



District 14-B Newsletter



International Association of Lions Clubs

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Newsletter Editor

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

As the months, days, and hours of my governorship dwindle, I remain firm on my task of membership recruitment (+ 1 goal). If you haven't already, please ask someone to be a Lion. The women's initiative will end in June! Take advantage of this great opportunity. Thanks to the clubs who have courted new Lions and have them already installed.



May reminds us of planting and the beginnings of new growth. Our new members need to grow in Lionism. Always ENCOURAGE them and never DISCOURAGE them. Keep your new member active and they will grow into **GREAT LIONS**.

More hours of daylight and the sun's warmth renews our spirits. Plans for outdoor Bar-B-Q's, the Lions Night with the Pittsburgh Pirates and the State Convention in Scranton are all activities that can be enjoyed this month. I hope to see you at one or all of them.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

May 8	Lions Night with the Pittsburgh Pirates
May 9	Mother's Day
May 17	Pleasant Hills Lions – Installation Night
May 20-23	State Convention – Scranton, PA
May 31	Memorial Day
June 6	4 th Cabinet Meeting
June 17	Jefferson Hills Lions – Installation Night
July 5-9	International Convention – Detroit, MI

Newsletter Note

If your club would like to put something in the District newsletter please get your article to the District Governor by the 15th 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.



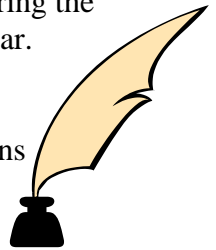
Quote for the Month

Some days, doing “the best we can” may still fall short of what we would like to be able to do, but life isn't perfect – on any front- and doing what we can with what we have is the most we should expect of ourselves or anyone else.

Fred Rogers

PU101 Form

This is the time for clubs to be preparing the slate of officers for the up coming year. The PU101 form should be arriving soon to the club Secretaries. Please complete the forms and return to Lions International, the VDG (he needs it more the DG) by the 15th of May.



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.

DISTRICT 14-B PIN ORDER FORM



Make check payable to District 14-B and mail the attached form to:

JACK SHIMMEL, PDG
530 Osceola Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15224-2220
(412-683-4828)



ORDER FORM

NO. PINS

_____ 2003-2004 Pin \$2.00 ea. _____

Postage: 1-5 \$2.00
6-10 \$2.75
11-15 \$3.25
16-20 \$3.75

Postage _____

Total Amt. _____

CLUB NAME _____

LION NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

CLUB HAPPENINGS

JEFFERSON HILLS LIONS



GIANT FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

Saturday May 15, 2004
8:00 AM until 2:00 PM
Lions Pavilion
885 Park

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEEDS OUR HELP



The next local Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes Vision Screening is rapidly approaching. The Lions and the Special Olympics continue to have an excellent working relationship. We need

volunteers to assist the athletes and doctors in managing the patient flow and success of the screening. We need support in recruiting, escorting, and policing the screening site.

Logistics:

DATE: Saturday May 15th
Time: 9am to 2pm
Location: Baldwin High School on Rt. 51 South just south of the Brownsville Road intersection and the South Hills CC
Goal: Screen 60 athletes
Volunteers: 6-12 Lions

If you or your club would like to volunteer please contact:

PDG Michael Vudragovich
412-531-3512 (home)
412-395-6208 (work)
mvu@hotmail.com (e-mail)

BRENTWOOD LION'S MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET



Point View Hotel
3720 Brownsville Road

Sunday, May 9, 2004
8:30am – 12pm

Adult: \$7.00
Senior Citizen: \$6.00
Child 10 and under: \$5.00

Steeler Tickets Fundraiser



The Glassport Lions Club is happy to announce a new fundraiser. A ticket is available for 4 Steeler Reserved Season Seats. The ticket plays on the Pa. Lottery on July 17, 2004 at 7 P. M. Any club wishing a block of tickets can notify club President John McCombs at (412) 678-6224, Clubs will have first choose of tickets. Please advise us of any holdout numbers you wish, Thank you.

Sincerely John McCombs,
President Glassport Lions Club.

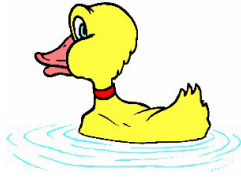


SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY

District 14-B is sponsoring a bus trip to tour PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp on PA Lions Appreciation Day Sunday, July 18, 2004 for Lion Members, their families and guests. This is a great opportunity to see your donations at work as well as energizing your reasons for being a Lion. The cost of \$25.00 per person includes round trip bus fare, guided tour, ½ barbecued chicken dinner, 1st Annual Rubber Ducky Race (tickets can be purchased on site at \$5.00 each), recognition of Past District Governors, and perhaps the best part of all, a memorable talent show performed by blind campers. The time is “**now**” for those who have never been to camp or for those who have been to camp before and wish to see the many changes that have taken place over the years.

1. Reservations are due by and no later than June 19, 2004. Checks are made by your club @ \$25.00 per passenger and accepted in the sequence received until the bus quota of 52 is filled. All checks thereafter will be returned unless there is enough interest to warrant a second bus.
2. Make checks payable to District 14-B (memo Bus Tour) and mail to:
Lion Tom Hurrell, 14-B Beacon Lodge Chair
207 Glencoe Drive
West Mifflin, PA 15122-2623
3. Bus boarding location is the south/east parking lot of Century Three Mall at 6:30 AM. Enter the Mall -from route 51 near Krispy Kreme and stay to the right as you ascend to the upper part of the parking lot. If enough interest is shown, a second pick-up location can be made but, at an addition cost as well as an earlier start time.
4. Seats will be reserved for handicapped and there caregivers. Indicate how many seats are required when making reservations. All other seats are on a "first come - first serve basis" as the bus is boarded.
5. Guided camp tours are scheduled at 10, 11 and 12 o'clock.
6. Dinner is served at your conveyance in "Pavilion - K between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.
7. Post Time for the Rubber Ducky Race is 12:30 PM.
8. A camp store is located within the Administration Building for those interested in purchasing camp memorabilia, souvenirs, pins etc.
9. Suggested rest room facilities are located at the Administration Building, Counselors Quarters and the Lodge.
10. Recognition as well as entertainment by the campers is scheduled at 2:00 PM on the Governors Green. For your own comfort, it is suggested you bring a folding lawn chair for this event. Boarding the bus for the return trip home will commence immediately after the session.

Rubber Ducky Race



Beacon Lodge will be having its first annual Duck Race on Lions Appreciation Day, July 18, 2004. Ticket cost is \$5.00 per duck. Tickets can be purchased from Vice District Dennis McCarthy at 412-469-3200 X113 or 412-751-8119 or PDG Mike Vugravoich at 412-531-3512 (H) or 412-395-6208 (W).

Directory Corrections

Kirby R. Marchand has a new email address:

k.r.marchand@verizon.net
(formerly k.marchand@att.net)



VOSH of PA NEWSLETTER

Many club presidents and secretaries have received a letter titled "OUR VISION" which looks like a newsletter about the Pescatore Eye Clinics in Guatemala from PDG Dutch Dine. This letter is full of information about what VOSH does for the visual impaired in Guatemala, it also contains hidden request for money.

Please be careful of this so called "newsletter" it refers to "no government funding for glasses for the poor", "the cost for a pediatric surgery is \$209" or that " Many Pennsylvania Lions Clubs have supported the VOSH project and have sent their donation to" and giving their address. They also mention they "need funds to match with LCIF to qualify for a grant -- \$30,000".

As Lions we read all the right words that PDG Dutch has written in this "newsletter" to catch the eyes of the clubs to make donations to VOSH. PDG Dutch make a good point when he says in the "newsletter" that each District Cabinet must give permission to any organization to ask clubs of the District for donations. District 14-B has **NOT** given permission to VOSH to ask clubs for donations.

I can not tell any club who they want to make donations to, that is the club's decision. What I can tell the clubs of District 14-B is what organizations and programs we do support. They are:

Western PA School for the Blind (Toddler's Program)

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

Sponsor a camper

Support the 365 Club

Make a contribution to the camp or to District 14-B Cabin Renovation Project.

Pittsburgh Vision Services

Blind Bowlers

PA Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation

Diabetes Awareness & Research

Center for Hearing and Deaf Services

Western PA Hearing Foundation

Leader Dog

LCIF

Radio Information Services

Lions of PA Foundation

As our Lions year is coming to a close and your club is making donations to the community and to the Lions charities, please consider the organizations and programs listed above before donating to other organizations.

Yours in Lionism,
District Governor Rich

Pennsylvania Lions 81ST State Convention

Still undecided about attending the Lions State Convention? Time is running out. Events are filling up.

Please consider sending your registration now! The convention will be held at the Radisson in Scranton, with events scheduled from Thursday May 20th until Sunday May 23rd. Please consider the following events. They will be high quality and good fun. And many of your fellow volunteers worked many hours to make this a success. Please consider attending.

Lioness Breakfast – for our Lioness partners, this Friday 7:30 event offers the inspiration and camaraderie that will help all clubs grow in their quest for growth as a community and Lioness organization. Frank Andrews

Model Luncheon – This is an opportunity on How Lions, and other clubs can run a "model" meeting. This session is often the source of great ideas shared by and with other Lion organizations. Held Friday at noon, this is educational as well as entertaining. PID Bob Miller

Other Friday events include tours of the Tannersville Crossings for shopping, and the Lackawanna Coal Mine and Anthracite Museum.

Necrology Service – On Friday evening at the Elm Park Church (7:30 PM) we will honor the lives of our Lion family who passed away in 2003.

Vice District Governor Hospitality – (**A do not miss event**) After the Necrology service at 8:30 PM, we have the Vice District Governor's hospitality gathering for all 18 incoming governors in the state. Not only will great food and fun be available but music provided by well known band – The Poets – will surely get the crowd going.

Ladies Breakfast – This Saturday morning event (7:30) is an opportunity for our Lady Lions, Lioness, and partners in Service to engage in a unique event designed for women attending the convention. A popular speaker is offered in our case, Kim Supon from WNEP-TV.

Key Member Breakfast (Saturday 6:30) – Key members are recognized for their success in recruiting Lion in to the organization. Key members have distinguished themselves and this is an opportunity to share time and techniques with other highly successful Lion advocates. John Cosgrove

International Banquet (Saturday 7:00 PM) – (**Another do not miss event**) This is the highlight of our Convention. This gathering of 525 Lions, Lioness and Leos is an opportunity for all to share in a wonderful meal, warm relationship and more than anything else the inspiration of our Lion Leadership. This year our International President Dr. Tae-Sup "TS" Lee from South Korea will be our guest.

Other Saturday activities will include the Welcoming Ceremony at Nay Aug Park. Additionally, opportunities to visit the Steamtown, Electric City Trolley and the Lackawanna Coal Mine and Anthracite Museum will be provided. A walking tour of downtown Scranton will be conducted by the Lackawanna Heritage Society. Lions, Lionesses and Leos will have their annual business session on Sunday with voting for those issues on the Lions ballot.

Melvin Jones Breakfast (Sunday 7:00) – As the founder of Lions Clubs International, the Melvin Jones legacy lives on in the lives and work of today's Lion leaders. Those receiving the prestigious Melvin Jones award have the opportunity to gather for breakfast with other award winners. The speaker for this assembly, the Honorable Mayor of Scranton, Lion Mayor Chris Dorothy will share his words of inspiration.

DG Elect Banquet – Our incoming Governor candidates are entertained in this venue to celebrate their success in attaining distinction within their district and to also receive inspiration for their task at hand. This event is Sunday 6 PM event is their event.

To register, please print the form on the preceding page and send it to Lion Dr. Ken Savitski.

REGISTRATION FORM
2004 PENNSYLVANIA LIONS 81st STATE CONVENTION
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA MAY 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 2004

DEADLINE IS APRIL 8, 2004 – NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 8, 2004

NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CONVENTION

INSTRUCTIONS: Return registration form and enclose the proper remittance to prevent a delay in your registration. Registration must be paid for each person over 12 to participate in convention events listed. One registration form per family unit. Registrations mailed in same envelope will be housed in same hotel and same table, if possible. Name will appear on badges as listed below. All activities must be requested and paid for on this form. No tickets available at the convention. If need for special diet, please note special request on space provided at letter B. If child is a Leo, please specify which child. Please state child's last name if different from registrant.

Please check all that apply:

Registrant: Lion Lioness Leo DG PDG PID PID DGElect VDGElect
 Club Pres VP Sec Treas Tail Twister New member Region Zone

Spouse/Guest: Lion Lioness Leo DG PDG PIP PID DGElect
 VDGElect PresElect VP Sec Treas Tail Twister New member Region Zone

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____ Phone _____

Club _____ District _____ Name(s) of children attending _____

Email address: _____

Do you want to sit with your class at the International Banquet? Yes ___/No ___ Class year _____

A. Need deaf interpreter _____ B. Other special needs _____

	Number	Amt	Total
1. Housing deposit (per room) (Handicapped ___)(Non-smoking ___) Arrival date _____ Departure date _____ (Please mark lodging by choice 1 to 7) <input type="checkbox"/> Radisson(Host) \$99 <input type="checkbox"/> Clarion \$85 <input type="checkbox"/> Hampton \$80 <input type="checkbox"/> Hilton \$109 <input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Suites \$85 <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Inn Express \$75 <input type="checkbox"/> Courtyard \$68	_____	x 100.00	_____
2. Convention registration- age 12 and over	_____	x 12.50	_____
3. Lioness Breakfast (Friday 7:30)	_____	x 10.00	_____
4. Model Luncheon (open to all) (Friday noon)	_____	x 13.00	_____
5. Ladies Breakfast (Saturday 7:30)	_____	x 10.00	_____
6. Key Member Breakfast (Saturday 6:30)	_____	x 13.00	_____
7. International Banquet (Saturday social 6pm, dinner 7pm) <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed chicken breast <input type="checkbox"/> Sliced filet of tenderloin	_____	x 30.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Poached salmon			
8. Melvin Jones Breakfast (Sunday 7am).....	_____	x 10.00	_____
9. DGElect Banquet (Sunday 5pm social, 6pm dinner) <input type="checkbox"/> Crusted red snapper <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed pork chop	_____	x 27.00	_____
10. Convention pin.....	_____	x 3.00	_____
11. Teen/Leo pizza party Dance (Saturday 7pm)	_____	no cost	_____
12. Number of seats on bus to Welcoming Ceremony (Sat 9:30 am).....	_____	no cost	_____
13. Crossings Shopping Excursion (T1) Friday 9:30 am	_____	x 10.00	_____
14. Coal Mine Friday noon (T2)	_____	x 10.00	_____
15. Coal Mine Saturday 1pm (T4).....	_____	x 10.00	_____
16. Historical Society Walking Tour Saturday 10am (T3)	_____	no cost	_____
17. Number of seats on bus to Steamtown Train/Electric City Trolley (T5)Friday 10am.....	_____	no cost	_____

TOTAL

Pay total amount including room deposit. Make check payable to: 2004 PA Lions State Convention

Mail to: **Lion Dr. Kenneth Savitski**
P. O. Box 232
Peckville PA 18452-0232

87th LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 87th Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in Detroit, MI this year from July 5 to July 9, 2004. The Lions of PA have a candidate for International Director PDG Bill Anderson from District 14-C. PDG Bill as come up with a theme to promote going to Detroit, it is called "Destination Detroit".

DESTINATION DETROIT!!

TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER GOING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN DETROIT / WINDSOR

1. YOU will meet LIONS from all over North America and Most of the countries of the world. Who knows, you may develop some new friendships.
2. YOU will have the opportunity to meet the army of LIONS from the host cities of Detroit and Windsor who will be your hosts for the convention.
3. YOU can be a part of the campaign for PDG Bill Anderson to become the first International Director from 14-C.
4. YOU can visit Leader Dog School and participate in the Cobo Hall Convention Center Activities: Certification to v Vote; Club Supplies Store; Display by the International Office and Programs; Peace Posters for 2004; Lions exhibits and local tours of the Detroit and Windsor areas.
5. The Lions International Parade will be held on Tuesday, July 6th from 10:0 am until he 2:00pm. This is the greatest parade you will ever see!
6. You can participate in seminars to increase your knowledge of Lionism and share with your club.
7. The International Show will be held Tuesday evening from 6:00pm until 7:00pm in the Joe Louis Arena.
8. You can enjoy Pennsylvania Lions Fellowship by attending the Hospitality Night on Wednesday, July 7th from 8:00pm until 11:00pm with entertainment by the PA lions All State Band. The PA Lions Breakfast and Caucus will be held Thursday, July 8th from 6:30 am to 9:00am.
9. You will witness at the 3 plenary sessions how the International Officers and Committees handle the business of you association.
10. You will have the chance to campaign and vote to elect our own PDG Bill Anderson the next International Director from MD-14 Pennsylvania. Vote on Friday, July 9th from 7:00am to 10:00am.



GENERAL INFORMATION

If any club is interested in bonding their club officers for here is the company that bonds the District Officers.

Pierson & Scott Inc.
Suite 307 Southmark Bldg.
1700 North Highland Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15241
412-571-2400 or 412-835-5660

If you would like more information on bonding please contact Pierson & Scott or PDG Harold Fletcher could give you some help.

Radios for RIS Listeners!

The number of RIS Listeners has been increasing over the last few months. The radios that we have are getting old and can no longer be repaired. Radio Information Service needs NEW radios to replace these. If any clubs want a special project to underwrite, they can buy a radio for listeners through RIS. In the past we have paid about \$90. for each radio. If the Clubs decide to buy a radio, a notice will be attached saying "This radio purchased by _____ Lions Club."

Contact Sam DePiero
Home: 412-341-8014