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Courage



My Lions...My Family



Commitment

District Governor
District 14-N

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Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos--- Focus and unity...an admirable combination!

Last month I shared with you my enthusiasm and my optimism that we could, and would, challenge ourselves to reach out collectively as unified LIONS to meet the district-wide goals this year. That vision of accomplishment is not unique to any of us who always wear the hat of Lionism. We look courageously forward to the challenges of the year ahead; we choose and commit to the most successful pathways to reach our goals; and then we set forth our actions and move toward these individual, most successful outcomes before us.

We are not alone in our goal setting at the district and club levels. International President Tam offers us some focus on both goal setting and the power of unity in service. He reminds us that his vision for 2011-2012 is three-fold:

- 1) strengthen our membership by taking care of members as if they were family;
- 2) expand our community service, including the very special campaign to plant one-million trees;
- 3) build for our future by involving more young people and Leos in our activities.

Dr. Tam has asked us to focus on and meet his three objectives this year. He asks us as Lions to strive to create a consistent club atmosphere centered on member care, active engagement and mutual respect. We are encouraged to participate in our Global Service Action Campaigns, to allow our individual efforts to reap the benefits of united service through Lions working together. We are reminded that we must bring young people into our Family of Lions and provide them with opportunities to serve and give back to their individual communities; as they too are believers in service and believers in taking action to make our communities better places to live.

Strengthening membership, expanding service, and involving young people is the essence of a successful year for any Lions Club. We have no reason to doubt that each of our clubs in District 14-N will focus attention around both our valued district and international initiatives. I urge you to do so by seeking your priorities and focusing on making the most of your Lions year. I am hopeful that your club has already found a focused unified direction that will allow you to meet both district and international goals. I urge you to work together collaboratively and to focus on the collective power we hold in the provision of community service.

Yours in Lionism,

---DG Don

District Governor's Goals, 2011 – 2012

Now is a good time to review the District Governor's goals:

1. To implement the District 14-N Membership Growth and Retention Plan, 2011-2013
2. To implement the District 14-N Community Relations Plan, 2011-2013
3. To encourage all clubs to support the District 14-N Projects at 100% as outlined in the district directory
4. To create opportunity for clubs to become more active, collaborative participants in the structure and function of LIONS at the district and club levels
5. To update our Constitution and By-laws at both district and club levels; update our district Policy Manual and initiate the subsequent restructuring of committees
6. Under IP Tam's direction, to plant 1500 or more trees in the District to maximize the International goal of one million trees this year (300 trees per county)
7. To increase the number of LEO clubs and youth programs in counties where they are not located and to increase the number and type of projects per club
8. To encourage the use of the Club Excellence Program at each club level to assess the status and needs of both the club and the community-at-large
9. To promote LIONS' programs and resources in cooperation with GMT and GLT Coordinators, Region and Zone Chairpersons, to afford new members an appropriate orientation, and all members the opportunity for personal enrichment of leadership skills.
10. To encourage all clubs to submit Monthly Membership Reports (MMR) and Monthly Activity Reports to International and Monthly District/District Governor's Contest Reports (MADG) to the District in a timely manner.

How do your club's goals support these goals?

- '11-'12 District Governor's Visitation Schedule					
Month	Day	Club	Month	Day	Club
October	3	Manor Township	December	22	Lawrence County Area
	5	Hopewell Township			
	6	Slippery Rock	January	12	New Bethlehem
	11	Beaver Falls		19	Rochester-Beaver
	13	Little Beaver		23	Rimersburg
	17	Zelienople		24	Volant
	18	Freeport			
	19	Leechburg-Gilpin	To Be Announced		Slippery Rock University Campus Club
	24	New Brighton			
	25	Cranberry Township			
November	1	Rural Valley			Lioness Visitations
	2	Wampum	November	7	Rimersburg Lioness
	3	Kittanning		9	Ellwood City Lioness
	8	Ambridge	December	6	Little Beaver Lioness
	10	Worthington			
	14	Apollo Area			
	15	Baden-Economy			
	17	Hawthorn			
	22	Elderton			



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Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos--- *For the Good of the Team*

"If a team is to reach its potential, each player must be willing to subordinate his personal goals to the good of the team."

---Bud Wilkinson (Hall of Fame football coach from Oklahoma)

The Players:

- Each Lion in every club

The Teams:

- The Club
- The District
- The Multiple District
- The International Association

Each Lion joined this organization to make a difference. As an individual, it is extremely difficult to achieve this goal. An individual can make some progress on a small scale, but the bigger progress needs a more powerful entity. We must become part of that bigger entity to make a bigger impact. That entity is the club.

The club will have more success achieving great things than one member alone. The key to this success is teamwork. Without teamwork there is no harmony and the songs we sing are just noise. We can make a large noise, but how is that noise going to be perceived without the harmony which makes it beautiful? Would you want to be part of the noise or of the harmony?

All of the clubs in our district make up a larger and more powerful group. Do you realize that our district was the talk of the entire state last year? The convention that our district hosted was one of the best state conventions ever. This could not have been accomplished without leadership and teamwork. We as a district showed all doubters that District 14-N can work together when it needs to. We need to continue this teamwork in the coming year and on down the road. It is true that we will not be hosting something as large as the state convention in the near future, but we can still make a tremendous impact both locally and internationally if we all work together as one cohesive unit with common goals. Through our District Governor's Projects, the clubs in our district donated around \$20,000 to the ten projects. Without the hard work and dedication of our local Lions, these projects could very well be in dire straits. The clubs of 14-N stepped up and as a group made donations to the projects. Teamwork was and is the key.

How can we continue this? Work together at the club level; work with your neighboring clubs on joint projects; get together at joint meetings or parties; learn about your neighboring clubs by staying in close contact; share your experiences and frustrations in a dialogue; from club to club or throughout the district, multiple district; and internationally. We can learn quite a bit from each other and it can only make our organization stronger.

As the great Babe Ruth said, *"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."* Whether we are talking about baseball clubs or Lions Clubs, the words still ring true!

Yours in Lionism,

---1st VDG Tom



September 2011 District Summary

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

Clubs Reporting Activities: 29 of 43=67%

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, 2011.

Just remember...

Your MADG reports should be submitted by the end of the month being reported. For example, the reports for the month of September should be submitted no later than 31 October.

Club	*CI	DG Points	Members (Sept. '11)	Activities
Butler	A	20,700	46	Recycled 138 pairs of glasses; collected \$41.36 from Li'l Ivy Jug; presented DG with 100% DG Projects, \$920 at our 9/6 meeting. Paid District Dues. Seven members attended SRU Campus Lions Club Charter Night on 9/15. Donated \$100 to the SRU Campus Lions Club and \$50 to the Lawrence County Area Lions Club. Placed an ad for \$90 in the Butler H.S. Football Program. Paid for eye exams and glasses for six individuals. Held door-to-door broom and garbage bag sale 9/12-9/14, \$1,306 in sales. Set-up and manned Diabetes Awareness display at the Jane Orié Senior Expo held on 9/23. 35 man hours donated to Butler Meals on Wheels, delivering meals and serving on the Board. Upcoming event: Butler Lions Club's 5 K Run the "Scoot and Toot" will be held on October 15 at Alameda Park; runners and walkers welcome, Contact Lion Jennifer at 724-287-4059 for more information.
Cranberry Township	A	0	44	Plans made for Mini-Golf on October 8th. White Cane days held on September 30th, October 1st. Plans also being made for Christmas Party.
Knox	A	6,950	67	Collected \$23 for Lil Ivy Jug, eight requests for eye glasses, received five pairs of glasses for recycle, paid our District dues and paid in full the DG projects, sent \$50 to the Knox Civic Club for using the park for the family picnic, had student of the month attend a regular club meeting.
Little Beaver	A	13,150	52	Collected 9.35 for Li'l Ivy Jug; donated \$250 to burnout victim, donated \$1,000 to Northwestern Primary School for needy students fund; visited Baden-Economy Lions Club; Coming Events: 8 October--Highway Cleanup, 13 October--DG Visitation, 7-9, 14-16 and 21-23 October--Haunted Barn, 24 October--Blood Drive, 27 October-Student of the Month, 10 November--Student of the Month.
Monaca Center	A	0	38	Held the final Hot Dog Sale for the summer and raised \$804. Welcomed the District Governor to the Sept 8th. meeting. Zonechair Jeff Loudermilk also attended with members from the Ambridge Club. Paid for DG's Projects and also District dues. The Club will participate in the Monaca Fallfest. Lion Guy will marshall the Paraders in costumes up Penna. ave. and other members will pass out treat bags to the children. Meetings are being held at Vesuvio's Restaurant.
Rural Valley	A	0	42	Participated in Pumpkin-Fest with food trailer; collected 109 pairs eyeglasses; donation to Lawrence County Area and Slippery Rock University Lions Clubs; planning public Swiss steak dinner on October 16, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM; ongoing broom sales.

Club	*CI	DG Points	Members (Sept. '11)	Activities
Apollo Area	B	7,050	34	Broom sales are ongoing. The club is selling raffle tickets for two train sets. The club sold Hot Sausage sandwiches and Nachos at the Fall Festival and spoke with community members about Lions. Eyeglass collection netted 10 pair of glasses.
Beaver Falls	B	4,700	25	Recycled 18 pairs of glasses; collected \$4.55 from Li'l Ivy Jug; donated \$200 to the Slippery Rock University club; transported two blind clients to the Lighthouse; two students of the month will attend the October meeting; White Cane Days to be held September 30 through October 8; first sub sale will be October 21.
Chippewa Area	B	0	31	No report received.
Elderton	B	0	26	Preparing for apple butter fundraising event.
Evans City	B	0	25	No report received.
Ford City	B	0	27	Put Lion/Leo advertisement in Ford City Area Hall of Fame program booklet. Broom Sales. Upcoming: October - Halloween Parade.
Harrisville	B	5,950	25	Held a board meeting on September 12; hosted DG Gibala, 1st VDG Toland, 2nd VDG Morgan, Zone Chair McComas and three guests for DG visitation on September 19. Paid International, state and district dues. Presented DG Gibala with a check for district projects. Planning Halloween Parade for October and a sausage sale for November 4 and 5 (if supplies last).
Hawthorn	B	0	28	No report received.
Hopewell Township	B	0	31	Collected 395 used eyeglasses. Helped with children's eye exams at three Hopewell Elementary Schools. Planned our Annual lottery ticket banquet.
Kittanning	B	4,800	23	Recycled 25 pairs of glasses; collected \$8.14 from Li'l Ivy Jug; highway trash pick-up; ultimate tailgate raffle; Senator Don White Senior Expo.
New Bethlehem	B	0	27	No report received.
New Brighton	B	1,900	26	No report received.
New Castle	B	2,700	28	Report received, no activities reported.
Penn Glade	B	3,700	30	Rib Fest Oct 13, three Lions Jim, Helen and Alex, visited the Beaver Falls club.
Rimersburg	B	0	29	(August) Entered the Lions club float in the annual Rimersburg Cookie Daze Parade; held the annual outdoor steak fry for members and guests. (September) Lion Milo Thompson was presented with a 65 year Monarch pin signifying his 65 years of continuous service to this club; payment of the dues for the DG's projects was approved; Region chairperson Will Barris addressed the club; a broom fundraising project was begun; volunteers were recruited to clean up and mow a forgotten cemetery in October in the Rimersburg area.
Slippery Rock Univ.	B	61,700	73	Recruited 40 new members; goalball tee shirt sale; Sheetz coupon book sale.
Union Township	B	0	25	No report received.
Volant	B	0	33	Report received, no activities reported.
Worthington	B	1,700	24	Recycled ten pairs of glasses; donated food to a nursing home from the club's food booth at the Kittanning Antiquing on the Allegheny fundraiser; picked up trash for adopt-a-highway.
Zelienople	B	1,200	25	Donated \$100 to Robert Thompson; sale of entertainment books; upcoming October 6 spaghetti dinner, Halloween parade; White Cane Days scheduled for September 30 and October 1; recycled eight pairs of eyeglasses; collected money from Li'l Ivy jug.
Ambridge	C	7,850	19	(August) Visited Little Beaver's steak fry (8 members, 2 guests); held a flea market at the Lighthouse (\$700); planning to sell first aid kits as a fundraiser; also a Steelers basket raffle; collecting White Cane donations in October; checking into having a vendor show in November; eyeglass collection (73 pairs). (September) Members visited Monaca Center Lions Club on September 8; will be out every weekend collecting for White Cane; selling Steelers basket raffle tickets and first aid kits; donated \$400 to DG projects; paid 14-N dues; donated \$50 each to the Lawrence County Area and Slippery Rock University clubs; donated \$72 to the Lighthouse for the Blind.

Club	*CI	DG Points	Members (Sept. '11)	Activities
Baden Economy	C	0	14	No report received.
Clarion	C	0	15	Purchased four pairs of eyeglasses. Planning White Cane and broom sales at fall festival.
Ellwood City	C	0	20	No report received.
Freeport	C	0	12	No report received.
Kiski Township	C	0	14	No meetings were held in July and August. DG, VDG and RC Punched visited the club.
Laurel	C	0	16	No report received.
Lawrence County Area	C	7,000	21	Club visitations, Ellwood Lions and Slippery Rock University; hoagie sales; friendship night.
Leechburg-Gilpin	C	1,900	17	Collected \$10 from Li'l Ivy Jug; recycled 35 pairs of eyeglasses; donated \$100 to the Leechburg Gridiron Club, spent \$200 for eyeglasses purchase, allocated \$125 for candy for the Halloween Parade, completed a fall broom sale.
Manor Township	C	6,400	17	Recycled 34 pairs of eyeglasses; collected \$2.63 from Li'l Ivy Jug; two Lions attended the State Convention.
Mars-Seven Fields	C	0	10	The club collected and cleaned 171 pairs of eyeglasses which included 50 pairs reported in the July M&A report. The club has packaged the eyeglasses and is attempting to arrange pickup. Paid DG's projects.
Neshannock	C	0	12	No report received.
New Bedford	C	4,500	17	Parade for the Pulaski Township Fall Gathering; operated French fry booth at the Gathering. Club purchased all the potatoes for this event. Hosted the Lawrence County Blind Home luncheon where 35 guests were served.
Riverside Area	C	4,900	17	Transported the visually handicapped to a council meeting and to a dinner party at The Lighthouse and/or the C.A.B. Three lions attended the installation of the Slippery Rock University Club on Thursday, Sept.15, 2011. Held a soup sale on Monday and Tuesday, September 26th and 27th.
Rochester-Beaver	C	200	18	No report received.
Slippery Rock	C	15,550	26	Sponsored booth at VillageFest Sept. 10 in downtown Slippery Rock; sponsored veterans' and first responder recognition Sept. 10 at Slippery Rock University home football game in remembrance of 10th year anniversary of 9-11 tragedy; 13 SRLC members attended Sept. 15 Slippery Rock University Campus Lions Club charter night celebration featuring International Director Jim Cavallaro; 3 SRLC members attended Harrisville LC meeting Sept. 19; anticipating DG Gibala's official visit Oct. 6; will partner with SRU Campus club to sponsor Lions float in Oct. 15 SRU Homecoming parade; preparing for sponsorship of Slippery Rock Halloween Parade October 31; began planning for Nov. 16 Sight Night/Friendship Night event to be held as part of Slippery Rock University women's basketball home game (Slippery Rock Lion Tanya Longo is SRU's head coach); starting to plan for annual hanging of holiday lights along Main Street in Slippery Rock and manning Salvation Army red kettle during holidays.
Wampum	C	0	19	No meetings were held this month.
Ellwood City Lioness		0	6	No report received.
Little Beaver Lioness		2,750	34	Recycled eight pairs of eyeglasses; collected \$16.41 from Li'l Ivy Jug; donated \$200 to Tom Roberts, Jr.'s family for roof; donated \$300 to the Extend-a-Care Foundation; provide monthly bingo at nursing home; Meals on Wheels volunteers, Lighthouse for the Blind volunteer three days a month; selling Rada cutlery online; sold garden flags and sold Shop for a Cause tickets to Macy's.
Rimersburg Lioness		0	18?	No report received.

Key Dates: Mark Your Calendars!

Month	Day	Event
October	16 28-29-30	GMT/GLT Workshop, Butler Blind Association State Council Meeting #2 at Grantville/Hershey
November	5	14-N Cabinet Meeting #2 at Butler Blind Association (morning/afternoon)
	12	Fall Rally and Party at Beaver Falls Holiday Inn (5:30 pm--Social; 6:30 pm—Dinner and Dancing)
February	3-4-5	State Council Meeting #3 at Greentree
	11	14-N Cabinet Meeting #3 at Butler Blind Association (1:00 pm)
April	14	Spring Convention and Party at Camp Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer (5:30 pm--Social; 6:30 pm—Dinner and Dancing)
	21	14-N Cabinet Meeting #4 - 1:00 pm--(tentative location in Armstrong County)
	27-29	Beacon Lodge Work Weekend
May	17-20	Lions State Convention at Gettysburg
June	22-26	Lions International Convention at Busan, Korea



Cabinet Meeting No. 2	Group Work Session:	How do we make the Region/Zone Chair positions more effective?
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Group Work Session

- two groups (all Lions attending the Cabinet Meeting) working on the same issue
- 15-min. discussion of problem barriers/solutions within each group
- 5-min. presentation preparation
- 5-min. presentation/discussion by each group to the Cabinet
- 10-min. open discussion of issue
- 10-min.—formation of District action team



Posted Notes – October 2011



1. “Thank you” to all clubs and individual Lions of 14-N who helped out by making donations or offering service to our two newest clubs, the Lawrence County Area Lions Club and Slippery Rock University Campus Lions. It is a proud display of Lionism to show support as you have, and know that it is truly appreciated.
2. Cheers to the Slippery Rock University Campus Club on the success of their very well attended charter night. The new club has attained 70 charter members to date, and continues to work on its recruitment process!
3. Congratulations to Lion W. Allen Bowen (Penn Glade) who recently was granted a Life Membership to his club, through Lions Clubs International.
4. We are in search of Lions who are willing to step up to the leadership plate. There are vacancies at the Zone Chairperson position in Butler, Lawrence, Clarion and Armstrong Counties. See District Governor Don or your local Regional Chairperson to learn more about these positions.
5. Congratulations to all clubs who have established their membership goals for the year, and are well on their way to meeting or exceeding them. District Governor Don is personally challenging each club to recruit a minimum +5 new members this year. Set your goals high this year. It is our year to burst the district’s 1250 member bubble. We started in July with 1106 members, so the challenge is before us to reverse the trends of the past six years and raise our membership to the 1250 mark.
6. Worthington Lions have stepped forward with some hard work and significant outcomes to offer a very substantial donation to their local community center. Read more about this “signature” community service project on our District website. Way to go, Worthington!!
7. Do you know what “Panda-Mania” is? Check out the Little Beaver Lions newsletter on our District website. Also, congrats to the club on their summer steak fry (81 Lions and 10 Lions Clubs represented). Cheers on your significant summer donation to the Lighthouse.
8. Slippery Rock Lions Club has installed a flagpole in the Slippery Rock Community Park in honor of Past President, member and community servant, Jim Green, who passed away recently. Lion Jim’s memory will always live on among Lions and members of his community.
9. Congratulations to Little Beaver Lioness Club on recent fundraising successes—Shop for a Cause, Mystery Action, Little Ivy and for always holding down the fort at the food stand during Polo games this summer.
10. Thanks to dedicated LIONS of the Butler Club who collected a nice “chunk of change” on their recent White Cane Days. Well done, LIONS.

11. Have you checked the status of your club's LIONS road signs lately? Are they missing completely? Are they weather-beaten? Are they even upside-down? The signs often represent us and our image to the community-at-large. Please give a quick drive-by to your club road signs and make sure we are preserving our positive image and relationships with our individual communities.
12. Has your club begun planning for the planting of trees in your community? We have set the District's obligation to plant over 1500 trees this year as our fair share to meet/exceed International President Tam's expectation of over one million trees planted worldwide. To assure our credit to this goal, we must report our numbers on monthly activity reports. Please work with committee co-chairs Helen and Jim Eisler (Penn Glade), for more detail on this unique "we believe" goal.
13. Cheers to Chippewa Lions and other clubs and individual Lions who stepped up to help ease the burden for the Tom Roberts family through your significant donations and roof replacement. There is no better example of "My Lions/My Family" and "My Club/My Family".
14. Mars-Seven Fields Lions Club is in need of a pole stand on which to display their club banner. If you can help our southwestern Butler County friends by finding, building or donating a stand, please contact K. L. Dan or Secretary Bill.
15. Congratulations to Past Leader Dog chairperson Jim Ivell, and Past District Governor Fred Isabella on receipt of their special district recognition awards for 100% participation and support of the Leader Dog Program in 2010-2011.



Please contact DG Don Gibala, 724-287-8037, dgibala@zoominternet.net or the webmaster, Betty Lou Ivell, 814-786-7215, nectarine1@zoominternet.net with updates for these notes.

Zone/Region Chair Club Visitation Schedules

Region	Club	Date	Region	Club	Date
1 Armstrong County	?		4 Clarion County (Lion Willis Barris)		
				Clarion	12 Oct.
				New Bethlehem	10 Nov.
				Knox	14 Nov
2 Beaver County (Lions McCarl, Loudermilk, Spratt)	Lighthouse 6:30-8:00 pm	21 Nov. 20 Feb. 30 Apr.	5 Lawrence County		
3 Butler County	?			?	

Region/Zone Chairs: As you schedule visits with your clubs, please let us know. We will then add your schedule.

Attention Lions Clubs Secretaries: Please report your White Cane Safety Day activities	Fall-Winter 2011 Activities Report by 2 January 2012	Spring 2012 Activities Report by 4 April 2012
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Our District Committee Chair Terry Stackhouse must report the White Cane Safety Day activities of 14-N to the PA Lions State Office. Please provide the following information:

Your Name _____ Your Club _____

Phone Number _____ Total project hours _____

Total dollars collected \$ _____

Also, please report if your club does not hold a White Cane event.

Mail, call or email this information to Lion Terry Stackhouse, 101 Summit Road, Butler, PA 16001-1520; 724-283-7489, stackmar@yahoo.com

Multiple District 14 Membership Contest	1 July 2011-31 March 2012
<p>Mission Statement: To create a spirit of competition at a variety of membership levels. The purpose is to grow the membership numbers in the multiple district, which will then increase the level of service that we may provide to those in need. Those participating will be setting an example for others to follow.</p> <p>Categories: ...Individual Lions sponsoring the highest number of new Lions ...Current District Governor sponsoring the highest number of new Lions ...Past District Governor sponsoring the highest number of new Lions ...International Director or Past International Director sponsoring the highest number of new Lions ...Individual Lions Club with highest number of new Lions ...Individual District with highest number of new Lions</p> <p>Winners will be honored for 1st and 2nd place, and in the case of any ties, all are honored with pins, certificates and breakfast.</p>	<p>Contest Time Frame: July 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012. Only those members included on the March report or earlier qualify. The contest ends in March so that we can recognize the winners at the Key Member breakfast at the MD14 State Convention.</p> <p>As we have 775 clubs and approximately 23,000 lions, it is the responsibility of the participants to submit their final numbers to the MD GMT coordinator, or to their district for submission by April 14, 2012. If the MD GMT does not receive the numbers it will not count.</p> <p>The information can be sent by email or regular mail to: Lion Dan Swincinski, 246 Rock Cut Rd., Central City, PA 15926 or danswin1022@comcast.net</p> <p>If you have any questions please contact Lion Swincinski via email or phone 814-754-8388 (home), 814-443-2691 (work), or 814-244-9210 (cell).</p>

Lions International Essay Contest	Submission Deadline: 15 November 2011
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Lions Clubs International is offering you an opportunity to support your local visually-impaired youth. The Lions International Essay Contest is open to 11, 12 and 13-year-old students who are visually impaired. Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and \$5,000.

The theme for the essay is "Children Know Peace." Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. **Please note the deadlines for submission.**

For more information about the contest, including the complete rules and entry form, visit <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/online-community/official-contests/lions-international-essay-contest.php>

Global Membership Team (GMT)/Global Leadership Team (GLT) Corner

Western Region GMT/GLT Workshop!

This workshop is being sponsored by District 14-N for Districts B, E, F, J, M and N.

The workshop is designed for District GMT and GLT teams, which include the Governor, 1st and 2nd VDG's, GMT and GLT coordinators, Regional and Zone Chairman, Membership, Retention, Extension, Women and Family Membership chairpersons, district leaders (PIDs and PDGs), and any other interested Lions, Lionesses and Leos.

The workshop will be at the Butler Blind Association (Butler Blind Association, 322 North Cedar Street) on Sunday, 16 October. Registration will be from 9-10 am. The workshop will be from 10 am to 2:30 pm. (Lunch will be available.)

Contact DG Don Gibala (dgibala@zoominternet.net 724-287-8037) by 9 October if you will attend.

"It is critical that we begin to understand better the GMT/GLT structures in place at all levels of the Lions organization from LCI to State, District and Club levels... and it is also just as important to better know the present and future direction of this initiative and how we fit into the process...obligations and expectations. This is an opportunity for all present and future leaders of 14-N to attend this program update and gain knowledge and information about GMT/GLT structure and function ...in our own backyard."

---District Governor Don Gibala

Lion Bob McComas
District 14-N GMT Chair

Hone Your Skills?

Looking for a way to broaden your skills? We can help maximize your effectiveness in several ways.

Training of Club Officers

The Lions Clubs International website (www.lionsclubs.org) is an excellent resource. The Leadership Resource Center provides the Club Officer Orientation package. (Type "Club Officer Orientation" in the search box—upper right corner.) This package contains an instructor guide, training materials, and slides for club officers. Also located on the Club Officer Orientation web page are individual on-line training courses for club president, secretary and treasurer.

The Leadership Resource Center also provides a variety of resources to promote personal growth and leadership excellence. Visit the newly designed Leadership Resource Center to access tools related to:

Global Leadership Team

Training Materials & Resources

Leadership Communication

Lions Learning Center

Development Programs

Webinar Training

Webinars are virtual sessions, usually one-hour long and conducted online with a group of participants and instructors. (Go to Lions Clubs International website—www.lionsclubs.org—and under **search** type "webinars.") There you will see information regarding equipment and how to register. All you need is a computer and a phone.

Sessions are held several times on different days and times.

Take advantage of this opportunity to hone your skills from home! Consider asking a few of your club's members to join the webinar with you. Then, do some brainstorming afterwards of how to use the information you gained to benefit your club.

Tune in...listen up...participate...learn...grow as a Lion!

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Cricket Update

Thank you for your support and encouragement with our endeavors as "puppy raisers" It has been an experience as well as a rewarding way to give back to life what is given to us.

We will be leaving in the wee hours of the morning to return Cricket to her destination and journey to becoming a leader dog. We pray all will be fine with her health so that she can become a part of the program and be a friend and help to someone worthy of her. Cricket has been a quick study and a good dog, she has learned the commands very well that we were to teach her and has filled our days with lots of smiles and gratification.

If all works out we will be returning with a new puppy. She will be half yellow lab and half golden retriever. We have decided that this little lady will be called "Gracie"!

Just wanted to update you and let you know where we are and what is happening in the puppy world. Too bad we can't seem to find anyone else that would like to do what we are doing.

**---Lions Elwood and Bonnie Thomas
("Puppy Raisers")**

(Continued...GMT/GLT Corner)

Here are the Webinar Sessions (Times are EST.)

Managing Club Meetings

(How to effectively manage meetings.)

- 5 October, Wednesday...8 pm
- 11 October, Tuesday.....11 am
- 14 October, Friday.....8 pm

Recruiting Members

(How to recruit new members and market club activities.)

- 11 January, Wednesday....8 pm
- 17 January, Tuesday.....11 am
- 20 January, Friday.....8 pm

Managing a Service Project

(How to manage a service project.)

- 29 February, Wednesday.....8 pm
- 6 March, Tuesday.....11 am
- 9 March, Friday.....8 pm

Club Secretary Training

(How to login, submit membership and activity reports and use member data.)

- 18 April, Wednesday.....8 pm
- 24 April, Tuesday.....11 am
- 27 April, Friday.....8 pm

Lion Mark Carter
District 14-N GLT Chair

Penn Glade Lions Club Rib Fest

Penn Glade Lions Club
House
150 Church Road
Penn Township, PA

**Thursday, 13 October,
7:00 pm**

- Baby back ribs, sides, dessert and beverage
- \$15/person
- Reservations by 9 October (Call Helen Eisler: 724-287-6899)

Directory Update:
Manor Township Lions

Only meet on the first Monday of the month at the Manor Township Municipal Building, 306 Bryon Street, Ford City

A Message From Our International President

Planting one million Trees

My Fellow Lions,

“Just two short months ago, I stood on a stage in Seattle, Washington as your new international president, and I asked you to believe in yourselves - to believe in our mission of service to others, and to believe that together we could accomplish anything we set out to accomplish. That included planting 1 million trees. I told you if we can plant a million trees, it will reinforce the limitless potential we all know we have to make a difference as Lions. When I asked "do you believe it" the Lions present that day responded with a resounding ‘yes.’

Lions - I am proud to announce that in just the first 60 days, we have surpassed our ambitious goal of planting 1 million trees. As of September 7th, the Lions of the world have planted over 1.3 million trees!!

But we aren't done yet! I believe we can continue the momentum we have already put in motion. Any of us can plant a tree. It's a very visible and hands-on way for each and every Lion to make a difference. It's also a great project to invite your community at-large to join your local Lions club in a collaborative effort. So make tree-planting part of your club or district activities this year, and invite your neighbors, friends and members of the community to join you. What better way to be reminded of our gift of service than to watch the trees you have planted grow year-by-year? We will continue to report the number of trees being planted on this Web site. Tree planting and the care and nurturing of our environment remains a cornerstone of my presidential theme.

There is so much more to accomplish. With care, the trees we have already planted, and will continue to plant throughout the year, will grow and benefit generations to come. New and current Lions members, nurtured in a family friendly club atmosphere, will benefit the world immeasurably.

Again - thank you and congratulations on surpassing our first goal of planting 1 million trees.

For more on this and other stories, visit [Success Stories](#). For a list of helpful resources in your area, visit the [contacts](#) page in the Million Tree Planting section.

Remember that district governors who achieve at least 50 percent participation in the tree planting campaign qualify for the [Believers Award](#). The top 100 clubs in each constitutional area which plant the most trees will also receive a Believers Award.

I believe we can attain each and every goal outlined in my presidential theme [brochure](#). Lions - do you believe it?"

Sincerely, Wing-Kun Tam--International President



Please welcome our new members!
September 2011

<u>Club</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Beaver Falls	Gerald Gagne	Dr. John Gump
Elderton	William Miller	Reinstated
Hopewell Township (August)	Gina M. Batvinskas	Philip R. Orend
Lawrence County Area	Shania Shustock	Vicki Shustock
Monaca Center	Andrew J. Frantz	John Voss
Slippery Rock	Josephine "Joday" Joseph	Ralph Joseph
Slippery Rock University	40 new members (See Website for names)	Charter Members

Newsletter Deadline	By the end of the month
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The deadline for submission of club reports is now the end of the month for the month being reported. Please meet this deadline, so we can send the newsletter to you about a week later. Also note that the deadline for submission of club advertising/announcements is the 25th of each month. Please schedule your submissions to meet the needs of your event.

Editors' Notes: If you have a notice to be included in the newsletter, please submit it by the 25th of the month (for example, **25 October** for a notice to appear in our November issue). We will use a "First Come" basis for available space. 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.

FYI: Our website address is www.lionspa14n.org.