

DISTRICT GOVERNOR LETTER – SEPTEMBER 2011

Dear Lions, Lioness, and LEOs,

Happy Labor Day! Enjoy the last unofficial weekend of summer. It's your last chance to squeeze in one last trip to the beach. Take the newsletter with you. It's an easy read!

Thank you to IPDG Eileen and the JLW Lions Club for the Banner Exchange at the Woodlands. It was a very nice event.

I attended my first council meeting as District Governor. Once you're there, it hits you that you are making decisions for 22,944 plus Lions throughout PA. And this Lions year will see the House of Delegates convened to vote for a candidate to present for International Director. It's important to remember that this person is an International Director for Lions International and a representative of Pennsylvania that the world will see.

The first cabinet meeting was lightly attended but it was a good group. Thank you to Zone Chair Rich Kilvitis and his wife, Lion Mary, and Zone Chair Mary Lou for the arrangements and dessert. Thanks to PDG Pete for offering to sit and sell my pins (actually he volunteered months ago). For anyone that wants to buy a pin, they will be on sale at all District functions. The money raised for the sale will be going to Beacon Lodge Camp. Thank you to PID Ted and Rita for coming to support me at my first cabinet meeting. PID Ted, Lion Mary (my partner), District Secretary Terry, and Dupont Lion Tina all had birthdays within the week and all were congratulated. It was a pleasure to install a new member, Jean Chacko of Dupont Lions. She was a Lion years ago. Welcome back! Directories and lottery tickets were handed out to all in attendance. I announced two financial incentives for selling District lottery tickets and ZC Dennis wrote out a check for \$100 for 10 tickets to win one of the incentives - \$50 for the first returns. Please read the official minutes of the cabinet meeting when District Secretary Terry sends them. There was a lot covered and there is a lot coming up that you should know. Keep informed – read the newsletter, the minutes, and don't forget to check out our new District 14W website – www.e-district.org/sites/14w. Send your pictures and upcoming events to Website Chair Roseanne Linko. Don't forget to send Leo news, too.

Due to the resignation of PDG George Barna as 1st VDG, there will be a meeting to appoint a candidate for the 1st VDG and also for the 2nd VDG. Lions International will review the proposed candidates and their backgrounds and notify me of their decision. Hopefully, we will have a 1st VDG soon. I am hoping that someone will step forward to be a part of the DG Team as 2nd VDG too. If you have been thinking about it, now is the time to speak up. Take the leap. Join me. Let's keep moving and growing. It's challenging but it's great work and fun. You meet wonderful people and make lifelong friends.

Rally time! On September 13, come to the Plains Pavilion at 6:00. The Plains Club will be hosting and they always do a great job! Our guest speaker is PDG Judy Dudley, State GLT Coordinator. Also attending will be Atty. Paula De Joseph to thank everyone for their donations last year and show pictures of the mission to Mexico. Please consider donating again to this worthy humanitarian cause. Wait until you see the smiling faces in the photo album.

Are you planting trees? Fall is a good time to plant. Help out President Tam's 1 million tree campaign. Whether you plant an oak or a cherry tree, tell your club secretary. When the club

secretary reports it on the Activity Report on the LCI website, it will then be counted towards IP Tam's 1,000,000 trees. If you want to be part of the planning committee for the 14-W tree planting project in the spring, contact Environment Chair Mark Kowalczyk of the Dupont Lions Club.

Wishing a speedy recovery to PDG Pete after his surgery. Third time's the charm!

It's always sad to say goodbye to a Lion but the Service of Remembrance pays tribute to that Lion and his/her service. Please be sure to notify me when a member dies, so that I can pay my respects. The service helps the family by showing them that we cared and that we appreciated the member's service to Lions. It is a comfort to know that your loved one touched many lives

I hope that everyone is safe now that "Irene" has gone. If there is anything that the District can do for you, please ask. We are here to serve.

I am looking forward to my first club visits this month and to seeing old friends and making new ones.

There is a lot going on in the District. Join in. I would love to see crowds at every event. It's not all work, you know. We do like to have fun. What is not fun is when people just show up and don't send a reservation. Besides it being bad manners, it causes the chairpersons to stress about having enough to go around. Event planners have deadlines to order food, supplies, etc. Please take a moment to say that you're coming. Watch for the reservation deadline for any event. Don't assume that others know that you're coming.

See you around the District.

Mimi

Have Courage
Make a Commitment
Take Action

As of May 31, 2011 Lions Clubs International had 1,363,032 members in 46,332 clubs in 743 districts in 206 countries and geographic areas.

As of July 31, 2011 MD 14, State of Pennsylvania had 22,944 members in 775 clubs.

COMMENTARY

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

Walter Gurdock	Parsons	Sponsor-Gerard Meehan
Jim Harrison	Parsons	Sponsor-Gerard Meehan
George Bindus	West Hazleton	Sponsor-Jim Buyarski
Sarah Collins	Misericordia University	
Holly Lesagonocz	Misericordia University	



We regret the passing of the following 14-W Lions: Mary Ann Marek of the Plains JLW Lions, Robert Page of the Wilkes-Barre Lions, Bernard Magda of the Ashley Lions and Lucille Rinehamer of the Drums Lioness/Lions as well as all Lions everywhere.

SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO THE VA NURSING CENTER

Call Ursula Burke 654-3744 or 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.

Aug 13 th Kingston	Nov 12 th Jenkins Twp	Feb 11 th Wilkes Barre	May 12 th Parsons
Sept 10 th Exeter	Dec 10 th Bear Creek	March 10 th Swoyersville	June 9 th W Barre Twp
Oct 8 th Pittston Twp	Jan 14 th Dupont	April 14 th Avoca	July 14 th Open

EYE BANK MEETINGS

Eye bank meetings are held the First Thursday of each month, except July and August. These meetings are open to each and every Lion in the District. All District Lions are urged and encouraged to attend. Ursula 654-2744, Marina 709-0907 for meeting locations or information.

BEAR CREEK/BUCK TOWNSHIP LIONS FLEA MARKET

Our club is having a Flea Market on Sept. 24th from 9-3. Open to any and all, especially Lions Club members, who may want to purchase table space? Each table space is 6 feet long will cost only \$10. I know most of us have “treasures” we wish to sell. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. We are holding the sale on the Municipal Building grounds. Contact Carolyn Burke 472-3948; cmburke@ptd.net

DISTRICT 14-W BOWLING NIGHT

The District 14-W Bowl-A-Thon for White Cane is booked for Friday evening, October 14th, 2011 starting at 6:00pm. This event will be held at Stanton Lanes, 470 Stanton Street Wilkes-Barre, PA. Cost for Bowling is \$5.00 (to bowl 3 games) and includes shoe rental. Food consisting of Wimpies, Potato Salad Chips, Desserts, soda, coffee is an additional \$5.00, for a total of \$10.00. However, you can pay just the \$5.00, not bowl, just watch, and enjoy the great food and friends. Reservations and more information available from Lions Tom Mulhern 606-9944; dyscodog@comcast.net or Tommy Mulhern 332-7606; tmulhern79@comcast.net

WORTH A MENTION

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 me or Editor Wally and we will give it a “Mention”.

DG Mimi

FORTY FORT LIONS CLUB PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP

For the 36th year, the Forty Fort Lions Club has presented its annual McCullough Award, a \$1,000 scholarship, to an outstanding area high school student. This year's recipient is James Kopec of Forty Fort and a graduate of Holy Redeemer High School. He will attend the University of Miami. Shown from left, are club president Tom O'Connor, Ed Kopec, James Kopec, Margie Kopec, Lion Jerry Novak and Lion Matt Kelly. The Forty Fort Lions Club is located in District 14-W. Article appears here courtesy of TIMES LEADER.

DUPONT LIONS INSTALL MEMBERS OF PITTSTON AREA LEO CLUB

The Dupont Lions Club held its annual installation dinner at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4909. Installed were members of the newly formed Pittston Area Leo's Club, seated: Megan Dougherty, treasurer, Irene Magdon, vice president, Ellen Renfer, president, and Jessica Baker, secretary. Standing: Antionette Antonacci, Dominique Delpriore, Christine Briggs, Leanne Para, Harleigh Zurek, Marie Carey.

DUPONT LIONS NAME "LION OF THE YEAR"

The Dupont Lions Club recently named their Lion of the Year. At the recent LEO Club charter night and new club officer installation, AnnMarie Paddock was selected as this year's recipient. District Governor Mimi Tosh and Immediate Past Club President Stan Knick presented Lion Ann Marie with a beautiful plaque to commemorate her efforts this Lion's year. AnnMarie is employed at Pittston Area High School, and is a Sunday Dispatch news correspondent. Her efforts, along with several other club and school officials, enabled the club to sponsor a new LEO Club.

- "It is better to be alone than in bad company." -George Washington

- "Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder." -George Washington

DALLAS LIONS MAKE DONATION TO CLEARY FOUNDATION

The Dallas Lions Club made a donation to the Michael Cleary Foundation during its annual installation dinner held at Irem Country Club. The Michael Cleary Foundation was created by Jack Cleary in honor of his son, who was killed in action in Iraq. As a guest at the dinner, Cleary spoke about the foundation and the assistance it provides to service men and women and their families. The Dallas Lions recently concluded its 'Hometown Heroes' project by placing banners throughout Dallas. Funding that exceeded the costs of the project was donated to the Cleary Foundation. Shown from left, are Don Berlew, project chairman; Cleary; and Sean McGrath, club president. Dallas Lions are located in District 14-W. Photo and article appear as courtesy of TIMES LEADER.

JENKINS TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB ANNUAL HAM DINNER

Annual Ham Dinner held Sunday September 25, 2011 from 12:00 to 5:00pm. Venue is Jenkins Township Fire Hall, on Second Street in Port Griffith (Just behind TONY'S PIZZA.) Take outs available from noon to 5:00 and (we will supply the containers.) Tickets are an affordable \$8 for adults and just \$4 for children. For ticketing call, *Stephen 655-5307; Jack 654-4977 or Bob 655-1632, or contact any Jenkins Lion or call 208-LION* and leave your message. And yes, tickets will be available at the door. Menu consists of: Delicious baked ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, apple sauce, coleslaw, dinner rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, soft drinks. Our ham dinners are open to the general public, all Lions, and Friends of Lions. Those attending are asked to please bring canned goods for the Greater Pittston Food Pantry (if possible.)

WILKES-BARRE~WILKES-BARRE TOWNSHIP NIGHT AT THE RACES

Wilkes-Barre and Wilkes-Barre Township Lions Clubs will be hosting a joint “Night at the Races” on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Wilkes-Barre Township Fire Hall on Watson Street in Wilkes-Barre Township. Doors will open at 6:00pm and post time is at 7:00pm. Horses are being sold by members of both clubs. Cost of a horse is \$10, which includes admission. For more information contact: *Lion Dorothy Faymore 829-4073; PDG Pete Duda 824-3929; Rev. Joseph Martin, PDG and Lion Marina Martin 822-7725.* We welcome you to come out for a night of FUN and fellowship. Thank you in advance for your support.

-The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

-No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

DALLAS LIONS HONOR LION OF THE YEAR

Don Berlew of the Dallas Lions Club was presented the Lion of the Year award for his outstanding leadership in organizing the ‘Hometown Heroes’ project. For the project, banners were placed throughout Dallas with pictures of veterans, living and deceased, who served during World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam as well as service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. Berlew was also involved in the club’s many other projects, notably the manning of the Salvation Army kettles at Christmas and the club’s night at the races. From left, are Sean McGrath, club president, Karen Berlew, Don Berlew and Joe Canfield, club treasurer. Dallas Lions are located in District 14-W. Article appears here courtesy of TIMES LEADER.

DRUMS LIONESSE/LIONS CLUB MEMBERS VISIT RESIDENTS AT VA CENTER

The Drums Lioness/Lions Club visited patients at the nursing home at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Plains. Residents were treated to coffee and donuts served by the Lions Club. The Drums Lioness/Lions Club is accepting new members. For information, call 208-LION or drumslionesslions@hotmail.com. From left: Nancy Defazio, Lorna Veglia & Desiree Anderson. The Drums Lioness/Lions is located in District 14-W. Article appears courtesy of TIMES LEADER.

BEAR CREEK/BUCK TOWNSHIP LIONS PIG ROAST

Bear Creek Buck Township Lions Club Annual Pig Roast, Sunday September 11th. The REAL "Pig" and much more. For those of you who didn't get tickets, this will give you two more weeks to get them or get them at the door. All the beer, soda, pulled pork, assorted other foods and deserts that you can eat from Noon to 5:00 PM for just \$15.00, adult; \$8.00 children 7 – 12; Under 7 FREE. \$10.00 take-outs. Did I say LIVE MUSIC? Yes we'll have that too. Bear Creek Pavilion; turn left on Recreation Road, opposite the PA Turnpike Exit & Rt. 115 at the traffic light. Music, refreshments, FUN, food, & fellowship

Call Will Kresge 472-3892; Carolyn Burke 472-3948; Frank Jones 472-3125

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Forty Fort President Paul Weale 288-6989; pweale@key-stone.com	P. 25
PID Harold Ott and Barbara - 135 Settlers Way Boalsburg, PA 16827-1618	P.12
Parsons' President Mike Levandowski (Kelly) 570-704-9408; birdielev@gmail.com	P. 22

HAZLETON LIONS CLUB FUNFEST 2011

How would you like to win \$4000? Hazleton Lions Club selling Funfest Raffle Tickets. Funfest is a Street Fair held in Hazleton the weekend after Labor Day, September 10-11th. Tickets cost \$2.00 and our club receives \$1.00 from every ticket. There are coupons for \$1.00 off from two of the sponsors of the tickets. If you use the coupons, then the ticket cost you nothing. BUT, here is the really great news! **The Main Cash Prize is \$4000.** Hazleton Lions have been using this as a fundraiser for 17 years. **If you are interested in winning \$4000,** Call *Lions Secretary Andy Piskel @ 956-1245; ajp668@ptd.net*

DISTRICT LIONS AND LEOS HELP AT PAULY FRIEDMAN WALK/RUN

At the recently completed Pauly Friedman Annual Walk/Run there were many familiar faces in all the old familiar places. Lions and LEOS of the District volunteered to handle the often precarious but always rewarding task of Traffic Control. From the left: Colleen Weiss, Samantha Weiss, Dave Carey, Irene Carey, Walter Bechtold, Kira Bidding, Brian Bidding, Fred Wilson and Cindy Wilson.

JENKINS LIONS CLUB ANNOUNCE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Jenkins Township Lions Club announced their 2011 scholarship winners at an awards presentation at Tony's Pizza, August 9. This year's winners were Julie Musto, King's College, \$500; Shaelynn Dragon, Misericordia University, \$300 & Lauren Rossi, Penn State, \$200. The club would like to congratulate all who applied, for their fine academic record and wish everyone luck and success in the future. From left Jill Stahl, Jenkins Twp Lions Club President; Shaelynn Dragon, Julie Musto and Tom Ruskey, Scholarship Chair. Absent from photo was Lauren Rossi. Jenkins Lions club is in District 14-W. Article appears courtesy of TIMES LEADER.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT; THE MAN IN THE ARENA (OR WOMAN)

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

"Citizenship in a Republic" Speech at the Sorbonne, Paris, April 23, 1910

-Unless a man undertakes more than he possibly can do, he will never do all that he can.

Henry Drummond

WHO COULD ATTEND THE CABINET MEETINGS?

Many Lions do not know much about our Cabinet Meetings. Most only know what they have "heard". As a Lion, do you know that you may attend all of the District Cabinet Meetings? Meetings are open to all Lions in the District, not just club officers and cabinet officials. Also, you DO NOT need to come for the Dinner. If you wish to go, but not have dinner, the meeting starts at 1:15pm, be there at 1:00pm to register. You must alert Zone chairs of your attendance, since we still need seating arrangements. Let them know you will attend but will not be having dinner. Come on out and find out what is happening.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE CABINET MEETINGS?

As members of the Governor's Advisory Team, all club Presidents and Secretaries should attend. How else will you be able to inform your membership of the real important happenings in their District, unless you don't want them to know? Who else? All Committee persons, not just committee chairs, but the committee members too.

DISTRICT 14-W SECOND CABINET MEETING

• SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 13, 2011 •

LOCATION AND ADDRESS WILL BE LISTED WHEN AVAILABLE

Registration Noon-12:30pm; 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

First 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 Marina Martin, Region 1 Zone A Chair

591 North Main Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705 822-7725; mm_ebm@yahoo.com OR

Lion Mike Wisniewski, Region 1 Zone B Chair

108 Crescent Ave Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 823-3710; wiszy01@cs.com WMB122008-942011

DISTRICT 14-W NEW WEBSITE E-DISTRICT HOUSE

E-district house now is open to the district membership. 14-W is now a part of e-club house; I have been busy editing the pages to get them appropriate with each subject matter. For instance, want to know how to fill out an M&A and who to send it to? Just look at the page titled How to fill out an M&A. Want a newsletter? Just click on the newsletter link. Want to know what's going on in the district? Click on district happenings. I don't have any pics yet so please send them. We even have a special page for our LEOS. There is also a calendar, and guestbook. Feel free to browse around. The address is: <http://www.e-district.org/sites/14w/> . Any questions or need more information call *Lion Roseanne Linko* 883-7053; gramaro@aol.com. As of September 1st, ten (10) clubs and your District have already completed their website on the LCI new E-Clubhouse. So easy, even you can do it.

-The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

DISTRICT 14-W FALL MEMBERSHIP RALLY

COME ON OUT TO AN OLD FASHIONED FALL RALLY

Bring your family, friends, neighbors; bring your children and your grandchildren

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

6:00pm Registration

Music by Lion DJ ROB SAX

PLAINS LIONS PAVILLION

6:30pm Food/Refreshments

Hosted by PLAINS LIONS CLUB

Our Speaker for this evening's event is PDG Judy Dudley, our PA State Global Membership Team (GLT) Coordinator. Judy promises a very stirring presentation on the new directions that LCI has been taking to move and improve all that you do FOR Lions and the community

Per Person Admission: \$7.00 or

Lion & Prospective Lion Admission: \$10.00

LEOs and Campus Club Students only \$5

All Checks payable: District 14-W

Reservation Deadline: Sept. 10th

ALL RESERVATIONS: Lion Tom Mulhern 606-9944; dyscodog@comcast.net

There will be several guests from around the State in attendance as well as all of our regular attendees. Attorney Paula DeJoseph, of Mission Healing Eyes will also be attending. Paula spoke at your Rally last year of her mission to Mexico.

OUR GOALS ARE SIMPLE:

- ❖ 100% District 14-W Clubs Participation; LEO Clubs Participation;
- ❖ 1 Prospective New Member from every Club;
- ❖ Make Reservations by the Deadline
- ❖ Lions getting together for FUN
- ❖ Lions Showing Your Pride by wearing your Lions Pin & Lions Apparel

Great food, FUN and fellowship, terrific music, as well as entertaining speakers and interesting commentary are just a few of the items for your evening's enjoyment. If you have not been to a Lions Rally in quite a while, now may just be your time. C'mon out and enjoy yourself.

FORTY FORT LIONS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

THE FORTY FORT LIONS CLUB is pleased to announce their...
14th ANNUAL ED KUPSTAS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday - September 18, 2011
Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course
9 AM Shotgun Start or Rain or Shine

\$95.00 per golfer

*Includes: Cart, Greens Fees, \$500 Birdie Pool, On-Course Refreshments
Drawings for gifts cards from Dick's Sporting Goods (\$250, \$150, \$100)
Banquet following at Theo's Metro, Mercer Avenue, Kingston*

Prizes: (Men & Women)
Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin
Door Prize drawings at the Banquet
Buffet & Bar 2:30 to 6:30PM - Draft Deer, wine, soda, coffee, tea

Register a Captain and Crew:

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

-First 25 Foursomes-

Sponsor a Hole

Gold Sponsors are \$ 100 - Silver Sponsors are \$50 - Patron Sponsors are \$25

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount: _____

Mail forms and payments by 9/1 2/11 to:

Lion Tom Hannigan
619 Market Street
Kingston, PA

Contacts:

*Tom Hannigan: 881-4352
Joe Atherholt 288-8916
Bill McGough: 262-7998
Jerry Novak 287-3616
Jack Carr: 417-2126
Or any other Forty Fort Lion Member*

We Serve

Mountain City Lions

Dear Sir or Madam,

Once again it is time for the Mountain City Lions Club to hold its banquet honoring this year's Humanitarian of the Year Award. This year, we are honoring Joanne Yannuzzi for all of her hard work with the American Cancer Society and her dedication to our community.

We will be honoring her on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at a banquet to be held at Genetti Best Western, Rte 309 in Hazleton. We will again be putting together a keepsake program for all in attendance.

We ask your consideration in placing an ad in this year's program. Attached is the list of ads with their pricing associated. Please forward your ad and check payable to Mountain City Lions Club before October 1 to my attention at:

Tim Trently 882 N. Locust Street Hazleton, Pa 18201

Your donation will help us fund other Lions projects. Thank you in advance for your participation. Also, if you would be interested in attending our affair, I will forward you the information for an invitation.

Sincerely,

Tim Trently, Program Book Chair
Mountain City Lions Club

Mountain City Lions Club 2011 Humanitarian of the Year

Sunday, October 16, 2011

Genetti Best Western, Rte 309, Hazleton

Joanne Yannuzzi, American Cancer Society, Honoree

PROGRAM Book Ad Sponsor Sheet

INSIDE BACK COVER (8 1/2" x 11")	\$100.00
FULL PAGE AD (8 1/2" x 11")	\$ 75.00
HALF PAGE AD (8 1/2" x 5 1/2")	\$ 50.00
QUARTER PAGE AD (4 1/4" x 5 1/2")	\$ 25.00

PATRON SPONSORS: (Name listing only)

GOLD	\$15.00
SILVER	\$10.00

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

AD SIZE _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Make Checks payable to: Mountain City Lions Club

Please attach any ad copy, logos, etc, and send to:

Tim Trently 882 N. Locust Street Hazleton, PA 18201

Ad deadline for printing is October 1, 2011

OCTOBER IS WHITE CANE MONTH

WHITE CANE

History

In 1921, James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England, became blind following an accident. Because he was feeling uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home, he painted his walking stick white to be more easily visible. In 1930, the late George A. Bonham, President of the Peoria Lions Club (Illinois) introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. The Peoria Lions approved the idea, white canes were made and distributed, and the Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving the bearers the right-of-way to cross the street. News of the club's activity spread quickly to other Lions clubs throughout the United States, and their visually handicapped friends experimented with the white canes. Overwhelming acceptance of the white cane idea by the blind and sighted alike quickly gave cane users a unique method of identifying their special need for travel consideration among their sighted counterparts. Also in 1931, in France, Guilly d'Herbement recognized the danger to blind people in traffic and launched a national "white stick movement" for blind people. She donated 5,000 white canes to people in Paris. Today white cane laws are on the books of every state in the US and many other countries, providing blind persons a legal status in traffic. The white cane now universally acknowledges that the bearer is blind. For specific information contact your local government office for motor vehicles.

White Cane Safety Days

To make the American people more fully aware of the meaning of the white cane and of the need for motorists to exercise special care for the blind person who carries it, on October 6, 1964, the U.S. Congress approved a resolution authorizing the President of the US to annually issue a proclamation **designating October 15th as "National White Cane Safety Day."** *

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB), a leading organization for the blind, has established the **third week in May as "White Cane Week."** * During this week, a special concentration of efforts to educate the public concerning the hopes and aspirations of the blind is emphasized. In keeping with the Lions' established tradition of assisting the blind, your Lions club can do much to promote community awareness of the white cane law by seeing that all driver education manuals prominently include the law. Request that local radio, TV and newspaper media periodically feature news of the law's existence and its wording in detail. Contact offices of local government officials to request a proclamation. In the United States, the President's annual White Cane Safety Day proclamation may be found on the White House web site www.whitehouse.gov

** The above referenced dates are suggested dates. Lions clubs are free to hold awareness and fund raising events according to the schedule of the club and the community it serves.*

White Cane Resources

District 14-W White Cane Chairman, Lion Andy Walgo 570-825-2360

Promotional: www.lionsclubs.org (visit the "Club Resource Center")

_ Club Public Relations Chairperson Guide (PR710)

_ Sample news releases

Informational: _ National Federation of the Blind (NFB); Web: www.nfb.org

_ "Model White Cane Law"

_ Schools for the blind; blindness and low vision experts and organizations

_ Vehicle Code for your area; Web: www.dmv.org

DISTRICT 14-W HEARING AID NEWS

(The information is from late 2009, was not verifiable and may not be accurate)

When you, as a Lion, are approached about someone in need of a hearing aid, it is nice to be able to answer the questions presented. It is also good to be able to do this on your own, without needing to go running to someone who will only give you the barest minimum of information. Also, when someone asks you "What are you guys and gals, all about?" you can start by telling the questioner all about our wonderful hearing aid program. And then move on to the courtesy eye glasses program. It is "Great to Be a Lion." An informed Lion is a Happy Lion and a Happy Lion stays a Lion. Credit for this program goes to *PDG Bill Kozerski*, and now the work passes to *Lion Tom Major*, our District Hearing Aid Chairperson.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Step # 1 in this process is to meet with Dr. David Wadas for a hearing test and evaluation. This MUST be done before anything else. Applicants who start with their own doctor's recommendation must still go through the entire process with Dr. Wadas, and if determined eligible must pay Dr. Wadas the listed fees in order to secure a device from LCIF.

Club Presidents and Secretaries are advised to keep the enclosed updated Hearing Aid Form, which changes the financial qualifications for Hearing Aid participants. The attached form takes into consideration the Federal Guidelines for Poverty Level Programs, such as our District 14-W Lions Hearing Aid Program. The program qualifications are based on 135% of the Federal Poverty Level effective January 1, 2009.

Our program has been beneficial in providing Hearing Aids to those who cannot afford a Hearing Aid because of their income or family incomes. Applicants under our program are required to fund those costs affiliated with acquiring a Hearing Aid which are considered personal items such as, testing, prosthesis, and Doctor's fees. A fee of \$36 is charged for the hearing test; \$76 for the in-ear prosthesis; \$200 for Dr. Wadas' Performa fees. These costs have been negotiated with the Audiology and Hearing Aid facility operated by Dr. David Wadas, located at 34 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, on the first floor, rear of the Provincial Towers Building. In addition to the fore said cost, individuals are required to provide proof of income by either: recent W-2 Form, current pay check, or yearly income statement from either and/or pension funds and social security.

Dr. Wadas, a noted audiologist, has been working with the Lions over the past years in helping provide hearing aids to those in need when we were recycling used Hearing Aids, which we still do, if they are less than four years old. In the ear Hearing Aids are **not acceptable**, because of the different shapes of individual's ear canals.

Our LCIF Hearing Aid's are the latest digital hearing aids available and must be programmed to the individual's needs. There are two types, a 3P for normal hearing loss and a 3HP for deep hearing loss. The 3P comes in colors of Beige, Brown or Gray. The 3 HP come is Beige, or Gray.

Applicants for Hearing Aid are requested to call Dr. Wadas' Office for an appointment at 570-822-6122. Forms are also available at Dr. Wadas' Office in the event clubs do not retain or make copies to give to potential recipients.

Respectfully,

Lion Thomas Major

District 14-W Hearing Aid Chairman

829-6659; majortomx@comcast.net

P.S. FYI, any child up to the age of 18 in the State of PA is eligible for assistance through the Department of Welfare for Hearing Aids if eligible for an ACCESS Card.

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EVERYTHING MUST START WITH AN APPOINTMENT WITH DR. WADAS. NO OTHER AUDIOLOGIST OR HEARING AID PROVIDER WILL BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE CALL FIRST FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

Rev. 103009WMB

Mail Completed Form To: Lion Thomas Major
24 Clarks Lane
Plains, PA 18705

DISTRICT 14-W HEARING AID PROGRAM APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth _____

Social Security # _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Number of Dependents: _____

Income Verification: Copy of Current W-2 Form
Copy of Current Pay Check
Form 1099 Yearly Income

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Referral Source: (Club, Person, Agency)

Physician: _____

Address: _____

Hearing Aid Appointment: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Determination of Committee: _____

Audiologist Comments: _____

Qualification Guidelines: 135% Poverty Guidelines	
Family Size	Max Income
1.....	\$14,620.50
2.....	19,669.50
3.....	24,718.50
4.....	29,767.50
5.....	34,816.50
6.....	39,865.50
7.....	44,914.50
8.....	49,963.50

Audiologist Contact:

Dr. David Wadas
Audiology & Hearing Aid Center
Provincial Towers- Main Floor
34 South Main Street,
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
570-822-6122

Doctor to Mail Form To:
LCIF Humanitarian Programs
Erin Crouch, Program Coordinator
300 West 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842
630-571-5466

DISTRICT 14-W COURTESY EYEGLASS PROCEDURE (Not A Free Procedure)

Blindness prevention and eyesight preservation are what Lions took as a challenge by Helen Keller in 1925, when she asked them to become “Knights of the Blind” Providing free and/or reasonable priced eye glasses to needy residents have become a major part of what Lions do. Here is the procedure. Whenever a club, a member, our help line 208-LION, receives a request for eyeglasses, the procedure never varies. The individual is referred to the *Association for the Blind* in Exeter. Call 570-693-3555; ask for Denise and she will walk them through. There is a financial eligibility screening, and when qualified, an appointment is made for a vision test. When all is completed the individual leaves with new eyeglasses. The Lions Club in the town where the individual lives is billed for a nominal amount, which is the unfunded portion of all of the costs. Single vision lenses are \$35 and multiple vision costs the hometown club \$55-\$58. Transition lenses, Polycarbonate lenses and Varilux are not provided unless the individual pays for the upgrade.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE LION NEXT TO YOU?

Almost every month a question will be asked. When you know the answerer, be the first to e-mail or leave a phone message (if you don't have a computer available) of the correct answer to *Fun and Fellowship Chair Tom Mulhern* dyscodog@comcast.net; 606-9944. You will be entered into a drawing to get a free Saturday Night Banquet Dinner at the District 14-W Convention in April 2012.

This is both a contest to test your knowledge of District 14-W Lions and part of a plan to increase Public Relations (by reading the newsletter). So start talking to the Lion next to you. You may be surprised at what she/he does or did in the past.

For anyone that has some unknown tidbit that is different or unusual for us to discover about you, please submit it to Chairman Tom and he will use it in the next month's query – **How much do you know about the Lion next to you?** Here is another question –

“Which District 14-W, 3 time Lion of the Year, will soon retire from the U.S. Military? This Lions career featured Culinary Arts, Logistics support, Nuclear Team Training and Recruiter certification, and earned many honors of Distinction.”

The answer to this question and the winner's name will be announced in the next month's newsletter. Get those thinking caps on. Start talking to your fellow Lions to learn more. Have Fun with Fellowship. P.S. No family members can enter for their loved ones query. They know who you are and what you did.

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. This contest will begin on July 1, 2011 and will conclude on June 1, 2012 just prior to the Fourth Cabinet Meeting.

The clubs will be judged by their M&A reports handed in to their Zone Chairs, then forwarded to District Governor, or her representative. REMEMBER: Recruit them, but most importantly report them to us. If we do not know you inducted a new member, NO credit goes to the club. A new member does not only help your club, but also your District will benefit also. Go out and get them now. ***What club can't use and easy \$100 or maybe even \$200?***

MD14 STATE MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Mission Statement: To create a spirit of completion at a variety of membership levels. The purpose is to grow the membership numbers in the multiple district which will then increase the level of service that we may provide to those in need.

Contest time frame: July 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012. Only those members included on the March report or earlier qualify. The contest ends in March so that we can recognize the winners at the Key Member breakfast at the MD14 State Convention. Categories include:

- a. Individual Lions sponsoring the highest number of new Lions
- b. Current District Governor sponsoring the highest number of new Lions.
- c. Past District Governor sponsoring the highest number of new Lions.
- d. International Director or PID sponsoring the highest number of new Lions
- e. Individual Lions Club with highest number of new Lions.
- f. Individual District with highest number of new Lions.

Winners will be honored for 1st and 2nd place, and in the case of any ties, all are honored with pins, certificates and breakfast. As we have 775 clubs and approximately 23,000 Lions, it is the responsibility of the participants to submit their final numbers to the MD GMT coordinator, or to their district for submission by April 14, 2012. If the MD GMT does not receive the numbers it will not count. The information can be sent by email or regular mail to: *Lion Dan Swincinski, 246 Rock Cut Road, Central City, PA 15926 or danswin1022@comcast.net; 814-754-8388 home, 814-443-2691 work, or 814-244-9210 cell.*

LIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION DINNER

From Lion Sarah Clark, Past District Governor, 34 South 24th Street Harrisburg, PA 17103 pdgsac34@msn.com ; 717-234-0275

The Lions of PA Annual Foundation Dinner, held during the Second State Council Meeting, will be held on Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey www.stayholiday.com/ , Exit 80, I-81; 604 Station Road, Grantville, PA 17028 717.469.0661; Office 717-469-1554. The Board of Directors are excited to celebrate our "PA Fellows and Past International President's Recipients." The dinner is open to all Lions/Lioness. The Pin Traders, PTCP, will be raffling off a shadow box with a complete set of Lions of PA Foundation pins; however, you must be present to win. We want YOU to come on out to the Council Meetings.

FUTURE PA LIONS STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 28-30, 2011/14-C Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey

Sinclair, Gordon, PDG (Rosie)

Mason Dixon Lions Club 11563 Gum Tree Road, Brogue, PA 17309 717-927-6144

February 3-5, 2012/14-B Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree

Keller, Richard, PDG (PDG Mary Jane)

White Oak Lions Club 1811 Educational Drive, White Oak, PA 15131 412-672-7696

August 4, 2012 Harrisburg East Holiday Inn

Contact: Lion Marcia Shaull 949 E. Park Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17111 717-564-2586

What's the secret to happiness?—Giving, unselfishness, and making others happy, because it all comes back to you. Making others happy makes you happy. That's one of God's spiritual laws, just like gravity is a law of the earth. Sometimes it takes a while, but it's never left unfulfilled.

--M. Fontaine

2012 Pennsylvania Lions State Convention

Gettysburg, PA. May 17th thru 20th

Attention Club Presidents. International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam has announced that he would like a “Presidents-meet-the-President” meeting, when he visits the Pennsylvania Lions State Convention. This is your chance to meet Dr. Tam personally, and also complete your year as President with a memorable experience. Be sure to invite your 1st Vice President to come along for the excellent seminars and training for the incoming Presidents that is planned for the Convention on Friday and Saturday. Then hear Dr. Tam speak at the International Banquet on Saturday evening.

Attention Members. If you have never attended a Pennsylvania Lions State Convention, this would be a great place to start. There is Lots to do and see in historic Gettysburg. Plan on staying an extra day, or come a day or two early for a tour of the Battlefield and surrounding area. Ask other members of your Club to come along, especially “New Members”. Wherever Lions are, Lions have fun. We promise you that you will have a good time at our Convention and will return home with more friends and memories of a great Convention.

Our Convention Pin is pictured in the upper right corner. These pins will be available in September and will sell for \$3.00 each. We will have them available at the Council Meetings in November and February at our Convention table. We also have a white “Star” pin available for \$2.00. There will be one other pin available. A special version of the Convention pin will be available on the Convention registration form only. When you register for the Convention, you may order these pins.

When the registration forms come out in December or January, please fill it out and 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

FUTURE PA LIONS STATE CONVENTIONS

2012 District 14-C **May 17-20, 2012** **Wyndham Gettysburg**
Shaull, Larry L. PDG (Marcia) York White Rose Lions Club/14-C
543 Buckthorn Drive, York, PA 17406 717-891-6689 lshpins@comcast.net

2013 District 14-R **May 16-19, 2013** **Radisson Hotel Valley Forge**
Binstead, PCC J. T. (Betteann) Bala Cynwyd-Narberth Lions
217 Lantwyn Lane, Narberth, PA 19072 610-664-6989 binsteadin@aol.com

2014 District 14-B **May 15-18, 2014** **Radisson Hotel Green Tree, Pittsburgh**
Keller, Richard PDG (PDG Mary Jane) White Oak Lions Club
1811 Educational Drive, White Oak, PA 15131 412-672-7696

2015 District 14-D Smith, Leonard, PDG (Joanna)
440 North Angle St, Mount Joy, PA 17552 717-653-2019 Lionsmith2002@yahoo.com

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

SUBJECT: Hurricane Irene

Everyone who has been watching TV over the last few days knows how much damage has been done by Hurricane Irene. All of our Eastern States are in the disaster area. Our LCIF Emergency Fund will be taxed heavily due to the amount of damage inflicted in all of the affected states. Therefore I'm asking ALL THE LIONS OF 14-W to contribute by donating \$20.00 to the fund. Become a Contributing Member.

Respectfully,

Paul Rose, PVDG

LCIF Coordinator 735-1381; rsmariom@aol.com

HOW GIVING BACK IS GOOD FOR YOU

Being altruistic, or reaching out to help others, not only benefits the person being helped, but practicing altruism also has many benefits for the person doing the helping.

Altruism is an *unselfish concern for the welfare of others*. It is a generous way of expressing gratitude for all that you have been given. Reaching out a hand to lift someone else up is one of the greatest gifts for the heart. The gifts that one receives from giving back and from reaching out to help others are immense and priceless.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER WORK THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Right now, Lions are performing volunteer work to improve communities around the world. We're meeting to plan a local project. We're sponsoring international exchanges for young people. We're bringing clean drinking water to a remote village. We're building. We're sharing. We're repairing. And we're having fun. We have community clubs that meet in person; cyber clubs that meet online; and special interest clubs that can be based on your profession, a hobby or anything you care about. Each club matches the needs of its members to help them support their community – right now.

Announcing LITPC's Student Scholarship

The Lions International Pin Trading club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of \$2,500 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the Sight First II Campaign, the pin traders contributed \$ 144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason (s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman:

Lana K. McCaulley at 12 Fieldstone Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 by March 31, 2012.

We encourage all graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions members or who are members themselves of Leo Clubs to participate in our Scholarship Program.

Applications and information will be on the LITPC website at www.litpc.org.

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION 2011-2012 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR**

This scholarship is intended for the children/grandchildren of Lions and/or Leo Club members. All scholarship applications must be processed through a Lions Trading Pin Club or a State/Area Scholarship Committee, and submitted to the Secretary of the Lions International Trading Pin Club.

Scholarship Eligibility: Applicant must be a graduating senior who has been accepted for admission to an accredited college or institution of higher learning.

APPLICANT: (please type or print clearly in ink)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address _____

Number & Street City State Zip

Permanent Address _____

(If different from mailing address) Number & Street City State Zip

Phone Numbers _____
Day Evening

Email address _____

Father's Full Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Full Name _____ Occupation _____

Number of siblings at home _____ Number of siblings in college _____

Estimated cost of 1 semester of school _____

How do you intend to fund? _____

What other scholarships have you applied for? _____

What other scholarships have you been offered? _____

High School Presently Attending _____

*High School G.P.A. _____ Class Rank _____ of _____ SAT/ACT Score _____ Percentile _____

***Certified copy of high school transcript, including activities, must be attached)**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- In 250 words or less, state your present and future goals and include your reasons for applying for this scholarship.
- In 350 words or less, describe your work experience and/or community services while attending high school and tell how your participation affected you.
- Attach recommendations from two persons (i.e., teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc)
- Attach a recommendation from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state in which the Club is located.

Children Know Peace

Encourage the youth in your community to express their feelings of peace, while gaining exposure for your club. Purchase a 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK-1) which contains all of the materials needed to sponsor one contest. Kits are sold through the Club Supplies Sales department, January 15-October 1, 2011, at International Headquarters. A kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

CALL 1-800-710-7822

On line, visit the Lions Store,
(Item Search: Peace Poster Kit) at www.lionsclubs.org or download the order form (PR-785)
Should your club have any questions, please contact

Lion Fred Pierantoni at 570-654-8455

**ALL CLUBS SUBMITTING PEACE POSTERS MUST NOTIFY LION FRED OF
YOUR PARTICIPATION**

PLANTING A MILLION TREES - DO YOU BELIEVE IT CAN BE DONE?

An important part of our extension of service this year is caring for our environment. Our goal this year is to plant a million trees around the world. That's less than one tree for each member. If we can accomplish this goal, it proves once again that we can accomplish anything – just like we did when we exceeded our goal for Campaign SightFirst II, just like we did when we prevented over 1 million cases of river blindness, and just like we are going to do, by helping eradicate measles.

Why trees? It's no secret that trees help the environment, but you may be surprised by all the benefits that planting a tree can provide. Trees are like the lungs of the planet. They breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. They also reduce erosion to save soil, help preserve local water sources, and provide habitat for wildlife living under more and more stress. Simply put, planting trees in your neighborhood really is one of the best things you can do for the local environment. Any of us can plant a tree. It's a very visible and hands-on way for each and every Lion to make a difference. It's also a great project to invite your community at-large to join your local Lions club in a collaborative effort. If we can plant a million trees, it will reinforce the limitless potential we all know we have to make a difference as Lions. So make tree-planting part of your club or district activities this year, and invite your neighbors, friends and members of the community to join you. What better way to be reminded of our gift of service than to watch the trees you have planted grow year-by-year? Every month throughout the year, we will report the number of trees being planted on this Web site. I believe that this year we will mobilize Lions around the world to reach this goal and truly make an impact on our environment.

Wing-Kun Tam, 2011-2012 International President

Trees Planted: 302,095

SENIOR LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Senior Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region and district levels. Qualified candidates are Lions in good standing that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of First vice District Governor. Candidates do not have to hold a position currently. Candidates must be willing to commit to every day of the institute. Lions Clubs International will pay for each participant's meals and lodging during the actual days of the institute at the training facility. Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory. Graduates of this institute are expected to pursue higher levels of leadership responsibilities at the Zone, Region and District Levels. Participants are responsible for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute. Lions who meet the qualifications may apply to the Senior Lions Leadership Institute. Classes are limited to one candidate per district. If interested, please obtain a copy of the application from the district governor. Constitutional Area I & II: USA, Affiliates, Bermuda, Bahamas and Canada: SLL Institute is November 17-20, 2011; Oak Brook, Illinois. Deadline to apply: September 7, 2011.

Application is available from LCI website as well as District 14-W web site.

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

North to Alaska, by Bud Wahl, *General Chairperson*

Greetings from **HOT! HUMID!** And down-right **NASTY** Illinois! Here in Illinois, we went from a cold and wet spring, right into a scorching and sticky summer. Temperatures in the 90s and above, partnering with humidity to match makes for a very uncomfortable day. Tends to make one dream of a cooler, dryer place where you can be surrounded by snowcapped mountains while enjoying the calmness of mid-60 degree weather. If you are experiencing the same sweltering summer, you don't have to dream of that ideal location any longer. Come join me in Anchorage in September for the **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum!** September 22, 23, 24 are the dates, and Anchorage is the place for an uplifting experience in Lions Leadership programs. We have excellent presenters primed to deliver and share information in a variety of Lion and non-Lion topics guaranteed to increase your leadership skills and motivate you to **BELIEVE** we can all make a difference in our communities. In addition, four sensational speakers, including International President Wing-Kun Tam during our four designated meals, a Special Olympics Opening Eyes Screening, Alaskan Lions Used Eyeglass Collection, a tree planting event featuring our international president, and the friendliest Lions await you in the most beautiful setting in North America. Visit our website at www.usacanadalionsforum.org to catch up on previous newsletters and to learn more about our speakers and seminars. And if you have not yet registered, you still have time! Registering online is the quickest and most efficient way. Honorary Chairperson Vice President Wayne Madden, Host Committee Chairperson Past International Director Buster Hall, the entire Planning and Host Committees, and the Lions and citizens of Anchorage and Alaska, join me in welcoming you to *the Land of the Midnight Sun*. **I BELIEVE, WE BELIEVE**, you will have a most memorable time.

FUTURE USA/CANADA FORUMS

- ✓ Tampa Bay, Florida September 13-15, 2012
- ✓ Overland Park, Kansas September 2013
- ✓ Puerto Rico September 2014

Make plans now to attend any and all of these great Lions events. Meet friends, or, make some.

FUTURE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- **June 22-26, 2012:** [Busan, Korea](#). The state-of-the-art BEXCO Convention & Exhibition Center, traditional cuisine, and world-class accommodations are just a few reasons why Busan is recognized as one of Asia's top 10 international conference destinations. The scenic splendor, history, and hospitality of Busan have been praised by visitors from all around the world.
- **July 5-9, 2013:** [Hamburg, Germany](#). Centrally located in the heart of Europe, the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg is one of Europe's hallmark ports. Internationally known as a bustling commercial and industrial metropolis, the magical aura of faraway places is still alive in the historic Speicherstadt warehouse quarter and network of quaint canals and waterways crisscrossing the entire city. The outstanding facilities provided by the Hamburg Messe und Congress GmbH, along with a wide range of cosmopolitan restaurants, cultural attractions, and shopping malls full of international flair make the "Gateway to the World" a perfect setting for LCI's 2013 International Convention.
- **July 4-8, 2014:** [Toronto, ON, Canada](#). Canada's largest city is one of the most dynamic, culturally diverse, and vibrant places on earth. A wide array of world-class accommodations, fine dining, and entertainment, set amid miles of waterfront, boardwalks and historic districts, make Toronto the ideal destination for business and pleasure. Discover and experience a world of arts, culture, and energy around every corner in a friendly atmosphere that welcomes everyone. Come for the meeting and stay for the experience!
- **June 26-30, 2015:** [Honolulu, Hawaii](#). Few destinations can match Honolulu's exciting array of entertainment, outdoor activities and Aloha Spirit that sets it apart. Renowned for pristine beaches and lush tropical scenery, visitors will delight in the exotic history and rich heritage of The Islands found nowhere else in the world. Timeless beauty, in contrast between the ancient and the modern, make discovering Hawai'i so enjoyable - and the perfect gathering place for guests from all around the world.
June 24 - 28, 2016: [Fukuoka, Japan](#). Located in southwest Japan, the charming City of Fukuoka is a well-balanced harmony between the old and new. Since ancient times, Fukuoka has grown into one of Asia's leading shopping and gourmet centers. Traditional festivals, an abundance of fresh seafood, a modern downtown area and the lively atmosphere of yatai street stalls blend together with the natural beauty of Hakata Bay and Fukuoka's surrounding mountain greenery. Serene nature, urban vitality and heartfelt hospitality are just some of the reasons that make Fukuoka City the place where you want to stay longer.
- **June 30-July 4, 2017:** [Chicago, Illinois](#). Lions Clubs International is celebrating its 100th Anniversary! Welcome to Chicago! Set amid one of the world's most magnificent skylines, miles of stunning lakefront, unrivaled architecture, and world-class shopping and dining, the "The City That Works" is the ideal convention destination. Jam-packed with cultural riches, an abundance of activities, a diverse ethnic population and friendly hospitality, Chicago is an unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages.

Why not start right now; Plan for your future Lions career! Look at what is available to you!

-If you mess up, it's not your parent's fault; don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

-The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

KEY DATES OF INTEREST

Sept 1	First Eye Bank Meeting
Sept 7	Deadline for Senior Lions Leadership Institute Application
Sept 8	Forty Fort Lions Golf Outing
Sept 10	Exeter Lions at the VA
Sept 10-11	FunFest in Hazleton
Sept 11	Bear Creek/Buck Twp Pig Roast
Sept 13	District 14-W Fall Membership Rally
Sept 18	Forty Fort Lions Golf Outing
Sept 24	Bear Creek/Buck Twp Flea Market
Sept 25	Jenkins Ham Dinner
Sept 30	Deadline for 100% Club President LCI Award
Sept 22-24	USA/Canada Forum Anchorage, Alaska
Oct 1	Deadline to Purchase Peace Poster Kits
Oct 14	District Bowl-A-Thon @ Stanton Lanes
Oct 16	Mountain City Humanitarian of the Year Banquet
Oct 28	LOPF Dinner at Second State Council Meeting
Oct 29	Wilkes-Barre/Wilkes-Barre Twp Night at the Races

ADDRESSES TO REMEMBER

District 14-W Lions: <http://www.e-district.org/sites/14w/> 570-208-LION (5466);
Lions Clubs International: www.lionsclubs.org; PA State Council of LC: www.palions.org;
PA Beacon Lodge: www.beaconlodge.com; Leader Dogs for the Blind: www.leaderdog.org;
District 14-W Newsletter Editor, Publisher and Distributor, PDG Walter Bechtold
209 Willow Road Pittston, PA 18640 570-498-2636; wbech48@aol.com

DISTRICT 14-W LIONS, DO YOU HAVE YOURS YET?

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CONTEST 2011-2012

Started as the brainchild of PDG Ron Filippini in 2007-2008, this New Member's Sponsor Pin is highly distinctive, great looking and unlike any other. This contest runs from July 1, 2011 to June 1, 2012, just prior to the last cabinet meeting. What do you need to do to earn this pin? It's simple and easy; just ask and invite quality, prospective members to become a LION. That's all there is to it. M & A Reports recorded at LCI will be used as the determining factor.

“SHINE YOUR LIGHT”

NOTICE: There has been a policy change with the sponsor's pins. Now a Sponsoring Lion will only receive the new DG dangler if you have already been issued a #1 pin. Please do not be offended, this is a fiscal decision by the finance committee.