

STATE SENATORS MARK LOCAL EYE BANK'S 55TH ANNIVERSARY

PA State Senators Patrick Browne, Lisa Boscola, Bob Mench & David Argall presented a state wide citation celebrating the 55th anniversary of the NEPAEB and declaring March, 2012 “National Eye Donor Month”. Wendy Chando, wife of cornea donor, Peter Chando was there to mark the occasion. “The decision to donate my husband’s corneas seemed like a natural choice to me. My husband was a very giving, generous person in life, and I just knew he would be very proud to help two other people with the gift of restored sight”, stated Chando.

“After I made the decision to donate, I told my kids, they were very pleased. Cornea tissue for transplantation is only available when a family decides to donate after a loved one passes, you can’t get the tissue from anywhere else. My husband’s corneas were transplanted to a recipient here locally and the other to a person in Hawaii”

“Registering to become an organ, tissue or cornea donor is really very simple. We have a state registry here in Pennsylvania or you can indicate your decision by adding it to your driver’s license”, added Senator Browne

Senator Browne said, “We are very fortunate to have an organization such as the NEPAEB here in the Lehigh Valley. They are celebrating 55 years of providing corneal tissue to surgeons for sight restoring surgeries. These surgeries benefit many of our neighbors as well as people throughout the country and overseas”

In 1983 President Ronald Reagan declared March “National Eye Donor Month” to raise awareness of the need for eye donation. Since, a member of Congress has read a proclamation into the Congressional Record each March to note this special occasion. Founded by local Lions Club members in 1957 the NEPAEB has provided over 25,000 corneas for sight restoring corneal transplantation. The Eye Bank is a 501 c (3) non-profit organization accredited by the Eye Bank Association of America and registered with the FDA. The Bethlehem based Eye Bank works with over 60 hospitals covering a 37 county wide area in N E Pennsylvania and is the 5th largest eye bank in the United States

NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA LIONS EYE BANK

Karl Jones, Director of Development for the NEPA Eye Bank will gladly come out to your club, region, or zone meeting and explain the great events taking place right here at your Lions Eye Bank. Karl can be reached at 610-625-0372; kjones@paeyebank.org Small tour groups are welcomed

NEPAEB NEW VISION SOCIETY

The NEPA Lions Eye Bank is poised to play a key role in giving the Gift of Sight through the NEW VISION Society. You can become a member of the NEW VISIONS Society by making a contribution to a Planned Gift opportunity at these levels:

\$100 –Visionary; \$250 - Minute Men; \$500 - Directors’ Circle

\$1,000–Humanitarian; \$5,000-Honorary Eye Banker; \$25,000-Heart of Gold Named Fund

Your donation to the NEW VISION Society is done very easily when your club is making a donation to the Governor’s FAIR SHARE Program. A minimal donation of \$100 is needed. If the club has been giving \$50, \$60, \$75 each year, why not adjust that level to a \$100 minimum in your check to the DG Fair Share? If you have an individual member who wishes to donate \$100 or more, include that amount also in with the Fair Share check. BUT, you must include that individuals name along with address and full information in order for him or her to be properly recognized. As always, your club can also be named as the NEW VISION Society member

STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE POSITIONS NEED TO BE FILLED

Hi Everyone. I am asking those that often go to the State Convention to volunteer for the following committees:

Registration Credentials Elections Necrology Sergeant-At-Arms

Please give me a call or drop me an e-mail and let me know if you are willing to help. If you know of anyone else that might be going, ask them to drop me a line. We would like some new faces to experience this great Lions event

Thank you. *DG Mimi*

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COUNCIL OF LIONS CLUBS

TO ALL LIONS, LIONESSES AND LEOS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14

The Lions, Lionesses and Leos of District 14-C cordially invite you to attend the Pennsylvania Lions 89th Annual State Convention being held at the Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA from Thursday, May 17th to Sunday, May 20, 2012. Highlights of the many convention activities include informational seminars, State Council meetings, general business sessions, fantastic speakers, tours, performances by the Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band and good hospitality

Lions Clubs International President Wing-Kun Tam of Hong Kong, China will be our special guest at the convention. His theme this year is "I Believe". As President Tam travels around the world he has been conducting many President-meets-the Presidents meetings. His wish is to meet the club presidents, listen to them, learn from them, hear their needs, to make service easier. We have scheduled a President-meets-the Presidents meeting for Saturday morning, May 19. President Tam will be the featured speaker at the Banquet on Saturday night. He will tell us that how together we can continue to change the lives of millions of people.

Friday's PA Lions Luncheon will be a treat for all. We have invited Pennsylvania's own Past International President, Joseph Wroblewski to be our featured speaker

The Annual Necrology Service, which remembers and honors the Lions, Lionesses, and Leos who have passed on during the previous year, will be held Friday evening on May 18th. Following the Necrology Service, everyone can enjoy the entertainment and hospitality provided by the Lions of 14-C

Presenter PCC Terry Goodman of Bedford, New Hampshire will present two enjoyable workshops at the convention. The first titled "What's wrong with this club and **how** do I fix it" will be held on Friday afternoon. The second is "Everything I know about Lions I learned at the Zoo" will be held on Saturday morning. PCC Terry has been a presenter at multiple New Hampshire, Connecticut, New England, West Virginia, Tennessee and USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums and has presented at New York and Iowa Lions leadership workshops

Motivational Speaker LaDonna Gatlin's passion is helping people be their very best! LaDonna will present her keynote presentation on Saturday afternoon "Tune Up Your Life". Laced with humor and heartfelt personal stories from her life, this keynote delivers key principles to guide us thru anything life throws at us. The highlight of the presentation is when LaDonna literally sings her message into the hearts of the audience

International Banquet seating will be assigned in the order of receipt of your registration. To ensure being seated together, please send all registrations (with payment) in one envelope. Each table seats eight. We are encouraging all Lions Clubs to fill a table of eight

Yours in Lionism, District 14-C 2012 State Convention Committee

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

This fall, La Center, Washington school superintendent Lion Mark Mansell will have plenty to talk about

A member of the La Center Lions Club, Lion Mark is planning to ride his bicycle from Portland, Oregon across the country to Portland, Maine or approximately 3,500 miles. The 60-day journey begins Saturday, June 16 and concludes in Portland, Maine on Sunday, August 17. It will include a stop at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan the week of July 15. The purpose of his journey is to raise awareness and money for Leader Dogs for the Blind. "I enjoy challenges and I love to learn" Mansell said, "Given the chance to attempt something like this is a very special opportunity that is extremely exciting"

Lion Mark would like to raise \$35,000. With a 3,500 mile trip, anyone who provides a penny per mile sponsorship (or at least \$35 donation) will receive a Cycling for Leader Dogs sponsor pin. To meet our goal, we will need to secure 1,086 individual "one penny per mile" sponsors

Lion Mark and his Team have created a blog (www.CyclingForLeaderDogs.org) so people can easily follow his journey and donate

A few ways Lions can show their support:

- Become a Cycling for Leader Dogs Sponsor with a \$35 donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Bike along with Mark for a short while
- Cheer him on as he passes through your community
- Email him at mansell.lacenter@gmail.com if you would like to host him overnight

Sincerely, Leader Dogs for the Blind

HISTORIC EISENHOWER FARM

Eisenhower National Historic Site is the home of and farm of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Located adjacent to the Gettysburg Battlefield, the farm served the President as a weekend retreat and meeting place for world leaders. With its peaceful setting and view of South Mountain it was a much needed respite from Washington and a backdrop for efforts to reduce Cold War tensions. Some of the more notable of Eisenhower's guests were Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, French President Charles de Gaulle, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and California Governor Ronald Reagan

The Eisenhowers donated their home and farm (230 acres total at the time) to the National Park Service in 1967. Two years later, Eisenhower died at the age of 78. Mamie Eisenhower rejected the idea of moving to Washington to be closer to family and friends and, with the United States Government allowing it, continued to live on the farm until her death in 1979. The National Park service opened the site in 1980

Our tour is 10:00 AM Friday morning May 18th. Please use the official registration form for this tour. Cost per person is \$8.00

GHOSTS OF GETTYSBURG CANDLELIGHT WALKING TOURS

Thursday evening May 17th. Tour leaves from the Ghosts of Gettysburg Headquarters, where the disembodied voices have been heard and a child spotted...a century after his death. See the courthouse that was filled to overflowing with wounded soldiers. See the church where so many amputations occurred that holes had to be drilled in the floor to let the blood drain. Cost of tour, including a special pin is \$10.00 per person. Please use the official registration form for this tour

Eight Hospitality rooms will be open at the Wyndham when you return from your tour.

MD-14 PA STATE COUNCIL OF LIONS CLUBS

89TH ANNUAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Wyndham, Gettysburg MAY 17-20, 2012

Registration

Packet/Badge pick-up for Pre-registered attendees and on-site Registration

Thursday, May 17	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, May 18	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 19	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 20	6:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Certification

Thursday, May 17	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 18	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 19	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 20	6:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Merchandise Store

Thursday, May 17	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 18	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 19	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 20	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Displays/Vendors/Basket Auction

Thursday, May 17	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 18	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 19	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pin Trading

Thursday, May 17	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 18	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 19	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MD-14 State Council Meeting

Thursday, May 17	
Preliminary	1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
General Session	2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Seminars: Membership/Leadership

Development/Website Development/ Kidsight/Canine Companions for Independence

Friday, May 18	8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
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Foundation Board Meetings:

Friday, May 18	8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
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LOPF, Hearing Research, Eye Research

Workshops – PCC Terry Goodman

Friday, May 18	1:45 – 3:15 p.m.
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“What’s Wrong with the Club and How Do I fix it?”

Saturday, May 19	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
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“Everything I Know about Lions I learned At the Zoo”

Friday Luncheon

Friday, May 18	12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
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Speaker – PIP Joseph Wroblewski

Necrology

Friday, May 18	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
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Pennsylvania Counsellors Banquet

Friday, May 18	4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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Ladies/Lioness Breakfast

Saturday, May 19	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
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General Business Sessions

Saturday, May 19	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 20	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Leo Activities

Saturday, May 19	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
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President-meets-the-Presidents

Saturday, May 19	9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
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Motivational Speaker – LaDonna Gatlin

Saturday, May 19	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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“Tune Up Your Life”

All State Band Performances

Saturday, May 19	11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

International Banquet

Saturday, May 19	Social hour	6:00 p.m.
	Dinner	7:00 p.m.

Melvin Jones Breakfast

Sunday, May 20	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
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Voting

Sunday, May 20	6:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
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District Governors Elect Preliminary

Sunday, May 20	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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District Governors/District Governors Elect Honors Banquet

Sunday, May 20	Social	5:30 p.m.
	Dinner	6:00 p.m.

Schedule is subject to change

PA LIONS ALL STATE BAND 2012

Lions are organizing an 80 member band for the 2012 State Convention to be held in Gettysburg on May 18 and 19. The State Convention will involve one overnight. Band will rehearse Friday evening at Gettysburg High School and the over-night will be at the Courtyard Marriott. Saturday, May 19 the band will present two concerts at the Wyndham Gettysburg. Lions will pay all the meal and lodging expenses for the Convention. Students need only to provide transportation to and from Gettysburg. Registration, Friday May 18 at 5:30pm; concert Saturday morning 11:00am; and 2nd concert 5:30pm and leaving Gettysburg, Saturday May 19 at 7:00pm. The Lions All-State Band wears a light weight marching/concert uniform for all performances. Students will be provided with a PA Lions shirt, cummerbund and sash as part of the uniform. You will need to supply the following items: white slacks/trousers, white shoes and white socks, and a music stand

APPLICATION PENNSYLVANIA LIONS ALL-STATE BAND

NAME _____ Concert instrument: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

Telephone: _____ AGE: _____ SCHOOL GRADE: _____

Male _____ Female _____ Shirt Size (Please Check) S _ M _ L _ XL _ XXL _ XXXL _____

Parent signature (If under 18) _____

List any festival or honor bands: (list year, part, and chair) _____

High School or College band director's name _____

All PA Lions Band alumni are welcomed!!!

Send to: *Robert Zellner 950 Fairview Avenue*

Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-818-5536

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2012 LCI WEBINARS

Webinars are virtual trainings one hour long & conducted online with participants and instructors. Participants use the Internet to connect members with the instructors. To register, participants are directed to an Internet address. Participants view a PowerPoint presentation on their computer and listen to the instructors either via their computer speakers or headset. Participants may use the phone for audio/speaking or computer headset with microphone to interact in discussions and respond to questions asked by the instructor. To convert the times below visit the [TimeZoneConverter](#)

Webinar Description

o Dates/Times

Club Secretary Training

Login, submit membership and service activity reports, use club member data

- Tuesday, April 24, 2012: 10:00 AM CDT (Chicago)
- Friday, April 27, 2012: 7:00 PM CDT (Chicago)
- Wednesday, May 2, 2012: 7:00 PM CDT (Chicago)

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TAM'S TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

Trees Planted: 7,453,153 ↑

INDIANA GIRL WINS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Mikaela Smith, a 12 year-old girl from Indiana, is the grand prize winner of the Lions Clubs International Essay Contest. The Chesterton Lions Club sponsored Mikaela in the contest. During last month's LDUN event, Mikaela received an award and the \$5,000 grand prize. In her essay, Mikaela wrote, "I believe the simplest way to define peace is to ask or watch a child" Read Mikaela's essay below - and learn how your club can sponsor the 2012-13 Lions International Essay Contest for visually-impaired students, ages 11-13

2011-2012 LCI ESSAY CONTEST GRAND PRIZE WINNER

"Children Know Peace"

By Mikaela Smith, Age 12, Indiana

The American Heritage Dictionary defines peace as "the absence of war or other hostilities, freedom from quarrels and disagreements, inner contentment, serenity." I believe the simplest way to define peace is to ask or watch a child

If you were to ask a child what they thought peace was, what do you think they'd say? Most children only know the world we live in because our parents protect us from the bad things going on around us. Because of this protection, we know not what the wars look like or what poverty is. We don't really understand fighting around us or in the world. Our minds are innocent. I asked a few children what they thought peace meant and I got a wide variety of responses. One child said "Peace is no wars." I know a little about wars because my brother-in-law was a soldier. My sister and other military families were not at peace while their loved ones were off fighting a war. When all our families can be reunited and the needless deaths can stop, this would be a start to a more peaceful world

Another child said "Peace is getting along." Everyone needs to cooperate and communicate better with each other. Children generally do this daily. They talk a lot to each other sharing thoughts and dreams. If there is conflict, they work it out or walk away peacefully. Seldom, do they stay angry and are forgiving. They are not judgmental and accept people for who they are. They have not been taught to be prejudice. They remain untainted and innocent from the harsh reality of our unsettled world. For instance, I am visually impaired, but I am not treated differently because of my disability. I am accepted for who I am and what I can contribute

I believe that watching a child is the best example that shows children know peace. Although I am blind, I can hear and feel their laughter as they frolic together in the summer breeze. I can hear them suggest a food drive for the homeless shelter. I can hear them working together in unison. The sighted only needs to view what the children are doing. They can see them playing with a new friend they just met. They can see the way they communicate and get along. They can see the smiles of their happiness

Adults know many things. They certainly know what peace means. Although we are only children, we can still teach. We have a different perspective of peace. Our imaginations are as endless as the sea. We should be watched and listened to because, after all children really do know peace

-The best helping hand that you will ever receive is the one at the end of your own arm
Fred Dehner

-A successful person is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him or her David Brinkley

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

As the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International, LCIF supports Lions' great work through numerous grants for projects focused on serving youth, providing disaster relief, combating diseases, and preserving sight.

Last year 70,850 people were provided with blankets, clothing, water, food and medicine through 200 Emergency Grants totaling \$1.69 million. Included in this total is the Emergency Grant for disaster relief in 14-W. These projects would not be possible without your help. Thank you, Lions, and please continue your generous support!

Paul Rose, LCIF Coordinator 735-1381; rsmariom@aol.com

W. H. O. SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LCI

Posted on January 3, 2012 by drallen

This has been a very important day for the Lions of the world as our International President Dr Wing Kun Tam signed an MOU with Margaret Chan – DG of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland this morning. After almost 30 years of Lions being involved with the W.H.O. we will finally be recognized as a partner in our efforts. DG Chan was very well read on what Lions do and is very excited as to what the MOU can lead to. She promised us that she will attend the Convention in Busan next June and speak to the Lions of the world

USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM

Cigar Rolling Expeditions

Explore the past and experience the future in historic Ybor City! Once hailed as the "Cigar Capital of the World," embark on a tour of Tampa Bay's thriving cigar industry. Have your pick of the Ybor City State Museum, Rodriguez & Menendez Cigar Factory & Store, or simply stop by the Columbia Restaurant Gift Shop to experience the hand rolling of the finest cigars. Plan your trip in November and join thousands of cigar aficionados as they ascend on Ybor City State Museum Park for the area's Annual Cigar Heritage Festival. Join us for cigar rolling demonstrations, live musical entertainment, and making the of the world's longest cigar at over 100 feet!

Canoe Escape

Explore Canoe Escape, Tampa's premiere attraction for bird watching, photography, canoeing, kayaking, and family fun. Escape to nature on a self-guided, 2-hour to full day, downstream, quiet water, paddling adventure through a 16,000-acre wildlife preserve. There is a nature guided trip offered on Wednesdays at 11:30am. Escorted moonlight trips offered October through April. Perhaps paddling close to a sunning 'gator, or threatened limpkin, or turtles congregating on a log will be the most prized memory of your trip to Tampa!

Contact: Geri Drabek

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GMT/GLT THE MEMBERSHIP PULSE

The fourth quarter of the Lions fiscal year provides an opportunity to review goals and action plans established in the first quarter, and to assess what progress has been made toward those goals. GMT multiple and district teams are encouraged to meet in person or via web conference to rally, support and encourage each other, and to evaluate the effectiveness of current plans and programs. Adjustments should be made in order to meet or exceed year-end expectations. Successful strategies and action plans should be highlighted, saved and shared for future use.

Communication! Are you successfully communicating with your team members?

- If you are talking, are you also listening?
- If you are writing, are you also reading?
- Are you sharing and interacting, or are you trying to take on challenges on your own?

Remember, GMT coordinators should be included in meetings and workshops at the multiple district and district level to assist and collaborate with the team, and to help carry membership and service goals out to the clubs

To support communication efforts, in May the Extension and Membership Division will release its first issue of *The Membership Pulse*. *The Membership Pulse* will be a quarterly publication accessible from the LCI website. It will be an LCI communication tool, but we hope that you will share your own ideas and opinions to make it as effective as possible. *The Membership Pulse* will contain articles on programs and resources to support your membership development efforts. Areas of the newsletter will be dedicated specifically to GMT news and information. you are encouraged to visit the Membership and New Clubs web page which provides many resources to assist your team's membership initiatives. If you cannot locate the information you need, use the "Search" box at the top of the LCI webpage or email your questions to the Global Membership Team mailbox. Please let us know what additional support would be helpful to you for the coming fiscal year

Best wishes for an exciting and event-filled fourth quarter, and thank you for your commitment to Lions and those you serve!

Sincerely,

Tamara Ivetic, Manager, Membership and New Club Development Department