



# DISRICT 14-H NEWSLETTER

District Governor Rose Ellen Skodacek

**December 2008**

“LIONISM BLOOMS THROUGH SERVICE”



## Greetings from Governor's "DEN"

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the things that we are thankful for. As I reflect, there are so many things that come to mind. I am especially thankful for the opportunity to service you as your District Governor. Each day is a new adventure. I am thankful for all the accomplishments that our clubs have done to improve the lives of others in our communities.

You might already know that we have lost a wonderful person, Lioness Emily Shishlo, who embodied what Lionism is. She is truly going to be missed.

I would like to thank the Archbald Lions Club for all their years of service to their community and our hope is that someday their charter can be reinstated.

Congratulations to the Forsest City Lions Club for 60 years of service. Due to the club's hard work many community projects have benefited, such as the Forest City Library.

It was great to see so many people at the cabinet meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The clubs' support and representation is vital to the operation of the district.

Anyone interested in running for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor must let PDG Paluch or me know in writing. The qualifications can be found at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) under District Resource.

Clubs are reminded to have the District Calendar Fundraiser money and tickets returned to Lion Rich Padfield. Please consider participating. Your club will receive \$3 for every calendar sold.

In closing, my holiday wish to you is....Be filled with the wonder, Be touched by the peace . . . Believe in miracles... Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Rose Ellen

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## Greetings from your Vice District Governor

It is hard to believe that the Lion year is almost half over. We have held our second council meeting, and also our second cabinet meeting. Two down and two to go for District Governor Rose.

Barbara and I attended the November council meeting at State College. It was hosted by District G. Hospitality night was held on Friday with everyone wearing a shirt or some other symbol of their favorite sports team.

At the council meeting, a report was given on membership. There were only five districts in the plus column. I am proud to say one of them was District 14H.

The Beacon Lodge representative reported that election of officers was held, with Past District Governor Dennis McCarthy elected as President. The camp is doing some projects, one of which has

been completed. This is the dredging of the fish pond. There was four feet of silt taken out. The pond has been stocked with trout. This pond feeds the small creek where the annual Appreciation Day Duck Race is held. The race consists of two thousand small rubber ducks that float down the creek. Five prizes are given out. The camp is also going to select cut some of the larger trees. It seems some species are better cut in the winter months, others in the summer. The expected return is about \$25,000.

Saturday night a banquet was held, the guest speaker was Past International Director Bob Miller. Bob's topic was the word "Lions", and what each letter stands for. L is for loyalty, I is for integrity, O is for optimism, N is for nobility, and S is for stamina. This interpretation should make you feel proud to be part of this great organization.

On Nov 16th our cabinet meeting was held at Arcaro and Genell's in Old Forge. A DVD entitled Everyday Heroes was shown. This was made by International President Al Brandel. It showed Lions from all walks of life participating in helping people with problems. President Brandel's theme this year is Miracles Through Service. A second DVD about Leader Dog was shown by PDG Karen Cokely. It showed how blind people were helped by Leader Dogs, and also by a new GPS unit. It is a talking unit that can be programmed to tell a blind person their location within 30 feet. Both DVDs were very informative.

In closing, I wish everyone and their families a wonderful happy holiday.  
Yours in Lionism  
VDG Barry

## DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

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

## CLUB HAPPENINGS

Lake Winola Lions and Lioness Clubs and Tunkhannock Lions Club Christmas Party, Toy Collections, and Drawing for Lake Winola Lioness Basket of Toys Raffle for a Boy and Girl. Saturday Night December 13. Volunteer Hall, Falls (behind the Falls Post Office Rt. 92 South side of Falls Bridge) 6:00 to 7:00 Social Hour (Appetizers, soda & coffee provided, BYOB) 7:00 Dinner -Chicken & Biscuits, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, vegetable, & desserts. CD's will be played (no DJ). Price: \$8.00 per person plus an unwrapped child's toy. Call PDG Butch & Josie Sands 836-1205 or Lioness Sue Toth 378-2828 with the number of people coming fro dinner

**Olyphant Lions Club-** Christmas Party, Monday, December 8, 2008. Regal Room, Olyphant. \$25/person includes 1-hour open bar, choice of stuffed pork chop or stuffed chicken breast, salad, potato, vegetable, and desert. You are asked to bring a grab bag gift (\$10 limit). Call PDG John Verrone 842-4231.

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

**PDG Ethel Heen Neary** is still at Allied Rehabilitation Hospital. The address is Allied Rehabilitation Hospital Room 225 475 Morgan Highway Scranton, Pa. 18508

She will be happy to see everyone.



## *In Remembrance*

*Lion Thomas Sawchak- Olyphant Lions  
Club*

*Lioness Emily Shishlo -Lake Winola  
Lioness 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*

### **PA Lions Beacon Lodge**

After a lengthy absence, I was able to attend the Board of Directors Meeting at Beacon Lodge on October 19<sup>th</sup>. VDG Barry Taylor, who also holds the title of District 14 H Liaison to Beacon Lodge, accompanied me on the long drive. The scenery was great and we had lengthy conversations from Lionism to politics during the over twelve hours of our trip.

The camp had a very successful year, 441 campers enjoyed the camping season at Beacon Lodge, of those 74 were children. 28 camp counselors, 6 part time nurses, 10 kitchen staff, 6 house keepers and 4 maintenance people were employed. Also an administrative staff is included to run the everyday operation. It was also noted that the camp is very much trying to bring itself up to date in the following areas, getting certification with the American Camp Association. When searching for a camp using the ACA certification is a great selling tool, renting the camp for off season usage, and marketing the camp by using new selling tools such as DVDs (which I have on order) for Club meetings.

One of the areas of great concern is the sewer system at the camp. It is of 1950s design and must be replaced. The children's village water and sewer lines were replaced at a cost of \$90,000. The adult village is being replaced at a

cost of \$155,000. This must be done in order to keep the camp operating. Also the bathroom renovation of the District 14 H building was completed.

The bathroom was brought up to American Disability Act Standards with modern faucets, commodes and roll in showers with anti-scalding devices.

Unfortunately, we as a district are still \$1,100 short of our \$8000 commitment over 3yrs for the bathroom renovations.

As always, money is the concern. How can we as Lions give to all our other projects and still give to Beacon Lodge? We can only do so much with the economy as it is today. There are two programs that we as Lions can contribute money to Beacon Lodge. One is the Brick Walkway program and the other is the Sewer Project. The Brick Walkway program is having your Club or an individual's name engraved on a Brick Paver and imbedded in the walkway. The other is to make a monetary donation to the sewer project and/or the balance due on the District 14H Building Fund. Another area is to make a \$5.00 donation per club member to the 500 Club which replaced the 365 Club.

If any Lions Club or member is interested in making a donation to Beacon Lodge, feel free to contact me by any of the following. Beacon Lodge as well as myself would greatly appreciate your help

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Thank you very much for your time

Lion Peter Dubik, District 14H Board of Director  
To Beacon Lodge

## LEADER DOG RECOGNITION PROGRAMS



Leader Dogs for the Blind was originated through the efforts of three Lions Club members. Our future rests in your hands as well.

Our new initiative, "Growing the Dream" will allow us to reach more of the 10 million people in the United States who are visually impaired and in need of our assistance. Together, Lions and Leader Dog can continue to grow the dream that the Detroit Uptown Lions Club visualized so many years ago.

### Lions Recognition Programs

The pride Leader Dog takes in our association with Lions Clubs is reflected in an array of specially tailored recognition programs. Just as Lions are committed to assisting individuals who are blind or visually impaired, we are committed to acknowledging the outstanding fundraising efforts of individual Lions and clubs.

### Regular Club Contributions



All donations to Leader Dog help provide independence to those who enter our doors. Every club, no matter the size of the donation, will receive a handsome certificate of appreciation suitable for framing when your donation is received at Leader Dog. Levels of giving by regular club contributions of \$250 and above are acknowledged with club banner patches and a personalized expression of thanks from a Leader Dog team member. The newly designed patches for fiscal year 2008-2009 indicate the contribution level achieved, from \$250 to \$25,000. Recognition patches for your club banner will be mailed at the end of each Lions year.

### Special Recognition

Out of the ordinary gifts require out of the ordinary recognition. As part of our newly revised Lions recognition program, Leader Dog has several opportunities for those clubs that elect to provide exceptional support.



70 for 70 pin



Top Dog Pin



Founders Tribute Plaque

### **70 for 70:**

In celebration of Leader Dog's 70th anniversary, Lions Clubs making a donation \$70 more than your regular club contribution will receive a commemorative "70 for 70" patch for the club banner and a pin for each club member.

### **Top Dog Club:**

For those extraordinary Lions Clubs comprising our top 20 annual contributors, a Leader Dog representative will travel to your hometown to attend a club meeting and thank members personally. As a remembrance of the event, each club will be presented with a "Top Dog" patch for the club banner, and each club member will receive special "Top Dog" pins.

### **Founders Tribute:**

This program allows Lions Clubs to honor an individual club member for his or her consummate service, dedication, and commitment to Lionism and Leader Dog. For a special club donation of \$500, the award recipient is given a custom engraved Leader Dog Founders Tribute plaque, as well as a commemorative Founders Tribute pin and patch. Visit our [Founders Tribute Donation Form](#) to honor a member of your club today!

### **100% Awards:**

To salute those districts in which every club makes a donation to Leader Dog in a Lions year, Leader Dog presents its 100% Awards. District Governors and Leader Dog Chairs from these generous exemplary districts are presented with a certificate and a pin saluting this significant accomplishment. To receive this recognition, donations must be received at Leader Dog on or before June 30th of each year to comply with guidelines set forth by the IRS and verified in our annual financial audit.

### **Naming Opportunities**

Leader Dog assists blind and visually impaired individuals cultivate confidence and build their lives through comprehensive, constant service. Your contributions allow us to be a resource and ally on the path to independence.

In some cases, donors prefer a tangible reminder of these intangible services. Leader Dog offers [naming opportunities](#) for those individuals and clubs who would like to commemorate their club donation with a lasting tribute.

Lions Club Christmas Party, Toy Collections,  
and Drawing for Lake Winola Lioness  
Basket of toys Raffle for a Boy and Girl

Sponsored by the Lake Winola Lioness, Lions and  
Tunkhannock Lions Clubs

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Call with numbers coming for dinner

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