



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 GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Lions,

As this hot summer ends, I hope you have enjoyed your vacation, the beach, family picnics, hikes in the woods (golf) and all the good things summer brings. I hope you're rejuvenated with a "Passion to Excel" and ready for another great Lion year.

Our first State Council Meeting at Valley Forge on August 5 & 6 went smoothly except when three new Governors left their nameplates unattended. They paid a "Governor's ransom" to the campaign for Sight First II to get them back. PIP Joe Wroblewski attended our meeting; he introduced LCI's candidate for 2nd Vice President, PID Albert Brandel and his lovely wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, an anesthesiologist and a Lion. They both attended the "50s Hop" on Friday and made fast friends of us all. At Saturday's banquet they spoke of the Lions hands on involvement after "9/11" and their own activities at ground zero. With the recommendation of PID Joe, your State Council unanimously endorsed PID Albert Brandel for 2nd Vice President.

Saturday, August 13 was 14-B's First Cabinet Meeting. We introduced the new cabinet, established voting rules and approved the district budget. Three Zone Chairpersons and a VDG are still needed to complete the cabinet. I presented my Goals and Objectives for the year. * We must focus on "PLUS ONE" with a PASSION! Presidents and Secretaries are requested to plan, monitor, and report their club's progress.

On Sunday, I joined the McKeesport Club for their picnic in Renzie Park. Good food, good Lions, good time! Thanks for inviting me King Lion Michele. The Pleasant Hills Lions boarded the Kennywood Trolley for our Community Day parade. Afterwards we sold pizza, pop, and slushies until thunderstorms ended the day's festivities.

In September Phyllis and I are going to Peoria for our first USA/Canada Forum. They tell me it beats all for inspiring leadership and a Passion to Excel.

To simplify the fall schedule we have combined the Fall Rally with Glassport's Rigatoni Night on October 11. Pennsylvania's International Director Sam Milliken will speak and seating is limited so I suggest you make your reservations early.

In closing, I want to emphasize the need for each club to attract new members and help develop new clubs. Look around and note the many communities without Clubs, ... without Lions to serve. We must grow just to serve Allegheny County. Your Cabinet and MERLOW Team are anxious to work with your club for the good of Lionism. Just ask.

Thanks for all you do to make the Lions the world's greatest service organization.

Your friend in Lionism, *Lion Jim Brubaker, District Governor 14-B*

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

West Mifflin Lions Club FALL CASH BASH 2005

Sunday, October 9, 2005
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Homeville Fire Hall, West Mifflin
\$20 per ticket
Food-refreshments-cash prizes !
Call Lion Jim Hartman
(412) 600-0229 for tickets

Hilltop Lions Club NIGHT AT THE RACES

Come Join Us for a Night of Fun as we
help support Local and Regional Lions
Clubs Charities!
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 15, 2005
7:30 pm - Midnight
St. Norbert's Hall
2413 St. Norberts St. - Pittsburgh 15234
DONATION \$10.00 per person
Horse Races, 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes,
Chinese Auction, Buffet, Refreshments,
Beer & Set-Up, B.Y.O.B.
Music by Top DJ
For Ticket Information contact:
412-881-3090 412-922-2606
412-882-3510

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The greatest reward for
serving others is
the satisfaction in your heart."

Do you think that you could learn more about leadership? Do you think you could learn a little more about opportunities for greater service? How about learning more about communication? If you think you could learn more, then think about the USA/Canda Lions Leadership Forum from September 22-24, 2005. The event will be held in Peoria, IL this year. Why not consider attending and learning more! THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER.

PEACE POSTER 2005-2006

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.

EYE RESEARCH SEMINAR

Lions Eye Research Seminar is to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2005 at the Eye and Ear Institute, 203 Lothrop Street, Pittsburgh (Oakland). The seminar starts at 8 AM with a Continental Breakfast and ends at 2 PM with a tour of the Department of Ophthalmology. those planning to attend should contact Brian McCarl at (724) 312-3676 or EMail brian.mccarl@ajdemor.com ASAP. There is no charge for this seminar.

STATE COUNCIL MEETING 2006

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.

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.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Items for submission must reach Lion Jim Hartman by the 25th of each month to have them in the CAULDRON. Send them via Email JWHART@ADELPHIA.NER or via mail to 3520 Brinway Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122



Rigatoni Night + Fall Rally = RIGATONI RALLY and Lions Fun! The Glassport Lions Club will be hosting this year's Fall Rally. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at the Sons of Italy Hall, 6th and Allegheny Aves. in Glassport, PA. Social Hour begins at 6 PM with the Dinner beginning at 6:30 PM. Cost for this affair is only \$8.00 per person. (What a bargain!) Special Guest Speaker for the evening will be PA's own International Director Sam Milliken. Seating is limited so please call Glassport Lion Secretary Elmer Kruzek at 412-678-1954 ASAP and send him your check to 838 Vermont Ave., Glassport 15045.

MAIL IN FORM

Checks payable Glassport Lions Club

Please make _____ reservations @ \$8.00 each

For _____ Lions Club

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mail to:

Lion Elmer Kruzek

838 Vermont Ave.

Glassport, PA 15045

Sight First II has just begun

Sight First I was a very successful project. Sight First II will try to raise 150 Million dollars to continue the work that the first project did not get to finish and continue with many new projects including rehabilitation services. More information will appear monthly about the sight first II success and plans for continue growth of the program.

Here are just a few rewards of Campaign Sight First I

- Awarded US\$179 million for 739 projects in 88 countries
- Restored sight to 4.6 million with cataract
- Prevented serious vision loss for 20 million
- Improved eye care services for hundreds of millions
- Provided 60 million treatments for river blindness
- Built or expanded 207 eye hospitals/clinics/wards
- Upgraded 314 eye centers with equipment
- Provided management training for 92 facilities
- Trained 83,500 ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, other professional eye care workers and village health workers
- Launched world's first-ever initiative to combat childhood blindness in partnership with the World Health Organization. Thirty pediatric eye care centers will be established.

MERL TEAM SEMINAR

The Multiple District MERL Team and the Multiple District Women's Development Membership Chairperson will be presenting a seminar in the Central Region on Saturday, **October 22, 2005** at the Keystone Blind Association, 1230 Stambaugh Ave., Sharon, Pa. 16146 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. District Governors, Vice District Governors, District MERLOW Teams, Club MERLOW Teams, Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries and all other Club Officers and Members are encouraged to attend along with Lioness's and Leo's.

Directions to Keystone Blind Assn., 1230 Stambaugh Ave., Sharon, PA. — Take I-79 to I-80, I-80 West to Hermitage/ Sharon Exit Route 18, Tke Route 18 North to Route 518 (Sheetz on Right), Turn LEFT and go through one stop light and pass Farrel High School, go to Idaho Street (Dairy Queen) and turn LEFT. Go three blocks to Stambaugh Ave. and turn left. KBA will be on your left.

MAIL IN RESERVATION FORM:

Lion Steve Benedict

3176 Glengreen Drive

Lancaster, PA 17601

Or Email information to steve_benedict@msn.com

Name: _____

District/Club: _____

District/Club Position: _____

I will be attending the Western MERL Seminar on October 22nd at Sharon, PA/



Lions Club of Allegheny County
c/o DG James Brubaker
372 Cavan Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15236-4341



BEACON LODGE WORK WEEK END

On the front burner for September (mark this on your calendar) is our work week end scheduled for September 16, 17 and 18 (Friday evening into sometime Sunday). This is critical if we are to bring the District's Dorm up to speed in time for next year's camping season. Our game plan is 2 fold (#1) Weather permitting, power wash and then paint the outside of the Dorm. (#2) Remove existing ceiling tile and lighting in 3 of the 4 apartments and install new ceiling tile as well as

new lighting. Work not completed will default to the spring work weekend. This is a tall order, but for the exception of wiring new lighting, it does not require special skills or heavy labor. Obviously we need helps and lots of it. Age and gender matters not. What does matter is your sincere desire to be of service while you are there. Fun and laughter we will have but, this is not a day at the beach.

Camp will provide sleeping accommodations within the Lodge. However, we will need to provide our own bed lined as well as splitting the cost of meals whatever that amount might be. IPDG Dennis McCarthy will feature some great idea's for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Tools required are the same ones you would use if performing the same function at home. If you are painting please bring your paint tray, roller, brushes, masking tape, drop cloth, rags etc. If you intend to installing ceiling tile consider a straight edge, utility knife, pencil, drop cloth and a short step ladder or step stool etc.

Advanced planning and commitment by all is vital to our success. We need at least 1 (ONE) Lion volunteer from EACH CLUB to help in this project. Reply ASAP by phoning Beacon Lodge Liaison Tom Hurrell (412) 466-6358 to help in this very worthwhile project!

BEACON LODGE NEWS

July 17th featured a packed house at PA Lions Appreciation Day. Our best guesstimate from 14-B is 11 Lions and 2 guests. As always, in spite of humid conditions, it was a great day for fun fellowship and a time to enjoy the fruit of our contributions. By the way, no one from 14-B won the Great Duck Race.

While at Beacon Lodge I had the privilege of chatting with a few blind campers who were staying at the 14-B Dorm. They were very thankful about the new carpeting (they can feel the difference as they walk upon it in their bare or stocking feet), and in particular, they expressed their appreciation for the new bathrooms. They did have 1 request, "Would you please put an exhaust fan in the bathroom? They were assured their concern would be addressed.

The International Association of Lions Clubs

(Lions Clubs International®)

District 14-B



We Serve

Lion James E. Brubaker

District Governor 2005-2006

372 Cavan Drive

Pleasant Hills, PA 15236

412-653-1696 or JASEBRU@ AOL.COM

September 1, 2005

Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Our humanity requires that we respond generously to the pressing needs left in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. As we see every day on TV, our fellow Americans desperately need help. I'm requesting every club in our District to donate \$100 per member or as much as you can afford to the relief efforts along the Gulf Coast.

If there ever is a time to practice our **PASSION TO SERVE** it is now! Please give what you can. I'd really like to see 100% participation from all the clubs in the District. Special fundraisers, if done quickly, should find the public ready and willing to help. Their checks, made payable to LCIF, are tax deductible. *Don't forget to tell them that 100% goes for relief ... all administrative costs are paid by the Lions themselves!*

Please make your club's check payable to LCIF with "Hurricane Katrina Relief" on the memo line and send them to me. I will monitor our progress and forward them together to LCIF. I hope to receive your checks in September.

Your friend in Lionism.

Original signed by

Lion Jim Brubaker
District Governor

PS. A letter from LCIF Chair Clem Kusiak concerning Katrina is attached indicating emergency grants already provided and the Lions assigned to lead the effort.

Use the following link for a letter from IP Dr. Askok Meta:
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/Katrina_1.pdf



McKeesport Lions Club 8th ANNUAL Bike For Sight !

Saturday, September 24, 2005

ALL RIDERS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED

HOW TO RAISE PLEDGES FOR LIONS BIKE FOR SIGHT — ALL PLEDGES MUST BE TURNED IN DAY OF EVENT !!!

1. Make your own pledge first!
2. Ask your family members friends, co-workers, business acquaintances, and others you know to sponsor your ride.
3. Give your sponsors options to making pledge: a lump sum gift, a certain amount per mile, or pay up front.
4. Ask with conviction and pride. You are doing something important for the community by raising money to provide services such as the ones listed to individuals and families in the McKeesport and surrounding areas who need assistance.
5. If your sponsors have questions you can't answer, call **Lion President J. Terrence Farrell at (412) 672-4248.**
6. Do your sponsors work for companies with matching gift programs? If so, the amount they pledge could be matched dollar-for-dollar by their companies or even two-to-one. These matching gifts count in your pledge totals. So encourage each sponsor to ask his or her Human Resources or personnel manager if the company matches gifts and how to obtain the proper form to fill out.

MOST IMPORTANT THE CAUSE . . .

McKeesport Lions Club has been improving the quality of life for families in our community for over 75 years including:

- UPMC McKeesport Diabetes Center
- The Intersection
- McKeesport Pre-School for Exceptional Children/Long Run Children's Learning Center.
- McKeesport Carnegie Library
- Beacon Lodge Camp for Blind Children & Adults
- Blind Bowlers Tournaments
- Leader Dog Programs
- Vision Screening & Eye examinations for the Needy.
- Other Civic Projects

SAFETY FIRST:

All riders are required to wear bicycle helmets.
Parents are responsible for the safety of their children.

REGISTRATION:

ALL RIDERS MUST PRE-REGISTER —CALL 412-672-4248
Final Registration begins at 8 AM at Boston, PA, Ball Field

STARTING TIME:

40 Mile Ride begins at 8:30 AM 15 Mile Ride begins at 9 AM

The COURSE:

Is a 15 or 40 mile round trip along the scenic Youghiogheny River Trail, beginning in Boston, Allegheny County, PA to Buena Vista or Smithton Beach, Westmoreland County.

The REST:

Refreshments and energy snacks will be provide at designated rest stops.

RIDER'S RELEASE FORM

Notice: This entry blank and release form is a contract with legal consequences. Read it carefully before signing. In consideration of the acceptance of my application for entry in the McKeesport Lions Bike for Sight, I hereby freely agree to and make the following contractual agreements.

I fully realize the risks and dangers of participating in a bicycle ride and fully assume the risks associated with such participation including, by way of example and not limitation, the following: the dangers of collision with pedestrians, vehicles, other riders, and fixed or moving objects; the dangers arising from surface hazards, equipment failure, inadequate safety equipment, and weather conditions; and the possibility of serious physical and/or mental trauma or injury associated with athletic cycling.

I hereby waive, release and discharge for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, assigns, and successors in interest (hereinafter collectively "successors") any all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue to me against the sponsors of this event, the organizer and any promoting organizations, property owners, law enforcement agencies, all public entities, special districts, and properties (and their respective agents, officials, and employees) through or by which the events will be held for any and all damages which may be sustained by me directly or indirectly in connection with, or arising out of, my participation in or association with the event, or travel to or return from the event.

I agree it is my sole responsibility to be familiar with the ride course and any special rules or regulations for the event. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the ride which may be beyond the immediate control of ride officials or organizers, and I must continually ride so as to neither endanger myself nor others. I accept responsibility for the condition and adequacy of my equipment. I will ride wearing an ANSI or Snell approved helmet that will protect against serious head injury and I assume all responsibility and liability for the approved helmet that will protect against serious head injury and I assume all responsibility and liability for the selection of such a helmet. I have no physical or medical condition which, to my knowledge, would endanger myself or others if I participate in this event, or would interfere with my ability to participate in this event.

I agree, for myself and successors, that the above representations are contractually binding and not mere recitals, and that should I or my successors assert any claim in contravention of this agreement, I or my successors shall be liable for the expenses (including legal fees) incurred by the other party or parties in defending against said claim(s) unless the other party or parties are finally adjudged liable on such claim for willful and wanton negligence. This agreement may not be modified orally, and a waiver of any provision herein or as a consent to any other provision herein or as a consent to any subsequent waiver or modification.

I hereby grant to the organizers, sponsors and promoting organizations the right to photograph or otherwise reproduce (whether by film, tape, still photograph or otherwise) my appearance/likeness, to own all the results thereof as a work for hire for copyright purposes, and to exhibit, distribute, transmit and/or otherwise exploit such reproductions in the promotion and publicity for the event and similar events in the future.

Date: _____
Signature

Date: _____
Signature of Legal Guardian of Riders under 18 yrs.

REGISTRATION FORM

McKEESPORT LIONS CLUB BIKE FOR SIGHT

*Every rider must complete a registration form (including minors.)
This form must be turned into the McKeesport Lions Club the day of the event.*

Please print clearly:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE : (____) _____

WORK PHONE: (____) _____

AGE: ____ SEX: ____ ADULT T-SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL XXL

T-SHIRT FREE WITH EACH REGISTRATION

RECEIVED WITH \$100. PLEDGES

I have a family member/friend who will help at the refreshment stops;; NAME: _____ PHONE () _____

I am riding as part of
Corporate team for _____

Other Team members are listed below:

Please list Sponsors, NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE & PLEDGE on separate sheet of paper with your name . . . Thanks



Pitcairn & Monroeville Lions
"5 K RUN FOR SIGHT"
 Proceeds benefit Pittsburgh Vision Services

Date: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005

Starting Location: DOWNTOWN PITCAIRN—near 550 Broadway Blvd.
 Registration and Check-in at Fire Station behind Sunoco
 *3 miles south of Turnpike Exit 57 (Old 6) Monroeville, Rt. 48
 website: www.expage.com/Pitcairn5K

Starting Time: 9:00 A.M. — Flat and Fast Course

Race Awards: Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 male and female finishers overall.
 Also 3 male and female in most age groups.
 No duplication of awards.

Age Groups: 13 and under, 14-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 +

Registration: \$13.00 - Pre-registered postmarked on or before October 29, 2005.
 \$15.00 - after October 29 and up to Race Day.

Registration also available until Nov. 2 at www.signmeupsports.com (about \$1.70 added fee)

T-Shirts: Guaranteed to the FIRST 200 Pre-Registered Runners.

Race Timing Service: The Runners High—Grove City, PA

MANY DOOR PRIZES of approximately \$100.00 Value.
 Many other door prizes and plenty of free food and beverages.

Make checks payable to: Pitcairn Lions Club

Mail APPLICATION & Check To: Don Brown, 5K Race, 1302 Deerfield Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146

Direct questions ?? Contact John Aiken Race DIRECTOR 412-856-9111 or Email jaiken2@juno.com

WAIVER:

I certify that I am physically fit and have trained for this event. I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, waive and release any and all claims for damages that may accrue against all sponsors, agents, and all municipalities, individuals and organizations involved in the race from any and all claims for damages of any kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen. I will assume my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of any accident, incapacity, or injury resulting from my participation. I also release any photos of this event for any purpose. I know entry fees are not refundable for any reason.

Name: _____ Age: _____ SEX M F

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No. (_____) _____ T-Shirt Size: M LG XL

Optional Email address for notification of future races: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

By Parent or Guardian if Applicant is under 18 years of age.