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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Fellow Lions,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you have enjoyed the Holidays with family and friends; and are now refreshed and ready for more service, fellowship and fun in Lionism. May we bring a Passion to Excel to our many opportunities to serve in 2006!

Lionism gives us the opportunity to work with friends and neighbors to lend a hand to those less fortunate in our communities and around the world. Let's review what we do here in 14-B. Lions provide glasses and hearing aids to the poor so they can share the sights and sounds of the world around us. We collect and distribute used glasses and hearing aids to people in poor countries who otherwise couldn't afford them. We provide Leader Dogs so their blind masters can live more full and independent lives.

Pennsylvania Lions operate Beacon Lodge summer camp where blind children can safely enjoy the outdoors, a wade-in pool and trails especially marked for them. The camp also provides facilities for blind adults and those with MS and other disabilities. We support the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children and the Center for Creative Play, organizations that serve handicapped children and their families. The Lions Diabetes Center provides medicine and classes to help patients control their diabetes, a leading cause of blindness. Lions support Radio Information Services and read newspapers and other periodicals so the blind can stay up-to-date on hometown happenings via special radios. Some clubs sponsor Christmas Parties and distribute groceries or fruit baskets for the blind or the needy during the holidays. The annual Blind Bowlers Tournament provides a weekend of recreation for the blind keglers who eagerly compete. Lions Sight Conservation and Research funds programs to prevent and treat eye diseases at major research centers in Pittsburgh, Hershey, and Philadelphia. Thanks to LCIF's SightFirst Campaign, 24 million people have their sight. SightFirst II promises to prevent blindness for another 37 million by 2020. Our goal is to eliminate preventable blindness throughout the world. You can be proud to be a Lion.

Through our Peace Poster Program, Lion's Quest, Leo Clubs and Youth Exchanges, young people learn to seek peace, resolve conflicts, value service to others and get to know people in other lands. Lions make this world a better place. We certainly can't forget all the humanitarian aid that Lions from around the world have provided to the victims of the tsunami, the hurricanes, and the earthquakes.

LCI is the world's largest volunteer service organization. The officers serve without pay and all members pay dues of approximately 16 cents per day to operate our organization worldwide. Unlike many other charities, this allows 100% of all contributions and fundraiser proceeds to go to charitable programs. As Lions, we can take pride in that!

Lions of 14-B, thank you for your efforts and dedication that makes these worthwhile activities possible. Let us resolve to grow and excel in 2006 so we can do even more. Your club's growth goal is Plus10%. Bring in a new member. Someone invited you ... pass on the favor. Share the pride. You'll never know how good a Lion he or she will be until you give them the chance. LET'S GET FIRED UP!!!

Your friend in Lionism,
Jim Brubaker, District Governor

Our District will be hosting the 2006 State Council meeting **February 3, 4 & 5, 2006**. Your club can help make the affair a success. If you have not made your cash donation or a "theme basket," why haven't you? It's still not too late!

Make your Club's check payable to *DISTRICT 14-B* and mail to: Lion Barb Schimmel, 530 Osceola Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15224. If your Club would like to donate a "theme basket," (dollar value of \$35 - \$50) please contact Lion Mary Ann Dalton or Lion Jim Engel at 412-833-4267.

YOUR HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED TO MAKE OUR EVENT SUCCESSFUL!



HEARING-AID Re-Cycling Program

The Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc. collects all makes and models of used hearing aids. Our Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP) refurbishes them for people who cannot afford new ones. Since 1997, over 1200 hearing aids have been collected. Although many are obsolete or beyond repair, more than 250 have been fitted to persons on limited incomes.

The demand exceeds our supply so success is directly linked to the number of hearing aids collected. Therefore, we seek assistance from the Lions and others who may be unaware of this need. Please help us collect used hearing aids as you currently do used eyeglasses. Consider putting collection boxes in libraries, churches, hospitals, nursing homes and funeral homes in your area. Send the used hearing aids to:

Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc.
1945 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Individuals can also deposit hearing aids at participating Giant Eagle Pharmacies using the special donation envelopes provided. Donations by individuals will be acknowledged so it's tax-deductible, win-win situation for all involved. If you need more information or would like to request a speaker regarding this program, please contact me:(412) 281-1375 or e-mail at aweber@hdscenter.org.

Thank you for your assistance in this worthwhile program.

Alison L. Weber, M.A., CCC-A
Audiologist
and member of the
Pittsburgh Deaf Blind Lions Club

Pitcairn Lions

New & Improved "SUPER BINGO"

Pitcairn Park Building

Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 7:00 PM

Early Birds start 6:45 PM

Donation of \$20.00 includes 18 Regular Games

Each with \$50.00 Payout

\$500.00 FULL CARD JACKPOT

Must be 18 years of age for admittance

District Governor Visits

JANUARY -- 2006

- Wed. 4 6:40 PM Pittsburgh Beechview
- Thur. 5 6:30 PM Jefferson Hills
- Tues. 10 6:45 PM South Park
- Wed. 11 6:30 PM Whitehall
- Thur. 12 6:30 PM Cheswick/Springdale
- Mon. 16 6:15 PM Homestead
- Tues. 17 6:30 PM Pitcairn
- Wed. 18 6:30 PM Sunset Hills
- Wed. 25 6:30 PM Monroeville
- Thur. 26 6:30 PM Moon Township

FEBRUARY -- 2006

- Wed. 1 7:00 PM Upper St. Clair
- Tues. 7 6:30 PM Oakland
- Wed. 8 7:30 PM Dormont
- Thur. 9 6:30 PM Braddock
- Tues. 14 6:30 PM Grandview
- Wed. 15 7:00 PM Bethel Park Lioness
- Thur. 16 7:00 PM Versailles
- Mon. 20 6:30 PM Pleasant Hills
- Tues. 21 6:30 PM McKeesport
- Wed. 22 6:30 PM West Mifflin

MARCH -- 2006

- Wed. 1 5:30 PM North Suburban
- Tues. 7 5:00 PM Duquesne Leo
- Tues. 7 6:30 PM Pittsburgh DeafBlind
- Wed. 8 2:45 PM McKeesport Leo
- Wed. 8 6:30 PM Bloomfield/Lawrenceville
- Thur. 9 7:00 PM Hill Top
- Wed. 15 6:30 PM Elizabeth
- Thur. 16 Noon Carnegie
- Tues. 21 6:30 PM Tarentum

APRIL -- 2006

- Tues. 6 6:30 PM Oakmont



Members of the Hill Top Lions Club spent Thursday evening, December 22, making Fruit Baskets. The baskets are then sent to Meals on Wheels for distribution to shut-ins in the Carrick and Arlington area of Pittsburgh.

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

29th ANNUAL 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.

Friday, February 17, 2006 REGION IV	Afternoon Session NOON - 3:30 PM
Saturday, February 18, 2006 REGION II	Morning Session 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 18, 2006 REGION I	Afternoon Session NOON - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 19, 2006 REGION III	Morning Session 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, February 19, 2006 CABINET MEMBERS	NOON - 3:30 p.m.

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 **\$25.00 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 Keller, PDG, 1811 Educational Drive, White Oak, PA 15131-2203

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 GREEN TREE 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 29th Keystone Blind Bowlers Tournament another success. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (412) 672-7696

Thank You and I hope to see you at the tournament ---

LION Richard Keller, PDG

