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Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos---

This is becoming a very busy time of year for all Lions, Lioness and Leo clubs with their activities. We must keep membership in the forefront though. I received notice from LCI the other week that we have until June 30, 2010 to reach the 1,250 mark in membership, if not we will be put on notice for being below that number. It will take a great effort from all clubs in District 14-N to reach that goal, which is attainable. We must work hard on retention, for if we are to grow we must keep our current members! State Retention Chair PDG Ed Gursky will be talking to us on the importance of retention at our third Cabinet meeting on February 13, 2010 at the Butler Blind Association.

PCC Brian McCarl has been working extremely hard along with PDG Tom Deal, PDG Anna Marie Larkin, VDG PDG Fred Isabella, PDG Eli Rebich and Lion Bill Laughner in starting a Lions club in Brighton Township. Also Lion Betty Lou Ivell has been helping with the invitation letters. They need our help and support to make this new club a reality. Please ask PCC Brian what you can do to help! It is critical to help us reach our goal of 1,250 in membership.

We had a great visit from ID Jerry and PDG Judy Smith at our Fall Rally. ID Jerry gave us an update of the latest from LCI along with holding a question and answer period. Both of them did a great job on their presentation at Saturday's Banquet. PDG Neff gave a presentation on clubs recruiting new members and we saw a DVD on how to use the new SureSight Camera. Congratulations to Lion Mark Carter, PDG Raymond Hayes and Lion Betty Lou Ivell on being awarded the President's Certificate of Appreciation. It was well deserved. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Rally!

Congratulations to PDG Fred Isabella who is now our First Vice-District Governor. I look forward to working with him as our District "Moves to Grow."

From January 11th through January 23rd, President Wirfs wants us as Lions to come out of our dens and let the world know what we are doing. Some suggestions are: Place an ad in the local newspaper or issue a press release, put club posters in store windows or public places, hold a community house or set up a Lions information table where Lions can greet and inform them about Lion activities and organize a project to which the public can be invited to see Lions in action and experience our kind of fun and service. I encourage all clubs to participate, as the public needs to know all of the good that you have done and still do.

In this season of Thanksgiving I am very thankful for all of the Lions, Lioness and Leos in District 14-N as you give so unselfishly to helping those in need throughout your communities! I wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Service,

---DG Evan

Lions Brighten People's Future



October 2009 District Summary

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

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, 2009.

Just remember...

Your M&A and DG Contest reports should be submitted by the end of the month being reported. For example, the reports for the month of November should be submitted no later than 30 November.

Club	*Cl	DG Points	Members (1 Nov.)	Activities
Butler	A	10,500	42	Bag and Broom Sale. Eyeglass collect- Frames donated to Butler Blind Association for individuals who are underinsured or uninsured. Little Ivy Collection. Several members attended Zone Meeting in Harrisville. Planning for Christmas Tree Sale fundraiser. Sausage sale was successful
Cranberry Township	A		42	Held successful Miniature Golf Outing - raising a total of \$1,100 to be donated to Leader Dog. Had a successful 27th Charter night, awarding a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Clyde Cameron. Honored four 20 Year Monarchs, Sixteen members with 100% attendance, and various other individual awards. Making plans for our visit to the Butler Blind Association in early November for a party with the clients. Presented District Governor Evan with \$820 for District Projects.
Elderton	A		40	Made 464 quarts of apple butter as a fundraiser. Participated in Elderton Apple Butter Festival. Ongoing broom sales. Honored student of the month.
Hawthorn	A		34	Completed plans for October 18 turkey shoot; plans started for December 12 Ladies' Night; District Governor's visitation on November 5.
Knox	A	11,900	74	Collected money for Lil Ivy Jug, had 4 request for glasses, received 5 pair of glasses for recycle, 1 Lion attended the Fall rally, had highway clean up, DG Punched attended our regular club meeting and our club is 100 % for District projects.
Little Beaver	A	20,250	66	Collected \$10.20 for Lil Ivy Jug; visited East Liverpool, Harrisville, Riverside, Rochester-Beaver and Volant Lions Clubs, conducted Highway Cleanup, honored Student of the Month, attended 2nd Cabinet Meeting and Fall Rally, collected 18 pairs of eyeglasses. Coming Events: 12 December--Little Beaver Lions Christmas Party, 19-20 December--prepare and distribute Xmas Food Baskets.
Monaca Center	A		47	Transported a client to a function. Member cut grass at the Lighthouse. A Visitation to the Mars Seven Fields Club was made on Oct. 6th., four members attended. Five Lions attended the Fall Rally. Member attended Dist. Gov's visit to Rochester Beaver. Held the Fallfest parade on Oct. 24th., passed out 200 treat bags to costumed children. Donated \$100 to Mental Health Christmas Party also \$100 to the Mars-Seven Fields Club. Planning a Night @ the Races on Nov. 14th and the annual Party for the clients on Nov. 24th at the Lighthouse. Dec 12th will be the Scholarship Activities Dinner over \$10,000 in prizes, a few \$100 tickets remain.
Penn Glade	A		37	No report received.
Rural Valley	A		44	No report received.
Ambridge	B	12,430	23	Club has been busy selling "Steelers Basket" raffle tickets and collecting for White Cane a total of \$106. Collected 40 pairs of used eyeglasses. Donated \$50 to BCBA Keystone Kids to go to Disney World and donated \$50 to the Hubbard Hospice House in memory of our King Lion Jeff Loudermilk's father. Will continue selling raffle tickets at every opportunity until Dec. 20th. Planning a Friendship Night on November 12th at 6:00 PM at our meeting place - Ambridge Country Club.
Chippewa Area	B	2,200	30	Hosted Students of the Month for September and October, White Cane Days \$513.45 Broom Sale 12 dozen sold. Paid District Governor's Projects.
Evans City	B		26	We had a great time running our annual Halloween Parade.
Ford City	B		32	No report received.

Club	*CI	DG Points	Members (1 Nov.)	Activities
Harrisville	B	11,250	29	Welcomed a new member! Hosted four guests from Little Beaver on Oct. 5; hosted the Region/Zone meeting on October 21 with five of eight clubs represented; held a successful sausage sale on October 23 and 24; sponsored the Halloween Parade in the Borough on October 29; two members attended the second cabinet meeting and the Fall Rally; ongoing broom sales and eyeglass collection.
Hopewell Township	B		32	Two students of the month. Lion Joe usual Meals on Wheels. Held our annual fund raiser. We are considering having our lottery dinner at Shadow Lake next year: \$15.95 for prime rib, includes dessert, \$10.95 for chicken, \$1 for pop and \$3 for drinks. The vote was a tie, so we tabled the motion. It was suggested that we have the dinner at a Hopewell business. Eileen is printing the tickets for next year. They will be ready to pass out at the night of the banquet. Cost \$90. Lion Marlene ordered 21 mums for the tables. First person out at each table will win the mums. Be at Turners at 9:30 to set up and 5 pm to help. Lion Andy will handle tickets for next year. Lions Joe and Russell will do the 50/50. Auction will be Lions Rina, Marlene, Sue and Ruth. Lion Patsy will do the extra tickets and Lions Jan and Mary Lou will check in the people. Lion Fred will call the numbers assisted by Cubby Hubby Wayne. MTI – Lion Dom reported that they did approx. 240 children. Since our shopping spree tickets did not get printed, it was suggested that we do White Cane instead. We will invite the principals of the Hopewell and Aliquippa schools to our next meeting.
Kittanning	B	7,250	27	We honored our Student of the Month for the months of September and October. Planning for the Senior Citizens Dinner. Lion Marie, Lion Dolores and Lion Ted attended the Passing of the Banner and accepted a patch for our banner for participation in district projects. Donated \$119 to pay for eyeglasses for one local man and \$87 for another. The club prepared and served lunch for the Habitat for Humanity workers on October 24th and some of our members worked on the construction of the house. Eye Glass Recycling: - 26 pair collected. Brooms: \$76 from Mac's. Green Card \$6.50; 50/50: \$30.00/\$15.00 won by Lion Laura; Tail Twister: \$7.60.
Manor Township	B	6,750	27	Student of the month. Collected \$4.23 for Little Ivy Jug. Collected 28 pairs of eyeglasses. Ongoing broom sales. Held road clean up. Passed out fruit and crackers for World Service Day at Kittanning Care and Armstrong County Health Center. Hosted DG Evan Punchard at meeting.
New Bethlehem	B	1,400	29	One pair of eyeglasses; student of the month; donation of \$100 to Pennies from Heaven; sponsored Halloween Parade held October 29, sixteen members attended, total man hours, 16 hours.
New Brighton	B	3,100	25	No report received.
Rimersburg	B		29	District Governor visited on 26 Oct.; several Lions participated in a litter pick up on 21 Oct.; a fall fruit sale fundraiser is being held by the club; the Rimersburg Lioness Club and the Lions Club held their annual Halloween Parade on 29 Oct.; prizes were awarded and all participants received a treat.
Rochester-Beaver	B	4,600	31	Annual charity dinner raised \$7000.00 for various charities.
Volant	B		31	No report received.
Zelienople	B	7,650	29	Presented DG Evan with check for \$580 for district projects, held community Halloween Parade, 5 members attended Fall Rally.
Apollo Area	C		15	Completed the Multiphasic Blood Clinic and had 76 clients. Finished the Apple dumpling sale. Collected 30 pair of glasses. Coupon book sales started. Broom sales are ongoing.
Baden Economy	C	8,900	17	We continue to hold monthly bingo games at the Villa Nursing Home in Conway, collect aluminum cans for recycling, sponsor Boy and Girl Scout Troops, provide transportation to the Lighthouse in New Brighton for their clients and sell brooms, mops and mints at various locations in the community. We had a Crackerjack fundraiser at the Northern Lights Shopping Center and a Lions Dinner out in the Community at the Candlelight Restaurant. We collect 15 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling at our drop-off bin in Baden. We are planning a joint work project with both of the Scout Troops in November.

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Beaver Falls	C	9,950	23	Transported blind clients to the lighthouse. We are selling a raffle ticket for two Steelers tickets and \$ 500. We conducted our white cane drive and so far have earned \$ 368.99. We had two students of the month. We conducted a sub sale and earned around \$ 1000. Seven Lions and three ladies attended the Fall Rally.
Clarion	C		21	Purchased three pairs of Eyeglasses, Sold Brooms, Food sales at auction, Collected for White Cane \$336, Sold gas raffle tickets.
Ellwood City	C		20	No report received.
Freeport	C		12	Craft Show - Oct 24, 2009, 10am - 4pm, White Star Club, Freeport.
Kiski Township	C		23	Held White Cane Day, held World Service Day, collected \$8.00 from the L'il Ivy Jug; held a monthly 50-50 raffle, DG Evan Punched and the Zone Chairperson were at our meeting, collected five pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.
Laurel	C		19	No report received.
Leechburg-Gilpin	C	7,000	15	Completed White Cane Day, collected \$93.53. Received \$24.25 from used cell phones, money donated to HAVIN. Donated \$250.00 to the Leechburg Mothers' Club. Participated in the local Halloween Parade and distributed treats to parade participants. Collected 25 pairs of glasses. Planning family Christmas Party. Li'l Ivy Jug--\$8.85.
Mars-Seven Fields	C		9	Visit from the District Governor planned for November 3, 2009.
Neshannock	C		16	No report received.
New Bedford	C		17	Donated \$200 to Wilmington Area High School Band for their trip to Disney World where they will perform. Sold Calendar Ads for 2010 Calendar. Held Halloween Party for the community; passed out 150 bags of candy to the kids, and served pizza and cider. DG visitation, and paid \$300 for DG projects.
Riverside	C	3,900	17	Transported the visually impaired person to a party or a County Council Meeting held at The Lighthouse and/or the B.C.A.B. Held White Cane Days on Saturday and Sunday, October 3rd and 4th and collected \$416.. Held a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on Saturday, October 17th as a fund raising project. Two Lions attended the Fall Rally held on Saturday, October 24th at the Holiday Inn in Beaver Falls, PA. Honored our first Riverside Lions Club Student of the Month in the person of Evelyn Smith. Her Father was also with us for the dinner and the Student chosen as the September, 2009 Student of the Month. Donated \$150 to The Lighthouse for their annual Christmas Dinner for the blind to be held on Monday, December 7, 2009.
Sligo	C		18	Received \$320 in donations from club members for Christmas baskets.
Slippery Rock	C		14	No activities reported.
Union Township	C		22	No report received.
Wampum	C		19	No activities reported.
Worthington	C		22	Student of the Month Kittanning Middle School. Distributed candy to Halloweeners. Donated \$50 to Civic Center Halloween Party. Helped with Angel Ministries. Held Membership Social. Purchased and sold Lions Brooms.

District Lions Membership Total: (under 1250 member minimum)

Lioness Clubs

Ellwood City Lioness		14,500	18	Assisted at the Snack Bar at the hospital; helped Senior Expo in Butler; helped a club with bingo; helped Senior Expo at Cascade Park; helped the Yellow Ribbon Girls; helped with a program at Slippery Rock University; five members attended the Fall Rally; gave \$300 to a person severely injured; selling strip tickets; meetings now held at various places on various days.
Little Beaver Lioness			34	Fundraising - Sold flags; Service activities - helped patients with Bingo at the nursing homes; Served meals on wheels. Upcoming fundraiser - November Soup Sale and Canned food drive for Christmas baskets.
Rimersburg Lioness			18	No report received.

District Governor's Visitation Schedule

Month	Day	Club	Month	Day	Club
November	17	New Castle/Butler	December	2	Leechburg
	18	Sligo		8	Ford City
	19	Kittanning			
	23	New Brighton	January	14	Worthington
	24	Elderton		28	Ambridge
			February	25	Little Beaver

2009-2010 District 14-N and District Governor Pins



14-N Pin



DG Pin

Do you have these 2009-2010 District Pins? They are now available from DG Evan Punchard. The cost is \$3 for one pin or \$5 for two. Purchase these pins from DG Evan at his visit to your club or contact him directly (724-783-6951; rv123@windstream.net).

Speedy Recovery Wishes
(prayers... cards...good thoughts)

- Zone Chairman Ron Zinkham (open heart surgery—September)—132 Rock Lake Drive, Zelienople, PA 16063
- Region 2 Chairman Hugh MacDonald (back surgery—September)—126 Rose Dr., Beaver Falls, PA 15010

2nd Cabinet Meeting/Fall Rally

24 October Highlights

Region/Zone Reports: (See club remarks in the October “Club Activity” section of this newsletter.)

General:

The 3rd Cabinet Meeting will be on Saturday, 13 February 2010 at the Butler Blind Association.

The Spring Convention (4th Cabinet Meeting and Spring Rally) will be on Saturday, 10 April 2010 at Camp Kon-o-Kwee near Fombell.

PDG Isabella has submitted his name for Vice District Governor candidacy. (Due to the lack of a quorum, the Cabinet will vote by phone and email.)

PDG Neff was appointed District 14-N Chaplain.

The intention to increase District Dues was presented. Dues would increase \$1/year for three years, from the current \$2.50 to a total of \$5.50. (District dues have not increased in the last ten years.) If the Cabinet approves the increase, the proposal would be sent to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and then voted on at the Spring Rally (10 April).

MERLOW Team

Extension (PDG Deal): In Greensburg three Lions were certified as “Guiding Lions” by LCI and three additional Lions were certified for the Beaver County area. The proposed Brighton Township Lions Club will hold three organizational meetings. About 45 people are interested in that club. DG Evan thanked PCC McCarl, PDG Deal, PDG Larkin, PDG Rebich and Lion Laughner for their efforts to form this new club. The Little Beaver Lions will sponsor this club.

Beacon Lodge (PCC McCarl):

Last year 399 campers visited the Beacon Lodge Camp in 406 sessions. The Camp is in its third year of a fundraising campaign (\$300,000) for replacement of sewage and water lines. This campaign still needs about \$100,000. District 14-N has contributed \$38,365—the second highest in Pennsylvania. The previous State appropriation to the Camp of \$105,000 has been cut to \$47,000. This has created a budget shortfall of \$58,000. All clubs are encouraged to initiate special projects to help cover this short fall. (Note: Thanks to the Evans City Lions for their recent \$1,000 donation.) Beacon Lodge has taken the following actions:

- all salaries have been frozen
- all capital improvement projects have been reduced
- only critical maintenance (emergency generator for sewage lift station, piping upgrade for sewage treatment plant) is being done.

The 2010 “Wish List” of items needed by the Camp is now available. (See Wish List article on page 7.)

Beacon Lodge needs a small (1-2 ton) dump truck that will pass inspection and registration. Please contact PDG Neff if you know of any organization that would be willing to donate such a truck to Beacon Lodge. [Beacon Lodge is a 501(c)3 organization.]

“500 Club” donation requests will soon be mailed and all clubs are encouraged to be 100% donors. The “Beacon Lodge Challenge” will start in January. Dates: Beacon Lodge Work Weekend is 23-24-25 April; Lions Appreciation Day is 18 July.

Leader Dogs (Lion J. Ivell)

Lion Jim Ivell thanked the Cranberry Township Lions for the \$1,100 they recently raised for the Leader Dog Program. He also related that a Leader Dog can restore about 80% of a blind person’s mobility. But, to supply a Leader Dog costs about \$40,000. He encouraged clubs to donate to Leader Dogs.

PA Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation (PCC McCarl): District 14-N was the leading supporter of the Foundation this past year.

The Board awarded two grants totaling \$65,000 for research on diabetic retinopathy. The Board recently received a grant request for \$400,000 for research on the BrainPort device—a possible “cure” for certain cases of blindness. (Note: PCC McCarl has a DVD presentation on the BrainPort. Please contact him if your club would like a program.)

Constitution and By-Laws (PDG Davison): The District Constitution and By-Laws and our Policy Manual are available on the District Web Site. All clubs are encouraged to download a copy.

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District Fundraiser (PCC McCarl): Tickets will be available at the 3rd Cabinet meeting (13 February).

Eyeglass Recycling (PDG Neff): Clubs should clean, wrap and box glasses and then hold them until they are delivered to PDG Neff in October 2010.

International Director Jerry Smith Comments:

At the last International Board Meeting, the following items were approved:

- Wording change in the LCI constitution from “spouse” to “one adult companion” to permit the coverage of expenses of International Directors with special needs, significant others, etc.
- Privacy Statements in our Policy Manual now extend to Leo Clubs
- Reduced registration for Leos (\$10 for “Alpha Leos”—12-17 years old)
- Delegates to the International Convention will not receive materials until they have registered. (Registration forms will be published in the *Lion* magazine and on the web site.)
- Canadian District 5 has been redistricted from 9 to 5 districts
- Dues increase is moved from the Constitution to the By-Laws
- A 5-year budget projection is required
- LCIF grant (\$1 million) to Special Olympics for eye screening
- Minimum number of members for a branch club is five and the branch club president will be a member of the parent club’s board of directors

Q/A:

Why do China, India, Japan, Thailand, Korea and other Eastern countries have a high growth rate of Lionism?

What we are seeing over there is what we experienced in our early years in the ‘30s and ‘40s. Looking at China, we went there not to form clubs but to establish sight conservation, hospitals and other services through LCIF and the investment of millions of dollars. It was only after four or five years of service that we were asked to help them form Lions clubs. We are the only service organization the Chinese government permits.

How do we invigorate our clubs in the US?


By getting Lions involved in hands-on service projects. By not being a “check writing” club that merely donates money instead of time and service. Check writing does not give a Lion a “warm fuzzy feeling.”

International President’s Certificates of Appreciation Awards:

PDG Raymond C Hayes, Sr., Lion Betty Lou Ivell, Lion Mark Carter

District 14-N Honor Roll of Lionism	Member Christmas Party	4 December
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The annual Christmas party for District 14-N Honor Roll of Lionism members will be held on December 4th at the Garden Gate Restaurant at 4 PM. Cost will be \$13.00 per person. Lion Mike Winkler, Honor Roll of Lionism Secretary will send letters to all members. All attendees are asked to bring a \$5 grab bag gift.

	<p><u>In Memoriam</u> Raymond C. Richardson---Ellwood City 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> <p><small>*This notice was inadvertently omitted from the printed October Newsletter.</small></p>
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PA Lions Beacon Lodge Wish List 2010

We want to be sure you are thanked properly for your donations. To guarantee this, please see that your club name is included and prominently visible with all donations.

Infirmery Supplies: Wheelchairs are the number one priority; Neosporin; Lanacaine spray; bug spray; cold and flu tablets; Benadryl spray (for bug bites); ibuprofen (large bottle); sore throat medicine; glucometer strips (Bayer-Contour [type of meter]); sunscreen, Ace bandages, Pepto Bismol; Immodium; exam gloves (all sizes); hand sanitizer, Dial liquid soap.

Office Supplies: Envelopes; paper; White Out

Housekeeping: Hairnets for kitchens; heavy-duty mops/mop heads; liquid laundry detergent; dust mops; high dusters; rags; scrub brushes; tank sweepers; buckets; toilet plungers.

Maintenance: Dump truck; 14-inch chop saw; 12-inch radial arm saw; AAA batteries; 13' watt compact fluorescent bulbs; 4' fluorescent bulbs; 8' fluorescent bulbs.

Additional Items Needed: CV Senior Lounge Renovation – new furniture, TV, paint, etc.

Arts and Crafts: Paint sticks; markers; tape; paper-all sizes and colors; foam paper; kids craft projects; craft books; Crayola washable paints; pipe cleaners; feathers; hemp thread; plastic lace; safety pins – all sizes; Styrofoam balls/cones; canvas; paint brushes; glitter glue; glitter; puffy paint; poster board; stickers.

Program Supplies: Lifejackets – all sizes; pool noodles; goggles; giant exercise balls; Halloween costumes – clean; Halloween decorations; dress-up clothes – clean; silly hats; face paint/fake tattoos; nail polish; nail polish remover; “spa” items; water balloons; fishing hooks; fishing pliers; fishing net; tackle box; large print cards; stationery/postcards – to write home; bingo cards (large print or Braille); bingo prizes; lanterns; bike helmets – all sizes; knee pads; BB rifles; BBs: 22 shells; carnival prizes; fireworks/sparklers; American flags; foreign flags; 4th of July decorations; disco ball; neon lights; hot dog sticks; mountain pie makers; cast iron cookers; more rock climbing equipment; bee/wasp killer.

Nature Study: Potting soil; small spades; vegetable/flower seeds; mini pots; medium pots; plant food; animal posters; animal videos/books; butterfly nets; leaf/tree books; insect books.

Maintenance: Wood splitter; wheelbarrows; 5 gallon buckets; fold-up tables; east-up tents; paint brushes; bulldozer/backhoe.

Miscellaneous: Paper towels; inspirational poetry books; flute; trumpet; campfire story books; tie dye; bird feeder/bird bath; portable stereo/CD player; megaphone; picture frames; magnet strips; boating dry bag; CD-R discs.

Donation Information

Name: _____

District: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Thanks for the generous support! ---Adam Hammon, Coordinator

Diabetes Awareness Month	Club Challenge	From Contemplation to Action
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Once again, November has come upon us, and it is time for me to throw out the challenge to all District 14-N Lions Clubs. Take the initiative to create greater awareness about diabetes in your community. Move your club’s initiative from the thoughts of individuals to the plans and actions of many. Move those thoughts and plans from the traditional state of contemplation to the higher level state of action. If diabetes awareness presently rests on the back burner, bring it forward on your club’s list of priorities, especially in November—National Diabetes Awareness Month.

With our busy schedules, it is understandable that our priorities continually shift. Whether your club’s Diabetes Awareness Committee is very active, inactive or non-existent, there is always time to re-evaluate direction. Consider holding a group meeting to outline your agenda on how your club can deliver the “goods.” How can your club best deliver the message that relates diabetes and eye disease? What can your club do to deliver an important prevention message to your community? How will you push diabetes awareness forward on your club’s never-ending list of priorities? How will you make an impact of service to needy persons within your reach? November is the time to broaden the scope of our diabetes knowledge base and to offer a call to action.

Organization	Web Link
American Diabetes Association	www.diabetes.org
National Eye Institute	www.nei.nih.gov
National Diabetes Education Program	www.ndep.nih.gov
National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse	www.diabetes.niddk.nih.gov
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases (Weight control information network)	www.win.niddk.nih.gov
Nat’l Heart, Lung and Blood Institute—Aim for a healthy weight	www.nhibi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/obesity/lose_wt
Small Step	www.smallstep.gov
BD Consumer Health Care	www.bddiabetes.com
Bayer Consumer Health Care	www.bayerdiabetes.com www.diabeteseducator.org www.ascenia.com
Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	www.diabeteswatch.com
American Association of Diabetes Educators	www.aadenet.org
Search for Diabetes in Youth Study	www.searchfordiabetes.org
Lions Club International (LCI)	www.lionsclubs.org/en/our-work/health-programs/diabetes-programs/
International Diabetes Federation	www.idf.org/international-diabetes-federation
World Diabetes Day	www.worlddiabetesday.org

I’d recommend starting with the LCI website, finding “our-work/diabetes-programs” and scanning the information and website links that meet your needs. If you need help, please contact me:

Lion Don Gibala, Dr. P. H.
14-N Diabetes Awareness Chairperson; 724-287-8037 (Home), 724-283-9955 (Work); dgibala@zoominternet.net

Officer Leadership Skills Questionnaire Results
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In September and October we asked 124 current and immediate past King Lions and Secretaries to answer what helped them, or would have helped them, lead their clubs. Out of 124 officers, 32 responded—26% (18 presidents and 14 secretaries). About 75% of those responding were current officers. Out of 45 Lions and Lioness Clubs, 25 clubs (56%) were represented. They identified these items as strongly helpful: Set club goals, Make committee assignments, Select service projects and fundraisers, Set a meeting agenda format, Set budgets, Set club calendar, Motivate Lions to volunteer, Prepare an agenda, File online M&A reports, Ways to increase membership and Officer functions and duties.

District Resource Manual
for Club Presidents and Secretaries
(Interested?)

- **\$30**
- **two manuals in 3-ring binders**

Would your club like copies of the District Resource Manual for both your King Lion and Secretary?

These manuals (100+ pages) would be excellent resources for your current officers. Also, the officers elected for future terms would benefit greatly, particularly if the Resource Manuals were passed along with key operational notes of the previous officers. In addition to key insights on club operations, there are summary descriptions of helpful Lions programs listed under “Other Resources.” [Note: Many of the topics covered in the District Resource Manual are listed in the table below. Items in **bold type** were identified by our Needs Analysis as strongly helpful to presidents and secretaries for leading their clubs.]

If you would like copies of the District Resource Manual, please contact Lion Mark Carter (1209 SR 168, Darlington, PA 16115; mtc8008@hotmail.com; 724-846-4413). Be sure to indicate how many copies your club wants. Checks should be made payable to “District 14-N” and sent to Lion Mark **no later than 20 December**.

<i>Club Operations</i>	What Motivates Lions to Volunteer	Display of the American Flag...Pledge
Set “Club Goals”	Principles of Motivation	Eye Banks...White Cane
Make Committee Assignments	Factors that Motivate Checklist	Ideas to Stimulate Enthusiasm
Select Service Projects and Fundraisers	Characteristics of a Good Team	International Youth Exchange
Set a Meeting Agenda Format	How to Maintain a Team	Leader Dogs for the Blind
Set Budgets	Teamwork for a Successful Lions Club	Leo Clubs
Set Your Club’s Calendar	Important Things to do Before Taking Office	Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
Character, Personality, Appearance	Six Parts of a Successful Club	Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation
Characteristics of a Good Team	What Followers Expect from Leaders	Lions Quest
Basic Leadership Skills	What Leaders Do	Melvin Jones Fellowship
Conducting a Meeting	Styles of Leadership	Membership Development
Preparing an Agenda	Lionism and Leadership	Membership Planning Resource List
Using Parliamentary Procedures	Duties of the VP	New Club Extension
Dealing with Disruptions	Duties of the Secretary	Pennsylvania All State Band
Asserting Yourself	Duties of the Treasurer	PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
Club and Board of Directors’ Meetings Procedures	Duties of the Directors	Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation
Agenda for Regular Meetings	Duties of the Membership Chairperson	Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation
Rate Your Meeting	Duties of the Tail Twister	Publicity and Public Relations
Parliamentary Procedure	Duties of the Lion Tamer	Retention
Assert Yourself	<u>Other Resources</u>	Speakers and Protocol
Disharmonious Behavior	Addresses of Interest	The Lioness Program
Filing Monthly Online Reports	Conventions	The <i>Pride</i> of Pennsylvania
Ways to Increase Membership	Diabetes Awareness	



Please welcome our new members! October 2009

<u>Club</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Little Beaver Lioness	Sally Ricci	Lorraine Seiber
Little Beaver Lioness	Lynne Hill	Carol Papisoderas
Harrisville	Jessica A. Crouch	Harry J. Meier
Worthington	Claudia Claypoole	Robert Shearer
Worthington	Roderick Claypoole	Robert Shearer
Leechburg-Gilpin	Mychal J. Ross	Edward A. Bono

District 14-N Honor Roll of Lionism	Application	Deadline: 19 February
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Applications for District 14-N Honor Roll of Lionism for 2009-2010 must be submitted to:

**Lion Michael Winkler, Secretary, Honor Roll of Lionism,
247 Home Avenue, Butler, PA 16001-2776**

Applications must be sent to Lion Michael **by 19 February** to be considered for an award at the current year's Spring Rally. (The application form may be found on District 14-N web site.*) The District 14-N Honor Roll of Lionism is a prestigious honor awarded to Lions who have actively served Lions and their communities. To be nominated to the Honor Roll, the Lion must have a minimum of twenty years in Lionism. One applicant from each of the five counties in District 14-N is selected each year. Applicants remain on file with the secretary of the Honor Roll of Lionism for five years. Thus, it is unnecessary to resubmit an application each year. (Submit updates to these applications to Lion Michael.)

*Please call Lion Mark Carter (724-846-4413) if you need an application form but do not have access to the web.

Please Update Your District Directory

Ellwood City Lioness Club	Vicki Pistacchio, Elwood City Lioness President, is now Vicki Shustock. (Congratulations!) Her email remains vickipistacchio@msn.com .
New Castle Lions Club	President: Jerry Navarra, 136 E. Clen-Moore Blvd., New Castle, PA 16105-2140; 724-657-3456; deejerryn@aol.com
Hugh MacDonald	Cell Number Correction: 724-622-2405



Editors' Notes: If you have a notice to be included in the newsletter, please submit it by the 1st of each month (for example, **1 December** for a notice to appear in our December issue). 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.