



Lions of Allegheny County

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Monthly Newsletter for the Lions of Allegheny County District 14-B, Pittsburgh, PA

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Vice District Governor's Message

I hope you have all enjoyed the Holidays and are ready for the opportunities and challenges of this New Year. There is a lot on our plate.

Immediately after the November floods our District requested and received help from LCIF. Our clubs are now responding to our District Governor's request for aid to victims of the Tsunami in South Asia. Note that our fellow Lions are directly involved. We can all take pride in that "We Serve" around the world. LCIF Chairperson, Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, has provided the following update on the Lion's relief efforts.

Bulletin 1 – December 29, 2004: In the last 72 hours, \$170,000 in LCIF Emergency Grants have been dispatched to help Lions provide food, blankets, water and other relief items. There are 73,000 Lions in the hardest hit regions of India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia on the spot, coming to the aid of those in need. They are working in the affected communities, as well as coordinating with the government at national levels. In Sri Lanka, the Lions have formed a joint commission with the government to expand the country's response in dealing with the critical issues of shelter, water supplies and sanitation. In India, the hardest hit districts in and around Chennai have also come together to coordinate the expenditure of US\$50,000 in LCIF funding awarded for coastline districts from Tamil Nadu north to Orissa.

LCIF has created the "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund" to receive donations that will be forwarded on to the affected areas to support both immediate and long-term needs of the victims. Already Lions around the world are making pledges of support, including US\$120,000 from the Lions of Sweden and US\$200,000 from the Lions of Korea.

Lions and others wishing to support this special fund should send their donation to LCIF. Note on your check that it is for the "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund." If you have any questions, contact your district's LCIF chairperson or see lcif@lionsclubs.org.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! The New Year hopefully will bring the district some new ideas in helping with membership growth. PDG Mike Vudgovich is working hard trying to arrange a club in the Bridgeville area. PDG Joe Donkin has promised me that he will be working very hard to set up one in Duquesne and maybe even a possibility of a Leo Club in McKeesport from Michelle Baich, President of the McKeesport Club. I am holding all three of you to your promise J. This will help the district tremendously and will add the spark we need to begin to grow. This is just a start for the New Year. I am asking everyone in the district to look at where we can growth. Lion Lisa Blaney Stewart will be advertising in the local papers and penny savers to help clubs with low membership. I know she will do an outstanding job and we will see new lions in 2005.

The New Year will hopefully also bring us a new Vice District Governor. I know when I sat on Santa lap I asked for a Vice District Governor for Christmas. Santa said "there are many qualified candidates in the district" and that he promises that someone will step forward. **I hope Santa is right.**

It is hard to believe that six months have passed since I was elected Governor. It has been a rewarding experience and one I will remember for a lifetime. We have a lot to do in the district to make it thrive. Remember this is "our" district, if we succeed or fail it is because of "us". We have to all make an effort to "ask" people to join us and make our district what it is, "The best district in Pennsylvania"

I wish all of you a prosperous new year and I am excited to see what 2005 will bring each of us.

Happy Holidays
DG Dennis J. McCarthy

LIONS EVENTS & HAPPENINGS...

Tarentum Area Lions Clubs
2005 LOTTERY CALENDARS
Pays \$25 for evening 3-digit lottery
Contact Lion Lou Hoetzlein
(412) 224-5999

Special Region 3 Meeting
Thursday, January 6, 2005
Dinner at 6:30 PM
Banquets Unlimited
200 Bridge St., Wilmerding

Cost: \$ 13.00/person
Buffet with 2 meats, 3 sides, 2 salads and cake
Guest speakers on Lions projects, and interaction with other clubs in our region

Clubs - Please RSVP by January 2 to Dave Milliren, Wilmerding Lions at 412-823-1147 or email at DRM260@juno.com

Directions: From Route 130 (Triboro Expressway) take the Wilmerding Exit Turn toward the traffic lights (right or left depending on direction coming from)
At first light, turn Right onto Airbrake Ave, then a quick Right at St. John the Baptist Church. It is right there to your right.

OAKLAND LIONS CLUB
70th ANNIVERSARY
DINNER

Saturday, January 15, 2005
Pittsburgh Athletic Association
6 PM Cash Bar -- 7 PM Dinner
\$35 per person
Reservations or more info contact Lion Tom Vrabec (412) 621-6382

There will be music provided and a special guest speaker (TBA).
The dinner will be a choice of Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian, Appetizers, beverage and dessert are included
Valet Parking is available for \$2.00

Join the Shadyside/Squirrel Hill Lions club at the City Theater on March 19, 2005 at 5:30 pm for **"Bad Dates"**. Tickets are \$35.00 and include one free drink ticket (good for soft drinks, wine, beer, or coffee). Order your tickets before **February 8, 2005** from the Shadyside/Squirrel Hill Lions. **Order early!**

"Bad Dates"

By: Theresa Rebeck
Directed by: Alice Jankell

A good man is as hard to find as a great pair of shoes. Haley has been out of the dating scene for years, raising her daughter and managing a restaurant owned by the Romanian mob. When she decides to plunge back into a social life, her misadventures add up to a charming, hilarious, and theatrical gem of a play.

What: "Bad Dates"
When: March 19, 2005 at 5:30pm
Where: The Pittsburgh City Theater
Price: \$35.00
Contact: Lisa @ (412) 303-3099 or LilLisa@gmail.com

ORDER YOUR TICKETS BY FEBRUARY 8, 2005!
Limited number of tickets available!
First come first Serve.



Hey! What's new at beacon Lodge? Or, how about, what's old at Beacon Lodge? Unfortunately, our current adult pool as well as the children's pool is over 35 years old. The adult pool liner has many leaks and is tearing away from the sides of the concrete, ground water is leaking up through cracks in the concrete and collecting under the liner, and the wading pool is completely shut down due to leaks and a break in the filter system. Knowing this, the Board of Directors of PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp has determined the pools have exceed their useful life and therefore voted to undertake the construction of a new pool at camp.

Our objectives are first to remove the existing adult and children's pool, then construct a new oval pool that will include shallow areas for children. The pool will have a five-foot depth for adults, and a zero entry for wheelchair access. The total pool size will be 2,000 square feet, and the pool will comply with all PA Department of Health standards. At this point in time the old pools have been removed and construction on the new pool started.

Correspondence titled, "Make a Splash at Beacon Lodge Camp!!" will be sent from Beacon Lodge to all clubs describing the logic and benefits of this project as well as requesting their financial assistance. Future publications of the "Cauldron" will contain data as to the importance and impact the pool has on the camper's experience. Either Board Member PDG Mike Vudragovich or Liaison Tom Hurrell whose address and phone number can be found in the District Directory will respond to your personal concerns and interest.

PENNSYLVANIA COUNSELLORS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The PA Counsellors have established this award for presentation to deserving Lions throughout Pennsylvania.

Each Sub-District may present (2) two Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Awards annually. The award is limited to one per club per year and only one (1) award, per district, may be presented to a Past District Governor. Persons who have received a prior PA Counsellors Distinguished Service Award, Lions International Leadership Award, Lions International Presidents Award or the Lions International Ambassador of Good Will Award are not eligible for this award.

Criteria to earn this award:

- Have served at least ten (10) years as a Lion.
- Have earned at least five (5) years of perfect attendance.
- Served as either President or Secretary of his Club or have displayed other exemplary service.
- Must be a Lion in good standing in a Lions Club of good standing within his district within Multiple District 14.

Application for the PA Counsellors Distinguished Service Award shall be submitted by the Lions Club President to the President/Chairman of the Past District Governor's organization within the Sub-District. The President/Chairman shall endorse the recommendation through the District Governor to the President of the Pennsylvania Counsellors. Applications shall be on prescribed forms furnished by the PA Counsellors and must be received at least two weeks prior to the February State Council Meeting.

Presentations shall be made at a Sub-District function and should be made by the President/Chairman of the Sub-District Past District Governor's organization.

The 28th KEYSTONE BLIND BOWLERS TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be held in Green Tree. The tournament bowling will take place at the NOBLE MANOR LANES on Noblestown Road in Green Tree.

The dates of the tournament this year are

February 18, 19, 20, 2005.

The bowling sessions will be:

Friday, February 18, 2005 REGION I 2:30 - 6 PM

Saturday, February 19, 2005 REGION IV 8 AM. - 11:30 AM

Saturday, February 19, 2005 REGION III Noon - 3:30 PM

Sunday, February 23, 2003 REGION II 8 AM - 11:30 AM

Sunday, February 20, 2005 CABINET MEMBERS Noon - 3:30 PM.

I am also looking for two clubs, one Saturday morning and one Sunday morning to show up at the lanes at 6:30 AM to help set up the rails for bowlers. If your club is interested PLEASE CONTACT ME!

This year the District is asking for a **\$50.00 donation from each club** to off set the expenses of the tournament. Your Club's financial support is important to the success of the Blind Bowler's Tournament. Please make checks **payable to District 14-B** and mail to Lion Richard Peters, 248 Mary Ellen Dr., N. Versailles, PA 15137-2447

The Blind Bowlers also need your support of being at the bowling lanes to spot pins, and to make sure the computer works properly for scoring. Lat year's plan of assigning bowling sessions to Regions worked out well. We will need 10 to 15 Lions are needed for score keepers for Friday afternoon schedule, 20 to 25 Lions for both sessions on Saturday and Sunday. **IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF LIONS NEEDED PER SESSION, THAT WORKS OUT TO 2 LIONS PER CLUB! PLEASE COME OUT AND PARTICIPATE !**

The Assignments of sessions per Region was completed at the August Cabinet Meeting. Each Region will be responsible for manning their session. **PLEASE ARRIVE ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED SESSION SO THAT LANES CAN BE ASSIGNED!**

The Hotel that will be the GREENTREE HOLIDAY INN. The tournament banquet is held Saturday night and all Lions are invited to attend. Also, the Holiday Inn has special room rates for the weekend for anyone wishing to stay the weekend, or the night of the banquet. For more information on the banquet and room rates please feel free to contact me.

I hope to see all the Lions, Lioness, and Leos of District 14-B at this years tournament to make this 28th Keystone Blind Bowlers Tournament another success. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (412) 678-3719

Thank You and I hope to see you at the tournament ---

LION Richard Peters, Chairman



Lions Club of Allegheny County
 c/o DG Dennis McCarthy
 231 Henderson Road
 Buena Vista, PA 15018-9538

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VDG MESSAGE continued . . .

Here in the District 14-B club fundraisers, service projects, etc. must get off to a fast start in January to assure a successful year. Presidents check that your membership plan is in place and in action. I ask that each of Lion invite at least one prospect to a meeting and follow up to make him a new member. Increasing our membership is absolutely essential for Lions to remain viable here in Allegheny County.

The first weekend in February is our State Council Meeting in Reading. The 12th is the District Cabinet Meeting and the third weekend is the Blind Bowlers Tournament. Sunday the 27th is the Melvin Jones Brunch. Plan to come and join the fun.

Your friend in Lionism,
 Lion Jim

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"It is a terrible thing to see
 and have no vision."

Helen Keller

**INTERNATIONAL
 DIRECTOR
 BILL ANDERSON**

With great regret, we inform you that International Director William Anderson passed away on Monday, December 6, 2004.

ID Bill was a member of the Penn Township Lions Club in 14-C. He served as District Governor of 14-J in 1985-86 and was elected to a two year term on the International Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International at the International Convention in July 2004 at Detroit/Windsor.

The funeral was December 11, 2004 in Hanover, Pa.

Condolences may be sent to Jakoba "Jake" Anderson, 18 Meadowview Dr., Hanover, Pa 17331.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lions Quest, c/o Pa State Council of Lions Clubs, 949 E. Park Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17111; VNA Hospice Hanover/Spring Grove, 440 N. Madison St., Hanover, PA 17331 or The American Cancer Society, Square Commerce Center, 1 Ctr Sq, Suite 4, Hanover, PA 17331.

Our sympathy goes out to Jakoba and her three children and grandchild.



You're invited to the Beacon Lodge pool Party! But, wait, we need to build it first! Here's how you can help make a difference in the lives of hundreds of children and adults with special needs that we serve.

We need to raise \$200,000 to have the new pool installed by the opening of the 2005 camping season. Because of the urgency of a new pool, work has already begun. A zero entry pool has been designed to allow wheelchairs the ability to wheel directly into the pool. The pool starts at zero and goes to a depth of 5 feet. The design is completely handicap accessible and will be great for both children and adults.

Each summer Beacon Lodge serves a minimum of 500 campers, not including off-season rental groups. The one activity that all campers and staff members enjoy is swimming. At least one activity period each day is dedicated to swimming. Unfortunately, our current pool is over 35 years old and has exceeded its useful life. Our pool has seen many campers smile. But, like they say, all good things come to an end. The pool liner has many leaks and is tearing away from the sides of the concrete; ground water is leaking up through cracks in the concrete and collecting under the liner, and the wading pool is completely shut down due to a break in the filter system.

Swimming and water therapy is vital to support our goal of allowing each camper the ability to experience recreation no matter what their disability may be. Campers with Muscular Dystrophy enjoy entering the heated pool allowing their muscles to relax and their bodies to be free. As you can see, this is a project worth supporting.

What does this mean? WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!



BEACON LODGE CAMP is located along the Juniata River; situated on State Route 103 near Mount Union, Pennsylvania. Beacon Lodge is a camp for children and adults with various special needs including; mental retardation, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, ADD/ADHD, autism, and Blind/Visually Impaired. Our mission is to provide all individuals with special needs the opportunity to enjoy a camping experience encompassing recreational, educational, and personal adjustment. Special emphasis is placed on stimulating interests and appreciation for recreation and learning, and to encourage new challenges. Beacon Lodge focuses on what campers CAN DO, not what they can't.

Activities include: swimming, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, bowling, mini-golf, arts & crafts, music, drama, archery, and much more. Above all, swimming is the all time favorite activity at camp. We operate 2 camps at one time; therefore the pool is always in use.

Your help with this project is truly needed. Please support Beacon Lodge by donating whatever amount you can to the Pool Fund. All donations are tax deductible. Beacon Lodge is a non-profit 501 (C)(3) organization. For more information please call the camp, view our website at WWW.BEACONLODGE.COM, or stop by and see us!

Phone: 814-542-2511 Fax: 814-542-7437
E-Mail beacon1@hcworkshop.com

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION:

Make a Splash Level:

\$10.00 x _____ Members = _____

\$ x _____ Members = _____

Tidal Wave Level:

\$20.00 x _____ Members = _____

\$ x _____ Members = _____

Name of Club _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Method of Payment:

Check Cash Money Order Bill Me

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE !!!

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

114 SR 103 South

Mount Union, PA 17066