



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



District Governor's Message

Fellow Lions,

I'm quite impressed with the passion for Lionism encountered on my club visits so far. Thank you to Mt Lebanon, Imperial and Northern Allegheny Lions for your enthusiasm and warm hospitality. I've especially enjoyed exchanging ideas and inducting new Lions.

Our year started with the challenge of Hurricane Katrina. LCIF's relief efforts are continuing. To date 17 of 51 clubs in 14-B have given \$6100 to LCIF for Katrina relief (5 MJFs will be awarded). Individual Lions have added another \$2150. Coraopolis Lion Tom Toomy solicited \$5550 worth of food and clothing for people in the distressed area. These contributions total \$13,800 not including any sent directly to LCIF. I will provide a more detailed report in early November. There is still time for your club to be included.

Due to Katrina the 2006 International Convention will be in Boston. The District Governors Elect Seminar will run June 26 thru June 29th and the Convention, Friday June 30 thru July 4.

Phyllis and I attended the USA/Canada Forum in Peoria, IL September 22-24; we renewed acquaintances with Lion friends including some from Hong Kong. We saw and learned a lot which I hope to share with you. Next year the Forum will be held close by in Columbus, OH. For fun, training, and growth in Lionism I suggest you give it a try.

On Saturday, October 1, several of us were privileged to attend the Annual Seminar of the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation at the UPMC Eye and Ear Institute in Oakland. The Director, Dr. Joel Schuman, welcomed us and described their mission to be on the cutting edge of eye research. Dr. Hendricks provided an overview of their basic research in ophthalmology. Several researchers described their ongoing studies to prevent and cure eye diseases. They all expressed appreciation to the Lions for our support. After a light lunch they escorted us on a tour of their excellent facility. It was a great opportunity for Lions to see how their contributions are working to conserve sight.

Eye Research reminds me that October is White Cane Month. Put in the hours at a good location and the dollars will come. Good weather is always a plus.

August through November is our season for the Enjoy Coupon Books. Currently 17 clubs are selling them (a slight increase over last year) and I've had good reports from them. Keep a few in the trunk and you can sell them anywhere. With a guaranteed profit of \$9 for a book that pays for itself, it's a fundraiser that's hard to beat.

The first Lions Club in Pennsylvania was chartered in 1921. In 1922 the first Pennsylvania District Governor for District 14 was in Pittsburgh. By 1932 Districts 14-A (East), 14-B (West), and 14-C (Central) were established and in 1939 MD-14 hosted its first International Convention in Pittsburgh.

Why the history? To maintain this proud tradition we must act on our PASSION TO GROW! I just received a letter from Lions Clubs International designating 14-B as one of seven transitional districts in Pennsylvania. Transitional districts have fewer than 35 clubs and/or 1250 members for two years. Their District Governors are appointed by LCI and they may be merged into another district.

According to LCI, 14-B had 1149 members on July 1. We need 101 more to escape transitional status. Two per club would do it but realistically the stronger clubs must do more. In view of this situation I'm increasing our growth goal from plus one member per club to plus tree. Club Presidents and Membership Chairs will need to plan, execute, and monitor their club's progress and Secretaries must submit accurate monthly reports on time so we will know how we are doing. Every Lion must do his part if we are to succeed.

The Tarentum Lions and the Boston/Greenock/ Mt Vernon Club both gained nine members recently so we know it can done. For their Membership Night, Tarentum used information from LCI's website including the sample invitation letter. Each member suggested people to invite and described one club project to the attendees; 9 of 11 joined! It was such a success that they plan to do it again in January! The new members are already pitching in and have revitalized their club.

The State MERLOW Team will be in Sharon on Saturday, October 22 to help us. All Lions are welcome. Your Zone Chairs and MERLOW Team and I are anxious to work with you. Thanks for all you are doing to insure that Lions continue to be the world's greatest service organization.

Hope to see you at the Rigatoni Rally,
Jim Brubaker
District 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

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
7:00 pm - Midnight
St. Norbert's Hall
2413 St. Norbert 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

Brentwood Lions Club
Halloween
MEMORIES DANCE
costumes are not necessary
but they do make everything interesting
Saturday, October 29, 2005
8 PM - MIDNIGHT
St. Sylvester's Church Hall
3754 Brownsville Rd. - Brentwood
\$20 per person
(includes DJ - Buffet - Mixes) B.Y.O.B.
Contact Lion Jim for tickets
(412) 833-4267

White Oak Lions
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, November 6, 2005
8 AM - 1 PM
St. Angela Merici School Hall
1640 Fawcett St. White Oak
Adults \$5 Children \$3 (under 12)

**Pittsburgh DeafBlind &
Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Lions Clubs**
ART AUCTION
Sunday, November 13, 2005
Our Lady of the Angels Social Hall
220 37th Street Pittsburgh 15201
[Lawrenceville]
Art Preview 2 PM - Auction 3 PM
Hors d'oeuvres~Beverages~
Door Prize
ADMISSION ~~~~ FREE
Info (412) 683-4828 or 361-7463
First 100 persons receive a special gift
All checks for art purchases payable to
Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions
MasterCard, Visa, Discover
& AmEx accepted

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB
Welcomes All Lions & Guests to a
50th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
Friday, November 18, 2005
Moon Run Fire Hall
Reception 6 p.m.
Buffet Dinner 7 p.m.
Open Bar (Beer, wine, soda) will be in-
cluded.
Dancing will follow \$25.00 per person
Reservations/directions contact
Lion Harry Carr (412) 859-0209
Lion Joe Erdeljac (412) 264-9234

Lions in the affected states that have not been displaced themselves are feeding people at shelters, providing necessities such as toothbrushes and bedding and collecting funds to buy food and water for those at shelters. Lions from around the United States and far as far away as Germany and Thailand are collecting supplies and donating money to LCIF.

LCIF will do all it can to help victims recover their lives. LCIF has awarded a US\$200,000 Major Catastrophe Grant to help victims. I also have approved emergency grants for districts affected by the hurricane. Seven US \$10,000 emergency grants have been awarded for affected districts. We expect many emergency grants to be approved very soon when district governors are able to contact us.

Campaign Sight First II- This three year program is in the stages of education. If you want information about this project contact IPDG Dennis McCarthy at 412-751-8119. Dennis will speak to your club about this exciting program.

On another note...Melvin Jones International Memorial located at Fort Thomas, Arizona the Melvin Jones Lions Memorial was erected and dedicated in 1966. Lions International in June of 1999 approved fifty foot spire recognition as an international shrine honoring Melvin Jones. All donations of \$250, 500 or 1,000 are suitable recognized on the wall of fame which is mounted in the Memorial Building. For all to view if you are visiting in the Arizona area come see the birth place of our founder Melvin Jones

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill



BEACON LODGE WORK WEEK END

A small but determined pride of Lions, converted a seemingly impossible task to completion on 14-B Dorm during the Fall Work Week-end. Supported by a network of Babcock Lumber, Costa Homebuilders, Glassport Lions Club, Jefferson Hills Lions Club, PPG Industries and UPMC McKeesport Foundation; we removed existing 2x4 suspended ceiling tile with their associated light fixtures, converted the 2x4 overhead suspension grid to 2x2, painted the suspended grid work, installed new 2x2 ceiling tile and recessed lighting. In addition, painted the front of the Dorm as well as both ends. Power washed the back of the Dorm, provided our own meals, hauled 1,500 pounds to 1 ton of material to camp, filled up a dump trunk to overflowing with discarded material; and all of this at no cost to Camp!

A lesson learned from those involved, "never underestimate the resolve of dedicated Lions." From the Alpha to the Omega, "Well done!"



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

STATE COUNCIL MEETING 2006

Dear Lions Clubs,

On behalf of the Host Committee for the February 2006 State Council Meeting, we would like to thank the following clubs for their continued support toward the District:

\$100 Donation: Bethel Park, Bloomfield- Lawrenceville, Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon, Brentwood, Gibsonia-Hampton-Richland, Glassport, Homestead, Jefferson Hills, Liberty Boro, Lions Club of Pittsburgh, North Boroughs, Northern Allegheny, Oakland, Pittsburgh DeafBlind, Shady-side Squirrel Hill, Sunset Hills, West Mifflin, White Oak, Whitehall Community, Wilmerding.

\$50.00 Donation: Cheswick-Springdale, Clairton, McKeesport, Monroeville, Moon Township, Pittsburgh Beechview, Pittsburgh Hilltop, Pleasant Hills, South Park, Tarentum.

If your club's name does not appear above, you still have time to meet the requested deadline of **December, 2005**, for your donation toward the District hosting of the Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Meeting in February, 2006. Make the check **payable to District 14 B and mail to Lion Barb Schimmel ~ 530 Osceola Street ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15224.**

Thanking you in advance for helping to make this a successful event.

*Lion Barb Schimmel,
Chairperson*

Host Committee State Council Meeting.



Since 1990 Lions **SightFirst** program has played a role in the reduction of preventable blindness in the world. Despite the success of SightFirst I - much work and money is still needed to continue the success of this program. The Goals of Sight-First II is going to use a comprehensive approach to fund-raising. The first year of the program is education, identification of a model club. Year II will be collection of money, doing fundraisers, year III will be to celebrate the 150 Million that is needed 200 million that hopefully will be reached. After the 150 million is reached additional funding will be used for research and education and to expand and enhance lion's sight programs for high risk populations in developed countries.

SightFirst II will make this possible... More information will occur in next month's newsletter

IPDG Dennis McCarthy

Sight First Sector Coordinator

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



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.

ATTENTION — ALL CLUBS DISTRICT 14-B !!!

As many of you know, District 14-B has a presence on the World Wide web and you are invited to visit us at WWW.LIONSOFALLEGHENYCOUNTY.ORG for the current information about District news.

Currently there are 13 clubs in the district that have websites and they are **Bethel Park**, Boston-Greenock-Mount Vernon, Clairton, Glassport, Jefferson Hills, Northern Allegheny (McCandless), Monroeville, Pittsburgh DeafBlind, Pittsburgh Hill Top, **Pleasant Hills, Robinson, West Mifflin and White Oak**. The clubs that are in BOLD TYPE are websites that clubs sponsor and maintain themselves.

The Bethel Park and White Oak websites have been down since the demise of Three Rivers Free-Net. District 14-B would like to have these websites back with their current information.

The other clubs mentioned need some updating of their current information!

We need all the Lions Clubs of the District to participate in placing your club's information on the world wide web. What better place to let your local community know about what your activities are? You will just have to give them the URL of WWW.LIONSOFALLEGHENYCOUNTY.ORG and they can find your website located on our home. The website is there 24/7/365 telling them of what you are all about. And who knows maybe you might even get a new member out of this website posting.

If your club would like to have this information posted please feel free to send it along to the District's Information Technology cabinet member Jim Hartman. If you access the web please send your information via Email to JWHART@ADELPHIA.NET. If you wish you may also send it via US Mail to his home address, Jim Hartman, 3520 Brinway Dr., West Mifflin, PA 15122-2612. Phone number is (412) 600-0229.

The information that is needed current officers/cabinet, current members, meeting place—times and dates, current and upcoming club activities. What can also be added is a listing of past presidents (with their years of service), a club necrology (those who have passed from us), Club awards. Pictures may also be added. Your community's colors (black/gold - blue/gold - red/white - maroon/silver) are also needed. Whatever you feel that should be posted can also be added. Links to various other community organizations. For example the Pittsburgh Hill Top Lions Club has a nice venue of local links.

What is this going to cost your club? **NOT ONE CENT !** The District will design and maintain the website for you and keep it updated. Your only responsibility is to sent to information to the District's website administrator.

We hope to see ALL THE CLUBS IN THE DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE! Send us your information today!

District Information Technology Cabinet Officer

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