



Lions of Allegheny County CAULDRON

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

www.14blions.org

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LCIF News . . .

Dear Lion,
I am happy to announce a new program of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

LCIF has affordable, high-quality hearing aids available to Lions clubs in the United States for low-income members of the their communities. The two types of digital hearing aids from Rexton, Inc. can be purchased for \$200 per aid from the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP).

Ninety-five percent of individuals with hearing loss can be successfully treated with hearing aids yet 30 percent are unable to afford hearing aids. Seven million people in the U.S. cannot afford to purchase hearing aids. In 2005, the average cost of a hearing aid was \$1,900, and most people need two hearing aids. Hearing is critical to communication, so when there is even a minimal loss, it affects all aspects of a person's life. For example, people with untreated hearing loss make an estimated 50% to 70% less in wages than their hearing peers.

The two types of aids offer Lions clubs the opportunity to help with almost any type of hearing loss. Reducing communication breakdown for one person creates a ripple effect that touches everyone in the community. And, based on feedback from the program so far, many clubs are revitalized and often recruit new members committed to the new service.

Please consider participating in this program. To learn more about Lions AHAP, please visit http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_gr_ahap.shtml or contact the office at 630-571-5466, ext. 615. The e-mail address is LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org.

Jimmy Ross
LCIF Chairperson

LCIF Grant — Flood Relief

District Governor Jay Wells received confirmation that the district has received a grant from Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) for \$10,000 to assist families who were affected by the flooding in mid August. The grant funds will be used to provide vouchers to families to purchase food, clothing, cooking utensils and blankets.

On August 30, DG Jay Wells and VDG John Frombach met with municipal officials in Millvale to discuss plans for distributing the vouchers. They also met with an assistant manager at the Wal-Mart store in the Waterworks Mall to arrange for redemption of vouchers. They are awaiting final approval from Wal-Mart to proceed with the distribution of the vouchers. At that time, the dates and times will be finalized and information will be distributed in the communities. The voucher distribution will occur at the Millvale Community Center on Lincoln Avenue. The municipal officials were very thankful for the support and concern of the Lions Club for the residents of their communities.

Assistance from some of the clubs in the Region 1, Zone A will be needed on the dates of distribution. Club Presidents should contact VDG John Frombach for further information.

The meetings with the Millvale officials as well North Hills Community Outreach representatives gave DG Jay and VDG John the opportunity to plant the seeds about organizing a club in the Millvale-Etna-Sharpsburg area.

District MMRs

Club Secretaries:
Please note that your monthly membership reports must be received to LCI and the District no later than the 10th of the month.

District MMRs may be submitted through the district website or mailed to the Information Technology chair: IPDG Jim Hartman 3520 Brinway Dr., West Mifflin, PA 15122-2612

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District Governor's Message

Dear Lions of District 14-B

The last full month of summer is gone and our regular schedule of Lions Clubs meetings is beginning. I am starting my official visits to the clubs.

The Lions organization has not been on summer vacation, however. The Pennsylvania Lions Council of Governors had its quarterly meeting the first weekend of August in Erie. The following Saturday, our District 14-B Cabinet had its first meeting of the Lions year. This meeting followed the devastating flooding experienced by several communities in Allegheny County. At this Cabinet session, several Lions suggested that our District apply for a LCIF grant

to help the people affected by the disaster. The grant approval in the amount of \$10,000 came within the week. VDG John Frombach, who is also a long-time Red Cross volunteer, is spearheading the project to get the funds to many needy families in Millvale and nearby communities.

Every Lion in our District gets credit for this achievement. Each broom, light bulb, bag of nuts, and grapefruit sold, and White Cane and other donations help to raise funds world-wide so that Lions Clubs International can make grants such as the one that we received.

Congratulations Lions on this effort! I am proud of every Lion in 14-B and I am proud to be a Lion.

I look forward to seeing you at your club meetings.

DG Jay



Vice District Governor's Message

In August, I wrote about how changing demographics in our society are challenging how Lionism in gaining new members and continuing to serve our communities. As Vice District Governor, I have the privilege to chair the MERLOW Team for the district. It is the responsibility of the MERLOW Team to assist clubs in membership and leadership development.

At the end of August, I participated in a MERLOW seminar in State College with other Pennsylvania Lions. During the two days, we discussed a number of options of how we can not only increase membership in Lions clubs but also retain members.

In our district, we have the following outstanding Lions who currently serve on the MERLOW Team:

- Membership – PDG Kenneth Lloyd
- Extension – PDG Michael Vudragovich
- Retention and Women's Membership Development – Lion Alice Jones

We are currently seeking an interested Lion to serve as Leadership and Orientation Chair. Lion Barb Schimmel had served faithfully in this capacity for several years; however, she just recently notified DG Jay Wells that she needed to resign from this responsibility. We appreciate her dedication to Lionism and the work that she did as a member of the MERLOW Team. Pauline Waide who had previously served as Women's Membership Development is now coordinating Western Region MERLOW activities.

On Saturday, September 29, the Western Regional MERLOW Team seminar will be conducted at the Center on the Hill in Belle Vernon from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This seminar is open to all club presidents, secretaries, and other club officers and members. This seminar will provide valuable information on all aspects of membership development. If you plan to attend, you need to contact PDG Pauline Waide at 412-681-9055 or at pwaide@worldnet.att.net. More information is included another section of the *Cauldron*.

Over the next two months, the District MERLOW Team will be developing programs to assist clubs. In cooperation with the Zone Chairs, we plan to provide training for club officers in each of the four regions. One of our goals is to develop a program (including PowerPoint presentation) that clubs can use to promote membership development (both men and women), retention and member orientation. We anticipate that we will unveil this at the November 10 Cabinet Meeting. When completed, we provide CDs to all clubs in the district.

In addition to adding new members, we need to eliminate the loss of members within our clubs. We must encourage individuals to join; however, within a year or two, some of these new members leave. When a member decides to leave a club, there usually reasons for his or her departure. We need to be asking ourselves, why do members resign? Do we communicate with the member to determine "Why?" Do you ever conduct an "exit interview" with the departing member? What can we do better in the future to avoid losing members?

The following are some possible reasons that Lions resign from their clubs:

- Did not feel part of the group (club has cliques)
- Was not aware of their responsibilities
- Meeting day or time was not convenient
- Cost prohibitive
- Health issues
- Time demands
- Not properly educated and oriented after joining
- Disorganized leadership
- Unhappy with current leadership
- Not asked to help or be involved in club projects and activities
- Skills and/or talents not utilized
- Improper or uncomfortable discussions during meetings or at the table
- Age differences too great
- Spouse unsupportive
- Members unreceptive to new ideas
- Not enough social activities
- Expectation that members must attend all meetings and/or projects

What is your club doing to overcome the obstacles to retain members? Over the next several months, the MERLOW Team will be conducting programs for local club leaders and members to address the issue of retention. We will provide ideas and resources not only for growing membership but also for retaining members. Your involvement in these programs is essential for the future of Lionism in the Pittsburgh region.

We also need your participation by sharing ideas that have worked in your club. What projects, activities, or member recruitment and involvement programs have provided results in your club? One of the best ways to grow Lionism is to share success stories. Please send them to me at jwfrombach@comcast.net. We will then share them with other clubs.

*Yours in Lionism
VDG John*

District White Cane Chair

We are happy to announce that we now have a White Cane Chair on the District Cabinet. Lion Jane McKnight, Bethel Park Lions club, has volunteered her time and services to compile this information.

Clubs that have a White Cane Day(s) should make their report to Lion Jane McKnight by Email trainshoes@comcast.net or by mailing your report to her at 5884 Monongahela Ave., Bethel Park, PA 15102.

Your report should include the date(s), number of Lions participating, number of hours and amount collected.

This report is then forwarded to LCI and the PA Lions. Please do not forget to make this important report. It may also be submitted under the TOOLBOX section under Secretary's Reports.

Monthly Membership/Activity Reports

Club Membership & Activity reports **MUST** be filed monthly to LCI and the District. Mail form to District Governor or you can submit your Club report online at the District website at www.14blions.org no later than the 10th of each month!
 District reports can be mailed to IPDG Jim Hartman, 3520 Brinway Dr., West Mifflin, PA 15122

Bethel Park: 61 Lions. August Report: Passing of the Banner Night on August 7th hosted the outgoing DG's club West Mifflin at our Annual Steak Dinner Meeting.
Bloomfield-Lawrenceville: 9 Lions. August Report: No Activities
Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon: 31 Lions. August report: No Activities
Braddock: 22 Lions. August report: No Activities
Central Elizabeth: 22 Lions. August report: No Activities
Cheswick-Springdale: 28 Lions. August report: No Activities
Clairton: 23 Lions. August Report: No Activities
Coraopolis-Moon Township: 18 Lions. July & August: No Reports Filed!
Elfinwild: 27 Lions. July & August: No Reports filed!
Elizabeth: 14 Lions. August Report: None Filed
Forest Hills: 14 Lions. July Report: No activities
Gibsonia-Hampton-Richland: 14 Lions. August Report:
Glassport: 31 Lions: August Report:
Homestead District: 44 Lions. August Report: Donation Beacon Lodge Bench \$500
Imperial: 10 Lions. August Report: Sponsored Booth at Community Days
Jefferson Hills: 24 Lions. July Report: Dropped 2 Lions and Transferred 1 Lion. Preparing for Fashion Show Fundraiser and Annual Pancake Jamboree in October.
McKeesport: 37 Lions. August report: Preparing for Annual Bike For Sight Fundraiser on September 29th
Monroeville: 24 Lions. August Report: No Activities
Mount Lebanon: 29 Lions. August report: No Activities
North Suburban: 11 Lions. July & August report: No Reports Filed!
Northern Allegheny: 21 Lions. August Report: No Activities
Oakmont: 41 Lions. June, July & August: No Reports Filed!
Ohio Valley: 29 Lions. June, July & August: No Reports Filed!
Pitcairn: 20 Lions. August Report: No Activities
Pittsburgh Host: 17 Lions. August Report: None Filed!
Pgh. Beechview: 15 Lions July & August Reports Not Filed!
Pgh. Brentwood: 16 Lions. August Report: No Activities
Pgh. DeafBlind: 16 Lions. August Report: No Activities
Pgh. Grandview: 29 Lions. August report:
Pgh. Hilltop: 20 Lions. July report: DROPPED 1 Lions
Pgh. North Side: 22 Lions. August report:
Pgh. Oakland: 13 Lions. July & August report: No Activities
Pgh. Shadyside Squirrel Hill: 13 Lions. July & August report: No activities
Pgh. Sunset Hills: 12 Lions. August report: Completed successful Steeler Raffle.
Pleasant Hills: 38 Lions. July report: Farmer's Market continues each Thursday!
Robinson: 18 Lions. August report: Held Lions Family Picnic. Beacon Lodge Donation for park bench (\$500)
South Park: 22 Lions. August report
Sto-Ken-Rox: 19 Lions. June, July & August — NO Reports Filed!
Tarentum Area: 28 Lions. July report
Upper Saint Clair: 27 Lions. August report:
Versailles: 11 Lions. March through August — NO Reports Filed!
West Mifflin: 72 Lions. August report: Donation Beacon Lodge Park Bench \$500
White Oak: 29 Lions. August report:
Whitehall: 29 Lions. August report: Collected 300 pairs glasses. Preparing for upcoming Whitehall Community Day booth, Annual Club Steak Dinner.
Wilmerding: 34 Lions. August report: No activities

CLUB SECRETARY

The Club Secretary is probably the most important office in your Club. The success of your Club will be determined largely by the efficiency with which you perform the duties of your office.

You are responsible for timely reporting of the Monthly Membership Report (MMR) To International and the Monthly Membership and Activities Report to the District. These reports are nearly identical but the District level form became necessary when activities were dropped from the International form and the activities are reported to International on a monthly or annual form.

All of the International forms for reporting membership and activities along with the Annual Election of Officers Form PU101 can be reported on the internet. Most Clubs do their monthly reporting on a timely basis while some few Clubs have not reported as far back as last year. Please try to bring your reports current. It is important that your report to the district has all pertinent information reported in the activities section so applicable points may be awarded. All Clubs are encouraged to enter this competition. You Secretaries are volunteers and much of your product goes to other volunteers. You can make their job easier by submitting timely and accurate reports.

District 2007-08 GOAL 1,290 Lions

MONTH	NEW	DROP	TOTAL
YTD	4	11	1,129
August '07	1	0	1,129
July '07	3	11	1,128
June '07	136	137	1,136

District Zone Chairs

REGION 1 ZONE A & Zone B
 TEMPORARY POSITION
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Club	Lions Start	Lions Current	(+)(-)	Points	Place	PU101 Jul	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	PU101 Apr	May	Jun	Dues July	Dues Jan
Bethel Park	61	61		14,300	1	Yes	L-D														
Bloomfield-Lawrenceville	9	9		7,600	2	Yes	L-D	L-D													
Boston-Greenock-Mt Vernon	30	30		500		Yes															
Braddock	20	20		1,500		Yes	L-D	L-D													
Central Elizabeth	22	22		3,700	9	Yes															
Cheswick-Springdale	32	28	-4	-4,200		Yes	L-D														
Clairton	23	23		1,500		Yes	L-D	L-D													
Coraopolis-Moon Twp.	21	21		500		Yes															
Elfinwild	27	27		500		Yes															
Elizabeth	16	16		1,000		Yes	L-D														
Forest Hills	13	14	+1	2,500		Yes	L-D	L-D													
Gibsonia-Hampton-Richland	14	14		2,000		Yes	L-D	L-D												L—	
Glassport	31	31		1,500		Yes	L-D													L—	
Homestead District	44	44		1,500		Yes	L-D														
Imperial	10	10		3,000	10	Yes	L-D	L-D												L-S-D	
Jefferson Hills	27	24	-3	900		Yes	L-D	L-D													
McKeesport	37	37		1,400		Yes	L-D														
Monroeville	24	24		1,900		Yes	L-D	L-D													
Mount Lebanon	29	29		1,400		Yes	L-D														
North Boroughs	16	16																			
North Suburban	11	11		500		Yes															
Northern Allegheny	22	21	-1			Yes	L-D	L-D													
Oakmont	41	42	+1	2,500		Yes	L-D	L-D													
Ohio Valley	29	29		500		Yes															
Pitcairn	20	20		1,500		Yes	L-D	L-D													
Pittsburgh Host	17	17		2,200		Yes	L-D														
P. Beechview	15	15		500		Yes															
P. Brentwood	16	16		4,300	8	Yes	L-D	L-D													
P. DeafBlind	16	17		5,600	6	Yes	L-D	L-D													
P. Grandview	29	29		1,000		Yes	L-D														
P. Hilltop	21	20	-1	-500		Yes	L-D														
P. North Side	21	22	+1	2,000		Yes	L-D														
P. Oakland	15	15		4,900	7	Yes	L-D	L-D													
P. Shadyside-Squirrel Hill	13	13		1,500		Yes	L-D	L-D													
P. Sunset Hills	12	12		1,000		Yes	L-D														
Pleasant Hills	38	36	-2	-2,000		Yes	L-D														
Robinson	18	18		1,900	11	Yes	L-D	L-D													
South Park	22	22		1,000		Yes	L-D														
Sto-Ken-Rox	17	17		500			L-D														
Tarentum Area	27	27		-1,500		Yes	L-D	L-D													
Upper Saint Clair	27	27		1,000		Yes	L-D														
Versailles	11	11																			
West Mifflin	72	72		5,800	5	Yes	L-D														
White Oak	28	28		6,600	3	Yes	L-D														
Whitehall Community	29	29		6,200	4	Yes	L-D														
Wilmerding	34	34		1,000		Yes	L-D														
TOTAL LIONS	1,135	1,129	+4-11																		

Monthly Total Includes New, Re-instated & Transfers under "+" Drops & Deaths under "-"

REMINDER: To award points in the Governor's Challenge Contest all reports must be submitted by the 10th of each month. Please submit particulars in the Activities Sections such as: LCI, PA Lions, or District per capita paid; CSFII & MJF awards, etc. If this is not submitted in your report — points will not be awarded.

All LCI, PA State Lions and District dues must be paid by September 2007 to be awarded those points
Reports may be submitted from the District website or mailed to Information Technology Chair IPDG Jim Hartman, 3520 Brinway Dr., West Mifflin, PA 15122

Effective July 1, 2007, clubs with past due balances beyond 150 days, equal to as little as one per capita, could cause the club to be placed on automatic suspension and automatic cancellation within 90 days.

Monroeville Lions Club
FARMER'S MARKET

SATURDAYS until October
Gateway High School
Parking Lot

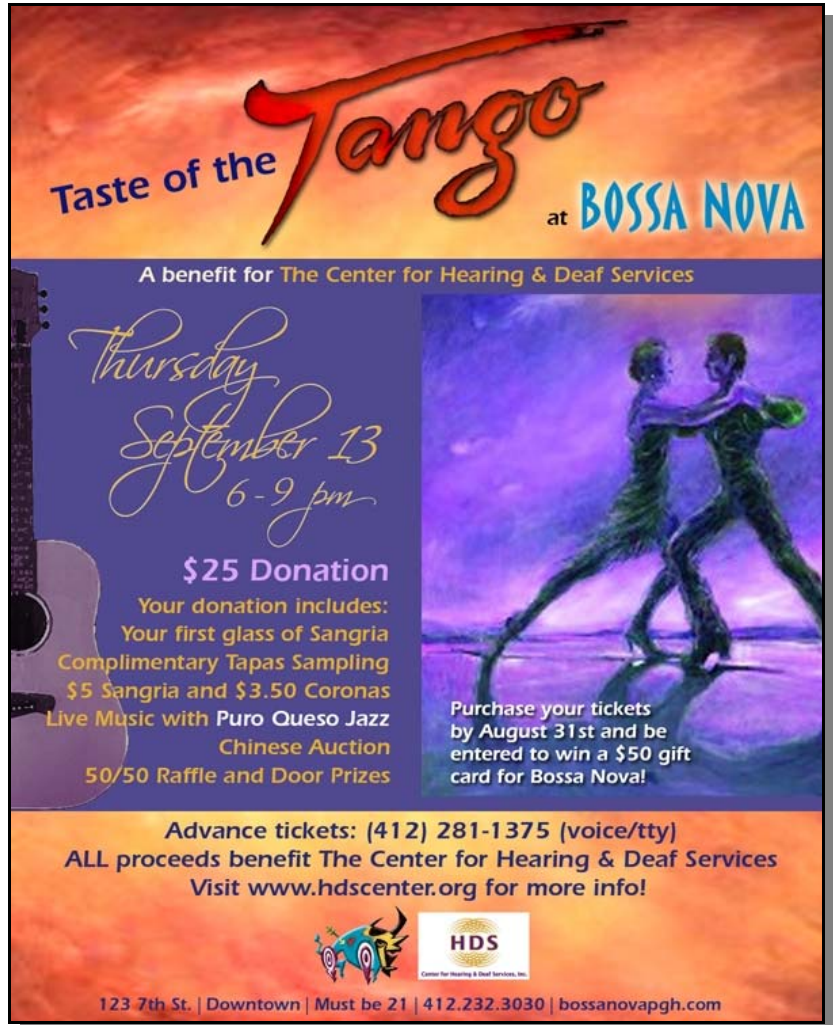
Come and get fresh produce from local growers. Market will run every Saturday until October.

Pleasant Hills Lions Club
FARMER'S MARKET

THURSDAYS until October
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church
199 Old Clairton Road, Pleasant Hills

Every Thursday until October you will be able to purchase produce and other items from local farmers. Pass the word to your friends and neighbors!



Taste of the Tango at **BOSSA NOVA**


A benefit for The Center for Hearing & Deaf Services

Thursday
September 13
6-9 pm

\$25 Donation
Your donation includes:
Your first glass of Sangria
Complimentary Tapas Sampling
\$5 Sangria and \$3.50 Coronas
Live Music with Puro Queso Jazz
Chinese Auction
50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes

Purchase your tickets by August 31st and be entered to win a \$50 gift card for Bossa Nova!

Advance tickets: (412) 281-1375 (voice/tty)
ALL proceeds benefit The Center for Hearing & Deaf Services
Visit www.hdscenter.org for more info!

 HDS
Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc.

123 7th St. | Downtown | Must be 21 | 412.232.3030 | bossanovapgh.com

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS 2007-08

- Page 8 Calendar - Added Rigatoni Night October 9
- Page 9 VDG Phone# 412-882-4847 (FAX)
- Page 9 Treasurer address/phone:
218 Abner Dr., Butler, PA 16001
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- Page 14 Donald Kearcher address 4390 Gibsonia Rd.
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- Page 15 Lou Hoetzlein EMail
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- Page 19 Mary Larcinese address
135 Waterman Road
- Page 20 Allen Barton address PO Box 303
- Page 24 BLMF/LV Meeting
Lombardoizzi's Rest., 4786 Liberty Ave., 15224
- Page 24 Sam Cappuccio address
305 Surrey Place, Pittsburgh 15235
- Page 25 DeafBlind Meeting:
UPMC South Side Hospital, 2000 Mary St., 15203
- Page 26 Debra Phillips Zip Code 15104
- Page 26 Join Aiken business phone# 412-527-6921
- Page 27 Richard Kline address
554 Sixth St., Pitcairn 15140-1200
- Page 29 Walter Piemme address 1522 Leona Ave.

Jefferson Hills Lions

FASHION SHOW

Wednesday, October 10

6:30 - 9:00 pm

Jefferson Hills Municipal Building
925 Old Clairton Road
Tickets \$10 per person
Dessert served prior to Fashion by Phyllis
Contact Lion Mary Larcinese for tickets/info
412-655-2629 melgop@fyi.net

Jefferson Hills Lions

PANCAKE JAMBOREE & FLEA MARKET

Saturday, November 10
8 am - Noon
Florefe Fire Hall
\$6 Adults
\$2 Children (5-10 years)

THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT ITS FIRST ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP CONTEST

ANY LION WHO SPONSORS 5 OR MORE NEW LIONS BETWEEN JULY 1, 2007 & APRIL 30, 2008

will receive the following awards:

- Master Award (5 or more)
- Grand Master Award (8 or more)
- Monarch Award (10 or more)

All 3 categories will receive new, specially designed certificates.

Plaques will be awarded to:

- The individual Lion who sponsors the most new Lions over 5
- The Lions Club that sponsors the most new Lions over 5
- The Lions Club that sponsors the highest percentage of new Lions over 5 members.

Applications must include AT LEAST the following information:

- Name of New Member
- Address
- Phone
- e-mail
- Name, address, phone & email of sponsor

Copies of all completed applications must be submitted to:

PCC J.T. BINSTEAD
 State Membership Chairperson
 217 Lantwyn La.
 Narbeth, PA 19072-2005
 610-213-0278
 binsteadin@aol.com

All copies must be received by 4/30/08. Copies of all applications must be submitted to the District Governor. It is the intent of the Committee to submit all new members for listing in the PRIDE. Awards will be presented at the Pennsylvania Counselors Banquet at the State Convention. The three plaque awardees will be the guests of the PA State Counselors.

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Counselors Association




Examine Your Club

Every good Lions Club has six basic characteristics. The more firmly these qualities are imbedded into the Club's operating structure, the more success and growth the Club enjoys, thereby becoming stronger.

The Membership Committee Chairman has the responsibility to thoroughly know these six steps. By understanding how they work and imparting this knowledge to both old and new members - *in any special way possible* -all Lions will get the inspiration they need to remain active and involved in the club programs.

These six steps are:

1. A major service activity that involves every member of your club.
2. A major fund raising project in which the community can participate and to which it can contribute.
3. A strong public relations program that provides a continuous, unending line of communications between all members of the club and between the club and the community.
4. Well organized club meetings that are stimulating, informative, and enjoyable.
5. A team spirit - a condition that exists when each member knows that he is an important part of an organization that is truly dedicated to humanitarian service.
6. Strong membership growth and development programs which provide immediate orientation and involvement of new members in the club projects and a continuing involvement of current members in club activities.



Has your club made its pledge to Campaign SightFirst II ?

Your CSFII donations can be designated as Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards (\$1,000 for each award). When making your donation make sure that you check the box on the MJF form designating it.

ALL CLUBS in our district should strive to make at least a \$5,000 pledge to CSFII (over the next 5 years). This money can be paid over a 5 year period. Your club should submit a Pledge Donation form as soon as possible. If you cannot locate your form contact your Zone Chair, IPDG Jim Hartman or District Governor today!

Challenge points apply for CSFII - This year 100 points for each \$100 donated and 1,000 points for each MJF award given under CSFII.

For every \$1,000 donated your club receives 2,000 points!

MD 14 MERL WESTERN REGIONAL SEMINAR**Saturday, September 29, 2007****8:30 am - Registration****9 am - 3 pm Seminar****Center on the Hill****100 Summit Street, Belle Vernon (Fayette City)**

Continental Breakfast and a Light Luncheon will be served

MERLOW Teams. Club Presidents, Secretaries, and other club officers and members are encouraged to attend. All interested Lions, Lioness and Leos are welcome to attend. The seminar will include a session on Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership and Women's Membership Development.

Dress Code is informal/casual.

There is no cost for attendance, however, reservations must be made for proper preparation for seating, handouts and lunch count. RSVP by September 20th to PDG Pauline Waide by Email pwaide@att.net or by calling and leaving a message at 412-681-9055

Directions: South on I 79 to I 70 East, Exit at Route 201

When you exit route 70 going east you will come to a stop light, Turn left onto Route 201 towards Fayette City, you will go through two stop lights, after the second light go about 1/2 mile, the municipal building will be on the right, the Rod and Gun Club will be on the left, turn left at the end of the parking lot of the Rod and Gun Club, there is a large sign for the Center on the Hill when you make the left turn, the Center on the Hill is at the end of that road.

Club Meeting Speakers

Did you know that all District Cabinet Chairs can be invited to your monthly meeting to speak to your club? Plan now to have one (or all) inform your club about their projects. The District Governor's Challenge Contest this year awards 500 POINTS to any club having a Cabinet Chair as speaker! Make your reservations today by contacting them!

BEACON LODGE LIAISON Tom Hurrell 412-466-6358

CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II - LIONS PA FOUNDATION PDG Dennis McCarthy 412-751-8119

CENTER FOR HEARING & DEAF SERVICES Alison Weber 412-939-0305 (H) 412- (W)

DIABETES AWARENESS/ LIONS DIABETES CENTER PDG Joseph Donkin 412-576-6816

EYE PROSTHESIS John Aiken 412-856-9111

LEADER DOG Jim Engel 412-833-4267

PA LIONS HEARING RESEARCH FOUNDATION Maxine Lang 412-751-2408

PEACE POSTER Mary Jane Keller 412-672-7696

PA LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION PDG Jack Schimmel 412-683-4828

RADIO INFORMATION SERVICES Samuel DePiero 412-341-8014

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Membership - PDG Kenneth Lloyd 724-274-5509

Extension - PDG Michael Vudragovich 412-531-3512

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Retention & Women's Membership - Alice Jones 412-394-5940



McKeesport Lions Club 15/40 Mile Bike For Sight !

Saturday, September 29, 2007

ALL RIDERS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED

HOW TO RAISE PLEDGES FOR LIONS BIKE FOR SIGHT — ALL PLEDGES MUST BE TURNED IN DAY OF EVENT !!!

1. Make your own pledge first!
2. Ask your family members friends, co-workers, business acquaintances, and others you know to sponsor your ride.
3. Give your sponsors options to making pledge: a lump sum gift, a certain amount per mile, or pay up front.
4. Ask with conviction and pride. You are doing something important for the community by raising money to provide services such as the ones listed to individuals and families in the McKeesport and surrounding areas who need assistance.
5. If your sponsors have questions you can't answer, call **Lion President J. Terrence Farrell at (412) 672-4248.**
6. Do your sponsors work for companies with matching gift programs? If so, the amount they pledge could be matched dollar-for-dollar by their companies or even two-to-one. These matching gifts count in your pledge totals. So encourage each sponsor to ask his or her Human Resources or personnel manager if the company matches gifts and how to obtain the proper form to fill out.

MOST IMPORTANT THE CAUSE . . .

McKeesport Lions Club has been improving the quality of life for families in our community for over 75 years including:

- UPMC McKeesport Diabetes Center
- The Intersection
- McKeesport Pre-School for Exceptional Children/Long Run Children's Learning Center.
- McKeesport Carnegie Library
- Beacon Lodge Camp for Blind Children & Adults
- Blind Bowlers Tournaments
- Leader Dog Programs
- Vision Screening & Eye examinations for the Needy.
- Other Civic Projects

SAFETY FIRST:

All riders are required to wear bicycle helmets.
Parents are responsible for the safety of their children.

REGISTRATION:

ALL RIDERS MUST PRE-REGISTER —CALL 412-672-4248
Final Registration begins at 8 AM at Boston, PA, Ball Field

STARTING TIME:

40 Mile Ride begins at 8:30 AM 15 Mile Ride begins at 9 AM

The COURSE:

Is a 15 or 40 mile round trip along the scenic Youghiogheny River Trail, beginning in Boston, Allegheny County, PA to Cedar Creek Park in Westmoreland County.

The REST:

Refreshments and energy snacks will be provided at designated rest stops.

RIDER'S RELEASE FORM

Notice: This entry blank and release form is a contract with legal consequences. Read it carefully before signing. In consideration of the acceptance of my application for entry in the McKeesport Lions Bike for Sight, I hereby freely agree to and make the following contractual agreements.

I fully realize the risks and dangers of participating in a bicycle ride and fully assume the risks associated with such participation including, by way of example and not limitation, the following: the dangers of collision with pedestrians, vehicles, other riders, and fixed or moving objects; the dangers arising from surface hazards, equipment failure, inadequate safety equipment, and weather conditions; and the possibility of serious physical and/or mental trauma or injury associated with athletic cycling.

I hereby waive, release and discharge for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, assigns, and successors in interest (hereinafter collectively "successors") any all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue to me against the sponsors of this event, the organizer and any promoting organizations, property owners, law enforcement agencies, all public entities, special districts, and properties (and their respective agents, officials, and employees) through or by which the events will be held for any and all damages which may be sustained by me directly or indirectly in connection with, or arising out of, my participation in or association with the event, or travel to or return from the event.

I agree it is my sole responsibility to be familiar with the ride course and any special rules or regulations for the event. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the ride which may be beyond the immediate control of ride officials or organizers, and I must continually ride so as to neither endanger myself nor others. I accept responsibility for the condition and adequacy of my equipment. I will ride wearing an ANSI or Snell approved helmet that will protect against serious head injury and I assume all responsibility and liability for the approved helmet that will protect against serious head injury and I assume all responsibility and liability for the selection of such a helmet. I have no physical or medical condition which, to my knowledge, would endanger myself or others if I participate in this event, or would interfere with my ability to participate in this event.

I agree, for myself and successors, that the above representations are contractually binding and not mere recitals, and that should I or my successors assert any claim in contravention of this agreement, I or my successors shall be liable for the expenses (including legal fees) incurred by the other party or parties in defending against said claim(s) unless the other party or parties are finally adjudged liable on such claim for willful and wanton negligence. This agreement may not be modified orally, and a waiver of any provision herein or as a consent to any other provision herein or as a consent to any subsequent waiver or modification.

I hereby grant to the organizers, sponsors and promoting organizations the right to photograph or otherwise reproduce (whether by film, tape, still photograph or otherwise) my appearance/likeness, to own all the results thereof as a work for hire for copyright purposes, and to exhibit, distribute, transmit and/or otherwise exploit such reproductions in the promotion and publicity for the event and similar events in the future.

Date: _____
Signature

Date: _____
Signature of Legal Guardian of Riders under 18 yrs.

REGISTRATION FORM

McKEESPORT LIONS CLUB BIKE FOR SIGHT

*Every rider must complete a registration form (including minors.)
This form must be turned into the McKeesport Lions Club the day of the event.*

Please print clearly:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE : (____) _____

WORK PHONE: (____) _____

AGE: ____ SEX: ____ ADULT T-SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL XXL

T-SHIRT FREE WITH EACH REGISTRATION

RECEIVED WITH \$100. PLEDGES

I have a family member/friend who will help at the refreshment stops

NAME: _____ PHONE () _____

I am riding as part of
Corporate team for _____

Other Team members are listed below:

Please list Sponsors, NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE & PLEDGE on separate sheet of paper with your name . . . Thanks

Glassport Lions

41st ANNUAL RIGATONI NIGHT

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

6:45 PM

Sons of Italy Hall, 5th & Allegheny Ave., Glassport, PA

Cost \$10.00 per person - Cash Bar

Join with the Glassport Lions in celebrating their 41st Annual Rigatoni Night. This is one of the FUN events of District 14-B for many years. Over 180 Lions from the District attended the 2006 affair. It is advisable to get your reservations in ASAP! **Deadline is October 4th. BRING YOUR CLUB BANNER!**

Checks payable to GLASSPORT LIONS and mailed to:

Glassport Lions Club

P.O. Box 82, Glassport, PA 15045

Contact Info: KL Linda Aquilante 412-678-6615 (H) 412-469-5715 (W) Email laquilante@comcast.et

Please make _____ reservations @ \$10.00 each TOTAL _____

Lion: _____ Club: _____ Phone: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

DISTRICT 14-B FALL RALLY

Monday, October 29, 2007

Social: 5:30 p.m. Buffet: 6:30 p.m.

Westwood Golf Club

825 Commonwealth Ave. West Mifflin

Cost \$20 per person - Cash Bar

All Lions in the District are encouraged to attend. Enjoy a great evening with your fellow District Lions. This will be a very special evening with awards to the "Top Ten Clubs" in the Governor's Challenge Contest. Guest Speaker yet to be announced. The Governor's Challenge awards 600 points for each Lion attending.

Bring your Club Banner! Send your reservations today!

Deadline is Monday, October 22, 2007.

Checks must be received by this date for your reservations — NO EXCEPTIONS!

There will be NO VERBAL RESERVATIONS!

Checks payable to Lions District 14-B and mailed to:

Alison Weber, District Activities Coordinator

501 Wabana Street Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1744

(412) 939-0305

Please make _____ reservations @ \$20.00 each TOTAL _____

Lion: _____ Club: _____ Phone: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

Note: Table seating allows 8 at each table. Please specify if your Club would like one table.