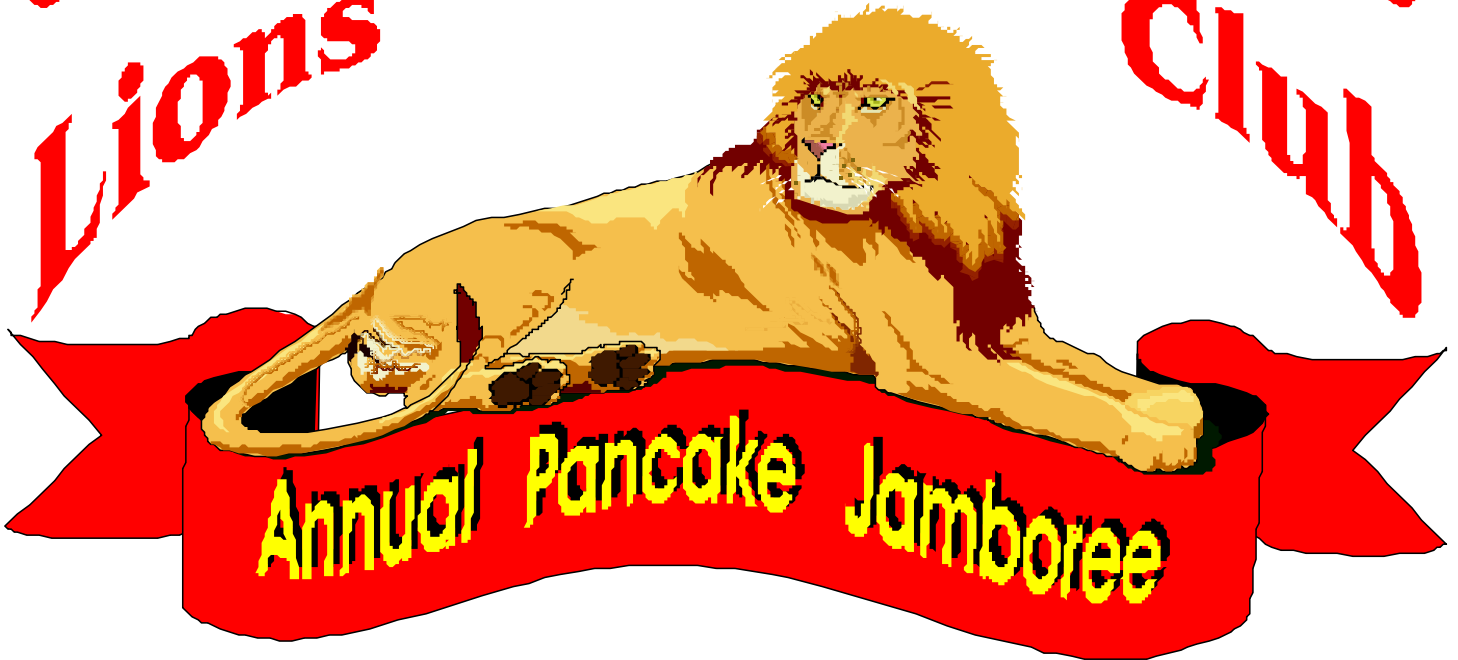
*For further information, contact the  
McKeesport Hospital Foundation at (412) 664-2590*

# ***Proceeds Benefit the***

# ***McKeesport Hospital Foundation Lions Diabetes Fund***

**Jefferson  
Lions**

**Hills  
Club**



**Saturday, November 8, 2003**

**8:00 a.m. To 1:00 p.m.**

**Florefe Fire Hall**

**\$5.00**

**Adults:**

**\$2.00**

**Children 5 to 12 Years:**