



The Cauldron

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

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District Governor's Message



We have seen them outside post offices, military recruiting offices, and other government offices: those large posters of Uncle Sam pointing his finger imploring, "I Want You."

For more than 90 years, these posters have been used to recruit men and women to volunteer. For more than 90 years, Lions Clubs International has recruited millions of volunteers to provide service to those in need. Currently, we have more than 1.3 million Lion volunteers in more than 200 countries throughout the world.

In District 14-B, we have almost 1,000 Lions who volunteer on each and every day providing service to their communities and to Lion charities. As I have stated during my club visitations, we have significant challenges of recruiting new Lions so that we

can continue to provide the multitude of services.

Lions Clubs International has established a **MERL (Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership) Team** program for membership development in each district. The goal of the MERL Team is to provide support for clubs as they recruit new members within their communities. As of July, we need Lions in District 14-B to step forward to volunteer for a three-year commitment on the MERL Team.

The MERL Team is comprised of the following members:

Membership Chairperson.

This is a Lion who has successfully participated in Membership recruitment within his/her club who has the desire to assist other clubs in membership development programs. The chairperson is responsible for establishing membership goals for District 14-B and to conduct membership workshops for clubs.

Extension Chairperson.

This Lion will be responsible for coordinating a plan to organize new clubs within District 14-B. The Chairperson will be responsible to work with LCI in conducting an extension workshop in the fall of 2009.

Retention Chairperson. The Lion who accepts the Retention Chair will assist clubs in reducing the number of members who quit Lionism. All too often, clubs induct new members only to have them drop out of the club within two or three years. With LCI support, the Retention Chair will provide training for clubs to avoid losing members.

Leadership Chairperson. The Leadership Chair will work with the other MERL Team members in scheduling and conducting workshops for club officers in effectively leading the local club.

Family-Women's Membership Development Chairperson.

This is a Lion who is committed to working with clubs to encourage recruitment of women as Lion members and to encourage family participation in Lion activities.

The responsibilities of the MERL Team are extensive and have significant responsibilities to provide leadership for the clubs within the District. An effective MERL Team will provide assistance to clubs with support to reverse membership declines and improve their ability to provide service to the community.

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SPECIAL CABINET MEETING



The District 14-B Cabinet will meet on April 17th at 5:45 PM at the South Hills Country Club, prior to the Spring District Governor's Party.

The only agenda item is the vote on the candidacies of 1st & 2nd Vice District Governors for the 2009-2010 year. Once approved, they will be presented to the State Council at the Lions State Convention in May.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Lions Mary Jane Keller & Geoffrey Temple Announce for 14-B Vice District Governor Positions

District 14-B is fortunate to have two strong candidates stepping forward to take on the 1st Vice District Governor and newly-created 2nd Vice District Governor positions.

Lion Mary Jane is currently Region 2, Zone B Chair and a member of the White Oak Lions Club. She has been endorsed by her club for 1st VDG for 2009-2010, becoming District 14-B DG for the 2010-2011 year. Mary Jane is married to PDG Richard Keller, also a member of White Oak Lions Club.

Lion Geoff serves as Region 2, Zone A Chair and is a member of the Pleasant Hills Lions Club. He has been endorsed for the 2nd VDG position by his club. Upon election, he will serve as

2nd VDG for the 2009-2010 year and then run for election for 1st VDG for the 2010-2011 year. He will then move to the position of DG for 2011-2012.

In order to present their names to the Pennsylvania Lions Council at the May Convention, we will hold a special Cabinet Meeting to vote on these two positions. The meeting will be held prior to the Spring District Governor's Party on April 17th at 5:45 PM at South Hills Country Club. All Cabinet members are asked to attend this special meeting.

District Governor John Frombach stated, "District 14-B is very fortunate to

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DG John Frombach

have two qualified and quality candidates as Lions Mary Jane and Geoff to assume these important positions. I thank them both for their willingness to serve and pledge my support to both of them during their terms. I hope all Lions of District 14-B will also do all they can to help them move our district forward."

District Lions Day at Pirates Baseball Game

The District has partnered with the Pittsburgh Pirates to have a "Lions Day" at PNC Park as the Bucs take on the Detroit Tigers. Plan on joining us on Sunday afternoon, June 14th at 1:35. This is also "Kids Ice Cream Bowl Day" with all kids receiving free ice cream.

A PDF of the order form is included with this edition of *The Cauldron* and a printed copy is included with the mailed newsletters.

You have two ticket choices: \$12 for an outfield seat or \$20 for a box seat and a Pirates cap.

For each ticket sold, the Pirates will give a portion of the sales to the District,

which will benefit the Beacon Lodge Sewer Project.

Invite your friends, families or prospective members to enjoy a great day at the ballpark. *Beat 'em Bucs!*



District Governor's Message (Continued from page 1)

We need you! We need five dedicated Lions within Allegheny County to step up to the challenge to serve as the MERL Team Chairs. We need five Lions who are willing to address the challenges of membership recruitment and leadership development.

I am asking each and every club President to survey the club to assist me in recruiting Lions to serve on the MERL

Team. For further information on the MERL Team, you can access the Lions Club website at the following link:

<http://lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/resources/district-resource-center.php>

You can view the responsibilities and duties for each of the chair positions. I am also available to answer any questions that you may have.

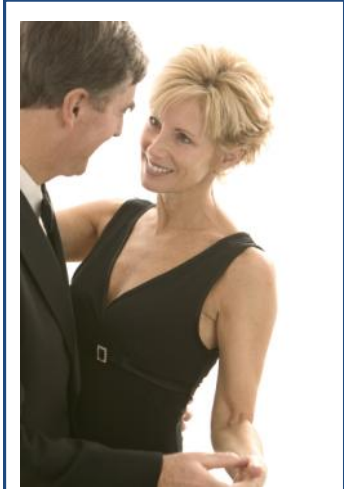
You can call me at 412-882-3926 or 412-956-3940.

I am confident that we can find five Lions who are willing to accept these responsibilities.

Yours in Lionism,



DG John



Hope to see you at the Spring District Governor's Party on April 17th at South Hills Country Club. Please send photos and description of your service projects and events to DG John by April 13th to be included in the PowerPoint presentation. You can email the photos to jwfrombach@comcast.net.

ACTION-Housing Program Endorsed by Cabinet

ACTION-Housings's MyPlace Transitions Program provides housing for young adults between 18-24 who have aged out of the foster care system and are now homeless.

Representatives from ACTION-Housing attended the February Cabinet meeting to explain the program and ask support to furnish the apartments.

The Cabinet voted to allow ACTION-Housing to contact the local Lions Clubs and present their request and

"wish list". Clubs can furnish an entire apartment for \$1,282.86, or purchase specific items or start-up supplies for \$226.

Eligibility requirements for one of the apartments include:

- Single men and women.
- Individuals who are ready to commit to reaching employment, educational and personal development goals.

- Referred by a county agency currently serving homeless and foster care youth.

ACTION-Housing will help with employment, education, life skills and supportive services. For information contact Marjorie DeAngelis at 412-281-2102, email her at mdeangelis@actionhousing.org, and visit their website at www.ActionHousing.org.



Lions Auction for Diabetes is May 29

Districts 14-B and 14-E are joining forces again to sponsor the Lions Auction for Diabetes to benefit the McKeesport Hospital Foundation Lions Diabetes Fund.

The event will take place on Friday, May 29th at the Youghiogheny Country Club from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person and include hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Kelly Frey and Mike Clark from WTAE Channel 4 will be the celebrity auctioneers and will conduct the live auction of items of significant value. In addition, there will be baskets and special packages for the silent auction.

Each club is asked to donate a basket or gift for the silent auction. For tickets or more information, contact the McKeesport Hospital Foundation at 412-664-2590.

Lions Asked to Support the Pittsburgh Fallen Heroes Fund

All of us were first shocked and then overcome by grief at the senseless and tragic shooting and death of three heroic Pittsburgh Police Officers on Saturday, April 4. In order to honor the sacrifices of Officers Eric G. Kelly, Stephen J. Mayhle and Paul J. Sciuolo II and show support to their families, District 14-B will make a donation to the Fallen Heroes Fund. We are asking each club in 14-B to make a donation to support the fund and send it to Lion John Case, President of Central Elizabeth Township Lions, P.O. Box 459, Clairton, PA 15025. Please send checks payable to Lions District 14-B by May 1 and we will send one check to the fund. Let's have 100% of the clubs support the effort.

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Support for Beacon Lodge Needed



Beacon Lodge facilities include play areas for the children, including this jungle jim and slide.

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp continues to need our support so they can continue to do the important work of providing camping experiences to special needs children and adults.

The camp has put together a "Wish List." This would make a great club service project.

Send your packages to: PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp, 114 SR103 South, Mt. Union, PA 17066. Be sure to include your Club's Name, Contact Name, Address and Phone Number with your donations.

You can download a PDF of this "Wish List" at www.beaconlodge.com. For more information, contact District 14-B Beacon Lodge Liaison Lion Tom Hurrell at 412-466-6358.

Program:

- Arrows for Archery
- .22 Long Rifle
- .22 Long Hollow Point Shells
- Foam Craft Sheets
- Hot Glue Sticks
- Size 4 Fish Hooks
- Hemp String
- Spools of Plastic Lace
- Acrylic Craft Paint
- Large Spool of Candle Wicking
- Bike Trailer for Tandem Bikes
- 4x4x1 wooden blocks
- Bike Helmets
- Large Skillets for Outdoor Cooking
- Mountain Pie Irons
- Standing Grill for Fire Cooking



- Non-Toxic Water Based Sealer
- Toaster Ovens for Craft Drying
- Flatbed Trailer
- Heavy Duty Wheel Barrows
- 5 Gallon Buckets
- Work Gloves
- AAA Batteries
- 9volt Batteries
- 13 Watt Compact Fluorescent Bulbs
- 4' Fluorescent Bulbs
- 8' Fluorescent Bulbs

Health Center:

- Calamine Lotion
- 4x4 Sterile Pads
- Skeeter Sticks
- SPF 45 Sunscreen
- Aloe Vera Gel/Cream
- Exam Gloves
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Children's Benedryl
- Adult Benedryl

Housekeeping:

- Hairnets for Kitchens
- Heavy Duty Mops/ Mop Heads
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Dust Mops
- High Dusters
- Rags
- Scrub Brushes
- Tank Sweepers
- Buckets

Maintenance:

- New Drill Bits (all sizes)
- Assorted Tapcons
- New Paint Brushes
- Gas Powered Wood Splitter

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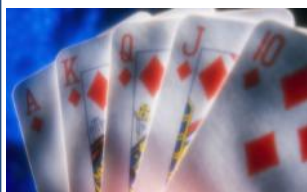
- 4,000 Size 10 Envelopes
- 4,000 Size 9 Envelopes
- 1.5" 3-Ring Binders
- 2" 3-Ring Binders
- Dry Erase Board
- Copy Machine Paper
- Canoe Trailer

Additional Items Wanted:

- Dump Truck
- Backhoe
- Wood Jointer
- Band Saw
- Pottery Wheel
- Aquariums for Frogs/ Turtles
- Laser Sight for Archery
- TI-PI Poles
- Projector for Presentations

GOLDEN TRIANGLE COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND BOWL-A-THON IS MAY 16TH AT BRUNSWICK PLAYMOR BOWL. FORM A 3-PERSON LIONS TEAM AND COMPETE FOR A SPECIAL TROPHY. FOR DETAILS CALL 412-343-9900 OR VISIT WWW.GTCB.PGH.ORG.

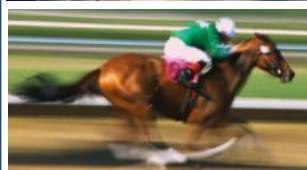
REMINDER: PA STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 10, 2009.



The Whitehall Community Lions Club held their Annual Monte Carlo/Night at the Races fundraiser on Saturday, March 28th at St. Elizabeth's School Gym in Baldwin.

The races, gaming tables, Chinese Auction and raffles raised over \$5,000 for the Whitehall Community Lions Charities.

The event was chaired by Lion Roger Pergola who did an excellent job of leading the club to another successful event.



Clubs Needed to Support District Projects

"We Serve" is our motto and we have two service projects that clubs are encouraged to support. These projects will give your club an opportunity to serve together and is a great way to engage some of your newer, younger members.

Environmental Clean-Up Day

The district will celebrate Earth Day by planting wildflowers and cleaning up the South Taylor Environmental Park on Saturday morning, April 25, from 8:30 A.M. to noon. Lion Karen Hamerski of the Jefferson Hills Club is chairing this project. For more information or to volunteer your club's help, call her at 412-466-6358.

Special Olympics is May 9th

For the second year, District 14-B is one of the sponsors of the Special Olympics of Allegheny County. The competition will be held on May 9th at Baldwin High School on Route 51 in Whitehall.

We need club members to volunteer to help the athletes during the competition, run several of the events, and be in attendance to show our support.

Please contact Lion Elaine Frombach to volunteer or for more information. Contact her at 412-882-3926 or ecfrombach@comcast.net.

UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS

April 18 — Elfinwild Lions Spaghetti Dinner at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, 3200 Mt. Royal Blvd. from 4:00-7:00. Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, Children \$4. For information or tickets call Michael Quinn at 412-487-1888.

April 18 — Pleasant Hills Lions Great Give-A-Way at Pleasant Hills Middle School. For information, call 412-653-4572.

April 19 — Braddock Lions Salad & Dessert Bar with Bingo and Raffle at East Pittsburgh VFW, 401 Drapper St. from 1:00-4:00. \$10, must be 18. For information & tickets, call Nina Burdell at 412-271-1918 or Debbie Phillips at 412-609-4770. No tickets sold at door.

April 22 — Bloomfield / Lawrenceville Spaghetti Dinner at St. Joseph Church Social Hall, Liberty Ave., Bloomfield from 4:00-7:00. \$8 adults, \$5 children. For information or tickets, call 412-363-8604.

May 2 — Clairton Lions Pancake Breakfast. For information, call 412-233-3830.

June 13 — Tarentum Area Lions Golf Tournament at Lenape Heights Golf Course in Ford City. 8:00 AM shotgun start. \$75 fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart fee, Continental breakfast, hot lunch buffet, skill prizes and more. \$10 discount if paid before April 30. For information, call Dave Bissell at 724-224-0893 or Rich Ring at 724-224-7259.

July 1 — Homestead Lions Golf Scramble. For information call, 412-462-6517.

Welcome New Lions Club Members

The following clubs have reported the following new Lions Club members:

Tarentum Area Lions — Michael J. Ring

Clairton Lions — John Kerekes

Pleasant Hills Lions — Kurt Verscharen and Michael Zaken

District 14-B welcomes these four new Lions. Let us know if your club has inducted new members so we can welcome them in *The Cauldron*.

Central Elizabeth Lions 52/250 Raffle. Tickets are \$60 and can be paid in three installments. Cost includes a weekly chance for \$30 based on Saturday night PA Lottery, admission to the annual banquet with open bar for one (guest tickets are \$20), and additional chances to win cash and other prizes at the banquet. For tickets and information contact John Case at 412-233-2903 or 412-414-1766

WANT YOUR EVENTS LISTED?

If you are holding an event, please send your information to PR Chairperson Lion Elaine Frombach at ecfrombach@comcast.net. Deadline to be included in the May *Cauldron* is April 24.



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DISTRICT EVENTS DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 17 — District Governor's Spring Party at South Hills Country Club
April 17 — Special Cabinet Meeting at SHCC at 4:45 PM to vote on VDGs
April 25 — Environmental Clean-Up Day at South Taylor Environmental Park
May 9 — Special Olympics at Baldwin High School
May 14-17 — PA Lions State Convention hosted by 14-T in Camp Hill, PA
May 29 — Lions Auction for Diabetes at Youghiogheny Country Club
May 30 — 4th District Cabinet Meeting
June 14 — Lions Day at Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Game

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S APRIL/MAY VISITATION SCHEDULE:

April 14 — Pittsburgh Grandview — 6:30 P.M.
April 21 — Pittsburgh Shadyside-Squirrel Hill — 6:30 P.M.
May 5 — Imperial — 6:30 P.M.