

Greetings from your District Governor

By the time you read this I hope to be in sunny Florida. Barbara and I are going to visit our son in Orlando for Christmas. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

November was a very busy month, starting with the Council Meeting in Scranton on Nov. 6th, 7th, and 8th. We then had the cabinet meeting at Arcaro and Genell's on Nov 15th. We also visited Montrose, Minisink, Moosic, Abington's 60th anniversary and Forest City.

The council meeting was held at the Hilton Hotel in Scranton. This was a good time to meet people from all over the state. The kick off to the weekend was the hospitality night on Friday, featuring the Poets. On Saturday there were several state meetings, with a council session in the afternoon. This was followed by a speech by Past International President Joe Wrobeski endorsing Dr Harold Ott as a candidate for International President. It takes a few years to work up to International President. Harold is hoping to be a candidate for 2nd Vice President in 2 years. This was followed by the banquet featuring a speech by Past International Director Wayne Madden from Indiana. Wayne is a candidate for 2nd International Vice President this year in Sydney. He received the endorsement of Pennsylvania at the council meeting. A good time was had by all. I received several emails from fellow District Governors and Lions on the great job that the members of 14H did. I would like to thank everyone who participated in making the November Council meeting a success.

The cabinet meeting was not well attended. It would be nice to see more clubs involved. If anyone has suggestions on how to get more people out, please give me your ideas.

On Saturday Dec. 5th, I attended Falls club to swear in 6 new members. This is what we need to strengthen the District. We continue to decline each month. The decline in membership means less money going into the District, with expenses increasing. To help District 14H, we are selling a 6 month calendar based on the lottery. Each club has received tickets, with more available. For each ticket sold, the club receives \$3.00.

A few weeks ago, we had a letter from Steve Hall who is from Australia. He would be coming to Peckville to visit a friend and would like to meet some Lions. My wife met him in Bosak's meat market and got his phone number. He has helped with the Santa visits at Abington, visited the Scott club, and went to the Christmas party at Falls. He is enjoying the friendliness of the Lions he has met here in District 14H.

Our next cabinet meeting will be on Feb. 14th, 2010 at the Montdale Country Club. This is Valentine's Day; bring your partner along for dinner.

On Saturday Dec. 12th, Barb and I attended the Lake Winola Lioness/ Tunkhannock Lions Christmas party held at Falls volunteer hall. There were 37 people attending, with everyone bringing toys for needy children. These toys are given to Interfaith Community, an organization in Tunkhannock that helps needy families. Families are also helped with clothes and food baskets. Our new friend Steve from Australia and his friend also attended. He spoke about Lions in Australia and then charged everyone \$1.00 to hear him sing an Irish lullaby. This money was given to Interfaith as well.

In closing, I want to remind everyone about the Beacon Lodge sewer project. Barbara and I wish you and your families a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year.

District Governor
Barry
"Selling Lionism"

Hello Fellow Lions & Lioness,

Another holiday season is over and we will be picking up pine needles until July. It was not long ago we were celebrating the Millenium. The Big Y2K - worrying the computer system was going to crash or some other disaster was going to occur. Now here we are entering the year 2010. The year 2010 is a milestone year for me. I will be entering the next phase of Lionism, getting ready to go to Sydney, and turning the BIG 5-0. UGH!!!

The New Year is also a time for resolutions. One club resolution should be to attend a cabinet meeting. It's a good way to find out what is going on in the district and to let the district & other clubs know what is going on with yours. The meeting is a way to help get new ideas on how to increase membership. A way to MOVE TO GROW. The next cabinet meeting will be held Feb 14 at Montdale Country Club. This resolution is easier than walking on a treadmill and you don't have to do it as often.

Lion Ken & I have been busy working on getting the Eynon/Archbald Club started. We feel very positive it will come to be. The members who have joined are holding a Health Fair Jan 23 at the Archbald Borough.

DG Barry is keeping us busy these next few months with club visits. The next State Council meeting will be held the first weekend of February in Washington, PA.

I am looking forward to the challenges & new experiences the New Year will bring.

Yours in Lionisim,

Pam

VDG 1

(My husband said I will be a good DG. I'm getting a little windy.)

Club Activity

Abington

Gave out coffee & donuts at Thompkinsville rest area rte 81 over Thanksgiving, visited over 500 homes with coloring books & crayons, 7 Santas participated including Steve Hall from Australia

Archbald

VDG Pam & Ken Savitski have 15 new members signed up to start a new club

Blakely-Peckville

Had a sing-a-long at the senior home and Santa passed out gifts to the residents.

Benton

Litter pick up on highway 12 man hrs, \$100.00 donation to accident victim, distributed 30 food baskets for Thanksgiving & again at Christmas

Falls

Sept. 3rd Installed new hardware for the flagpoles on the Falls Bridge.

Sept.12th Annual governor's visit and installation dinner.

Donated \$1000. to help refurbish the basketball court at Hoch Park.

Oct.4th Craft show and chicken BarBQ fundraiser.

Oct.18th Participated in the Adopt A Highway Program.

Oct. 22nd President Karen gave a presentation at the Falls Senior Center;
"Lions, who we are and what we do."

Oct.31st Halloween fund raiser held at Ardee's Foodrinkery.
\$664 was donated to S.A.F.E. Supporting Autism and Families Everywhere.
Nov.7th Donated \$500. to the Lake Winola Hose Company.
Purchased \$500. for Christmas presents as part of the Interfaith
Adopt a Family Christmas Project.
Dec.13th Children's Christmas Party. Santa entertained 67 children.
Upcoming: Game Dinner held on Jan. 31st and a meeting of the New Events Committee.
Held annual Christmas party for 100 children with gifts for each child

Forest City

Held Christmas party for children 18 December, Turned in a bag of glasses

Hallstead Great Bend

Held senior citizens dinner on December 13,purchased glasses for needy person. Presented
Community Service Award to Dr. Evans.

Mayfield

Aided the elderly& disabled. Held a community clean up project

Moosic

Held Christmas party for over 100 children

Lake Como

Children's Christmas party gave out coloring books & crayons

Scranton South

Delivered Poinsettias to area residents in conjunction with meals on wheels, donated
\$200.00 to family to family

Scott Twp.

Gave \$1,000.00 to Montdale food pantry, gave \$200.00 to St. Francis food pantry, gave
\$500.00 each to Montdale and Justus fire Companies, gave \$300.00 to Greenfield Fire
Company for Children's Christmas party, gave \$ 200.00 to needy family. We are planning a
porketta sandwich sale on February 6 as our next fund raiser.

ANYONE SEEKING OFFICE OF 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Any member of a club, within the District, seeking the office of 2ND Vice-District Governor, shall make his/her intention to so run in writing with either the District Governor or the District Secretary before the February Cabinet meeting furnishing evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office. At the February Cabinet Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination the names of all qualified candidates. Then, and only then, may nominations for each office be accepted from the floor. At the District Convention, each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five minutes duration and one seconding speech of no more than three minutes duration.

A Candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall:

- 1) Be an Active Member of a Chartered Lions Club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- 2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- 3) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor:
 - (a) As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
 - (b) As zone chairman or region chairman or cabinet secretary and/or cabinet treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
 - (c) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently



In memory of our Deceased Members
Blakely-Peckville Lions Club: Lion Thomas Barkofsky

White Cane information needed

I just wanted to let you know that I would like the clubs to start sending me the reports on their White Cane Collections as soon as they can. I will need to send in my report to the State by the first of the year. Thanks Josie

Lions of Pa. Foundation

This is to inform you that the 2010 rockers are in and can be purchased for a donation of \$10.00. I will have them at any committee meeting and at the February Cabinet meeting. If you have been a member for 10 years or just the last 5 years I have a special rocker for your contribution. Please think of becoming a member to help the Lions of Pa. Foundation raise funds so we will have the funds for grants that could help your community. Thank you PDG William J. Tarby, Member of the Board of Directors LOPF



Happy New Year
From District 14-H
Officers and Committees