



Lions of Allegheny County

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Fellow Lions,

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As April showers and chilly weather give way to May with buds and flowers, we can finally bring out the lawn mowers and golf clubs. It's also time to elect and install your new club officers. Be sure to install your new officers with a meaningful ceremony. Make them feel important because they are! Also thank your outgoing officers for a job well done. It's important that each club secretary send the completed PU-101 form to LCI and a copy to VDG Jim. He needs all this club officer and meeting information to complete his new directory.

I can see my year as your District Governor is coming to a close. My last "official" club visit was a delightful evening with the lovely Lionesses of Bethel Park. It confirmed my feelings that all our clubs would benefit from the addition of more women like these. After 65 years my club just added its first lady ... and we're looking forward to adding more.

All the clubs I visited were different; they met in country clubs, fast food places, church basements, or bars wearing everything from suits to overalls. Meals ranged from gourmet to buffet to carry-in. Some clubs realized the Governor should be their only speaker while others worked me in between the minutes and the broom sale. One thing constant was that they all were dedicated Lions who made me feel welcome. Thanks for your hospitality and all the great memories. Club visits were a highlight of my year! Lions are great folks.

This year Phyllis and I will have traveled to International Conventions in Hong Kong and Boston, the USA/Canada Forum in Peoria, and four State Council weekends around Pennsylvania. I'll never forget the inspirational Lions Appreciation Day at Beacon Lodge and the wonderful work being done by Leader Dogs for the Blind. We've had four cabinet meetings, three board meetings at the Lions Diabetes Center and innumerable meetings for their Auction and Christmas Around the World. I also attended the B&VRS Sponsors Breakfast and the RIS Host Committee meeting downtown. Next week there's LCIF's Opening Eyes screening at the Special Olympics.

We also attended parties for the Kunkles and the Gurskys, the Governors and their spouses, in Districts 14-E and M. Last Saturday, they were special guests at our Spring Party. The Pennsylvania Governors and their spouses have become a very close-knit group. Phyllis and I hope these friendships will continue beyond this busy year.

The Spring Party was a big success thanks to Lion Alison Weber and her great committee. They decorated the Buffalo Inn in western style; club banners added to the festive atmosphere. Seventy-five Lions and guests representing thirteen clubs turned out for this shindig. Thanks to all who came and made it so much fun. Along with the country and western theme we had square dancing, good grub and some toe-tapping music by our DJ, and DG to be, VDG Jim. PDGs Dennis and Rich tended bar. While some of the Lions learned to square dance, Dennis claims he learned the cha-cha. I suspect the tequilla!

Before dinner, Chaplain Tom Hurrell and representatives from each region conducted a Necrology Service for fellow Lions who have passed away this year. They will certainly be missed. After dinner we recognized all the Melvin Jones Fellows and Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation Fellows in attendance. We are grateful to these Lions for their service and to their clubs for honoring them through these worthy Lions foundations.

After my bout with the microphone and thanks to several Lions for their outstanding service, Alison and Jim distributed gifts and prizes. Lions mixed and mingled till it was time to clean up and vamoose (go home). It was then that I discovered the gong and gavel were missing. An all-points bulletin has been issued for their safe return.

Please don't forget the state convention in nearby Altoona. Friday, May 19, from 8:30 to 3:30 pm, the seminars for club presidents, vice presidents, and secretaries are well worth attending. The Model Luncheon Friday will demonstrate the proper way to conduct a club meeting. The cost is \$12.50 for registration and \$12.00 for lunch. International President Ashok Mehta will be the guest of honor at the International Banquet on Saturday.

In conclusion, I'll repeat, 14-B needs more good members. Our goal is +10% per club. We're not there yet but there is still time. I hope you will take this urgent request back to your clubs. Please do your part!

Your friend in Lionism,

Lion Jim Brubaker, District Governor 14-B

Hill Top Lions
**Las Vegas Vacation for 2
or \$1,000 Cash**

**Drawing Monday, May 29, 2006
PA Lottery 7 pm Drawing
Donation: \$2.00 per ticket**

Contact Lion Thomas Coppola (412) 481-1176
or Lion Fran Sozik (412) 881-3090
Lion Joseph Setticasa (412) 922-2606
Lion Keith Winter (412) 882-3510 for Tickets
[Trip includes Round Trip Airfare,
Hotel ~ 5 Days, 4 nights, Baggage transfers]



**HOMESTEAD DISTRICT
LIONS CLUB
20th ANNUAL
GOLF SCRAMBLE**



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006

Come out and enjoy a relaxing day of golf with our local celebrities at the beautiful Westwood Golf Club in West Mifflin. All proceeds benefit the Homestead District Lions Club charities. Contact Lion Darrell Hess at (412) 461-6032 for more information.

**BEACON LODGE
Lions Night
at PNC Park**

Saturday, May 13, 2006 - 7:05 PM
Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Florida Marlins
Our ANNUAL EVENT TO SUPPORT
BEACON LODGE

All Clubs -- make a night out and enjoy a ball game --
invite your family & friends !!!

**Brentwood Lions
ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST BUFFET**

Sunday, May 14, 2006
8:00 AM - NOON
Point View Hotel
Brownsville Road -Brentwood
More Info (412) 833-4267

**West Mifflin Lions
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, May 21, 2006
8 AM - NOON
Homeville Fire Hall - Greensprings Ave.
Donation \$5.00 per person
Tickets contact
Lion Jim Hartman (412) 600-0229

**The pigs are flying over
Beacon Lodge.....**

This year PA Lions Beacon Lodge is having a "Kiss the Pig" contest. For \$1.00 you can vote on who you want to lock lips with a pig. There will be registration forms at the camp on Lions Appreciation Day. Vote as many times as you want to get even with a fellow lion. If you have any questions call Dennis McCarthy at 412-751-8119.

**BEACON LODGE WORK WEEKEND
JUNE 2, 3, 4, 2006**

Please respond to District 14-B Liaison Tom Hurrell at (412) 466-6358 by May 22nd. This timing is necessary to allow Camp to prepare for meals and lodging. Your weekend services are more than wanted, they are needed! Without this time-honored tradition, Beacon Lodge would have difficulty existing. Thank you for your consideration.



The Duck Tickets are here. This year all tickets for the duck race will be sold before the event. "NO" tickets will be sold on Lions Appreciation Day this year. All tickets have been distributed to the districts to be sold prior to the event. Tickets are \$5.00 and prizes are 1st, \$1,000 2nd, \$500.00 3rd, \$250.00 4th, \$125.00 and 5th, \$125.00. If you want to buy tickets call Tom Hurrell 412-466-6358, Dennis McCarthy 412-751-8119 or Mike Vudragovich 412-531-3512. All monies must be in before June 2, 2006.

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Quite a bit has been going on with the District during the last 30 days. In the beginning of April we helped Lion Roger Martin, of the Connecticut Lions, conduct a Glaucoma Eye Screening at the AFL-CIO Convention at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel. During 4 days volunteer Lions from the District helped to screen some 250 persons and found 8 persons with Glaucoma. These persons had no idea that they had a problem. The eye screening machines that we used were provided by Allergan Corporation. This major drug corporation sponsors these screenings throughout the world with Lion Roger Martin in charge. There may be a possibility that some of these machines can be provided to our Pittsburgh District and to the PA Lions for future use. More details will follow in upcoming months. Many thanks to those Lions who volunteered their time for this

event!

Since this issue is getting out a little late, I would like to thank all those Lions in the District who attended the Lions Diabetes Auction, on May 6th. Attendance was good for the affair and worthwhile monies were made for the Lions Diabetes Center at UPMC McKeesport Hospital.

The PA Lions State Convention will be on May 18-21st at Altoona this year. I know that the Lions of this District will be there to represent us. Hope to see many of you there at this yearly event.

A final request is that we get as many Lions to help the members of the GOLDEN TRIANGLE COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND. Last year members of the District helped them in this project raised some very needed funds for their organization. See the letter elsewhere. Help make our District shine and help this group. Please contact them ASAP!

Join In ! Be a Lion

Jim Hartman

VDG District 14-B

LIONS NECROLOGY 2005-2006

It is with great sorrow that we, Lion Members of District 14-B, reminisce the passing of our fellow lions from this life into eternal life.

REGION 1

Coraopolis Fred Trello
Northern Allegheny Thomas Dixon
Pittsburgh North Side Barbara Weber
Sto-Ken-Rox Anthony Cicco
William Andrews

REGION 2

Boston/Mt. Vernon/Greenock Edward Evans
Clairton Carrol Peterson
Elizabeth John Hall
Glassport Ralph Pater
Jefferson Hills Shimer Walter
"Pat" DiCarlo
West Mifflin Chester Hamerski
Chuck Demko

REGION 3

Bloomfield/Lawrenceville Foster Goldman
Homestead William Kohut
Charles Virostel
DeafBlind Maxine Owens
Oakland Anthony Gamberi
Shadyside/Squirrel Hill Merle Markowitz
Robert Hansen

REGION 4

Carnegie Roseann Reid
Whitehall Edward Smith

We are thankful for having the privilege of sharing a portion of our lives with these recently departed Lions, and rejoice in the knowledge that they are still serving in the heavenly kingdom.

Golden Triangle Council of the Blind NEEDS YOUR HELP !

Dear Lion:

The Golden Triangle Council of the Blind (GTCB) is a 501 C 3 non-profit organization that works to improve the lives and enhance the independence of people who are blind or visually impaired. Its sixty members (both blind and sighted) meet once a month to discuss current issues affecting the visually impaired community and develop strategies for overcoming them. Some of GTCB's most recent efforts have focused on advocating for accessible voting machines, promoting Braille literacy, and sponsoring an employment seminar, and educating the public on pedestrian safety. We do this by involving ourselves in pertinent legislation, employment training and practices, rehabilitation endeavors, and reach-out activities for the purpose of informing the general public.

It is for these purposes that we are having our coke wagon fundraiser The dates for the fundraiser at Sam's Club in West Mifflin are Friday, May 19 4:00PM to 8:PM, Saturday May 20 9:00AM to 8:00 PM and Sunday, May 21 10:00AM to 6:00PM. We really appreciated your help last year. We are hoping that your Lions would again help grill hotdogs for us.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated. If you would like additional information about GTCB or the Coke Wagon Fundraiser, please do not hesitate to contact the event chairpersons

Michael Zaken (412) 655-1234 or
Bonnie Newland at (412) 487-4995.

Thank you for your consideration

Cordially Yours,
Michael J Zaken
Golden Triangle Council of the Blind



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

DISTRICT 14-B — PIN ORDER FORM

Make CHECKS PAYABLE TO: District 14-B and mail this form to:
 DG Jim Brubaker
 372 Cavan Drive
 Pittsburgh, PA 15236-4341



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Quantity ____ Pins x \$2.00 = _____

POSTAGE:

1 — 5..... \$2.00
 6 — 10\$2.75
 11 — 15\$3.25
 16 — 20\$3.75

Postage = _____

TOTAL = _____

CLUB NAME _____
LION NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____