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My Lions...My Family

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Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos--- **What Happened to “Purple Power”?**

While I was First Vice District Governor last year, I made a special point to seek the advice of Lions friends who graciously supported my quest to serve as your District Governor of District 14-N. From their advice, I learned more about our district, the way it is today and especially the way it used to be. Obviously, when we capture a snapshot of our history and compare it to our present ways of doing business, that evaluation will better enable us to prepare the direction we need to set for our future. Organizations of all types, whether they are voluntary, public or private, will engage in this kind of thinking as part of daily operational and strategic planning rituals. There are things that we have done well in the past. There are things that we do well today, and there are things we need to improve upon, regardless of the type of organization we are. So it is with Lions. We must keep a critical eye on the past, present and future...the need to change that which needs changed. Lions Clubs International has moved from yesterday and is now preparing for tomorrow. Our clubs and our district must help to create and be part of this evolving service organization that must proactively adapt to a changing world we all are part of. Lions everywhere must look to the past, analyze the present and predict and prepare for our future.

As a long term Lion of our district, I have held the highest regard for our leaders who have guided the operation of District 14-N over the years. The knowledge they have shared and continue to share, and the time and energy each has given to our district cannot be denied. We are all lucky to have such leaders in our midst, and we are always grateful for the knowledge and direction they offer.

We Lions have a proud history that continues to grow toward a brighter future that not only recognizes and serves our communities as we always have, but increasingly works toward networks that serve a greater global impact. We not only continue to offer our hands-on, high-touch services to mankind, but we increasingly offer our expertise and leadership skills to make Lionism a greater entity. Just as a business would want to improve its position in a constantly changing global market, Lions too must adapt to increasing networks and partnerships that can offer us synergistic strength and flexibility in the way we do our business. As we march our way through virtual, electronic environments and move from past traditions to our future directions and outcomes, we continue to lean toward business models today that can take the “warmth” out of volunteerism. We will continue to move, to change from yesterday and prepare for tomorrow...but we cannot discard the lessons learned from our history-our past-our evolution. Our proud past is in fact the unique tool to our brighter future.

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Our past leaders of District 14-N will admit that it can be a monumental task to move an organization from past traditions to future survival, to move an organization toward the successes of tomorrow, to garner the momentum necessary for Lions to assure positive change that keeps our district viable and healthy. There are a select few in any organization who will always be relied upon and be there when a need is evident. Such Lions remain the fixture of our district. They will continue to be there in times of need, as they too seek incremental change for the good of Lionism and the district. They will continue to care, to make progress come alive, to keep pace with our successes and rebuild from our organizational strengths and opportunities.

As District Governor, I tip my hat to all of you who keep the mighty ship afloat, and I reach out to all Lions of District 14-N to “fuel the fire” as we begin the second half of this fiscal year. There are many accomplishments that we can be proud of, but there is much more to be done if we choose to hold our flag high to be counted. To embrace proactive change is in order today if we choose to be the healthy, viable organization that past, present and future Lions come to expect. Lions must step forward and recognize our strength in numbers. It is certainly a ticket to stronger effectiveness and efficiency in our service delivery as a district.

We need a little “Purple Power” as my friend and mentor Past Council Chair Sam Oesterling (Butler Lions) has suggested to me. PCC Sam reminds me that we once were a proud district of 47 Lions clubs and 6 Lioness clubs...and well over the 1250 members we strive for today. Sam was our District Governor from 1982 to 1983. At that time, few clubs had less than 25 members. Clubs in 1982 boasted a district-wide membership of 1760. This far exceeds our club/district roster today of 1143 members. Membership loss is not a stranger to our district over the years. We hear this news before us every year, but our batteries sometimes are not forgiving in the cold. We have not found the formula and energy to create necessary change...to move our membership bar beyond the 1250 mark. We must overcome this unnatural paralysis that seems to override what IP Tam identifies as a courage and commitment to take action. PCC Sam tells us to restart our hearts and kick in the Purple Power...re-energize that traditional Lions Pride that keeps us on the cutting edge as community leaders and servants to those who reach out for our helping hands. It is Purple Power that commits us to our goals and allows us to courageously take the action to fulfill them. It is PCC Sam’s Purple Power that reminds us of our past and prepares us for our future.

In our busy, dynamic world today, we must borrow a moment in time and give it back to Lions Pride...being a proud Lion of strength and service. Let us all recapture the Purple Power of Lionism and allow others to experience that same pride and energy that stands with service to both local and global communities. Let Purple Power fulfill our Lions goals, exercise our leadership skills, and reap successful club and district outcomes. With change as a natural occurrence in our future, we Lions must step up in greater numbers and adapt to new challenges. It is no longer a luxury to muddle through our issues of implementation. We are Lions with a proud past and a challenging, dynamic future. We must all re-energize our batteries with the Purple Power of being a Lion and taking pride in getting the job done.

Yours in Lionism,

---DG Don

PURPLE POWER ...A SNAPSHOT OF HISTORY--1982 to 2012

14-N Clubs	Membership		14-N Clubs	Membership	
	1982	2012*		1982	2012*
Allegheny-ClarionValley	23	---	Marianne Area	22	---
Ambridge	23	17	Mars-Seven Fields	---	10
Apollo Area	63	32	Midland	29	---
Baden (Baden-Economy)	42	14	Mohawk	27	---
Beaver Falls	38	24	Monaca-Center	44	36
Butler	43	50	Neshannock	---	12
Chippewa Area	34	31	New Bedford	27	17
Clarion	37	13	New Bethlehem	65	28
Cranberry Twp. Area	25	46	New Brighton	46	25
Elderton	43	25	New Castle	58	25
Ellwood City	51	20	New Wilmington	22	---
Evans City	41	25	Penn Glade	92	27
Ford City	36	26	Rimersburg	51	28
Fort McIntosh Area	27	---	Riverside Area	33	16
Freeport Area	---	12	Rochester-Beaver Area	42	15
Fryburg Area	32	---	Rural Valley	30	42
Harrisville	26	25	Shenango Area	45	---
Hawthorn	58	28	Sligo	27	---
Hopewell Township	40	28	Slippery Rock	25	25
Kiski Township	---	13	Slippery Rock University	---	71
Kittanning	42	23	Union Township	41	25
Knox	58	67	Volant	40	35
Lawrence County Area	---	17	Walmo	41	---
Laurel	22	16	Wampum Area	33	18
Leechburg (Leechburg-Gilpin)	14	15	Worthington	16	26
Little Beaver	36	52	Zelienople	32	25
Manor Township	18	17			

*Registered, 1 January 2012

Total Membership: **1982**—1,760
2012—1,142

35% Decline (618 members) in 30 Years

- o **Membership Increase—6 clubs**
- o Membership Decrease—30 clubs
- o Disbanded Clubs--10
- o New Clubs--6



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Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos-- Put Your Service to Work!

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

---Margaret Mead, anthropologist

I have been traveling with the District Governor all around our great district. The visitations are now completed. I have seen many great clubs and many outstanding Lions. After traveling thousands of miles since July, I am tired and need some rest. However, as Lions, we never rest. We are always ready and willing to do some good for someone in need. I am charging up my batteries for the push for the rest of this year and the challenge which faces me next year.

Right now, the district and I need YOU! There are many positions to fill for the coming Lions year and it is now that we need to fill those positions. Some regions are in need of zone chairs and many of our committees are in need of chairpersons. I am asking that you seriously consider stepping up to fill some of these positions. You can and have changed the world. Through your past years as a Lion, you have demonstrated a willingness to help your fellow citizens and have done it freely. Consider helping from a different level ... the district level.

By getting involved at the district level, you will see how very much we do in our five-county district and it will impress you. Become a part of that this coming year. We all have time constraints on our lives. Consider the time constraints that others may have who are not as fortunate as we. They are the ones who need our help. By involving yourself in a district committee, you can take your help to a completely different level.

Look on the district web site and check out all of the existing committees. There is one there with your name on it. There is something for everyone in Lions and at the district level. Find that special committee which best suits your skills as a Lion. Your community and your Lions experience will be better for it.

The forty-three Lions clubs, three Lioness clubs, and the ten Leo clubs are waiting for new leaders to step forward and take that leadership role. Become one of the district leaders. **PUT YOUR SERVICE TO WORK!**

All any Lion needs to do to move into the district level is to say YES when asked to share their willingness to serve. If you see the opportunity and want to be a part of it, you can contact your region chair, zone chair, or any other member of the district cabinet. Let them know that you want to help. Our district is moving forward as new members come aboard. Don’t limit the scope of your involvement in Lions. You will never regret it.

Yours in Lionism, ---1st VDG Tom

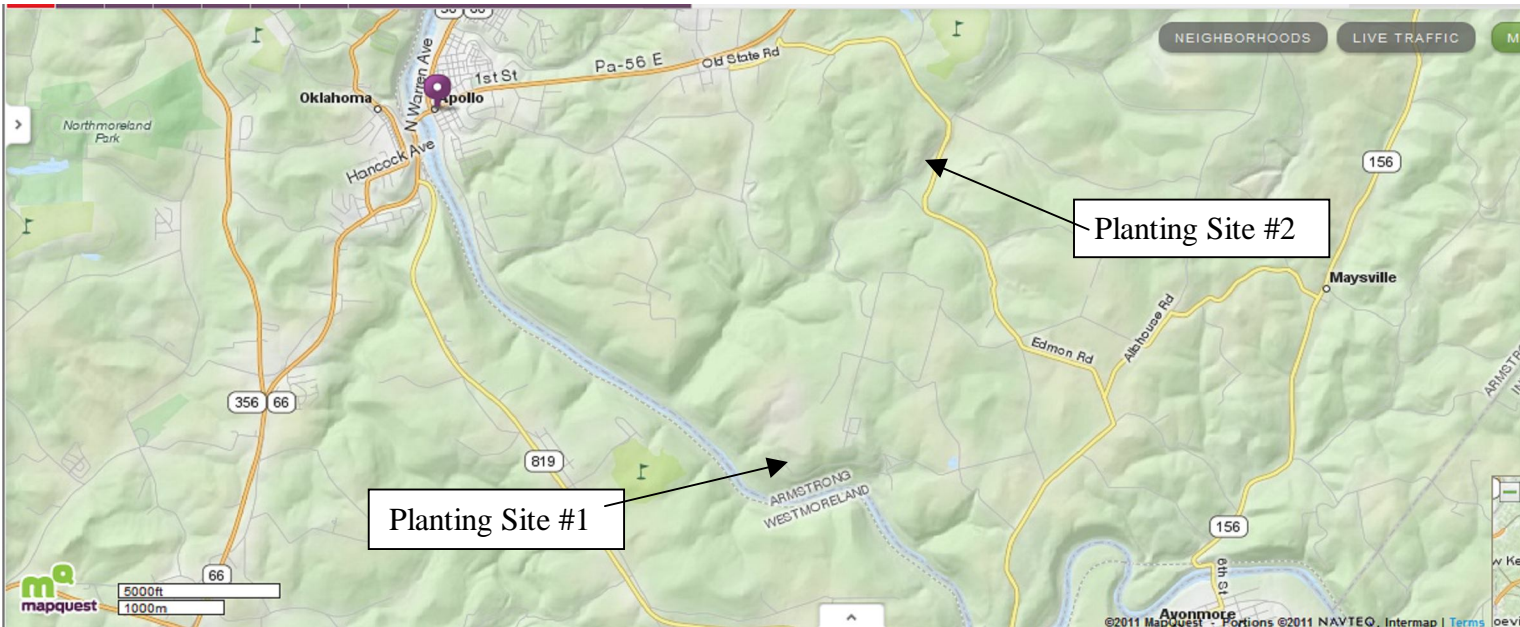
DG Don requests that all Lions Clubs, Lioness Clubs, and Leos support this effort. We are looking for 300 - 400 Lions, Lioness, and Leos on Saturday, May 5th to participate. The partnership will provide lunch and water for all participants. Lions need only to show up dressed appropriately between 8:00 and 9:00 AM prepared to plant. We expect to be finished between 3:00 and 4:00 PM. An on-site walk through organizational meeting for club leaders is scheduled for 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 22nd – Earth Day.

Start organizing your Club to participate. More information and requirements for submitting the number of participants will be published in the coming months. Lions Jim and Helen Eisler are the district coordinators for this project. Hope to see everyone in May planting trees.

Yours in Lionism,

---2 VDG Bill

Armstrong County Tree Planting Sites





January 2012 District Summary

(Note: If your club shows no activity, your MADG was not received by the end of the month.)

Clubs Reporting Activities: 43=%

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

Class of clubs is determined by membership shown at Lions Clubs International on July 1, 2011.

Just remember...	Your MADG reports should be submitted by the end of the month being reported. For example, the reports for the month of February should be submitted no later than 29 February.
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Club	*Cl	DG Points	Members (Jan. 2012)	Activities
Butler	A	48,900	49	13 members and guests attended the Knox Lions Sportsmen Dinner . 5 attended the Region Meeting Donations: \$100 Leader Dogs for the Blind; \$100 Student Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity (SVOSH) at Southern College of Optometry; \$1,000 to LCIF final installment of our five-year \$1,000 a year commitment to Campaign Sight First II; \$1,000 to LCIF - Lions Measles Initiative; \$100 DG's gift; \$100 for an ad in the State Convention Program. 29 man-hours to Butler Meals on Wheels delivering meals, serving on the board and helping with the organizations' fundraiser dinner held on 1/24/12.
Cranberry Township	A	0	46	Hosted Region 3 Zones 1 and 2 meeting at our club. Honored three 8th graders along with their families for our Service, Effort, and Initiative award. Started making plans for a new fundraiser which will involve basketball.
Knox	A	18,750	66	Collected \$10 from Lil Ivy Jug, received six pairs of glasses for recycle, had student of the month Andrew Burke attend our regular club meeting, student of the month picture was in the paper receiving the award. January 9 was our Sportsmen's Dinner; more than 165 attended this dinner which made it a very successful project, made donations to the Knox and Shipperville Fire Companies and Knox and Shipperville Ambulance Companies.
Little Beaver	A	27,850	53	Collected \$9.70 for Li'l Ivy Jug, conducted 137 15-minute reading mentoring ("Lion Listening") sessions, honored Student of the Month and Classroom of the Month; 36 trees planted , 100 more planned for this spring. Donations: Lighthouse (dish washer)--\$500, Vietnam Vet's Tet Party--\$100, Burnout victim--\$250, DG Gift--\$100. Coming Events: February Student of the Month, 20 Feb.--Blood Drive, 3 Mar.--Night-at-the-Races, Mar.--Wine Dinner, 22 Mar.--"Friendship Night" 21 Apr.--Fishing Derby.
Monaca Center	A	0	36	Provided eyewear for three residents. Paid State and International Dues. Donated to Dist. 14N \$100, B.C.A.B.\$1500, McGuire Memorial \$300, The Lighthouse \$1500, Beaver County Cancer and Heart \$300, L.C.I.F. \$1000 (Final pledge payment), The Lighthouse \$500 for Dishwasher. Getting dates for White Cane and Summer Hot Dog Sales at Wal-mart.
Rural Valley	A	0	42	Ongoing broom sales.
Apollo Area	B	27,300	40	(December) Broom sales are ongoing. Community Calendars are in and have been distributed. The club raffled off two train sets. The raffle was a great success. Students at Apollo Ridge Elementary decorated bags for our gift bags for Christmas. Lions packed bags for the Christmas bag giveaway for 2011. Two students of the month were honored at Apollo Ridge High School. The club bought a pair of eyeglasses for a local resident. A food Drive was held on December 3rd. The club donated \$300 to the Apollo Ridge Food Bank, \$75 to West-In Arms Home for the Handicapped, \$125 to Meals on Wheels and \$200 to Warren Manor Home for the Elderly. Recycled twelve pairs of eyeglasses. (January) Broom sales ongoing. Eyeglass collection ongoing. Plans being made for Mother's Day Rose sale.

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Beaver Falls	B	14,800	24	Recycled 25 pairs of eyeglasses, honored student of the month.
Chippewa Area	B	9,850	31	Seal sale completed and all letters mailed to the community for donations. One student of the month honored and presented with a plaque, Matthew Pulleo, Blackhawk HS senior. \$100 donated to Lighthouse for the blind as an annual donation. \$25 gift given to DG Don Gibala. Slate of officers for 2012-2013 formed for February's first reading. Nine more brooms sold for month of January, \$90 collected. Night of the Races planned for February 18, Saturday evening. Second round of late dues collected. Drug poster contest with Little Beaver Lions in the planning process. \$250 donated to the Beaver County Blind Association for a replacement water fountain. Blind Party planned for March 17 at the BCAB.
Elderton	B	0	25	No report received.
Evans City	B	4,600	25	Held the third annual EDCO Park Chili Open on January 28, raising \$3,900 to help support of Community Park
Ford City	B	0	26	Purchased eyeglasses for a low-income senior citizen. Sponsored the December 2012 Ford City Boys' Basketball Tip-Off (purchased tee shirts for the event, \$190). Made \$50 donation to the Ford City High School Basketball Boosters for a half-page ad for the season promoting "Lionism". Donated \$25 toward Ford City High School After Prom Party. To order seven dozen brooms to sell for fundraiser.
Harrisville	B	14,050	25	Donated for DG's gift. Planning programs for upcoming meetings; drug poster judging at February 20 meeting; sausage sale in March and Easter Egg Hunt in April. Also planning a broom sale and White Cane Days on May 11 and 12. Two Lions attended the Region/Zone Meeting on January 10.
Hawthorn	B	0	28	We are preparing for a Stuffed Chicken Breast dinner in March.
Hopewell Township	B	0	28	No report received.
Kittanning	B	16,800	23	(Dec.) Free Turkey Dinner for area Senior Citizens. Donated \$1,000 Senior Citizens' Dinner; donated \$300 to Lisa Kirkwood (Christmas Family); \$75 to the Armstrong County Community Theater and \$150 to the Progressive Workshop. Collected \$6.57 from the Li'l Ivy Jug and 23 pairs of eyeglasses. (January) Recycled 46 pairs of eyeglasses, collected \$15.27 from the Li'l Ivy Jug; donated \$50 to the Mechling-Shakley Veterans' Home. Super Bowl pool.
New Bethlehem	B	0	27	No report received.
New Brighton	B	11,400	25	No report received.
New Castle	B	4,200	25	Report received, no activities reported.
Penn Glade	B	3,700	30	No report received.
Rimersburg	B	0	28	January's student of the month, Lauren Giles, her parents and her teacher were guests of the January 23 dinner meeting. Lauren received an award for her achievements in Chorus. Special guests, DG Dr. Donald Gibala, 1 st VDG Thomas Toland, 2 nd VDG William Morgan and Region Chairperson Will Barris were also in attendance. The District Governor addressed the group, stressing the importance of increasing membership and community involvement. Glasses have been purchased for an area resident.
Slippery Rock Campus	B	71,200	72	We are working on selling Sheetz Coupon Booklets..
Union Township	B	0	25	No report received.
Volant	B	0	33	Donated to Mercer Community Band, Salvation Army, Grove City Food Pantry, Sports Vision Camp, Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, French Creek Boy Scouts, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Lawrence County Blind Association, Guide Dog Canine Companions.
Worthington	B	9,000	26	Took down the community holiday sign. Two students of the month Kittanning Junior High School. Semi Vegas Nite Fund Raiser March 3, 2012 tickets are on sale
Zelienople	B	13,750	23	Collected \$33.17 from Li'l Ivy Jug; held Christmas tree pick up.

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Ambridge	C	22,650	17	Collected 59 pairs of eyeglasses; \$15.50 from Li'l Ivy Jug; inducted Frederick Lemon into club using the District Orientation Guide; sponsored the New Year's Party at the Lighthouse and transported three clients; participating in the drug poster contest; going to have a student of the quarter in February; donated \$500 to the Lighthouse of Beaver County and \$100 to the Beaver County Blind Association holiday.
Baden Economy	C	0	13	We continue to hold monthly bingo games at the Villa Nursing Home. We sponsor both Girl and Boy Scout Troops. The Club still continues to sell brooms, mops and license plates at various locations. Aluminum cans are still collected for recycling as well as used eyeglasses.
Clarion	C	0	13	Purchased one pair of eyeglasses. Planning spring raffle. Contacted schools for drug poster contest.
Ellwood City	C	0	20	Honored Lincoln High School Student-Of-The-Month, Sarah Reese with \$100 donation toward her educational costs. Sarah plans to attend Penn State University to study Broadcast Journalism.
Freeport	C	400	12	Held White Cane Days on September 17 and 18, collected \$40; participated in September by the River (Freeport Community Days); had a booth selling a variety of brooms and taking the opportunity to point out that the brooms are made locally (in their hometown of Freeport) for the Lions Clubs. Each broom had a sleeve on it explaining the Lions' charities. Ongoing broom production and sales.
Kiski Township	C	0	13	Honored two students of the month for January, collected five pairs of eyeglasses and \$4 from the Li'l Ivy Jug.
Laurel	C	0	16	No report received.
Lawrence County Area	C	19,700	17	Mother's day rose sales, Li'l ivy jug (\$8.75), eyeglass collection (two pairs), sub sales.
Leechburg-Gilpin	C	13,850	17	Presented Student of the Month for January. Appointed Retention Chairman (Joe Moore), Vice-Chairman (Rick Meyer). Recognized several local business people who sell brooms for the club or aid us in other ways. Awarded plaques to each of four. Recycled 20 pairs of eyeglasses; collected \$10 from the Li'l Ivy Jug; donated \$100 to the Leechburg Food Bank, \$100 to the Leechburg Public Library, \$100 to the Leechburg Museum and \$50 to the Make-a-Wish Foundation.
Manor Township	C	10,200	17	Collected 27 pairs of eyeglasses, and \$1.78 from the Li'l Ivy Jug. Honored a student of the month.
Mars-Seven Fields	C	2,300	10	Report received, no activities reported.
Neshannock	C	0	12	No report received.
New Bedford	C	8,900	18	Eight members attended Knox Lions Club Game Dinner. Lottery Calendar Fundraiser sales started. Eight members to visit Volant LC on Tues. Jan 24th. Planted ten trees of various types. Donated \$100 to New Wilmington Youth Baseball League. Donated \$100 to St. James Church for their Mardi Gras Dinner. Club helped at a spaghetti benefit dinner for a local girl in need.

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Riverside Area	C	11,000	15	Transported the visually impaired persons to a monthly party and a monthly meeting at The Lighthouse and/or The B.C.A.B. Honored the Riverside Lions Club December, 2011 Student of the Month who was Megan Leas a senior at Riverside High School along with Her Parents. In the process of making final arrangements for the Riverside Lions Club 50th Anniversary which will be the actual date is February 14, 2012. We will celebrate the anniversary on Saturday, March 17, 2012 with a dinner and entertainment at Camp Kon-O-Kwee in Fombell, PA beginning at 5:30 p.m. Cost will be \$20.00. Invitations are being sent out to many Lions Clubs and past Lions District Governors. Reservations must be made to King Lion Chip Campbell by calling 724-752-9862 or cell 724-944-1869
Rochester-Beaver	C	1,600	19	Report received, no activities reported.
Slippery Rock	C	27,700	25	Six Slippery Rock Lions attended the Region 3/Zones 1 & 2 meeting Jan. 10 in Zelienople; Slippery Rock University ROTC program will present program at our Feb. 2 meeting, Butler County Assistant District Attorney Russ Karl will be our guest speaker Feb. 16, we will have a gambling awareness program at our March 1 meeting, John Mitchell will present "A traveling man travels the world" program at our April 19 meeting; SRLC will work in conjunction with Slippery Rock University's baseball and softball teams, the SRU Campus Lions Club and the Butler Health System on a "Strikeout Cancer" fundraiser for the BHS Cancer Center. Project will run from March through May and feature free-will donations or pledges for each strikeout recorded by an SRU baseball or softball pitcher during the 2012 season. Check will be presented to Butler Health System at the final home game of the season; SRLC currently selling tickets for four club level seats + VIP parking pass to a 2012 Pittsburgh Pirates home game at PNC Park; tentative plans set for spring broom sale and fall raffle of tickets and parking pass to 2012 Pittsburgh Steelers home game; also considering other fundraisers for coming months; SRLC starting to plan for 50th anniversary celebration in January 2013. Recycled 25 pairs of eyeglasses, collected \$3 from the Li'l Ivy Jug.
Wampum	C	0	17	Paid District projects (\$340).
Ellwood City Lioness		0	6	No report received.
Little Beaver Lioness		25,950	42	Fundraiser for Feb - Soup Sale; Service activity - Bingo at Nursing Home, Deliver Meals on Wheels, Volunteer work at Lighthouse for the Blind.
Rimersburg Lioness		0	18?	No report received.

Key Dates: Mark Your Calendars!

Month	Day	Event
February	11	14-N Cabinet Meeting #3 at Butler Blind Association (1:00 pm)
April	14	Spring Convention and Party at Camp Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer (5:30 pm--Social; 6:30 pm—Dinner and Dancing)
	21	14-N Cabinet Meeting #4 - 1:00 pm Worthington Community Center
	27-29	Beacon Lodge Work Weekend
May	5	Tree Planting - Armstrong County - 11,000 Trees
	17-20	Lions State Convention at Gettysburg
June	22-26	Lions International Convention at Busan, Korea

Lions Posted Notes—February 2012

1—We are being asked to fill State Convention Committee Appointments. District 14-N Lions who want to serve on the following state convention committees should contact DG Don as soon as possible. District 14-N is obligated to name representative committee members for Registration, Credentials, Elections, Necrology and Sergeant-at-Arms.

2—Our call for interested, qualified candidates for Second Vice District Governor for next year, 2012-2013, continues. Candidates must meet the following qualifications: (1) active member in good standing, (2) member in a chartered club in good standing, (3) endorsement made by your club or by a majority of clubs in the district, (4) previous service as club president and service on club board of directors for a minimum of 2 years, (5) service as a district zone or region chair, or as cabinet secretary or treasurer, (6) Letters of intent must be formally submitted to the District Governor within 60 days of the District Spring Convention.

3—Are you planting trees in the spring? LCI will want to know if we meet our district-wide goal in the next few months, as we will need to report our activity to them to receive credit. The District Governor is seeking the support of ALL CLUBS to participate in Dr Tam's global project. The 14-N Environmental Committee and District Governor are asking each club to help us with the district-wide project to plant over 10,000 trees in southern Armstrong County! District 14-N has accepted the challenge and is now obligated to plant the trees on behalf of the Appalachian Reforestation Initiative, through a local reforestation grant received locally in Armstrong County. Clubs that participate in the tree planting project will receive credit for the trees planted, and receive a banner patch from LCI. We are looking for 100% club participation in this district-wide project and a strong showing on **May 5, 2012** to plant the 11,000 trees. We understand that this newsworthy event also includes the largest reintroduction of the American Chestnut species in our country, including an additional 1200 trees. Please notify the District Governor or Helen and Jim Eisler, our Environmental Committee Chairs, of your intent to participate ASAP, as we are in the planning stages at this time. Club participation in your local communities as well as in this district-wide event should take us well beyond our original obligation of 1500 trees planted. LCI's eyes are on us to plant the 11,000 trees, to have district-wide club participation and to exceed our goal. **Save the date ...May 5, 2012.**

4—Has your club created its own website yet? On FACEBOOK yet? Need some help? Contact Lion Betty Lou Ivell to help get you "up and running". Are your club members, officers, and committee chairs visiting our District 14-N website? Are you all reading our district newsletter every month? Every Lion in our district should be visiting our website frequently and reading our monthly newsletters. They are both great communication tools for knowing what is happening in Lionism and for becoming more involved at the district level. We encourage all Lions to learn more about what others are doing and how you can become part of the energy and ongoing evolution of District 14-N. Check out the DG's Facebook wall while you are at it!

5—The District Governor reports that we have not done well with our membership growth and retention goals over recent months. In mid-October we held strong to 1165 members (a plus-59 from our starting point of 1106 on July 1). We are presently at 1143 (plus 37). Unfortunately, our recent losses in numbers reflect our inability to focus on retention strategies to retain existing members...even some members who have been with us for numerous years. Our early positive growth in numbers is primarily due to the introduction of our two newest clubs and the large recruitment efforts made by the Slippery Rock University Campus Club this past year. DG Don calls on every member of every club to do her/his fair share, by asking friends, family, work, church, school and others in your daily networks to join us as members in Lions. It has become a long overdue goal of District 14-N to reach the 1250-member goal that quantifies our status as a district in Lions Clubs International. We must work much more effectively at the club and district level to accomplish this admirable, but necessary goal.

6—DG Don encourages us to put on our public relations hats! Share our signature projects with our communities. We need to communicate to our public audiences who we are and what we do and stand for. There is no time like the present to gather our efforts to communicate with our friends, neighbors and the many citizens of the communities we serve. Tell your story...show them why you are a Lion and why they too should become a member of this great organization.

7—Each year at the Pennsylvania Lions State Convention, the Pin Traders Club of Pennsylvania holds a pin contest for district, Lions clubs, and Lioness clubs pins. Entries must meet designated contest rules and must be submitted before or at the state convention. For more information contact the District Governor at: dgibala@zoominternet.net.

8—DG Don's pins are displayed on the District 14-N website. This is a unique collection this year, as there are two distinct sets of pins from which to choose, rather than the traditional single set. Pins may be ordered from the website or by contacting DG Don directly.

- 9—Congratulations and many thanks to Knox Lions on another successful Game Dinner held on January 9. As always, attendance was a “packed house”, and everyone enjoyed a great night of camaraderie ... not to mention a tasty menu!
- 10—Three generations of Lions! The Murphy family (Rochester- Beaver) now enjoys the pride of having three generations represented in their Lions Club. Brian Murphy was recently inducted as a new member in January and now stands alongside family members William A. (1939) and William F. (1977) Murphy. Welcome to Brian (2012) and congratulations to all.
- 11—The third State Council of Governors’ meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Green Tree on February 3, 4 and 5. This is an excellent opportunity for local club members of 14-N to attend this state function, as it is located nearby to us all. Show your support by attending and become more involved at the state and district levels.
- 12—Our third District 14-N Cabinet meeting will be held at the Butler-Armstrong County Blind Association at 1:00 pm on February 11. The PDG Honorary Advisory Committee will meet earlier at 11:00 am. Please plan to attend this open district meeting and become more a part of the decision making process. Club officers are encouraged to attend all Cabinet meetings as part of their obligation to their club’s leadership position. We look forward to your participation in this quarterly event.
- 13—Attendance at region/zone meetings is also an expectation for club officers and interested members. Butler County Lions recently held their last region/zone meeting on January 10. Thanks to the Cranberry Lions for serving as host club. On February 20 and April 30 Beaver County Lions will meet at the New Brighton Lighthouse, and on February 28, Armstrong County Lions are planning to meet at the Elderton Fire Hall. Club officers and representatives are encouraged to attend these important district meetings to report on their club activities and voice their concerns. These meetings can often bridge the gap between clubs, open communications further with peers, and help us all to become better, stronger clubs in the district.
- 14—If you are interested in serving Lions at the district level next year, please contact VDG Tom Toland and discuss your interests with him. The district needs new leaders to emerge, step forward and become part of our evolution in the oncoming years.
- 15—Save the dates: **April 14**, District Spring Convention at Camp Kon-O-Kwee...**April 21**, 14-N Cabinet meeting at Worthington Community Center...**April 22**, Environmental Committee tree planting site visit in Armstrong County...**April 27-29**, Beacon Lodge Work Weekend...**May 5**, 11,000 Trees Planting Project Day in Armstrong County...**May 17-20**, Pennsylvania Lions State Convention in Gettysburg.
- 16—Leos of 14-N should be looking forward to our state convention in Gettysburg. The Leo seminar on **Saturday, May 19** will be participative in nature. Leos planning to attend should bring with them information, activities and success stories they can share with other Leo clubs across the state. For more details, call on PA State Leo Coordinator, Sara Greenlee: saragreenlee@yahoo.com. Please be reminded that there is no fee for Leo registration for the convention. Lion Sara asks to be contacted if you plan to attend and participate in the Leo seminar.
- 17—If you need a program for your club meeting, call on a District Chairperson to update your members on a topic of interest. Get out your district directories or look us up on the district website. Learn more about the project work of District 14-N, and the programs and activities we support as Lions.
- 18—DG Don reminds us that we have nine clubs that are not timely on submission of their WMMR reports to LCI. Club Secretaries who have fallen behind should make every effort to submit reports to LCI in a timely fashion. Please also remember to submit monthly activity reports. At the very least, the reports help us to verify our existing membership district-wide, and the number of tree plantings will give the club and district credit toward our tree planting goals.
- 19—District 14-N lost a most valued and loved member of the Beaver Falls Lions Club, with the passing of PDG Don Davison on December 27, 2011. Don was our District Governor in 1980-81 and had remained a solid fixture for Lions of 14-N throughout his 49 years of membership. We will all miss his leadership and guidance and the everlasting care he offered to our district’s Family of Lions. Don was 91 years old.

Please contact DG Don Gibala, 724-287-8037, djibala@zoominternet.net or the webmaster, Betty Lou Iwell, 814-786-7215, nectarine1@zoominternet.net with updates for these notes.

Zone/Region Chair Club Visitation Schedules

Region	Club	Date	Region	Club	Date
1 Armstrong County	Elderton Fire Hall	28 Feb.	4 Clarion		
2 Beaver County (Lions McCarl, Loudermilk, Spratt)	6:30-8:00 pm Lighthouse	20 Feb. 30 Apr	(Lion Willis Barris)		
3 Butler County (PDG Neff, McComas, B.L. Ivell)			5 Lawrence		


Region/Zone Chairs: As you schedule visits with your clubs, please let us know.

One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative	Gates Foundation Challenges Lions
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Lions have the power to save 157 million children. Through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative, Lions will join with the Measles Initiative partners, a global collaboration of leading public health agencies, to rescue children from measles. Measles is one of the world’s deadliest vaccine preventable diseases: 450 children die each day. Yet, for less than US\$1, we can vaccinate one child for life.

As part of a successful pilot program last year, Lions and LCIF, with a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and support from local ministries of health and other Measles Initiative partners, provided immunizations for more than 41 million children in Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali and Nigeria. And now, as our efforts expand, Lions have the opportunity to help children in all countries where measles remains a heavy public health burden.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is once again partnering with Lions in the fight against measles. The Gates Foundation is challenging Lions to mobilize US\$10 million. To help Lions in this effort, the Gates Foundation is donating US\$1 for every \$2 raised by Lions. This is a total matching contribution of US\$5 million, the largest single donation in LCIF’s history! Together, LCIF and the Gates Foundation will provide a total of US\$15 million to fight measles this year. PS Any donations count towards MJF awards.

	<p><u>In Memoriam</u></p> <p>Lion Jim Crowley---Butler Lions Club (Dec.) Lion Charles W. "Bill" Harding--- Baden-Economy Lions Club</p> <p>=====</p> <p>May cherished memories of your loved ones and the knowledge that others care, help comfort you in this time of sorrow.</p>
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State Lions Per Capita Dues Increase	...a \$3.00 increase over the next two years
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Our Multiple District has always operated very conservatively and efficiently. The only source of income is the annual per capita dues paid by each Lion in the state.

The last time we had a dues increase was 1993. The Multiple District at the time had 34,000 Lions in over 900 Lions Clubs and only 162 Lions Clubs under 20 members. Today, 19 years later, our Multiple District has 22,984 members in 775 Lions Clubs and about 20% or more of the clubs under 20 members. Three years ago, to avoid a dues increase the Council of Governors cut all the discretionary funds out of the budget, downsizing some committees, changing the structure of the state council meetings, and streamlining the entire operation of the Multiple District.

Our Multiple District By-Laws states: The Council of Governors shall have control and management of all budgetary matters of the Multiple District and Multiple District Convention. No obligation may be approved or made which shall affect an unbalanced budget or deficit in any fiscal year.

The Finance committee met with our auditor and investment committee chairperson and reviewed the audit for the 2010-2011 year, and the group agreed to propose a dues increase to the Lions of Pennsylvania. If we do not increase our per capita dues, the State Council of Lions Clubs will not be able to present a balanced budget as outlined in the By-Laws.

The Finance Committee has proposed a \$3.00 increase over the next 2 years. The increase will be as follows: **\$1.50 beginning July 1, 2012, and \$1.50 beginning July 1, 2013.** The dues increase has the support of the Council of Governors. The proposed increase will only amount to **½ cent per day per Lion.** The increase will be divided into the following accounts: State Council Administrative Fund \$1.00, State Convention Fund .20 cents, International Convention Fund .20 cents, Promotional Fund .10 cents, Sub-District Administrative Fund .50 cents, and the Pride Magazine (State newsletter) \$1.00.

How will the proposed increase benefit the Lions of Pennsylvania?

1. The State Council Administrative Fund increase will provide ample funds to perform the administrative duties of the Multiple District.
 2. The State Convention Fund increase will help defray any increase in the state convention registration fees.
 3. The International Convention Fund’s small increase will assure a visible presence of the Lions of Pennsylvania at the international convention.
 4. The Promotional Fund increase will help provide ample funds to promote candidates for the office of International Director.
 5. The Sub-district Administrative Fund increase will give each district more funds to help operate the sub-district.
 6. The State Newsletter (Pride Magazine) increase will solve the annual deficit and keep the publication solvent for the future.
- The dues increase assures the Lions of our Multiple District that we will remain solvent in the future, and it will keep our Multiple District as one of the leaders in Lionism throughout the world.

The State Council of Governors and the PA Counselors organization voted unanimously to support the proposed dues increase.

Former Lion, Eileen Weaver-King, passed away on 29 January

Eileen Weaver-King, 70, of Crescent, died Sunday, January 29, 2012, in Allegheny General Hospital. Born August 11, 1941, in Oswaldtwistle, England, she worked as a nurse, working with the Royal Air Force in England. She also had her own desktop publishing business and was also an administrator for a care facility. She was formerly very active in the Lions Club, serving as editor of the District newsletter and directory. She was preceded in death by her first husband, William E. Weaver, in 2002, and her second husband, John King III, also in 2002. Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William and Paula Weaver, Alabama; three daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Michael Kearney, Crescent; Linda Sarginger, and Donna and James Cheatle, all of St. Marys, PA; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

<p><u>Environmental Committee:</u> Lion Jim Eisler – Chair Lion Helen Eisler - Co-Chair</p>	<p>“We Have Been Invited to Plant Trees in Armstrong County”</p>	<p>5 May</p>
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The Lions of District 14-N have been invited to join in the ARRI Mined Land Reforestation Project.

About the Project

This project is intended to establish a high value native hardwood stand on a mined site previously reclaimed with a grass legume mix. The Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) is a cooperative effort between the eastern coal mining states and OSM to develop and distribute the technology to establish native hardwoods on mined lands. The method has been successfully developed and carried out with the southern mining states, but Pennsylvania thus far has had few sites. This project will develop a site in the Kiski River Watershed, near Apollo, PA.

The project will involve fifteen acres on three sites owned by the Roaring Run Watershed Association in Kiskiminetas Township, Armstrong County.

Components of this project will involve site preparation in an 8' by 8' grid. Trees will be planted in the junctions of these grids.

Next will come the planting of 10,200 seedling trees, made up of the following:

Northern Oak	Tulip Poplar
Black Oak	Shagbark Hickory
White Oak	Pitch Pine (conifer component)
Chestnut Oak	Hazel (as a border for the planting site)
Sugar Maple	Silky Dogwood (Border Species)
Black Cherry	American Chestnut*

After the trees are planted, a fence will be put around the planted area to keep the deer out. This is a very important project, in more ways than one. This project is important as a reforestation of the watershed. The total estimated cost is \$25,000. *As a plus, the American Chestnut will be planted. This tree, at one time, was very common but is now all but extinct in Pennsylvania.

How will the Lions be involved

The Lions of District 14-N will take part in planting the seedling trees. This will help to fulfill our commitment to plant 1,500 trees during this Lions year. We will try to get as many trees as possible planted.

- Date: May 5th**
- Arrival at site: 8:00am to 9:00am**
- Lunch: 12:00 (Lunch will be provided)**
- Finish: approximately 4:00 pm**

This is a preliminary announcement. Further information such as suggestions on apparel and directions to the planting site will be given later.

<h2>Multiple District 14 Membership Contest</h2>	<h2>1 July 2011-31 March 2012</h2>
<p>Mission Statement: To create a spirit of competition at a variety of membership levels. 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. Those participating will be setting an example for others to follow.</p> <p>Categories: ...Individual Lions sponsoring the highest number of new Lions ...Current District Governor sponsoring the highest number of new Lions ...Past District Governor sponsoring the highest number of new Lions ...International Director or Past International Director sponsoring the highest number of new Lions ...Individual Lions Club with highest number of new Lions ...Individual District with highest number of new Lions</p> <p>Winners will be honored for 1st and 2nd place, and in the case of any ties, all are honored with pins, certificates and breakfast.</p>	<p>Contest Time Frame: July 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012. Only those members included on the March report or earlier qualify. The contest ends in March so that we can recognize the winners at the Key Member breakfast at the MD14 State Convention.</p> <p>As we have 775 clubs and approximately 23,000 lions, it is the responsibility of the participants to submit their final numbers to the MD GMT coordinator, or to their district for submission by April 14, 2012. If the MD GMT does not receive the numbers it will not count.</p> <p>The information can be sent by email or regular mail to: Lion Dan Swincinski, 246 Rock Cut Rd., Central City, PA 15926 or danswin1022@comcast.net</p> <p>If you have any questions please contact Lion Swincinski via email or phone 814-754-8388 (home), 814-443-2691 (work), or 814-244-9210 (cell).</p>

2011 - 2012 Pennsylvania State Pin Order Form



The 2011-2012 Gold Pin with the Pagoda

_____ Pins at \$2.50 each Total: _____



The 2011-2012 Silver Pin with the Fan

_____ Pins at \$5.00 each Total: _____

Plus Shipping:	\$15.00 or under	add \$3.95	\$ _____
	\$15.01 to \$30.00	add \$5.25	\$ _____
	\$30.01 to \$55.00	add \$6.50	\$ _____
	Plus 6% PA Sales Tax		\$ _____
	Total Due		\$ _____



Mail Payment To:
PA Lions State Office
949 East Park Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____
 Club Name: _____

Global Membership Team (GMT)/Global Leadership Team (GLT) Corner

Leadership is Where You Find It!

You find leadership in clubs where title doesn't matter. Look at clubs that get things done and you find common traits.

1. "Leaders" understand that to be effective the Lions they are leading have to want to help. Getting behind the podium and barking orders gets a lot of head nodding, but not a lot of results. Leading is selling the led on doing what you ask. Oh and you **are** asking, not telling. Volunteers know better than anyone, they can always say "No."
2. "Leaders" communicate effectively. Committed Lions understand what they are doing, why they are doing it, how to do it, what "done" means, and when it needs to be done.
3. "Leaders" operate within the constraints of the Lions they are leading or just slightly over. They do not give unreasonable "stretch" goals because they know at the end of the day, a Lion has other things to do and will do those things instead. Keeping things reasonable means things get done.

4. "Leaders" do not ask Lions to do anything that they are not willing to do themselves and often assign themselves the worst of the tasks. They make sure that, if at all possible, the volunteers get the gravy and the glory.
5. "Leaders" work harder than anyone on the committee and do not let them know it.
6. "Leaders" praise publicly and correct privately and they do both immediately. Lions are like puppies sometimes, they need to get the feedback when the act is still fresh in their minds.
7. Last, but probably most important, "Leaders" see the prize and can focus on it. They are not distracted, but they know sometimes you have to take a few steps back to keep moving forward. "Leaders" not only look to the horizon, but have picked their spot on it and no matter what happens, they keep their clubs moving towards it.

(Adapted from a **TechRepublic** Blog)

Lion Bob McComas
GMT Chair

Lion Mark Carter
GLT Chair

**Campaign
SightFirst II**

**Payments are due no later than
30 June 2012.**

Don't forget to submit your payments to honor your pledges made to Campaign SightFirst II.

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 them 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

14-N Drug Awareness Poster Contest Rules

Posters to be judged need to be in George Bonnett's hands by Friday, **9 March**, for judging that evening at the Blind Association in Butler.

This is a big chance for the Lions of District 14-N to penetrate the home and school on the drug issue. All clubs should have this project as one of their top priorities.

ALL POSTERS MUST BE 12" X 18". THOSE THAT ARE LARGER OR SMALLER WILL NOT BE JUDGED ON THE DISTRICT LEVEL.

Each local club needs to set up its own criteria and do its own judging. Clubs may have as many winners as they choose and give whatever awards they choose. Send the best posters to the district for judging. For example, if you have five 4th grade classrooms participating, you may enter only five posters to be judged at the district level, but they could all be from one classroom.

The winning poster from each 4th grade classroom from the local clubs needs to be in the hands of the representative of each county, listed below or in the directory, so they can be judged by the Honor Roll of Lions.

Posters need to be on the drug and alcohol awareness theme and may include alcohol, cigarettes, beer, or drugs such as cocaine, marijuana, etc., or they may include all of the above.

The District will have the following cash awards with the option that the parents may buy Savings Bonds: 1st place--\$100 Cash; 2nd place--\$50 Cash; 3rd place--\$37.50 Cash; 4th place--\$25 Cash; and 15 honorable mention awards of \$10 Cash each.

EACH POSTER MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING ON THE BACK: STUDENT'S NAME, SCHOOL, ROOM NUMBER, TEACHER'S NAME, AND THE SPONSORING LIONS CLUB'S NAME. If a student wins a Savings Bond, the sponsoring Lions Club will be contacted to get the student's social security number. If the Social Security numbers are needed, you will be notified after it is determined that they have won a bond.

Remember only 4th grade students are eligible for the contest.

District winning posters will be on display at the Spring Rally and it will be the responsibility of each individual club to pick up its winners after the rally. Posters taken for judging by the Honor Roll of Lions that are not winners need to be returned to each club by the person who brought them for judging.

Clubs should arrange to have their posters displayed in their community.

Clubs should send thank you letters to teachers and principals who participated and remind them you will be in contact again next year.

Clubs should attempt to present awards in the classrooms if at all possible.

Contact George R. Bonnett, District Drug Awareness Poster Contest Chairman—724-287-5345 or committee members: J. Gary DeComo—724-763-2305; Joseph Scherder—724-654-9546; Alan Ferguson—724-336-6685; Dominic Peters—724-378-4387

Required application forms for the following items are available on our District website:

Application for Melvin Jones Award	Information Needed for an Applicant for the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award
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LCIF Contributing Membership Program	...a great way for Lions to make an annual contribution to LCIF
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Application for Lions of Pennsylvania Fellow	Form should be sent to PDG Neff before 10 February, if possible, but no later than 28 February
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Club Nomination PA Lions Foundation Award	Deadline: 28 February
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District 14-N Honor Roll of Lions Application	Deadline: 19 February
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Riverside Lions Club	50th Anniversary Party	Camp Kon-O-Kwee 17 March—5:30-10 PM \$20/person
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The Riverside Lions Club will hold their 50th Anniversary Party on March 17th at Camp Kon-O-Kwee from 5:30-10 PM. Cost will be \$20 per person and will include a buffet supper, a small open bar, speakers and entertainment. Please RSVP for reservations to Lion Chip Campbell at 724-752-9862 or at chipc@zoominternet.net.

Lions International Pin Trading Club	\$2,500 Youth Scholarship	Application Deadline: 1 March
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The Lions International Pin Trading Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of \$2,500 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LIPTC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed \$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to one of the contacts shown below by **March 1, 2012**.

We encourage all graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions members or who are members themselves of Leo Clubs to participate in our Scholarship Program.
Pin Trading Club Scholarship Chairman

Please contact PDG Raymond C. Hayes, Jr., 217 SR 2006, Rural Valley, PA 16249; 724-783-7545, blancotrucking@windstream.net or DG Donald Gibala, 228 W. Pearl St., Butler, PA 16001, 724-287-8037, dgibala@zoominternet.net for more information.



Please welcome our new members! January 2012

<u>Club</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Apollo Area	Wendy K. Minik	Gaylene Toland
	Marguerite S. Kaminski	Gaylene Toland
	Patricia G. Pastorek	VDG Thomas Toland
	Colleen M. Milie	Vincent Milie
Butler	Kathy J. Kerry	Robert Baron
Evans City	Valerie M. Reed	PDG Donald W. Neff
Leechburg-Gilpin	Steve Banco	Joseph Moore
	Joshia R. Spiering	Reinstated
Little Beaver	Tyler Hostetter	John Gishbaugher
New Bedford	Charles Bell	Russ Brown
Rochester-Beaver	Brian C. Murphy	William A. Murphy
Slippery Rock	Patty Collier	Betty Angelini

Newsletter Deadline	By the end of the month
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The deadline for submission of club reports is now the end of the month for the month being reported. Please meet this deadline, so we can send the newsletter to you about a week later. Also note that the deadline for submission of club advertising/announcements is the 25th of each month. Please schedule your submissions to meet the needs of your event.

Editors' Notes: If you have a notice to be included in the newsletter, please submit it by the 25th of the month (for example, **25 February** for a notice to appear in our March issue). We will use a "First Come" basis for available space. 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.

FYI: Our website address is www.lionspa14n.org.