

THE NORTHEAST LION

District 14-H, 2011-2012 DG Rich Padfield

Letter From District Governor Richard

Wow...it feels like spring! This can keep up until the official spring, since I am the kind of guy who likes it warm and no SNOW .

I hope all of the clubs are doing well and are out looking for new members to fill the holes that were made by drops and for those who left, for whatever reason.

I wish I could say that things were going as I would like but we are still falling short of my thoughts on how we, as Lions, should be involved in our District. We need to group together and find out what is going on with our clubs, and a good way of doing this is by attending Cabinet Meetings and expressing ourselves to all Lions of our District. Information for the Cabinet Meeting is posted in this newsletter and reservations must be made with me by February 6th. I would like to see more of our clubs represented. Many clubs have not been to a meeting in many years. Consider sending

a representative to this one.

Also remember you still have a chance to win the Melvin Jones. I have a great raffle this time (for Valentine's Day) to raise money towards the Award. Remember, you have to have come to a Cabinet Meeting or our District Convention to have a chance to win it.

A few more clubs have scheduled their Governor's visit. I have called all the clubs to schedule, but there are still a lot of clubs, which haven't set a date with me yet. I would really appreciate it if the presidents would do so as soon as possible.

I would like to take the time to thank all the clubs for retaining our Membership numbers and hope we continue in making our clubs stronger. This past Month we were only one of four Districts that were in the plus in growth. We are at 932 (+8). Keep up the good work and grow to be a strong force in your communities.

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Upcoming Events

February 4, 2012 - Scott Twp Lions annual Porketta Sandwich sale. Pick up at Boyarsky's. Call 563-2083 for details.

February 12, 2012 - District Cabinet meeting at the Regal Room, Olyphant. See page 5 for details.

March 10, 2012 - St. Patrick's Parade in Scranton. Come join the Lions float. Contact PDG Radar for details.

March 16, 2012 - Lions Day at the United Nations. Register with LCI by February 10th. Contact 2VDG Mark Kusma for details.

Send your event information by email to newsletter@lions14h.org. Deadline for the March issue is February 29th.

I hope to see everyone soon. It would be nice to see at least 60, or more, at the Cabinet Meeting. And I will keep the meeting moving along so that everyone has a chance to share what his or her clubs is doing.

District Governor 14-H
Richard Padfield

Letter From Vice District Governor Bill

Well Lions the busiest and arguably the best time of the year for Lions is coming quickly. State Council will be on Feb. 3rd and 4th and as the VDG there is so much information to be gathered for future use. Our own District 14-H Convention is going to be held on April 13th and 14th. Our convention committee is working very hard to make this a stellar convention. We have a new venue in Dunmore with more room and freedom to move around and fellowship with other Lions we don't get to talk with often.

Personally, I want to invite each one of you to attend our hospitality room on Friday night. We will have great food, a DJ and remember it will be Friday the 13th! So come expecting some fun and surprises, come hungry and ready to party. Our convention Saturday will be the highpoint of our district's year. We will be voting and inducting our 2012-2013 District 14-H Cabinet. All the festivities will culminate with our banquet Saturday evening. I am looking forward to these next few months with wide-eyed anticipation. This is a great time to be a Lion so come celebrate with your fellow Lions.

VDG Bill

Letter From 2nd Vice District Governor Mark

Do you believe? Our International President, Dr. Tam asks if we believe. He believes. He believed that Lions could plant a million trees during his year. To date, we have reached over 6.5 million trees! He asked us to believe in our Lions Family. Add a family member to your club and expand the potential for service. (I am pleased to report that my wife is joining our club.) He asked us to believe in the future of our organization by involving young people and Leos. If your club sponsors a Leo Club, please send information about what they are doing so it can be included in the newsletter. By believing in what you do as Lions, you will continue to make this the greatest service organization in the world. As Dr. Tam says, "don't just think you can, BELIEVE you can."

Next month is our 3rd Cabinet Meeting. This is a great way to break the winter slowdown and socialize with fellow Lions. The information is on the website at www.lions14h.org/forms.htm or by calling DG Rich. Let's pack the house and have some fun.

We have begun planning meetings for the District Convention. I am very excited about the new location at the Best Western. I hear many stories of "remember when we had 200 members at a convention". I can only imagine what that was like. If you are one of the members who used to attend the convention, but no longer do, I would love to hear why. I'm sure there are many valid reasons, but I sincerely would like to know how we can increase attendance. Is there a component that is missing, one that should be skipped, or any other recommendation? As we plan for this year and subsequent years, your input will help us provide a better convention. If you would like to attend a planning meeting, just let us know. **I believe** there are a lot of great ideas out there. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely yours in Lionism,
2VDG Mark Kusma

Older Than Lionism



Here in District 14-H, in the town of Jermyn, lives Lion Leo Moskovitz, a man who has just turned 107 yrs old, almost a decade older than Lionism. Lion Leo is a 1943 charter member of the Jermyn Lions Club in northern Lackawanna County in Northeast PA. Leo stated, "I am the only charter member left, to see another charter member I have to look into the mirror".

Leo is listed as one of the oldest persons in the nation. Born Dec. 08, 1904, during President Ted Roosevelt's administration, Leo graduated from public school and since he didn't want to work in the mines, he enrolled and graduated from Lackawanna College. He became an accountant, started working in a local bank and years later became the bank president. He was the first banker in the region to hire a woman, "which was a hot topic back then", he said. He retired from the bank at the age of 91.

During our recent chat with Lion Leo, he told of stories of how they used to parade new Lions thru the streets of the town. Back a few years ago, Lion Leo and I were looking over the clubs charter member list and he recalled where they lived, worked and what they did for the community. The parade, picnics and other fundraising topics were discussed, "those were the good days", he stated.

Lion Leo was born before talking pictures and the model "T". The year he was born, the tea bag was invented. Lion Leo remembers the great fire of Jermyn in the early part of the 1900's, the first airplane to fly over the area, and open trolley cars traveling from Scranton to Forest City.

Lion Leo is a part of the original industrial group that helped develop the local area. He is the last of his generation that brought prosperity to Northeast PA. He did his banking business with a handshake. People that did business with him stated that he was always concerned about how his customers were doing. He was, and still is, an integral part of his community.

Recently, he was given a Lions International President Award from IP Dr. Wing-kun Tam. In the photo, IPDG Pam Savitski, District 14-H, Lion Leo, and Jermyn Lions Club Secretary Walter Avery present the award, pin and hat to Lion Leo. He was very impressed that he received a personal note from the International President.

Asked what is the key to living a longer life, Leo responded, "Have an unlisted phone number, that way God can't find you!"

White Cane Collections Request

It is again time for me to collect all the White Cane reports for the past year. Please let me know if your club collected, and how much and how many man hours. I will need the total for the February Cabinet Meeting. Thanks for your help.

Lion Josie Sands, White Cane Chair

Pennsylvania All-State Band Application

For many years the Lions of Pennsylvania have organized an All-State Band to accompany the PA Lions to the annual State and International Conventions. Although the Band will not accompany the Lions to the 2012 International Convention in Korea, the Lions are organizing an 80 member band to perform for the 2012 State Convention to be held in Gettysburg, PA on May 18 and 19. The State Convention will involve one overnight. The band will rehearse Friday evening at Gettysburg High School and the over-night will be at the Courtyard Marriott. On Saturday, May 19 the band will present two concerts at the Wyndham Gettysburg. The Lions will pay all the meal and lodging expenses for the Convention. Students need only to provide transportation to and from Gettysburg. Schedule is as follows: Registration, Friday May 18 at 5:30 p.m.; concert Saturday morning 11:00 a.m.; and 2nd concert 5:30 p.m. and leaving Gettysburg, Saturday May 19 at 7:00 p.m.

If you are a former member of the band, you will recall the fun times that you had, not to mention the rewarding musical experience that you received by working with the different directors. If you are a "first-timer" you can look forward to an exciting time! If you are interested in applying, do so as soon as possible because we are limited to an 80 member band.

The Lions All-State Band wears a light weight marching/concert uniform for all performances. Students will be provided with a PA Lions shirt and a cummerbund and sash as part of the uniform. You will, however, need to supply the following items: white slacks/trousers, white shoes and white socks, and a music stand.

Ray Barfield, PA Lions All State Band Committee Chairperson

Robert Zellner, PA Lions All State Band Director

STATE APPLICATION PENNSYLVANIA LIONS ALL-STATE BAND

NAME _____ Concert instrument: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

Telephone: _____ AGE: _____ SCHOOL GRADE: _____

Male ___ Female ___ Shirt Size (Please Check) S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___

Parent signature (If under 18) _____

List any festival or honor bands: (list year, part, chair) _____

High School or College band director's name _____

All PA Lions Band alumni are welcomed!!!

Send to: Robert Zellner
950 Fairview Ave
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Cell: 717 818-5536

Email: rzgettysburg@aol.com or palions@comcast.net

Lions MD-14 Membership Contest

The purpose is to grow the membership numbers in the multiple district, which will then increase the level of service that we may provide to those in need. Time frame: July 1, 2011 -March 31, 2012. Only those members included on the March report, or earlier, qualify. Winners will be recognized at the Key Member breakfast at the MD14 State Convention.

Categories include:

- a. Individual Lions sponsoring the highest number of new Lions
- b. Current District Governor sponsoring the highest number of new Lions.
- c. Past District Governor sponsoring the highest number of new Lions.
- d. International Director or PID sponsoring the highest number of new Lions
- e. Individual Lions Club with highest number of new Lions
- f. Individual District with highest number of new Lions

Winners of 1st and 2nd place are honored with pins, certificates and breakfast. Participants must submit their final numbers to the MD GMT coordinator by April 14, 2012. If the MD GMT does not receive the numbers it will not count.

The information can be sent by email or regular mail to:

Lion Dan Swincinski, 246 Rock Cut Road, Central City, PA 15926 or danswin1022@comcast.net

If any questions, contact PCC Dan at 814-754-8388 home, 814-443-2691 work, or 814-244-9210 cell.

February 14-H Cabinet Meeting

You are cordially invited to the Third District 14-H Cabinet Meeting.

When: February 12, 2012; registration is from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, followed by the meeting at 1:00 pm

Where: The Regal Room, 216 Lackawanna Avenue, Olyphant, PA

The menu is Roast Beef and Honey Dipped Chicken, Buttered Parsleyed Potatoes, Green Beans, Garden Tossed Salad, Penne with vodka sauce, Dessert.

The agenda includes Committee Reports, Club Activity Reports, and Upcoming Events.

Please **RSVP by February 6th to PDG Gayle** at 689-9819, 878-9184 or PDGgayle@hotmail.com.

The price is just \$18 per person, which can be paid at the door.

Come out and hear what other clubs are doing, share news about your club, network with your fellow Lions and HAVE FUN!!!

District 14-H Annual Convention

District 14-H Annual Convention
April 13-14, 2012

District Governor Rich Padfield
invites all Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests
to the annual business meeting and banquet
on Saturday, April 14th.

Best Western Plus, 200 Tigue Street, Dunmore, PA

Registration begins at 9:00 am; refreshments will be available prior to the meeting.
The business meeting convenes at 12:00 pm.
Each club is asked to send at least one representative.

Lions Fellowship (cash bar) 4:30 - 5:30 pm, followed by
the Necrology Service honoring our departed at 6:00
and a buffet dinner at 6:15.

Past International Director Joe Gaffigan, Maryland, will be the guest speaker.

Rooms have been blocked in the name of "District 14-H Lions"
for \$89; reservations must be made by calling 343-4771 only.
Deadline is March 30th.

The dinner will include Chicken Marsala and Roast Sirloin of Beef, pasta, salads, vegetables,
potatoes, rolls, and 4 types of dessert. Coffee, tea and soda is included.
\$30.00 per person.

1st Vice District Governor Bill & Lion Cathy Metschulat
and the Jefferson Township Lions Club
invite everyone to a hospitality party on
Friday, April 13th; the time to be announced.

Since it's Friday the 13th, be forewarned!

Banquet reservation forms will be available at www.lions14h.org
and mailed to each club.