

District 14-N Li'l Ivy Jug Project

Do you know why and how the Li'l Ivy Jug project got started?

"In the fall of 1973, District 14-N Governor, Melvin W. "Dutch" Blair, was making his club visitation to the Baden Lions Club. In his speech to the club, DG Blair urged the Baden Lions, like he did the other clubs, to make an additional donation to eye research. DG Dutch felt that the only way we were going to find cures for the various types of blindness was through research. After the meeting, DG Blair, Baden's King Lion Clement Marmagin IV and several interested Lions were brainstorming ways in which District 14-N could raise additional monies for the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation (PLSC&ERF).

"After a vigorous exchange of ideas, it was decided that the Lions and Lioness Clubs of District 14-N would pass a jug around at each of their meetings for Lions and Lioness to deposit their spare change.

"In naming this new project, DG Dutch and the Baden Lions injected a little "humor" into the process. They decided on the Ivy portion because of their King Lion's moniker, IV. They came up with the word "Li'l" because King Lion Marmagin was a large man. Hence, the Li'l Ivy Jug program was born.

"Over the past 32 (in 2005) years, District 14-N has raised an additional \$65,000 for the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation. That figure is above and beyond the monies raised through the District 14-N Projects for the PLSC&ERF."

How Can Clubs Participate?

Initially, all clubs in District 14-N participated in the Li'l Ivy Project. As of last year (2004), we had less than 50% of our Lions and Lioness clubs participating. If your club is not participating, it should be. How can a club become involved in this worthwhile project? It's easy!! First, at the beginning of each Lions year, the incoming King Lion should appoint a Li'l Ivy Jug Committee consisting of a chairman and several members. This committee is responsible for bringing the Li'l Ivy Jug to each meeting and seeing that it is passed around to each member. Participation is voluntary. After the jug has made its round, a member of the committee should count the money and turn it over to the club treasurer.

The Li'l Ivy Jug does not have to be fancy. Many clubs use a coffee can with a slot cut into its plastic lid or a plastic milk jug with a slot cut in the top. It is suggested that something be placed on the outside of the jug explaining that the proceeds go to eye research.

How To Report Funds

District 14-N asks that each club treasurer issue two checks a year to cover the donations its members made to the Li'l Ivy Jug Project. Checks should be made payable to District 14-N with the words "Li'l Ivy Jug" written on the memo line. Checks should be mailed in the months of November and May to the District-N Cabinet Secretary:

Michael G. Winkler
247 Home Ave.
Butler, PA 16001
724-285-4304

A report should also be sent to the Li'l Ivy Jug chairperson showing the amount collected:

James E. Ivell
2142 Clintonville Rd.
Harrisville, PA 16038

Thank You!