

DISTRICT GOVERNOR LETTER – APRIL 2012



Dear Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Welcome to Spring! It's been a pleasure to have a mild winter but I wonder if Mother Nature is planning to say "gotcha" with a hotter than usual summer!

Henry Ford said: *Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.*

Today, I saw a successful day spent with people that came together to create growth and strength through the GMT/GLT program. I wish that I had more 14W people with me (I was the only one from 14W) to see the program in action. I hear comments like - it's just MERLOW with new letters. Actually it's more than a new program. It's a new attitude. It's about working together, not against each other. It's about really looking at your club's successes and failures. And if anyone says that they don't have any failures, they are not being honest with themselves. Ask me how to do an assessment for your club called CEP. I can help you set it up. Find out what your club's strengths and weaknesses are. Why did the one-year or two-year member leave? Why did the ten-year Lion leave? I know that it's getting harder to get volunteers but this organization is worth the effort! You know that when you help someone it's very satisfying and rewarding. Show that to others. While you are enjoying the spring and looking forward to summer, look around for some new ideas for club projects that improve the town, city, township, or borough where you live. Don't know what they need? That's CEP too, assessing what's needed in your community. Let's try building clubs, not just spring cleaning to drop those who do not attend the meetings. And when you ask new people to join (who might bring fresh ideas with them), remember orientation. Perhaps you lost a member because they didn't fully understand from the beginning what was expected of them as a club member and as a member of Lions Clubs International. Help them grow. Be a mentor. Show them the possibilities!

Last, but not least of my ramblings, the District Convention is coming up this month. Did you make your reservations yet? It is a good time and a chance to meet Lions, or renew acquaintances. It's also a time to say thank you to the dedicated men and women that serve your clubs and District. This convention is for the Lions of 14W. It's to meet, discuss, vote, share, honor, and have fun. This is your District. You support it with your time and dues. Be involved! Please be sure that you have filed your M&As and MMRs. This is how we have an accurate list of new members for the membership contest and for the deceased members to be honored at the Necrology Service. Come to congratulate the Lion of the Year. There's a lot to do. Can **you** help out? Call me or call your Zone Chair to volunteer to help. Come out and show our guests from Bird Island, Minnesota a "Wonderful" Welcome from the Lions of 14W. See you around the District - and at the 14W District Convention!

Mimi

P.S Don't forget to plant some trees in the spring and then write about it on the LCI online activity report. I know there have been some new trees planted by our Lions but if it's not reported to LCI, then it's not a part of President Tam's million(s) tree campaign happening around the world. Report your tree plantings to the

Have Courage!

Make a Commitment!

Take Action

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LETTER – APRIL 2012

Lions of 14W,

I would like to thank the members of our district for the honor of representing you as Vice District Governor. It is great to see the excitement and enthusiasm of many individual Lions and entire clubs as I travel throughout the district.

As our district convention approaches keep in mind that this is the only time each year when we have the ability to vote on changes to our constitution and bylaws, as well as voting for our District Governor and Vice for the coming year.

I ask for your support for my candidacy for the office of District Governor as well as your support of the proposed changes to our constitution and bylaws. These changes are needed to help move the district forward.

Please let's not let a few bad apples spoil our exceptional bunch. Keep your head up and continue to be proud Lions, telling others of the great work you do. Remember, the reason we became Lions was to serve.

Take a few minutes and think about the following:

- ✓ The person you have not met that was unable to buy glasses and received glasses from your club.
- ✓ The student that is facing 10's of thousands in education loans and was able to receive an award to help with books.
- ✓ The grandmother that is able to see her grandchildren because of a cornea donation made possible by Lions.
- ✓ The child that walked hours to get examined at a Lions Eye Clinic in Mexico to receive recycled eye glasses at no charge that were donated by Lions.
- ✓ The person that is unable to leave their home and the Lions show up with a fruit basket to let them know someone cares.
- ✓ The person that is able to hear because they were able to afford a hearing aid for around \$250.00 instead of the market rate of \$2,600.00.
- ✓ The Veterans in a nursing home that are able to smile and forget about what ails them when Lions bring some doughnuts, coffee, and sing along with them.
- ✓ The children that are able to be scanned for eye diseases before they can respond to an eye chart.
- ✓ The person that is in need of medical equipment supplied by their local Lions club.
- ✓ The carpenter in Africa that is able to hit the nail on the head without hitting his thumb because of the cataract surgery provided by a Lion.
- ✓ The kindergarten student that was smiling ear to ear with his new backpack provided by Lions when his grandmother whom has custody was unable to do so physically or financially.
- ✓ The ability for a blind or person with other disabilities to go to camp with peers for a week and do things they were never able to do like shoot a gun, zip line, paddle a canoe, and take a wheelchair into the pool.
- ✓ The freedom brought to a person with a Leader dog.
- ✓ The lives saved by the LCIF One Shot One Life Lions Measles Initiative.
- ✓ The holiday cheer brought to communities by Lions through holiday lighting projects.
- ✓ The people that are helped after a disaster by Lions disaster relief.

I could go on and on with examples of projects done by members and clubs in our own district.

If you have any questions or would like to review any interest for the coming year please give me a call, 905-5202

VDG Dennis Cook

-On February 29, 2012 Lions Clubs International had 1,355,133 ↓ members in 46,178 ↓ clubs in 747 – districts in 208 – countries and geographic areas

-As of March 3, 2012 MD 14 State of Pennsylvania, had 22,830 ↓ members in 770 ↓ clubs

-On March 3, 2012 District 14-W had 347 women ↑ for 33.24% ↑ and total of 1044 ↑ members

DISTRICT CONVENTION SPECIALTY BASKETS

I have been asked by the District Governor to do the basket raffle once again. This is something that the Lions of the District look forward to every year as a money maker for the District. Last year, there were not as many baskets, and not as many Lions attending a Convention that people work hard to put together. I realize some of our Lions are getting older and they can't be as active, but what about our younger lions? Have you ever attended a Convention and voted or bought a ticket for our raffle? There is a lot of hard work that goes into this and some of you haven't even donated a basket or even voted for a new District Governor. I always give you ideas on baskets, but why not make it a club project? Appoint someone to put the basket together, have each member bring a little something to put in the basket. It won't cost the club anything, if each club does it themselves. Think of the money your club would be saving that could be used for something else in the community. I'll even give you some ideas: Pasta basket, pet basket, beauty basket, snack basket, bath basket, spring basket, movie basket, book basket, lottery basket, wine basket, to just name a few. I really can use your help, now more than ever. We really would like to see some fresh faces; I know we have them because I see them in the newsletter all the time. Come and support the District because it is your district!

Roseanne Linko Specialty Baskets Chairperson 883-7052 GramarO@aol.com



2012 DISTRICT 14-W 26th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Friday and Saturday, April 20-April 21, 2012

Best Western East Mountain Inn

PROGRAM BOOKLET ADS

<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full Page 7 x 4	\$100.00	\$ _____
Half Page 3 1/2 x 4	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
Quarter Page 1 3/4 x 4	\$ 25.00	\$ _____
Patron	\$ 10.00	\$ _____

DEADLINE for Ads is March 20, 2012 (Extended)

Attach a copy of your ad, .jpeg, .pdf, preferred, at exact ad size, if possible and send electronically. Business card or letterhead will be scanned but quality not guaranteed. E-mail or mail along with a check payable to: **DISTRICT 14-W LIONS.**

Mail to: *Lion Thomas Mulhern 206 Heather Highlands, Pittston, PA 18640*

570- 606-9944; dyscodog@comcast.net

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Club _____



District 14-W Lions Annual District Convention April 20-21



EAST MOUNTAIN INN & SUITES, WILKES-BARRE, PA

**ATTENDANCE/
REGISTRATION
FORM
LION/LEO**

Title	First Name	Last Name
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone	Club	District

GUESTS(S)

List All Names, and Club if any

Friday April 20

60's Themed Party Event/Club President & Secretary Recognition

Social Hour 5:30 to 6:30 with Cash Bar; Music and Dancing to 10:30pm

Dinner 6:30	# Attending _____	X \$22 PP	\$ _____
Leo Pool Party	# Attending _____	X \$10 each	\$ _____
FRIDAY TOTAL DUE			\$ _____

Saturday April 21 Cash Bar 5:30-6:30pm; Dinner 6:30pm

SATURDAY BANQUET SELECTIONS

			ENTREE TOTAL \$ DUE
Chicken Francaise D' Asti	\$26	# _____ Meals	\$ _____
Filet of Sole Gremolata	\$26	# _____ Meals	\$ _____
Prime Rib of Beef	\$35	# _____ Meals	\$ _____
Vegetarian Platter	\$26	# _____ Meals	\$ _____
SATURDAY TOTAL DUE			\$ _____

All Checks Payable: District 14-W Lions Two Day Grand Total Due \$ _____

Mail top part and check to: **Zone Chair Rich and Mary Kilvitis**
1016 Plane Street Avoca, PA 18641

DEADLINE APRIL 12

Friday April 20

Registration and Certification	3:00pm to 6:00pm
Basket Sales	3:00pm to 5:00pm
Leo Pool Party	5:30pm to 9:00pm
Themed Party Event/Club President & Secretary Recognition	
Social Hour: 5:30 to 6:30 Cash Bar: Dinner 6:30	

Saturday April 21

Breakfast	9:00-10:00	7 th Floor Hospitality Room
Registration and Certification	9:00am to 1:00pm	Main Lobby
Basket Sales	9:00am to 3:30pm	Pennsylvania Room
Presentation by ID Sheehan	10:00am	Banquet Room
Lunch	11:00-12:30	7 th Floor Hospitality Room
Necrology Service	1:00pm	Banquet Room
Business Session	2:00pm	Banquet Room

Banquet: Social Hour with Cash Bar 5:30pm-6:30pm: Dinner 6:30pm Banquet Room

COMMENTARY

We welcome and congratulate our following new members, and thank their sponsors:

Kathleen Dwyer
Colin Weale

Kingston Lions
Forty Fort Lions

Sponsor-Gerry DuBoice
Sponsor-Paul Weale



We regret the passing of the following 14-W Lions: and all Lions everywhere

SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO THE VA NURSING CENTER

Call Ann Rose 654-3936 to schedule your visit. Visits are second Saturday of each month, 9:00-11:00am. **Report to 3rd Floor Dining Hall.** Staff from Recreation Therapy will be available to assist you. Please confirm prior to visit with Recreation 824-3521 Ext. 7429

April 14th Avoca June 9th W Barre Twp August 11 DG team October Open
May 12th Parsons July 14-Larksville September Drums lioness/Lions

DISTRICT NEXT THREE EYE BANK MEETINGS

The Upper Valley Eye Bank meetings are the First Thursday of the month and are open to everyone. All Lions are encouraged to attend. Call Nancy 655-0345, Marina 709-0907 for information. The April 5 meeting is cancelled. The following meeting is 7:00pm May 3, Wilkes-Barre Twp Lions host at Norm's Pizza

EYE BANK BANQUET

The Second Annual Upper Valley Eye Bank Banquet will be held on Thursday, June 7th at Holy Resurrection Church Hall, 591 North Main Street Wilkes-Barre. Activities begin at 6:00pm with a wine mixer, followed at 6:30 by a buffet dinner prepared by that "World Renowned" Chef, Fr. Joseph Martin, PDG. All Lions are welcome. Contact Marina and/or Nancy to make your reservations

DRUMS LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST

The Drums Lions Club will be holding its annual breakfast on Sunday April 15th, 2012. Look for us at the Butler Township Fire Hall, located at Route 309 and Butler Drive, Drums PA. We will be there from 7:30am –Noon. Our Breakfast donation is only \$7.00 per person and children under 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or in advance from any Drums Lions member. Menu includes: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, coffee, tea and OJ. Made to order omelets are offered for an additional donation. Tricky tray baskets sponsored by the Drums lions and Lioness club also available. Contact Keith Medash for more information 578-0531; kmedash@hotmail.com



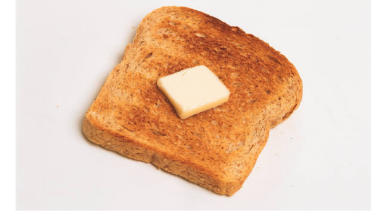
CLUB ELECTIONS TIMELINE

As you start thinking about your new officers, please remember some important time lines. Nominations Committee is appointed by March 15th. Elections held by April 15th. New Officer reporting form, PU-101, filled out and submitted by or before May 15th to LCI, District 14-W and our State Administrator, Lion Marcia Shaull

BEAR CREEK/BUCK TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE

HOME OF THE "ALL YOU CAN EAT" BREAKFAST. SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2012;

Breakfast Buffet & Bake Sale – 8am to 1pm Including many various breakfast items, as well as juice, coffee, & tea



Tickets: Children (ages 5 to 9) \$3.00 – Adults \$6.00. Tickets will be available from any Club member or at the door. For information *call or e-mail: John Yencha 443-0553: BYencha@live.com, Carolyn Burke 472-3948: cmburke@ptd.net, call Frank Jones 472-3125* There will also be a baked goods sale and chances sold for specialty baskets.

BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY BUILDING on Rte. 115, across from PA Turnpike Exit

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PU-101

Clubs submit their officer contact information on this form annually on paper or through the membership reporting area of the association's Web site by May 15.

Clubs submitting a paper copy should return the original copy to International Headquarters. Maybe you have filled out the online report. You get an A+ from Lions International. Your District Governor and your State Administrator still have nothing on file about your Club, as to its new officers. If you did file online, please manually fill out the following form; email the form to DG Mimi Tosh mjtosh51@yahoo.com, CS Terry Milligan terrymitree@aol.com and State Administrator Lion Marcia Shaull palions@comcast.net. This way, your Directory, yes, your Directory will be completed and completed in time to be distributed to you and other club officer's at the July Training Session. Also, if you do not file this form, either online or manually, you and other club officers will NOT receive your passwords to access and LCI information. So, is it important? You bet it is

DISTRICT 14-W FOURTH CABINET MEETING REGION 4 TO HOST

• SUNDAY • JUNE 3, 2012 •

THE LOOKOUT HOUSE State Rte 93, Drums

Registration 12:00-12:30; Dinner and Cabinet Meeting will follow; Committee people please have your reports ready to be read. Mail or e-mail copy to: *Cabinet Secretary Theresa Milligan 40 Perkins Street Plains, PA 18705; 822-0889; terrymitree@aol.com*

Fourth Cabinet Meeting Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Club: _____

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$13 each. Total amt \$ _____

Checks Payable to: **DISTRICT 14-W:** Mail form and check to:

Lion Dan Boehmer, Region 4 Zone B Chair

1115 Rock Glen Road, Sugarloaf, PA 18249; 384-6399; bates@pa.metrocast.net ©WMB032612

-The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher. ~Thomas Henry Huxley

A NITE AT THE RACES SPONSORED BY THE EXETER LIONS CLUB

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM



POST TIME IS 7:00 PM



\$5.00 DONATION

INCLUDES ALL REFRESHMENTS

ADULTS ONLY

A \$50 PRIZE TO THE OWNER OF EACH WINNING HORSE

FREE HOT DOGS, WIMPIES, SNACKS, DESSERTS AND BEVERAGES

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012

PLACE: ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH CENTER

ERIE STREET, EXETER, PA.

FULL PAGE AD \$50.00 1/2 PAGE AD \$25.00

BUY A HORSE FOR \$10.00

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

NAME OF YOUR HORSE(S) _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR HORSE(S) @ \$10.00 EACH _____

CONTACT ANY EXETER LION MEMBER FOR TICKETS, DEADLINE IS APRIL 6, 2012



PLAINS LIONS DONATE \$500 TO FOOD PANTRY

The Plains Lions Club recently presented a \$500 donation to the food pantry of SS. Peter and Paul Church. Money for the donation was made possible through the Lions' fundraisers such as the Outback Steak Dinner and golf tournament, which is scheduled for July 15. From left: Lion John Woloski, chairman health and welfare; Lion John Corcoran, first vice president; Lorraine Talmon, director, SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry; the Rev. John Albosta, senior priest, SS. Peter and Paul. Plains Lions are in District 14-W. Article courtesy of TIMES LEADER



LOCAL STUDENTS WIN POSTER COMPETITION SPONSORED BY LIONS CLUB

Madeline Walting, 12, West Nanticoke, a sixth-grade student at Wyoming Valley Montessori School (WVMS), recently won a local poster competition sponsored by the Kingston Lions Club. Her poster was among more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people. Walting's entry will now go on to the regional level of competition. Participants, from left: Amy Weinschenk, WVMS teacher; Angelica Alday, 12, Mountain Top, runner up, WVMS; Walting; Morgan Critchoshin, 11, Shavertown, runner up, WVMS; and Daniel Klein, WVMS teacher. Kingston Lions are located in District 14-W. Article appears courtesy of TIMES LEADER



FORTY FORT LIONS SERVE LUNCH AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL KITCHEN

The Forty Fort Lions Club recently sponsored Sunday lunch at the St. Vincent DePaul's Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre. The club assisted in the preparation of lunch, helped serve lunch and presented a \$500 donation. This was the club's 36th meal sponsorship since the club's founding in 1976. At the kitchen, from left, first row: Doug Lane; Michael Harrison; Paul Weale, club president;

Bob Thompson Jr.; Phil Boyle; and Bernie Stelma, event chairman. Second row: Colon Harrison, Chris McCue, Carl Mercincavage, Kevin Winton, Brian Hammond and Andy Reno. Forty Fort Lions is located in District 14-W. Article appears courtesy of TIMES LEADER

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If you want to make your dreams come true first thing you have to do is wake up J M Power

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