

## Heartbreaker



The other day I opened an email from Betty Lou Ivell, secretary of the Harrisville Lions. It was the unfortunate notice that the Harrisville Lions club voted to close their doors after 70 years of serving the Harrisville area. I could feel the heartbreak put into that short announcement, it literally brought me to tears. So many people worked so hard over the years, to help where they could, all to come to an end with a short announcement, we can't do it anymore. This is the second club, with a storied history, in the last four months to have had to give up for lack of active members. The Hopewell Club, with a 68 year history, has decided it's not worth it for them to continue to fight the noble fight.

I think of all the times past members of these clubs stood out in the hot sun, or blowing rain, sacrificing their free time to try to make a difference. And a difference they did make. From helping the less fortunate attain eye glasses, to helping the food bank fill its mission. Anything that was asked of them they tried to accommodate, living up to our motto "We Serve." It's said every Lion touches 77 lives a year. It's too bad the residents of both Harrisville and Hopewell Township area will no longer benefit from the loving touch of our organization. People will still need glasses, and people will still need food, but who will be there to help fill that void?