



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



As each new year in Lionism begins in July, the District Governor sets forth goals and objectives. In establishing the goals for 2008-09, I have attempted to address the issues that we face in District 14-B. Although some will say that membership is the sole problem in our district, other issues contribute to the membership decline. We will not be able to reverse the membership decline until we address some of the other matters within our district and our clubs.

As I have set forth the goals, some may feel that they are beyond our level of achievement; however, I feel that we need to set the bar high. These our not goals that I can accomplish on my own, they are goals that we can achieve together to promote Lionism the Pittsburgh-Allegheny County region.

1. Every club in the district will engage in at least one additional service project at the community or district level; e.g., support a local project, adopt-a-highway, support the district environmental program, Special Olympics, blind bowlers, etc.
2. Using the LCI document, each club will conduct the Lions Community Needs Assessment.
3. All clubs will financially support at least one Pennsylvania Lions project.
4. The district MERL Team will conduct two leadership training programs for club officers and leaders.
5. The district Public Relations Chair will coordinate with the clubs a public relations program not only for the district activities but also for club activities and projects.
6. The district MERL Team in cooperation with LCI will conduct an Extension Training Program in the District.
7. At least one new Lions club will be chartered in the district.
8. At least one new Leo club will be chartered in the district.
9. Each club will engage in a membership development program to increase membership by at least ten per cent.
10. Under the direction of the Immediate Past District Governor and the Strategic Planning Committee of Past District Governors will review and update the District By-Laws and Policy Manual.

During my club visitations during the coming year, I will be discussing these goals. As we work together to fulfill our motto, "We Serve," we can grow Lionism in our district.

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Lion Elaine and I want to thank all the Lions across the District for the many expressions of condolences upon the death of my mother. The cards, gifts, and words of support have meant very much to both of us. For the many years that I was a member of the Albion Area Lions Club in District 14-F, my mother baked countless pies for the Lions chicken barbecue dinner at the local fair. When my step-father became a Lion, she continued her support of the Lions in their many projects in the Albion community.

We appreciate your kindness and support during this time.

John Frombach, District Governor

The 2008 Annual Eye Research Seminar of the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation will be held on October 11, 2008 at the Eye and Ear Institute 203 Lothrop Street, Pittsburgh Pa. 15213 (Oakland). It will start with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and finish at approximately 12 noon with a lunch.

All Lions, Lioness and Leos are invited and encouraged to attend this informative seminar. You will learn about eye research projects, which will hopefully prevent blindness in the future. The presenters are researchers from the Eye and Ear Institute and several other research facilities in Pennsylvania.

Contact Lion Jack Schimmel, PDG for more information or to make a reservation to attend at 412-683-4828

**1st District Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, September 6, 2008
9 AM - Noon**

W. PA School for Blind Children
201 N. Bellefield Ave. Pittsburgh (Oakland)

All Cabinet members are reminded to submit their reports to Cabinet Secretary Barbara Schimmel the Wednesday before the meeting. All Lions Presidents and Secretaries are members of the District Governor's advisory committee and should attend these meetings.

If you plan to attend please contact Lion Alison Weber by The Wednesday before.



Pleasant Hills Lions
FARMER'S MARKET

Every THURSDAY

4 - 7:00 p.m.

starting May 15, 2008
until October 16, 2008

Pleasant Hills Community
Presbyterian Church

Old Clairton Blvd., Pleasant Hills

Come out and enjoy the atmosphere of our Farmer's Market! Buy it FRESH from local growers.

Other vendors available



Monroeville Lions

FARMER'S MARKET

Every Saturday

9 am -

Gateway High School Parking Lot
Mossie Blvd.. - Monroeville

Come out and enjoy the atmosphere of our Farmer's Market! Buy it FRESH from local growers.



Glassport Lions Club

42nd ANNUAL

RIGATONI NIGHT

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

6:30 PM

Sons of Italy Hall, Glassport

Join with the Glassport Lions in celebrating their 42nd Annual Rigatoni Night. This is one of the FUN events of District 14-B for many years.

Clubs will be mailed information shortly. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Fall Rally

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

5:30 p.m. Fellowship

6:30 p.m. Buffet

Bradley House of Catering
Brownsville Road, Baldwin

\$25.00 per person

Registration Form in September Cauldron



ATTENTION SECRETARIES

Did you know that Lions Clubs International has changed its MMR reporting schedule?

Beginning April 2008, the Monthly Membership Report (MMR) that is sent to Lions International must be submitted to them by the following dates:

▶ If you send by US Mail, the report must be mailed so that it will arrive at LCI Hdqs by the **20th of the month**.

▶ If you send via e-mail, it is due by the **last day of the month**.

The reason for this change is that under the present reporting schedules, LCI membership data is always a month behind. The District form (M&A) should also follow the same schedule.

We still have MANY clubs that have not adjusted to the new schedule.

Information Technology Chair PDG Jim Hartman will send Email reminder to all Club Secretaries on the 25th of the month to those secretaries who make electronic reports. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO ALSO MAKE YOUR REPORT TO LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL !!!

MONTHLY REPORTING: Many clubs just put a little "one-liner" on what they are doing. You should also report if you paid your per capita to LCI, State and District. What service projects you have accomplished. What donations you have made . . . Your monthly reports tell us just what you are doing as a club.

All Monthly Reports should be sent to: PDG Jim Hartman, 3520 Brinway Dr., West Mifflin, PA 15122 or by E-Mail at hartmanjw@comcast.net If any secretary has problems please contact PDG Jim. In this manner we have a central reporting location for our reports that are not changed each year. All information received is then placed on the district website and in the CAULDRON monthly.

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. Make your reservations today by contacting them!

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PUBLICIZE YOUR CLUB —

Did you know that the District website hosts many club websites under its shell? The following clubs are presently on our website: Bethel Park, Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon, Braddock, Clairton, Central Elizabeth, Elfinwild, Homestead District, Jefferson Hills, McKeesport, Monroeville, Mount Lebanon, Northern Allegheny, Oakmont, Pitcairn, Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Brentwood, Pittsburgh Grandview, Pittsburgh Hilltop, Pittsburgh North Side, Pittsburgh DeafBlind, South Park, Whitehall Community, White Oak, Wilmerding. This is a very effective way to publicize your club 365/7/24! Get the URL out in your community. IT COSTS YOU NOTHING except the time to keep it updated with current information. Each club should appoint a Lion responsible for updating it. The following clubs maintain website on their own — Pleasant Hills, Robinson, Upper St. Clair, West Mifflin

All information and changes should be sent to PDG Jim Hartman hartmanjw@comcast.net To find out if your club has a website click on DISTRICT CLUBS on the navigation menu. A sad note is that if someone visits your club website and it is the "same old (outdated) information" that they will most probably not return again. It's a "no-brainer" and all it takes is an Email to update your website.

Monthly Membership/Activity Reports

Club Membership & Activity reports **MUST** be filed monthly to LCI and the District by the 1st OF EACH MONTH. Each Secretary will receive an Email MMR reporting form near the end of the month. This is a District Report ONLY. YOU MUST ALSO SUBMIT A REPORT TO LCI !!! District reports can be mailed to PDG Jim Hartman, 3520 Brinway Dr., West Mifflin, PA 15122 hartmanjw@comcast.net 412-600-0229

Bethel Park: 59 Lions JULY: Dropped 2 Lions
Bloomfield-Lawrenceville: 9 Lions AUGUST: 3 New Lions
Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon: 28 Lions. No reports since June '08
Braddock: 20 Lions. JULY: Club inactive for summer months
Cheswick-Springdale: 31 Lions. JULY: 10 members participated in July 4th parade. Board meeting held to prepare budget for 08/09
Clairton: 21 Lions. JULY: Inactive for summer months
Coraopolis-Moon Township: 18 Lions. JULY: Inactive for summer months
Elizabeth: 14 Lions. JULY: No report to district
Forest Hills: 14 Lions. No reports since May '08
Gibsonia-Hampton-Richland: 14 Lions. No reports since March '08
Glassport: 30 Lions: JULY: All per capita paid. Participated in Glassport Community Day.
Homestead District: 44 Lions. JULY: 2 New Lions / 1 Dropped Lion. Donation to MS Society to support KL bike ride for MS research
Jefferson Hills: 25 Lions. No reports since February '08
McKeesport: 26 Lions. JULY: Furnished pair glasses to resident of McKeesport, paid from Blind Fund, monies raised through raffles. Newly elected officers and directors installed by Int. Counsellor H. Turner Frost. Club had abbreviated schedule in July.
Monroeville: 25 Lions. JULY:
Mount Lebanon: 30 Lions. NO reports since March '08
North Suburban: 11 Lions. No reports since February '08
Northern Allegheny: 22 Lions. JULY: 1 transferred Lion
Oakmont: 41 Lions. No reports since August '07
Ohio Valley: 11 Lions. No reports since March '08
Pitcairn: 19 Lions. No report since June '08
Pittsburgh Host: 17 Lions. No report since June '08
Pgh. Beechview: 15 Lions No report since June '07
Pgh. Brentwood: 13 Lions. JULY: No meetings for summer months
Pgh. DeafBlind: 14 Lions. No report since June '08
Pgh. Grandview: 29 Lions. No report since June '08
Pgh. Hilltop: 19 Lions. No report since June '08
Pgh. North Side: 22 Lions. JULY: 1 New Lion
Pgh. Oakland: 16 Lions. JULY: Club inactive for summer months
Pgh. Shadyside Squirrel Hill: 14 Lions. JULY: Inactive for summer months
Pleasant Hills: 33 Lions. No reports since June '08
Robinson Lions: 18 Lions JULY: No reports since April '08
South Park: 19 Lions. JULY: Inactive for summer months
Sto-Ken-Rox: 19 Lions. JULY:
Tarentum Area: 27 Lions. No reports since June '08
Upper Saint Clair: 29 Lions. No reports since June '08

West Mifflin: 67 Lions. JULY: 1 New Lion / 1 dropped Lion
White Oak: 33 Lions. JULY: 5 Transferred Lions
Whitehall Community: 35 Lions: JULY: 1 New / 1 dropped Lion
Wilmerding: 32 Lions. No reports since June '08

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.

PLEASE make your reports to LCI & District on monthly basis!



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21st ANNUAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

“Peace Begins With Me”

How the Contest Works

Lions clubs sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on November 15, 2008. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, “Peace Begins With Me.”

One winner for each contest sponsored by a club is chosen to advance to the district governor for judging. On the district level, one winner is selected to go on to the multiple district competition and from there one winner is forwarded to International Headquarters for the final judging. Entries are judged at all levels on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of theme.

During the final judging, 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner are chosen to represent the many entries submitted from around the world.

Awards

Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

- **International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City, New York, USA (subject to change). At the ceremony he/she will receive a cash award of US\$2,500 (or local equivalent) and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony. The award ceremony is scheduled for March 2009.

- **23 Merit Award Winners** each receive a cash award of US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

How to Enter

Lions clubs must order a Peace Poster Contest kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Available in all 11 official languages, it costs US\$7.95, plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one* school or organized, sponsored youth group:

- **Official Club Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Participant Flyer** may be duplicated and given to each participating student to take home
- **Sticker** to place on back of winning poster
- **District Governor Postcard** to notify your district governor in advance of your club's participation
- **Certificates** for contest winner and school or youth group

**Clubs can sponsor more than one contest in either the same or multiple school(s) and/or youth group(s) by purchasing more than one kit. Clubs will send one poster per each contest sponsored to the next level of judging.*

Kits are available January 15 – October 1, 2008.

Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning.

To order the Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) submit the form below, order through the online Lions Store (Item search: Peace Poster Kit) or call Club Supplies at (630) 571-5466 or (800) 710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only).

Visit www.lionsclubs.org for more contest information, deadlines, to send a Peace Poster e-card and view past finalists' posters.



Mail or fax your order to: LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
 CLUB SUPPLIES SALES DEPARTMENT, 300 W 22ND ST.
 OAK BROOK IL 60523-8842 USA; Fax 630-571-0964

Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK-1) _____ Qty. @ US\$7.95/each \$ _____
 Language Required _____ Tax \$ _____
 (Available in all official languages.) Postage & Handling \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Method of payment (select one):

A. Club/District Acct. # _____
 Lions Club Name _____
 Officer's Signature (Required) _____
 B. Visa/Mastercard # _____ Exp. Date _____
 Cardholder's Signature (Required) _____

Ship order to:

Name _____
 Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip Code _____ Country _____
 Daytime Phone # (Required) _____
 E-mail Address _____

PA Lions Appreciation Day At Beacon Lodge

Lions, Lionesses, and Leos from across Pennsylvania joined together at Beacon Lodge Camp in Mt. Union on a sunny and hot Sunday, July 20. Attendees had the opportunity to tour the camp grounds to observe the projects and programs at the camp. During the brief Board meeting, numerous clubs and districts gave donations for use at the camp. The Lions of District 14-L prepared and served a delicious chicken barbecue lunch.

After the lunch, the 5th Annual Great Duck Race was held with 10,000 rubber ducks being let loose to float down the stream in the camp. The proceeds from the race will be used for the Adult Camp Water and Sewer Line Construction project. The camp board must undertake this major capital project of nearly \$200,000 to comply with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regulations.

In the afternoon, a group of campers helped the attendees celebrate the sixty years of the camp through a musical tribute. The campers, both young and old, who entertained were enthusiastic and certainly expressed the joy of being a part of Beacon Lodge Camp.

Over years, the clubs from District 14-B have been generous with support for the camp. Clubs can support the camp through donations to any of the following programs:

- Operating Budget
- Camp Sponsorships
- The 365 Club
- Capital Projects – District 14-B Dormitory Renovations
- Capital Project – Water/Sewer Line Replacement
- Brick Walkway Contributions

As clubs consider their budgets for the 2008-2009, we encourage you to consider a donation to the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.

District 14-B also provides outstanding leadership for the Camp. For the 2008-2009 year, PDG Dennis McCarthy will serve as President of the Camp Board. Lion Thomas Hurrell will be serving on the Board. We want to express our appreciation to PDG Michael Vudragovich for his service to the camp for the past three years as a Board Member.



For more information about the camp, you can check out the website at <http://www.beaconlodge.com/>



