*"A District in Transition!"*

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The International Association of Lions Clubs
District 14B


# The Cauldron


June 2017

Fellow Lions Lionesses and Leos,

I would like to end my year as Governor of District 14- B the same way I started it, by saying a simple but deeply grateful THANK YOU. The task of volunteering is no less difficult now than it was 20 years ago. We have greater challenges and commitments in this still new 21st century. The good fortune is that our goal of service is even more rewarding.

President Chancellor Bob Corlew challenged us this past year with his theme of "New Mountains to Climb". Climbing these mountains provides a chance for Lions to make the world better. He is asking us to go where there is no path and leave a trail for future generations of Lions to follow. We met the challenge of starting a new club with the Bridgeville Greater Area Lions Club and a plus growth of 12 new members as of this newsletter. I believe we have started to go down that path. The Lions of District 14-B have shown me that Lionism is alive and well. We have to work at what we do a little smarter, and not just go about our business. We need to invite someone to be a Lion and start new clubs where one never existed or where one had closed.

I salute each Lion, Lioness and Leo member for being part of the greatest service organization in the world. The path you have chosen of caring and community involvement makes an overwhelming impact on humanity, whether your service is 1 year or 30 years. You are important to the success of your Club, District, Multiple District 14 and to Lions Clubs International.

I wish all of you a healthy 2017-2018 Lions year, and to continue your support for our District Governor Elect Lion Geoff Temple, PDG.

***Thank you all for a GREAT year***.

DG Rich Keller, PDG

## CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

***STATE CONVENTIONS***

**May 18-21, 2017 Seven Springs (Dist. E)**
**May 17-20, 2018 State College (Dist. G)**
**May 16-19, 2019 Pocono Manor (Dist.W)**

***INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS***

**June 30-July 4, 2017 Chicago**
**June 29-July 3, 2018 Las Vegas**
**July 5-July 9, 2019 Milan, Italy**
**June 25-June 30, 2020 Singapore**

## *STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS*

**Aug. 5-6, 2016** Red Lion Hotel
4751 Lindel Road
Harrisburg, PA

**Oct. 28-30, 2016** Holiday Inn
604 Station Road
Grantville, PA

**Feb. 3-5, 2017** Avalon Hotel & Conference Center
16 W. Center Street
Erie, PA

**May 18-21, 2017** Seven Springs Resort
777 Waterwheel Drive
Seven Springs, PA

## *DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS*

**Aug. 13, 2016** W. PA School for the Blind
201 N. Bellefield Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA

**Nov. 5, 2016** Blind & Vision & Rehab Services

**Feb. 18, 2017** W. PA School for the Blind

**June 3, 2017** BVRS, Pittsburgh

## *UPCOMING EVENTS*

**Sept. 29, 2016** Fall Rally/Passing of the Banner , Comfort Inn, Rodi Rd, Penn Hills, PA

**Oct. 11, 2016** Rigatoni Night
Glassport Lions Club
Queen of Rosary Social Hall
6th St. & Michigan Ave.
Glassport, PA

**Apr. 28, 2017** Spring Party
Comfort Inn
699 Rodi Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

**July 16, 2017** Lions Appreciation Day at Beacon Lodge

# FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE...

**PDG Geoff Temple**

Fellow Lions, Lionesses, and Leos of District 14B,

Over the last several months in writing my monthly message I have tried to follow a theme of "*it matters*". We discussed the importance of volunteerism which is basically what Lionism is all about. I wrote about leadership and how in order to carry out our volunteer activities we need leaders willing to help guide us through our various projects and activities. Of course, leaders would not have any role unless there are members willing to work with leaders. It is important that we attract new members with new ideas while at the same time retaining those members we already have by remaining

Since our motto is *we serve*, at Christmas time we discussed all the ways we serve our communities and the world to make life just a little better especially for the less fortunate. With the New Year, the subject of involvement and renewed commitment was emphasized. Although the amount of time each of us can give to the Lions varies, it is important for each of us to be involved to some degree. Even it is only participating in one or two activities a year. When we are out serving our communities, I mentioned that we should put forth a positive attitude. Most people find it harder to say no to a smiling face then one wearing a frown. And speaking of attitude it is also important that we treat each other with respect. An important benefit of being a Lion is building fellowship and friendship.

I also discussed the importance of communication. We need to keep each other informed on what is happening within our clubs, our District and at Lions International. Therefore, it is important that we take advantage of all the computer related tools available to us including websites, email, and social media. We live in the digital age and we need to have it work to our advantage.

Last but not least the most important piece of the puzzle that matters is **you.** As I transition in being your next District Governor, I ask each and every one of you for your support. I know that with everyone's help we will have a successful year and do many activities that will make a difference. \

Yours in Lionism,

1st VDG Geoff

**REGION 1**
**ZONE A**
**Michael J. Quinn**

Cheswick-Springdale
Elfinwild
Northern Allegheny
Pittsburgh North Side
Tarentum
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**ZONE B**
**TBD**

Coraopolis
Robinson Township
Sto-Ken Rox
Oakmont

**REGION 2**
**ZONE A**
**Ralph Imbrogno**

Clairton
Glassport
Homestead
McKeesport
Pleasant Hills
West Mifflin
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**ZONE B**
**Dorothy Kuharski**

Central Elizabeth
Forest Hills
Mon River Fleet
Pitcairn
White Oak
Wilmerding
Monroeville

**REGION 3**
**ZONE A**
**Barbara Rebovich**

Bloomfield-Lawrenceville
Pittsburgh Host
Pittsburgh DeafBlind
Grandview
Hilltop
University of Pgh.
Shadyside-Squirrel Hill
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**ZONE B**
**George R. Belles**

Bethel Park
Mount Lebanon
Brentwood
South Park
Whitehall Community

# SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE...

**Lion Kirby Marchand**

Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos, and friends of District 14-B,

Wow, what a month May has been. I spent several days the first week soliciting restaurants in Monroeville and at the Waterfront for donations for the **Derby for Diabetes,** which I wrote about last month. This fundraiser, benefitting the **Lions Diabetes Center at McKeesport Hospital** was held on Friday, May 5, and if you didn't attend, you really missed a good time, a chance to help raise funds for this extremely worthwhile project of Lions Districts 14-B and 14-E and you also missed a chance to bid on some great items. Mike Clark from WTAE Action News and Louis Lipps, retired Pittsburgh Steeler were the celebrity auctioneers and they did great job of keeping everyone entertained during the evening. There were many great items up for auction, both in the live and silent auctions. There were also a lot of great baskets in the basket auction and the 50/50 winner took home about $385.

On Friday, May 12, my wife Barb and I went to Carnegie to check out the "Carnegie Crawl" to see if it would be worthwhile to attend future "Crawls" to try to interest people into becoming Lions in a new Carnegie Lions Club that District 14-B is attempting to form. The "Carnegie Crawl" takes place the second Friday of every month throughout the Summer, and is a night that all the restaurants and businesses stay open and people go from one to the other, eating and drinking (many businesses have wine, beer and snacks) and shopping. A lot of people are out and about, so it may be an effective way to meet prospective Lions.

On Wednesday, May 17, members of the White Oak Lions (including myself) spent an afternoon sorting through all the food items that were donated to the Mailhandler's food collection and ended up at the Sampson's Mills Cupboard Stretchers Food Pantry in White Oak. There were hundreds of donated bags of food items that had to be checked for expiration dates and then sorted into food types of the canned, bottled, boxed and bagged varieties. All the items were placed on tables, ready for the food pantry that took place on Friday, May 19. The Sampson's Mills Food Pantry takes place every 3rd Friday throughout the year. This is one of the service projects that the White Oak Lions support, with many White Oak Lions helping every month.

Then on Thursday, May 18, I attended the State Council Meeting at the PA Lions State Convention at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. I returned on Friday, May 19, with my wife, Barb, and friends, Lions JR and Geri Wilson to attend the rest of the State Convention. We had a lot of fun and learned a lot. We got to meet International President Chancellor Bob Corlew, who is a fountain of enthusiasm and knowledge about Lions all over the world. We heard IP Corlew speak several times during the weekend. At the Centennial Breakfast on Saturday Morning, Barb and I got to hear Lion Jackie Christensen, a member of the Canal Winchester Lions Club in Ohio, who portrays Hellen Keller and recreates her speech to the Lions International Convention in 1925 where she challenges the Lions to become "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." At that breakfast, I got to sit next to and had an enjoyable conversation with Past International President Joe Wroblewski. At the International Banquet that night we again listened to IP Bob Corlew, PIP Joe Wroblewski, and many others. We had the honor of seeing our own Zone Chair Barb Rebovich receive the International President's Certificate of Appreciation, the fourth highest award in Lionism. Lion Barb is very deserving of this award. Needless to say, it was a great weekend.

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Then on Tuesday, May 24, I, along with DG Rich Keller and VDG Geoff Temple, attended the Region 3 Joint Zone Meeting hosted by Lions Barb Rebovich and George Belles.

In June, I will be at the District 14-B Cabinet Meeting on June 3, will be installed as the President of the White Oak Lions Club on June 5, will work at another food pantry on June 16, then it's off on a train June 28 to the 100th Lions Clubs International Convention from taking place from June 30 through July 4. Then it's back on the train for home on July 5.

*If I wasn't busy, I wouldn't be happy!*

**WHERE THERE'S A NEED, THERE'S A LION**

2nd Vice District Governor
Lion Kirby Marchand

# JUNE 3RD CABINET MEETING

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh
412.368.4400

**District Governor Rich Keller has issued a call for the fourth District 14-B Cabinet meeting to take place on Saturday, June 3 at the Blind and Rehabilitation Services Center at 9 AM. The address is 1816 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.**

**The meeting will include a light continental breakfast. Please RSVP to Coordinator of District Activities Barb Schimmel at bjschimm1@verizon.net by Wednesday, May 31st. I cannot stress the importance of this enough. Please let us know if you will be attending so that we can make proper accommodations for everyone.**

***Submitted by***
***Lion Eliana Latterman***
***District 14-B Cabinet Secretary***

# 2017 STATE CONVENTION WRAP-UP

The 94th Annual MD 14 Convention is now history. Kudos to Convention Chairman PDG Tom Gregg, his wife PID Cindy, his committee and to all the dedicated Lions in District 14-E for a tremendous experience at Seven Springs Resort. There were 534 registered Lions. For Sunday morning's voting, 279 certified delegates and 233 of those casting their ballots and overwhelmingly passed the resolution 148 to 78 to change the state policy Article VI, Section 5, on rolling over unused funds in the District Governors' International Expense Fund. Seven ballots were spoiled and invalid.

Saturday night's International Banquet was well attended with International President Bob Corlew as the keynote speaker delivering an inspirational and motivational address. Several pictures are enclosed reflecting just some of the convention activities.

For the Centennial Service Project sponsored by the PA Counsellors Association, we packed 30,600 food bags for Food for The Poor. What we packaged on Saturday, May 20th, will provide a meal for 183,600 people. Thank you to the Lions, Leos and Lioness of MD 14 for an outstanding effort. Pictured in the left photo are PDG Mary Jane Keller and DG Rich Keller assisting in the packing.

# *Reflections of MD 14 Convention…*

Convention Chairman PDG Tom Gregg and PID Cindy at Friday's Hospitality Night.

***"A Conversation with Helen Keller and Melvin Jones."*** Lion Jackie Christensen is Helen Keller, Ken Hammontree is Melvin Jones, and the moderator is Kevin Hartigan of the Perkins School For The Blind (a school both Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller attended).

President Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne planting a Centennial Northern Red Oak tree at the PA Lions State Convention.

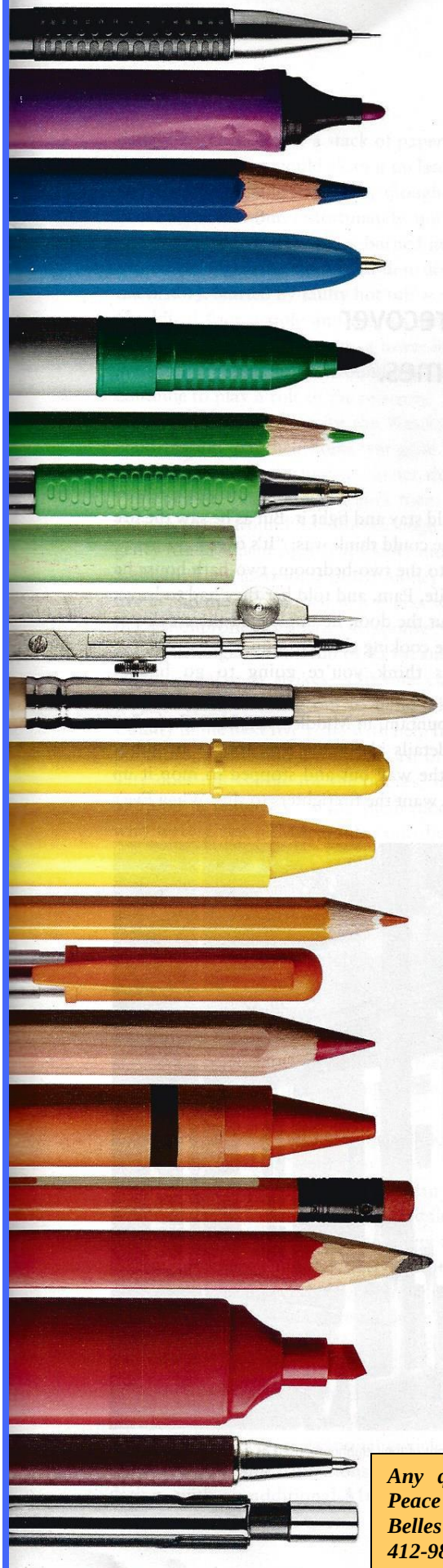
The Pennsylvania Lions All State Band performed two concerts on Saturday, one earlier in the day with these Lions being entertained with their music selections. The second concert was performed prior to the International Banquet. These high school musicians come from throughout the entire state and have rehearsals on Friday evening and Saturday morning, before displaying their musical talents to the Lions of PA. They are now looking forward to performing in Chicago at the International Convention.

## SATURDAY NIGHT'S INTERNATIONAL BANQUET

So many dignitaries, it took a double head table to accommodate all. Just below, IP Bob Corlew addresses the Lions and guests while coming down from the head table and roaming throughout the audience. District Governor Rich Keller with Lion Barbara Rebovich who received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation from IP Bob Corlew.

## SUNDAY NIGHT'S HONORS BANQUET

A night to remember for the newly elected District Governors. A night for the outgoing Governors to turn over reigns to the incoming Governors. Shown to the left is DG Rich "pinning" District Governor-Elect Geoff Temple with Lion Geoff's wife Mary Ann looking on. The picture below shows the Banquet room



# Picture the Future of PEACE

## IMAGINE
600,000 children sharing their visions of peace

## INSPIRE
Youth to showcase their talent

## CREATE
Stronger ties in your community

Don't miss your opportunity to sponsor the **30th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest**!

Give kids in your community a creative way to express their visions of *The Future of Peace*, the theme for the 2017-18 Peace Poster Contest. Order your Peace Poster Kit to play a key role in engaging our youth and promoting peace around the world. Get complete contest details at lionsclubs.org.

*The Future of Peace* begins with you and your club.

Order your Peace Poster Kit today!

**"Order Now!"**

***Any questions, please contact our District Peace Poster Chairperson, Lion Mary Ann Belles at maryann.belles@verizon.net or at 412-983-8956.***

# The City of Clairton

*Presents*

# Salute to the Veterans Concert

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2017

## Gates Open 12 Noon – 9:00 P.M.

Clairton Park

@ The Buzzy Weber Pavilion

***FEATURING:***

Jimmie Ross & The Jaggerz

Pure Gold

Chuck Corby & Quiet Storm

Darryl & Kim's Platinum Band

The Fabulous Mr. B

Todd Jones

Marva Josie

Tom Evans

***Magic Music by***

***Candy & Mike – WEDO Radio***

All proceeds will benefit struggling Veterans
From the local American Legion and VFW
(Food and Drinks available for purchase)
Tickets: $20/Advance or $25/Gate

***<u>Tickets can be purchased by contacting:</u>***

- **City of Clairton Finance Office ….. 412-233-8113**
- **American Legion Post 75 ….. 412-233-9903**
- **VFW Post 803 ….. 412-233-6218**

*The Clairton and Glassport Lions Clubs will be selling pop, water, ice tea, and popcorn as part of the fund raiser for the Veterans that day!*

# McKEESPORT LIONS CLUB CONTINUES TO RECOGNIZE ITS MEMBERS

A member of the McKeesport Lions Club since 2008, Dan Carr is a face that is familiar to many. Dan puts together the line-up for the annual "Concerts in the Park" series at the Lions Bandshell in Renziehausen Park through his many contacts in the local music scene. He works tirelessly to promote the City of McKeesport and the McKeesport Lions Club. His other endeavors include McKeesport International Village, McKee's Point Marina, The Palisades, and the McKeesport Trail Commission, to name just a few. A past president and Melvin Jones Fellow, he brings much knowledge to meetings, and is a key member of the club.

# Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Another Success

During the National Letter Carriers Annual Food Drive on May 13, 2017, members of the McKeesport Lions Club assisted the letter carriers by picking up bags from residents of McKeesport, and delivering the donated items to the McKeesport Post Office. This is the fifth year that the club has participated in this effort. Lion Chuck Jarrell is a retired postal worker, and coordinates monetary donations so that bags can be given to each resident in the McKeesport area in which to place their food donations. Once picked up from residents, food donations are then packed at the McKeesport Post Office and given to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

# ONCE AGAIN, THE McKEESPORT LIONS ASSISTING THE AMERICAN LEGION

Members of the McKeesport Lions Club assisted members of the Burt Foster American Legion and community volunteers in placing flags at veterans' graves in the McKeesport-Versailles Cemetery the weekend before Memorial Day.

# ELFINWILD LIONS CLUB HONORS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

Members of the Elfinwild Lions Club were proud to present their annual scholarship to Lindsey Dorenkott at their May 11th meeting. Lindsey is a graduate from Hampton High School and will be attending Notre Dame University this Fall majoring in Political Science. Pictured with Lindsey is Lion Eric Scholl on the left and Lion President Michael Quinn on the right. Lion Mike also serves as Zone chairman in Region 1, Zone A.

# SAVE THE DATE!

*Monroeville Lions*

## 19th Annual Charity Golf Outing

Saturday • August 5, 2017

**Manor Valley Golf Course, Export PA**

For Participant Registration and Sponsorship information contact
Sean Raynak • (412) 736-9804 • sraynak@gmail.com

# GLASSPORT LION PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED

Club President Carl Piccioni has been a member of the Glassport Lions Club for nine years. During those years Lion Carl has work tirelessly to recruit new members for the Club and, so far, has recruited 20 members. Carl has received several Builder and Key Membership pins for his efforts to increase membership. In 2016, Carl received awards for placing first in District 14-B and second in the State of Pennsylvania for the number of new members he recruited. At the Glassport Lions Club Board of Directors meeting held on April 12, 2017, Region 2, Zone A Chairperson Ralph Imbrogno presented Lion Carl a Centennial Membership Award for his continued recruitment efforts and dedication to the Lions Clubs. ***Congratulations Carl!***

***Submitted by***
***Lion Linda Aquilante, Secretary***
***Glassport Lions Club***

# COMBINED EFFORT OF THE GRANDVIEW LIONS AND HILLTOP LIONS CLUBS TO RAISE FUNDS

The Grandview and Hilltop Lions successfully completed their Pancake Breakfast on May 21st. Eighteen willing workers spent their Sunday morning working on behalf of the blind, deaf and hungry in our communities. With your support, the funds we raised goes right back into our communities for upcoming projects. Both clubs would like to thank the more than two hundred people who attended our Pancake Breakfast along with the volunteers for making this affair such a huge success. We sincerely hope that you will continue to support any and all of our projects in the future. Congratulations to Kelsey Koch, Bill McAfee, Maria, and Janet who won the gift baskets.

**To follow us or learn about upcoming project to even becoming a member please visit our site at: [www.pittsburghgrandviewlions.org](http://www.pittsburghgrandviewlions.org)**

***Submitted by***
***Lion Bernice & Richard Goodall***
***Pittsburgh Hilltop Lions Club***

## *IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING DISTRICT 14E…*

Walk from here to there,

and there to here

Walk with us because you care

**Date: Saturday, June 10**

**Walk Time: 10:00-11:00**

**Place: Westmoreland Heritage Trail, Rails to Trails, Slickville Civic Center**

# "Lions Lunchables" Walkathon

**Put on your walking shoes, or maybe your rainboots, and walk with us to raise funds for the Lions Lunchables Backpack Program. This program provides breakfast, lunch, and snacks for children over the weekend from Metzgar Elementary School.**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

**No child should go hungry. We need help raising funds to support the local children in our communities. Please join us to make a difference! Walk 7,075 steps (3miles) for hunger.**

**Free T-Shirt with an individual pledge of $30.00 and Pre-Registration**

**Walk-ins welcome**

**Chinese Auction**

**Pick A Card Game along the way**

**1st ($100), 2nd ($50), 3rd ($25) Prize for individuals with highest funds raised**

**1st ($100), 2nd ($50), 3rd ($25) Prize for Pick A Card Game "High Hand" after walk**

***Monetary Gift Cards donated by Sheetz***

**For more information check us out on Facebook—Lions Lunchables**

**Contact: lionslunchables@gmail.com**

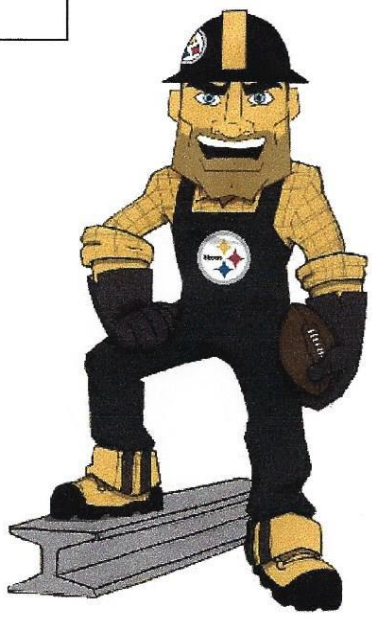
***Sponsored by the Delmont, New Alexandria, and Slickville Lions Clubs***

# HEY STEELERS FANS!

Here's your chance to see all 10 home games this year!
One ticket... 4 chances to win with each ticket
Only $20.00 (That's only $5.00 a number!)

**Winning number taken from the first drawn7:00 PM PA Lottery Pick 3 number on Saturday, June 24, 2017.**

**To purchase your tickets, please contact Lion Josh Walls from the Central Elizabeth Township Lions Club at 412.537.1228 or email him at joshwalls92@yahoo.com. Maybe you'd like to stop in and see him at the Carriage Inn on Lovedale Road in Elizabeth, PA.**



# PITTSBURGH DEAFBLIND LIONS CLUB'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST ANOTHER SUCCESS!

Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club'S Second Annual Pancake Breakfast was a huge success this year. It was nice to see how many of the Lions came out to support the cause. Thank you to all especially to Patrick Lyons, University of Pittsburgh Campus Club President, Jessica Mock, Interpreter, PDG Dennis McCarthy, Lion Dolly Uram, Lion Irene Hearn and her grandson Brendon Stead, Bev Rebovich, Tina Reft and Carl Tolino who all helped with cooking, cleaning, set up and socializing with the people who came to eat. ***See you next year!***

# A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" FROM ZONE CHAIR BARB REBOVICH

I wish to express my sincere thanks to those Lions Clubs that supported the Pitt Campus Clubs' campaign for donations for this year's trip to Honduras. Several clubs donated toothpaste, tooth brushes, band aids, sun screen, etc. Thank you to the Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Lions Club who also donated packaging supplies and more, the Glassport Lions Club for not only donating toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. but also walkers, canes and crutches. The Campus Club also received donations from the Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club, as well as several churches. It was heartwarming for the response they got. There was a lot of stuff to pack. ***This is what Lionism is all about!***

***Submitted by Zone Chair, Barbara Rebovich.***

# BLOOMFIELD-LAWRENCEVILLE LIONS HONOR LION BOB CONRAD

Lion Robert Conrad was presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by 1st. VDG Geoff Temple on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The presentation was held at the Pleasure Bar in Bloomfield. VDG Geoff spoke about Lion Bob's commitment to the Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Lions Club. Lion Bob joined the Lions in 1983. He has served as King Lion (7 times), Secretary, and Treasurer several times and remains Treasurer to this day. He also served on the District Cabinet as Treasurer and Peace Poster Chairman for several years. Lion Bob is a strong supporter of Lionism. This was shown when the club almost closed several years ago. He was able, with determination, to keep the club going. His leadership and perseverance has netted the club many new members over the past several years. He isn't afraid to "Just Ask 1", in fact he asks many. This was evident when 5 new members were inducted into the club that same evening.

Many were in attendance, to watch and support Lion Bob on this special evening. These included his wife Donna, daughter Barbara, granddaughter Katlin. Beside 1st. VDG Geoff there was 2nd. VDG Kirby Marchand, PDG Alice Jones and many members of the Bloomfield-Lawrenceville and Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Clubs.

True to Lions Bob's fashion, he made sure there was a business meeting after the presentation. You can't keep a good Lion down. Congratulations to Lion Bob for receiving this very prestigious and well deserved Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

# REGION 3, JOINT ZONE MEETING

Thank you to all who attended the joint Region 3 Zones A and B meeting at the Eat N Park on Banksville Rd., May 23rd. It was great to have DG Rich Keller, DGE Geoff Temple, and 1st VDGE Kirby Marchand at the meeting. After DG Rich addressed the attendees, some sharing of fellowship between Lions and dinner was finished, the speaker, Lion Ben Kihumbu (shown above) presented "Judo Against Bullying" a program he has been working on for his nonprofit (401C-3) Foundation Bon Samaritian. As someone who had been bullied himself Judo is something that helped him protect himself. Unfortunately, he ended up becoming the person who he was fighting against. That's why he decided to teach children how Judo can benefit them when used properly.

Bullying is very much in the public eye and children are venerable. Ben is teaching children to learn self-esteem, confidence, patience, and control. He and volunteers have already taught a program at the Holy Family Academy with great success. They were pleased with the results. The children showed all the positive effects they hoped to teach. It cost $60.00 per child. The program was to be 8 weeks but turned into 10 weeks. He wants to continue this and is applying for grants. He is also trying to find another school where they can teach. Anyone who would like to donate to this great cause please contact either Zone Chairs (Lion George or Lion Barb). Or contact Foundation Bon Samaritian at fbsamaritan@gmail.com.
Thank you, Lion Ben, for the presentation. It was very informative. The meeting ended with the Good of Lionism and benediction.

**Front:** DG Rich Keller, Lion Marty Griffith, Lion Dolly Uram,
**Middle**: Lion John Wingertzahn, Lion Mary Cavataio, Lion Rich Smith, Lion Mary Ann Belles,
**Back**: Lion Ben Kihumbu, 1st. VDGE Kirby Marchand, Zone Chair, Lion George Belles,
VDGE Geoff Temple, Zone Chair, Lion Barbara Rebovich

***Submitted by Zone Chair Lion Barbara Rebovich***

# THE MON RIVER FLEET LIONS CLUB – ALWAYS ON THE MOVE

**Mon River Fleet Lions Club Celebrates Our Leos**

The Mon River Fleet Lions Club inducted new MRF Leo officers and members at the April 21 membership meeting. MRF Leo Advisors Antonietta (Toni) Stolic and Donna Maguire, along with McKeesport Area School District Superintendent Dr. Rula S. Skezas and MRF Lion President Michele Matuch are shown below with the Leos.

**Mon River Fleet Lions Club Sets Leadership Slate**

The April 21 meeting also included the appointment of officers, board members and chairs effective July 1, 2017, as follows and pictured below:

**Front Row** – M. Matuch, Rev. Walker, Y. Parhetta; **Middle Row** – A. Stolic, H. Stratigos, D. Connor, R. Davis, K. Yurik, M. Hancharik, D. Daugherty, T. Maglicco; **Back Row** – D. Maguire, J. Phillips, E. Latterman, T. Roolf, L. Thompson; Not Shown – R. Baich, R. Ellison, PDG A. Jones, C. Kovski, B. O'Keson, D. Skillings

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# *Complete list of all officers for 2017-2018*

President – Kathy Yurik
First Vice President – Eliana Latterman
Second Vice President –Timothy Roolf
Third Vice President – Rosa Davis
Financial Secretary – Laura Bosnak Thompson
Recording Secretary – Denise Daugherty
Treasurer – Monica Hancharik
Tail Twister – Dee Connor
Lion Tamer – Timothy Roolf

**Permanent Board Members :**
PDG Alice Jones/IPP Michele Matuch
**Two-Year Board Members**
Helen Stratigos/James Phillips
**One-Year Board Members**
Belinda O'Keson/Deborah Skillings

Chaplain – Rev. Arlene Walker
Grants Distribution Chair – Carl Kovski
Membership Chair – Yvonne Parhetta
Constitution and Bylaws Chair – PDG Alice Jones
Eye Glass Chair – PDG Alice Jones
Eye Glass Co-Chair – Rosa Davis

**Leo Club Advisors**
Antonietta Stolic/Donna Maguire
**Leo Liaison to MRF Lions**
Eliana Latterman

**Publicity**
IPP Michele Matuch/Ray Ellison/Robert Baich

**White Cane Chair**
Thomas Maglicco

**The Mon River Fleet Lions Club Continues to Grow**
At our May 19 membership meeting, PDG Alice Jones inducted new member Tracy Janov who was sponsored by Dee Connor. Several members were recognized for their achievement in recruiting and retaining members. Lion Laura Bosnak Thompson presented centennial pins to PDG Alice Jones, Lion Dee Conner, Lion President Michele Matuch, and Lion Rev. Arlene Walker.

**Our upcoming events include**:

- Special Awards Luncheon – June 9
- Dinner Fundraiser – July 14

# WEST MIFFLIN LIONS CLUB INSTALLS NEW SIGNS

West Mifflin Lions were busy with spring cleaning – new signs have been installed throughout the borough of West Mifflin; on Kennywood Boulevard, Commonwealth Avenue, and Lebanon Church Road. Sales of trash bags and brooms will surely increase with these eye-catching advertising signs, and hopefully, will attract new members. We will also use the signs to advertise fundraisers.

Thank you to West Mifflin Lion member Ken Demko, for his tireless efforts in coordinating the new signs from construction to installation

## *AND IN HONOR OF OUR DECEASED LIONS MEMBERS, A SPECIAL TRIBUTE…*

The West Mifflin Lions honored deceased members of their club on May 24 with an annual memorial service. Traditionally, the Wednesday prior to Memorial Day, Lion Rich Fialkovich coordinates the service at the Mitchell Paige Park, located by the West Mifflin Area middle & high school, on Commonwealth Avenue & Homeville Road.

In between the rain, the honor guard cadets of West Mifflin Area High School presented, followed by Lion Rich Fialkovich, master of ceremonies, with prayer, pledge of allegiance, and song. Secretary Maria Demko read the names of 85 deceased members of West Mifflin Lions (chartered September 1953), who have served both the community and the country, while Treasurer James Stone rang the Lions bell. Loved ones and friends of our beloved past members placed flowers at the memorial. Lion member brothers Ken & Mike Demko placed the wreath of remembrance, and Lion member (and State Representative, Bill Kortz) provided warm words of thankfulness, comfort, and encouragement to all present. The ceremony was closed with the playing of Taps by Lion Bill Scharritter. Afterwards, all enjoyed dinner and fellowship with Zone Chair, Ralph Imbrogno, who was sincerely impressed with the memoriam.

***Submitted by:***
***Secretary Maria Demko***
***West Mifflin Lions Club***

# Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net

Thank you to all the clubs of District 14B for contributing to the District Project. We are now in the process of writing the grant to present to the PA Lions Foundation.

**Items most needed by Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net:**

Men's & Women's tube socks (white)
Men's & Women's underwear (L & XL only)
Giant Eagle, Walmart, and Payless gift cards
Feminine hygiene products
Men's & Women's deodorant

*(We can use these to buy cases of water bottles to hand out, or we can use them to buy clothes and shoes directly for persons we serve.)*

If your club would like to do a donation drive, please contact Lion Mary Ann Belles to make arrangements to have the items delivered to Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net. To learn more about their important work in our community, visit www.pittsburghmercy.org

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# WHITEHALL LIONS CHARTER NIGHT

The Whitehall Community Lions held their annual Charter night in May. PDG John Frombach & PDG Bill Gazica installed the new officers for 2017 – 2018. President – Lion Richard Smith; Vice President – Lion Diane Gallagher; Secretary – Lion Mary Ann Belles; Treasurer – Lion George Belles; Lion Tamer – Lion John Wingertzahn. Tail Twister - Lion Linda Boss was unable to attend because she was on a mission trip to Guatemala with Vision for the Poor.

***Submitted by***
***Lion Mary Ann Belles, Secretary***
***Whitehall Community Lions Club***

PDG John Frombach presented to Vince Daversa, the General Manager at South Hills Country Club, with a check for $250.00 for their SHCC Carry & Serve Day on Monday, June 19th. Police officers from all over the region come for a day of golf, dining & fellowship, all at no cost to the officers. Members of the club and staff volunteers serve the officers. This event was started to recognize Police Officers following the deadly shooting on April 4, 2009 when 3 Pittsburgh Police officers were killed and 2 were seriously injured. Whitehall Community Lions sponsors this event annually.

Our Club also presented Kelsie Muha with a certificate and a check for $1,000 as our Scholarship recipient for 2017. Kelsie will be attending Notre Dame in the fall with a major in mathematic studies. She is shown here in the right photo with her mother Kathy Hunzinger and Lion Richard Miller who serves on the Scholarship Committee.

Another presentation was made to Julia Murray– Lions Club International Essay Contest winner for Whitehall Community Lions. She received certificate and a check for $50.00 for winning the Lions Club International Essay Contest. Julia also won the District's competition where she received a certificate & $100 as well as the State competition where she was presented with a plaque and a check for $250.00. This was the first time the Club and District has an Essay presented for the competition. She is shown here with her parents, Jeff & Liz Murray.

# OAKMONT LIONS AND COMMUNITY PITCH IN TO HONOR VETERANS

On Saturday May 27th, the Oakmont Lions decorated the graves of 450 veterans in the Oakmont Cemetery for Memorial Day. There are a number of veterans from all wars as far back as the Civil War buried at Oakmont. Many of the older graves no longer have family members or loved ones to care for them. Lion Diane Harrell suggested that we plant a flower on the graves of the veterans to show our appreciation for their service. After inquiring at the cemetery, we learned there are 450 veterans buried there. The Oakmont Lions purchased 450 red geraniums, enough to place one flower on each grave. Support from the Oakmont community was tremendous. Residents donated money to help offset the cost of the flowers and 78 residents showed up in the rain on Saturday morning to help plant the flowers. The Lions would like to thank the residents of Oakmont, the cemetery board of directors and 380 Warehouse & Discount for their support of this project.