

DISTRICT GOVERNOR LETTER – NOVEMBER 2011

Dear Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Time is flying by. Where are the turkey decorations? It's not Christmas yet! Let's give thanks first. Remember when you put up the tree on Christmas Eve...saved the silver icicles year after year...kept ornaments that your parents made for their parents...took down the tree after the Three Kings? The straw in the manger that my Dad made is older than me!

I went on club visits, attended Humanitarian of the Year Award dinners. I have eaten spaghetti, pasties, and pierogies. I've gone to Halloween parades and a State Council meeting. District 14W received an Emergency Grant from LCIF. Supplies were bought for the Red Cross. Gift cards for clothing were bought from the wonderful Boscov's. When cards remained, winter clothing was bought by the committee and distributed. Lions are great people! Thank you to Andy and Rosemary Piskel for giving Mom and me a ride home when my car wouldn't start - they live in Hazleton and we're in Wilkes-Barre. That's Lions!

When I needed volunteers to help with the gift card giveaway, 14 people helped out. And when the shopping needed to be done, 4 committee members did the work of 14! That's Lions!

But it's not enough! There is so much need out there and so few people step up when called on. I realize that many Lions have problems, too. Our own members have suffered from the recent flooding and they worry about that next heavy rainfall. But service can take your mind off of your problems for a little while, and the smile that you get for helping someone will boost your spirits as you move forward.

LCI is trying to invigorate membership and leadership. Lions need to grow now! Give GMT and GLT a try. Step up and ask to be the Coordinator for our District. Lions are about service but we need more leadership and membership – to produce more leaders that will grow membership that will provide more service to those who need us. Some clubs are doing great work in their communities. They are organized and efficient while others are struggling. Bring some of that knowledge to other clubs and the District, be a leader! Step up and share your knowledge and give some time and energy to helping the District with membership and leadership.

The District needs you. The State needs you. The World needs you. That's the ripple effect caused by Lions! The Lions vision statement says to be the *global* leader in community and humanitarian service. Throw your pebble into the pond and make a difference Let's start our ripple in 14W and let it spread! Go 14W Lions!

The 2nd Cabinet Meeting is on November 13. Don't wait until the last minute to make reservations. Make firm plans to attend now. Ink it in on your calendar. There will be good food by the world-renowned Chef Fr. Martin. Karl Jones from the Northeast Eye Bank will talk about the work that is being done – work that we support – providing sight. There's State and International dues increases in the future. There will be a vote in February to elect a candidate for International Director. The meeting is the place for information. Come out and say hi to your fellow Lions. It only happens four times a year. It's a good way to spend a Sunday afternoon and still have time to get home and put your feet up! You should know what's happening around you. I would love to see a representative from *every club* attending so that information gets to the club members. This is your District! Learn. Share. Grow.

Happy Thanksgiving!

See you around the District.

Mimi

Have Courage
Make a Commitment
Take Action

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LETTER - NOVEMBER 2011

It was a long weekend, but now my first State Council meeting is in the books. It is truly an honor to be one of the members that represents our district. One common theme I kept hearing among most districts in the state is that many districts have great members doing unbelievable work. Unfortunately, this is going unreported and in turn has left us with a bit of an identity crisis (Non-Lions don't know what we do). I also see many State and international programs that we are not using to their full potential due part to lack of information exchange.

We have a very unique opportunity to bring resources from a single member, club, district, state, national, or international pool of resources to our projects. We have a great base of members -now is the time to build on this. I understand we don't do this for the credit and for a pat on the back, but I would ask you to please spread the word to not only other Lions, but Non-Lions as well. **"I Believe"** if we promote the countless work that people are doing in the greatest organization in the world, which just happens to be right in their backyard, we will have people seeking membership.

The deadline is quickly approaching for your peace poster entries to be submitted to the District Governor for judging. It amazes me each year to see the abilities of these 11, 12, and 13 year old students. I commend all of our clubs that participate in this international contest. The district level is just one of many levels that end at the annual Lions Day at the UN with the awarding of the international winner by the International President. I would encourage all members to watch for the announcement for this year's Lions Day at the UN in New York City (should be around March 16th). This is a great way to meet members from different countries along with the international president. Look for the details in the coming months.

VDG-Dennis Cook

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 October 25, 2011 MD 14, State of Pennsylvania had 22,984 members in 775 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: Robert J. Shelhamer of the Drums Lions Club, William A. Burns of the Pittston Township Lions Club, 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.

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

DISTRICT EYE BANK MEETINGS

District Eye Bank meetings are held the First Thursday of each month. Meetings are open to EVERY Lion in the District. All Lions are encouraged and urged to attend. Nancy 655-0345, Ursula 654-2744, Marina 709-0907 for meeting locations or information. Next Meeting is November 3rd. The host will be the Avoca Lions Club meeting at 7:00pm in Avoca VFW Post # 8335 @ 915 Main Street Avoca. 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, 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 report.

DEADLINE for report filing – DECEMBER 1, 2011

WHO COULD ATTEND DISTRICT 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 DISTRICT 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.

Note The Change in Registration Times DISTRICT 14-W SECOND CABINET MEETING

• SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 13, 2011 •

Holy Resurrection Cathedral Hall 591 North Main Street Wilkes-Barre, PA

Registration 12:30-1:00; 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 ©WMB942012

BEAR CREEK~BUCK TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB

Sunday, November 6th, 2011. Breakfast Buffet & Bake Sale – 8am to 1pm Including many various breakfast items, like pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast as well as juice, coffee, tea, etc.

Tickets: Children (ages 5 to 9) \$3.00 – Adults \$6.00 Available from any Lions Club member or at the door. For information call: *Carolyn* 472-3948: cmburke@ptd.net, *Frank Jones* 472-3125
Chances will be sold for specialty baskets also. It will be held at the BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY BUILDING on Rte. 115, across from PA Turnpike exit

BEAR CREEK~BUCK TWP LIONS HOST MR & MRS CLAUSE

Visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus - Dec. 3rd 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

WORTH A MENTION

I recently made a District Governor's visit to the Hazleton Lions Club. As I left, I discovered that my car battery was dead. Lion (First Lady) Chris Bodnar pulled out jumper cables but nothing happened. A stranger stopped and tried his cables and nothing happened. It was late and we would have been stuck in an empty parking lot waiting for repair service. It was then that Lion Andy Piskel and his wife Rosemary volunteered to drive Mom and me back to our house in Wilkes-Barre. Lion Andy did what Lions do best – serve. Thank you to the Piskels from the bottom of my heart for coming to our aid. Thank you to Lion President Kristen Molinaro and Lion Chris Bodnar for staying around to make sure that we were safe.

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".
DG Mimi

BEAR CREEK-BUCK TOWNSHIP LIONS HONOR MEMBER FOR SERVICE

The Bear Creek/Buck Township Lions Club awarded a plaque to former Lions Club President Willard Kresge in appreciation of his outstanding dedication, leadership and service. At the presentation, from left, are Kresge and Club President John Yench. Bear creek Lions are located in District 14-W. Article appears here as a courtesy of TIMES LEADER.

DALLAS LIONS HONOR KLINGER

The Dallas Lions Club recently held its annual installation dinner at the Irem Country Club. Doug Klinger, outgoing club secretary, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts during the past year. In addition to his duties as secretary, Klinger was also active on the many projects which the club undertook during the year. Shown from left are Klinger and Club President, Sean McGrath. The Dallas Lions Club is located in District 14-W. Article appears courtesy of TIMES LEADER.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST REMINDER



All clubs should bring their club's Peace Poster selection to the Cabinet meeting on November 13th so that a district winner can be determined at that time.

LEOS TO LIONS PROGRAM

LEOs are the future of the Lions Clubs International family. Your club and community will benefit when you make LEOs your active partners in service. LEOs bring energy, passion and new ideas about service. And no one understands the needs of young people in your community better than other young people. Mentoring LEOs is also a valuable opportunity for Lions to serve as positive role models for the youth of their communities and to demonstrate the skills and satisfaction that come with the dedication to volunteer service. There's no preparation for a lifetime of service as a Lion than participation in an active LEO club. Today's LEOs are tomorrow's leaders. To ease the transition LCI has established the LEO to Lion Program which waives the usual entry fee as well as half of all international dues until age 30.

Former Leos, through age 30, now have two new ways to become a Lion!

1. JOIN A LIONS CLUB

Continue answering needs that challenge your community and those around the world by accepting an invitation to join your local Lions Club; Current and former Leos between the ages of legal majority in the jurisdiction in which they reside and through the age of 30 are eligible to receive an entrance fee waiver and pay only half International Dues when joining any Lions club.

2. CHARTER A NEW LIONS CLUB

Chartering your own Lions club with former Leos and other like-minded young adults gives you the opportunity to choose your own service projects and involve your peers in giving back to the community while enjoying all of the privileges of Lions membership.

When 10 or more former Leos charter a Lions club of 20 or more, former Leos have the opportunity to recruit other young adults between the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction in which they reside and through the age of 30 and enable them to receive the entrance fee waiver and pay only half International Dues.

SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR GRADUATED LEOs:

Credit for years of LEO service

Former Leos can complete the Years of Service Record to receive credit for their Leo years of service in their Lions club membership history. The Lions club secretary submits the form to the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters.

Credit for Offices Held as a LEO

If you held a leadership position in the Leo organization, you may be eligible to receive one year's credit toward the requirements needed for certain leadership positions in your Lions district as determined by the district, with the exception of the vice district governor and the district governor qualifications which are governed by the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws

Benefits to becoming a Lion include

Prestige of being a Lion; International programs; Worldwide network of Lions clubs; THE LION Magazine; Leadership institutes and training; International public relations; Lions Clubs International Foundation; Liability insurance coverage

NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA LIONS EYE BANK "NEW VISIONS SOCIETY"

Since 1957, the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank has enabled more than 25,000 people to receive the Gift of Sight. With the loyal support of Lions, Lioness, and LEO Clubs in Pennsylvania, the Eye Bank has been able to fulfill that mission in an ever-changing world.

Today, our world-class Eye Bank employs over 30 people who recover, test, cut, and prepare eye tissue for distribution throughout the world. Eye banking has changed a great deal since the days of the "Minute Men." The Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank is poised to play a key role in giving the Gift of Sight through the **NEW VISIONS Society**.

You can become a member of the NEW VISIONS Society by making a contribution and/or commitment 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 VISIONS Society can be done easily. When your club is making a donation to the District Governor's FAIR SHARE Program all that is needed is a minimal donation of \$100. If your 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, address and full contact information in order for him or her to be properly recognized. As always, your club can also be named as the NEW VISIONS Society member. Some portions reprinted from NEPA Eye Bank September newsletter.



Karl Jones is Director of Development for the NEPA Eye Bank. Karl will be our guest and speak at the Second Cabinet Meeting on November 13.

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

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?**

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

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.

HAZLETON LIONS RAISE \$5000 FOR SIGHTFIRST II

District 14-W Governor Mimi Tosh accepted a check for \$5,000 from the Hazleton Lions on behalf of Lions International at the club's recent Past President Night. The money was raised over a five year period from contributions by the club's membership. The money will be used by Lions International for the Campaign Sight First project which funds preventable blindness worldwide. Pictured are the Presidents who served during this campaign, Dr. Joseph Bafile, John Paletski, Kristen Molinaro, Frank Molinaro, Mimi Tosh and Richard Piskel. The Hazleton Lions Club is located in Lions District 14-W.

A good leader takes a lot more than his share of the blame, a lot less than his share of the credit. -Arnold H. Glasgow

A manager is an assistant to his men. - Thomas J. Watson (1874-1956, American businessman, founder of IBM)

Most great people have attained their greatest success just one step beyond their greatest failure. - Napoleon Hill (1883-1970, American speaker, author, "Think And Grow Rich")

The word BEST is very difficult to define in writing, but it's easy to react to and easy to feel when you are doing it. It's a personal dedication, and a work ethic, not a word.

After EVERY base-on-balls (walk), baseball immortal Pete Rose, RAN to first base. The ONLY ballplayer to ever do so; All 1566 times he walked, he ran. That's BEST. Oh, he also had 4256 hits, and was known for his head-first slide to stretch a single to a double. He also holds the all-time record for doubles. No Coincidence. From Jeffrey Gitomer's "Little Book of Leadership"

DISTRICT SPEAKER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

If your Lions Club is interested in having a speaker or speakers visit your club and make a presentation on any one or more of the following topics: please call them directly, I am sure they would love to come and visit and explain their roles and their involvement.

Lions of PA Foundation-Pete Duda 824-3929

All State Band- Andy Piskel 455-1261

Beacon Lodge –Bob and Joan Milligan 823-6035

Lions ALERT- Ruth Koval 472-9015

Hearing Aid Program- Tom Major 829-6659

Environmental Topics- Mark Kowalczyk 237-5282

Fun and Fellowship- Tom Mulhern 606-9944

Habitat for Humanity-Earl Bisbing 821-2256

Leader Dog- Sandi Carl 472-3457

White Cane- Andy Walgo 825-2360

Lions Clubs International Foundation- Paul Rose 735-1381

Peace Poster Program-Fred Pierantoni 655-8572

Lion's QUEST- Janet Serino 388-6763

NEPA Lions Eye Bank- Dr Anthony Molitoris 823-0700

Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action- Dorothy Faymore 829-4073

USA/Canada Forum Nancy Baiera 655-0345

E-District House Website - Roseanne Linko 883-7052

District Eye Bank- Marina Martin 822-7725

Cultural & Community Activity - Colleen Weiss 331-2246

District Courtesy Eye Glass Program-Dr. Ronald Petrilla 693-3555

You can also call upon all of your Past District Governors to come and address issues and important topics such as: Membership, Leadership, Retention (keeping those precious members that you have recruited), Extension (forming new clubs), Information Technology (Internet, Facebook, Twitter, etc), New Member Orientation, and Women's Development.

If you and your club want to conduct a blood drive to benefit The American Red Cross, call Laura Beth Ryan, 823-7164 X 2144. Each pint donated can save up to three lives. Your singular effort is tripled in returns. Wall Street has nothing like this to offer.

"Education is a crutch with which the foolish attack the wise to prove that they are not idiots"
-Karl Kraus

"Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools talk because they have to say something" - Plato

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. The clubs will be judged by their M&A reports handed 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, 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 an easy \$100 or maybe even \$200?

MD14 STATE MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

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. Time frame: July 1 -March 31, 2012. Must be on March report or earlier qualify. Winners will be recognized 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 of 1st and 2nd place are honored with pins, certificates and breakfast. Participants must submit their final numbers to the MD GMT coordinator 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.*

2012 Pennsylvania Lions State Convention

Gettysburg, PA. May 17th thru 20th

The **Lioness and Ladies Breakfast** will be held on Saturday morning this year at the State Convention. This is a change from previous conventions where the breakfast was held on Friday. Our committee has a great program planned with lots of fun, food and entertainment. **Mamie Eisenhower** will be the featured program after breakfast.

Dr. Terry Goodman PCC, from New Hampshire 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. He will present a program on Friday entitled, **What's Wrong With This Club and How Do I Fix It**" and also one on Saturday entitled "**Everything I Ever Wanted To Know about Lionism I Learned at The Zoo**". We will be using round tables for these presentations in the USA/Canada Forum style.

Also, several other seminars are being planned and we will keep you informed in future newsletters as to who they are and the title of their presentations. The President meets the Presidents will also be scheduled but the time must be approved by President Tam first.

The Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team will each have a program pertaining to "**Membership**" and "**Leadership**" These two programs are very important to the future of our Clubs and we should all attend these very needed programs.

All of the scheduled seminars will end before our featured program on Saturday afternoon. **La Donna Gatlin** should be a must attend for each **registered** Lion, Lioness, Leo or guest.

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

IRS FILING REQUIREMENTS

Several years ago the IRS started to require all tax exempt organizations to file annual tax returns. This was done to cut down on and stop the phony use of tax exempt status. It is now time to file your return for the 2010- 2011 fiscal year. As you know, the Lions fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30th. Returns need to be filed with the IRS no later than November 15th following the end of the fiscal year. If your club follows the calendar year as your fiscal year, than your return should have been filed by April 15th. Which form you must use for filing your return has changed from last year's return. The new requirements are as follows:

1. Form 990 N (e-postcard) for clubs having gross receipts less than \$50,000. Last year's requirement was less than \$25,000.
2. Form 990 EZ for clubs having gross receipts from \$50,001 to \$200,000 and having assets less than \$500,000. Last year's requirement was \$25,001 to \$99,999 and assets of \$1.25 Million
3. Form 990 for clubs with gross receipts in excess of \$200,000 and assets over \$500,000.

These clubs must also include a professional audit with their return. Last year's requirement were \$100,000 in receipts and \$1.25 million in assets. As you can see the IRS has increased the allowable receipt limits but lowered the asset limits. Gross receipts are defined as all monies coming into the club without subtracting your expenses. For most clubs this is not a problem but could be for those clubs that own any property. Most of the District's clubs will use form 990 N e-postcard. To file is simple in the search part of your homepage type in filing form 990N choose one of the search options or type in the following <http://epostcard.form990.org/> This address takes you to filing page. Once there just follow the instructions. You will need your clubs EIN (Employer Identification Number) to file your return. If you don't know it, just go to the bank and ask. If you have more than one EIN you must file a return for every number or cancel the numbers you don't use. One thing that you will notice, as you are completing the return is that the name of the Organization is Lions Clubs International; your club name will not appear. This is because International has registered all known club EIN numbers under its umbrella to maintain the tax exempt status of all clubs. You will receive a confirmation e-mail once the IRS has accepted your return. Print this out and keep it with your 2010 -2011 financial records. If you have not filed a return in the past 2 years please do so this year. If you don't your club will lose its tax exempt status and must begin paying taxes. It is a long difficult process to regain your tax exempt status.

Yours in Lionism, PDG Tom Gregg, GLT Coordinator

“Thank you for this article goes to Lion Thomas Gregg, PDG and GLT Coordinator 14-E”

IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU! DON'T LET THE IRS TAKE AWAY YOUR TAX EXEMPT STATUS! FILE NOW-ON LINE IT'S EZ

It's short, easy and electronic – it's the new E-Postcard and it's required by the IRS. Don't throw away your tax-exempt status – be sure to file your e-Postcard.

The principal is the school

As the great Babe Ruth said, “*The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.*” Baseball Clubs or Lions Clubs, the words still ring true!

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.

LCI NEWSLETTER

When we began our leadership year in July, I announced my intention to visit with as many club presidents as possible. Now, with one quarter of the year behind us, I have had many opportunities to fulfill that commitment.

In meeting with presidents in many diverse locations around the world, I have seen that most Lions clubs are alike in very many ways...and certainly in all the ways that really matter. We all believe in Lions power to change our neighborhoods and the world through service and leadership.

In fact, most clubs remind me of the Mt. Cameron Lions Club which I joined in 1981. The members there made me feel welcome, immediately offered me responsible assignments and taught me what it means to be a Lion. They made me feel like a member of a family. Because they did, I became a Lion for life.

I believe that it is the club presidents who have the greatest responsibility and opportunity to make members' experiences more like that of a family. Presidents can set the tone. I hope the tone you set will be one of welcome and respect for the talents and ideas of all members. Presidents who are successful at this will find themselves at the head of a healthy -- and growing -- Lions club. Lions who are fulfilled in their desire to serve and happy with the club's camaraderie are our best recruiting tools.

Club presidents are also the key to motivating clubs to participate in projects like the Global Service Action Campaigns and this year's challenge to plant one million trees worldwide. Already there has been more than 150,000 of hours of volunteer service and **2,966, 680** trees have been planted to date. These projects are already changing the world in meaningful ways. They will be the legacy of our leadership and testimony to the truth of Lions motto: We Serve.

Thank you for all you have done and all you will do to make our world a better place.

Sincerely, Wing-Kun Tam, International President

Trees Planted: 2,966, 680

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Each year Lions face increased demand to serve their communities. Lions respond rapidly by meeting dire needs of their communities in part with LCIF funds. On behalf of our local flood victims, District 14-W has received an Emergency Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to help us serve our cause.

Now is the time to become an LCIF Contributing Member. I have received 25 bronze Contributing Member Pins from the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Your donation of \$20.00 for each pin will help us keep our finances healthy while living up to our motto: WE SERVE.

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This month we celebrate Lions World Sight Day and our commitment to saving sight around the world. This month I am also happy to share with you a new health initiative. I am sure you have heard of the deadly disease measles. The terrible truth is that 450 children die each day from this disease. You may not know that a devastating complication from this disease is blindness. This is just another reason that as Lions we join the fight to stop this disease to save lives and prevent childhood blindness.

Last year we joined the Measles Initiative, a collaborative effort of several leading organizations to eliminate measles. In less than 10 years, this August, the 1 billionth child was vaccinated through this initiative. While measles has been reduced by 78 percent since 2001, the World Health Organization estimates that decreasing support could result in 500,000 more deaths each year if the present progress rolls back to pre-2000 levels.

Our pilot year was a great success! Lions and our partners vaccinated 41 million children in four countries. Now we must expand these efforts to reach even more children in more countries. In a survey of Lions members, 90 percent expressed the desire to continue this program.

This is now possible thanks to a commitment by our partner, the Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation is awarding us US\$5 million for the program this year, the largest single donation in our history. The Gates Foundation will do this by matching every US\$2 that we raise with US\$1. We have set a combined goal of providing US\$15 million toward this initiative.

I ask that you encourage your club and district to get involved. Please help us to meet our goal of providing US\$15 million for the Lions' Measles program this year. You can support this program at www.lcif.org/donate or learn more online. Your donation is MJF eligible.

River Blindness Eliminated in Colombia

Since 2004, SightFirst has been a contributing partner in the Onchocerciasis Elimination Program of the Americas, which works to end the illness and transmission of onchocerciasis (or river blindness) in Latin America. As a result of health education and Mectizan® distribution, there has been no new blindness from onchocerciasis in these areas. The World Health Organization (WHO) will announce the elimination of onchocerciasis in Colombia at the Inter-American Conference of Onchocerciasis in November, making Colombia the first country to receive such certification.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL LIONS EVERYWHERE
FROM: YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR MARYLIN TOSH AND DISTRICT 14-W

Family, friends, loved ones, we are each affected by the positive influences of those closest to us. More than any other time of year Thanksgiving reminds us of those memories with family that last a lifetime. As the hallmark of National Family Week, Thanksgiving is a day to reflect on our blessings and to give thanks to those who have made us what we are. As we sit around our tables filled with family, friends and bountiful pleasures, let us think of those who are in need of comfort and compassion this holiday season.



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Thank you for all the wonderful blessings, for our daily meals, for clean drinking water, for sunlight, for fresh air and for the Seasons. I'm thankful for my health and my peace of mind. I'm thankful for my family and friends, to love and be loved. I'm thankful for my country and for my freedom. I'm thankful to be alive and praise You for all these wonders. On this Thanksgiving Day, I take this opportunity to thank You for countless other things that you give to us on a daily basis.

How can you help restore vision to a woman who has lost her sight or provide shelter to a family after a major disaster? How can you feed a child who is hungry and provide hope to a military veteran who has lost a limb?

The answer is simple. Encourage your fellow Lions to contact their lawmakers and ask them to co-sponsor the [Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act!](#)

Passage of this bill authorizes the US Treasury to mint 400,000 silver coins in honor of LCI's 100th year anniversary- an anniversary that celebrates past, present and future successes.

Minting of these coins has the potential to raise \$8 million to aid the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by major disaster so that Lions can keep doing what we do best- serving communities.

To pass this legislation we need 290 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives and 67 in the Senate. To date and thanks to Lions efforts, we currently have [127 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives](#) and [24 in the Senate](#).

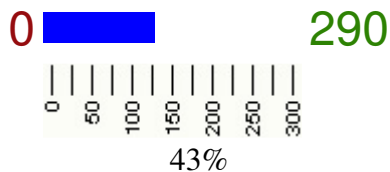
Ask your clubs to [call](#) their lawmakers today and be part of history!

Thank you,

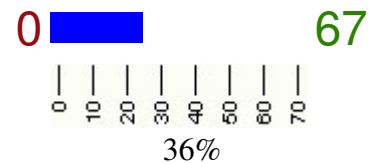
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Quick Facts

The **Lions Clubs International Silver Dollar** is a commemorative coin program for 2017 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of LCI by Melvin Jones in 1917. Coins will be issued in a quantity of up to 400,000 \$1 coins by the U.S. Mint. A \$10 surcharge will be added to the price of each coin and distributed to the Lions Clubs International Foundation to further its programs for the visually impaired, the disabled, youth and those affected by a major disaster. The design of the coin will be emblematic of the centennial of the LCI. Specifications: Face Value: \$1; Total Estimated Mintage: 400,000; Weight: 26.73 grams; Composition: 90% silver, 10% copper; Diameter: 1.500 inches; Obverse/Reverse Design: Emblematic of the centennial of LCI; Obverse/Reverse Designer: TBA; Commemorative coins can be purchased through the U.S. Mint from January 1 to December 31, 2017 at www.usmint.gov or call 1-800 USA MINT or go to www.lionsclubs.org/coin to have your name included on a waiting list.

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1	Brady, Robert	D	102 CHOB	202-225-4731	Armed Services House Administration
2	Fattah, Chaka	D	2301 RHOB	202-225-4001	Appropriations Education and the Workforce
3	Kelly, Mike	R	515 CHOB	202-225-5406	Foreign Affairs Oversight and Government Reform

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4	Altmire, Jason	D	332 CHOB	202-225-2565	Small Business Transportation and Infrastructure Agriculture
5	Thompson, Glenn W.	R	124 CHOB	202-225-5121	Education and the Workforce Natural Resources
6	Gerlach, Jim	R	2442 RHOB	202-225-4315	Ways and Means Homeland Security
7	Meehan, Pat	R	513 CHOB	202-225-2011	Oversight and Government Reform Transportation and Infrastructure
8	Fitzpatrick, Michael G.	R	1224 LHOB	202-225-4276	Financial Services
9	Shuster, Bill	R	204 CHOB	202-225-2431	Armed Services Transportation and Infrastructure Foreign Affairs
10	Marino, Tom	R	410 CHOB	202-225-3731	Homeland Security Judiciary Education and the Workforce
11	Barletta, Lou	R	510 CHOB	202-225-6511	Small Business Transportation and Infrastructure
12	Critz, Mark	D	1022 LHOB	202-225-2065	Armed Services Small Business
13	Schwartz, Allyson Y.	D	1227 LHOB	202-225-6111	Budget Foreign Affairs
14	Doyle, Mike	D	401 CHOB	202-225-2135	Energy and Commerce
15	Dent, Charles W.	R	1009 LHOB	202-225-6411	Appropriations Ethics
16	Pitts, Joseph R.	R	420 CHOB	202-225-2411	Energy and Commerce
17	Holden, Tim	D	2417 RHOB	202-225-5546	Agriculture Transportation and Infrastructure
18	Murphy, Tim	R	322 CHOB	202-225-2301	Energy and Commerce Armed Services
19	Platts, Todd	R	2455 RHOB	202-225-5836	Education and the Workforce Oversight and Government Reform

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