



DISRICT 14-H NEWSLETTER

District Governor Rose Ellen Skodacek

November 2008

“LIONISM BLOOMS THROUGH SERVICE”



Greetings from Governor’s “DEN”
Greetings Lions, Lioness and Leos of District 14-H,

It is hard to believe that October is almost over and it is time to start thinking of the holidays.

Our next cabinet meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 16th at Arcaro and Genell’s, in Old Forge. It would be great if at least one Lion from each club would attend.

The Forest City Club is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this month. Congratulations for all your years of service to your community and wishing you many more years of dedication to Lionism.

Please remember in your prayers the many Lions and Lionesses who are ailing or have passed away. This past month seems to have had a dark cloud over our district.

Reminder, please report your White Cane totals to Lion Josie Sands at 836-1205.

The convention committee is working hard and the district convention will be March 21st and 22nd, 2009. It will be held at the Hilton in Scranton. We are planning on doing some seminars on Sunday morning along with the business meeting.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Rose Ellen
570-383-2125 skodacekr@mvsd.us

Greetings from your Vice District Governor

October has been a busy month for Barbara and me. We visited the Tunkhannock club, a Pig Roast at Jefferson, and Leader Dog in Rochester Michigan. All three were terrific.

Our trip to Leader Dog was memorable. We flew into Detroit and met other Lions from Tennessee, Maryland, Texas and Pennsylvania. Saturday morning we were bused to Leader Dog. The morning was spent seeing videos and listening to 3 field reps that were blind, and had Leader Dogs. They talked about their

experiences and the difference the dogs made in their lives. Just a few facts about Leader Dog that some of you are familiar with. It was started in 1939 by three Lions. They do not receive any federal or state funds. All money comes from donations and income from endowment. The Lions give about 20% of the total support.

Their budget for this year is \$11,000,000. The cost of raising a dog and training the recipient is \$38,000. The recipient is there for 26 days and all expenses are paid by Leader Dog. There is no charge to the recipient. After lunch we visited the kennels and got to walk with a dog while we were blindfolded. This was really an eerie feeling, even though you know someone is there to help if needed. We also had a demonstration on a GPS unit that can tell you where you are within 30 feet. Of course there was a gift shop, and we were encouraged to spend more than the Districts Governors. Barbara did her part. There were more videos, then cocktail hour and dinner.

Sunday morning we were taken to the airport to come home. While at the airport we met Len Quinn and his dog Ginger. He had been one of the guest speakers. It is hard to imagine him being able to navigate this large airport with his Leader Dog, but he does it regularly. We were both busy watching for signs to get us where we needed to be, but Len and Ginger managed fine. It was a humbling experience.

On Sunday Oct. 18th Pete Dubik and I attended a directors meeting at Beacon Lodge. They are replacing the sewer system and asking all the clubs for donations. I know it is hard

for the clubs to raise money, but this is the way Beacon Lodge and Leader Dog are funded. Please try to help them.

Just a reminder to everyone that the next Cabinet meeting is Nov.16th in Old Forge. I hope you are all having a good year.

Yours in Lionism
VDG Barry

District 14-H Website

www.lions14h.org



From the Web
www.Lions14H.org
Mark Kusma

The District website has seen many changes over the past few weeks. If you haven't checked it out lately, be sure to take a peek. As a District, we'd like to collect email addresses for our members. We spend several hundred dollars a year mailing the newsletters, and they are only sent to a small number of members. Using email, we can send it to any member for free. It also allows important news to be distributed quickly. Let me know if you would like any of the following:

- the newsletter via email
- a "<name>@lions14h.org" email address
- an event added to the calendar

Use the Contact Us link and select Treasurer Mark Kusma from the "Who" list. If you have suggestions for the website, let me know.

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

Hearing/Sight First Meeting –
November 14th, 7pm .

District 14-H Cabinet Meeting-
Sunday, November 16th. See enclosed
flyer.

District Convention – Save the dates:
March 21 and 22, 2009. Details to
follow.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Forest City Lions –60th Anniversary.
Invitations are being sent to all the
clubs in the district. It will be held
Monday November 10, 2008 at
Crystal Pines Restaurant- Crystal
Lake, Pa.- 6-7 Cocktail Hour, 7-8
Dinner, Cost \$21.95, 8 p. m.
Program. Guest Speaker Senator
Lisa Baker. The invitations will have
an RSVP, Please respond.

Moosic Lions Club- Annual
Chicken & Biscuits Dinner will be
served Sunday, November 2, 2008
from noon to 4:00 P.M. at the Youth
Center, Main Street, Moosic. The
menu will consist of chicken &
biscuits, vegetable, assorted
homemade desserts and a
beverage. Tickets are \$8.00 for
adults and \$5.00 for children and
may be purchased at the door.
Take-outs will be available.
Proceeds will benefit the Club's
Scholarship Fund.

**To place items of interest in future
newsletters send them to:**
skodacekr@mysd.us or call 570-383-
2125 by the 20th of the month

Please keep the following Lions/Lionesses in your thoughts and prayers:

PDG Ethel Heen Neary is at Allied
Rehabilitation Hospital.
Address:
Allied Rehabilitation Hospital
Room 225
475 Morgan Highway
Scranton, Pa. 18508
Best time to visit is at night because she has
about 8 hours to work a day. She will be
happy to see everyone.

Lioness Emily Shishlo – Lake Winola
Lioness Club

Lion Mark Coons – Jermyn Lions Club

**Cheryl Manchester - wife on Lion John
Manchester** – Hallstead Great Bend Lions
Club.

Lion John Verrone - Olyphant Lions Club



In Remembrance

Lion Herbert Hug - Lake Winola Lions Club

Lion Carl Maxwell – Hawley Lake

/Wallenpaupack Lions Club

Lion George Gawrys – Abington Lions Club

*To their loved ones, we sincerely give our
heartfelt sympathy. We pray that they may
realize every comfort and hope their faith will
bring them peace in this time sorrow*

******ALERT ******

Important IRS information

LIONS CLUBS HAVE A NEW FILING Requirement

It's short, easy and electronic – it's the new E-Postcard

Don't throw away your tax-exempt status – be sure to file your e-Postcard

- How do you know if your Lions Club has a filing requirement?

If you are a small tax-exempt organization that normally has annual gross receipts of \$25,000 or less and does not have to file Form 990 or 990-EZ, you must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N).

- When is the e-Postcard due?

It's due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions Clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1 – June 30, and the e-Postcard will be

due by November 15, 2008.

- What information does your club need to provide on the e-Postcard?
 - a legal name and mailing address and any other names used,
 - a Web address if one exists,
 - employer identification number (EIN),
 - organization's annual tax period,
 - the name and address of a principal officer, and
 - a statement confirming the organization's annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less.

- What happens if you don't file?

You risk losing your tax-exempt status! Any Lions Club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years automatically loses its tax-exempt status under the new law.

- Why is the IRS calling it an e-Postcard?

Because it's as simple as sending a postcard and it's electronic.

- Need more information?

Go to www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and while you're there sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, EO Update, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

November is Lions Diabetes Awareness Month

DID YOU KNOW...

that every 10 seconds two people in the world develop diabetes?

Diabetes is a growing global epidemic affecting 246 million people and **diabetic retinopathy** is the leading cause of vision loss in adults of working age in industrialized countries.

In November, Lions have two special opportunities to promote diabetes awareness:

- November is Lions Diabetes Awareness Month
- November 14th is World Diabetes Day

Diabetes prevention is proven, possible and powerful. Eating healthier and getting 30 minutes of physical activity 5 days a week are two simple lifestyle changes that can delay or prevent diabetes (source: National Diabetes Education Program, 2008)

For more information about activities to commemorate Lions Diabetes Awareness month and the **Strides...Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness Program**, visit:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_diab_strides_walk.shtml

You will find educational materials that you can download.

Find out more about World Diabetes Day at www.worlddiabetesday.org

**MESSAGE OUR
INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT**

Here's some very good news: district governors enthusiastically responded to my request to focus on membership during the first three months of their year of service. We are building a strong framework to sustain worldwide membership growth for years to come. Thank you for your great cooperation and congratulations on your initial success.

I also want to ask you to support our "re-branding" efforts. To attract high-quality new members to our clubs we must be able to clearly articulate who we are and why we are important. The eight core messages of the re-branding process are our way of doing that. I ask every Lion leader to commit them to memory and to bring them to the attention of fellow Lions and the communities we serve.

Our eight core messages are:

1. We are global.
2. We serve where we live.
3. We give 100 percent.
4. We do it ourselves.
5. We are rich in heritage and pride.
6. We are in good company.
7. We're open.
8. We are dedicated to sight – and more.

Albert F. Brandel, President
The International Association of Lions Clubs

**Renewing the Lions Brand
Frequently Asked Questions**

What is the Lions Brand?

A brand is a distinctive visual identity attributed to an organization. The Lions brand renewal will mean a new way of talking about and promoting Lions. This includes refreshing our logo, magazine, Web site, publications and more.

Why Renew the Lions Brand?

Renewing the Lions brand will help us to express who Lions are and what we do. With our renewed brand, we will celebrate our heritage while presenting ourselves in a fresh and modern way.

Where Can I Find the New Lions Logo?

The black and white, two-color and one-color versions of the new Lions logo can be downloaded from the LCI Web site at http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_logos_art.shtml. Four-color LCI and LCIF logos will be posted later this year.

Can We Still Use Items with the Previous Logo on Them?

It is not mandated that materials with the previous logo be destroyed. However, when items are revised or new items created, the new logo should be used.

What is Next for the Lions Brand Renewal?

- The redesigned LION Magazine will be released for January 2009.
- The redesigned LCI Web site (in English) will launch in March 2009, including separate sections for Lions members and the public. Language sites will follow.

District 14-H
Second Cabinet Meeting

To: All Past District Governors, Cabinet Officers, Region and Zone Chairpersons, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers, Lions, Lioness, LEO's and District Family Members.

Re: Cabinet Meeting November 16, 2008

Deadline: November 6, 2008

Time: Registration - Noon to 1:00 PM
Buffet Luncheon - 1:00 PM

Place: Arcaro and Genell's,
443 Main St.
Old Forge, PA

Host: Region I Chairperson -----
Zone A Chairperson -----
Zone B Chairperson ----- Lion James Howard

Cost: \$18

Make Reservation To: PDG John Verrone
316 N. Main St.
Moscow, PA 18444
842-4231

***** **We will be raffling off 2 Gas Cards** *****

Total Number Attending for Lunch: _____ X \$ 18.00 = \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "DISTRICT 14-H"

Name of Club: _____

Contact Person and Phone Number: _____