



14-Announcer



February 2012

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District Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos:

WOW; I can't believe we have completed six months of our Lion year. Our clubs have been working hard on their service to others and bringing in new members. But in the remaining months we must work harder on membership and retention in our clubs. This is why our Global Membership, Global Leadership, and our Club Excellence Programs are available to assist your club on ways to recruit new members or retain current members. I think we can all use some extra help. Also by recruiting new members and young adults you will increase hands to do more service, get new ideas for service projects and activities that your community needs. We also need to continue to work on our goals we made for this Lion year. I am asking all Lions, Lionesses and Leos to be represented at our District Cabinet Meetings, District and State Convention, increase membership, all club Presidents and Secretaries to work for 100% award, add more Lion and Leo clubs in the District, continue to plant trees in the Spring(start them as seedlings from a nursery) and help the environment in April(Dr. Tam's Global Campaign). It is not too early to start thinking of your club's new officers for the next Lion year. When you have your elections by April 15, 2012, you can submit your results online on your PU101form no later than May 15, 2012. Also send a copy to DG Gerri Towson and 1st VDG Don Richardson. Information about our District Convention has been sent to all Presidents, Secretaries and PDGS It is also included in our Announcer this month. Remember in order for your club delegates to vote at the Convention all International, State and District dues must be paid. Let us continue Dr. Tam's theme "I BELIEVE" and let us continue with motivation, dedication, service commitment, meeting the challenge and with renewed spirit and energy working in our clubs that we show how proud we are to be members of this great service organization-LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.

"The most beautiful things in life cannot be seen, not touched, but are felt in the heart". [Helen Keller...1880-1968].

Yours in Lionism *DG Gerri*

Happy
Valentine's
Day

FirstVice District Governor Comments



Hello Lions, Lioness and Leo's:

The Lions Year has passed the half way point. Much has been accomplished, much more will be done and there are many opportunities not yet explored.

Most Clubs have their activities scheduled for the balance of the year. I salute you for all that you do in your community, helping the less fortunate, giving your time, talents and providing the resources needed for the many projects.

We constantly talk about the need to bring in new members. New members are the lifeblood of our organization. New members mean new perspectives, new ideas, and more hands to work on projects. Do you have a membership recruitment plan?

Club Officer elections will need to be held soon. The District Convention is April 27 & 28, the State Convention is May 17 - 20 and the International Convention is June 21-24.

Cabinet positions need to be filled for 2012-2013. This is an opportunity for Lions to step up and serve in another way. This is an opportunity to bring your ideas and fresh perspectives to the various committees and positions. This is an opportunity for personal

growth and to help the District grow. Consider the possibilities!!

Want to know more? Contact me.

Enhance, Improve and Grow

Regards to all - **1st VDG Don**

Second Vice District Governor Comments

I would like to share an important topic that was presented to us during our Senior Lions Leadership training that got me motivated to be more involved with the Lions organization. It was the first presentation given to us in the form of a pre-assignment that we have to study and learn prior to the training workshop. The title of the presentation is **"All About Lions"** and can be found in the Leadership Resource Center on the LCI website.



"All About Lions" covers the past, present, and future of Lions as an organization. I recommend that all Lions should go through this type of presentation as it deals with Lions history and fundamentals. There are three main sections namely Lions History, Organization, and Service.

History: The historical highlights start with Melvin Jones establishing the Lions Club in 1917, Helen Keller challenging the association to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" in 1925.

Organization: The organization section covers how Lions Club International is organized from a member, club, zone, region, district, multiple districts, International Board of Directors up to the International Headquarters.

Services: There are seven categories in the Lions Adopted Services Programs namely Community Services, Disaster Preparedness / Relief, Environmental Services, Health and Wellness, International Relations, Lions Opportunities for Youth, and Lion Services for Children.

To understand the history, organization, service, and membership of Lions Club International is important for all Lions. The key is to embrace these fundamentals to be able to help ensure the future of our organization as the largest humanitarian organization of the world.

Antonio "Tony" M. Mangabat, Sr.

District 14-A New Members

We welcome all our new members and are happy to have you serve with us. Don't forget to ask your Sponsor about how to achieve the Proud Lion Award



<u>CLUB</u>	<u>NEW MEMBER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Bucks Co BVI Lions	Carole Milligan	?
Quakertown Lions	Linda Ulrich	Martin Mack
Southampton Warminster Lions	Shirlee Schumann	?

DISTRICT 14-A PAST GOVERNOR'S MEETING

Tuesday, February 7th

11 AM

Golden Corral, Street Rd, Bensalem

President Charlie Morton requests all Past District Governors to attend. Lunch will follow the meeting

Last Call for 2nd Vice District Governor Candidates

TIME IS GROWING SHORT TO SUBMIT YOUR CLUB'S NOMINATION FOR 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR THE 2012-2013 YEAR. THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS MUST BE MET TO BE ABLE TO RUN FOR THE OFFICE OF 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

1. SHALL BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF A CHARTERED LIONS CLUB IN GOOD STANDING IN HIS/HER DISTRICT.
2. SECURE THE ENDORSEMENT OF HIS/HER CLUB OR A MAJORITY OF THE CLUBS IN HIS/HER DISTRICT.
3. HAVE SERVED OR WILL HAVE SERVED AT THE TIME HE/SHE TAKES OFFICE, 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 TWO YEARS.
4. HAVE SERVED AS ZONE CHAIRPERSON OR REGION CHAIRPERSON OR CABINET SECRETARY AND/OR TREASURER FOR A FULL TERM OR MAJOR PORTION THEREOF.
5. WITH NONE OF THE ABOVE BEING ACCOMPLISHED CONCURRENTLY.

DISTRICT GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

ZPDG Greg Ehrenzeller is our Team Coordinator and is committed to help improve our district's membership over the next three years. Membership in our District has been on the decline the last several years and **we need to reverse that trend immediately**. PDG Greg has several ways of increasing your club membership, some of which you may not have heard of. Please invite him to speak at one of your upcoming club meetings to give you some membership building suggestions. There are three ways to contact him: 215-822-2233 Home, 215-852-9351 Cell, or greg12848@verizon.net.



PDG Greg sez – "If you don't call me, I will be calling you!"

UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS

THIRD CABINET MEETING

The third Cabinet meeting will be held on Sunday February 12th at 1:30PM at the Bucks Co Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 400 Freedom Dr, Newtown, PA. Sandwiches and snacks will be furnished. All Cabinet members are expected to provide the District Governor, Vice District Governors and Cabinet Secretary a written copy of their report(s).



ZONE MEETINGS

Delco Region Zones A & B Meeting on Wednesday, February 8th, at the Clifton Heights Lions meeting, Broadway Grill (across from the Clam Tavern). Cocktails at 6:30p, dinner at 7p and meeting at 8p. Call Lion Ed Martin at 610-626-1358 if attending.

Bucks-Upper Region, Zones A& B Meeting will be held on Monday, February 27th at the Dublin Diner. Contact Zone Chair Wilbur Wohlbach for more details at 610-346-8597

Governor's Visitation Schedule

Feb 2-5 th	State Council Meeting	Mar 13 th	Swarthmore Lions
Feb 8 th	Delco Region Zone Mtg	Mar 14 th	Clifton Heights Lions
Feb 9 th	Rox-Manayunk Lions	Mar 18 th	Filipino American Lions
Feb 12 th	Cabinet Meeting	Mar 20 th	Solebury Lions
Feb 27 th	Upper Bucks Region Zone Mtg	Mar 22 nd	Aston Lioness
Mar 1 st	Northeast Phila Lions	Mar 28 th	Chalfont/Doylestown Lions
Mar 6 th	Northampton Lions		
Mar 8 th	Langhorne Lions		
Mar 10 th	Phila Chinese Lions		

DISTRICT 14-A CONVENTION

The next few pages will supply you with the necessary forms and information for our upcoming District Convention.

Dear Fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

Enclosed please find information for your upcoming District Convention being held on April 27-28, 2012 at the CrownePlaza inTrevoze. Please share the registration forms with fellow members.

We are having a dinner Friday evening honoring Melvin Jones Fellows as well as Pennsylvania Fellows, Gene Polgar and Joe Wroblewski recipients. Please consider coming and greeting those who have received this recognition as well as hopefully seeing and congratulating new recipients. All clubs are encouraged to present these fellowships at this event. We will also be having a message from our International Director Eugene Spiess from South Carolina. Please contact PDG Greg Ehrenzeller by telephone or e-mail with any questions regarding this evening. Reservations must be in by April 19, 2012.

As you see in this newsletter we are asking clubs to provide a basket for raffling worth at least \$50. If you are bringing one please let Lion Estella Kristiniak know either by calling her or e-mailing her no later than April 10, 2012,

Saturday we will be having a Necrology service followed by several seminars as well as International Director Spiess once again speak to us at lunch. Later in the afternoon we will elect our officers for the upcoming Lions year as well as approve the proposal for dues increase for Multiple District 14.

Reservations for a room at the Crowne Plaza need to be made prior to March 30, 2012. Room rates for the weekend will be \$99 for single or double plus applicable taxes.

If you have any questions regarding the convention, please feel free to call or e-mail IPDG Linda Cunningham with them. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again in April for FUN, fellowship and learning.

Yours in Lionism,

Gerri Towson, District Governor

2012 District 14-A Convention April 28, 2012 Time Schedule

CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION	8:00am to 12 noon & 2:45pm to 3:30pm
HOSPITALITY ROOM BREAKFAST	8:00am to 8:50am
NECROLOGY AND CONVENTION OPENING CEREMONY	9:00am to 10:00am
WORKSHOPS	10:15 AM – 12 Noon
CONVENTION LUNCH BANQUET	12:30pm to 3:00pm
BASKET RAFFLE	8:00am to 3:30pm
CAUCUS	3:30pm to 4:00pm
VOTING	4:00pm to 4:15pm
BASKET DRAWING	4:30pm to 5:00pm
VOTE RESULTS/ DINNER ON YOUR OWN in Global Bistro	5:30pm to ????
EXHIBIT TABLES	8:00am to 4:00pm

DISTRICT 14-A ANNUAL CONVENTION

Saturday, April 28, 2012
 Crowne Plaza Bucks County
 4700 Street Road
 Trevose, PA
 Phone: (215)364-2000 Fax (215) 364- 7069

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Print Legibly)

Registration is required for all attendees, even if voting is the only attendance activity.

DEADLINE April 19, 2012 no exceptions

REGISTRANT:

Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Guest _____

NAME _____ CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SPOUSE/GUEST:

Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Guest _____

NAME _____ CLUB _____

EVENT	# ATTENDING	PRICE	TOTAL
REGISTRATION	_____	\$10	_____
CONVENTION LUNCH			
Penne Pasta	_____		
Stuffed Chicken w/roasted peppers			
Spinach basil & mozzarella	_____		
Grilled Salmon w/hoegaarden lemon			
glaze	_____	\$30	_____
2012 – 2013 District Pin	_____	\$3	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

(NO tickets for the Luncheon will be sold the day of the Convention)

Please make hotel reservations directly with the Crowne Plaza at the phone number above. Room cost is \$99 plus taxes per night. Mention LIONS CONVENTION for this rate.

NOTE: ALL INTERNATIONAL, STATE AND DISTRICT DUES AND ANY OTHER BALANCES OVER \$50 MUST BE PAID FOR THE CLUB MEMBERS TO VOTE. Please bring a club check to convention if not sure about payment.

**Make Checks Payable to: LIONS DISTRICT 14-A. Send check and completed reservation form to:
 Lion Anita Morton 3865 Hunter Rd Kintnersville, PA 18930**

MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS FORM AS NEEDED

DISTRICT 14-A ANNUAL CONVENTION HONOREE BANQUET

Friday, April 27, 2012 6:00pm to 9:00pm

All Lions are invited to join us on Friday evening to honor those members who have received recognitions such as Melvin Jones Fellows, Pennsylvania Fellow, Gene Polgar and PIP Joe Wroblewski Fellows. If your club is going to honor one of its members in this manner please feel free to bestow it this evening.

Let's start the convention weekend off right and join us for a fun-filled evening of good fun, good entertainment and great fellowship. Any questions regarding this evening feel free to contact PDG Greg Ehrenzeller(215-822-2233) or at e-mail greg12848@verizon.net. Please send the coupon below with your choice of meal along with your fee by **Thursday, April 19th**

Name _____ CLUB _____

Telephone Number _____

Cocktails (Cash Bar) at 6PM - Dinner at 7PM Dress: PDG and Cabinet Members
Winter Formal All others Black Tie Optional

_____ Grilled Salmon with Hoegaarden Lemon Sauce
_____ Grilled Strip Steak with Brown Sugar Newcastle Button Mushroom Demi

Make checks payable to: **Lions District 14-A**

_____ meals at \$ 40 = \$ _____ enclosed

Send to : PDG Greg Ehrenzeller, 130 Stump Rd, North Wales, PA 19454

DISTRICT CONVENTION Basket Raffle



The District Convention Committee is asking all Lions/Lioness Clubs to donate a basket worth \$50.00. Please have basket at hotel April 28 by 8:00 am with your Club name on basket. **PLEASE, make sure it's labeled with your club name and the type of items in**



the basket before it's put on display at the convention

Here are a few basket ideas for your club: A Lottery Basket, snack basket, baking basket, spring planting basket, pasta basket, pet basket, these are just a few ideas. I'm sure your clubs have more ideas. Another idea is for every member to donate a bottle and you can have a basket of cheer, complete with snacks.

If a Club would like Estella's committee to make up a basket, send a \$50.00 check payable to: District 14-A and send to Estella Kristiniak along with the completed form by **April 10th**.

This is one of the money makers to offset some of the costs of the Convention. **Help is needed to sell tickets on Saturday April 30.** Call or contact Chairperson Lion Estella (215-757-6442) LionEstella@verizon.net

Request for Committee to make up basket worth \$50.00

Club _____

Contact Person _____

Check # _____

Send this form and \$50 check made payable to District 14-A to:
Lion Estella Kristiniak, 662 Hulmeville Ave, Pennel, Pa 19047-5223

LIONS DISTRICT 14-A CONVENTION 2012 PROGRAM BOOK

We are planning a program booklet for the District Convention on April 28, 2012. One way you can show support to our district officers is to consider being a Patron or by placing an Ad in the program book. Complete the form below and return to the address below.

AD DEADLINE is APRIL 10, 2012 – NO EXCEPTIONS

RATES FOR ADVERTISING:

- _____ Full Page Ad (4x 8) \$ 65.00
- _____ Half Page Ad (4 ½ x 4) \$ 35.00
- _____ Patron Ad (Per Person) \$ 5.00

Remittance in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
 Please add name(s) to the list of Patrons. Multiple list form is attached.
 Remittance in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed for _____ names.

CONTACT NAME _____ CLUB _____
 ADDRESS _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Make Checks Payable to : **Lions District 14-A**
 Send to : Convention Program Book
 c/o Wilbur Wohlbach
 P.O. Box 163
 Springtown, PA 18081

ENCLOSE YOUR AD COPY OR CAMERA READY AD AND LIST OF PATRONS!!!

2012 District 14-A Convention April 28, 2012

PATRON AD CAMPAIGN

Cost of listing a single name, a Mr. & Mrs., or a group listing is \$ 5.00(maximum 40 letters)

DEADLINE FOR PATRON NAMES IS APRIL 10, 2012

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF FORM AS NECESSARY

EUGENE M. SPIESS

OUR GUEST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE CONVENTION

Eugene M. Spiess, from Moore, South Carolina, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 to July 2, 2010.

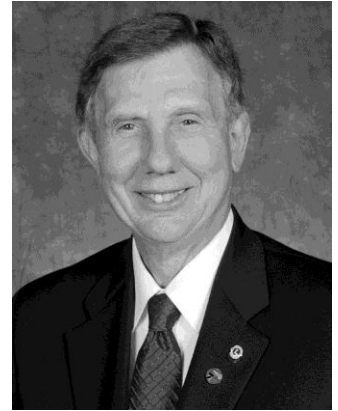
Director Spiess is a retired college administrator and instructor.

A member of the Spartanburg Lions Club since 1981, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, committee chair and district governor. He also served as a board member of the South Carolina Lions Charitable Services, group coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II and has presented at the USA/Canada forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, two International President's Leadership Medals and a Guiding Lion Medal. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Spiess is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including being honored with the Spiess Scholarship by Ivy Tech Community College. He also received the Sagamore of Wabash from the Governor of Indiana.

Director Spiess and his wife, Rita, also a Lion and a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren.



CLUB ACTIVITIES



Lion Al Minguez Sr., VP of the Bensalem Lions Club makes a personal donation of over **\$2000.00** worth of Eye Glass Repair Kits to the Bucks County Association For The Blind. Anne Marie Spinden, the Association executive director, was VERY appreciative of his donation .



The annual "6-Club Meeting" of area Lions Clubs was recently held at the Perkasio Owls Club, hosted by the Perkasio Lions Club. More than 90 Lion members and guests attended the event which featured speaker Bucks County Judge Rae Boylan, who oversees the newly formed Bucks County Drug Court.

Pictured left to right: Souderton Lions Club President, Chuck Pepkowski; Plumstead Vice President, Bob Zollner; Perkasio Lions President and Host Club, James Weikel; Dublin Lions President, Karol Richardson; Lions 14-A District Governor, Geri Towson; First Vice District Governor, Don Richardson; Immediate Past District Governor, Linda Cunningham; Hilltown Lions President Robert Peterman and Chalfont President, Past District Governor Greg Ehrenzeller.

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

District Chair VDG2 Tony Mangabat reports there is a 20 year old young lady from Peru coming to Pennsylvania for 4 to 6 weeks in February/March. Anyone interested in hosting her (preferably with a young lady about the same age please contact VDG2 Tony at 610-461-0763. Also, some students from Italy will be visiting during the summer. More on this later.



2012 Pennsylvania Lions State Convention Gettysburg, PA. May 17th thru 20th



You have by now received your registration information either in your Club packet or in your Pride. Have you made up your mind to attend? The Convention committee has everything in place for a memorable time in Gettysburg. There is only one more thing that is needed and that is you.

Presidents have been invited to ‘**Meet the President**’, Lioness and Ladies have been invited to meet **Mamie Eisenhower** and everyone is invited to the Seminars, meetings and entertainment as well as the **International Banquet** on Saturday evening.

The Thursday evening “Hospitality Rooms” will be open to everyone wearing their Convention badge. The Ghost tour is proving to be the place to be on Thursday evening. With almost 100 already signed up, this proves that Lions will go out of the way to have fun. Why not join your fellow Lions and be a part of the fun.

The Eisenhower farm tour (already working on the second bus of 55) will leave the information center at **9:30 AM** on Friday and will be back at the center at **11:30 AM**. The information center is only 10 minutes from the Hotel so you can make the 12:00 lunch, and hear our speaker, Pennsylvania’s own **Past President Joseph Wroblewski**.

First time convention attendees will get a “First Timer Ribbon” on their Convention Badge and everyone else should make them feel welcome. A different “Newsletter” will be available each day to keep you informed on the activities each day and any changes or additions that have been added.

When you get the registration forms, please **fill it out** and be sure to sign up for each event and meal that you want to attend , then send it in with your payment **Before the Deadline**. The reason for this is easy. Gettysburg College graduation is also the same weekend and **after our deadline we cannot guarantee you a room**.

See you in Gettysburg.

14-C, 2012 State Convention Committee, Vice Chairman Larry Bare PDG, Chairman Larry L. Shaull PDG

Lions Clubs International Newsletter

Wing-Kun Tam, International President

JANUARY 2012

Dear Lions of 14-A

Have you ever thought about what your club or district will look like 10, 20, even 30 years from now? Who will be there to provide the vital services your club offers to the community today? I spend a good deal of time thinking about the future of Lions Clubs International and I can tell you that the answer is people who are now in their late teens to late twenties.

Recruiting young people is not only vital for the future but provides concrete benefits to our clubs today. Bringing young people into a Lions club can renew its spirit with fresh ideas, create a club that more closely mirrors the community and help it precisely assess today's community needs.

For more information, from www.lionsclubs.org, click Member Center, Membership and New Clubs, Invite Members, Young Adults.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



Dear Lions and Lionesses of 14-A,

As I write to you, Judy and I are traveling to the FOLAC Forum in Mexico. We have had the pleasure to meet so many of you at the other area forums these last few months. I have enjoyed sharing with you the great successes we are achieving together through our Foundation and highlighting our exciting new and expanded initiatives. More importantly, I shared with you stories of how we are changing lives - each and every day, all over the world.

Our [partnerships](#) enable us to change more lives and help even more people in need. By working with organizations that share our mission, we are able to leverage our funds and have a larger impact. This month, as we remember the 2 year anniversary of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, we also celebrate several new projects in collaboration with other organizations.

I am especially proud of LCIF's newest partnership, [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#). Lions all across the globe are working hard to end deaths from measles. Next month, Lions participating in this important program will help to ensure that nearly 10 million children receive life-saving vaccinations in Nepal. This is just the beginning. I am excited at the response of Lions so far toward the challenge issued by the Gates Foundation to raise US\$10 million, to match their US\$5 million. In the coming months, I will be encouraging you to show the world what we as Lions can do to support this cause. Just imagine the look of gratitude on the faces of the mothers whose children we will save!

Everywhere Judy and I travel, we hear countless times "thank you." These individuals are not thanking us; they are thanking all of you, the Lions of the world, for making a difference. I am also thankful to you. It is through your continued support to our Foundation that these projects and programs are possible. I thank each of you for continuing to contribute to our Foundation's life-changing work!

Serving together today for a better tomorrow, Sid L. Scruggs, III, Chairperson, LCIF

District 14-A Charitable Foundation

Board of Directors Positions

As of the end of this June there will be openings on the Foundation Board in the following 3 Regions:

Delaware County (3 year term)
S/W Philadelphia (3 year term)
North Philadelphia (1 year term)

Lions in these Regions interested in serving on the Board of Directors need to send a letter of endorsement from their club to their Zone Chair **no later than March 1, 2012**. The nominee names will be placed on the ballot and elections will take place at the District Convention.

Suggested Format for Your Letter of Endorsement

Anytown Lions Club

To: Zone Chair Mary Smith

Subject: Letter of Endorsement for Foundation Director

The Anytown Lions Club proudly endorses Lion Joseph Doe for the position of Director of the Lions District 14-A Charitable Foundation, Inc. representing the XYZ Region.

Lion Doe is an Active Member of the Anytown Club which is in good standing in Lions Clubs International and District 14-A and therefore meets the basic qualifications for the position as outlined in the Foundation Bylaws.

In addition, Lion Doe has the following experience and recognitions for his activity in Lions:

This endorsement was unanimously approved by the Anytown Lions Board at its meeting on February_____.

Signed: President and Secretary

A GOOD LIONS CLUB OFFICER

Recently an International Counselor wrote and stated his District Governor had named him Chairman of the Committee to instruct the new Lions Club Officers at the District Convention on their duties, and he asked me to send him some material on what constituted a good Lions Club Officer. That put me to thinking. I wrote him, To make a good Lions Club Officer, you should have the diplomacy of an ambassador, the judicious skill of a wise judge, the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of a gladiator, the obedience of a soldier, the sweetness of a mother, the philosophy of Dante, and the wit of a Will Rogers. You should be prompt, dependable and a master of detail. You should be kind and forbearing, a companion, a leader and a loyal friend."

As a Lions Club Officer your position is one of importance. The manner in which you perform your duties will reflect greatly upon you and upon all others in your club.

Reprint of article from the LION magazine by Director General R. Roy Keaton in 1954.

Lions Club Activities

Adelphia: Planning for upcoming events: 3/15 Physic Fair at LaStanza, 3/20 Casino Trip and Fashion Show at LaStanza 4/23. Bake It, Sew It Grow IT at February Dinner meeting.

Aston Twp: Aluminum recycling committee collected and sold cans earning \$300. White Cane collections for January \$115. Honored 3 students of the month from NorthernMiddle School at dinner meeting on 1/19 and had Sun Valley Principal as guest speaker.

Bensalem Twp: no report

Brandywine: In December entertained 35 Fair Acres residents and their staff with dinner, singing and Santa at the Concordville Inn. Held Santa in the Meadow celebration with Santa and about 40 children. Planning continues for Cocktail Raffle Fund Raiser.

Bristol: No report

Bustleton: No report

Bucks CountyBVI: No report

Chalfont: No report

CliftonHeights: No report

Doylestown: No report

Dublin: Collected approx 300 used eye glasses. Beginning planning for annual game dinner in April.

Filpino American: no report

Greater Philadelphia Asian American: no report

Langhorne: No report

Hilltown: No report

Lansdowne: No activity reported

Lindley-Olney:Continued with feeding ministry at St. Gabriel's and clothing for Thrift Store. Distributed food baskets.

Marple-Newtown: No report

Media:Raised \$600 at Breakfast with Santa on 12/17/11. Tickets now on sale for Beef & Beer on 3/10.

Middletown: November our club partners up with the HulmevilleBoro, Parade committee for Our Annual Night of the Races & Monte Carlo night. The event was held on November 4th at the Hulmeville Fire Company. We netted \$2,250 with the Parade Committee also netting \$2,250 for the total event raising \$ 4,500.

December 6th, Our Christmas Auction, sponsored by Happy Hour Tavern raised \$1,557 net.

December 16th, our Christmas Fundraiser Sponsored by Hulmeville Inn raised \$2,357 net.

December 21st, we raffled off our Cooler of Cheer netting \$1,315 net.

Total dollars raised November and December \$7,514 for Lions Charities.

Newtown: Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for 2/25 from 4 to 7 PM at Bucks County Blind & Vision Impaired 400 Freedom Dr. Newtown. All proceeds benefit BCNVI. For tickets call 215-968-9400. Take out & delivery available. Adults \$12, Seniors \$10 age 3-16 \$6.

Northeast Philadelphia: No report

Northwest Philadelphia: No report

NorthamptonTwp: Collected 279 eyeglasses. Planning begun for spring Golf Outing. Monthly Flea Market starts in April. Talking with students and school about starting a Leo Club.

Pennsbury: no report

Perkasie: held two annual fund raisers netting \$1475.

Philadelphia Deaf: no report

Philadelphia Law Enforcement: White Cane collections final total \$6200! Collected and delivered 45 used eyeglasses to Lenscrafters. Hosted DG Gerri & VDG Don at January dinner meeting.

Philadelphia Chinese: No report

Plumstead: Completed annual Florida Citrus sales in December

Quakertown: Provided food baskets for 10 families, within those families there were 21 adults, 7 teens and 5 children. Committee reports - Club had 20 requests for glasses in 2011, Basket Bingo Event profit \$2515.48. Inducted one new member, Lynda Ulrich.

Richlandtown: no report

Rising Sun: no report

Lions Club Activities (continued)

Roxborough-Manayunk: no report

Solebury: no report

South Philadelphia: Our club's annual Bake Auction was held January 17 and successfully netted \$478. We were visited by DG Gerri Towson and 1st VDG Don Richardson. Both, along with all those present, had fun participating in the auction. Our Annual 5 Week Lottery is in progress and will end February 25. The Valentine Dinner will be held on February 21st at Swan Caterers' Waterfall Room. The Football Luncheon, honoring football athletes from the South Philadelphia area high schools will be held February 28th also at the Waterfall. The MVP player from each high school will be presented a trophy. Luncheon price for guests is \$15. If interested in attending this community event, call Lion Barbara Ricci at 215-336-3932.

Southampton-Warminster: working on scholarships and community projects. Inducted one new member, Shirley Schumann.

Springfield: members assisted Salvation Army Red Kettle collection on 12/17. YTD collected 7302 pair of eyeglasses. Looking to develop a plan to rehab collection boxes..Feb 14th Spouses Night.Feb 28th Student Recognition.

SpringfieldTwp: Planning & preparation continue for March Game Dinner

Swarthmore: Activities completed: Annual Holiday Food baskets 12/24/11. Eighteen teams consisting Club members along with volunteers delivered baskets to 70 households in DelawareCounty. This year's project broke previous Club records for number of boxes delivered as well as Club and volunteer participation. Ongoing activities: eyeglasses collections and volunteer support at Center for Blind and Visually Impaired.

Torresdale-Tacony-Mayfair: no report

Trumbauersville: Annual Game Dinner & Raffle held 1/11/12. Upcoming Meat Shoot 2/19/12. See Club web site for more information about events. Continued support for Upper Bucks Kidney Foundation, currently serving 10 patients.

WarringtonTwp: Completed Holiday Good Cheer. Single mother with 6 year old son were presented dinner with all the trimmings, a \$50 gift card and toys. Met with a committee from Chalfont Lions to explore joint fundraising ideas. Hosted Bensalem Leo's at 1/12 dinner meeting. Interested in starting a Leo Club.

Wayne: no activities reported

WesternDelawareValley: Holding Karaoke fund raiser on 1/28. making plans for Card Social Night 2/24 and Bowling fundraiser on 2/25.

WillsEyeHospital: no report

Lioness Club Activities

Aston Twp. Lioness: Members only Christmas party held 12/7. Inducted new member, Alexandra Landmessner.

Bensalem Lioness: Completed Lottery. Working on Sweetheart Brunch 2/26/12

Bristol Lioness: Reported results of December activities: Candy sales \$2165., Lottery Baskets \$170., Burger Night with Bristol Elks \$469. Planning Spring activities: March "Bunco" Bash - Dice Game, April Mystery Tea Party and May Mother's Day Flower Sale.

Roxborough-Manayunk Lioness: 12/6 Lioness Christmas Party. Collected can goods to stock North Light Food Cupboard. Holding a Chinese Auction night at February meeting. Had the Director of Human Services for the Association Services for the Blind.

Southampton Lioness: no report

Springfield Lioness: Made donation to Ministerium Fund. Hosted 2 prospective members at January dinner meeting..January Make It, Bale It, Grow IT, Sew It silent auction.Last days for Lottery Ticket sales.

Upper Bucks Lioness: no report

Leo Club News

Aston Leo: No report

Bensalem Leo: Inducted 35 new members in January. PDG Ken Moore reports they are working with another school in Bensalem to establish another Leo Club

Ridley Leo: No report

Springfield Leo: Club provided 28 Teddy Bears to cancer patients at Children's Hospital in December.

LEO'S ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE STATE CONVENTION

Presently we are looking forward to our state convention this coming May. For this year's Leo seminar, I'd like to try something a bit different---but I'll need your help. In his October letter in the Lion magazine, International President Tam spoke some of the most eloquent statements I've ever heard in regard to Leo members and their program. He stated that if we Lions ever get discouraged or a little down, all we have to do is spend some time with the Leos because they are contagious. They bring a fresh energy to every endeavor and can refresh our service mission. He feels it's very important that we work with them, respecting their ideas and input. It is very important that we listen to what they say.

Therefore, I'd like to include any/all Leos who plan to attend the Leo seminar on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the state convention to be a part of the actual program. I'm asking that you bring any scrapbooks, news articles, press releases, activities, etc with you in order to share with those present. I truly believe the only way we can all get stronger is by sharing our ideas and stories, good and bad. This seminar will be in the form of an old fashioned 'gab session' with hopefully participation from all present. Please come prepared to share. If a Leo Club in your area is unable to attend, a representative from that district may stand in for them. In order for this to work, I'll need to know if you plan to attend and participate. So I ask that you notify me by email (saragreenlee@yahoo.com) letting me know your plans. Please remind your clubs that **there is NO fee for Leo registration for the convention, however you must register.**

Once our seminar is over, it would be wonderful for the Leos to stay and enjoy some of the other seminars planned for the morning, plus the possibility of hearing LaDanna Gatlin as the main speaker at the afternoon session. District 14- C has been working very diligently on providing us with a wonderful convention. Please make certain you take full advantage of all activities.

And please—don't forget to pass on the material in regard to the Pin Traders \$2500.00 Scholarship. The due date is nearing. This is too good an opportunity for any Leo to pass up!
L/L Sara Greenlee, PA State Leo Coordinator

Lions Multiple District 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

Guest Editorial

LEADERSHIP - CHALLENGE, OPPORTUNITY OR PROBLEM?

Although our Lions' year is only half over, spring is just around the corner. That is the time when Lions clubs and districts all over the world are charged with electing officers for the coming year. When the president appoints the Nominating Committee do you turn your head, avoid eye contact, and try to make yourself invisible in hopes that you will not be given the task of helping to find qualified Lions who will agree to accept leadership positions? Or are you in one of those clubs where being on the Nominating Committee is one of the easier things that you could be asked to do? Easier because in your club all of your officers have held the same position for the past several years and you don't expect any change in the near future.

Neither scenario is good. They are both indicative of the fact that we have a serious problem in our Lions clubs and districts. We are finding it increasingly difficult to identify the Lions to fill leadership positions.

Every district has at least one club with a president who has been in office for 3 years and some have served up to 10 years. Five of our districts have not elected or appointed 2nd Vice District Governors. Two of our districts have not appointed Global Membership Team or Global Leadership Team Coordinators. We have a problem! We must face it head on for it to become a challenge or an opportunity.

It doesn't serve any purpose to just describe the problem, we must do something about it. In our clubs and in our districts it is important to identify, nurture and train Lions who will be prepared and willing to accept leadership positions in the future. This process must start in the clubs because that is where the Lions are.

Past and present club officers should be looking for prospective leaders when members work on projects and serve on committees. But, what should they be looking for? Probably not what they were looking for twenty or thirty years ago when our association in MD 14 had its greatest membership numbers.

Criteria for identifying the new Lions leader should include:

Leadership Style: The successful leader of volunteers is a facilitator not a boss using encouragement and persuasion rather than power. This Lion is not afraid of being part of the process and of "getting his/her hands dirty."

Adaptability: The successful leader is able to accept change and help others do the same. He/She finds a way to make the change an advantage rather than a disadvantage.

Success: Some Lions seem to always come out on top - no matter how great the challenge. These Lions will make good leaders because of internal drive, situational flexibility and basic organizational skills. Don't forget to also look for Lions leaders from those members who have had success in the community and their professions.

Nurturing Character: This Lion helps his/her team members succeed by supporting them, sharing skills, and allowing them to make decisions on how they will progress with an assignment. This person can often be an informal leader whose presence can make the formal leader more successful. It is important to realize that leadership skills can be learned and practiced until they come naturally without even having to think about them. As Lions, we don't have to go far to learn them.

Every district has Club Officer Training and some are developing Leadership Training programs. The Lions Learning Center is only a mouse click away on the computer. There are multiple on-line courses that take about 45 minutes to complete ranging from Creativity to Public Speaking. District and State Conventions have seminars to ready Lions for leadership roles. Let's make a concerted effort to be part of the new growth in Lionism that can result from a concentration on preparing for the future by identifying and nurturing prospective leaders in the present.

Submitted by: PDG Judy Dudley, Multiple District 14 GLT Coordinator



Donate Life America, an alliance of national and state teams across the United States, announced an important achievement: there are now more than 100 million registered organ, eye and tissue donors in the United States. This milestone represents 42 percent of the U.S. adult population. Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley is a state team member that locally launched the initiative to register 100 million donors in 2006. The initiative's key strategy to increase donor designation rates was to ensure each state had an effective system for residents to legally designate themselves as donors.



Recent statistics reveal that 40,000 received cornea transplants, over 28,000 received organ transplants and hundreds of thousands received tissue transplants. However, the growth in registered donors is necessary because the need for life saving organ transplants is increasing. On average, each day 18 individuals die waiting for an organ in the U.S.

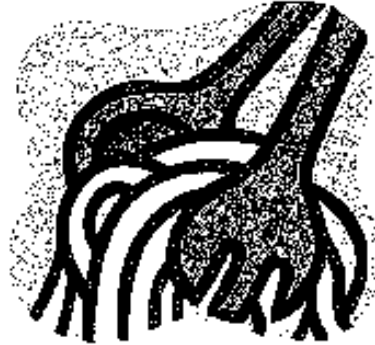
A new initiative is now underway. Donate Life America and the local state teams set an ambitious goal to register 20 million in 2012. For more information on this national campaign and how you can become involved, visit www.donatelife.net.

Lions Eye Bank End of the Year Statistics

As of today, the 2011 clinical outcomes statistics for the year ended December 31, 2011 are as follows:

Corneal tissue local donors	879
Corneal tissue gifted	1755
Corneal surgeries coord by LEBDV including imported Tissue	1039
Corneal tissue gifted for education, Training and research	787

Newtown Lions Spaghetti Dinner



Saturday February 25, 2012

4:00 - 7:00 pm

400 Freedom Drive, Newtown

Adults \$12, Seniors \$10,
Kids ages 3-13 \$6, Kids under 3 Free

To purchase tickets or order take out
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Tuesday, February 21, 2012 ~ 6:00 PM

Swan Caterers' Waterfall Room

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