

DISTRICT GOVERNOR LETTER – JANUARY 2012



Dear Lions, Lionesses, and LEOs;

I am a half full kind of person. Though half of the Lion's year is over, there is still six months of work left to do! Membership needs to increase. Clubs need to strengthen the resolve of club members as they increase the ranks. Leadership needs a shot in the arm. Trees need to be planted in the spring. There's a District Convention to plan, too. Make a New Year's Resolution to strengthen your community and neighborhoods by increasing your club's membership and renewing your love for the Lions! Remember why you joined and remind others to remember that drive and passion and use it to infect others! It's great to be a Lion – to be part of a worldwide network of people who are making the world a better place to live, one community at a time!

Wear your Lions pin with pride!

I have asked Club Secretaries to consider starting a club website if they don't have one yet. It's a good PR tool for communication between the club members and also for the community to see what you are doing - and maybe attract more members. Submit an application for the e-Clubhouse on the Lions International website.

Ask someone in the club to get more involved by being the club's webmaster.

Thank you to all of the clubs that listened to my message and made some changes. To the clubs that increased membership, thank you. To the clubs that increased their public relations to show their faces in the community, thank you. To the clubs that started an e-newsletter, thank you. To the clubs that have planted trees, thank you. To the clubs that have contributed to the District's Fair Share to support 14W and LCIF projects, thank you. To those who have not yet done these things, there is still six months to go! That's plenty of time to show your Club, Community, District, State, and the World that you are a Lion and you serve!

So let's get going! Start the New Year with a bang and keep that momentum going all year long! If there's a meeting, go to it. If there's a committee, join it. If there's a need in the community, fill it. If you have an idea, share it.

Have Courage! Make a Commitment! Take Action!

My Partner, Lion Mary Stefanski, and I wish you and yours a very Healthy, Happy New Year!

See you around the District.

Mimi

P.S. If you haven't been to a State Convention yet, Gettysburg is a great start. If you have been to a State Convention but it was a long time ago, come check out Gettysburg and see the sights, too. Get your reservations in early. If you wait too long, there will be a shortage of rooms due to college graduation. Make your vacation plans now!

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LETTER – JANUARY 2012

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has a safe and prosperous new year. I look forward to serving with all of you throughout the year. I'm looking forward to visiting many clubs through the end of this Lions year.

I included a link below for Lions Day at the United Nations. This is a great program; if you can make it you won't be disappointed. For the host of UN Day, (PIP Joe Wroblewski), it is the epitome of "you are never being a legend in your own back yard". I couldn't, nor will I try to do PIP Wroblewski any justice, his resume speaks for its self. I will tell you he is a member of our district. Let's show support for one of our own. I strongly suggest attending. Personally, this will be my fourth UN Day, including the one in Austria. If you have any questions feel free to reach out.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/international-relations/lions-day-with-the-un/index.php?utm_source=constantcontact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=466jan2012newsire

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As of October 31, 2011 Lions Clubs International had 1,355,532 ↑ members in 46,355 ↑ clubs in 747 – districts in 208 ↑ countries and geographic areas.

As of December 3, 2011 MD 14, State of Pennsylvania had 22,952 ↓ members in 774 - clubs.

As of December 5, 2011 District 14-W had 1002 members, of which 299 are women or 29.8%.

COMMENTARY

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

Richard Hansen

Dupont Lions Club

Sponsor-Shirleen Jones



We regret the passing of the following 14-W Lions: Valentine J. Piorkowski of the Duryea lions Club as well as 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, 9:00am-11:00am. Report to Liberty Hall, 2nd Floor (C2-14). Staff from the Recreation Therapy will be available to assist you. Please confirm prior to visit with Recreation Therapy Office, 824-3521 Ext. 7429

Nov 12th Jenkins Twp Jan 14th Dupont March 10th Swoyersville May 12th Parsons
Dec 10th Bear Creek Feb 11th Wilkes Barre April 14th Avoca June 9th W Barre Twp

DISTRICT EYE BANK MEETINGS

District Eye Bank meetings are held the First Thursday of each month. Meetings are open to EVERY Lion in the District. All Lions are encouraged and urged to attend. Call Nancy 655-0345, Marina 709-0907 for meeting locations or information. **Next Meeting is February 2nd** Jenkins Twp will host at 7:00pm at Tony's Pizzeria. Marina Martin will preside

DISTRICT 14-W THIRD CABINET MEETING REGION 3 HOST

• SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 19, 2012 •

CHECKERBOARD INN 385 Carverton Road Trucksville, PA 18708

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

Third 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 Atty. David Lipka, Region 1 Zone B Chair

30 Tamanini Drive Wyoming, PA 18644; 779-5353; atty.drliipka@verizon.net ©WMB942012

DALLAS LIONS MEMBER HONORED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE



Joe Czarnecki received a certificate of appreciation from the Dallas Lions Club for his 26 years of service as a member of Lions International. Czarnecki, owner of Birchwood Basement Waterproofing, transferred from the Plains Lions Club. At the award presentation, from left, are Dan Corbett, president, Dallas Lions Club, and Czarnecki. Dallas Lions are located in District 14-W. Article appears here courtesy of TIMES LEADER

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"Obstacles are those terrible things you notice when you take your eyes off of your goals" W

FORTY FORT LIONS CLUB GIVES OUT THANKSGIVING BASKETS

For the 36th year, the Forty Fort Lions Club has distributed Thanksgiving Day baskets to various local churches and community organizations. A record amount of 60 baskets was distributed this year. The club was assisted by Redner's Market Warehouse, Cub Scout Troop 123 and Boy Scout Troop 143. Some of the participants, from left, first row, are Cavan Temple, Ian Hiedcavage, Zach Wibley, Noah Hiedcavage and Nick Magistru. Second row: Eric Yanallis, Bob Featherstone, Mike Featherstone, Brenda Casey and James Mullholland. Seth St. Clair also participated. Article appears courtesy of TIMES LEADER. Forty Fort Lions are located in District 14-W



FORTY FORT LIONS DONATE TO FLOOD-RELIEF WORK

The Forty Fort Lions Club hosted guest speakers Joanna Springer and Amy George from the Wyoming Valley chapter of the American Red Cross at one of its recent meetings. Both representatives spoke primarily about the ongoing flood relief efforts taking place throughout Wyoming Valley. Club President Paul Weale presented a \$1,000 check to the American Red Cross to assist with the costs. At the check presentation, from left, are George, Weale and Springer. Forty Fort Lions are located in District 14-W. Article appears courtesy of TIMES LEADER



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HANOVER AREA LEO CLUB SPRUCES UP TREES IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP

The Hanover Area LEO Club, working together with the Hanover Township Lions Club, recently completed a holiday decorating project. Students helped set up patron signs and decorate the freshly planted spruce trees along West End Road in Hanover Township. The day concluded with pizza donated by Pizza Bella. The LEO Club is a community service organization which is open to all Hanover Area Students in grades 7-12. Students interested in becoming a member should see Mr. Gavlick in room A-25 at the high school. Participating club members, from left, are Larissa Bannon, Kaylene Kennedy, Meighan Hannon, John Grey, Ariella Ortiz, Michelle Ortiz, Kendra Phoenix and Alison Besecker. Hanover Lions and LEOs are located in District 14-W. Article appears as a courtesy of TIMES LEADER



Students interested in becoming a member should see Mr. Gavlick in room A-25 at the high school. Participating club members, from left, are Larissa Bannon, Kaylene Kennedy, Meighan Hannon, John Grey, Ariella Ortiz, Michelle Ortiz, Kendra Phoenix and Alison Besecker. Hanover Lions and LEOs are located in District 14-W. Article appears as a courtesy of TIMES LEADER

“You can’t buy people’s commitment – to get them to care, to stay late, or come in early – with just thank you notes, stickers, or plaques. What makes these effective is the genuine concern and respect you show for those who are doing the work.” James Kouzes and Barry Posner

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HUGHESTOWN LIONS GOOD DEED

On Monday, Dec. 19, members of the Hughestown Lions Club delivered Christmas gifts to the residents of St. Joseph's Home in the Borough. "The Lions look forward to this visit each year, we decorate the home and deliver gifts and spend time with each child," said President Steve Golya. "Everyone that was in attendance had a wonderful time, missing from the group this year was Frank Tierney. The Lions want to wish him a speedy recovery and hope to have him back with the group soon. We also want to wish everyone in the community a Merry Christmas and thank you for your support throughout the year."

IMPORTANCE OF EXTENSION

As lions we understand the difference a club makes in your community and why it's important to help start new Lions clubs. Starting new clubs is important for the following reasons:

1. To Rejuvenate and Grow Membership

Starting new clubs grows active volunteers. Through extension, you:

- Cultivate new resources.
- Boost enthusiasm.
- Generate new and innovative ideas for service and fundraising projects.
- Build leadership skills and new leaders.
- Increase district funds for activities and projects.

2. Because Community is What We Make It

At the end of the day, it's what Lions do that matters. Starting new clubs:

- Gives communities currently without a Lions club the opportunity to respond to local needs.
- Provides an avenue for service-minded individuals to be involved in projects they care about.
- Readies more hands for service.

3. To Engage New Member Types

No two Lions clubs are alike, because no two people are alike. A new club:

- Allows members to establish a unique club culture.
- Persuades younger members to get involved, particularly when the club has a focus on community service projects and utilizes modern communication methods.
- Encourages family and women membership.
- Removes the uncomfortable issue of seniority and leadership felt by long-time members.
- Enables members with shared interests to form a Special Interest Lions club.

4. Because the Future of Lions Depends on It

People know they can count on Lions to pitch in. With new Lions clubs we continue to:

- Enable more Lions to continue making a difference.
- Support the humanitarian work of Lions clubs through LCIF.
- Ensure our members remain as our most sustainable resource.

It's impossible to imagine that some communities are still without a Lions club.

NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA LIONS EYE BANK HISTORY



Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank, Inc. (NEPLEB) is an independent 501 © 3 non-profit corporation. As an independent corporation it is recognized as a free-standing eye bank and a non-chartered organization under the constitution and by-laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs. As an eye bank, it obtains,

medically evaluates and distributes eyes from humanitarian-minded individuals for use in corneal transplantation research and education

Founded in 1957 by Lions members of the District 14-K, the NEPLEB serves a 37-county area, including 60 hospitals. The service area extends west to State College, Pennsylvania, south to Maryland, and north to New York and east to New Jersey. The eye bank is federally inspected and has recently undergone a successful Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration site survey. In addition, it is a certified member of the Eye Bank Association of America and has achieved the highest accreditation awarded by the association

During the past 48 years, the eye bank has provided corneas for over 25,000 successful transplants. Most of these "sight restoration miracles" benefited our 37 county service area residents, thanks to the cooperative efforts of the eye bank, hospitals, ophthalmologists, and Lions Club volunteers. Without this cooperation fostered by the eye bank, local residents would be forced to travel out of our region to deal with unfamiliar health care providers and longer waiting lists to receive corneas.

Surgical Recovery Specialists recover corneas by utilizing a surgical procedure called In-Situ Excision whereby only the cornea is removed from the donor. Prior to the implementation of the In-Situ Excision Program in 1995, eye donations were recovered through the enucleation process or removal of the whole globe from the eye donor. Expansion of our donor recovery program into the "In-Situ Excision" procedure has enabled us to minimize corneal endothelial cell loss and contamination, and maximize the number and quality of cells that ultimately are transplanted. Historically, donor families have declined eye donations because of the whole globe enucleation procedure and possible trauma to their loved one. A proven benefit of the In-Situ Excision program is that an increasingly number of donor families are now more willing to donate once they understand that just the cornea is removed.

One of the most important functions of the eye bank is to provide comprehensive laboratory services for testing and preparing donated corneas for transplant surgical procedures. Using the most up-to-date medical standards and technologies available, the eye bank lab does extensive testing to assure that all corneas are safe for transplant. In addition to its technical functions, the eye bank provides services for donors and their families, hospitals, transplant recipients and coordinates programs with other organ and tissue donor agencies in the state and across the country. It also provides a variety of educational and informational programs for medical professionals and the public.

Small tour groups are welcomed and encouraged. Contact *Wendy Naugle @NEPAEB* today 610-625-0360 to arrange your tour.

Karl Jones is Director of Development for the NEPA Eye Bank. Karl will gladly come out to your club meeting, region meeting, zone meeting or any meeting and explain all about the great events taking place right here in Northeastern Pennsylvania, at your Lions Eye Bank. Karl can be reached at 610-625-0372; kjones@paeyebank.org

WORTH A MENTION

Congratulations to Lion Fred Pierantoni of the Hughestown Lions. Lion Fred has been the District's Parliamentarian and Peace Poster Chair for many years. His dedication to his club, his community, and to 14W is outstanding. Recently he has been sworn in as one of the 10 judges in Luzerne County. Not only is that historic (first time for a full slate of judges) but I believe

that Judge Pierantoni will be a strong reason that there will be a rebuilding of confidence in the Luzerne County judicial system. 'W' is proud of you, Judge (Lion) Fred!

Do you know someone who has done a good deed or received an award, or needs a pat on the back for whatever reason, send it to Editor Wally or me and we will give it a "Mention".
DG Mimi

DISTRICT 14-W LIONS MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

District 14W is repeating its membership contest for the 2011-2012 Lions year to encourage more clubs to get out and push the recruiting of Lion members in their community to come and join their clubs. In order to make this more challenging and interesting, your District 14-W will award a monetary prize of \$100 for the top club with the most new women members inducted and also \$100 for the top club with the overall new members inducted. The contest will begin on July 1, 2011 and will conclude June 1, 2012 prior to the Fourth Cabinet Meeting. Clubs will be judged by M&A reports which are turned in to their Zone Chairs and then forwarded to District Governor Mimi or her representative **REMEMBER: Recruit them, but most importantly report them to us.** If we do not know you inducted a new member then no credit goes to the club. A new member will help your club, and your District will benefit also. Go out and get them now. ***What club can't use and easy \$100 or maybe even \$200?***

KEY DATES OF INTEREST

JAN 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jan 6, 2012	LCI Webinar- "Making our projects a Brand Name" 9:30AM LCI Website
Jan 11, 2012	Webinar – How to recruit New Members 7:00PM
Jan 17, 2012	Webinar – How to recruit New Members 10:00AM
Jan 20, 2012	Webinar – How to recruit New Members 7:00PM
Jan 20, 2012	Deadline PA Counsellors Award application to District Governor
Feb 3-5 2012	Third State Council Meeting Pittsburgh
Feb 19	Third District Cabinet Meeting Region 3 Host
Mar 31, 2012	Deadline International Pin Traders Scholarship Application
May 17-20, 2012	MD 14 State Convention Gettysburg, PA
April 20-21 2012	SAVE-THE-DATE DISTRICT CONVENTION EAST MOUNTAIN INN

JANUARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITS

Jan 9 Monday Larksville	Jan 12 Thurs day Pittston Twp
Jan 16 Monday Hughestown	Jan 18 Wednesday Duryea
Jan 24 Tuesday Jenkins Twp	Jan 26 Thursday Plains JLW

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SPONSOR'S PIN 2011-2012

This New Member's Sponsor Pin is unique, highly distinctive and great looking. Opportunity runs from July 1, 2011-June 1, 2012. How do you earn this pin? Simple and easy; just ask and invite a prospective member to become a LION. That's all there is to it. M & A reports recorded at LCI will be used as the determining factor. **Please Note:** There is a policy change with the sponsor's pins. Sponsoring Lions will only receive the new DG dangler if you have already been issued a #1 pin

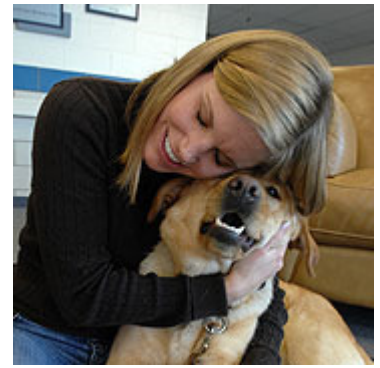


DG MARYLIN
"MIMI" TOSH
2011-2012

"SHINE YOUR LIGHT"

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Founded by three Detroit area Lions Clubs members in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind provides guide dogs to people who are blind and visually impaired to enhance their mobility, independence and quality of life. Each year, over 270 students attend our 26-day residential training program to be paired with a guide dog. This is a life-changing event that opens the door to independence, safety and self-worth for many of our students. In addition to our guide dog program, we offer programs that enhance a person's independence and quality of life in other ways, including orientation and mobility training, GPS training, and seminars for Orientation and Mobility professionals. Currently, Leader Dog is the only facility in the Western Hemisphere to teach Deaf-blind students to work with a guide dog.



Thanks to generous donations from our supporters, our guide dog services are provided free of charge, including room and board and travel to and from our campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan, for students living in North America. Leader Dog is recognized as a "Best In America" Charity by the Independent Charities of America.

What happens at Leader Dogs for the Blind?

People come to Leader Dog from all over the world to learn skills to enhance their mobility and independence. We teach people how to travel safely with a white cane and/or with a guide dog and how to use Kaptan PLUS (GPS navigational tool)

What kinds of dogs do you use?

Most Leader Dogs are Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and German Shepherds; occasionally we use Standard Poodles when dog allergies are a concern. Sometimes we are able to use dogs that are mixed breeds that have been donated by individuals, shelters or other service dog organizations.

How do you train the dogs?

Leader Dogs are educated in the same way as many pets, with lots of repetition and positive reinforcement. For the first year of their lives they grow up in homes with volunteer puppy raisers. The raisers teach them basic obedience and expose them to the world. Leader Dogs are in harness training for four months with a professional instructor in Rochester Hills. During this time, they learn guide dog skills, such as finding sidewalks and avoiding obstacles.

How does someone get a Leader Dog?

Leader Dog recipients must be at least 16 years old, legally blind, physically and emotionally capable of caring for a dog and must agree to use the dog in the intended manner. Leader Dog recipients must have safe traveling skills.

Do you only train dogs for people who are blind?

Yes. Leader Dogs are trained to guide people who are blind and visually impaired. You must be "legally blind" to be considered to receive a Leader Dog. We also train guide dogs for people who are both blind and deaf, but the role of the dog is as a guide and not a "hearing" dog.

Is there a charge for the services?

There is no charge for any of our services, including the guide dog, equipment, transportation to and from our school and room and board for 26 days.

How does a dog know when to cross the street? Can they read traffic lights?

Leader Dogs don't know when to cross the street and they can't read traffic lights. They wait until their handler gives them the command to go forward. Then the dog decides whether or not it is truly safe to cross. If the Leader Dog doesn't see any approaching traffic, it will cross the street and stop at the curb. Then the dog's handler will tell it again which way to proceed.

How does a dog know where to go?

Leader Dogs rely on their handlers to know how to get to destinations. During a walk, the handler is constantly telling the dog to turn right, turn left or proceed forward. Sometimes when a team has frequently walked to a certain destination, the dog will remember the route. It is always the handler's responsibility to become oriented to the environment.

Can people take their Leader Dogs anywhere?

Just about! There are federal access laws that protect a guide dog user and his or her partner from discrimination. Any public place is accessible by a guide dog team.

Where do you get the dogs that become Leader Dogs?

Leader Dogs for the Blind has its own breeding program. Occasionally, Leader Dog will also accept puppies from breeders whose dogs conform to our rigorous health requirements. Leader Dog moms and dads live with volunteer host families in their homes. They are bred at the facility, then return to their homes where the mom whelps (births) her pups. At any given time there are approximately 70 Leader Dog moms and dads.

Where do the puppies grow up?

Future Leader Dogs (puppies) grow up in the homes of volunteer puppy raisers. There are about 400 puppy raisers in 22 states and Canada. Volunteer raisers teach the puppies basic obedience, house manners and expose the puppies to the world. Puppies are returned to Leader Dog when they are 12 to 15 months old.

What is a career changed dog?

When a dog is not able to serve as a Leader Dog, we refer to that dog as "career changed." Most times these are wonderful dogs that make terrific pets but are not well-suited to be guide dogs. Oftentimes these dogs are not able to pass the scrutiny of our medical exams or personality assessments. Some dogs just don't have the desire to work in this way.

Where does Leader Dog get its funding?

Funding is attributed to 3 areas: individual gifts, endowment interest and service organizations, such as Lions Clubs. Much of the success of the Leader Dog program relies on the generosity and dedication of our faithful donors. We receive no state, federal or United Way funding.

What other programs does the school offer?

In the Accelerated Mobility Program (AMP), people participate in a mobility course designed to accelerate the learning process with one-on-one instruction in cane travel. AMP offers opportunities for people to experience various travel environments. Leader Dog provides a free Kaptan Plus GPS device to clients in our guide dog and white cane training programs who live in the U S and Canada. Kaptan Plus is handheld, personal navigation device that enhances travel by verbally announcing names of streets, intersections, route instructions and other clues.

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Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs

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TO: 201 1-2012 State Council of Governors, Vice District Governors, Pennsylvania Lions International Family, MD-14 Committee/State Project members and other Interested Lions.

STATE COUNCIL MEETING February 3-5, 2012

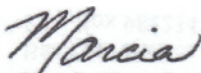
State Council Chairperson PDG Cindy Gregg, 14-E has issued a call for the 201 1-2012 State Council to convene at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2012. The meeting will recess at 2:30 pm in order to convene the House of Delegates. The State Council meeting will reconvene at 9:00am on Sunday, February 5, 2012. Preliminary Meeting will be held on Friday February 3, 2012 at 1:30pm

Meeting will be held at Double Tree by Hilton Pittsburgh Green Tree. Room reservations are to be made directly with the Double Tree @ (866) 486-4361 Deadline for reservations is January 12, 2012. Mention the PA State Council of Lions Clubs when you call. Room rates are \$99.00 plus applicable state, and local taxes.

Saturday Night Banquet: Please use the enclosed form for reservations

Note to all committee Chairpersons and/or Coordinators making a report at this council meeting are subject to policy 402. You must submit a written report to the State Office no later than three weeks prior to the council meeting. Each report shall be arranged to include activities throughout MD-14 and shall represent the activities of each committee member who represent the regions of MD-14. With the written report being distributed to the governors prior to the Council Meeting and in the interest of brevity your oral report before Council should be a brief synopsis (no more than 3 minutes). The deadline for you to submit your report to the State Office is January 15, 2012.

Yours in Lionism,


Lion Marcia Shaull,
MD-14 Administrator

Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, February 3, 2012	Time	Room
Preliminary State Council Meeting	1:30 p.m. -4:30 p.m.	Duquesne
District Governors Partners Mtg	1:30 p.m. -4:30 p.m.	George Westinghouse
14-B Hospitality Event	9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Jr. Ballroom
Saturday, February 4, 2012		
Constitution & By-laws	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Andrew Mellon
Finance	8:30 a.m. -9:00 a.m.	Andrew Mellon
International Convention/Liaison	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Andrew Mellon
USA/Canada Forum	8:00 -9:00 a.m.	H.J. Heinz
Sight Conservation	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	HJ. Heinz
Hearing Research	8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Edgar Thompson
Lions of PA Foundation	10:00 - 11:30	Edgar Thompson
PA Guide Dogs mtg with VDG's	7:00 a.m. -8:00 a.m.	Henry Frick
LCIF Coordinators	10:00 -11:30 a.m.	Ohio
2nd VDG Seminar	8:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.	Interstate
Global Leadership District Coordinator	10:00 a.m. -11:30	Interstate
Global Membership	9:00 -11:00 a.m.	Monongahela
State Council Meeting	1:00 pm. - 2:30 p.m.	Jr. Ballroom
House of Delegates Meeting	3:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m.	Jr. Ballroom
Dinner 7:00pm	Social - 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Jr. Ballroom
Sunday February 5, 2012		
State Council Meeting	9:00 a.m. -finished	Jr. Ballroom

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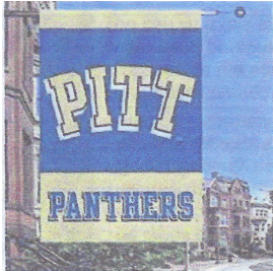


HOSPITALITY NIGHT
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2012
9:00pm to 11:00pm



JR. BALLROOM DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

SNACKS AND CASH BAR ♦ MUSIC FOR DANCING ♦ SUPER BOWL PARTY
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM COLORS ♦ PRO OR COLLEGE



FEBRUARY 2012 STATE COUNCIL MEETING ♦ INTERNATIONAL BANQUET

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2012 ♦ JR. BALLROOM ♦ DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

FELLOWSHIP 6:00 - 7:00PM (CASH BAR) ♦ DINNER 7:00PM

\$30.00 PER PERSON

- Entrees:** Brown Sugar Encrusted Pork Loin with Candied Apple Glaze
 Tilapia Provencal with olive, tomatoes, thyme, garlic and white wine sauce
 Roasted Vegetables en crusted with Tomato compote (Vegetarian meal)

Please make reservations by January 27, 2012 ♦ No tickets will be sold Council Meeting weekend

Reservation Form

Make Checks payable to: District 14-B
 Mail Reservations and checks to: *PDG John Frombach*
 4373 E. Lawnview Dr. Pittsburgh, PA15227-2636

NAME _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PORK LOIN _____ TILAPIA _____ Vegetarian _____

TOTAL _____ X \$30 TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make reservations by January 27, 2012
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2012 Pennsylvania Lions State Convention Gettysburg, PA May 17th thru 20th

The Saturday evening Banquet is the highlight of every State Convention. The Hotel ballroom seats **800** and our goal is to fill the room with Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests. You can make your individual reservation or a table of 8 and sit with your Club members. Why not get a table or two from your Club and encourage your members to attend the 2012 Gettysburg Convention? **Club Presidents**, we have a special meeting set up for you with **President Tam** at 9: 00 AM on Saturday morning.

Pictured above is a picture of the **20th Maine** monument, **LaDonna Gatlin**, the featured program on Saturday afternoon and a picture of **Devils Den** with a strange object standing on one of the rocks. These are just a sample of the events and places that await registrants in Gettysburg at the 2012 Pennsylvania Lions Convention.

The **Pennsylvania Lions All State Band** will present a concert at noon and again before the Banquet on Saturday evening. The band is made up of All State Band Alumni from previous years and is always a great experience with our youth and of course they will play the Pennsylvania Polka.

We are looking forward to your attendance at the Convention in 2012 in Gettysburg and our entire Committee extends our greetings to you for a **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year**. When the registration forms come out in **December or January**, please fill it out and be sure to sign up for each event and meal that you want to attend , then send it in with your payment. The reason for this is easy. Gettysburg College graduation is also the same weekend and **after our deadline we cannot guarantee you a room**.

See you in Gettysburg.
14-C, 2012 State Convention Committee,
Vice Chairman Larry Bare PDG
Chairman Larry L. Shaull PDG

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2011-2012 PENNSYLVANIA STATE PIN ORDER FORM



The 2011-2012 Gold Pin with the Pagoda

_____ Pins at \$2.50 each Total: \$ _____



The 2011-2012 Silver Pin with the Fan

_____ Pins at \$2.50 each Total: \$ _____

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 \$30.01 to \$55.00, add \$6.50 \$ _____
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Mail Payment to:

PA LIONS STATE OFFICE
 949 EAST PARK DRIVE
 HARRISBURG, PA 17111

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Club Name: _____

SAVE -THE- DATE April 20-21 District 14-W Annual Convention

PASSING OF SHIRLEE H. MILLIKEN, WIDOW OF PID SAM MILIKEN

Shirlee H. Milliken, widow of PID Sam Milliken, passed away on Wednesday, November 23, 2011. Friends were received from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29th in Milliken & Throckmorton Funeral Home 197 North Maiden Street, Waynesburg. Services were held on Wednesday, Nov 30th in First Methodist Church, Waynesburg. Family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Alzheimer's Association 1100 Liberty Avenue Suite E-201, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

PIN TRADERS CLUB PIN CONTEST

Each year at the Pennsylvania Lions state convention the Pin Traders Club of Pennsylvania holds a pin contest for District, Lions Clubs and Lioness Clubs pins. We are asking if you would include the attached form in your upcoming newsletter so that all lions in the state have the opportunity to submit pins for the contest. Pins can be mailed to me or they may be brought to the contention and submitted in the pin trading area to any of our club members prior to noon on Saturday at the convention

Thank you,

Lion Amos Shatzer, PDG, Secretary PTCP

11268 Alexander Avenue Mount Union, PA 17066; 814-542-9654; ashatzer@verizon.net

PIN TRADERS CLUB OF PENNSYLVANIA MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 PIN CONTEST

CATEGORIES:

- District Pin
- Lions Club Pin
- Lioness Club Pin

The contest will have a first, second and third place winner in each category. A plaque will be awarded for first place and certificates for second and third place winners

RULES:

1. All Districts, Lions Clubs and Lioness Clubs may submit one (1) entry.
2. Pin must have been produced and available for trading since the last State Convention. Pin (s) will be judged on its original, distinct and detail design for the current year. Care should be taken not to make small changes in previous year's pin and entered as a new pin.
3. Only the pins manufactured by authorized manufacturers with their registered marking on the pin will be considered for judging. The pin must be enclosed in its original packaging with the manufacturer's name, when submitted for judging. A current list of authorized International Lions Clubs manufacturers is published every year by Lions International.
4. Three (3) members of the PIN TRADERS CLUB OF PENNSYLVANIA will judge the contest. The District Pin Chairman is not eligible to be a judge for the contest.
5. All pins must be entered by Saturday, noon, at the Pin Traders area at the State Convention.
6. Pins which depict commercial products must be accompanied with a copy of an authorization letter from the commercial organization.
7. Club pins must have the name of the club on the pin. District pins must have the District letter on the pin.
8. All pins submitted become the property of the PIN TRADERS CLUB OF PENNSYLVANIA. No pin will be returned. All pins entered in the contest will be raffled in some manner during the convention

ENTRY FORM

CATEGORY:

District Pin _____

Lions Club Pin _____

Lioness Club Pin _____

Submitted By:

NAME _____

CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

All entries must meet contest rules and must be submitted by/before noon, Saturday at the State Convention. Rules do not state anywhere that you must be a member of a pin trading club or belong to the pin trader's fraternity to enter pins for judging. However, I have attached an application in case you wish to join.



PIN TRADERS CLUB OF PENNSYLVANIA RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP OR NEW MEMBER

LION/LIONESS/LEO _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER _____

PHONE NUMBER HOME () _____ BUSINESS () _____

E-MAIL _____ DATE _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30 -----\$7.00 (NEW AND RENEWAL)

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO P.T.C.P. (PIN TRADERS CLUB OF PENNSYLVANIA)

MAIL TO: LIONESS *JOYCE MILLER*, TREASURER

HILLCREST DRIVE, BOX 125 WOODBURY, PA 16695

***IF NEW MEMBER-SPONSOR NAME _____

IMPORTANT LEO INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING STATE CONVENTION

Presently we are looking forward to our state convention this coming May. For this year's Leo seminar, I'd like to try something a bit different---but I'll need your help. In his October letter in the Lion magazine, International President Tam spoke some of the most eloquent statements I've ever heard in regard to Leo members and their program. He stated that if we Lions ever get discouraged or a little down, all we have to do is spend some time with the Leos because they are contagious. They bring a fresh energy to every endeavor and can refresh our service mission. He feels it's very important that we work with them, respecting their ideas and input. It is very important that we listen to what they say.

Therefore, I'd like to include any/all Leos who plan to attend the Leo seminar on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the state convention to be a part of the actual program. I'm asking that you bring any scrapbooks, news articles, press releases, activities, etc with you in order to share with those present. I truly believe the only way we can all get stronger is by sharing our ideas and stories, good and bad. This seminar will be in the form of an old fashioned 'gab session' with hopefully participation from all present. Please come prepared to share. If a Leo Club in your area is unable to attend, a representative from that district may stand in for them. In order for this to work, I'll need to know if you plan to attend and participate. So I ask that you notify me by email letting me know your plans. Please remind your clubs that there is **NO fee for Leo registration for the convention**, however you must register.

Once our seminar is over, it would be wonderful for the Leos to stay and enjoy some of the other seminars planned for the morning, plus the possibility of hearing LaDonna Gatlin as the main speaker at the afternoon session. District C has been working very diligently on providing us with a wonderful convention. Please make certain you take full advantage of all activities. Don't forget to pass on the Pin Traders \$2500.00 Scholarship. **(Look in December newsletter)** The due date is nearing. This is too good an opportunity for any Leo to pass up!

L/L Sara Greenlee

PA State Leo Coordinator; saragreenlee@yahoo.com

PA LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION/EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION

The Foundation Mission is to raise funds for eye and diabetic research projects and equipment for clinical procedures. 80% OF THE WORLD BLINDNESS IS PREVENTABLE AND THROUGH RESEARCH WE WILL FIND A CURE.

OUR HISTORY

The Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation was founded in 1959 by a unanimous vote of the Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs. The Board of Directors consist of six Lions, two members from each region (west, central and East) in Multiple District 14 and appointed by their respective District Governors and approved the State Council. Each member of the Board of Directors serves a three year term and is eligible to be reappointed by a recommendation of the District Governor and approved by the State Council.

The Foundation and the Lions of Pennsylvania have made major contributions to Wills Eye Hospital, the Pennsylvania Lions Laser Center at the Eye and Ear Institute, the Pennsylvania Lions Low Vision and Research Center, the Center for Molecular Ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania, The Scheie Eye Institute and the Molecular and Regulatory Biology Research Laboratory at the Pennsylvania of College Optometry

PENNSYLVANIA LIONS HEARING RESEARCH FOUNDATION

PURPOSE

To initiate and support research in Pennsylvania on hearing problems covering a range of research from embryonic through adult ages.

In keeping with the Lions of Pennsylvania interest on youth activities, special emphasis is encouraged on research to prevent deafness and hearing problems amount our youth. All grants are awarded with the state.

HISTORY

The Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation was created by the action of the 1978-1979 State Council. It was incorporated as a non-profit corporation on August 21, 1979. The 1979-1980 State Council appointed the first Directors to the Board, and the first Board meeting was held on January 20, 1980. To determine if it was the will of the Lions of Pennsylvania to own and operate such an organization as a non-profit corporation, the 1979-1980 State Council placed the question on the ballot at the State Convention. The delegates to the convention held in May 1980 overwhelmingly approved the question, thereby mandating support of the Foundation by the Lions of Pennsylvania. The Foundation awarded its first research grants in July 1982 and continues to award research grants each subsequent July. To date, over \$1.5 million has been awarded.

HOW FUNDS ARE RAISED

Funds are raised by the Lions, Lioness and Leo members from Multiple Districts of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania's Multiple District 14 is comprised of 18 sub-districts which are identified by letters, such as A, B, C, etc. Each district governor appoints a District Hearing Research Chairperson who is responsible for arranging the collection of funds from within the district. All funds are forwarded to the Foundation treasurer or the Foundation P. O. Box 127, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 for deposit.

HOW GRANTS ARE AWARDED

Researchers submit grant proposals to the Foundation to compete for available research funds. All proposals received are reviewed and critiqued by the Medical Advisory Board members comprised of up to three out-of-state hearing professionals and 11 in-state professionals. The

Directors of the Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation, using the critiques received from the Medical Advisory Board, make the final decision as to which proposals are to be funded and in what amount. Our Board serves without remuneration in keeping with the Lions motto: **“WE SERVE”**

MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

The Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation provides clubs or individuals an opportunity to establish an Endowment in the following manner: A contribution of \$100 (or more) would establish said Endowment, however the amounts contributed after the Endowment is established could be made in any amount and at any time without restrictions. The name to be given the Endowment must be made know to the Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation at the time of the initial contribution.

SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

The Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation has speakers and programs about the foundation and its accomplishments. The Programs can be secured from the District Hearing Research Chairperson or from any Foundation Board Member.

LIONS DAY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Join us to celebrate the historic 67-year partnership between Lions Clubs International (LCI) and the United Nations during the 34th Annual Lions Day with the UN to be held on March 16, 2012 in New York City. This event is an opportunity to reflect on the common goals of the two organizations, the many accomplishments of working together, and a shared commitment to meeting the humanitarian needs of the global community.

Event Highlights

- Presentation by LCI’s International President, Wing-Kun Tam
- Presentations by invited speakers
- Luncheon with UN ambassadors (pre-registration required)
- Lions International Peace Poster Contest award ceremony
- Presentation of Lions-UNICEF School-in-a-Box awards
- Tour of the historic UN building (pre-registration required)

Registration

Program fee: \$65

Luncheon with UN ambassadors: \$55

For credit card payments, please register online.

Registration deadline: February 10, 2012

Cancellation Policy: No request for refunds will be accepted after February 10, 2012.

General Information

Registration for Lions Day with the United Nations is available on a first come, first serve basis. Lions Day with the UN will be presented in English. Lions Clubs International will be documenting Lions Day with the UN for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International. The United Nations reserves the right to cancel this event. The needs of governments take precedence over the requests of nongovernmental organizations.

Luncheon Waiting List

Seating for the luncheon with UN ambassadors is limited. To secure a reservation, please register early. 630-468-6914 E-mail: ldun@lionsclubs.org



Welcome to the home of The 36th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Tampa Bay, Florida - September 13 - 15, 2012

CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

At the State Council Meeting held in Harrisburg, PA on August 6th, 2011, the State Council of Governors took action to endorse a candidate for International Director at the 2012 International Convention in Busan, Korea. This candidate would be an advocate for Pennsylvania and Lionism on the International level. State Council is requesting all eligible districts with no less than 1250 members and 35 Lions Clubs to consider endorsing a candidate for this high office. (District 14-C qualifies but cannot nominate a candidate because the district will be hosting the State Convention in May 2012)

A candidate must meet the requirements for International Director as outlined in the Lions Clubs International Constitution & By-laws. "A candidate for the office of International Director shall:"

- "Be an active Member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing
- Have completed or be completing a full term or major portion thereof as district governor of a full district of this association
- Secure the endorsement of a convention of his/her district. Provided, that the convention of the sub-district shall be eligible to endorse a candidate
- Secure the certification of endorsement of his/her district (sub and multiple) in accordance with the by-laws or constitution"

Interested candidates should send their resumes along with the endorsements of their club and district to the State Office no later than January 20, 2012. All qualified candidates should contact their district governor or the PA Lions State Office for further information.

PROJECTING OUR IMAGE

Increased public awareness is one leg of the triangle of success for all Lions clubs. Projecting the Lions image is a crucial step in bringing new, quality members into our clubs. More members have a direct impact on meaningful service projects, which in turn, create new opportunities to increase awareness.

To keep this cycle turning, Lions must take a broad approach. It is vital to keep traditional media well informed about Lions service projects, but it is increasingly important to master online social media such as Facebook, Flickr and YouTube. These media enable us to tell the Lions story directly to people around the world and are especially important for reaching young people. Is your club or district reaching all the people it could? Does it:

- Have a Web site? If not, create one in minutes using our e-Clubhouse tool.
- Have a Facebook page?
- Upload videos on YouTube and photos on Flickr?
- Have a PR or IT chairperson that has a good working knowledge of the internet and social networking?

BUSAN CONVENTION JUNE 22-26 2012

Convention registrations are pouring in! More than 17,000 Lions and friends have registered for the 95th Convention in Busan. Register by December 31 to lock in your registration at the lowest fee and secure your hotel reservation at our specially discounted Lions rates. From January 1 through March 31, 2012 the regular registration fee is \$130. April 1, 2012 and through onsite registration, the fee is \$150. The magnificent port city of Busan, with its endless emerald sea, is a paradise for seafood lovers and an exciting destination where visitors can enjoy the vibrant Korean culture all in one spot. Among the must-see attractions are the marine sports beach of Haeundae, the movie district centered around Busan's International Film Festival Square, the 1300 year old Buddhist temple Beomeosa, and brilliant night views from Diamond Bridge. Take time out and relax at the mineral spas located inside Busan Shinsegae Centum City, world's largest department store, or enjoy activities such as a traditional Korean wedding ceremony or the making of kimchi, a well-loved Korean fermented cabbage dish.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TAM'S TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

Trees Planted: 6,644, 475

LCI LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- a. All applications for Life Membership shall be reviewed and qualifications confirmed by the international office for approval.
- b. Life Members approved after July 1, 1980 will receive, in addition to the silver card, one Life Member tab without cost. Additional tabs can be purchased.
- c. Authority to approve Life Memberships is granted to the executive director, acting on behalf of the board of directors.
- d. Life Membership may be revoked by order of the board of directors when due cause is shown.

Any member of this club who has maintained Active membership as a Lion for 20 or more years and has rendered outstanding service to this club, his/her community, or this association; or any member who is critically ill; or any member of this club who has maintained such active membership for 15 or more years and is at least 70 years of age; may be granted Life Membership in this club upon:

- (1) Recommendation of this club to the association,
- (2) Payment to the association of \$500.00, or its equivalent in the respective national Currency, by this club in lieu of all future dues to the association, and
- (3) Approval by the International Board of Directors.

Nothing herein shall prevent this club from charging a Life Member such dues as it shall deem proper. A Life Member shall have all privileges of active membership so long as he/she fulfills all obligations thereof. A Life Member who desires to relocate and receives an invitation to join another Lions club shall automatically become a Life Member of said club. Former Lioness members, who are now Active members of their Lions club or who become Active members of a Lions club on or before June 30, 2007, may apply all of their prior Lioness service toward Life membership eligibility. Lioness members who become Active members of a Lions club after June 30, 2007, will not be eligible for Lioness service credit for the purposes of Life membership eligibility. This membership category shall be included in the club delegate formula calculation.

Effective October 7, 2011

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DESIREE ANDERSON, Drums Lioness/Lions for asking



Approved _____ by _____

 Executive Director

APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The _____ of _____
Type or print Lions Club Name City, State, and Province Country

Chartered _____ recommends approval of a Life Membership for
Date

Lion _____
First Name Middle Last

Age _____ Date Became Lion _____
Date Member Number

This Lion has maintained _____ years of ACTIVE membership in this Club

(If he/she has held membership elsewhere, give name of Club or Clubs and term of membership in each. Provide this information on reverse side of page.)

The highest following position he/she held in Lionism _____

Explain some accomplishments of this Lion in behalf of the community and to Lionism in general. (Use reverse side if more space is needed.)

The above information is being submitted with the full understanding of the following requirements for Life Membership. Any member of a club who has maintained Active membership as a Lion for twenty (20) or more years and has rendered outstanding service to his/her club, his/her community, or this Association; or any member of a club who has maintained such Active membership for fifteen (15) or more years and is at least seventy (70) years of age; or any member of a club who is critically ill may be granted Life Membership in the local club upon (1) recommendation of his/her club, (2) payment to the Association of US\$500.00, or its equivalent in the respective national currency, by his/her club in lieu of all future dues to the Association, and (3) approval by the International Board of Directors.

NOTE: PLEASE ALLOW AT LEAST 8 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY OF PERSONALIZED LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE AND SILVER LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARD.

PAYMENT FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION FORM BEFORE WE CAN PRESENT FOR FORMAL APPROVAL. THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND PAYMENT SHOULD BE SENT TO LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CLUB OFFICER & RECORD ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, 300 W. 22ND STREET, OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS 60523-8842.

This Life Membership was approved by our Club Board of Directors on _____

Signed _____
Club President Club Secretary

Date _____ Certificate and wallet card will be sent to SECRETARY

Club Number _____ District _____ Phone Number _____

LCIF

As 2011 comes to an end, it is a time to reflect on our many successes during this year. Last year our Foundation was able to help millions of people around the world. Our Lions Quest program has grown to six more countries, now totaling 69 countries, and is reaching more than 12 million children around the world. Our SightFirst program has expanded to include new program areas, such as education, rehabilitation and research. Our partnerships have increased, including a record donation from the Gates Foundation to help us fight measles. We have helped rebuild lives following some of the worst natural disasters in recent history. These are just a few of the numerous highlights in the past year.



It is because of your generosity that LCIF is able to expand to meet even more needs worldwide. Last fiscal year, donations were up by 40 percent. I am excited to tell you that through the first four months of this fiscal year, our donations are up an additional 62 percent, from \$15.1 million to \$24.1 million. Many more people worldwide are benefiting from your kindness and humanitarian service. Nearly 1 million people will benefit from the grants awarded at the October board meeting alone.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow

Sid L. Scruggs, III, Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative Update

Every day a quiet storm needlessly takes the lives of 450 children. Yet for less than US\$1, we can provide life-long immunity and the chance at life. Lions, we can save 157 million children through One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative, a partnership with the Measles Initiative. The Gates Foundation is challenging Lions to mobilize US\$10 million with a matching grant of US\$1 for every US\$2 raised by Lions. Last month LCIF received two large donations to help meet this challenge: US\$250,000 from Multiple District 300, Taiwan, and US\$10,000 from International Director Seiki Yamaura from Japan. All Lions are encouraged to support this program and help meet the challenge. Donations are eligible for MJF recognition. Many others around the world are also expressing their support. Last month International President Tam met with the President of Nepal and Vice President of Kenya, both of whom pledged their support to vaccination campaigns planned in their countries

Disaster Relief Update

Nearly two years following the earthquake, Lions in Haiti remain committed to rebuilding lives and the economy. The nursing school is now complete in Haiti and students will move into the facility this month. The school includes four classrooms, a practice laboratory and a resource library. The homes being built in collaboration with the organization HELP are nearly complete. In addition to the 620 families who are benefiting from a new home, 102 Haitian construction workers are benefiting through employment from this project.

Lions Quest Expansion Pilot

Lions Quest continues to expand beyond typical school programs. LCIF is beginning to pilot our new Lions Quest program in six community schools in the Chicago Public School system, in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Chicago, Illinois. This marks the first step in bringing Lions Quest to community centers, afterschool programs and other organizations -- the very places where Lions help youth every day. Lions Quest is eager to partner with Lions clubs everywhere to expand this new initiative. Lions continue to play a key role in expanding the program worldwide. Training was recently held for Lions leaders from South Asia. In January, meetings will be held in Europe and Africa. The meeting in Africa marks the formal launch of our \$150,000 project with the U.S. State Department to expand the program in five countries.

LCI WEBINAR- MAKING OUR PROJECTS A BRAND NAME

This is to remind you that our next webinar is slated for 6th January 2012:

Topic: Making our projects a brand name

Time: 8.00PM to 9.00PM (Indian Standard Time) (*) **9:30 am OUR LOCAL TIME**

Panelists: PID Howard Lee, England
PID Ed McCormick, USA
PID Joe Preston, USA
PDG P. S. Premnath, India

Register for this webinar @ <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/795800510>

We would be obliged if you could pass on this information to as many lions in your district.

Thanking you, *A P Singh, Kolkata, India*

WOMEN'S AND FAMILY MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

President Tam has assembled a Women's and Family Membership Development Task Force to collect ideas for growing women and family membership. The Task Force is comprised of the current female international directors and two female board appointees. Throughout the 2011-2012 fiscal year these women will be attending and participating in women's workshop events and symposiums worldwide. The vision for the task force members is to gain insights for promoting, advancing and developing opportunities for women and family membership in Lions. The Task Force will be pulling together and distilling their findings to develop recommendations on next steps. If you have ideas or success stories to share with the Women's and Family Membership Development Task Force, send them to the Membership and New Club Programs Department.

Ensure clubs in your area play their part in the club success equation by spreading the checklist below as you welcome new members into your Lions family:

HAVE I MADE THE NEW MEMBER FEEL WELCOME?

- Smile and say hello
- Provide effective orientation so they know how your club operates and feel comfortable participating

HAVE I GIVEN THEM RESPONSIBILITY?

- Involve them from day one
- Ask them to join a committee
- Get them started working on a service project

HAVE I VALUED THEIR INPUT, AND RESPECTED THEIR IDEAS?

- Ask them for their ideas, and listen to what they have to say
- Implement one of their ideas

HAVE I MADE THEM FEEL LIKE A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY?

- Treat them as you would any other member, with mutual respect
- Keep them involved on a regular basis

"Desire is 80% of Achievement"

"Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you

Bernard Shaw once remarked: "If you teach a man anything, he will never learn." Shaw was right. Learning is an active process. We learn by doing. Only knowledge that is used sticks in your mind.

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The International Association of Lions Clubs

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PENNSYLVANIA 2011-2012
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WILKES-BARRE, PA 18702

DENNIS COOK
FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
PENNSYLVANIA 2011-2012
115 PARSONAGE STREET
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222



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PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB



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