



# DISTRICT 14-H NEWSLETTER

District Governor Rose Ellen Skodacek

**April 2009**

**“LIONISM BLOOMS THROUGH SERVICE”**



## **Greetings from Governor's “DEN”**

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

March came in “Like a Lion” and the lion continued to “roar” ending with our 2009 District Convention the weekend of March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. A special thank you to Lion Ed Borek and the convention committee for the excellent job on making it a success. Congratulations on your successful bids for office to DG Elect Barry Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Elect Mark Kusma and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Elect Richard Padfield.

This month you should be electing officers for the 2009/2010 year. Remember to submit the officer information to International.

Thank you to the clubs that invited VG Barry and me. There are still a few clubs I have not visited. Please contact me to arrange this.

For the last Cabinet meeting I am trying to plan a Family Day, at Jefferson Lions Hall. Look for more details to come. DG Rose Ellen

## **Greetings from your Vice District Governor**

I would like to thank everyone who took part in our district convention. There were over eighty dinner guests, and the food was delicious. Rose and Ed Borek did a fantastic job of setting everything up. Many of you attended the hospitality night and I am sure you had a good time. Those of you who were not able to attend missed great food and good conversation. The Scott Lions did a wonderful job, Gene Scagliotti was in charge. Thank you for all your efforts.

As you are aware, our district is in transition. This means we are below 1,250 members. We are actually just over 900. Membership was the topic of our guest speaker, International Director Eugenio Roman, Jr. We all need to work to gain new members and start new clubs.

I am putting my cabinet together for next year and am in need of your help. I still need Zone Chairman for Region I Zone A and Region IV Zone B. If anyone is interested in helping the district by taking one of these positions, please contact me.

I would like to say a few words about Beacon Lodge. They are in the process of replacing the entire sewer system. This is a costly undertaking. Each club has been asked to contribute an extra \$100. This would cover most of the cost. Please mark on the check “sewer system.”

Spring is just around the corner, with warm weather to follow. I wish you and your families a joyous Easter. Thank you for all the support you have given me so

far. I am looking forward to serving the district and "Selling Lionism" this coming year.

Thank you  
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

### Hearing & Sight Meeting

April 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm hosted by South Scranton Lions at the South Scranton Senior Club. The Craft Fair will be postponed until a later date.

### Leader Dog

PDG Karen would like to remind everyone about the 70 for 70 Program. If your club donates \$70 more than last year, each member will receive a pin, and the club gets a patch. Checks can be made payable to Leader Dog and sent to PDG Karen. Be sure to include the number of members in the club to receive the correct supply of pins.

## 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.

The Jefferson Township Lions Club has donated the use of their hall to the Census Bureau for training their trainers, who in turn will hold classes there for all new census takers. This will take place over 4 weeks.

There will be a public auction on Saturday, April 18th, at 1:00 pm. The auctioneer is Byron White, from Bethany, PA. Please

see the auction site for more information (<http://www.auctionzip.com/PA-Auctioneers/2321.html>). The Lions Club kitchen will be open!

### Lake Winola Lions

The annual Good Friday Fish Dinner will be April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Lake Winola Fire Hall. Adults are \$7.50 and children, 12 and under, are \$4.00.

### Minooka Lions

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Autism Awareness Night, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6 -11 pm, St. Joseph's Hall, Davis St. Scranton. Refreshments, Appetizers, Basket Raffle and Auction Items. Donation is \$15.

### Olyphant Lions / Leo Club

The Mid Valley Leo Club is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast for Shawn Donaghy (a student with brain cancer). Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 26 from 8:00 am to 12 noon in the Mid Valley High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. Takeouts are available.

**Scranton Green Ridge Lions Club** will have a Pancake Breakfast at the Scranton State School for the Deaf 1800 N. Washington Street on April 26, 2009 time: 8 AM to 12:30 PM tickets are \$6.00 for Adults and Children under 5 free.

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

[skodacekr@mvsd.us](mailto:skodacekr@mvsd.us) or call 570-383-2125 by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Thomas Barrett Sr - Minooka Club  
Lion Edward Gibbs - Jefferson Twp 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.*

**Congratulations to the Following Lions for receiving PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATES from ID Eugenio Roman, Jr. at the District Convention:**

**PDG Karen Cokely**- Falls Lions Club for her work with Leader Dog.

**Lion Charles Butera**- Honesdale Lion Club for his many years of service to the District.

**Lion Peter Dubik**- Hallstead/Great Bend for his work with Beacon Lodge and the Pa Lions Camp for the Visually Impaired.

**Lion Albert Dorunda Sr.**- Minooka Lions Club for his work with the Club's Autism program and other area Autism programs.

**Lion Pam Savitski**- Blakely/Peckville Club for her efforts for raising funds for LCI and Leader Dog. Also for raising funds for a local young lady in need of eye surgery.

**Lion Jack Horvath**- Olyphant Lions Club for his work with the LEO Program and Youth Outreach.

### **Lions Day at the UN**

It was Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, but that didn't stop a brave group of Lions from venturing to New York as part of Lions Day at the United Nations. We listened to presentations from various speakers and witnessed a moving tribute to PIP Joe Wroblewski. President Al Brandel coordinated the tribute and even was able to sneak-in Joe's family (including

the grandchildren). We also saw the winner of the Peace Poster Contest, 12-year-old Yennie Shyu of California. Her winning poster combined the ideas of technology and peace with an international undertone. The day concluded with a tour of the UN building. A great time was had by all.  
Mark Kusma

### **District Treasurer's Corner**

As a reminder, Fair Share payments should be paid by May 15<sup>th</sup>. This will allow time to have the payments sent and processed in this fiscal year. Per capita payments are still outstanding for 8 clubs. Please remit payment soon. There are several clubs that are overdue with state per capita also, including two clubs that have not yet paid first-half dues. These need to be paid immediately.  
Mark Kusma

### **Technology Corner**

Lions International now has a presence on MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. If you are active on any of these social networks, you can add LCI as a friend or register for notification when videos are added. These networks may play a role in attracting new members for your clubs. Watch for more on this in future newsletters and on the website.

Tech Tip: Email, email, email. If you would like an email address <xx>@lions14h.org, please let me know. To access the email, you can use a web browser or any email client, such as Outlook and Mac Mail. This is a great way to separate your Lions activity from your personal email. Have a suggestion for the Tech Tip? Let me know at mkusma <at> lions14h.org.

Newsletter reminder: Sign up for electronic delivery of the newsletter by sending me your name and email address.

Mark Kusma

**General Procedural Guidelines for Club Elections** (based on Standard Form Club By-Laws)

*Club Elections – Timing:* Elections are to be held no later than April 15 of each year. The club secretary is required, either by mail or by personal delivery, to give notice to each member of the club at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date of election. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article IV, Section 1.)

*Nomination Committee:* The Club President appoints the nomination committee, which submits the names of candidates for various club offices to the club membership at the nomination meeting. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article IV, Section 2.)

*Nominations:* Nominations may be made from the floor of the nomination meeting. Once nominations have been closed, no more nominations may be made. If the nominee/s are unable to serve, and there is no other nominee, the nominating committee may submit, at the election meeting, names of additional nominees for that office. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article IV, Section 2 and 3.)

*Eligibility for Office:* To be eligible for club office, the Lion must be an active member in good standing. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article II, Section 2.)

*General Voting Guidelines:* Unless otherwise provided in the respective club constitution and bylaws, the election shall be by ballot by those present and eligible to vote. A plurality vote is necessary to elect.

*Quorum:* The presence in person of a majority of the members in good standing. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article III, Section 5.)

*Eligibility to vote:* Voting privileges are granted to members present who are in good standing and fall into one of the following membership categories: Active, Affiliate, Associate, Life, Member at Large and Privileged. The president is entitled to one vote, so long as he or she is in good standing.

*Plurality vote:* The candidate receiving the largest number of votes has a plurality.

*Form of Ballot:* Unless otherwise provided in the respective club constitution and by-laws, or other adopted rules, in elections, “for” and “against” spaces or boxes should not be used. They are applicable only with respect to votes on motions. An election, in effect, is a vote on filling a blank, and a voter can vote against one candidate only by voting for another who has been nominated or by writing in the name of another candidate.

**General Principles Regarding Elections:**

All elections should be guided by the provisions contained in the respective club, district and International Constitution and By-Laws, or by any rules of procedure adopted by the respective club or district for elections or by local statute or common law. Otherwise, all questions of order or procedure should be determined in accordance with Roberts’ Rules of Order Newly Revised, as revised from time to time.

Lions Clubs International

**PU101 LIONS CLUB’S OFFICER REPORTING FORM**

*Lion Secretaries:* Use the PU101 form to report the names and addresses of your newly elected club officers ***immediately following your club elections in April*** to International Headquarters. This form is ***extremely important***—all communications your new officers receive during their year in office will be based on the information you provide here. The form can be filed on line. It can be found under Officer Reporting forms and Applications. ***Final deadline is May 15.*** If you fail to return this form, your new officers will not be able to receive the information and materials they will need during the coming year.

**Letter from Our International President**

Dear Lions,  
Lions Clubs International has had a long-lasting, and very rewarding partnership with the Special Olympics organization. The Special Olympics organization is engaging in a new campaign, launching March 31, called "Spread The Word to End The Word." It is a national day of awareness for America to stop and think about their use of the R-word. That R-word is not "recession," but something more hurtful and painful – "retard."

Our partnership began with the Opening Eyes program. The Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program is supported by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The partnership program began in 2001 and has provided vision care to more than 100,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities. Together our two organizations are dedicated to serving those in need; the combined effort helps a population whose needs are so often overlooked.

Our partnership has been further solidified with recent initiatives, including new special interest Lions clubs popping up all over the United States, whose main focus is working with Special Olympics athletes. I also had the pleasure of attending the Special Olympics Winter Games in Boise, ID in February, and can tell you first hand these athletes carry themselves with dignity, and deserve nothing less than our admiration and respect.

Support of this campaign is easy, and will just take a moment of your time. Click on the link provided below to sign the pledge to stop using the R-word. Declare your support for more respectful and inclusive language, specifically that referring to those with intellectual disabilities. [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org)

Spread the word Lions!!

Sincerely,

Al Brandel

**SCOTT TWP LIONS CLUB**

**WILL HOST THEIR 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT IN HONOR OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT BARRY TAYLOR**

**PLACE:**  
SLEEPY HOLLOW GOLF COURSE  
GREENFIELD TWP.

**DATE:** June 13, 2009

**TIME:** 8AM SHOTGUN START

**FORMAT:** CAPTAIN AND CREW

**COST:** \$65.00 PER PERSON

**INCLUDES:**  
19 HOLES OF GOLF  
CART-FLIGHTS-PRIZES

FUN-FUN-FUN

CLOSEST TO THE PIN  
LONGEST DRIVE (MEN AND WOMEN)  
BREAKFAST BEING SERVED  
FROM 6:30 TO 7:30  
RIBEYE STEAKS AND HOT DOGS  
SERVED DURING TOURNAMENT

CAPTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to:  
**Scott Twp. Lions Club.**

Please make your reservations early.

Please mail your entry to:  
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