

DIABETES WALK & KISS-A-PIG CONTEST

The 2011 Diabetes Walk and Kiss-A-Pig Contest will be held in Baker Park located in Frederick on Sunday, October 9. Registration will begin at 11:00 A.M. with the Walk scheduled to start at 1 P.M. The Kiss-A-Pig Contest will be held following the serving of the food in the stage area. Food is served following the walk to all participants.

This year's contestants to-date for the Kiss-A-Pig Contest include District Governor Steve Finger, 1st VDG Paul Cannada, 2nd VDG Kent Eitemiller, Cabinet Secretary Susan Bonura and Cabinet Treasurer Gerry Beachy. Our leading candidate for many years, Lion Tom Harney from the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club, is back to compete this year. Lion Carol Ann Alphin from the Longmeadow Lions, who gave Lion Tom a run last year, is back and determined to be the winner. Lion Ray Miller from 4 County Lions is also back in the running.

I would love to see all the Region and Zone Chairmen volunteer to support this very worthy cause to help find a cure for diabetes, which is increasing at epidemic rates and affecting more and more children than ever before.

As of this date I do not have any other Lions that have notified me that they were going to compete for the honor of kissing the pig's nose. Many of the candidates are working to avoid having to kiss the pig's posterior.

Lion Susan Bonura is off and running. She said she will work hard to raise money and is doing a fantastic job, but she will not kiss a pig. We may have a surprise for her.

Several teams have formed to participate in THE WALK. You can pre-register your team on-line and will just have to sign in on the day of The Walk. Each team that is walking should select a captain who will be in charge of turning in all the money for your team, including the name and amounts each walker has collected. This makes it much easier for those working The Walk, rather than having many individuals to record that day.

This is always a fun day and a great way to share with fellow Lions, make our Lions Clubs visible, and let our communities know how great Lions are and some of the fabulous work that we do.

I hope to see you at Baker Park on Sunday, October 9, around noon.

**Donna S. Jackman
Diabetes Chairman**