

District 14-G Lions Tale

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District Governor–Commentary

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Lion JoAnn and I want to wish all club members in 14-G a Very Merry Christmas, a happy and rewarding New Year. We will all sit down to eat a delicious meal and open gifts from family and friends this holiday season. We are all so blessed with things that we take for granted, that we sometimes forget that there are families that will not have the gifts or the feast that we all enjoy. Some do not know where the next meal will come from let alone a feast. Lions need to be especially generous this time of year. We are the largest service club in the world for a reason; that reason is that we care and do more for our fellow man than any other organization. We need to be sure that we carry this service to our local communities and be the organization that is looked at as a provider of all things needed. You will feel more like Santa and have a better holiday if you give what is needed and not expect anything in return. That we feel better for what we do is all the reward that is needed. That warm feeling is the most wonderful feeling one can have.

International President Tam is expecting all the clubs in the world to plant a tree or trees this lion's year. A potted Christmas tree is one way to plan for a tree to plant. The fresh pine smell and the knowledge that a tree can continue to give all year long is a great reason to schedule a tree planting. Talk to a nursery employee about caring for a potted tree and when you can plant it. The nursery will have the supplies and may donate the care products if they know that you plan on honoring or memorializing someone in your community. Just think how many trees could be planted if each club house used a potted evergreen tree this year?

Each club president has completed half their Lion's year. Have you accomplished what you said you would and are you on target to complete all your goals? This is a time for reflection on what has been and to look forward to what can be. Remember that we are measured by what we accomplish and not by what we leave undone.

Have a great beginning to 2012 and continue to BELIEVE that all things are possible.

District Gov. Bud

Keener Thoughts for a Sharper Edge on your Lions Year:

I really dislike these words at the beginning of an article: "Everyone knows!" *If everyone knew, then why did someone type them? It should be "do you recall", or some such other verbiage, because everyone does NOT know. In that vein, are you aware that the great "Pony Express" lasted only from April 3, 1860 until November 20, 1861, yet the horses and riders, along with boats on the Sacramento River, averaged traveling at the astonishing rate of 8 mph from MO to CA? History, and our lingo, remembers it well enough to use the term "pony express" referring to rapid delivery of needed items.*

How will YOUR Lions Club be remembered in the future? Will it be like the Bedford Halls Club that almost died in this month's *Lion Magazine*? Or, will it be a club known throughout your community as a fun loving group that makes things happen for the young and old – ill, needy, or otherwise? (Please See, and Share, the Dec. 2011 *Lions Magazine* for a really great adult cartoon. If you don't get at least one tear in your eye, you haven't been a Lion long enough!) Will it be a club that has fellow residents receptive to be invited to join and wanting to pay their dues, or is the member who will turn out the lights at the club's last meeting already as a seasoned member of your Lions Family?

The choice is yours, Lion Recipient of these *14G Lions Tales*. Do you share these LT good words with all of your club members, or just sit on them as you feel it is not worth the bother to email to all, or print and share at your next club meeting. Be alert for a mailing early in 2012 for the Great 2012 30th Annual District 14G Convention, April 14 – 15 in Williamsport. Has your club completed selling the "members only" raffle that helps keep low the participation fee of this great event? A fantastic set of seminars is planned that will create conversation and action around every hometown Lions meeting. Be there, and get your 1st & 2nd VPs, Secretary, and all other Lions interested in the future of your club registered as soon as you get the info.

Do these words sound familiar: Organize, Coordinate, Create, Promote, Take, Unite, Provide, & Encourage? How about these: Show, Seek, Remember, Whenever, Hold, Always, To Aid & To Be Careful? They are the **key words** in our Lions Purposes and Ethics? Order copies of the Lions "M33 9/08 *Lions Live with Purpose*" (**FREE!!**) for every member of your club and have a few to give to prospective new members. Included is our Mission Statement

At the 2011 USA Canada Leadership Forum, LCI Pres. Tam was asked that if the Lions had already planted more than 3 million trees, would he want to readjust his 1 Million Tree goal. His response: "I want to have one goal that I am assured of achieving!" Just now, we have planted, and **REPORTED**, 6,043,627 trees planted, and it is only Dec. 4!! See: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/million-tree/index.php>

Season's Greetings & A Continuing Large Lions **"Thank You"** to all clubs that have hosted my Partner in Service Deb and "little ole me" for events over the past 5 months. *1VDG Charles "Jim" Keener*

A Few Words from 2VDG Gary K. Strauch

It has been a pleasure for me traveling with District Governor "Bud" and wife JoAnn to visit some clubs in our district. Lions members sure do like to eat. Wonderful meals and I'm practicing eating for my term in two years. It is great to visit the different Lions clubs and see our Lions members in action doing what Lions members do best, helping other people less fortunate than ourselves. I've had a chance to match some faces to the clubs to which they belong and to meet some dedicated and hard workers in Lionism. I'm looking forward to meeting more of you in the future. Please keep up the good work and plant a few trees, look after your "family members", and don't forget "We Believe".

Merry Christmas to everyone.
Gary K. Strauch
2nd Vice District Governor

Attention all PDG of District 14-G!!!

MD14 has issued a call for all PDGs that are interested in becoming an International Director to contact the state office and talk to Marcia Shaull about the procedure and forms required. Below are the requirements for International Director per the International Constitution:

International By-Laws, Article II, Section 3

CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

A candidate for the office of International Director shall:

- (a) Be an Active Member in good standing of Lions Club in good standing.
- (b)
 - (1) Have completed or be completing a full term or major portion thereof as District Governor of a full district of this association; or
 - (2) Have completed a full term or majority thereof as District Governor or Provisional District Governor of a provisional district which
 - (1) attained in said term or later twenty (20) clubs in good standing of full district status or
 - (2) has been a provisional district for no less than ten (10) years.
- (c) Secure the endorsement of a convention of his/her district (single, sub- and multiple). PROVIDED, that the convention of a single or sub-district shall be eligible to endorse a candidate only if the single or sub-district meets the minimum district requirements as provided in Article VIII, Section 2 of the International By-Laws at the time such endorsement is issued;
- (d) Secure the certification of endorsement by his/her district (single, sub- and multiple) in accordance with these by-laws or constitution.



Attention Pin Traders

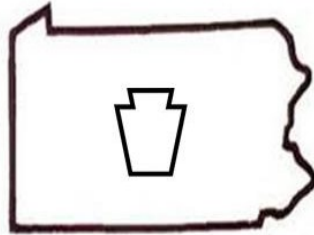
Each year at the Pennsylvania Lions state convention the Pin Traders Club of Pennsylvania holds a pin contest for District, Lions Clubs and Lioness Clubs pins. We have asked that the attached form (see next page) be included in the upcoming newsletter so that all lions in the state have the opportunity to submit pins for the contest. Pins can be mailed to:

Lion Amos Shatzer, PDG
Secretary PTCP
11268 Alexander Avenue
Mount Union, PA 17066

or they may be brought to the convention and submitted in the pin trading area to any of our club members prior to noon on Saturday, May 19, 2012.

PIN TRADERS CLUB OF PENNSYLVANIA

ENTRY FORM



District Pin _____

Lion Club Pin _____

Lioness Club Pin _____

Submitted by:

Name _____

Club _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone Number _____

All entries must meet contest rules and must be submitted before Noon, Saturday at the Pennsylvania State Convention

The Club Excellence Program (CEP) What is it...and why should we participate?

Bob Dunne, the Club Excellence Process Chairperson is challenging all of the clubs to shoot for excellence. First, consider this; What is the Club Excellence Program and why should your club participate? As years have gone by many clubs have gotten into a rut as to what and how they are serving their communities. With the Club Excellence Program, once a year, your club can assess the programs and services you provide to your local community. This simple assessment will enable your club to understand:

- ◆ What kinds of volunteer services your community needs
- ◆ Which programs and projects are important to the people in your area?
- ◆ Whether your club's current service projects are still needed by the community
- ◆ If other organizations in your area are providing similar services
- ◆ To make your community assessment the following questions and thoughts will come to mind:
 - ◆ How do you go about obtaining this information?
 - ◆ Who to contact in the community
 - ◆ Develop a questionnaire and cover letter
 - ◆ Analyze survey results
 - ◆ Share results with club
 - ◆ Follow up with survey participants

CEP can also offer potential recruitment opportunities through interaction with members of the community. For further information and/or a presentation on the Club Excellence Program please contact: Bob Dunne by phone at 570-368-2098 or
by email dunezy@verizon.net Please include the Subject "CEP"

Donna Bennett, Special Friend of the Centre Foresight Committee, Honored

Lions of 14G Region 4 may know Donna Bennett, Para Optometric of Nittany Eye Associates, State College, PA. Donna was recently recognized as the "Para" of the Year for Pennsylvania. **YAY! Donna!!** She is now entered in the National Contest – Best Wishes to Donna!!!

Donna has been a consistent participant of the annual Special Olympics Opening Eyes event and is a key resource in the Centre Foresight Committee's effort to secure additional, top-of-the line, vision screening and evaluating equipment to be used for young and old, alike. On Sept 17, 2011 Nittany Eye Associates hosted A Back to School Day for FREE vision screening.

Along with many other functions of that event, Donna invited Harris Twp. Lion Dick Erdley, and several other fellow Lions, to prepare and serve otherwise contributed Hot Dogs and accessory goodies to all the participants.

Perhaps this is an event that your club, or zone, can get involved in by contacting a local Optometric Practice.

For ideas and info, ask Donna: dbennett@nittanyeye.com.

Club Reports

Bellefonte

Benton - 40 Members; In October, made cash donation to a former club member that lost his home in a fire, purchased eyeglasses for a resident of Benton, 5 club members along with DG "Bud" and 2 members of the So. Williamsport club built a handicap ramp for 3 children in wheel chairs that were relocated to Numidia from Catawissa due to the flood, held annual Halloween parade in downtown Benton., over 20 floats and several bands participated and prizes were awarded to the best floats and costumes. In November, purchased eyeglasses for a resident of Benton, held bake sale and Chinese auction fundraiser and raised over \$700, held annual chicken dinner takeout dinners and sold 501 meals and realized nearly \$1500 after expenses, planted four trees in accordance with LCI's Plant A Tree program., two next to the welcome to Benton sign and the other two at the rodeo grounds.

Berwick - 39 Members; 2 new members - Donna Phillips and Donald Peters, Jr (sponsored by Elmer Fowler), 5 members dropped, held Annual 200 Club Fundraiser, held bake sale fundraiser at K-Mart, currently selling tickets for Annual Winter Raffle Fundraiser - drawing to be held on January 24, 2012, purchased two pairs of eye glasses

Bloomsburg - 29 members; donated \$125.00 to the local boy scout pack in repair of the Camp Fire Circle Memorial; donated \$50.00 to the boy scouts Trails End project for Military Personnel serving overseas. Blood Drive: Sat, Nov 5th at Columbia Mall from 12-5 in Honor of Steph Haney; 2011 Annual Basket BINGO: Sun, Nov 6th at 2pm at Buckhorn Firehall.

Canton

Catawissa Valley

Centre Hall - 41 Members - Initiated new member Edward Houtz (sponsored by Budd Brooks), Donated 1 pair of glasses to a local person, 3 members delivered about 3000 pairs of eyeglasses to the recycling facility in Ridgeway, donated the use of our club facility to Relay for Life, Centre Hall Library, and to the Boy Scouts (4 times) for meetings, held BINGO 5 times, members attended the Cabinet Meeting in Montoursville, the Region Rally Meeting in Pleasant Gap, and the Centre Lions Foresight Meeting in Pleasant Gap, Conducted a regular meeting at Hoss's Steak House where members and spouses enjoyed the meal and social time.

Coudersport

Danville

Dushore

Eagles Mere/Laporte

Ferguson Township - 33 Members; Sponsored "Turkey Shoots" every Thursday in November, sold food at our club which serves as a voting precinct, held club Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting, recognized our Armed Forces Veterans and collected 57 pounds of food for the State College Food Bank, sponsored a craft show, rang bells for Salvation Army kettles at the State College Wal-Mart, collected 1,103 pairs of used eye glasses and 53 cases. Planning a Red Cross Blood Drive on Dec. 8 from 1:30 to 7:00, Christmas Dinner and "White Elephant" gift exchange and items for Beacon Lodge scheduled for Dec. 9.

Harris Township - 43 Members; Resignation in good standing of one member, and transfer of Richard Poorman from the Centre Hall Lions club, erected Christmas displays on Church Street and placed Christmas lights and greenery on the street lights of Boalsburg.

Herndon

Howard - 115 members; Held road clean-up; 187 box of food given out by Food Bank; donation of \$691 to Lions Quest Program at Bald Eagle School Dist; donation to a Lion member for medical use; Plans to plant a tree in memory of Lion William "Bill" Holt.

Jersey Shore

Kulpmont

Lawrence Township

Lewisburg

Lock Haven

Loyalsock Township

Lycoming Creek

Mansfield - 115 members; Held road clean-up; 187 box of food given out by Food Bank; donation of \$691 to Lions Quest Program at Bald Eagle School Dist; donation to a Lion member for medical use; Plans to plant a tree in memory of Lion William "Bill" Holt.

Milesburg

Mill Hall - 14 Members; Raised funds through a sandwich sale and Pizza Hut fundraiser for a child with cancer of the eye., provided financial assistance to a family for a child with a rare eye condition being treated in Philadelphia., provided funds for a child to attend diabetic camp., on-going collection of durable medical equipment to dispense as needed in the community., collecting milk jug caps for campers to use as BINGO markers at Beacon Lodge., donation drive for cleaning supplies and personal care items for flood victims, collected donated clothing and distributed all items to the Plunkett's Creek Fire Hall; a town that had at least 93 homes washed off of their foundations in the flood., planning a "Rush Party" to meet potential members and to inform the community about Lions Club and find potential new members, Relay for Life Team for 2012, organizing a Zumba Party fundraiser.

Millheim

Millmont/West Union - 35 Members; Made and sold ham and cheese sandwiches, donated \$750 to the West End of Union county Youth Center, Contributed \$1000 to Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia which included White Cane Day proceeds, Jewelry Bingo to benefit an area accident victim., Held election day pancake and sausage meal in conjunction with the Mifflinburg Kiwanis, Longaberger Basket Bingo.

Millville - 15 Members; Finalized plans for the club's participation in Santa's Secret Workshop with will be held at the local elementary school on Dec. 2nd and 3rd.

Milton - 35 Members; honored our Harvest Festival Princess candidate and her parents during our meeting on Nov. 22, preparing for our Annual Longaberger Basket Raffle on Dec. 13.

Montgomery - 29 Members; Held annual community Thanksgiving Day dinner, planning for club Christmas social event

Montoursville - 22 Members; Donated \$300 to put towards replacement hearing aids that were lost during the September flooding, donated \$300 to a young boy's family for Hyperbaric treatments - boy nearly drowned and these treatments will help get oxygen into his body, donated \$200 to the Children's Christmas Spectacular at the Community Arts Center for underprivileged children, decorated the trees at the west end of town and put up our Santa and Sleigh; Upcoming Events - Selling Hot Dogs, Hot Coffee, and Hot Chocolate during Montoursville Old Tyme Christmas being held downtown Montoursville, will be collecting used Christmas trees for recycling at end of month and first weekend in January, Members have been invited to attend the Lioness's Christmas Dinner to be held at the Villa at 6:00 on December 13th.

Mount Carmel

Muncy

New Berlin - 18 members,\$200 to “ Make-a- Wish Foundation”

Nittany Valley - The club made monetary donations to two food banks in their local area.

Northumberland

Patton Township

Picture Rocks - Held one regular meeting and cancelled the other as it fell on Thanksgiving Day, conducted litter pick-up on US Route 220 from Hughsville to the Sullivan County line (total of 10 miles), 1 member volunteered at North Central Sight Services recording its quarterly newsletter

Pleasant Gap Area

Rauchtown/Nippenose Valley - 31 Members

Sayre/Athens

Selinsgrove Area

Shamokin

Shamokin Dam

Snow Shoe - 28 Members; Donated \$200 to white cane, Northeast Eye Bank, Camp Victory, Beacon Lodge, \$250 to Leader Dog, Sponsored Girl Scouts \$288, gave \$250 to family that had a house fire, sponsored blood drive, held Thanksgiving meal for members and spouses

South Creek

South Williamsport - 50 Members; 36 Active, 2 at large, 3 Life, 3 Privileged, 6 Affiliate, 20 Leo Club Members; purchased a utility trailer for can collection, Lion Scholarship \$1000.00

Sugar Valley - 58 Members; Held a Cash Bingo, Food Distribution serving 53 families (123 persons), held monthly Dinner Meeting with a guest speaker from CC Women's Center, recognized 3 Students of the Month for accomplishments in September, October, November, hosted a Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner for the SV Community serving 100+ guests, co-sponsored a Hunter's Breakfast and Gun Raffle with the SCC Sportsmen

Sunbury

State College - 20 Members; Provided free hot chocolate and popcorn to the participants in the State College Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Sylvania

Towanda - 37 Members; Held the Annual Holiday Bazaar raising \$1812.82 in profit for local and state charities - cost of admission was canned and dry goods that were given to the local food pantry, High School Band Boosters sold refreshments as a fund raiser, s26 members and their spouses attended spouses night at the Alle Bell's Restaurant in Dushore.

Troy

Turbotville

Warrensville - 29 Members; The Warrensville Area Lions Club held a highway clean-up on Route 973; donated to the local Special Olympics for the unified snowshoeing at Blue Knob in February; donated to BLaST #17 for special students to do Christmas shopping; nine members attended the cabinet meeting and returned to the Club with the travelling bell; and, had a very informative program by the District Boy Scout Executive.

Watsontown - 42 Members; Two Warrior Run HS Students were honored as Students of the Month: Andrew Shamburg for September, and Alexa Muffly, for November, \$300 donated to Watsontown Police Christmas Fund, Annual Pork/Sauerkraut dinner held with 285 persons being served, \$300 donated to the Norman Buck Scholarship Fund, 3 Peace Poster Contest winners selected - Awards to be made in March 2012, Orders taken for grapefruit and oranges - Fruit to be delivered on December 7th. Upcoming - Christmas Party Meeting on December 12th, PA Daily Lottery fund raising drawing in February 2012.

Wellsboro

Wells-Jackson - 43 Members; The club hosted a visit with 14G District Governor Sherrill “Bud”Harris, First Vice District Governor Charles “Jim” Keener and Second Vice District Governor Gary Strauch on November 22, 2011. Members worked the recycling effort serving 120 households, worked on road clean-up, held a benefit dinner for a local resident receiving cancer treatment, members aided local elderly residents, worked at the local food pantry, volunteered at a local hospital, volunteered at a Community Harvest Dinner, and volunteered at a children’s Fall Festival for a total of 218 hours.

Westfield - 12 members; \$50 gift card raffle at local craft fair; \$100 each to 6 local libraries; \$25 to local church for steeple repair; \$200 donated to Baptist church for Thanksgiving dinner; \$100 to local man for heart transplant.

Williamsport - 24 Members; Had a joint meeting with St. John Neumann Regional Academy (SjN) Leo’s, DG Bud Harris and wife JoAnn attended, Salvation Army Ref Kettle Bell ringing at K-Mart with SjN Leo’s, 2 hearing aids were given to people in need, sold 300 Club Tickets at \$10 each with 5 weekly drawings beginning Jan 17, 2012, Dec 15 Christmas Party planned with Lycoming Creek Lions at Ross Club.

Williamsport/Newberry

Woolrich

Wyalusing

LIONESS CLUB REPORTS

Jersey Shore

Montgomery

Montoursville

Newberry - 66 Members - started with 69, deceased members report last month = 8, 4 members were dropped, 1 new member Claire Smith (sponsored by Marge Thompson), reinstated 1 member; Donated \$ 300.00 to Children’s Development Center, \$300.00 to Journey House, \$300.00 to Susquehanna Health—Hospice, Participated in Peace Poster Contest; Sold water and Yo-Yo’s @ Craft Fair 11/12, currently selling Christmas Candy

Pleasant Gap

Sayre/Athens

Turbotville

Watsontown

Wyalusing

LEOS CLUB REPORTS

Berwick - 39 Members; Donated \$45 to the Berwick School District for their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens, LEO members filled Thanksgiving Food Boxes at the Berwick Salvation Army

Mansfield—17 members; adopted 2 area children in need of Christmas Cheer.

State College

Wyalusing

WELCOME—NEW MEMBERS

Berwick - Donald J. Peters, Donna J. Phillips

Big Pond - Leonard Latchford

Centre Hal - Edward J. Houtz

Eagles-Mere Laporte - Charles D. Knight

Milesburg - JoAnne Williams

Patton Township - Allen W. Ghaner

South Creek - Frank Salantino III, Edward M. Osgood, Garreth W. Crawford

Troy - David G. Cole

Newberry Lioness - Claire Smith

"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else"

- Melvin Jones

From the Newswire at lions Clubs International

Lions Can Offer Hope and Help to Children in Need

You can expand your reach to underserved children through hands-on service projects in your community. The Lions Children First Program can provide you with easy-to-use resources and materials, including a club activity guide, sample project idea sheets and community posters. There's also a Lions Children First Facebook Fan Page where you can connect with other Lions who are serving children in need. You can also join the Relieving the Hunger Campaign to fight hunger affecting children in your community.

Go to Lionsclubs.org and type in Lions Children First Program in the search box for more info

Dates to Remember

February 3 - 5:	State Council Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA
February 12:	District Cabinet Meeting, Millville UMC
April 14 - 15:	District 14G Convention, Genetti Hotel, Williamsport
May 17 - 20:	PA Lions State Convention
June 3:	District Appreciation Meeting, Centre Hall Lions Club
June 22 - 26:	95th Annual International Convention, Busan, Korea
July 15:	Book Exchange, Centre Hall Lions Club Park

District Secretary

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Important Links

www.lions14g.org
www.beaconlodge.com
www.palions.org
www.lionsclubs.org

*******REMINDER*******

PLEASE BE SURE TO NOTE—THE FOLLOWING:

PROVIDE REPORTS AND INFORMATION NO LATER THAN THE 5TH OF EACH MONTH

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