



## **DISTRICT 14-H NEWSLETTER DISTRICT GOVERNOR BARRY TAYLOR 2009-2010**

Greetings from your District Governor

As many of you know, Barbara and I recently attended the international convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It was a busy schedule, but with time to see the sights and spend some money. We arrived on Wednesday and were met by Lions from Minnesota who helped with our luggage and escorted us to a bus to take us to our hotel. We met Lions from New Zealand and Australia that evening. They were all very friendly.

Thursday was registration and then pictures were taken. The rest of the day was free so we headed to the Mall of America. There is a light rail system that goes to the airport, the baseball stadium and ends at the Mall. Minneapolis is a very friendly, clean city.

Friday started 4 days of training for the new District Governors. One day there was a luncheon including the partners. The Lions at our table included people from Texas, Taiwan, India, and Botswana. The fellow from Botswana has 4 countries in his district, requiring 3 visas to travel. One of the clubs is a 3 day drive; he flies to most of the clubs. We had an Oktoberfest celebration with our incoming International President Eberhard J Wirfs and his wife Margit. This was held on an island in the river. We enjoyed knockwurst, German potato salad, Sauerkraut, German Chocolate cake and of course, beer. It was all delicious.

Monday was the end of our training, and the first day of the convention with the other Lions. We celebrated with a formal dinner with our instructor and our group. The others in our group were from New Jersey, West Virginia, and Maryland. We attended a wonderful concert by the "Beach Boys". The keynote speech was given by Colin Powell. He is a powerful speaker who also has a great sense of humor.

Our new international president has taken the gingko as his symbol with the motto, "Move to Grow". The Gingko tree is 280 million years old and grows all over the world. There was one growing just outside our hotel. One of the members of my class brought some leaves to our

meeting. The Gingko has adapted to varied climates and survived all sorts of weather. The tree has deep roots with the ability to adjust to change. Our International President has called upon us to remember our roots, but also “ Move to Grow” . His expectation is to increase Lionism all over the world through a Global Membership Plan. Each country is being challenged to bring in new clubs.

On Tuesday there was a parade lasting 4 ½ hours. It was memorable to see. Lions from 200 countries, some in native costumes, walked in the parade. There were several bands and floats. Our Pennsylvania band was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The spectators lining the streets enjoyed the parade very much, as did the people who marched. The band also played at our hospitality night, and Dr Tam’ s election. He was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President. He is from Hong Kong.

One morning as we got off the elevator, we saw Len Quinn with Ginger. Len was recently married, and we met his wife. I mentioned Len last fall when we returned from Leader Dog. He is blind; Ginger is his Leader Dog. Len was one of the speakers at Leader Dog. We met them in the airport; he gave us directions on where to go to eat and how to get around the airport. As I put in my article last year, here was a blind man that knew that airport like we know our backyards. Len is now the District Governor in his home state. It was great to see him and Ginger again, and meet his wife.

My first cabinet meeting was held on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Hallstead Rod and Gun Club. Hallstead Great Bend did a great job of hosting it, and preparing the food. A special thanks to the ladies of the club and the wives of 2 club members. Past International Director Ted Fusco and his wife Rita were present to swear in the officers. We also had the pleasure of Len Kello being present. Len is our oldest living Past District Governor, having served from 1969-1970.

In closing I would like to say a few words about Beacon Lodge sewer project. As they began digging to replace it, they found problems with the water system also. The bill is much higher than anticipated. They are about \$92,000 short. The contractor billed at his cost, and is willing to accept payments. Every District Governor has a pet project and I would like to see this bill paid by the end of my year. Please make an extra donation to Beacon Lodge. Be sure to mark “ Sewer Project” on the check. I am asking for an extra \$100 or \$200 in addition to your Fair Share and camper support as both of these items are still needed.

Thank you

District Governor Barry W Taylor

“ Selling Lionism”

Dear Fellow Lions & Lioness

Hope everyone has been enjoying what little summer we've had. Hope you got to do some outdoor activities between rain drops. Everyone knows I like to golf & it never rains on a golf course (I wish).

Well the year has started out with a bang: DG Barry, 2nd VDG Rich & I have started visiting clubs. Everyone has been very gracious & welcoming and I am enjoying my tour of NEPA. My first club visit was to the Honesdale Club. Did you know that Abraham Lincoln was nominated to run for president in Honesdale, PA? We've also visited Dalton, Jermyn, Hawley, & Jefferson. I would like to thank them for their hospitality. Did you know that Jermyn is the birthplace of first aid? You never know when you are going to need it. I should know.

Ken & I went to Altoona where I attended my first State Council meeting. I attended VDG training sessions and met my fellow classmates from MD-14. The one topic they stressed is community involvement & membership recruitment. They held a sock hop & ice cream social on Friday night. A good time was had by all. They held a basket raffle & I won a lottery basket. (No, I can't quit my day job.) Congratulations IPDG Rose Ellen on your win of 3 gift baskets.

The District Cabinet meeting was held August 16 at Hallstead-Great Bend Rod and Gun Club. Lion Pete Dubik & his Hallstead girls did a great job on the food. PID Ted & Rita Fusco were in attendance. PID Ted installed the officers. Everyone attended a hot, hot, hot meeting!  
1st VDG Pam

Fellow Lions of District 14 - H,

There comes a time in our Lions life that we need to sit back and take a good long look at where we think our district is going. As Lions of the state of PA and of International we are left out on a limb because we can't represent ourselves. We don't have the right to vote on important things that develop in the Lions organization. We don't get a chance to vote for an International President as our enrollment is down below the number set by LCI.

We have a great chance to vote for a person from our state to run for International President. But the only way we can help elect this person is to get our club membership back in order. I am appealing to each and every one of you to try as hard as you can to get new members and to hold on to the ones we have so we, too, can have the opportunity to help elect this person as IP. This will also give us the votes we need to give this great District the voice we well deserve.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all you Lions and Lioness for all the good things you do for the District. I am here to help anyone out with any problems they may have.

VDG2 Rich Padfield - fatpiggy@echoes.net - 570-689-9819

## Club News what they have done and will be doing

**Hallstead:** Conducting membership drive through Jan. 2010, supporting eye glass program.

**Jefferson Twp. Lions Club:** Brought in three new members all under age 45; Cathy Kelly, Diane Norvelas and David Simyan. Hosted Pa game commission hunter safety course, attended by 72 youth and adult hunters. A horseshoe tournament/chicken barbecue will be held in September. The hall is rented almost every weekend, or donated for community programs. There will be a public auction at 11 AM on Sept 11 and 19. On October 22nd, we will be hosting Keith Warren, a nationally known hunter. Keith has 4 television shows broadcast nationally on cable TV. Tickets are \$40 and include an all you can eat spaghetti dinner, a one hour presentation by Keith, the opportunity to meet him and take photos/get autographs, and a \$5 raffle ticket with nearly 50 prizes, including a gun, a youth Pheasant Hunt, and \$100 cash. (These tickets are available from any club member.) Those attending the event will have the chance to purchase a \$5 raffle ticket for a Spring Bear Hunt in Canada; the winner will be filmed receiving the package and will be joined by Mr. Warren at the hunt. This will also be filmed for a TV show. Hunt value: \$2000, including lodging, food and guide for the week. Contact George Jones at 842-3960 for event tickets. The club is also holding a Pig Roast on September 26 (3-7 PM). Cost is \$15 per person.

**Tunkhannock Lions:** Gave 2 scholarships in May; 1 academic and 1 vocational. Provided eyeglasses to community members and lent out a shower chair. Club collected about 500 pair of glasses. Our food trailer fund raiser has been to a horse show, car show, and antique tractor pulls, making money for the club projects.

**Hawley Club:** Memorial Day Parade and 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Fund raisers: Hot dog sales at farmers market at train station every Friday 2-5 PM. Hoagie sales on Election Day.

**Lake Como Lions Club:** Participated in local firemen' s parade in July and won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for best float.

**Blakely-Peckville Lions Club:** Will have a Pasta Dinner October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Sacred Heart Church in Peckville. This will be a take-out dinner only. Tickets are \$8.00. Time: 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM.

## Technology for Lions

How many people use: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube

How many clubs have a website?

Lions Clubs International uses all of these communication media to connect with members and potential members. We've all heard about the need to attract new members. If your club is trying to reach out to younger members (meaning under 40ish), you need to know about some of these mediums.

Websites can be used to advertise your club's accomplishments, show your upcoming schedule of activities, and attract new members. Google can be your best friend. When community members see club members performing an activity, they can Google: Lions and <town name>. If your club has a site, Google will present it in the search results and the person can find out more information. The website should have an easy way to contact the membership coordinator.

Facebook is a social networking site. You can create an account for your club and connect to LCI. You can "friend" other Lions. This is another way to post information about your club, but without having to know how to create a website.

Twitter is a website that asks the basic question, "What are you doing?" People "follow" others. You can "follow" LCI and keep tabs on things happening at International and with other clubs. You can post something like "pancake breakfast tomorrow at 8:00AM at <some location>". Anyone following you will be able to see this. They can even sign up to have a text message sent to their phone with your status. You can also "follow" groups, teams, and celebrities. Some examples are CNN, the SWB Yankees, and Ashton Kutcher.

You Tube is an online video site. LCI uses this site to post videos of Lions activities. They also posted videos from the recent International Convention. When you sign up on YouTube, you can subscribe to the LCI "channel" and you will be notified whenever they post new content. Your club can use this to post videos of service activities. Links to the video can be placed on your website or Facebook.

If your club is interested in having a website and you have questions, please let me know. I can't create and maintain sites for all the clubs, but I can help with answering questions and even hosting the website. Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube are all free to use. Websites, however, come with two charges. One for the domain name ([www.abingtonlions.org](http://www.abingtonlions.org)) and one for the hosting (placing the files on the internet). A domain name costs about \$9 a year. Hosting can run around \$100 a year. I can host your site for free. Again, someone will have to create and maintain the site, but I can handle the domain name and hosting.

Lion Mark Kusma

### **Notes from your District LCIF Coordinator**

Did you know?

- Seventy percent (70%) of LCIF's donations come from Melvin Jones Fellowships.
- The MJF Program was established in 1973.
- There are more than 280,000 MJFs and PMJFs as of September 2008. These Fellowships represent \$338 million in LCIF funding.
- Each year, Fellowship recipients are invited to attend the Melvin Jones Fellows Luncheon at the International Convention.
- Districts, clubs and individuals can donate to LCIF through the Melvin Jones Fellowship Program, but only an individual can receive the recognition.
- Melvin Jones Fellowships can be named in honor or in memory of an individual
- The MJF donation does not need to be paid at once.

PDG Rose Ellen Skodacek

### **White Cane Information**

If you need any White Cane Supplies, you have to order your own supplies. The number of the White Cane warehouse is 626-307-9569, fax number is 626-307-1611. The address is White Cane Days Inc.

P.O. Box 1

Monterey Park, CA 91754-0001

The cost of 1000 small white canes was \$34.00 three years ago. Shipping and handling was \$15.00 per order. Checks are to be made to White Cane Days, Inc.

Josie Sands, White Cane Chair

September 7, 2009

To: All Lions of District 14-H

All Lions of District 14-H are invited to attend the upcoming testimonial dinner for our Immediate Past District Governor, Rose Ellen Skodacek, 2008-2009. It has been quite a while since District 14-H held a testimonial for the Immediate Past District Governor, and we would like to revive the tradition and say THANK YOU for a job well-done.

IPDG Rose Ellen was instrumental in, among other things, getting the website up and running after 8 years of promises. She enlisted the expertise of Lion Mark Kusma, who, along with being District Treasurer is District 14-H's official webmaster.

IPDG Rose Ellen has long been active in this district, and many will remember her efforts, along with those of PDG Ethel Heen Neary, in keeping the Hospitality Suite filled with food over the four days of the State Convention in May, 2004. District 14-H still remains the standard by which to judge successful state conventions.

We invite you to be part of this testimonial to be held on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Regal Room in Olyphant. The event begins at 1:00pm with an hour of open bar, followed by dinner at 2:00pm, with a program to follow.

Please use the form on the following page to make reservations for your club. Deadline for reservations is Columbus Day, Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope that each club will send representation to this testimonial and we look forward to an afternoon of fellowship and fun.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG John A. Verrone

TESTIMONIAL FOR IPDG ROSE ELLEN SKODACEK

Included in price of \$25/per person:

One hour open bar 1pm - 2pm

Entrée choice: Boneless stuffed chicken breast, Baked stuffed pork chop, or  
Fresh baked fillet of haddock

Potato/vegetable/salad/pasta and meatball/intermezzo/coffee/tea/dessert

Reservations for those attending Sunday, October 18, 2009 1pm Regal Room Olyphant

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Please keep this section and return the bottom portion to secure your reservation.

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Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact name and phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of meals: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Pork \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Fish \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to the Olyphant Lions Club

Mail To: Lion Lynn Muto 613 Spruce St. Olyphant PA 18447

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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, COLUMBUS DAY