



# Lions of Allegheny County

# CAULDRON

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

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Fellow Lions,

Sorry this November/December Cauldron is late. Editor, Jim Hartman has been ready and awaiting my message since November 1 but your Governor was on overloaded. So let's call this the Holiday Edition and get on with it.

So far I've visited 22 clubs. For all their differences, I'm always struck by their eagerness to serve and come away very proud of the dedicated Lions I've met. They are working hard to build their clubs, improve their communities and help others through disaster relief, sight conservation, vision and hearing research, glasses, hearing aids and more. Their efforts are critical and valued. Lions throughout the world share similar goals and dedication to helping others. Without a doubt we can be very proud to be called Lions.

In November I submitted the last checks received for Katrina relief to LCIF; 23 Lions Clubs contributed \$8685; individual Lions sent another \$2150 totaling \$10,835 that I sent LCIF. This does not include contributions that were sent directly to LCIF or to directly to clubs in the affected areas. LCIF's relief efforts for Katrina and the earthquake victims in Central Asia are continuing as reported on their web site. Thanks to all Lions who contributed to Katrina relief.

October 11 the Lions Fall Rally was held in conjunction with the Glassport's traditional Rigatoni Night. Dubbed the "Rig-a-Rally" by some, we had a great turnout, a great meal (with wine) and a great speaker in International Director Sam Milliken. New Leos from McKeesport and Duquesne helped to serve and make it a fun evening for all. The Leos donated all their tips to their club. Twenty-seven more Leos were inducted at the Region 2 zone meeting on November 15. Leos being new energy and help Lions serve their communities.

On Saturday, October 22, I attended the State MERLOW Team Membership Seminar in Sharon, PA. Unfortunately, only a few of our clubs were represented. LCI has designating 14-B a transitional district (less than 1250 members); we had 1149 on July 1. We need 101 more to escape transitional status. Therefore, I'm increasing our growth goal to 10% per club. This goal is fair and doable but every Lion must do his part if we are to succeed. Remember "women count" in numbers and in service. We do have some clubs that are struggling so we need to add at least one new club. Please contact your Zone Chair and/or the MERLOW Team if you need assistance.

The State Council meeting was held November 4 and 5 in Harrisburg. The Preliminary Council Meeting was followed by the Lions of PA Foundation Dinner. They introduced the new Joe Wroblewski Fellowship that can be granted to a current LoPF Fellow by a club or district for a contribution of \$500 (\$1000 for a new awardee). A Hill-

billy Hoedown concluded activities on Friday night.

Several State Committee meetings were held on Saturday morning; in the afternoon their committee reports were presented at the State Council meeting. Sixteen Vice District Governors and their spouses were introduced at the Banquet Saturday evening. Districts 14-B and C still need VDGS. At Council it was reported that Pennsylvania lost 12 clubs and 275 members in the July-September Quarter. 2409 Lions attended the USA/Canada Forum. It's in Columbus next year; only a short drive for a great weekend of Lions motivation, ideas and fun. MD-14 assets were reported to be \$700K in investments and \$500K in our Harrisburg office building. The new pool at Beacon Lodge cost \$193K including \$75K from LCIF. Council voted to prevent VOSH from soliciting funds in Pennsylvania and several changes to the State Constitution and by-laws were approved.

The following Saturday we had our 2nd District Cabinet Meeting hosted by the Eye and Ear Institute. The 2004-2005 audit report was approved and a new treasurer, Lion Roy Smith of the Bethel Park Club, was installed to replace Lion Mic Wrbas who resigned for personal reasons. We thank Lion Mic for his excellent service and wish him all the best. We voted to reduce the requested contribution for the blind bowlers tournament to \$25 per club. The new District Directories were distributed to the cabinet and mailed to club secretaries and presidents; updates and corrections were also provided.

On November 15, I met again with the Board of the Western PA Eye Bank Foundation. They are considering teaming with us to provide grants for eye research and other vision related activities.

Bloomfield-Lawrenceville, Pleasant Hills, and Tarentum Lions submitted their Peace Poster Contest winners in the to the committee. On November 21 the judges selected the Bloomfield-Lawrenceville entry as the District winner of a \$50 savings bond and forwarded it on to the state competition. Congratulations to all the contestants. We hope to see you again next year.

I hope your White Cane, Enjoy Book, and other fall fundraisers were very successful. Fundraisers can be good opportunities to inform people about Lionism and find new members to your club. Did you know Lions introduced and

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promoted the use of white canes to protect blind pedestrians?

My updated visitation schedule for December and January is attached. I appreciate a good turnout and welcome any comments or suggestions for the good of Lionism.

Don't forget "Christmas around the World" is Friday December 9 at Stratigos Banquet Center in North Huntingdon Township. The committee has been working hard to make sure you'll have a good time. Reserve a table for your club and enjoy dinner, music, and friends. See details on next page.

Thanks for all you are doing to insure that Lions continue to be the world's greatest service organization. **YOU CAN BE PROUD TO BE A LION!**

Phyllis and I hope you've had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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

### District Governor Visits

- Monday, December 5 - 7:00 PM  
Boston/Greenock/Mount Vernon
- Tuesday, December 6 - 6:30 PM  
Robinson
- Thursday, December 8 - 8:00 PM  
Pittsburgh Hilltop
- Tuesday, December 13 - 6:30 PM  
Shadyside/Squirrel Hill
- Thursday, December 15 - Noon  
Carnegie
- Thursday, December 15, 7:00 PM  
Versailles
- Tuesday, December 20 - 6:30 PM  
Clairton
- Wednesday, January 4 - 6:30 PM  
Pittsburgh Beechview
- Thursday, January 5 - 6:30 PM  
Jefferson Hills
- Tuesday, January 10 - 6:45 PM  
South Park
- Wednesday, January 11 - 6:30 PM  
Whitehall
- Thursday, January 12 - 6:30 PM  
Cheswick/Springdale
- Monday, January 16 - 6:15 PM  
Homestead
- Tuesday, January 17 - 6:30 PM  
Pitcairn
- Wednesday, January 18 - 6:30 PM  
Sunset Hills
- Wednesday, January 25 - 6:30 PM  
Monroeville
- Thursday, January 26 - 6:30 PM  
Moon Township



Each first Tuesday of December, LensCrafters stores have Hometown Day. On this day, LensCrafters stores set aside a special morning to provide free eye exams and glasses to local residents in need as pre-determined by Lions and other charitable groups. Contact your store's Gift of Sight Captain or General Manager to see if they still have space to accept referrals for this year.

Gift of Sight OnSite Vouchers - Lions clubs and other groups may obtain a limited number of pairs of glasses for people in need free-of-charge. Eye exams are not included.

**Lions Special Price** - Lions clubs are able to purchase an unlimited number of pairs of glasses for needy individuals at a special price of US \$50 per pair in the United States and US\$70 per pair in Canada. Prepaid Lions Special Price vouchers are available in a book of 10. Eye exams are not included.

Inquire with the Gift of Sight Captain or General Manager at the LensCrafters store nearest to you on how you can work together on these programs.

Should you have any questions for LCI, please call 630-571-5466 ext. 315 or e-mail programs@lionsclubs.org They will be happy to assist you.

**BRENTWOOD LIONS**  
**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**  
 Saturday, December 10, 2005  
 9 AM - Noon  
 Brentwood Presbyterian Church  
 3725 Brownsville Road  
 Info call 412-833-4267

Pleasant Hills Lions sponsored a Peace Poster contest with 51 students at the Pleasant Hills Middle school submitting entries to be considered for entry into the District, State and then to the International Division of the contest. Charlotte Harris entry was selected for entry into the District level. This year's contest theme is "Peace Without Borders."



The winners were honored at the monthly Lions Dinner meeting on November 7th. Pictured in the photo: L-R (rear) Michael Fratangelo, Pleasant Hills Middle School Art teacher and Bill Lowman, President Pleasant Hills Lions. Front: Honorable mentions: Alexis Ottonello and Samantha Carey; Winner Charlotte Harris and Honorable Mention, Dawni House.

### 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.NET or via mail to 3520 Brinway Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122



What is a model Club?

This is a club that, because of its extraordinary commitment to Lionism and the SightFirst program, agrees to lead the way in Campaign SightFirst II by conducting a fundraising campaign during fiscal 2005-2006, in advance of all other clubs.

Can any club in the district be a model club?

All clubs throughout the world can be a model club.

It is encouraged that many clubs try to raise the money needed to be a model club?

What are the criteria to be a model club?

Be in good standings with Lions International.

Give an average of \$400.00 per member over three years.

Designate one fund raiser to SightFirst II in the 2005-2006 Lions year.

For more information contact

IPDG Dennis McCarthy @ 412-751-8119.



**Friday, December 9, 2005  
Stratigos Banquet Centre  
Colonial Manor Rd. North Huntingdon**

**7 - 8:00 PM Buffet Food Stations  
\$30 per person**

featuring:  
"Welcome Back  
to an old fashioned  
Christmas with



**Call 412-664-2590 for Tickets**

**"Christmas Around the World Famous Auction"**

Number \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$30.00 each

Please make checks payable to the "McKeesport Hospital Foundation",  
1500 Fifth Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address; \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Tickets will be mailed to the above address)

**Proceeds benefit Lions' Diabetes Services!**



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

## STATE COUNCIL MEETING 2006

The District Host Committee thanks the following clubs for their support of the February 2006 State Council meeting:

*\$100 donation:* Bethel Park, Bloomfield- Lawrenceville, Boston-Greenock-Mt.Vernon, Brentwood, Coraopolis, Gibsonia-Hampton-Richland, Glassport, Homestead, Jefferson Hills, Liberty Borough, Lions Club of Pittsburgh, North Boroughs, Northern Allegheny, Oakland, Pittsburgh DeafBlind, Pittsburgh Northside, Shadyside Squirrel Hill, South Park, 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, Tarentum.

If your club's name does not appear above, you can still donate. Make your Club's check to District 14-B and mail to Lion Barb Schimmel 530 Osceola Street ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15224.

If you would rather to donate a 'theme basket' to be raffled at the State Council weekend. The basket should consist of items totaling a dollar value of \$35- \$50.00. Call Lion Jim Engel at 412-833-4267 for information.

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

Lion Barb Schimmel,  
Chairperson Host Committee  
State Council Meeting.

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### BEACON LODGE

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This joyous season is all about "Hope Reborn Again," and thanks to you, this is what PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp is all about. In deepest appreciation for your interest and support, we at Beacon Lodge wish you peace, happiness and love as well as every joy in the New Year.

14-B Beacon Lodge Liaison, Tom Hurrell