



The Cauldron



District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

June 2023



Happy Father's Day



From the desk of **District Governor Lion Dr. Kamal Gella**

Dear Fellow Lions

Thank you for the wonderful Lions Year. The Lions Year comes to an end on June 30th

In this newsletter, I will be focusing on “Membership”, “Service”, and “Fellowship”

Membership:

We continue to add new members. I had the privilege of installing three new members during my visit to Central Elizabeth Lions Club.

Service:

We packed “We Care Kits” at the District Rally. Canned food was collected at the District Rally that was distributed to the local food bank. During the ID Ron Keller’s Visit – we distributed Nintendo Games and Switches to UPMC Children Hospital Oncology Unit. ID Ron Keller and Mrs. Keller visited the Monroeville Library new enhanced spacing with new LED lighting



Figure 1 Distributing Nintendo Games and Switches to the UPMC Children Hospital Oncology Unit



Figure 2 ID Keller presenting check for energy enhancement to Monroeville Library

Fellowship:

Lions International convention will be held July 7-11, 2023, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA: A quintessential blend of colonial history and cutting-edge innovation. From the charming cobblestones of Beacon Hill and the civic landmarks along the Black Heritage Trail and Freedom Trail to the iconic grounds of Harvard University and Fenway Park, Boston is a treasure trove of Americana. Fun if by land and fun if by sea, Boston is an ideal destination for your next vacation. Explore diverse neighborhoods, enjoy an eclectic array of performing arts and special events, shop in chic boutiques and high-end malls, fall into a foodie’s paradise and discover the true essence of Boston, a cosmopolitan hub where tradition and innovation interact every day. I encourage you to attend.

Congratulations to Lions District 14B Lions George R Belles, Mary K. Raynak, Melanie L. Hansen, Gary F Roberson, Robert Falce, Michele Falce, Ralph Imbrogno for receiving Presidential Certificates at the District Spring Rally.from ID Ron Keller.

Congratulations to Lions District 14B Lions Ralph Imbrogno and PDG Chris Raynak on receiving the International President's Award at the Convention in Indiana Pa. PDG Harold Fletcher was recognized for having received the Ambassador of Goodwill Award at the State Convention held in Seven Springs Pa. in 2017. PDG Harold was unable to attend that convention as he was on the waiting list for a double lung transplant which he received in October of 2017.

Thanks to ID Ron Keller and Mrs. Keller for being the Special Guests at our District Spring Rally. Thanks to PID Cindy Gregg and IPID Larry Edwards for their mentoring and Guidance.

I would like to thank District Cabinet Secretary PDG MaryAnn Belles for supporting me. A big thank you to all Cabinet members for their contribution in Lions Year 2022-2023. Kudos to PDG Harold Fletcher for his excellent work in the District Newsletter. Special thanks to Michelle Falce for her outstanding job as Event Coordinator.

Thank you, LIONS, in District 14B for your community service and a wonderful year.

Yours in Service,

DG Dr. Kamal Gella

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*Thank
You*

District Governor Kamal Gella

for leading District 14B-in 2022-2023!...

LION THOMAS D. CESCHINI

District Governor-Elect



Greetings Fellow Lions

30 more days and counting to the end of another great Lion year. Thirty days and counting till I become the 2023-2024 District Governor for 14-B.

If you would have told me last year at this time that I would be the next year's District Governor I would have told you your silly, but here I am.

Since being elected 1st Vice District Governor I feel like I have been caught in the eye of a whirlwind of intense training, learning and most of all a lot of fun in the fellowship of my Lion brother and sisters.

I am still working on building my cabinet, it is coming along slow but sure. I still have some positions needing filled like the Zone 4 chairman, and the GMT chairman. If you are interested in a Cabinet Position or know someone who might be interested, please contact me.

I would like to thank District Governor Dr Kamal Gella for all his encouragement and mentoring. I want to recognize his hard work as District Governor and the tireless work he has done on his service projects.

"When there is a need there is a Lion"

Lion Tom Ceschini

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This was the resolution adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The resolution was made following the report of a special committee which had been assigned to suggest the flag's design.

A flag of this design was first carried into battle on September 11, 1777, in the Battle of the Brandywine. The American flag was first saluted by foreign naval vessels on February 14, 1778, when the Ranger, bearing the Stars and Stripes and under the command of Captain Paul Jones, arrived in a French port. The flag first flew over a foreign territory in early 1778 at Nassau, Bahama Islands, where Americans captured a British fort.

Observance of the adoption of the flag was not soon in coming, however. Although there are many claims to the first official observance of Flag Day, all but one took place more than an entire century after the flag's adoption in 1777. The first claim was from a Hartford, Conn., celebration during the first summer of 1861. In the late 1800s, schools all over the United States held Flag Day programs to contribute to the Americanization of immigrant children, and the observance caught on with individual communities.

The Origins of Flag Day That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation

The Origins of Flag Day



LION MIKE CROSSEY

First Vice District Governor-Elect



Fellow Lions, --- WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Each of us answers that question differently.

For some of us: Maybe it's the sense of community, the friendships, the chance to make a difference.

That's what attracted me.

As a former teacher, I longed for that feeling that I felt when I saw a student's eyes light up.

Being a Lion has given me that feeling again.

When I ask people about joining the Lions, I have made the mistake of only telling people why I joined, what we do, and why it's important to me.

I think we have to ask potential members what they want.

I believe everybody wants to make a difference. Everybody wants to belong to a group that's significant. Everybody wants that feeling that they matter.

We can be the vehicle that opens the world for them.

Let's talk to people about what they want. Let's help people to see their value. Let's empower people to be their best self.

Lionism is one of the best kept secrets in our communities. Let's open the doors. Encourage others to join us. Encourage others to own their community. Let's ask people how they want to contribute. How they want to make a difference.

Then show them how to find their passion by being a Lion

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Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher
"This 'n' That!"

PLEASE NOTE! Our District has 19 Clubs that have not submitted their slate officers for the Lions Year 2023-2024. The deadline for this information was May 15, 2023. Please have your club secretary submit the slate as soon as possible to Lions International. It is imperative that International be notified if your club changes its meeting place and/or time and day of meetings. This information is also needed by the incoming District Governor in order to complete the directory..



4th and Final Cabinet Meeting for 2022-2023

District Governor Kamal Gella has issued a call for the 2022 – 2023 District 14-B to hold its 4th District Cabinet Meeting on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 2 pm at Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Service, 1816 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Following the Cabinet Meeting, there will be a special meeting to elect our 2023 - 2024 2VDG, Lion Ralph Imbrogno. Please make every attempt to stay for this Special Meeting.

All Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Lions, and Leos are invited to attend. Please wear your Club shirts and attire for the meeting. Club Secretaries, please forward this Call to meeting to all your Club Members to invite them to the meeting.

Please contact Michele Falce, our District 14-B Coordinator of District Activities as soon as possible, to let her know that you will be attending. Her email is mbaker@sei.cmu.edu

Cabinet Members, please provide your written reports to lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com by Friday, June 9, 2023.

Please see attached the minutes from Cabinet Meeting # 3 and the Reports.

Also attached are Cabinet Meeting # 4 Financial Reports.

Copies of the agenda will be provided at the meeting.

In Service from the Heart, Together We Can!
Lion MaryAnn Belles, IPDG



DG Kamal "pinning" DGE Elect



Pennsylvania Counsellors

Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Award

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

The award is limited to one (1) recipient per club per year and a member is only allowed to receive this award once. A list of past recipients can be obtained by contacting the Immediate Past District Governor or the Secretary of the District's Long-Range Planning Committee. The Immediate Past District Governor and Vice District Governors are not eligible within the current Lions fiscal year.

Recipients must be of good moral and character who is in good standing with their club which is also in good standing to their respected district, multiple-district, and Lions Clubs International. Recipient must also be a Lion for at least one (1) year and a day to be eligible. Presentations of each award should be made by the District Governor at a sub-district function.

At this year's Spring Rally, two awards were presented to Lions for their dedication and for following the objects of Lionism.



Lion Richard Kline is secretary of the Pitcairn Lions Club. He has served in this position for many years. The PDGs of 14B presented him with the prestigious Pa. Counsellors Distinguished Service Award at the Spring Rally and his Club honored him at a recent meeting. The club is grateful for all his hard work.

.Pictured with Lion Kline are Pres. George Burnhardt, PDG Bob Zischkau and PDG Bob Cortese.

CONGRATULATIONS – Lion Kline



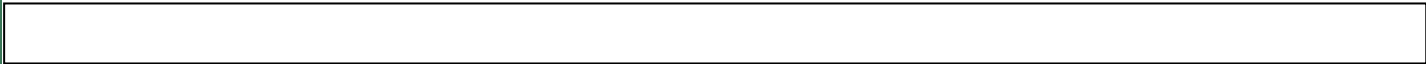
Lion Arthur Rathbun has been a member of the Monroeville Lions Club for 55 yrs aPPPPPPnd he has been chairman of the Annual

Sight Seal Campaign for 51 years. WOW The 14B Pa. Cousellors Distinguished Service Award was presented to Lion Art By PDG Chris Raynak at their club meeting.

WAY TO GO LION ART- YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION !!!!



We have 4new members to welcome into the Wonderful World of Lionism!



Marti Gooding
Andrew Duboy
John D. Meyers
Margaret Lehman
Allison M. Waltz

Bethel Park Lions Club
Clairton Lions Club
Clairton Lions Club
Clairton Lions Club
Pitcairn Lions Club

Sandra Demas
Ralph Imbrogno
Joseph Donkin
Kathleen Tachoir
Stephen Kline

Since July 1, 2022, here's what our District membership looks like from MyLCl...

July 1st 721 Members added 29 dropped 59 May 31st 683

We are ranked 16th out of the 17 Districts with District 14W beneath us.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP *

- 14G 1557
- 14A 1300
- 14D 1213
- 14C 1188
- 14T 1170
- 14M 1028
- 14F 973
- 14P 943
- 14N 953
- 14U 872
- 14L 840
- 14J 775
- 14E 734
- 14K 724
- 14B 688**
- 14H 698
- 14W 559

TOTAL 16,215

**as of 04/31/2023
Assessment Report*



**GET OUT THERE,
IN YOUR COMMUNITY
TO GET NEW MEMBERS!**



In Memory of...



Lion Matthew Spedding
Northern Allegheny
Lions Club
April 18, 2023



May he rest in peace

West Mifflin Lions Hold a Successful White Cane Day





Celebration

The District 14-B Lions Spring Celebration was held on Saturday, May 6, a beautiful, sunny day, at the Wildwood Golf Club in Allison Park, Pennsylvania. Close to 70 Lions from 15 clubs and their guests attended, including our speaker, International Director Ron Keller and his wife Kitty. A special coalition of Lions, led by PDG Marni Latterman, met ID Keller and Kitty and escorted them to the Monroeville Library to see the LED replacement lighting for their \$5000 environmental project; to UPMC Children’s Hospital to present their Oncology Unit with almost \$4000 in Nintendo Switches and games for the children undergoing cancer treatment to help provide normalcy to their situation; and then to dinner. On Saturday, ID Keller and Kitty, along with our district’s Lions, took part in packing We Care Kits for the homeless at Light of Life Mission. This service project was well organized by Lion Melanie Hansen and was very quickly dispatched with the help of all the Lions who participated. Roar!

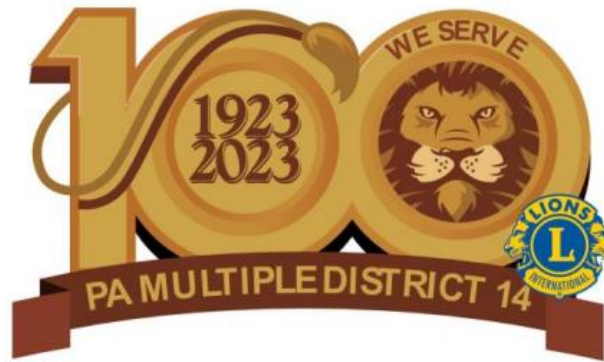


DG Kamal Gella acted as master of ceremonies and announced the results of our voting, First Vice District Governor Tom Ceschini and Second District Governor Mike Crossey, who were both in attendance. After VDG Tom called us to order, PDG Geoff Temple conducted our necrology service where Lions who had passed away in this last Lion year were memorialized. We were treated to a delicious buffet luncheon of chicken française, vegetarian lasagna, roasted red potatoes, green beans, a garden salad, and a variety of yummy desserts. Directly after lunch, the Slippery Rock University Dance Theatre performed several Indian dances, which were beautiful to watch. ID Keller mentioned during his talk that he has been blown away by the entertainment that he’s been treated to during the past year, including the dance performance. It was truly amazing!

After hearing ID Keller’s inspirational talk on gaining members, there was a basket raffle where 20 lucky Lions or guests took home a beautiful basket, gift card, or even cash! Then the 50/50 was drawn, and Lion Jiyothi held the lucky ticket. Thank you to the clubs and individuals who donated a prize this year! DG Kamal was the biggest donor, with 13 baskets all his own. It was lots of fun, and we will work to get even more prizes for next year’s raffle. I hope all who attended enjoyed themselves, and we hope to have even more Lions attend next year!



The Pennsylvania Lions Celebrate 100 Years of Service



The Convention was held in Indiana Pa. with District 14J hosting and they did an outstanding job! The Convention Center was constantly buzzing as Lions attended business meetings, completed crafty fun activities, talked with old friends and of course attended banquets. District 14B had two Lions receive the International President's Award—PDG Chris Raynak and Lion Ralph Imbrogno.

The 425 Lions and guests had the pleasure of meeting the International President Kevin Sheehan and his lovely wife who were present during the entire convention. President Sheehan was so enthusiastic and he delivered powerful messages.

A solemn Necrology Service took place to honor the 422 Lions who passed away during the calendar year 2022. The Leo Luncheon was well attended and introduced the Leo of the Year and installed a new Leo Club.

A well-attended "Birthday Party" was held to celebrate LOUDLY that PA Lions are 100 Years old! "Hear those Lions roar as they placed items in the time capsule and ate cupcakes.

Hands down the best part was the performance of the PA LIONS All State Band. The band gathered together for the first time the day before and with only a few practice hours presented an outstanding assortment of music. Of course they played The Pennsylvania Polka for the clapping audience. Outstanding job!

The convention concluded with a brilliant fireworks display . AWESOME !!!!!

THANKS, DISTRICT 14J FOR A JOB WELL DONE

See all of the convention pictures on the email page and just click on the Convention link!

West Mifflin Lions Hold a Successful White Cane Day

The West Mifflin Lions Club was out within the West Mifflin community to collect for the blind at our annual White Cane Days the weekend of Friday, May 19 through Sunday, May 21. A most impressive collection site is Sam's Club on Century Drive in West Mifflin. A huge roar goes out to club President, Ken Demko, and newest member, Burton Comensky for maintaining the Sam's Club location throughout the entire weekend. Now that's service!

Chaired by Lion William Scharritter (member since 1979), the White Cane Days collection has been an ongoing annual success for the club. All proceeds collected go directly to our annual donations fund.

submitted by Maria Demko, Secretary/Treasurer



Congratulations to Lion Barb Marchand...

Lions International President Brian Sheehan presents Lion Barbara Marchand with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the Melvin Jones/Key Member Breakfast during the 100th Annual PA Lions State Convention while PDG Tom Gregg and CC David Leon look on.

*Submitted by
PDG Kirby Marchand
White Oak Lions Club*



Elfinwild Lions Club is sponsoring



Tom Rogers Memorial Duck Race

June 24th – 11:00 a.m.

Fawcett Field – McElheny Road - Shaler

\$5/Duck - Refreshments available

5 Races - \$100 each winning duck

To purchase a duck, call 412.487.1888

Or buy ducks at the North Hills/Shaler

Library

The Military History of Colonel Carl Battistonem Ret. USMC on Video



Pictured from left to right in red shirt is Sr. Vice Commandant Marine Corps League Chuck Burrow Detachment 726 South Hills PGH, kneeling in front is Assistant Director Shaun Hall Veterans History Project, Ruth Battistone, Col. Carl Battistone, Historian and Interviewer Carole Popchock , Marine and Lions Club member Kevin Gaughan.

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> It was an honor to be in the room while they filmed PDG Carl.

Past International Director Carl Battistone, Retired Colonel, United States Marine Corps

Carl served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He enlisted as a private and was promoted to Staff Sgt and applied for Fight School in Pensacola for Naval flight training receiving his wings and commission as a 2nd Lt. First tour of duty as fighter pilot was MCAS Cherry Point. Carl served in the Korean War and later the Vietnam War flying 169 sorties. Among his decorations receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross, The Bronze Star, Special Mission Air Metal, among other decorations. Carl also served on exchange duty with the Royal Navy for 18 months.

To see and hear PID Carl's story, please click on the link for this newsletter's email page. He's an amazing her o!



McKeesport lopns never sit still – always doing something@

May was another busy month for members of the McKeesport Lions Club. Some of the activities included meetings (with a visit from our favorite Great Dane), cleaning up and planting at the Renziehausen Park Soldiers Mound, taking part in the planning and ceremony for the relocation of the “McKeesport 23” Vietnam Memorial (memorial to the 23 young men from McKeesport who lost their lives in the Vietnam War), making cookies for City Police and Firemen, helping place flags on Veterans graves in McKeesport-Versailles Cemetery, and cooking for the free pancake breakfast and Blessing of the Bikes sponsored by McKeesport Area Shared Ministries.

Submitted by Lion Annette Jamsty





MONROEVILLE LIONS CLUB
FARMERS MARKET

**WE'RE
MOVING!**



**NOW AT
MONROEVILLE
MALL**

(BETWEEN DICKS & BEST BUY)

EVERY SATURDAY

MAY 13 - NOV 18

9 A.M. - NOON



Oakmont Lions Club Annual Father's Day Car Show



Oakmont Lions Father's Day Car Show
Oakmont Riverside Park
Sunday, June 18, 2023 9am to 3pm



- This will be a Judged Show
- Show & Shine, Dash Plaques and Swag Bags
- Food Trucks and DJ On-hand for Refreshments
- Proceeds benefit Oakmont Lions Club to help in their local, national, and international charitable giving
- Limit 250 Entries, Pre-register at
 - oakmontlionsclub80@gmail.com
 - https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/oakmont_pa/
 - <https://www.facebook.com/OakmontLions/>

Daniel K. Carr
-Director
-Summer Concerts Chairman



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McKeesport Lions Club

2023 McKeesport Summer Concert Series

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| June 18 | The Skyliners |
| June 25 | Dancing Queen |
| July 4 | The Vogues
- Followed by Fireworks |
| July 9 | Pendulum - CCR Tribute Band |
| July 16 | Jeff Jimerson and Airborne |
| July 23 | Lights Out - Frankie Valli and
The Four Seasons Tribute Band |
| July 30 | Let's Groove Tonight - The Ultimate
Earth, Wind and Fire Tribute Band |
| August 6 | The Clintons - Ultimate 90's Band |
| August 13 | Scott, Rob and Greg from "The Clarks" |
| August 20 | Aftermath - 60's Tribute Band |
| August 27 | Dr. Zoot - Motown/Funk Tribute |
| September 1 | Fri. Beatlemania Magic |
| September 2 | Sat. Dozzi - Nashville Country 7:00 p.m.
Sat. The Borstal Boys 4:00 p.m. |
| September 3 | Sun. The Jaggerz |
| September 4 | Mon. The Booze Brothers
- Followed by Fireworks |

LIONS BANDSHELL – RENZIE PARK – 7 P.M. START TIME
(Rib Festival Bands and Times added)

If together "we serve"... Together we can make a difference!

Meeting at McKees Point Cafe 501 Water St. McKeesport, Pa. 15132

Please let us know if you would like to join The McKeesport Lions Club

THURSDAY

AUGUST 17th

Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club

WINE

Tasting



Cost - \$40 per person

- 6 wines will be sampled (3 white and 3 red wines)
- Cheese served with sampling of wines
- Dinner will be served to all attendees
- Proceeds will go to "Project" in the

SAVE THE DATE!
AUGUST 17TH 2023
ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL APPEAR
ON THE JULY CAULDRON.

RESERVE

BY 21, 2021

Make
mail to

Club and

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ION!

Barb at 412-551-0485

Cellar on Penn (R. Winery)
 Pittsburgh, PA 15222
 In the Strip District
*(I have been assured parking on Penn
 Avenue is plentiful during the week.)*



The Monroeville Lions invite you to tee off at the
**25TH ANNUAL DR. ANGELO P. DIPIAZZA
MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING**

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Manor Valley Golf Course
Export, PA



Sponsorships available

For more information and participant registration
contact **Sean Raynak** at **(412) 736-9804** or
by email at **sraynak@gmail.com**



Join us for the LDBAW

“Labor Day Diabetes 14-B and 14-E Districts Golf Challenge”

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE LION DIABETES CENTER



Saturday, September 9, 2023



Butler's Golf Course, Elizabeth, PA
Shotgun: 9:00am (8:00 am registration)
Cost: \$125.00 per golfer
(Dinner only—\$30)



Event Major Sponsor \$2,500
(Includes 8 golfers, Souvenir Recognition, 4-Dinners, Tee Sign)

Type 1 - \$1,500
(includes Foursome and Tee Sign)

Type 2 - \$1,000
(Includes Twosome and Tee sign)

Beverage Cart - \$250
Tee or Green - \$100 (sign)
Dinner Only - \$30



Mail Check to Chairman:
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Mail Check to Co-Chairman:
PDG Tom Gregg (14E)
1130 Willowbrook Road
Rostraver Township, PA
15012

Make Checks Payable to: (LDBAW A501C3)
Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties



REGISTRATION FORM

FOURSOME #1

Golfer 1 _____

Golfer 2 _____

Golfer 3 _____

Golfer 4 _____

FOURSOME #2

Golfer 1 _____

Golfer 2 _____

Golfer 3 _____

Golfer 4 _____

Name on Tee Sign: _____

Beverage Cart Sponsor: _____

Tee or Green Sponsor: _____



USA/Canada

LIONS

LEADERSHIP FORUM



USA/Canada Lions International Leadership Forum in Reno, NV, September 21-23, 2023
The forum will be held on Friday, September 21, 2023 (PDT) May 31, 2023 and we wanted to give you
some information about the forum. You can register online today using the link
below: www.lionsforum.org
For more information about the forum, please visit our website. It is loaded with information about the
forum, the forum agenda, the forum area. www.lionsforum.org

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The International Association of Lions Clubs

Club Objectives

1. Supporting Lionism through the efforts of Lions International and its charitable programs throughout the world.
2. Being responsive to the needs of our community.
3. Looking for new activities and programs to interest members and supplemental projects to assist those in need.
4. Continuing to support Sight Conservation through the Lighthouse Foundation, Georgia Camp for the Blind, and our Project Vision program.
5. Supporting Broom & Mop Sales, and Christmas Tree Sales to assure funds for Lions Charities.
6. Increasing and strengthening our membership with active dedicated people interested and willing to work for Lionism.
7. Maintaining the financial stability of the club.
8. Having an atmosphere at meetings and activities which will attract new members and retain older members.
9. Getting all members involved in some form of activity or project consistent with their ability and time.

Code of Ethics

1. To show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service. To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
2. To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
3. To remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
4. Whenever a doubt arises as to the rights or ethics of my position or action towards my fellow men, to resolve such doubt against myself.
5. To hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
6. Always to bear in mind my obligation as a citizen to my nation, and state and my community, and to give them unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
7. To aid my fellow men by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
8. To be careful with my criticisms and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.