

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR LETTER – DECEMBER 2011

Dear Lions, Lioness, and LEOs;

With almost half of the year over, there's still much to do and many more people to help. It's going to be a difficult holiday for many after the flood, especially the children who lost all of their prized possessions – their toys! Please donate toys, food, clothing, whatever is needed to show your care and concern.

Congratulations to the Peace Poster winners. First Place is Samantha Pontier sponsored by the Hughestown Lions Club. Her poster has been sent out to the State Office. See the complete list in the newsletter. All who entered are to be commended for their vision. Thank you to Lion Fred for another year of dedication as the Peace Poster Contest Chairman.

The District Lottery is finished. No one had the number for the big prize on Thanksgiving but the Plains Lions Club is the winner of the \$200 incentive prize for the most tickets sold. Congratulations! With this tough economy, I do appreciate every Lion that bought and sold tickets to help the District. Thank you.

November has been a tough month for some of our Lions. The Burke/McDonald families, and Father Paul from the Bear Creek/Buck Township Club were in a bad car accident and Father Paul's mother died. Joe Linko, husband of Lion Roseanne, had some health problems but is recovering. The Very Reverend PDG Father Martin is having surgery. And recently the son of my friend and fellow Governor Joe and Helen Chunko died unexpectedly on Monday. Death is always difficult but it's especially hard at this time of the year. Please keep all of these Lions and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

May you and your family have a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Remember the Reason for the Season is not Santa or Rudolph. Give Him praise as you count your blessings. Enjoy the time with family and friends.

See you around the District.

Mimi

Have Courage  
Make a Commitment  
Take Action

## VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LETTER - DECEMBER 2011

Wow, it is true time flies when you have fun. December is here already along with the holiday bliss. I would like to extend wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and their families. It is great to see many clubs spreading holiday cheer with tree lightings and street decorations, passing out food baskets to shut-ins, and working at the soup kitchen.

“We Serve” at its best. Recently a request went out for a GYMBOX to help a 2 ½ year old with special needs. GYMBOX is designed to provide a variety of activities to enhance the development of motor skills, coordination, sense of balance and emotional and social skills in toddlers. The following clubs along with the Lions of 14W Foundation got together to complete the project.

### **HANOVER TOWNSHIP -ASHLEY-TWIN BORO-NANTICOKE-NEWPORT LIONS CLUBS**

This is a great example of working together to accomplish a goal without giving up and saying no we can't. GREAT JOB TO ALL ENVOLED!

- Calling all members of the district under 45 years old:

It has been said many times at many levels that we need to get younger members involved. With that said, this is not always followed up with actions to encourage participation. I would like to get input directly from members without the fear of being bullied, chastised or ignored. Join me Wednesday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Lightspeed Technologies Demo Center, 1167 N. Washington St Wilkes Barre. Bring a friend or prospective member. It is up to all of us to ensure that our great organization is around for many generations to come.

### **Thought of the month: “We Serve Better Together”**

VDG Dennis Cook  
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dcook@lightspeedtech.net

As of August 31, 2011 Lions Clubs International had 1,343,599 ↑members in 46,085 ↑clubs in 747 ↑districts in 206 countries and geographic areas.

As of November 3, 2011 MD 14, State of Pennsylvania had 22,961 ↓ members in 774 ↓clubs.

## COMMENTARY

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

Denise Rowan	Dupont	Sponsor-Susan Gregory
Edward Blazejewski	Twin Boro	Sponsor-Edward Bliss
Christian Olejar	Twin Boro	Sponsor-John Olejar

We regret the passing of the following 14-W Lions: Ursula Burke of the Plains JLW Lions Club, as well as all Lions everywhere.

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

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### 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 WHITE CANE REPORTING

All clubs are requested to PLEASE send a report to *District White Cane Chair Andy Walgo* 32 Avon Street Boulevard Manor Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702    Questions; 825-2360

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

Did your club participate? YES / NO (circle)

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL HOURS WORKED: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED: \_\_\_\_\_

For much more information on White Cane – read District 14-W September Newsletter @ <http://www.e-district.org/sites/14w/> or go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), and search White Cane. Club White Cane Chairpersons are to fill out report. If you do not have a Club White Cane Chairperson then the Secretary of your Club needs to complete this report.

DEADLINE for report filing – DECEMBER 1, 2011

### SPECIAL REQUEST

Presidents and Secretaries: To save time and money, the newsletter will only be e-mailed to those members that have e-mail addresses on file. If club officers do not have e-mail addresses, ask someone in the club to make a copy to share with the president or secretary to keep the club members informed. Thank you.

### BEAR CREEK~ BUCK TWP LIONS HOST MR & MRS CLAUSE

Visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus - Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm to 4 pm. Don't forget to bring a camera and take photos of your children with Mr. and Mrs. Clause. There will be crafts and other surprises. This will take place in the Bear Creek Twp. Community Building. So mark your calendars NOW. Remember to SAVE-THE-DATE

## SALVATION ARMY OFFICIAL SPEAKS TO FORTY FORT LIONS

The Forty Fort Lions recently hosted guest speaker Major Sheryl Hershey of the Salvation Army of Wilkes-Barre, who told them about ongoing flood-relief efforts. Club president Paul Weale gave Hershey a \$1,000 check to help the Salvation Army with its flood-relief costs. From left: President Paul Weale and Major Sheryl Hershey. Forty Fort Lions are located in District 14-W. Article appears courtesy of TIMES LEADER.



## NEWLY-ELECTED JUDGE SPEAKS TO LIONS CLUB



District Magistrate Fred Pierantoni was the guest speaker of the Dallas Lions Club at a dinner meeting held recently at the Irem Country Club. Pierantoni is one of the six new county judges elected in the recent General Election. He briefed the club on the workings of the magisterial court system in which he has served over the last 20 years. Pierantoni, above right, accepts a certificate of appreciation from club president Dan Corbett. DALLAS Lions club is located in District 14-W. Article appears courtesy of TIMES LEADER.

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

## DEATH IN THE “FAMILY”

International President Tam’s slogan is My Club My Family. District Governor Mimi has always had a strong belief in honoring those Lions who have served us during their lifetime. Club Presidents or Secretaries should inform the Governor so that we can properly pay tribute. Some families do not list their loved one as a Lion in the obituary.

## HANOVER LIONS HONOR JOE ALTAVILLA FOR NEW MEMBER SPONSORSHIP

The Hanover Township Lions recently honored Joe Altavilla, a member since 1991, with the membership clutch pin for his sponsorship of two new Lion members. The club meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Wyoming Valley Country Club. Membership is open to any citizen 18 years of age or older. At the pinning ceremony, from left, are Altavilla and Harry Besecker, club president. Hanover Township Lions Club is located in District 14-W. Article appears courtesy of TIMES LEADER.





## LIONS CLUBS HELP PURCHASE THERAPY EQUIPMENT

The Lions clubs of Hanover Township, Newport Township, Nanticoke, Ashley and Twin Boroughs recently raised more than \$1,200 to purchase a therapeutic gym box for 2-year-old Juliana Tompkins of Nanticoke, who has a genetic disorder characterized by poor growth and developmental and neurological delays. At the presentation, from left, first row, are Brent, Dustin, Juliana and Christina Tompkins. Second row: Cy Korba and Harry Besecker, Hanover Lions, and Steve Brezna, Twin Boroughs Lions. Article appears as a courtesy of TIMES LEADER. All of these clubs are located in District 14-W.



## PARSONS CHILDREN ENJOY HALLOWEEN PARADE

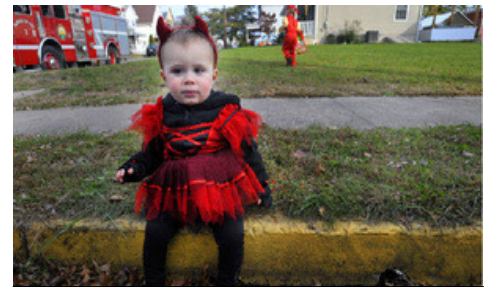
JORDAN RAMIREZ Times Leader Intern

WILKES-BARRE -- The eighth annual Parsons Halloween Parade was started out of concerns for safety, but to the participants, it's fun and lucrative. Dozens of children paraded along George Avenue and Scott Street on Monday afternoon during the festivities organized by the Wilkes-Barre Crime Watch Coalition and the Parsons Lions Club.

Funded by a \$300 Lions Club donation, bags of candy were given to every child in a costume. Grand prizes of toys and certificates were raffled off and handed out by

Michael Merritt, vice chairperson of City Council and Charlotte Raup, president of the Wilkes-Barre Crime Watch Coalition. "I think the kids need a chance to come out and have a safe Halloween," Raup said. Though the Crime Watch and the Lions Club yearly organize the event to let the children have fun, a focus of the event is to increase crime awareness in Parsons and the surrounding sections of Wilkes-Barre.

"People need to know that there is a Crime Watch. A lot of the adults here are a part of it," Raup said. She repeated safety as the main reason for the coalition as well as the Halloween parade. Raup and the Crime Watch Coalition know of the potential dangers that could be unappealing to many parents of young trick-or-treaters. And because some disappointed children had to stay indoors for Halloween night, the Crime Watch and the Lions Club did their best to maintain trick-or-treat tradition.



Khloe Harp, 1, of Parsons, takes a break before the Parsons Crime Watch parade on Monday.

*Aimee Dilger/The Times Leader*



Lucy the Hot Dog readies for the Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre Crime Watch Halloween parade.

"Some parents don't like their children to go trick-or-treating at night in the city. This parade allows the children to receive candy and have a chance to win a prize." The efforts of the Crime Watch Coalition and the Lions Club haven't gone unnoticed. Whether it comes from the praises of the children or Merritt, it seems everyone is grateful for the efforts of the organizations. "We would especially like to thank Crime Watch of Wilkes-Barre and the Lions Club for providing this event," Merritt said.

*Aimee Dilger/The Times Leader*

Article appears courtesy of TIMES LEADER. Parsons Lions Club is located in District 14-W

## BEAR CREEK/BUCK TWP DONATE TO RED CROSS TO AID FLOOD VICTIMS

Representatives of the Bear Creek/Buck Township Lions Club presented \$2,500 to the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. The funds are from proceeds of a pig roast and will aid flood victims. At the presentation, from left: Joan McDonald, club treasurer; the Rev. Paul White; Amy George, development coordinator, Wyoming Valley Chapter, American Red Cross; John Yench, club president; and Carolyn Burke. Bear Creek Lions club is located in District 14-W. Article appears as a courtesy of TIMES LEADER.



## PLAINS LIONS CLUB MAKES DONATION TO FOOD PANTRY

The Plains Lions Club donated \$500 to the food pantry at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Plains Township. The pantry, which aids residents of Wyoming Valley, is in need of monetary donations and canned foods. At the check presentation, from left, are Chris Grudzinski, president, Plains Lions Club; Loraine Talmon, coordinator, SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry; and John Corcoran Sr., first vice president, Plains Lions Club. Plains Lions club is located in District 14-W. Article appears as a courtesy of TIMES LEADER.



## PAWS FOR A CAUSE CALENDARS READY FOR SALE

To all Lions:

Please support the Paws for a Cause calendar, the senior project of Hanover Area senior Alison Besecker, the daughter of Hanover Lions President Harry Besecker.

The calendar features dogs of NEPA who were chosen through a contest run through Facebook. One hundred percent of the net proceeds from the sale of the calendar will be donated to the Leader Dogs for the Blind program. The cost of the calendar is \$12, plus \$1.50 shipping (for the total order). If you would like to order a calendar, please send a check or money order made out to Paws for a Cause and mail to Paws for a Cause, c/o 22 Rowe St., Hanover Twp., Pa . 18706. Please indicate the number of calendars you wish to purchase and be sure to include your return address. The calendar will be mailed to you.

Alison is also seeking the assistance of area Lions Clubs in selling the calendars. This project has the potential to raise a significant amount of money for Leader Dog. The more clubs who help sell the calendars, the more she will raise! Orders will be taken up until January 31, 2012.

If your club is interested in helping with the sales, please contact Harry or Terrie Besecker at 821-2252. Thanks you for your support!



## DUPONT LIONS CLUB INSTALLS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Members of the Dupont Lions Club recently placed the snowflake lights for the holiday season. From left, first row, are Stan Golembiewski, Stan Strelish, Dan Lello, Stan Knick, Susan Gregory, Denise Rowan, Tony Draus, Bart Bryk. Second row: Al Mihalka, Rich Hansen and Chris Kalmanowicz. Select images available for purchase in the Times Leader Photo Store Dupont Lions Club is located in District 14-W. Article appears courtesy of Ann Marie Paddock of Times Leader.

## NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA LIONS EYE BANK TODAY



The Eye Bank Administrative Office and the Eye Processing Lab are located at 2346 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Lab operations are conducted 24 hours a day seven days a week. Administrative office hours are 8 am to 4 pm Monday thru Friday. In addition the Eye Bank employs fourteen (14) full-time and nine (9) part-time employees.

Since 1957, over 25,000 eyes have been processed by the Eye Bank. We have been awarded a three (3) year accreditation status by the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), the highest accreditation status awarded by the Association. EBAA medical standards and FDA regulations have been implemented and administered for the lab.

Qualified and Certified Eye Bank Technicians obtain next-of-kin eye donation consents; perform tissue testing, and preparation for use by eye surgeons. The Corneal Processing Fee is based on the eye bank technician's time, along with travel expenses, medical equipment and the corneal evaluation and screening process. Many of these items can vary causing the fee to be higher for corneal recovery. Therefore, eye banks across the country must base their fee on an average, which at times causes a deficit. The fee qualifies for third party reimbursement under the Medicare Program, which makes up almost 98% of the Eye Bank's operating budget.

Anyone age 2 to 75 can donate their corneas for transplant. Donors of all ages are needed. Regardless of age, whole eyes may be donated for medical education or research. Most cancer patients may donate corneas for transplant. Many people have eye problems, such as cataracts, macular degeneration, lens implants, diabetes, glaucoma, and even blindness, but still can donate because their corneas are clear. Some donation exceptions are: HIV positive, active hepatitis, rabies, Alzheimer's, leukemia or active lymphoma. Today cornea transplants are a one-day outpatient procedure. Success rates are approximately 97%.

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](mailto:kjones@paeyebank.org)

## DISTRICT 14-W PEACE POSTER WINNERS

Congratulations to all who entered the contest. The artwork was wonderful. The winners are:  
First Place-----Samantha Pontier from Pittston Area M.S. Sponsor - Hughestown LC  
Second Place-----Kara Johnson from Crestwood M.S. Sponsor – JLW Mountain Laurel LC  
Third Place-----Kayla Hogan from Pittston Area M.S. Sponsor – Jenkins Township LC  
Samantha's poster has been sent to the State Office for the next judging level. Good Luck!  
Clubs who sponsored a poster please contact District Governor Mimi to pick up the poster to return to the artist. Thank you to the artists and the clubs that sponsored them.

## 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](mailto: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?**

This month's question for October is: "What Lion and his 3 other siblings share the same wedding day - Thanksgiving - in different years?"

WE DID NOT RECEIVE AN ANSWER IN October or November when the "How Much Do You Know?" question ran. The unanswered answer is PDG George Barna.

## 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?**

## STATE PER CAPITA (DUES) INCREASE

Our Multiple District has always operated very conservatively and efficiently. The only source of income is the annually per capita dues paid by each Lion in the state.



The last time we had a dues increase was 1993. The Multiple District at the time had 34,000 Lions in over 900 Lions Clubs and only 162 Lions Clubs under 20 members. Today 19 years later our Multiple District has 22,984 members 775 Lions Clubs and about 20% or more of the clubs under 20 members. Three years ago to avoid a dues increase the Council of Governors cut all the discretionary funds out of the budget, downsizing some committees, changing the structure of the state council meetings and streamlined the entire operation of the Multiple District.

Our Multiple District By-Laws states; The Council of Governors shall have control and management of all budgetary matters of the Multiple District and Multiple District Convention. No obligation may be approved or made which shall effect an unbalanced budget or deficit in any fiscal year. The Finance committee met with our auditor and investment committee chairperson and reviewed the audit for the 2010-2011 year and the group agreed to propose a dues increase to the lions of Pennsylvania. If we do not increase our per capita dues, the State Council of Lions Clubs will not be able to present a balanced budget as outlined in the By-Laws.

The Finance Committee has proposed a \$3.00 increase over the next 2 years. The increase will be as follows, \$1.50 beginning July 1, 2012 and \$1.50 beginning July 1, 2013. The dues increase has the support of the Council of Governors. The proposed increase will only amount to ½ cent per day per Lion. The increase will be divided into the following accounts: State Council Administrative Fund \$1.00, State Convention Fund .20 cents, International Convention Fund .20 cents, Promotional Fund .10 cents, Sub-District Administrative Fund .50 cents and the Pride Magazine (State newsletter) \$1.00.

*How will the proposed increase benefit the Lions of Pennsylvania?*

1. The State Council Administrative Fund increase will provide ample funds to perform the administrative duties of the Multiple District
2. The State Convention Fund increase will help defray any increase in the state convention registration fees.
3. The International Convention Fund's small increase will assure a visible presence of the Lions of Pennsylvania at the international convention.
4. The Promotional Fund increase will help provide ample funds to promote candidates for the office of International Director.
5. The Sub- district Administrative Fund increase will give each district more funds to help operate the sub-district.
6. The State Newsletter (Pride Magazine) increase will solve the annual deficit and keep the publication solvent for the future.

The dues increase assures the Lions of our Multiple District that we will remain solvent in the future and it will keep our Multiple District as one of the leaders in Lionism throughout the world. The State Council of Governors and the PA Counsellors organization voted unanimously to support the proposed dues increase.

Marcia Shaull palions@comcast.net

Attention Club Presidents: you must initiate this application for your member



# Pennsylvania Counsellors

## *The Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Award*

The Pennsylvania Counsellors have established an award for presentation to deserving Lions throughout Pennsylvania. This is the *Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Award*.

Each Sub-District may present two (2) Pennsylvania Counsellors Service Awards annually. The award is limited to one per club each year and only one (1) award may be presented to a Past District Governor. Persons who have received a prior Pennsylvania Counselors Distinguished Service Award, Lions International Leadership Award, Lions International Presidents Award, or the Lions International Ambassador of Good Will are not eligible for this award.

1. The following are the criteria for the award:
  - A. At least ten (10) years of service as a Lion
  - B. At least five (5) years of perfect attendance
  - C. Service as either Club President or Club Secretary or other exemplary service
  - D. Good standing in a Lions Club in good standing in a district in Multiple District 14
2. Application for the Pennsylvania Counselors Distinguished Service Award shall be submitted by:
  - A. The Lions Club President who will sign and forward to the Chairperson of the Past District Governor's organization within the Sub-District.
  - B. The Chairman will sign and forward to the District Governor of 14-W.
  - C. District Governor, 14-W, will sign and forward to the President of the Pennsylvania Counselors Association.
  - D. Pennsylvania Counselors President will review, approve or decline, sign and authorize presentation of the award.
  - E. Applications shall be on prescribed forms furnished by the Pennsylvania Counselors and **MUST** be received at least two weeks prior to the February State Council Meeting. (BY JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012)
3. Presentations shall be made at a Sub-District function and should be made by the President/Chairman of the Sub-District Past District Governor's organization.
4. This year's Chairperson is Past District Governor Patty Warwick. The required form is elsewhere in this newsletter. Any questions or problems:  
*Call District Governor Mimi Tosh 825-5748; mjtosh51@yahoo.com*

## *Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Award*

The following Lion is recommended for the *Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Award*:

Name of proposed Lion recipient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Served as President \_\_\_\_\_ Served as Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Other Exemplary Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date joined Lions: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of perfect attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

The above named Lion is a member in good standing of the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club,  
which is a member in good standing in Sub-District 14-W of Pennsylvania Multiple District 14.

Club President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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President/Chairman District 14-W Past District Governors Counsellors Association

This application has been reviewed and its approval is recommended<sup>1</sup>.

President/Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Past District Governor Patty K. Warwick

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District Governor District 14-W

I have reviewed this application and find no objections.

District Governor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

District 14-W District Governor Marilyn "Mimi" Tosh

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President, Pennsylvania Counsellors Multiple District 14

Award is approved \_\_\_\_\_ denied \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

MD 14 Counsellors President, Bob Milligan

Each Sub-District may submit NOT MORE THAN TWO recommendations annually to Pennsylvania Counselors  
Contact District Governor Mimi Tosh 825-5748; [mjtosh51@yahoo.com](mailto:mjtosh51@yahoo.com) for more information

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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,

*Marcia*  
Lion Marcia Shaull,  
MD-14 Administrator

**Weekend Schedule of Events**

<b>Friday, February 3, 2012</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
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
<b>Saturday, February 4, 2012</b>		
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
<b>Sunday February 5, 2012</b>		
State Council Meeting	9:00 a.m. -finished	Jr. Ballroom



**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



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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

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### 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  
No tickets will be sold the Council Meeting weekend



## 2012 Pennsylvania Lions State Convention Gettysburg, PA May 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>

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

# 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus Shipping: \$15.00 or under, add \$3.95      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$15.01 to \$30.00, add \$5.25      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$30.01 to \$55.00, add \$6.50      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLUS 6% PA Sales Tax      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Due      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Payment to:  
 PA LIONS STATE OFFICE  
 949 EAST PARK DRIVE  
 HARRISBURG, PA 17111

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2012 BUSAN CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The early bird registration fee is US\$100 through December 31, 2011. From January 1 through March 31, 2012 the regular registration fee is US\$130. April 1, 2012 and through onsite registration, the fee is US\$150.

### LCI OFFICIAL HOTELS IN BUSAN, KOREA

- Guests at LCI's delegation hotels will have free shuttle transportation to all official convention events.
- Lions will be assigned to their delegation hotels on a first-come, first-served basis through December 31, 2011. After December 31, Lions can choose their delegation hotel or a hotel based on rate or location (subject to availability).
- In addition to at least one adult registration fee, a deposit in the amount of \$200 per room is required to make a reservation. The deposit is not the daily rate but will guarantee the reservation. The deposit will be credited to the hotel at checkout.
- The deadline for group refunds of hotel deposits has changed according to board policy. The deadline for group refunds of hotel deposits is May 1, 2012.
- The deadline for individual refunds of hotel deposits is May 15, 2012.

PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATION -SEACLOUD HOTEL-----LCI HEADQUARTERS -BUSAN LOTTE  
 DISTRICT GOVERNORS ELECT -GRAND, NOVOTEL, PARADISE HOTELS  
 PIN TRADERS -HAEUNDAE CENTUM \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL NEEDS -BUSAN LOTTE  
 LEOS -TOKYO INN SEOMYEON

## 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.

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## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Following the recent Board meeting in Hong Kong, LCIF has an important announcement regarding the MJF program. Expansion of this program now includes donations to five special program areas for which donors will be able to receive MJF and PMJF credit when their support is directed to the following: DISASTER, HUMANITARIAN NEEDS (includes Measles Initiative), SIGHT, YOUTH, and AREA OF GREATEST NEED/

Restrictions BEYOND these five areas will be HONORED by LCIF but will NOT be eligible for MJF or PMJF credit. For example, a donation restricted to a specific disaster like an earthquake or tornado in a particular region will not be eligible for MJF or PMJF credit.

The MJF Program was established by LCIF in 1971 to recognize unrestricted donations of US\$1,000. Today, more than 75% of annual funding received by the foundation is given through MJF programs. Expanded programs will offer additional benefits including:

Donors will now have the opportunity to direct support to a desired special area. LCIF will immediately provide funds for large-scale disaster relief rather than collecting and distributing funds over a period of weeks or months.

Funding directed to "Area of Greatest Need" provides LCIF with the ability to financially support any program within the four general areas. Donors are encouraged to consider this opportunity when making a gift. Additional information on change to the MJF Recognition Program may be found at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org)

*Paul Rose, LCIF Coordinator 735-1381; [rsmarion@aol.com](mailto:rsmarion@aol.com)*

## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TAM'S TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

Trees Planted: 5,952, 945



## LIONS CLUB REBUILDING WEBINAR

There will be a free Lions Webinar that could help fill some of the needs of clubs in the district. This Webinar will focus on signs that a club may be in trouble or in need of Invigoration.

Topics will include:

1. How to identify the first sign of trouble
2. In-depth review of the Club Health Assessment report ... and what it means.
3. Diagnosing club weakness.
4. Utilizing club strengths
5. Success stories from the field
6. Club Excellence Process
7. Utilizing a Certified Guiding Lions for long term success
8. Recognizing success-The Club Rebuilding Award

Each district has at least one club that could benefit from the information shared in the webinar. Leaders are encouraged to join in this event. Visit the lion's website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and enter "rebuilding" in the search box. The title is: Club rebuilding-How to Invigorate Your Club. Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2011. It will originate from Lions International Offices in Chicago. Pennsylvania time is 9:30pm - 10:30pm. Thank you for helping to saving and promote Lionism for future generations.

James A. "Jim" Cavallaro International Director 2010-2012

**NEVER FORGET THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**

## 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](http://www.litpc.org)

### LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

List name and address of the college or institution of higher learning you will be attending. Attach a copy of the letter of acceptance if available.

Name of Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number/Street

City

State

Zip

Phone Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that the information I have provided is truthful, honest, and is to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation of the information provided in this form constitutes complete and unconditional rejection of this scholarship application. I am willing to write a brief report of my academic progress at the end of the school year upon request. I understand this scholarship will be used for tuition, fees, and books only and agree to this use.

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

The completed application should be sent to the local pin trading club or scholarship committee by March 1 for regional evaluation.

A scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 (US funds) will be awarded. A check in this amount will be issued payable jointly in the name of the student and the college/institution of higher learning.

*This form may be copied or reproduced as needed, but alteration of application form will result in disqualification of applicant.*

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.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## KEY DATES OF INTEREST

Dec 1	Deadline for District Governor to submit District Peace Poster winners to State
Dec 1	Deadline for White Cane Report to White Cane Chair, Lion Andy Walgo
Dec 3	Santa visits with Bear Creek/Buck Twp Lions
Dec 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
JAN 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jan 20, 2012	Deadline PA Counsellors Award application to District Governor
Feb 3-5 2012	Third State Council Meeting Pittsburgh
Mar 31, 2012	Deadline International Pin Traders Scholarship Application
May 17-20, 2012	MD 14 State Convention Gettysburg, PA

## DECEMBER DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITS

Dec 7 Wednesday Edwardsville

Dec 12 Monday Dupont

Dec 13 Tuesday Lake Silkworth

Dec 14 Wednesday Forty Fort

## ADDRESSES TO REMEMBER

District 14-W Lions: <http://www.e-district.org/sites/14w/> 570-208-LION (5466);

Lions Clubs International: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org); PA State Council of LC: [www.palions.org](http://www.palions.org);

PA Beacon Lodge: [www.beaconlodge.com](http://www.beaconlodge.com); Leader Dogs for the Blind: [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org);

District Newsletter Editor, Publisher, Distributor, PDG Walter Bechtold: [wbech48@aol.com](mailto:wbech48@aol.com)

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

### DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SPONSOR'S PIN 2011-2012

This New Member's Sponsor Pin is highly distinctive, great looking and unique. This opportunity runs from July 1, 2011 to June 1, 2012. How do you earn this pin? It's 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.

**NOTICE:** There has been a policy change with the sponsor's pins.

Now Sponsoring Lions will only receive the new DG dangler if you have already been issued a #1 pin

“SHINE YOUR LIGHT”



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(Lions Clubs International®)

MARYLIN "MIMI" TOSH  
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## Between the Lions

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER  
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PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB



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