



Lions of Allegheny County CAULDRON

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

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District Vice-Governor's Message

As I write this we mourn the passing of Ben Rothlisberger (and the Pittsburgh Steelers). Should they have played Maddox in the second half?

Should they have gone for the touchdown instead of the field goal? Should I root for the Pats or the Eagles or just pout? It's 5 degrees outside and getting dark. There is nowhere to go but up! **Great Season . . . Go Steelers!**

Some good news . . . Thanks to the initiatives of PDG Joe Donkin and "King" Lion Michele Baich Matuch, there will soon be a new Leo Club in McKeesport. These two also have prospects for new Lions and Leo Clubs in Duquesne. We will keep you posted.

PDG Mike Vudragovich and I just met with several Lion prospects and members of the Upper St Clair Club to consider the formation of a new branch club in Bridgeville. Finding people and communities ripe for a new club or branch is an excellent way for us to grow. There is certainly plenty of room. Can your club help? Have you seen our ads inviting people to check out the Lions Club? Increasing membership is absolutely essential to keeping our district strong.

The first weekend in February is the State Council Meeting in Reading. (Unfortunately there is no conflict with our Steelers in the Super bowl.) February 12th is the District Cabinet Meeting. The third weekend is the Blind Bowlers Tournament and Sunday the 27th is the Melvin Jones Brunch. Come and join the fun. Good luck with all your upcoming projects.

Your friend in Lionism,
Lion Jim



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

We in the district have been faced with many challenges this past Lions year. We have been hit with decreased membership, a terrible flood that has left many people homeless, an international earthquake and flooding and the passing of an International Director. It has been quite a year. I am hoping that now we will focus on rebuilding. I want to thank all the Lions of 14 B for the job they are doing in helping the district during these hard times. We know our reward will start to pay off soon for us. We seem to always land on our feet when it is necessary. I am confident that we will do it again.

I am asking for some Lion to step up to the plate and take on the challenge of running for Vice District Governor. I have said it many times the rewards outweigh the work when you accept this position. We need a candidate for this position. The requirements are that you have had to serve as a president of a club, a member of the cabinet and are of good standings with Lions International. I have visited many clubs and have seen a lot of candidates that fit these requirements. Please take the effort and apply for this position. If you are waiting until you retire you will find yourself a lot busier than what you're now. **Don't wait take the plunge.**

Membership is still declining but not as fast as it was in the first half of the year. I want to thank all the clubs that have recruited new members. We are very excited to welcome them. Recently we have added the following people to our International family: Brian McFeeley, James Willison, Bethel Park; Robert Lasich, David Pattera Clairton; Betty McClirk, Corapolis; Brian Topper, Elfinwild; Carl Bailey, James Bewster, Rachel Conrad McKeesport; Tana Graciano, McKeesport; James Glus, Monroeville; Elaine Megonell, James Zalenka, Mt. Lebanon; Denver Kirkpatrick, Bonnie Stewart, Scott Stewart North Boroughs; Martin Pronio Oakmont; Barry Fell, Lions Club of Pittsburgh; Joseph De Marco, Pittsburgh Grandview; Thomas Coppla, John Hanna, Ed Heisler Pittsburgh Hilltop; Michelle Sagnimeni, Pittsburgh Northside; Richard Lewis, Herman Weiss, Pleasant Hills; Russell Wilson, Robinson; Marsey Mauer, Michael Mauer, West Mifflin; Robert Brown, George Lautner, Whitehall Joseph Filler Wilmerding.

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LIONS EVENTS & HAPPENINGS. . .

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 LILisa@gmail.com

ORDER YOUR TICKETS BY FEBRUARY 8, 2005!

Limited number of tickets available!

First come first Serve.

LCIF COMMITS \$5 MILLION TO TSUNAMI RELIEF

Chairperson, Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, reported that, as of January 15, LCIF is committing US\$5 million to provide Tsunami relief to assist the Lions of South Asia. This will provide long-term help for reconstruction of homes and schools and the construction of child welfare centers for the many orphans left by this disaster.

Lions and others wishing to support this special fund should send their donations to LCIF. Note on your check that it is for the "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund." In light of the severity of this disaster LCIF will permit naming a Melvin Jones Fellow for each \$1000 donation made between December 26, 2004 and March 31, 2005. The MJF fellowship must be requested at the time the donation is made; the recipient can be named later. If you have any questions, contact your district's LCIF chairperson or contact lcif@lionsclubs.org.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE . . .

Welcome! I hope that you will serve your Club, the District, and International to help strengthen our organization.

It is with great sadness that we say good-bye to lions that have passed away during the 2004 Lions year. All who have had contact with them will miss their work and fellowship. Let eternal light shine upon them. They are the following: Frank Baker, Bethel Park; Bill Eichler, Clairton; Ronald Berberich, Elfinwild; Carol Pasinski, Glassport; Emerson Christofel, Jefferson Hills; Wilfred Kastroll, North Boroughs; Edward Maszle, West Mifflin; Mitre Popovski, Whitehall and Frank Kokal Wilmerding. ***They will be missed by all.***

The bathrooms at the 14-B cabins have been installed. The cost for them was \$18,874.00 Unfortunately we only have \$14,280.00 dollars in our account. The work had to be done to be compliant with ADA regulations. *This is only the bathroom* we still need to replace ceiling tiles and floors in the other 4 cabins. I am asking all clubs if they can to please send a donation to the 14-B renovations so that we can finish this project. Hopefully you will come to Lions Appreciation Day on July 17, 2005 to see our newly remolded cabins.

White Oak Lions Club PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 13, 2005

St. Angela Merici School Hall

1640 Fawcett St., White Oak

Adults \$5.00

Children (under 12) \$3.00

Bring your Sweetheart to Breakfast !

DISTRICT 14-B

MELVIN JONES BRUNCH

Sunday, February 27, 2005

Royal Place -- Route 88

South Hills — 10 AM

\$14 per person

(Checks payable to District 14-B)

Reservations must be made to

Lion Alison Weber, District Coordinator

(412) 281-1375

or EMail at aweber@hdscenter.org

Deadline: February 22nd.

Mail to: Lion Alison Weber,

501 Wabana St., Pittsburgh 15214

Tarentum Area Lions Clubs

2005 LOTTERY CALENDARS

Pays \$25 for evening 3-digit lottery

Contact Lion Lou Hoetzlein

(412) 224-5999

OAKLAND LIONS CLUB

70th ANNIVERSARY

DINNER

NEW DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 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

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"We can do anything we want to do
if we stick to it long enough"

Helen Keller

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 20, 2005 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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POSTAGE



Beacon Lodge is not like the proverbial bear that hibernates during the winter. Instead, it's more like a bee-hive of activity preparing for the upcoming camping season. Right now your donations are hard at work renovating the 4 apartments in the 14-B Dorm. The worn-out carpet flooring that emitted

foul odors from camper accidents as well as dampness has been removed and will be replaced with vinyl flooring that will be easier to clean and sanitize. Bathrooms have been gutted in their entirety and will be refitted accordingly to the American Disability Act. This would include toilets, face sinks, zero entry shower stalls and grab bars installed in appropriate locations throughout the bathroom. Next on the agenda, although not started yet, is to replace the sagging 2x4 ceiling tiles with 2x2 tiles accompanied with new overhead lighting. Also, a few cosmetic changes such as new curtains. All of this to be done by the beginning of camping season, June 11, 2005!

And now, let us focus our attention on just two of the sixty-two buildings and/or structures located in camp. First and foremost is the Lodge itself, which is the focal point where campers gravitate to socialize, eat, sleep or all of the above.

After that, no other facility is more appreciated by approximately 500 campers a year than the swimming pool.

By now, each Club in our District has received information either from Camp or the District Newsletter concerning the new swimming pool and the \$200,000 required to remove the old pool and to install a new one by the opening of the 2005 camping season. This is a huge capital improvement and one that hopefully receives financial support from every club within multiple District 14.

Clubs can create a "Splash Level" by donating \$10.00 for every member, or a "Tidal Wave" by donating \$20.00 for every member, or any donation in any amount by any club or individual. All donations received, regardless of amount, will make a difference in the lives of our campers. When writing your donation check, make it out to PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp and please remember, write on the memo section, "NEW SWIMMING POOL." If you don't your donation will default to camp administration.

Donations may be mailed to:
PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
114 SR 103 South
Mount Union, PA 17066