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1—We are being asked to fill State **Convention Committee Appointments**.

District 14-N Lions who want to serve on the following state convention committees should contact DG Don as soon as possible. District 14-N is obligated to name representative committee members for Registration, Credentials, Elections, Necrology and Sergeant-at-Arms.

2—Our call for interested, qualified **candidates for Second Vice District Governor** for next year, 2012-2013, continues. Candidates must meet the following qualifications: (1) active member in good standing, (2) member in a chartered club in good standing, (3) endorsement made by your club or by a majority of clubs in the district, (4) previous service as club president and service on club board of directors for a minimum of 2 years, (5) service as a district zone or region chair, or as cabinet secretary or treasurer, (6) Letters of intent must be formally submitted to the District Governor within 60 days of the District Spring Convention.

3—Are you **planting trees** in the spring? LCI will want to know if we meet our district-wide goal in the next few months, as we will need to report our activity to them to receive credit. The District Governor is seeking the support of ALL CLUBS to participate in Dr Tam's global project. The 14-N Environmental Committee and District Governor are asking each club to help us with the district-wide project to plant over 10,000 trees in southern Armstrong County! District 14-N has accepted the challenge and is now obligated to plant the trees on behalf of the Appalachian Reforestation Initiative, through a local reforestation grant received locally in Armstrong County. Clubs that participate in the tree planting project will receive credit for the trees planted, and receive a banner patch from LCI. We are looking for 100% club participation in this district-wide project and a strong showing on **May 5, 2012** to plant the 10,000 trees. We understand that this newsworthy event also includes the largest reintroduction of the American Chestnut species in our country, including an additional 1200 trees. Please notify the District Governor or Helen and Jim Eisler, our Environmental Committee Chairs, of your intent to participate ASAP, as we are in the planning stages at this time. Club participation in your local communities as well as in this district-wide event should take us well beyond our original obligation of 1500 trees planted. LCI's eyes are on us to plant the 11,000 trees, to have district-wide club participation and to exceed our goal.

Save the date ...May 5, 2012.

4—Has your **club created its own website** yet? On FACEBOOK yet? Need some help? Contact Lion Betty Lou Ivell to help get you "up and running". Are your club members, officers, and committee chairs visiting our District 14-N website? Are you all reading our district newsletter every month? Every Lion in our district should be visiting our website frequently and reading our monthly newsletters. They are both great communication tools for knowing what is happening in Lionism and for becoming more involved at the district level. We encourage all Lions to learn more about what others are doing and how you can become part of the energy and ongoing evolution of District 14-N. Check out the DG's Facebook wall while you are at it!

5—The District Governor reports that we have not done well with our **membership growth and retention** goals over recent months. In mid-October we held strong to 1165 members (a plus-59 from our starting point of 1106 on July1). We are presently at 1143 (plus-37). Unfortunately, our recent losses in numbers reflect our inability to focus on retention strategies to retain existing members...even some members who have been with us for numerous years. Our early positive growth in numbers is primarily due to the introduction of our two newest clubs and the large recruitment efforts made by the Slippery Rock University Campus Club this past year. DG Don calls on every member of every club to do her/his fair share, by asking friends, family, work, church, school and others in your daily networks to join us as members in Lions. It has become a long overdue goal of District 14-N to reach the 1250-member goal that quantifies our status as a district in Lions Clubs International. We must work much more effectively at the club and district level to accomplish this admirable, but necessary goal.

6—DG Don encourages us to put on our **public relations** hats! Share our signature projects with our communities. We need to communicate to our public audiences who we are and what we do and stand for. There is no time like the present to gather our efforts to communicate with our friends, neighbors and the many citizens of the communities we serve. Tell your story...show them why you are a Lion and why they too should become a member of this great organization.

7—Each year at the Pennsylvania Lions State Convention, the **Pin Traders Club** of Pennsylvania holds a **pin contest** for district, Lions clubs, and Lioness clubs pins. Entries must meet designated contest rules and must be submitted before or at the state convention. For more information contact the District Governor at: dgibala@zoominternet.net.

8—**DG Don's pins** are displayed on the District 14-N website. This is a unique collection this year, as there are two distinct sets of pins from which to choose, rather than the traditional single set. Pins may be ordered from the website or by contacting DG Don directly.

9—Congratulations and many thanks to **Knox Lions** on another successful Game Dinner held on January 9. As always, attendance was a "packed house", and everyone enjoyed a great night of camaraderie ... not to mention a tasty menu!

10—**Three generations of Lions!** The Murphy family (Rochester- Beaver) now enjoys the pride of having three generations represented in their Lions Club. Brian Murphy was recently inducted as a new member in January and now stands alongside family members William A.(1939) and William F.(1977) Murphy. Welcome to Brian (2012) and congratulations to all.

11—The third **State Council of Governors'** meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Green Tree on February 3,4 and 5. This is an excellent opportunity for local club members of 14-N to attend this state function, as it is located nearby to us all. Show your support by attending and become more involved at the state and district levels.

12—Our **third District 14-N Cabinet meeting** will be held at the Butler-Armstrong County Blind Association at **1:00 pm on February 11**. The PDG Honorary Advisory Committee will meet earlier at 11:00 am. Please plan to attend this open district meeting and become more a part of the decision making process. Club officers are encouraged to attend all Cabinet meetings as part of their obligation to their club's leadership position. We look forward to your participation in this quarterly event.

13—**Attendance at region/zone meetings** is also an expectation for club officers and interested members. Butler County Lions recently held their last region/zone meeting on January 10. Thanks to the Cranberry Lions for serving as host club. On February 20 and April 30 Beaver County Lions will meet at the New Brighton Lighthouse, and on February 28, Armstrong County Lions are planning to meet at the Elderton Fire Hall. Club officers and representatives are encouraged to attend these important district meetings to report on their club activities and voice their concerns. These meetings can often bridge the gap between clubs, open communications further with peers, and help us all to become better, stronger clubs in the district.

14—If you are interested in **serving Lions at the district level** next year, please contact VDG Tom Toland and discuss your interests with him. The district needs new leaders to emerge, step forward and become part of our evolution in the oncoming years.

15—**Save the dates:** **April 14**, District Spring Convention at Camp Kon-O-Kwee... **April 21**, 14-N Cabinet meeting at Worthington Community Center... **April 22**, Environmental Committee tree planting site visit in Armstrong County... **April 27-29**, Beacon Lodge Work Weekend... **May 5**, 11,000 Trees Planting Project Day in Armstrong County... **May 17-20**, Pennsylvania Lions State Convention in Gettysburg.

16—**Leos of 14-N** should be looking forward to our state convention in Gettysburg. The Leo seminar on **Saturday, May 19** will be participative in nature. Leos planning to attend should bring with them information, activities and success stories they can share with other Leo clubs across the state. For more details, call on PA State Leo Coordinator, Sara Greenlee: saragreenlee@yahoo.com. Please be reminded that there is no fee for Leo registration for the convention. Lion Sara asks to be contacted if you plan to attend and participate in the Leo seminar.

17—If you need a **program for your club meeting**, call on a District Chairperson to update your members on a topic of interest. Get out your district directories or look us up on the district website. Learn more about the project work of District 14-N, and the programs and activities we support as Lions.

18—DG Don reminds us that we have nine clubs that are not timely on submission of their **WMMR reports to LCI**. Club Secretaries who have fallen behind should make every effort to submit reports to LCI in a timely fashion. Please also remember to submit monthly activity reports. At the very least, the reports help us to verify our existing membership district-wide, and the number of tree plantings will give the club and district credit toward our tree planting goals.

19—District 14-N lost a most valued and loved member of the Beaver Falls Lions Club, with the passing of **PDG Don Davison** on December 27, 2011. Don was our District Governor in 1980-81 and had remained a solid fixture for Lions of 14-N throughout his 49 years of membership. We will all miss his leadership and guidance and the everlasting care he offered to our district's Family of Lions. Don was 91 years old.