



Slippery Rock Lions Club “Lions Pause”

*Club meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, October through May
6 p.m., Crestfield Camp & Conference Center*
*Summer meetings: Steak fry, 1st Thursday, June through September
6 p.m. at the Slippery Rock Community Park*

FEB. 2012

Mark your calendars:

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

Club meeting at Crestfield Camp & Conference Center, 6 p.m.

Program: SRU ROTC

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

District 14-N Cabinet Meeting
Butler Blind Association, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

Club meeting at Crestfield Camp & Conference Center, 6 p.m.

**Program: Russ Karl, Butler County
District Attorney's Office**

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Club meeting at Crestfield Camp & Conference Center, 6 p.m.

**Program: Community Health
Challenge (gambling awareness)**

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Club meeting at Crestfield Camp & Conference Center, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Riverside LC 50th Anniversary
Camp Kon-a-Kwee, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Club meeting at Crestfield Camp & Conference Center, 6 p.m.

Election of 2012-13 officers

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Club meeting at Crestfield Camp & Conference Center, 6 p.m.

**Program: John Mitchell,
“A Lifetime of Travelling”**

Starting down the homestretch

From Your King Lion:

One month has already come and gone in 2012, which means there are only five more pages to flip before we turn the page on this Lions year and began a new chapter.

What we will do and who will do it in 2012-13? That's one of the questions that will soon need to be answered. Lion Past President Ralph Joseph and his nominating committee have been charged with the task of presenting a proposed slate of 2012-13 officers at an upcoming meeting with the intent of electing our new leaders at the April 5 club meeting. I sincerely hope when you are asked to serve in an officer position you will accept the invitation with enthusiasm.

Upon election, the new set of officers will embark on the planning for their year in office.

But before we turn that proverbial page in our book, there is unfinished business to which we need to attend. You will see on the back page of this month's *Lions Pause* we have taken on a few fundraising projects in the coming months. These projects will only be successful if we each do our share and carry our weight. And, gosh darn it, stop being so shy! Support for Lions Club projects are oftentimes as simple to attain as simply *trying*. No one will buy a raffle ticket or make a pledge to the Strikeout Cancer project if they are not asked to do so. You never know, they may actually have a good time, too, going to a Pittsburgh Pirates or Pittsburgh Steelers game.

The same goes for attracting new members. I know many of you may be getting tired of hearing this, but we **MUST** bring in new members or our club and Lions Clubs International as an organization will cease to exist, or at least be very limited in its ability to continue to help those individuals in need of sight and hearing assistance. So *please* take a few minutes and jot down the names and contact information of friends, neighbors, business and social associates and, yes, family members who might make a good Lion. I will be happy to “do the heavy lifting” and send the prospective member a letter of invitation to attend an upcoming club meeting. All you really need to do is act as that guest's host or hostess at the meeting and make sure they get to meet all the great people we have in our club.

I'm sure it pretty much goes without saying, but I am committed to Lionism. That's why I have accepted an invitation to continue as our zone chairman and the district's Global Membership Team chair, as well as lead the district's public relations effort in 2012-13 under District Governor-Elect Tom Toland of the Apollo Area Lions Club.

I urge each of you to join me in re-committing to being an active part of Lionism.

In the words of the late Helen Keller, who inspired us all to take action on behalf of those in need:

***Alone we can do so little,
Together we can do so much.***

Minutes of January 2012 meetings

January 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6: 05 p.m., by King Lion Bob McComas. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the first verse of "America" led by Lion Past President/1st Vice President Lilburn Cooper. Lion Past President/Secretary Ralph Joseph led in the invocation. The King Lion led the group in the Lions Toast.

Minutes of the Dec. 1 and 15 meetings were approved as published in the January 2012 *Lions Pause*.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented by Lion Keith Warcup.

New Business

1. The King Lion presented membership chevrons to seven Lions: 45 years – Grady Cooper; 40 years – Lilburn Cooper; 25 years – Ralph Joseph and David Mershimer; 20 years – Keith Warcup and 15 years – Jeff Ellermeyer and Scott McDowell.

2. The King Lion appointed Lions Lilburn Cooper, Jeff Ellermeyer and Keith Warcup to a committee to plan the club's 50th anniversary celebration.

3. Lions Ralph Joseph, Betty Angelina and Bill Puryer agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee. The King Lion asked the committee to report back to the club with a slate of officers for the 2012-13 Lions year no later than April 1.

4. Lions Betty Angelini, Lilburn Cooper, Ralph Joseph, Tim Kennedy and David Mershimer singled up to join the King Lion at the Jan. 10 Region 3-Zones 1 & 2 meeting in Cranberry Township.

5. The following committee reports were received:

(1) Membership – The King Lion reported Lion Roger Knight had resigned from the club and three potential members have indicated their intent to join the club.

(2) Slippery Rock University Campus King Lion Frank Barnes reported on the activities of the club, including a very successful food collection for the Feed My Sheep food pantry.

(3) Lion Wendy Fagan reported on the VIP Sports Camp program at SRU.

(4) Lion Jeff Ellermeyer encouraged members to contribute their loose change to the Little Yellow Jug to benefit the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation.



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– Helen Keller

6. Fundraising – Club members decided to sell raffle tickets for four club-level seats and a VIP parking pass to a 2012 Pittsburgh Pirates home game as its next fundraiser. Members also expressed the desire to sell brooms this spring and raffle tickets for club-level seats and a parking pass to a 21012 Pittsburgh Steelers in the fall.

7. Lion Joseph presented the King Lion a pin from Lions Clubs International in recognition of his sponsoring seven new club member during the past year.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m., by the King Lion.

***Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Joseph, Secretary***

January 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6: 05 p.m., by King Lion Bob McComas. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "America" led by Lion Lilburn Cooper, Lion Ralph Joseph led in the invocation. The King Lion led in the Lions Toast. Nine members were present.

Patricia Collier was introduced to the club by her sister, Betty Angelini, and welcomed to the club as a new member by King Lion McComas.

Following dinner, it was agreed by common consent the minutes of the January 5 meeting would be published in *The Lions Pause* and approved at the next meeting. The treasurer's report was also accepted by consent as presented by Lion Treasurer Keith Warcup.

Note was made of the annual Mother's Day rose sale spearheaded by the Little Beaver Lions Club. Any decision as to whether the Slippery Rock club would participate this year was delayed until the next meeting.

There was discussion about replacing the meeting notice signs that are part of the Lions Club signs at the five entrances to the borough. Lion Joseph was asked to contact Barb Pink regarding the cost of such signs. It was generally agreed the signs would have three lines: The first being the time of meeting the second the days of the meetings, and the third the location of the meeting. If the signs were obtained from Lions International, the cost for each 8 X 24 sign would be \$50.25 if reflective and \$41.40 if non-reflective.

By motion a gift of \$50 was approved for outgoing District Governor Don Gibala.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m., by King Lion McComas.

***Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Joseph, Secretary***

For the good of the cause

The Lions Pause is a monthly newsletter designed to help inform and alert current club members, as well as friends and potential members of the club, of news and events pertaining to the Slippery Rock Lions Club.

The Lions Pause will also serve as a historical record of activities involving the Slippery Rock Lions Club.

The Lions Pause is edited by Bob McComas and printed by the Slippery Rock University Printing Services Department.



Slippery Rock Lions Club January 2013

Stay tuned for details



Riverside Lions Club March 17, 2012 Camp Kon-a-Kwee \$20 per person

Contact the King Lion
for more details



Reservation policy

Club members approved at the April 21, 2011, club meeting a new policy by which reservations are to be made for attendance at club meetings. Effective immediately, any member unable to attend a meeting must contact Lion Treasurer Keith Warcup by the end of the work day Tuesday prior to the meeting. Any club member failing to notify Lion Warcup of his/her intended absence will be charged the \$10 meal fee as if they were in attendance at the meeting.



Can you dig it?

The Lions of District 14-N have been invited to join in the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) Mined Land Reforestation Project by helping plant 10,200 tree seedlings on a site in the Kiski River Watershed near Apollo, Pa.

The Mined Land Reforestation Project is intended to establish a high value native hardwood stand on a mined site previously reclaimed with a grass legume mix. 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.

The Lions' involvement in the project will help District 14-N fulfill its commitment to plant 1,500 trees during this Lions year. We will try to get as many trees as possible planted.

Make plans now to assist:

- Date: May 5
- Arrival at site: 8-9 a.m.
- Lunch: Provided at noon
- Finish: Approximately 4 p.m.



2012 Dues

REMINDER: Your club fees (\$75) for the 2012 fiscal year are now due. Lion Treasurer Keith Warcup will be happy to accept your payment as soon as you are ready to make it. Also, if you have not paid your 2011 dues or meal fees, please do so immediately. We have bills that need to be paid and we want to begin the year with no past due balances. **Thanks!!**

Slippery Rock Lions Club roster

- Betty Angelini (Joined: November 2010)
- Shelley Barnes (Joined: March 2011)
- Brenda Bell (Joined: August 2010)
- Cliff Bell (Joined: August 2010)
- Ricky Bell (Joined: March 2011)
- Patty Collier (Joined: January 2012)
- P.P. Grady Cooper (Joined: January 1963)
- P.P. Lilburn Cooper (Joined: Dec. 1971)
- P.P. Jeff Ellermeyer (Joined: December 1995)
- Wendy Fagan (Joined: June 2004)
- Ed Ford (Joined: August 2011)
- Nathan Geisler (Joined: February 2010)
- Joday Joseph (Joined: September 2011)
- P.P. Ralph Joseph (Joined: February 1982)
- Deb Kennedy (Joined: August 2011)
- Tim Kennedy (Joined: August 2010)
- Tanya Longo (Joined: July 2010)
- Bob McComas (Joined: May 2008)
- P.P. Scott McDowell (Joined: March 1995)
- Melissa Meredith (Joined: August 2011)
- David Merzhimer (Joined: February 1983)
- Bill Puryear (Joined: June 2010)
- Mike Ramirez (Joined: January 2006)
- Tim Walsh (Joined: February 2011)
- Keith Warcup (Joined: January 1989)

District Governor's Contest Standings

(as of January 1, 2012)

Club (Division/Members)	Points
Slippery Rock Campus (B/72)	71,200
Butler (A/51)	44,100
Little Beaver Lioness (42)	25,650
Little Beaver (A/52)	25,550
SLIPPERY ROCK (C/25)	24,000
Ambridge (C/16)	21,050
Apollo Area (B/33)	18,400
Lawrence County Area (C/23)	18,900
Knox (A/67)	16,750
Kittanning (B/23)	14,450
Beaver Falls (B/25)	14,300
Zelienople (B/25)	13,150
Harrisville (B/25)	13,050
New Brighton (B/25)	11,400
Chippewa Area (B/31)	10,700
Riverside Area (C/15)	10,700
Manor Township (C/17)	9,500
Worthington (B/26)	8,200
Leechburg-Gilpin (C/17)	10,200
New Bedford (C/17)	5,250
New Castle (B/27)	4,200
Penn Glade (B/30)	3,700
Mars-Seven Fields (C/10)	2,300
Evans City (B-25)	1,900
Rochester-Beaver (B/18)	400

(/) = shows Class/current members

Class A = Clubs with more than 35 members

Class B = Clubs with 24 to 35 members

Class C = Clubs with less than 24 members

Classes determined by membership totals shown Lions Clubs International on 07/01/11

Having fun and raising funds

SLIPPERY ROCK LIONS CLUB

BASEBALL TICKET RAFFLE

4 PITTSBURGH BASEBALL CLUB TICKETS
+ VIP PARKING PASS TO A 2012
PITTSBURGH PIRATES GAME AT PNC PARK
*(Subject to availability. Good for any Sunday
through Friday game excluding Opening Game)*

Proceeds benefit Sight Conservation Projects

\$3 per ticket / 2 tickets for \$5
Drawing will be held April 19, 2012

Tickets printed courtesy of SRU Federal Credit Union



The Slippery Rock Lions Club, in conjunction with the Slippery Rock University baseball and softball teams, will conduct a season-long "Strikeout Cancer" promotion this spring. Club members will gather pledges for each strikeout recorded by an SRU baseball and/or softball pitcher. At the final SRU home baseball and softball games this spring, Lions Club members and SRU team officials will present a check to the Butler Memorial Hospital Cancer Center. We encourage all members to be part of this project, which has special meaning to several Slippery Rock Lions and SRU athletic officials.

A somber moment:

REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND



King Lion Bob McComas has tentatively set our June 7 meeting and steak fry as the date for the dedication of the lighted flagpole installed in Slippery Rock Community Park in memory of two-time Slippery Rock Lions Club Past President Jim Green. Lion Green, a longtime public servant as multiple-term Butler County commissioner, Pennsylvania state representative, commonwealth employee and Slippery Rock borough councilman, passed away in June 2011.



**Start spreading
the word!
Coming in May:
Broom sale**



Tentative plans for Pittsburgh Steelers club seat and VIP parking pass raffle in the fall