



# The Lions Roar

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### The King Lion's Lair



*King Lion  
Elwood Thomas*



**We Serve**

#### By Lion Elwood Thomas

*President, Rural Valley Lions Club*

Greetings,

Well here we are at the start of a New Year. So, I as King Lion, would like to extend my best wishes and blessings for this year.

Our dinner meeting in January was a nice time of fellowship and fun. The speaker from CYS had a lot of interesting facts and information to share with us. If anyone has a special interest or knows of someone who would like to share at one of our meetings please let me know.

The latest news on Cricket is that she is now in her last phase of training and will be leaving for West

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Rick Myers from the Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family describes the services they provide at the January 3rd Dinner Meeting. *At the February Dinner Meeting...*

## Club Members Learn About Children and Youth Services

#### By Lion Carol McGaughey

After the opening ceremony and dinner which included delicious left over steak from the fundraising Steak Dinner, King Lion Elwood introduced our speaker for the evening, Rick Myers from the Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services.

Mr. Myer's said a typical day involves 5 or 6 calls about child protective services. Mental health issues average 800 calls yearly for help. If there is an emergency situation in either case call 911. You can request to know

what happened for any case you report, When you make a call to them you can ask to remain anonymous and they will not reveal your identity.

Sexual abuse is a serious problem, but no matter what the outcome of the investigation, the child wants to remain with the parents.

Armstrong County now has 30 foster care homes and needs more. Children of the same family are tried to be placed in the same foster home. If a child reaches the age of 18 while in

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Palm Beach to start her month of training with her match. We will not get to meet the match as she will be leaving on the 27th of this month. What an awesome thing-to be part of making someone else have a better quality of life. We sometimes take the little things in life for granite, so take time. Smile, say hello to a stranger , hold open a door, visit someone who is shut in and take time for yourself. HAPPY NEW YEAR

*King Lion Elwood*



## FEBRUARY

### Birthdays:

LION LOU LABINO  
LION DANIEL NOSAL  
LION ED SMITH

### Anniversary:

LION DON AND JACKIE  
YOCKEY

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foster care they can remain in the system or leave.

Mr. Myers cited the Jerry Sandusky as a typical child abuse case. The abuser is someone who has power over a child such as a coach, teacher or scout leader even a parent.

Teachers and doctors are what are called mandated reporters, and they must report child abuse if their profession takes the in contact with children.

King Lion Elwood reported over 5 1/2 million trees have now been planted in accordance with our Lion President's new program. Apollo area planted over 10,000 trees in one day. Roaring Run Water Shed mine reclamation is the first to plant chestnut trees. The power of the Lions at work.

Lion Bonnie reported their last Leader Dog Cricket is in her final training phase and should be placed with her person in about a month.

Birthdays for January were Lions Zoe and Chauncey. The 50/50 drawing of \$26 was won by Lion Tom Caves.

## Upcoming Events

February 3-4-5 – State Council Meeting at Greentree.

February 7 – Dinner Meeting 6:30 pm at the lodge.

February 11 – District 14-N Cabinet Meeting at the Butler Blind Association (morning and afternoon).

February 21 – Board Meeting 7 pm at the lodge. Everyone welcome.



## LEO CORNER



**By Beverley Kozuch**  
Secretary, LEO Club  
West Shamokin High School

This February the WSHS Leo Club is still very busy. We are having an eyeglass drive this winter to provide better vision to people all over the world, and we are trying to collect as many as we can!

Also, one of our student's has recently been diagnosed with leukemia, Matt Pickering. We are selling bracelets as a fundraiser for him. We hope he gets better very soon.

Also in February we have the Special Olympics Bowling, and Kindness week.

Our new chapter is working very hard for our community as well as others. Hope everything is going well.

Never look down on anybody, unless you're helping them up.

## Something to Think About

WHY ARE YOU PROUD TO BE A LION?

~Is it a passion for service? We can all be proud of that service.