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# District 14-B Newsletter



International Association of Lions Clubs

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Do Something, Ask Someone.

As we enter February, we are right in the middle of winter and only five months left in this Lions year. We should be looking at our club's membership. A lot of clubs I have made my visits to have all asked the same question, How do we get a new member? That is the \$64,000.00 question. There are no easy answers to that question, but my advice to those clubs that have asked is "Go out and ask someone to become a Lion."



The only way anyone can become a Lion is to have a Lion invite him or her to become a Lion. When was the last time your club had a membership drive by INVITING friends, relatives, and business people of the community to a meeting? Does this sound like the Pennsylvania Plan? It sure does to me, but it all starts with you inviting someone to join your Lions Club. Does your club use the Proud Lion, or the Proud Sponsor programs to help members invite new members and to retain the new Lions? Has your club called the District's MERLO team to come in and help with a membership drive? There are many programs and plans to help a club build members, pick one and try it.

New members are not going to come and ask to join the Lions Club. We need to be out looking for new members. Keep in mind my goal, I am asking each club to show a +1 membership growth by June. So, at the next club meeting start to DO SOMETHING about the membership, but remember that sometimes all it takes is to ASK SOMEONE.

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Rich

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

**FEBRUARY 2004**

3	Oakland	17	Oakmont
4	Brentwood	18	Mt. Lebanon
5	Turtle Creek	18	Bethel Park Lioness
10	Pittsburgh DeafBlind	24	Glassport
12	Liberty Boro	25	Monroeville

**MARCH 2004**

2	Monroeville Leo's	11	Elfinwild
2	Tarentum	10	Whitehall

**APRIL 2004**

6	Sto-Ken-Rox	7	West Mifflin
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**Please note that the District Governor's scheduled visits in the newsletter  
is the most current schedule.  
Please make note of changes from the District Directory.**

## **Pennsylvania Lions 81<sup>ST</sup> State Convention**

## **34<sup>th</sup> Annual District 14-E Youth Seminar**

The 2004 MD-14 State Lions Convention will be held May 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 2004 in Scranton PA. Information on the convention will be coming in the next few months. The District needs to appoint Lions to Committees during the convention. The committees are:

Credentials	Registration
Elections	Resolutions
Rules	Necrology
Nominations	Sergeant – At – Arms

Some of these committees need more than one member. The Credentials committee needs as many Lions as possible because this committee is in session most of the day every day of the Convention.

If you are interested in working on any of these committees please contact the District Governor.

Date: February 27, 28, and 29, 2004.

Place: St. Joseph Center, Route 30 East, Greensburg, PA.

Cost: \$75.00 includes lodging, meals, and snacks.

For a registration form and student application form please contact the District Governor. Registration form and Application must be returned by February 20, 2004.

## **Directory Updates and Corrections**

Newsletter Editor Gail Titus  
New email address: [grtitus@verizon.net](mailto:grtitus@verizon.net)

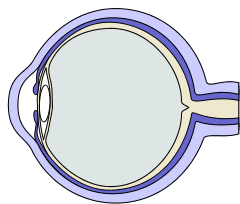


## Need a Program for a Meeting?

Hello, Mr. Keller.

My name is Tom Harvey, and I am writing to you on Mike Vudragovich's recommendation.

I am the Chief Resident in Ophthalmology at UPMC. I hope this message is ok, coming "out of the blue!"



We are planning our third annual surgical ophthalmology mission to a remote region in Honduras for this spring. I spoke on this topic at the Oakmont Lions Club meeting last fall. Our sponsoring organization, the Catholic Medical Association, is in some financial difficulty and will provide much less mission funding than in years past. We are trying to get airfare funding for at least two nurses.

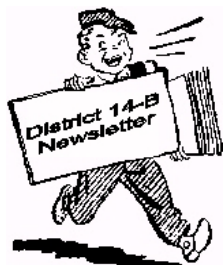
Let me know if you would like to hear my Honduras Ophthalmology PowerPoint presentation to see what we do. I will be available just about any time after Valentine's Day. It explains a lot about our mission. Thanks for taking the time on this worthy cause.

Tom Harvey

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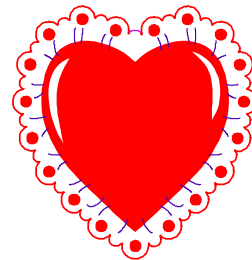
## Newsletter Note



If your club would like to put something in the District newsletter please get you 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.

## A Note from my Heart

Your Governor and First Lady would like to express our sincere gratitude to All the Clubs and Lions who donated auction items, worked on the committee and the night of the auction and those who attended both the November Auction for our Lions Diabetes Research Center at UPMC McKeesport and the Gala Christmas Around the World Dinner. Both events were huge successes. District 14-B and 14-E are so proud of you.



First Lady Lion Mary Jane

## 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.

## NEW! Women's Fee Waiver November 1, 2003-June 30,2004

Great news from the October board meeting. Induction fees for all women joining a Lions club during the period November 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 are waived.

This means:

\$25.00 entrance fee is waived for all women who join an established Lions club during the period November 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

\$30.00 charter fee is waived for all women charter members during the period November 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004.



## Dates to Remember

- February 6,7,8 State Council Meeting  
South Point Canonsburg, PA
- February 19 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting,  
Blue Flame Restaurant  
360 Route 51, Clairton  
Dinner at 6:00pm, Cost \$12.00
- February 20,21,22 Keystone Blind Bowlers Tournament  
Greentree, PA
- March 2 Pitcairn Lions Super Bingo, 7:00 pm  
Pitcairn Park Building
- March 4 Shadyside/Squirrel Hill Lions Night at  
the City Theatre South Side  
See flier in newsletter.
- March 7 White Oak Lions Pancake Breakfast  
St. Angela Merici Church  
Come see the District Governor at  
work.
- April 11 Easter
- April 23 District Spring Party
- May 8 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lions Night with the Pitts-  
burgh Pirates to Benefit Beacon  
Lodge
- May 20,21,22,23 State Convention, Scranton PA

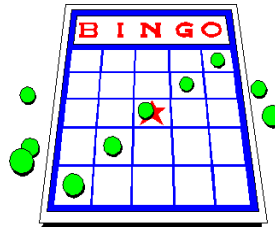
### Quote for the Month

Human relationships are primary in all of living. When the gusty winds blow and shake our lives, if we know that people care about us, we may bend with the wind but we won't break.

Fred Rogers

# CLUB HAPPENINGS

## Pitcairn Lions Super Bingo



Tuesday, March 2nd, 2004

At Pitcairn Park Building on  
Broadway Ave.

Early Birds start at 6:45 PM  
Regular games at 7:00 PM

A \$20.00 Donation gets you  
12 cards for 20 Regular games paying \$30.00  
Plus 12 cards for a \$1000.00 Full Card Jack-pot  
Game

50/50 specials available at an additional cost  
For more information call  
Rich at 412-856-9191

## 52-250 Tickets Available

The Boston Greenock Mt. Vernon Lions will give you an opportunity to participate in their 52-250 fundraiser. They have 27 tickets still available for buyers which entitles you to a chance to win a part of \$62,000.00. In addition, other benefits include an open bar, appetizers, buffet dinner, entertainment and dancing (DJ) and an evening of fine fellowship. Beside the raffle, a Chinese Auction will be held. The event will be held at the Boston Spectrum, Saturday May 1, 2004. The cost of a ticket is \$60.00 with opportunity to purchase 1 guest ticket at \$15.00. If anyone is interested please contact the Boston Greenock Mt. Vernon Lions at P.O. Box 62, Boston, PA 15135-0062



# Something to think About?

December 18, 2003

District Governor Rich Keller,

I wanted to write this letter to simply express some of my view points regarding the state of our district, and Lions as I see it (limited as my views may be). I have been keeping up with District newsletters, and talking with many lions from Region 2 Clubs. And as PDG Fletcher put in his letter about "When I was DG", it's obvious to all of us that things are not getting better. What a difference 20 years can make. I've seen my very first dub, Dravosburg Lions, succumb to the changing times. Now I'm watching Versailles & Elizabeth possibly do the same, while fighting just as hard to keep my own club alive as well.

But this obviously does not have to be. I see how well White Oak Lions is doing, and how many members they recruit each year from the District website. And no doubt there are other strong dubs out there. But society is changing, and in order for Lions to survive, it must change and adapt accordingly. Feel free to reproduce any or none of this, as you see fit

"I often get asked, how do you get young men in their thirties, with a wife and kids, involved in a service club, like Lions? The assumption is that they are not currently part of a service organization or care to be in one. Generally speaking, this is an incorrect assumption. Just from the area of Boston, Greenock, & Mount Vernon, I have personally worked with literally hundreds of parents, in the Cub Scout program. This program is not just about camping skills and knot tying. To the contrary, it is about developing young boys into worthy citizens. That's why they collect food for the hungry every year, plant flowers and trees in local parks, and spend time playing bingo or singing Christmas carols to nursing home residents. Remember, these boys are only ages 7-11. Obviously, they are not the ones making these decisions to go and do these good deeds. Their parents make these decisions, and make sure their kids participate in these worthwhile & character building activities. And that's just the boys. Let's not forget about the Girls Scouts, and all their parents. Are there adults out there who don't do anything service oriented, and couldn't care less about helping others? Sure there are. But what about all those parents who want their kids to learn these important aspects of citizenship and community involvement? Why aren't they joining Lions Clubs?

As parents, we get so wrapped up in what are kids are involved in, that it seems to others, that we simply don't have the time for such endeavors as Lions. But we make time for the important things! And while our children are young, they are the most important thing You've all heard the phrase, "children grow up so fast". Can we really blame them for wanting to spend that extra bit of time with their kids? So, how do we involve them? Simply put, to involve the parents of today, you must involve their kids.

And Lions International knows this! They have an entire division devoted to Youth Programs. And it's not just about sponsoring a Leo Club. How many of our Clubs have sponsored a Youth Exchange lately, or hosted a youth from another country? All parent's look for opportunities for their kids. Opportunities that they didn't have, growing up. For a child to spend 4-6 weeks in a foreign country, learning their culture, and experiencing their ways, is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! And our network for making it happen is already in place. We just need to utilize it.

How many Clubs have given out a "Lions Young Leader in Service Award" lately? There are many

kids, be it with Scouts or church youth groups that spend hours on community service projects. Just because they didn't do it in the name of Lions, does that give it any less value? They should be appreciated by Lions as much as anyone in their community. And these Service Awards do just that!

There are other service awards like the Young Ambassadors of the 21st Century Award, which should be awarded by the District. There are awards for Boy Scouts who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout And the President's Service Award, where any Lions Club can sign up to be a "Certifying Organization" for the federal government At a special Club meeting, you can invite the kid and his parents to issue a special pin, certificate, and a letter from the President of the United States, to any youth who has met the requirements for community service. And most of these awards are either free or as little as \$2 per youth.

There are so many other avenues, including. Youth Camps, Mentoring, Quest, Peace Poster Contest, Lions All-State Band, Focus on Street Children, and yes, Leo Clubs. Which if it wasn't for the old Dravosburg Lions, and the Mon Valley Leo Club, I wouldn't be writing this. And this is just what Lions International provides outlets for. Clubs can come up with their own avenues, specific to their communities The idea is to interact with the youth of your communities. Appreciate them for what they do; involve them in what you can accomplish together, and you will involve their parents. These parents will slowly begin to see what Lions accomplish in their communities, and the good we can do together Focus on the program you provide your youth and your community. Your program will not grow because of your membership; your membership will grow because of your program.

Now, just for arguments sake, let's say you passed out numerous awards, involved your local Boy Scout troop in a community cleanup project, sent a youth to Switzerland for the summer, collected entries for the Peace Poster Contest, helped a Girl Scout troop collect food for the hungry, gave away a \$500 scholarship, and sent a young boy from a broken home to camp for the first time. And after all that, you didn't get any new members! Just think of another saying... "You can't grow a tree without planting a seed." These children, that you've impacted, they are your seeds! They will remember the awards they've gotten, or the roomful of adults who clapped for them for doing a good deed, or that scholarship they got, or that lions All-State Band trip to the 1987 Taipei, Taiwan Convention. They will remember, and at some point in their lives, they'll be back. It's up to you to plant the seeds, for the future of your Club."

Sincerely,



Lion Mike Carnahan  
Boston-Greenock-Mount Vernon Lions Club

Note: I've spent the last five years with the Boy Scouts of America, and currently sit on my District Committee. I am more than willing to come out as a guest speaker for any dub to talk with them about Scouting, or how they can get in contact with the Boy Scout Troop or Cub Scout Pack in their community.

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