

Lions Tales and Paw Tracts

The Monthly Newsletter of Pennsylvania District 14-N

Co-Editors
Mark Carter, Betty Lou Ivell

Volume No.
9

Issue No.
10

Date
April 2009



DISTRICT GOVERNOR
DISTRICT 14-N
ANNA MARIE LARKIN
110 Cornplanter Avenue
Oil City, PA 16301
814-677-3784
724-312-2391 (cell)
aml0827@aol.com



Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos---

At the Spring Rally, there was excellent attendance, good food and great entertainment. Many awards were given but the clubs do not as a rule fill out applications for District awards. I would recommend that the Clubs should have a committee consisting of previous Melvin Jones Fellows, PA Foundation of Lions Fellows and Honor Roll of Lions recipients to choose Lions who are deserving of these awards and submit applications to the District.

It is the time to elect officers for the upcoming Lions year (2009-2010) and to submit a **PU101** to International and to our District Governor Elect, Evan Punchard at 401 W. First Street, RD #1, Box 387, Rural Valley, PA 16249 before May 15. **PU101's** can be submitted online through the WMMR site on the Association's Web site or mailed to headquarters and addressed to the Club Officer and Record Administration Department.

Training for the new officers and any current officers as well as Region and Zone Chairpersons will be on Saturday, May 30 from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon at the Lighthouse for Beaver County and Lawrence County and Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon at the Butler Blind Association for Armstrong, Butler and Clarion County.

Message from International President Al Brandel:

Despite the tragedy in the world we Lions remain optimistic about the fundamental goodness of people. Therefore, we must assume that when the need is greater more people will want to help and those already helping will want to help more. Lions Clubs are the perfect vehicle for these people to engage their energies and sometimes all we need do is remove obstacles from their path.

This may mean moving midday meetings to evenings when more working people can attend. It may mean holding meetings in a member's home to save members the cost of a restaurant meal. It may mean changing the dues structure or becoming a family-friendly club. If these ideas seem a bit frightening because your club has a "but-we've-never-done-it-that-way" attitude, please remember that these are in fact small changes and totally under your control. Members – and prospective members – are our clients and nothing – Absolutely nothing! – should stand in the way of adjusting to their needs.

“LIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY, EVERYWHERE.”

---DG Anna Marie



PDG Evan Punchard

Rural Valley Lions Club
401 W. First St.
Rural Valley PA 16249
Home: 724-783-6951

rv123@windstream.net

**Vice District
Governor
District 14-N**

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos---

Congratulations to all of the award winners at the Spring Rally. All of you were very deserving and certainly have set a great example of service!

Two important dates to remember are May 30th and June 6th. This will be the Club Officers' Training Seminars as well as for Zone and Region Chairpersons. May 30th will be for Beaver and Lawrence Counties at the Lighthouse. June 6th will be for Armstrong, Butler and Clarion Counties at the Butler Blind Association. Please mark these dates on your calendars as this will greatly benefit your club. PCC Brian McCarl, Lions Betty Lou Ivell and Mark Carter have been very busy putting this information together. Your time will be well spent.

There are only three months left in the Lions year for us to bring up our membership. We are still under the LCI magic number of 1250. District 14-N in the past has been known to come on strong in the second half of the year. Let us continue that trend!

A reminder to all club secretaries to please send me your Club Officers' Reporting Form as soon as your club elections have taken place. This information is essential for the District Directory.

Yours in Service,

---VDG Evan



In Memoriam:

Francis Nesta, Sr. ---Knox Lions Club
Sam Fazio ---New Brighton Lions Club

= = == =====

May cherished memories of your loved ones and the knowledge that others care, help comfort you in this time of sorrow.



March 2009

District Summary

(Note: If your club shows no activity, your M & A was not received by the first of the month.)

Class A clubs – more than 35 members; class B clubs – 24 to 35; class C clubs – under 24 members.

Club	*CI	DG Points	Current Members (1 Apr.)	Activities
Butler	A	32,250	42	Four Lions attended 4 th 14N Cabinet Meeting. Provided eye exams and glasses for 6 needy adults. 75 pairs of eyeglasses recycled. Purchased 2 \$25 raffle tickets to support Butler Township Vol. Fire Companies. Visited Zelenople Lions Club with 5 members. Little Ivy Jug-\$30. White Cane Day-\$20. \$200 donated to Maridon Museum in memory of Mary Phillips. Semi-annual sausage held March 28. \$25 donated to a Dassa McKinney sixth grader to help pay for his attendance at a Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. Approved: with two booths and a drop in the bucket/white cane fundraising at the Butler Fall Festival, a fundraiser of collecting Aluminum Cans, a booth at the Master Gardner event and a door prize was donated. \$2000 donation to Butler Blind Assoc. to help purchase a Braille Printer. (The printer will cost \$15,000 with matching funds making the cost \$7,500. We will sponsor for the project.) Helped Butler Blind Assoc. sell raffle tickets/pass out information at Butler Wal-Mart about the upcoming Annual Spring Auction of the Blind Assoc. and helped man a information boothsold raffle tickets at the Clearview Mall Boscov's Dept.
Cranberry Township	A		48	No report received.
Elderton	A		42	The Elderton Lions Club sponsored the drug poster contest for the 4 th grade class. We celebrated our 65th anniversary at our Charter Night this month.
Hawthorn	A		37	Completed Swiss steak dinner; held election; planning to update basketball court; paid International and state dues.
Knox	A	25,400	73	Collected \$36 for Lil Ivy Jug, sold hoagies for fund raiser to support Boy Scouts, sent poster to District to be judged for Drug Poster contest, Eye screening at the Keystone Elementary school, accepted 3 new members into our club, had White Cane days in March, attend Clarion County Commissions meeting to approximate April as Lions Month, donated to the DG gift \$100,Put Lions Magazine in the High School Library, took around 500 glasses to District meeting for recycling, had 3 requests this month for glasses, had 1 hearing request this month, introduced the Knox Lions Club brochure, had student of the month.
Little Beaver	A	42,900	62	Collected \$22.25 for Ivy Jug; conducted 198 reading mentoring sessions, honored high school Student of the Month and primary school Classroom of the Month, 6 attended 4th Cabinet Meeting, held Friendship Night (6 new members, 3 prospects), held Night-At-The-Races, completed Highway Cleanup, nominated officers; donations: \$100--DG's gift, \$418--VOSH/PA, \$375--Blackhawk All State Band, \$100--Lighthouse Night-At-The-Races, \$280--Beacon Lodge "500 Club", \$500--VIP Sports, \$300--Leader Dogs; Coming Events: 23 April--Grandparents Day, 23-26 April--Beacon Lodge Work Weekend, 27-29 April--MTI Vision Screening, 2 May--Fishing Derby, 28 May--Officer Installation, 29-31--Darlington Days, 29 June--Red Cross Blood Drive, 1 August--Horse Show. Completed the Drug Awareness Poster Contest at the Blackhawk Intermediate School as a joint project with the Chippewa Area Lions Club.
Monaca Center	A	21,650	49	Transported clients, recycling eyeglasses. Three Ambridge Lions attended the March 12th meeting. Appointed an election committee for the 2009/2010 officers. One member attended the March 21st cabinet meeting. Jonathan Fister. President/CEO of the Keystone Blind Association was guest speaker at the March 26th meeting. Donated to the District Governor's gift, \$500 to the sewer project at Beacon Lodge, \$209 to VOSH/PA for an eye surgery. Planning White Cane Day for April 18 th & Night @ The Races for May 23rd.

Club	*CI	DG Points	Current Members (1 Apr.)	Activities
New Bethlehem	A	10,000	36	Two students of the month were awarded. One pair of eyeglasses was purchased. Donation to VOSH for \$418 for two operations. Purchased space on Girl Scouts' tee shirts for \$25.00. Made donation to burned-out family of \$500. Donation of \$200 to children who lost their parents. One member attended the Cabinet meeting.
Penn Glade	A		37	No report received.
Rural Valley	A		43	On-going broom sales, one member attended the Cabinet Meeting, held Leo induction night for 62 new members on March 17, 2009.
Chippewa Area	B	13,450	32	Held St. Patrick's Day Party for the clients of the BCAB at the Lighthouse. Donated \$200 to the recreation board to sponsor a youth softball team. Taking orders for dozen red roses for Mothers Day at \$15 each. Assisting the BCAB prepare for it's Golf Outing on May 22, 2009.
Evans City	B		24	Completed the Penguin ticket raffle. The winner was Lion Phil Labas. Starting new gun raffle at a \$5 donation.
Ford City	B		32	No report received.
Harrisville	B	18,600	28	Held a successful sausage sale as a major fundraiser, members donated to VIP Sports, Leader Dogs for the Blind and to the Borough of Harrisville in memory of Charter Member J. Leroy Montgomery, planned Easter Egg Hunt and White Cane Days (for May). Sponsored Drug Poster Contest at two local schools.
Hopewell Township	B		35	\$418 to VOSH to pay for two eye operations. Thank you notes from Jim Bucci, student of the month, from Beacon Lodge for the \$500 camper sponsorship and from LCI for our donation to Sight First II. We will sell roses for Mothers Day for \$15. We need other projects- Parkfest? Broom Sale? White Cane? Shopping spree at Kuhns? \$100 to former Lion Eileen for bookmarks. Took two blind clients to the Lighthouse for a party. Presented a Melvin Jones Award to Lion Sue all the hard work she does for our club. Student of the Month: Brianna Washington from the Aliquippa High School and Shane Dusch from Hopewell. Dates to remember – April 18th bingo party at the Lighthouse; -April 25th Beaver County Women's Conference at Beaver Falls HS, 8 AM to 2:30 (will pay for 3 registrations, \$54). Lion Joe will take brooms and Lion Ruth will dress in her Lions costume; - second meeting in May-- picnic at Hopewell Park.
Kittanning	B	14,100	33	Broom sales \$255; Mint sales \$47; 307 pair of eyeglasses collected; Drug Awareness Poster Contest sponsored & judged; held spaghetti & meatball dinner for SightFirst II (profit \$596- \$100 donations to church & Leo Club); Donated \$150 to Fire Department Hose Company #6 for Fire Safety Books; Highway Litter Pickup March 23; Donated \$150 for eyeglass assistance; Planning Horse Race fundraiser for SightFirst II; Spring Flower Sale fundraiser is in progress; Green Card \$8.75; Lil' Ivy Jug \$17.60; 50/50 drawings \$61.00/\$30.50 profit; Tail Twister \$8.30; pie auction for administrative account; collected applications for Homer Stubrich Memorial Scholarship; Set up a display for Lion's Awareness Month in the Chamber of Commerce Window and Lion's Awareness Month sign mounted a t entrance to Wal-Mart plaza.
Manor Township	B	16,100	26	Ongoing eyeglass collections - collected 47 pair of eyeglasses. Collected \$5.63 for Little Ivy Jug. Student of the month. Donated money to Ford City Little League. Had Friendship night. Two new members. Flower sale fundraiser.
New Brighton	B	21,050	25	March: Collected 50 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling; collected \$8 for Li'l Ivy; published club newsletter; Student of the Month; member attended District Cabinet meeting; sponsored individual to Beacon Lodge; pancake breakfast. Upcoming events: Rose sale; candy sale.
New Castle	B		30	No activities reported.
Rimersburg	B		30	Student of the month; Lion Fred Caliguiri received a 55-year chevron; held election of officers.
Volant	B		30	No report received.

Club	*CI	DG Points	Current Members (1 Apr.)	Activities
Zelienople	B	19,700	30	124 pairs of eyeglasses collected, sent \$250 to Community Health Clinic in Butler, Beacon Lodge 500-club-\$110, VOSH-\$209, \$100 to Butler County Association for the Blind, 3 members attended the third region meeting in Butler, 2 members attended the district cabinet meeting.
Ambridge	C	13,350	23	Club collected 38 pairs of used eyeglasses; donated \$500 for a camper to go to Beacon Lodge; submitted 4 posters for Drug Poster contest; donated to Beaver County Blind Assn golf outing; donated to Big Brothers & Sisters; donated to District Governor gift. 3 members visited Monaca-Center Lions Club. Purchased brooms & Anderson candy bars. Taking orders for roses for Mothers Day. Inviting poster contest winners to visit us at our next meeting. Planning to hold a Friendship Night on April 28th.
Apollo Area	C		15	Sponsored the Apollo Area Lions Little League for the upcoming year. Completed the Multiphasic Clinic. Broom sales are ongoing as are the Coupon books. Students of the Month were named. The dinner for the Students of the Month will be held April 25th at Apollo-Ridge High School. Donated \$100 to the Fourth of July Committee.
Baden Economy	C	22,600	19	We continue to play Bingo at the Villa Nursing Home monthly, collected 10 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling, sold brooms, mops and mints at several store locations, collected aluminum cans for recycling, sponsor Boy Scout and Brownie Troops, Transported clients of the Lighthouse in New Brighton, donated \$50 to VOSH, Ambridge Band Boosters, and the Baden Fire Dep't. each and \$200 to the Leader Dog Program. Paid the Beacon Lodge "500 Club" in full and contributed \$100 to the Beacon Lodge Challenge. Club had its monthly dinner at the Candlelight in Economy. Secretary received the 100% Award from the District Governor. President and Secretary attended the District Cabinet Meeting in Butler.
Beaver Falls	C	14,200	23	Held our annual auction for our blind party at the lighthouse. Honored two students of the month. Made \$ 980 from a sub sale. Decorated a window at radio station WBVP for Lions Awareness and put a display in the Carnegie Library with Lions memorabilia. Donated \$ 100 to the Beaver Falls Main St. program. Donated \$ 50 to Big Brothers & Big Sisters bowl-a thon. Donated \$ 50 toward the district governor's gift.
Clarion	C		21	Purchased one pair of eyeglasses. Planning Easter Egg Hunt.
Ellwood City	C	2,100	19	No report received.
Freeport	C		12	Yard Sale - Sat. Apr 18 9am - 2pm - Patriot Wellness Center, Freeport. Rose Sale - Sat. May 9 9am - 12pm - Main Street, Freeport. Haluski Sale - Sun. May 17 - South Buffalo Community, Lernerville Speedway. Craft Show - Sat. Oct 3 - 9am - 4pm - South Buffalo Fire Hall, Freeport. Broom Sales - Mark Holbein owns and operates Superior Broom Company - supplies area Lion's clubs and businesses with a variety of quality brooms and mops. June 2009 - Presentation of \$1,000 scholarship to a Freeport High School senior.
Kiski Township	C		23	Two students of the month for March; three members to Zone Meeting at Apollo; paid International and state dues; paid District projects; paid Beacon Lodge Challenge \$150; paid 365 Beacon Lodge \$83.98.
Laurel	C		21	(February) 50th anniversary coming up in April. Selling Roses for Mother's Day (No activities reported for March)
Leechburg-Gilpin	C	23,700	14	Donated \$50.00 to VOSH. Purchased 2 directional signs for the Leechburg Public Library. Purchased 500 bookmarks for the Leechburg Public Library. Honored Student of the Month for March. Purchased 3 banners to promote broom sales. 2 members attended Zone Meeting. Donated \$100.00 each to two families whose homes burned. Li'l Ivy Jug--\$9.20. Donated \$300.00 to start Student Assistance Program in local schools. Purchased ad in program of FLAG.(Cooperative inter-community promotional organization). Funded canteen for Red Cross Blood Drive.
Neshannock	C		16	No report received.

Club	*CI	DG Points	Current Members (1 Apr.)	Activities
New Bedford	C		14	Calendar Fundraiser continues. \$25 Donation to Beacon Lodge in DG's name. Donated \$100 to Pulaski Twp. Supervisors for Fish for Kids
Riverside	C	12,500	17	Transported the visually handicapped persons to a monthly meeting and to the blind party held at The Lighthouse and/or the B.C.A.B. Hosted the February, 2009 Riverside Lions Club Student of the Month who was Abigail Marx a senior at Riverside High School along with Her Mother and guests. Hosted the March, 2009 Riverside Lions Club Student of the Month who was Jon Szakelyhidi, a senior at Riverside High School, along with his parents. Held a Night at the Races as a fund raising project on Saturday, March 14, 2009. Hosted a Drug Abuse Poster Contest with the fourth grade students from Riverside Primary School with prizes of five \$25.00 prizes to the winning posters. Total donation was for \$125.00. Donated \$85.00 to the Beacon Lodge 365 Club. Honored Lions Ollie Kasparek with 45 years of service to the Riverside Lions Club with the Melvin Jones award this month. Donation for meals for the Student of the month and Her guests was \$52.74 and for two trophies for Students was for \$24.00. Collected and submitted \$153.44 for Riverside Lions Club collection of Little Ivy.
Rochester-Beaver	C	2,400	20	No activities reported.
Sligo	C		18	Donated \$25 to a person who is ill.
Slippery Rock	C		14	No report received.
Union Township	C		22	No report received.
Wampum	C		20	No activities reported.
Worthington	C		22	Club purchased 3 tickets for district 14N raffle. Helped with Angel Ministries food project. Student of the month at Kittanning Junior High School. Lions Vegas Night Fundraiser. Purchased 2 road signs for entrance to Worthington on route 422.

District Lions Membership Total: (under 1250 member minimum)

Lioness Clubs

Ellwood City Lioness		29,200	18	Three Lioness worked at the hospital gift shop; one Lioness assisting sight-deficient person with meals; one cooking supper for a family five days times four weeks; a Lioness donated furniture to a needy family; a Lioness helps with Meals on Wheels weekly; selling daffodil pots (300); helping with decorations for after prom; three Lioness helped Riverside Lions with the Night at the Races; three Lioness helped pack yellow ribbon boxes for soldiers overseas; three Lioness visited the New Castle Lions Club; three Lioness assisted a service club make 350 subs; ten Lioness visited the Rotary Club; three Lioness helped sell daffodil products during daffodil days for the American Cancer Society. Ongoing candy sales. Gave \$25 to the after prom; gave to the District Governor's gift; gave \$100 to the Beacon Lodge wish list. Gave a cell phone to the Crisis Center and distributed the newsletter to those not on the Internet.
Little Beaver Lioness		20,600	36	Lioness Hancharek volunteered four days at the Lighthouse for the Blind; five Lioness assisted with bingo for residents at Beaver Valley Nursing Home; two Lioness deliver Meals on Wheels to local shut-ins; collect labels and register tapes for equipment for local schools; two Lioness assist patients at Friendship Ridge with personal needs; held annual baby shower for Beaver County Pregnancy Support Center, donated baby clothes, diapers, lotions, etc., donated \$100 to Beaver County Pregnancy Support Center; collected \$20.01 for Little Ivy Jug; assisted Little Beaver Lions with a Night at the Races fundraising event; donated two \$50 gift baskets for raffle for fundraiser; made plans for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt to be held April 4 at the polo field.
Rimersburg Lioness			18	No report received.

21 March Cabinet Meeting Highlights

Region/Zone Reports: (See club remarks in the March “Club Activity” section of this newsletter.)

General:

Successful Leo Clubs--PDG Punchard offered these comments on their success recruiting students and developing active Leo Clubs: “The key is the advisor. They must be enthusiastic about the benefits of being a Leo. They have monthly meetings. They have posters outside their rooms. They have school-wide morning announcements. The school administration (Superintendent, Principal) must be supportive—they set the tone for the Leo Advisor.” Does your Club sponsor a Leo Club? Is it successful? Please report these successes to the District Newsletter.

Awards Committee—PCC McCarl suggested that each Lions Club form an Awards Committee. The Committee would be responsible for recommending Lions to the District for Melvin Jones Fellowships, Honor Roll of Lionism, PA Lions Foundation, Excellence Awards and Everyday Heroes Awards. Committee members should be past Melvin Jones or PA Fellows recipients. The committee members would be responsible for completing the nominations and submitting the forms to the District. (Attention King Lions-elect: this is an excellent way to give an “Atta-Boy” to a hardworking Lion of your club!)

Membership (IPDG Neff):

District membership numbers have increased slightly. IPDG Neff will gladly present his PowerPoint presentation on membership at any Lions Club event.

Leadership (PCC McCarl): [see page 9—“Office Training”]

Extension (PDG Deal): The new Mars-Seven Fields Lions Club will be a branch club of the Evans City Lions Club.

Beacon Lodge (Lions Laughner and McCarl):

A total of 23 Lions Clubs in the District donated \$3,133 to the “500 Club.” (Those clubs that have not yet contributed, please contact Lion Laughner [wlaugh@fyi.com, 724-601-3597.]) For those clubs who sponsor campers to Beacon Lodge, it is now time to submit applications to register campers for the week they desire. District 14-N Beacon Lodge Work Weekend is 24-25-26 April; planned work projects include rebuilding a stone wall, roofing a gazebo, area cleanup, landscaping, gutters and painting. Please contact Lion Laughner by 15 April to report how many are coming from your club, so that adequate meals can be prepared. The Sewer Campaign is a \$250,000 project; however, unforeseen problems will result in cost overruns; additional donations are needed. To date, District Clubs have contributed \$4,415 to the Beacon Lodge Challenge sponsored by the Little Beaver Lions (\$3,000) for a total amount of over \$7,415. This is an ongoing project, so it is not too late to donate. Lions Appreciation Day is Sunday, 19 July.

Leader Dogs (Lion Jim Ivell):

We have not utilized this program. Therefore, Lion Jim challenges all clubs to find a sight-impaired person who can use a Leader Dog.

Lil’ Ivy Jug for PSCERF (PCC McCarl):

To date, District Lions Clubs have donated \$1,167 through their Li’l Ivy Jugs. If you participate in the Li’l Ivy Jug project, please send your checks by 28 May to PCC Brian McCarl (463 Cannelton Road, Darlington 16115) or to Cabinet Secretary, Lion John Horvatich (208 Maple Drive, Beaver 15066)

Drug Awareness Poster Contest (Lion George Bonnett):

The First-Place winner was from the Clarion Lions Club. The other winners came from the following clubs: Manor Township, Beaver Falls, Riverside, Harrisville, Little Beaver/Chippewa, New Bedford/Volant, New Bethlehem and Laurel. Winning posters were displayed at the Spring Convention at the Atrium. (See page 10)

District Fundraiser (Lion Laughner):

Lion Bill reported that about \$14,700 worth of tickets were sold during our fundraising raffle. However, a number of clubs did not participate. About 300 tickets were returned. Five winning tickets, totaling \$700, were not sold.

VIP Sports (Lion Wendy Fagan [Betty Lou Ivell]):

Camp is 16-20 June with participation by about 60 blind or visually impaired athletes. There will be activities in 12 different sports. They have contacted the Steelers, Penguins and Pirates about a possible visit with the participants. VIP Sports needs funds to sponsor this event, so your donations would be appreciated. For more information (...and some heart-warming pictures), visit our District website. Note: If you can only visit the Camp events on one day, go on Saturday morning. The kids getting their prizes will give you a “warm, fuzzy feeling!”

District Internet (Betty Lou Ivell):

New pages have been built: “New Members” listing members, their clubs and their sponsors; “In Memoriam” listing members who have passed, the “Honor Roll of Lionism.”

Future Dates:

- 24-25-26 April—Beacon Lodge Work Weekend
- 30 May—Officer Training: Beaver, Lawrence Counties (Lighthouse)
- 6 June—Officer Training: Armstrong, Butler and Clarion Counties (Butler Blind Association)
- 16-20 June VIP Sports
- 19 July--Beacon Lodge Lions Appreciation Day
- 19 Sept.--Passing of the Banner (Theresa’s Royle Allegheny--West Kittanning)
- 21 Nov.--Fall Rally (Beaver Falls Holiday Inn--\$20)

“Setting Our ‘Sites’ on a better Web”

Dane LaJoye
 Manager, Public Relations and Communication
 Division, Lions Clubs International

As part of our major branding initiative, Lions Clubs International is launching a new English Web site on Monday, March 30, 2009. This new Web site will make it easier to find information – and complete tasks. Explain who Lions are and what we do. And tell the Lions’ story dramatically in pictures and in words.

The new Web site will have familiar sections, including About Lions, The Foundation and News and Events. There will also be new sections:

- Our Impact will include stories and photos that show how Lions make a difference. Plus, “Tips and Tools” for projects.
- Online Community will allow Lions to connect with other Lions on MySpace, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter and share their stories and photos with Headquarters.
- A new Member Center will provide information that Lions need to do service projects and manage clubs and districts.

Please note that the Member Center will contain the same content as our current Web site. So, any information you’ve accessed on our current Web site will still be available to you on the new site. We will enhance the Member Center content and navigation later this year.

The following features of the current Lions Clubs International Web site will not change on March 30, 2009:

- Submitting Reports: Lions will have uninterrupted access to the current WMMR Web site.
- Language Sites: Our new Web site will launch in languages later this year. Our current language sites will stay online until we launch the new language Web sites.

To learn more about our new Web site, please read the article “Setting Our ‘Sites’ on a better Web” in the March 2009 edition of LION Magazine.

District 14-N 2008-2009 Spring Convention Awards

Congratulations to these Lions and Lioness on their well deserved awards!

2009 Melvin Jones Recipients

<i>District 14-N</i>	<i>Campaign Sightfirst II</i>
Don Gibala—Butler Lions Club	Eugene Gaul—Ellwood City Lions Club
James A. Crowley—Butler Lions Club	IPDG Don Neff—Evans City Lions Club
Ernest O. Punchard—Rural Valley Lions Club	<i>On behalf of the Knox Lions Club:</i>
Stephen S. Bonnett—Butler Lions Club	Donald Hahn*
James Curran—Knox Lions Club	

*inadvertently omitted from the Honors Program presented at the Spring Convention

“Volunteer Activities: Lion Don is very active in the Knox Lions Club and also the Knox American Legion Post, where he has served on the new building committee as chairman, the board of directors and secretary.”

“Club Activities: Lion Don has served as 1st, 2nd and 3rd vice president – King Lion 2004, secretary 2006 to the present and the club board of directors (8 years). He also has served on numerous club committees, including the Sportsman’s Dinner (8 years), building committee (3 years), horse thief week (8 years), steak fry (8 years, Beacon Lodge (5 years) and Scholarship (4 years).”

Pennsylvania Lions Foundation Fellow

Tom Toland—Apollo Lions Club	Rosetta Cumo—Ellwood City Lioness Club
Jerry Markowitz—Laurel Lions Club	On behalf of the Knox Lions Club: Bill Henry III

Honor Roll of Lionism

Donald E Decker---Volant Lions Club	Guy Grater—Monaco-Center Lions Club
Wesley Dine—Knox Lions Club	Robert W. Caresani—Rural Valley Lions Club
Samuel H. Oesterling, Sr.—Butler Lions Club	

2009 Pennsylvania Counselors Distinguished Service

Don Gibala—Butler Lions Club	PDG Raymond C. Hayes Sr.—Rural Valley Lions Club
------------------------------	--

Officer Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaver and Lawrence Counties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 May (Sat.)--The Lighthouse in New Brighton
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armstrong, Butler and Clarion Counties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 June (Sat.)--Butler Blind Association

All Club Officers and Region and Zone chairs should attend. It is particularly important for new officers (Presidents, VPs, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs) to attend. This is where good meeting and club organization begins: how to set a meeting agenda, plan a club year and prepare (VP) to become a King Lion in the future. The training shows how this can be done properly. Sessions will begin at 9 am. ***Club Secretaries*** should contact either PDG Don Neff (wvattlives1@yahoo.com, 724-355-5607) or PCC Brian McCarl (brian.mccarl@ajdemor.com, 724-312-3676) to report how many officers will be attending from their Club—at least one week prior to the session. (This information is needed so that adequate manuals are available.)

2009 District 14-N Peace Poster Contest Winners

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Lions Club</u>
1 st Place--\$200 Savings Bond	Brittney Voettiner*	St. Alphonsus	Cranberry Township
2 nd Place--\$100 Savings Bond	Alex Taylor	Seneca Valley Middle	Cranberry Township
3 rd Place--\$75 Savings Bond	Hannah Bielski	Kittanning Middle	Kittanning
4 th Place--\$50 Savings Bond	Sidney Ziatek		Cranberry Township

*Honorable Mention in PA Lions State Contest

2009 District 14-N Drug Awareness Poster Contest Winners

- 1ST PLACE (\$100):** Megan Angel—Clarion Lions Club
- 2nd PLACE (\$50):** Eli Morrison, Manor Twp. Lions Club
- 3rd PLACE (\$37.50):** Luke, Laurel Lions Club
- 4th PLACE (\$25):** Zach Williams, Beaver Falls Lions Club

Honorable Mention (\$10)

Kylie Craig--Clarion Lions Club	Sarah Stack—Little Beaver Lions Club/Chippewa Lions Club
Megan Thompson--Clarion Lions Club	Austin Frantz—Manor Twp. Lions Club
Kelsey Wolf--Clarion Lions Club	Elizabeth Ferrantell—New Bedford/Volant Lions Club
Jared Simpson—Clarion Lions Club	William Zehner—New Bedford/Volant Lions Club
Justin Schnitz—Beaver Falls Lions Club	Alyssa Burkett—New Bethlehem Lions Club
Trey Begley—Beaver Falls Lions Club	Logan Magness—New Bethlehem Lions Club
Arianna Wilson—Harrisville Lions Club	Alana Nulph—Riverside Lions Club
Shelby Miles—Laurel Lions Club	

Drug Awareness Poster Contest Participation

A Three-fold Increase

A joint effort by the Little Beaver Lions Club and the Chippewa Area Lions Club resulted in a three-fold increase in the participation of fourth-grade students at the Blackhawk Intermediate School. Traditionally only about 30% of the fourth graders took part in the voluntary contest. This year the Poster Committee approached the school principal with the question: “How do we increase student participation?” The answer was to make our Drug Awareness Poster Contest part of the art curriculum. With the agreement of the art teacher, the contest became a mandatory, graded project.

To encourage students and their parents to discuss drug awareness, the Committee developed for the teacher a tri-fold brochure that explained the contest. Each student took this brochure home to discuss the contest with their parents.

Over 200 posters were created. Of these, 40 posters that best illustrated the graphic arts concepts taught in the classroom were selected by the art teacher and forwarded to the Committee for judging. Eight finalists (who will receive a \$20 award from the Clubs) were selected to compete in the District Contest.

For more information, contact Lion Mark Carter (mtc8008@hotmail.com; 724-846-4423; 1209 SR 0168, Darlington 16115)

Membership Drive Success: One Club's Story

- Six New Members
- Three Considering Joining
- Nine Showing Interest

The Little Beaver Lions Club recently produced over a 10% membership increase, from 56 to 62. Here's how.

Starting in October each member was asked to generate a list of "Prospects." They did not have to contact these prospective new members, just identify quality individuals. This produced a list of 35 "Prospects."

Then, in January, "Prospects" were sent a letter listing the Club's service projects and inviting them to an "Information Meeting" in February where select service projects would be described in more detail. The promise was made that they would not be asked for money, to help with fundraisers or to join the Lions.

At the Information Meeting, six service projects were profiled. Little Beaver Lions described what they did in the service projects. "Community Representatives" (principal, Red Cross Field Rep, *et al*) spoke on the benefits these projects created in the community. Each "Prospect" received a personal binder with an agenda, press release, newsletters, recruiting brochures and an invitation to a March "Friendship Night."

Information Meeting minutes and personal binders were sent to those "Prospects" who did not attend the Information Meeting. Also, they were invited to the Friendship Night. At this March meeting, "Prospects" were strongly recruited. The agenda consisted of "What concerns do you have?...Benefits of Being a Lion...Requirements...Time...Dues...Application Process...Open Discussion...Completion of the Application.

On-going contact continues with the remaining "Prospects."

For more information, contact Lion Mark Carter (mtc8008@hotmail.com; 724-846-4423; 1209 SR 0168, Darlington 16115)



Please welcome our new members!

March 2009

<u>Club</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Evans City	Autumn L. Pintado	Malcolm Rogers
	Michael P. Rogers	Malcolm Rogers
Knox	Doug Painter	Brad Switzer
	Dave Rivers	Charles Young
	Joseph Rupert	Charles Young
Little Beaver	Shane Weatherly	Brian McCarl
	Keith Stanart	Dennis McClain
	Deborah Lambert	Mike Seiber
	Scott Reed	Tom Cekovich
	Deirdre Morrow	Tom Cekovich
	Brad Morrow	Tom Cekovich



Editors' Notes: If you have a notice to be included in the newsletter, please submit it by the 1st of each month (for example, **1 May** for a notice to appear in our May issue). Thanks for your understanding and cooperation! And, if you have any corrections or suggestions for the improvement of the newsletter, please contact us: Mark Carter, 1209 SR 168, Darlington, PA 16115; mtc8008@hotmail.com; 724.846.4413 or Betty Lou Ivell, 2142 Clintonville Rd., Harrisville, PA 16038; 814.786.7215; nectarine1@zoominternet.net.