



# 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



Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos,

It's June; many of our young people are tossing their mortarboards skyward at graduations celebrating their accomplishments and new beginnings. That's true for Lions as well. June is the final month of our year ... we start anew in July.

At the 14-B caucus at the state convention in Altoona, your delegates elected Lions Jim Hartman as District Governor and Michele Matuch as Vice District Governor for 2006-2007. They are full of ideas, energy and enthusiasm for the coming year. Our new club officers are also establishing their committees and objectives for a successful new Lions year. Let's all support these Lions in advancing the goals of Lionism here in 14-B.

But before all that, let's complete this year's work. Has your club submitted all their monthly membership reports and paid all the outstanding bills? Have you submitted the PU-101 report for your new officers? LCI must receive these for your new officers to get their passwords and instructions for their new jobs; DGE Jim needs them to complete his directory. Also review your goals for Service, Promotion, Performance, Leadership, and Growth that are in the Directory and in the April Cauldron. Note that each club needs a 10% membership increase for our district to exit transition status. There is little time left. Hopefully all our clubs will show a gain.

Fortunately, a new "Ohio Valley" Club with 20 members should be chartered in June thanks to extension chair PDG Mike Vudragovich and the Coraopolis Lions who will be their sponsor.

Dr. Joel Schuman, Director of the UPMC Eye and Ear Institute, recently joined the Shadyside-Squirrel Hill Club. His expertise should be of great value in our screening and blindness prevention programs. Welcome to Lion Joel. We are working with Connecticut Lion Roger Martin and Allergan Corporation to grant us modern, easy-to-use, portable eye screening equipment that clubs could use in their own communities. In May, five Lions supported LCIF's Opening Eyes screening of Special Olympians at Baldwin High School. Several eye problems were detected and new glasses were provided where needed.

Our last Cabinet Meeting is on June 4. The main item of business will be to vote on a \$200,000 LCIF grant application to expand services of the Lions Diabetes Center in partnership with District 14-E. When the business done, we plan to feed some hungry Lions.

14-B has been very fortunate to have PDG Jack Schimmel as our Parliamentarian as well as an advisor and expert on our Constitution and By-Laws at State Council. I'm very happy to report that his valued service was recognized at the International Banquet in Altoona. International President Dr. Ashok Mehta presented Jack with the President's Ambassador Award, the highest in Lionism. Congratulations Jack! We're proud of you.

Lions, Lioness and Leos, you have made this a very rewarding year for me. It has been an honor to serve as your District Governor. I have to agree with PDGs when they say they wouldn't have missed it for the world (but don't ask them to do it again). Seriously, it has been a wonderful experience. The great Lions we've met and the exposure to the great work we do has certainly made it all worthwhile.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for your communities and those less fortunate. Thanks for your support, hospitality and all the great memories. And especially, thanks for your friendship. Phyllis and I wish you and your clubs all the best.

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

#### 4th CABINET MEETING

**Sunday, June 4, 2006 11:30 AM Meeting Starts at NOON**

Lions Shelter - Mowry Park Pleasant Hills

RSVP Lion Greg Borichevsky by 5/29

so we can have adequate food & refreshments

We will be voting on important LCIF Grant for the Lions Diabetes Center

**ALL CABINET MEMBERS & Lions should PLAN TO ATTEND !**



# 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.



## RIS Still Needs Your Donations

I think that all Lions Clubs of 14-B know that Radio Information Service has joined WDUQ-FM in partnership to serve the blind and reading handicapped listeners in this area. WDUQ is taking on all the money and business activities for RIS. RIS in providing all the programming and volunteer services for listeners. One aspect that RIS has to continue is raising money for the programming and special receivers.

Many clubs have donated to this service over the years and we hope that will continue. However, this year the amount of donations, so far, has only been \$3,200. Over the past 10 years, the amount RIS has received from Lions Clubs has been \$5,000 to \$8,000. Please consider RIS as one of your end-of-the-year donations.

*Samuel J. DePiero, RIS Cabinet Chair*

Monroeville Lions

## 8th Annual Golf Outing (Sramble)

**Saturday, August 19, 2006**

**Tee Times starting at 11 AM**

Willowbrook County Club

28 Markle Rd., Apollo, PA 15613

(724) 727-3442

18 Holes of Golf - Cart - Beverages -  
Tournament Dinner

Door Prizes - Skill Contests - Raffles

Info Contact:

Lion Harvery Bain (412) 373-2472

Lion Bob Irr (412) 856-4709

Lion John Aiken (412) 856-9111

Don't have a foursome?

Send in your name and we'll match you up!

## Leader Dogs for the Blind

Another Lion year is coming to a close. Have you made a donation yet to Leader Dog School for the Blind? It's not too late! We were asked to be "Knights of the Blind" and what better way to help the blind. Let's be 100% District. Make a donation today to Leader Dog School.

*Jim Engel Leader Dog Chairperson*

## VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Here we are at the end of another Lions' year for our district. I know that all the Lions in our District have accomplished quite a lot for your communities (as you usually do) and also for Lions International and other worthwhile charitable institutions. That's what Lionism is all about . . . "Serving."

This upcoming year will be a challenge for all the Clubs in our district. That **CHALLENGE** is to get our District out of "transition." Presently we have some 1,125 Lions and we need a total of 1,250 Lions to get us out this "hole." This will be our goal for the upcoming year -- to get our District back to 100%. It is time that we **BUILD OUR DISTRICT** for the FUTURE. I want every club at their next meeting to "take a look" at their club. Is your club a group of "senior citizens"? Or is it a nice mixture of young, middle-age and older Lions? Take the time right now to implement your plan to turn your Club into a useful Club that is "serving" their community! Keep it from DYING and GOING OUT OF EXISTENCE!

Every Club should look at its membership total immediately and plan to have at least **TWO NEW MEMBERS** at the end of the Lion year in 2007. This means that if you have 30 members and add "TWO" -- in July 2007 your club should have 32 members. Retention is the KEY! You must make up the difference of those who die or leave the club.

It was great to be at my first PA State Convention for Lions. I learned quite a few things and made new acquaintances. I just wanted to say "thanks" to those 14-B Lions that attended. Especially to the Central Elizabeth, Homestead and Jefferson Hills Lions who brought their special floats for the parade on Saturday.

It's off to the International Convention in Boston on June 25th. I have to be there early for the DGE Seminars and then the very important meetings that are to be held. My report to you will be in the July issue.

*Join In! Be a Lion*

*Jim Hartman, District Governor Elect*

# PA Lions State Convention Parade—Altoona, PA



Central Elizabeth Lions Club



PA Lions All-State Band



Homestead District Lions



Jefferson Hills Lions



PDG Ken Lloyd "hitchin a ride"



Vice District Governor Elect Michele Matuch (right)



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## **BLIND & VISION REHABILITATION SERVICES (Pittsburgh Vision Services)**

"Stadium Tour" Raffle. The raffle winner will receive a pair of tickets to each regular home game for the 2006 season.

- \* Only 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$100 each
- \* The winner will receive 2 tickets to the 8 Regular Steelers Home Games for the 06 season ( no parking included )
- \* Tickets range from a corporate box, club level seats and all other locations in the stadium
- \* The drawing will be held on Monday, August 7 at our Steelers Alumni Charity Golf Classic

It is possible for folks to chip in to buy a chance - example 4 people at \$25 each- so it is not necessary to spend \$100.

For phone information, please call 412-368-4400 x 2222 during business hours.

### **Drivers needed!**

Hello. We are Koji and Stephanie. We work for the Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services, a division of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Industry. We are vision impaired and are in need of reliable and dependable drivers in order to do our jobs which involves making home visits to blind and vision impaired persons in the greater Pittsburgh area.

Koji is a Vocational Counselor covering Washington and Greene counties who currently needs a back-up driver one day per week. Stephanie is a Rehabilitation Teacher covering Butler, Armstrong, and northern Allegheny counties who needs to go out into the field 3 days per week. If someone is willing to give one day per week that would be great. If someone is willing to give 3 days per week, that is even better. The pay is minimum wage which is currently \$5.15 per hour. Gas mileage reimbursement is \$.445 per mile which is the federal rate. Lunch is included.

Each day for Stephanie begins at 8:00 am and ends at 4:30 pm. Driving time is portal to portal from the Greentree area. She would visit an average of 3 persons per day and teach for 1 to 2 hours with each person. While Stephanie teaches, you, the driver can read, knit, listen to the ballgame, go to the lake or library. Seldom will you need to come in to the lesson, but there may be an occasion, depending on the area or weather. Koji spends a bit less time with each person doing vocational counseling. His hours are the same and he would be departing from Dormont.

You won't get rich doing this part time job, but you won't be bored either. Just think of the stuff you will learn about our geography, blindness and vision loss, and capability.

If you, or someone you know, would like to become involved in this very worthwhile opportunity, please call 412 565-5507 and speak directly to Stephanie. If you like to be out and about, and like to explore, this is the part time job for you. Call Stephanie. She can answer your questions.