

# THE LIONS ROAR

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## **“Without Lions, Beacon Lodge Would Not Survive!”**

At our second meeting in January, Lion Bill Laughner gave an overview of the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. Lion Bill has been associated with the Beacon Lodge Camp since 1981. During that 32-year period he has served Beacon Lodge in numerous ways. He currently serves as District 14-N Coordinator for Beacon Lodge, member of the Beacon Lodge Board of Directors and Property Chair. (PCC McCarl is also on the Beacon Lodge Board of Directors. Lion Alan Ferguson is District 14-N Beacon Lodge Liaison. We routinely sponsor the “Beacon Lodge Challenge” with a \$3,000 donation which other Lions Clubs in District 14-N must match. We sponsor a camper each year and send large groups of Little Beaver Lions to the spring and fall “work weekends.” The Little Beaver Lions Club maintains a strong commitment to Beacon Lodge.)

Beacon Lodge would not be able to survive without the financial support of Lions, Lioness and Leos. About 60% of the Beacon Lodge budget comes from Lions, Lioness and Leos. The other 40% comes from private donations and from out-of-state campers. To run Beacon Lodge requires about \$600,000 each year. The State no longer provides \$150,000 support for the camp. That is why Beacon Lodge asks Pennsylvania Lions, Lioness and Leos for support. The “500 Club” (each club member asked to donate \$5.00/year to help with camp maintenance costs) has generated in the past 13 years close to \$700,000

Beacon Lodge has been conducting selective logging at the camp since the mid-1990s to raise money. They are currently logging about 100 acres which will yield a net profit of about \$83,000. Another 130 acres are planned with a projected net profit of about \$110,000.

Maintenance is very expensive. The Sewer/Water Lines Campaign was initiated in about 2005-6. The original lines were laid in the 1950’s and had to be replaced. Cost? Over \$600,000.

The “Work Weekends” are a big help to Beacon Lodge. A lot of needed work gets done. We should be proud of the valuable work we donate each year. This year three “work weekends” are scheduled for different districts. The work weekend for District 14-N is 27-29 April. A variety of activities are planned for the work weekends including the installation of additional lighting. The counselors and nurses identified the safety need for improved lighting. Beacon Lodge has received a \$5,000 grant from the State for additional lighting at the camp.

Beacon Lodge consists of 583 acres of woodland and is a camp for children and adults with special needs including blindness, deafness, and many other physical and mental challenges. Beacon Lodge was established in 1948 as a summer camp for blind residents of Pennsylvania. It has grown into a retreat for many people with disabilities, as well as a conference center for special groups, an educational facility for families and a rental camp for group retreats. The goals of the camp are to provide a well-rounded program adaptable to all campers.

Beacon Lodge is divided into two main sections: the Adult Camp and the Children’s Camp. Each camp is run separately, with some of the recreational facilities shared by both. Both camps have their own dining facility and health center.

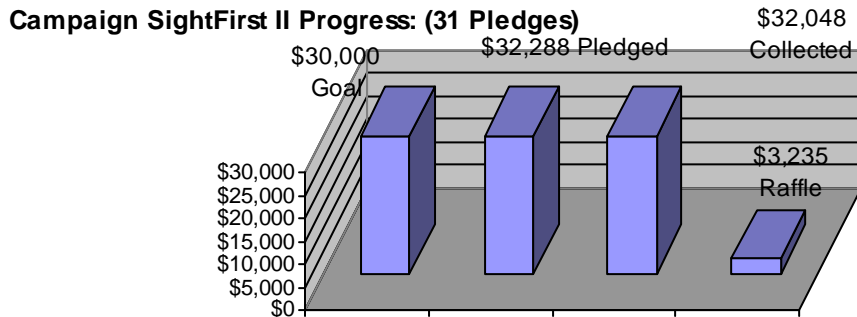
The camping season begins in late May and ends about mid-August. (Most counselors are college students majoring in special education, social work, psychology, or other human service fields.) About 450 camping sessions are held each year.

“I am only one, but still I am one; I can’t do everything, but still I can do something.” ---*Helen Keller*

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” ---*Helen Keller*

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12 October 2011



## Campaign SightFirst II:

PCC McCarl reports that about \$1,950 of pledges made by individual Little Beaver Lions remain unpaid. Please honor any outstanding pledges. Contact Lion Brian to clarify your intentions.

### **Little Beaver Lions Honor Blake Dulick as Student of the Month**

We honored Blake Dulick as our January Student of the Month.

Blake is the son of Angela and David Dulick and the brother of Kayla and Grant. Blake is a senior at Blackhawk High School where he is an active member of the Technology Student Association and an assistant in the Blackhawk Information Technology Department.

His GPA is 4.1.

His community service activities include assisting the elderly.

For hobbies he enjoys building and working with computers, maintaining his aquarium and developing his model trains.

After graduation from Blackhawk High School he will attend Penn State (Beaver), majoring in Information Systems Technology and continue to work in the Blackhawk Information Technology Department.

### **Two “Classrooms of the Month” Awarded**

We awarded plaques to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms of Mrs. Winner (January) and Mrs. Borroni (February) for their outstanding performance and behavior.

### **Lion Listeners---311 Reading Mentoring Sessions**

In the months of December and January, fifteen “Lion Listeners” have conducted 311 fifteen-minute reading mentoring sessions at the Northwestern Primary School.

### **Christmas Food Basket Donations—“Thanks!”**

Lion Hostetler reported that 112 food baskets were provided to needy families. Costs to the Little Beaver Lions were about \$2,000. We received about \$900 in donations: Little Beaver Lioness Club--\$400, Mount Pleasant Church--\$300, Darlington Citizens Watch Committee--\$100, Blackhawk schools--\$50. In addition, Blackhawk High School collected and delivered to us two pickup loads of canned goods. Our sincere “Thank You!” to the LEO Club, the National Honor Society and the Football Team for coordinating that effort.

### **Enon Valley Community Park Grant Approved**

Lion Petrich reported that the \$148,000 grant proposal for the Enon Valley Community Park was approved by the DNCR. The Boro of Enon Valley must now raise matching funds. Lion Laughner has agreed to be the liaison between the Little Beaver Lions Club and the Boro of Enon Valley (Lion Ed Powers is on the Enon Valley Boro’s Recreation Committee.) [Note: The Little Beaver Lions Club committed to \$1,000 a year for three years and to 200 volunteer hours.]

### **“Fun” Horse Show to be Considered**

Lion Cekovich will evaluate the possibility of a non-sanctioned, “fun” horse show at the local horse rink. How much help would the rink provide (...possible program?)? What would the Little Beaver Lions be required to commit?

### **Drug Awareness Poster Contest in Progress**

Marykim Murtha, Blackhawk Intermediate School Art Teacher, will once again conduct the 14-N Lions Drug Awareness Poster Contest as a part of her 4<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. We have supplied her with 200 tri-fold brochures for distribution to the parents of the fourth grade students. This service project is a joint effort of the Little Beaver Lions Club and the Chippewa Area Lions Club. Judging of the classroom posters will be done by representatives of the Blackhawk Leos Club, the Little Beaver Lions Club and the Chippewa Area Lions Club. Winners will then go on to the District level for judging.

### **Third Cabinet Meeting—12 February**

Our Third District Cabinet Meeting is Saturday, **12 February**, at the **Butler Blind Association** from 1:00 to 3:30 pm (322 North McKean Street-Rear, Butler). All officers and directors are encouraged to participate.

### **Third Region 2 Meeting—20 February**

Our next Region 2 (Beaver County Lions Clubs) Meeting is Monday, **20 February**, at **The Lighthouse for the Blind** from 6:30-8 PM. The meeting will be led by PCC Brian McCarl, Region 2 Chair. Officers of the Little Beaver Lions Club are expected to attend.

### **Our Next Blood Drive--Monday, 20 February**

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Monday, 20 February, at the Darlington Municipal Building from 1-7 pm. If you can donate blood, please contact Lion Mark Carter ([mtc8008@hotmail.com](mailto:mtc8008@hotmail.com) or at 724-846-4413).

### **23 February Meeting Program: Long-Term Care**

Our program for our 23 February meeting will be presented by William Pitzer, Long Term Care Specialist. He will discuss how to protect your assets against the high costs of long-term care and how to keep from being a burden to your family.

### **Night-at-the-Races: 3 March, Saturday**

The annual Lions/South Beaver Fire Department Night-at-the-Races will be Saturday, 3 March at the South Beaver Fire Hall Doors open at 6:30 PM. Races start at 7:30. Couple and a horse--\$25; single and a horse--\$20; admission only--\$15; horse only--\$10; business race--\$100 (with \$500 payout to the race winner). We and the Lioness have to sell 50 horses and 5 business race horses.

### **Friendship Night” Scheduled for Thursday, 22 March**

Our “Friendship Night” is scheduled for Thursday, 22 March, our regular meeting night. We will invite prospective members for an informal meeting. We will provide a snack buffet and wine. Quets will be free. Cost to Little Beaver Lions will be the usual \$10/Lion.

### **Christmas Tree Project Rejected**

Lion Bill Nelson reported that we will **not** plant Christmas trees as a fundraiser. While the cost of planting 1,500 trees (about \$1,200) is manageable, the labor to plant, maintain and harvest the trees is too great:

- Planting--125 hours
- Mowing--400 hours/year\*
- Pruning—250 hours/year\*
- Harvesting, marketing and selling?  
\*for 6-10 years

### **Tyler Hostetter Approved as Honorary Little Beaver Lion**

To harness and use his energy and enthusiasm, Tyler Hostetter was approved as an honorary member until he is 18. Until then, we will pay his membership application fee (\$25) and his dues (\$70/year). As an honorary Little Beaver Lion he would not be able to vote or to hold office. Lion Tyler Hostetter has been a big help with the Haunted Barn, our Rose Sale and Beacon Lodge Work Weekend. He is the type of person we need within the Little Beaver Lions Club:

- young
- eager to volunteer
- enthusiastic
- positive
- a hard worker
- an excellent role model

### **Eye Foundation to Provide Free Eye Tests**

Each year we support the PA Lions Eye Research Foundation. PCC McCarl reported that the Foundation will purchase a \$24,000 eye testing camera for a primary healthcare facility (Heritage Valley?) in Beaver Falls. This instrument will be available to perform free eye testing for any resident of Beaver County. The results of these tests will be electronically sent to the Eye and Ear Institute in Pittsburgh. The Institute will then determine if the individual tested has an eye problem.

### **Treasurer's Report 25 January**

Administrative: \$2,837  
Activity: \$17,822  
50-50 Kitty: \$169  
Total: \$20,627  
Cemetery CD: \$5,642

### **Thank you's**

- From the Andrascik Family for our Student of the Month dinner
- Beaver Valley Nursing Center for our \$200 "Presents for Patients" donation

### **Board Actions:**

- Approved \$100 for District Governor's Gift
- Approved honorary membership for Tyler Hostetter
- Approved \$250 for South Beaver burnout victim
- Approved \$100 for the Vietnam Vets Tet Party
- Approved \$500 to the Lighthouse toward a commercial dish washer

### **Directory Changes**

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**(Don't forget to update your Directory.)**

**Editor's Notes**

*As of 1 February 2012:*

- ...44 Lions (83%) are covered for the entire fiscal year (1 July '11-30 June '12)
- ...0 Lions (0%) are only covered for the 1<sup>st</sup> half-year only (1 July-31 Dec. '11)
- ...9 Lions (17%) have yet to pay anything

***Please pay your dues.***

***If an invoice is attached,  
your dues are due.***

***Thanks for your help!***

**Extraordinary Gentlemen**

(Lion Householder reported no visitations in January)

Date	Club	Visitors

**February Anniversaries**

Lion	Date	Years
John Lanctot	10th	29
Brian McCarl	22nd	22
Mike Osman	13th	20
Robert Monnich	12th	15
Tim Davis	26th	14

**Happy Birthday February Lions!**

Lion	Date	Age
Dora Powers	15th	65
Keith Householder	18th	56
Deborah Lambert	25th	55
Art Stear	2nd	53

**50-50 Kitty: \$169**

The Meeting Kitty is now up to \$169. Odds of drawing the King of Hearts and winning the Kitty have increased to 3% (1 in 34 cards).

**Future Dates**

**February**

- 9 Feb.--Club Meeting—Student of the Month (Lance's)
- 12 Feb.—3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting (Butler Blind Association)
- 20 Feb.—Blood Drive (Darl. Munic. Bldg.)
- 20 Feb.—3<sup>rd</sup> Region 2 Meeting (Lighthouse)
- 23 Feb.--Club Meeting— (Lance's)

**March**

- 3 Mar.—Night-at-the-Races
- 8 Mar.--Club Meeting—Student of the Month (Lance's)
- 22 Mar.--Club Meeting/"Friendship Night"— (Lance's)

**April**

- 12 Apr.--Club Meeting\*—Student of the Month (Lance's)
- 14 Apr.—Spring Rally (Camp Kon-O-Kwee)
- 21 Apr.--Fishing Derby
- 21 Apr.—4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting (Worthington)
- 23 Apr.—Blood Drive (Darl. Munic. Bldg.)
- 26-29 Apr.—Beacon Lodge Work Weekend
- ?? Apr.—Spring Wine Dinner  
\*only one club meeting in April

**May**

- 6-10 May—Rose "Manufacturing"
- 10 May--Club Meeting—Student of the Month (Lance's)
- 24 May--Club Meeting: Officer Installation— (Lance's)

**Meeting Locations: Lance's Restaurant**

**Exceptions:**

- Steak Fry—Lions Pavilion
- Blind Picnic—The Lighthouse
- "Pig Roast"—Lions Pavilion