



DISTRICT 14-H NEWSLETTER

District Governor Rose Ellen Skodacek

February/March 2009

“LIONISM BLOOMS THROUGH SERVICE”



Greetings from Governor's "DEN"

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

February has been a very busy month and March looks much the same. The State Council meeting was held in Johnstown. There was much discussion and a policy change to reduce expenses so there will not be a State dues increase. PID Steve Sherer spoke on Extension. He is willing to come to our district to run a workshop but we need at least 6 Lions willing to give three days (week days) to go out and help start new clubs. VDG Barry and I would be more than willing to set this up if we could get enough Lions willing to participate.

The third Cabinet meeting was held at Fiorelli's in Peckville. There was discussion on how we can get more information out to more Lions and get more Lions to participate in District activities.

By now, Clubs should have received two mailings regarding the District Convention that is being held at the Hilton in Scranton on March 21st & 22nd. We have two candidates for Vice District Governor: Lion Richard Padfield from the Jefferson Twp Club and Lion Mark Kusma from the Abington Club. **It is important that all**

Clubs send their delegates to the business meeting on Sunday to vote. There are many other events planned, including Club Officers and Membership Seminars. We will have International Director Eugenio Roman, Jr. from Puerto Rico as a speaker at the banquet. The Scott Twp Club will be hosting the Hospitality Night on Saturday in honor of VDG Barry...they have promised it will be one for the record books.

We are asking each Club to donate a basket (\$50 value) for the basket raffle. Contact Lioness Irene Masco at 378-3258. DG Rose Ellen

Greetings from your Vice District Governor

I hope everyone is staying warm and healthy this winter. We will be anxious for spring with all its promises. As you plan for spring, please remember to plan for increasing our membership. Ask a friend or neighbor if they would be interested in joining your Lions Club. Our district has lost 32 members since July 1, 2008. We are now at 927 members. We all need to work on this.

I would like to remind every club to help Beacon Lodge with the sewer project. A donation of \$100.00 from each club would just about pay for the much needed system. Please send as much as possible.

Our district convention will be held March 21st and 22nd at the Hilton Inn, Scranton. The hospitality night is sponsored by Scott Township Lions with Gene Scagliotti in charge. He tells me it will be a

memorable night. Even I don't know what he is planning. I hope to see you all there.

Scott Township Lions had their first Porketta sandwich sale. The club sold over 500 sandwiches. It seems good food is always popular.

Barbara and I attended the February council meeting in Johnstown. I attended several seminars and the sessions. Dr. Tam from Hong Kong was the speaker on Saturday evening. He is running for Second International Vice President, and will be voted on in July. He has helped to start a hospital for the blind in each province of China. He gave a moving speech about the number of people who have had cataract surgery and treatment for blindness. Lions have helped to improve the lives of many people in China and all over the world. We enjoyed his speech and meeting him. He is friendly and down to earth.

Yours in Lionism,
VDG Barry

STATE HAPPENINGS

2009 Pennsylvania Lions Convention

Radisson Penn Harris Hotel & Convention Center

1150 Camp Hill Bypass

Camp Hill, PA 17011

May 14 - 17, 2009. Host District: 14-T

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

District Convention

March 21 and 22, 2009. Scranton Hilton.

See our website for details.

Hearing & Sight Meeting

March 12, 2009 at 7:00 pm hosted by Scott Twp Lions Club at Boyarsky's Tavern, I-81 Exit 199.

St. Patrick's Parade

Saturday March 14th. We will have a float...details have not been received yet...watch the website for time and place to meet.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Jefferson Twp Lions

Lenten Dinner every Friday during Lent. Jefferson Twp Lions hall on Lions Rd, Mt. Cobb (or Lake Ariel on some GPSs). Prices vary by selection. Dinner served from 3:00 to 6:30 PM. Dine in or take out.

To place items of interest in future newsletters send them to:

skodacekr@mvsd.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

Allied Skilled Nursing Center

Room 418 South

475 Morgan Highway

Scranton, Pa. 18508

Lion Leo Walsh

Dunmore Club



In Remembrance

Lion Dolly Baranousky - Falls Club
Lion George Gawrys - Abington Club
Lion Edward Joyce - Minooka Club
Lion Patrick Sandone - Dunmore Club
Lion Fred Santarelli -Blakely/Peckville Club
Lion Harold Wegmen - Montrose 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 of sorrow.

District Treasurer's Corner

All second-half per capita statements have been mailed to club treasurers, or provided to a club member at the last cabinet meeting. Your prompt attention to these will be appreciated. Some clubs are over 90 days behind on state or international per capita. These delinquencies must be resolved immediately in order to participate in voting at the district convention. Also, please make sure you are filing monthly membership reports, even if you have no changes. Some clubs have not filed in over 2 years. If you have any questions about your billing, please contact me by phone (587-5062) or email (mkusma@abingtonlions.org).
Mark Kusma

Technology Corner

Our district website continues to receive more and more usage each month. If there is something you would like to see added, please let me know. We would like to collect email addresses for all members who use email. This will allow us to distribute information quickly and reduce our postage costs. You can also sign up to receive the Governor's newsletter via email. Use the Contact Us page on the site and send me your feedback (and email address).

Tech Tip: If you receive email attachments that do not open properly in MS Word, Excel, or PowerPoint, check the file name. If it ends in "x", such as docx, xlsx, or pptx, then these are from MS Office 2007 and are not compatible with previous versions. Microsoft has a compatibility pack that can be installed. It is available from <http://tinyurl.com/2xp8e3>.
Mark Kusma

A Job Well Done

The Mid Valley Leo Club conducted a Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 27th at Mid Valley High School. They collected 54 pints of blood which exceeded their goal of 50 pints. The District would like to congratulate Lion Jack Horvath, Advisor, and the Mid Valley Leo Club.

New Lions Clubs International Web Site to Debut in March

As part of our major branding initiative, we're launching a new English website. This new website will:

Explain who Lions are and what we do.

- Make it easier to find information – and complete tasks.
- Tell the Lions' story dramatically in pictures and in words.

New Content and Features

Our new website will have familiar sections, including About Lions and News and Events. There will also be new sections:

- **Our Impact** will include stories and photos that show how Lions make a difference. Plus, "Tips and Tools" for projects.
- A new **Member Center** will provide information that Lions need to do service projects and manage clubs and districts.
- An **Online Community** where you can connect with other Lions on MySpace, YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter and share your stories and photos with Headquarters.

Language Sites and WMMR

The following features of the current Lions Clubs International website will not change in March:

- **Language Sites:** Our new website will launch in languages later this year. Our current language sites will stay online until we launch the new language websites.
- **Submitting Reports:** Lions will have uninterrupted access to the current WMMR website.

For More Information

To learn more about our new website, please read the March 2009 edition of LION Magazine.

CRAFT FAIR

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HEARING & SIGHT COMMITTEES**

**SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2009
11:00AM TO 3:00PM**

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH
PARISH HALL
1101 WILLOW STREET
PECKVILLE PA**

**THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE
THERE WILL ALSO BE A 50/50 RAFFLE**

**IF YOU (OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW) ARE
INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING,
PLEASE CONTACT LION GERRI TARBY AT
570-383-1447
THE FEE IS \$20 PER TABLE**