



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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District Vice-Governor's Message

I've enjoyed this year as VDG. It has been a pleasure working with DG Dennis, his Cabinet and many of the fine Lions in our District. Thanks for all the support, guidance and friendship given me along the way. After thirty some years I still have lots to learn about Lionism.

Our District has a lot to be proud of. PDG Mike Vudragovich started a branch club in Bridgeville sponsored by the Upper St Clair Lions Club. King Lion Michele Baich Matuch and the McKeesport Lions sponsored a new Leo club. PDG Joe Donkins and the Central Elizabeth Club will be starting a new Leo Club in Duquesne this week. They also plan to start a new Lions Club in Duquesne in June. So it can be done. It just takes some dedicated Lions to make it happen.

I was elected 14-B's District Governor for 2005-2006 at the Lions State Convention in Johnstown. ("None of the above" was a close second.) As you know, the eighteen DGs also comprise the State Council. There will be a lot of work, time and travel involved. My year doesn't officially start until July and we already have six club visits scheduled before leaving for Hong Kong.

So far it has been very rewarding and lots of fun. Phyllis and I had a great time at the convention. We enjoyed meeting the other DGs and their spouses. We marched with them in the parade along with the other Lions, Leos and the All State Band. The mayor said it was the biggest convention they have ever had in Johnstown.

I hope you will continue to support State and District activities. Last year International President Clem Kusick visited Beacon Lodge for Lions Appreciation Day. He saw the first Rubber Ducky Race bring more fun and funding to the camp. This year you can also see the new pool and have a great day with the campers. If you can't fill a bus, rent a van or form a car pool. See first hand what your efforts have accomplished.

Service, fellowship, and fun are essential to membership and the success of Lionism here in Allegheny County. I look forward to discussing these issues with you during my club visits this fall. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Your friend in Lionism,
Jim Brubaker

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Feel the excitement!! We just had an excellent State Convention in Johnstown PA on May 20-22, 2005. We were visited by and heard great speeches from, International President Clement Kusiak, our new International Director from District 14 M Sam Milliken and a great motional speaker from Mick Burros. The convention was filled with educational seminars great tours and an opportunity to "share success through service" A good reason to attend the convention would have been to see your District Governor and the other Governors ride in antique Corvette Convertibles. I want to thank Past International Carl Battistone for offering to purchase one for me as your out going governor. Of course I refused. The convention was very good and if you missed attending the one in Johnstown next year will be in Altoona. I am told it will be even better.

The end is coming near and I still have a lot of clean up work to be completed. Another milestone in our district. I want to thank all the lions, Leos and lioness in our district for entrusting me to move our district further along. It has been an exciting year that I will never forget. I have made friend through out the state and have seen lionism in action. This is not my farewell address just a thanks you to all of you who have made my year a positive and pleasant experience. The work is never done we all need to remember we have to support our incoming District Governor Elect James Brubaker and first Lady Phyllis.

Yours in Lionism,
Dennis McCarthy
District 14-B Governor

LIONS EVENTS & HAPPENINGS...

Tarentum Area Lions Club 2005 LOTTERY CALENDARS

Pays \$25 to \$250
for evening 3-digit lottery
Contact Lion Lou Hoetzlein
(412) 224-5999

Monroeville Lions Club
ANNUAL
FARMER'S MARKET
EVERY SATURDAY MORNING
Until Thanksgiving
STUDENT'S Parking Lot -
Gateway High School
County-Fresh Produce

Homestead District Lions
19th ANNUAL
GOLF SCRAMBLE
Wednesday, June 29, 2005
Westwood Golf Club
Info Contact
Lion Darrel Hess
(412) 461-6032

Monroeville Lions Club
7th Annual Golf
Outing Scramble
SATURDAY,
AUGUST 13, 2005
Shotgun Start at 12:30 PM
Willowbrook Country Club
Entry Fee: \$85 per golfer
More Info contact Lions
Harvey Bain (412)373-2472
Bob Irr (412) 856-4709
John Aiken (412) 856-9111

Bloomfield/Lawrenceville Lions Club 25th Anniversary Dinner

Friday, June 3, 2005

Del's Restaurant

Liberty Ave. - Bloomfield

Social 6 p.m. - Dinner 6:30 p.m.

ALL LIONS ARE INVITED !!!

Fabulous Buffet Dinner for \$25

Please R.S.V.P.

to PDG Pauline Waide (412) 241-4200 X115
or pwaide@att.net

Shadyside / Squirrel Hill Lions Clubs DAY AT KENNYWOOD PARK

Saturday, June 18, 2005

PRICE: If we sell minimum 50 Tickets
General Admission \$20 Ride-All-Day \$35
(includes picnic dinner)
Contact: Lion Lisa Drummond (412) 303-3099
LILLISA@GMAIL.COM
Lion Tara Klingensmith (412) 607-5014
PHAEDORNA@GMAIL.COM

The Oakland Lions have two Lions costumes for sale. One is in very good condition, the second in need of some TLC (mostly a hair transplant, it resembles many of us at the moment!). Both need a good cleaning. Price is negotiable, but do make an offer. Call Lion Bob Gundersen (412-799-0440) to get a look at them.

The Leo award goes to... David Carroll of the Bentleyville Leo Club. David has extensive volunteer experience and was a great choice. Congratulations to 14 M for having a candidate and the Leo club for being so active. We had three candidates and David was chosen.

The District is looking for peace poster contenders for the next school year. This year's theme will be "Peace Without Borders" for the 2005-06 Peace Poster Contest. Lion's clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organized sponsored youth groups. Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, 2005, are eligible to participate. Through the contest, students are encouraged to get involved in this worthwhile event. Although the program does not start until next school lets try to get more schools actively involved in this district program.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"TACT: the ability to describe others as they see themselves"

Abraham Lincoln

The USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held on September 22-23, 2005 in Peoria, IL. "Passion to Excel" is this year's theme.



BEACON LODGE NEWS

Lion Tom Hurrell, Liaison

Your donations at work:

We have so much new to look forward to for the upcoming season that commences June 7, 2005. The new pool will be the "buzz" of the camp allowing all participants the ability to swim barrier-free and is designed to take into consideration the needs of all campers, thus providing each with a great swimming experience.

The new, heated pool will begin at the zero entry level and gradually increase to a 2 and 3 ft. depth allowing our toddler age campers the ability to wade in the shallow end of the pool. They can actually sit in the pool and play. In addition, many of our adult campers have the brain capacity of children. Many fear deep water. The design of the pool gives campers who are afraid of deep waters the opportunity to get in the water, have a sense of balance, get cooled off, yet know they can stand up at any time and be out of the water without feeling overwhelmed by the greater depth of the deep end of the pool.

Our older children and adult campers will enjoy swimming freely in the new oval-shaped pool with a depth of 4 to 5 ft. Campers that use wheelchairs for mobility will have the convenience of being wheeled directly into the zero entry pool ramp. Beacon Lodge is a camp for toddlers, children and adults with a special need as well as some depth with multiple disabilities. In addition to the many new benefits offered to swimmers, the new pool is obviously much more efficient with a heating system that uses 1/2 the propane of the old pool. In addition the filter system has a triple filter, if one breaks down the remaining 2 can operate the pool efficiently. This will decrease the number of times the pool is shut down due to filter malfunctions. We no longer have to manually add chemicals to the pool on a daily basis; the new pool has an automatic chemical dispenser. This saves time and labor costs. The perimeter around the pool will have a special textured cement to warn our visibly impaired campers they are within 2 ft. of the pool edge. The new pool will not only be fun and safe for campers; it will be much more cost effective for the camp.

As Lion Year 2004/05 nears completion, please consider a donation to our pool. We value our participation in making Beacon Lodge the best camp it can be. Thank you for helping to serve children and adults with special needs!

FINAL CABINET MEETING

We will have our 4th Cabinet Meeting on **Saturday, June 4, 2005**, at O Reilly Field off of 885 in the south hills. The meeting will start at 9:00 AM the cookout will follow. Please contact the Governor 412-751-8119 or e-mail him at dennismccarthy9@msn.com if you are planning to attend. The deadline for responses is May 27, 2005.

Directions from downtown are to take Route 51 south to Lewis Run Road, (you will pass Century Three Mall on your left, a K Mart is on your right continue straight until you come to Lewis Run Road which will be on your left side. At that red light make a left hand turn (Bowser Pontiac will be on your right) at the top of Lewis Run Road you will make a right that is route 885. CCAC South Campus will be on your left continue on Route 885 South about 1 mile make a right on Wray road Drive into the park and at the end make a right follow the road to the top of the hill the Lions Pavilion sits on top of the hill. Look for the smiling District Governor and you have found the right place. Hope to see you there.

Just a reminder of the letter sent to each of the clubs regarding a donation to help defray the cost of the upcoming February 2006 State Council Meeting which is being hosted by District 14 B. The request is \$50 for the Lions year 2004-05 and \$50 for Lions year 2005-06 for a total of \$100 per club with the final amount to be made by December 2005.

The following clubs have donated to date: Bethel Park \$100; Bloom/Lawrenceville \$100; Boston/Greenock/Mt.Vernon \$100; Brentwood \$100; Cheswick/Springdale \$50; Clairton \$50; Gibsonia/Hampton/Richland \$50; Glassport \$100; Homestead \$50; Pittsburgh \$50; McKeesport \$50; Monroeville \$50; Moon Twps \$50; North Boroughs \$100; Northern Allegheny \$100; Oakland \$50; Beechview \$50; DeafBlind \$100; Hilltop \$50; Pleasant Hill \$50; South Park \$50; Tarentum \$50; West Mifflin \$50; White Oak \$100; Wilmerding \$100. If you sent your check directly to the Treasurer, Mic Wrbas, please let Barb Schimmel know so that it may be properly recorded. Thank you for your continued support.

Barb Schimmel, Chairperson State Council Meeting, February, 2006.



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