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## **DR. PATRICIA HILL** **Past International Director**

**D**r. Patricia Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 90th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, July 2-6, 2007.

Past Director Hill is a psychologist.

A member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club since 1990, Past Director Hill has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, district governor and council chairperson. She also served as district chairperson for Membership, Environment, Convention and International Cooperation and Understanding. Additionally she has served as a committee member for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, secretary for the Lions Eyebank (Alberta) Society,

Past Director of the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta and presenter and multiple forums and conventions.

In recognition of her service to the association, Past Director Hill has received numerous awards, including multiple Club President's Appreciation Awards,



District Lion of the Year, an Extension Award, induction into the Multiple District 37 Hall of Fame, several District Governor's Certificates of Appreciation, five International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Medal. She is also a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow, Denise and Jack Isaman Fellow and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Past Director Hill is active in numerous professional and community organizations. She is a member of the Psychologists Association of Alberta, the Canadian Psychological Association and the Community League. In the past, she served as president of the Alberta Association of Psychologists and the Association of Canadian Educators of the Hearing Impaired.

Past Director Hill and her husband, Gregory Holmes, also a Lion, have two children.

### **Basket Raffle**

Attention all 14G Clubs, District Governor and Past District Governors. The annual District Convention is fast approaching and the basket raffle is in need of donations. We would like to receive at least 25 or more baskets. This may take some doing, but I know that the Lions are always up for a challenge. If you have any businesses in your area that may consider sponsoring a basket, please either get in

touch with them or give me a call so that a letter can be sent. If possible, all donations should be received no later than

April 1st. Any questions? Call Phyllis at 1-570-435-0632. We really appreciate your generosity, and as always look forward to seeing everyone at the District Convention this Spring.



## HAPPY NEW YEAR



The month of December was very busy. We visited our own club in Benton where three Melvin Jones Fellowships were awarded. We attended the Christmas meeting of the Berwick Lions and Santa came to see the children and grandchildren of the members. Santa also visited the children at the meeting of the Shamokin Dam club. The Patton Township club packed their fruit baskets after their Christmas meeting. There was four Melvin Jones fellowships awarded at this meeting. Congratulations to all the recipients of these honors. We also visited the Sunbury club at their Christmas meeting. Thanks to all the clubs for your generosity to your communities at this time of the year.

I hope all of the Lions of 14G will read the January issue of the Lion magazine. The article entitled [WHY

LIONS MATTER IN SMALL -TOWN AMERICA] reminds us of our District. We can all make a difference in our own communities.

As you read this newsletter our mini convention at the Little League complex will be over. The job ahead is now to present our candidate, PID Harold Ott to all Lions worldwide. We all know that he will promote the ideals of Lionism and make our district proud.

We now look forward to our convention on April 10th and 11th at the Genetti in Williamsport, Pa. Our guest speaker will be PID Patti Hill from Canada. I hope you will all plan to attend this convention which will be a memorable event. Keep warm this winter!

In Lionism

DG Dean

### ORIENTATION SEMINAR FOR ALL LIONS IN 14-G January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Hosted by PDG JOAN CATHERMAN and PDG WILLIAM BRYAN  
6 pm at Watson Inn, Main Street, Watsontown  
Emerald Room (*downstairs*)

*Come learn what is old and new in Lionism . . . plan to be there!*

## Happy New Year Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

Hopefully you've had a wonderful season of celebration and are excited and ready to get 2010 rolling with a blast. With everything coming up in the near future, I know I couldn't be more enthusiastic - this is District 14-G's time to shine. On our building blocks front, we have the Mill Hall Area Lions Club chartering in March, and a new effort getting underway in Selinsgrove even before that. Membership numbers in December looked terrific, and everyone should feel quite proud of the effort coming from all parts of the District.

Although we certainly finished up 2009 on a high note, we can't afford to slow down. As I write this, we're in the middle of Bowl season, so I can't help but think of football analogies, and we must continue to play offensively. Presidents, as club quarterbacks, you need to devise a game plan and execute it well - if you play well as the leader, your club will be right there with you. Secretaries, as running backs, you've got the heavy load to carry

- keep making forward progress. Everyone else in the club, you have to be ready to catch whatever the President throws out to you - grab the ball and run with it. Lions Clubs are a team effort, and your district leadership team stands ready to coach or assist you in any way we can.

Though it's rather early, I'm looking at next year's district cabinet. If you are interested in holding a cabinet post, or know someone who would make a great fit at the district level, let me know and we can talk about the qualifications and responsibilities. Current cabinet members - if you really enjoy your position and want to stay on or move forward to another position, please talk to me as well. As we hope to have a huge assembly of Lions at our special convention in January, look me up either early or late in the day and we can talk.

In Lionism,

First VDG Bo



## Best wishes for the New Year.

This Lions year is half over and we have many exciting events to look forward to for the last half. We are starting on the journey to have an International Second Vice President from Pennsylvania. We need to provide support for PID Lion Harold Ott and Lion Barbara. This is a major undertaking and all the clubs of 14-G need to use whatever resources they have to help this become a reality.

We have applied for a new charter for Mill Hall Area Lions Club and look forward to welcoming them to the district family.

We are barely holding our own in membership. Please replace members lost with new members and set goals

for additional members for the last half of the year. We should have a net gain at the end of the year. The new clubs have the energy and desire to grow, but the older clubs seem to be comfortable as they are. Your community needs your service and the more hands the better the service. Give someone in your community the opportunity to serve.

Please plan to attend the special convention January 10 and hope you are making plans for the District Convention on April 10 and 11, 2010.

Again, Best Wishes,  
Second VDG Bud

## Look What's Up!

### 14-G DISTRICT CONVENTION The Genetti Hotel

**WHO:** Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs.  
**WHAT:** Pictures, Newspaper Clippings, Brochures, etc.  
**WHERE:** 14-G District Convention – The Genetti Hotel  
**WHEN:** April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
**WHY:** To *share, show-off and brag* about your clubs' fundraising events and community service projects.

- ✦ Please have your brag boards at the Genetti Hotel by 9AM on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ✦ Provide your own easel for displaying the Brag Board.
- ✦ Maximum size: 36" H x 48" W (exceptions will be considered)

**For questions and information about Brag Boards contact:**

Lion FRAN BAKER (570) 441-7851 Or Lion ALICE STRAUCH (570) 925-6610

State council Meeting will be held February 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm till 2 pm and then again on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at the Holiday Inn Meadowlands, 340 Racetrack Rd, Washington PA, hosted by 14-M, more info online state web site.

14-G website has been keeping you up to date! Check it out! [lions14g.org](http://lions14g.org)



**REMEMBER DUE BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH**

**LIONS CLUBS ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Bellefonte-</b>	31- In December we bought 3 pairs of eyeglasses for needy residents, donated a \$1. for each member to Centre Foresight and donated \$1,000. to purchase oil for needy families in the area.
<b>Benton-</b>	38- No activities
<b>Berwick-</b>	40-Held children's Christmas party, 2 <sup>nd</sup> drawing 200 club, purchased 2 pair of glasses, new website: berwicklionssclub.org
<b>Big Pond-</b>	15- NO REPORT
<b>Bloomsburg Area-</b>	31- meets the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at Lightstreet Hotel.
<b>Canton-</b>	34-NO REPORT
<b>Catawissa Valley-</b>	20- No activities
<b>Centre Hall-</b>	53- Collected Toys for Tots, Distributed gifts to residents of Wynwood House, Distributed food baskets to widows and Widowers in the area, Held annual Christmas Party for members & guests
<b>Coudersport-</b>	19- planning chili cook-off for January 31, 2010,
<b>Danville-</b>	9- NO REPORT
<b>Dushore-</b>	45-No activities
<b>Eagles Mere/Laporte-</b>	53- NO REPORT
<b>Ferguson Township-</b>	32- Rang bell for Salvation Army, held Christmas party with White elephant exchange, purchased gifts for needy child, purchased 3 pair glasses, Jan 16 <sup>th</sup> Ham potpie dinner, Jan 27 <sup>th</sup> 59 <sup>th</sup> charter night w/DG Dean as our guest.
<b>Harris Township-</b>	41-Helped with the activities of Boalsburg's Home Town Christmas on December 5 and 6 <a href="http://www.haristwp-lionsclub.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=frontpage&amp;Itemid=54">http://www.haristwp-lionsclub.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=frontpage&amp;Itemid=54</a>
<b>Herndon-</b>	12- NO REPORT
<b>Howard Area-</b>	119- <a href="http://howardarealionspa.lionwap.org">http://howardarealionspa.lionwap.org</a> Distributed 317 Food Boxes and Turkeys, Distributed 1700 Toys, Donated money to two needy families, Loaned out 18 pieces of Medical Equipment, Held Family Christmas Dinner for 260 Lions and Guests. Santa was there with toys for all the children. PID Dr. Harold Ott was there and gave International Presidents Citations to Seven Club Members
<b>Jersey Shore-</b>	53- No activities
<b>Kulpmont-</b>	22- NO REPORT
<b>Lawrence Township-</b>	22-NO REPORT
<b>Lewisburg-</b>	25- NO REPORT
<b>Lock Haven-</b>	26- NO REPORT
<b>Loyalsock Township-</b>	48-NO REPORT
<b>Lycoming Creek-</b>	22- No activities
<b>Mansfield-</b>	45-No activities
<b>Milesburg-</b>	22- No activities
<b>Mill Hall-</b>	Elected officers and planning charter night
<b>Millheim-</b>	9- No activities
<b>Millmont/West Union-</b>	40-No activities
<b>Millville-</b>	18-.No activities
<b>Milton-</b>	36- paid for portions of 5 pairs of eyeglasses for needy Miltonians. We only pay \$125 per eyeglass request.
<b>Montgomery-</b>	31- No activities
<b>Montoursville-</b>	23- No activities
<b>Mount Carmel-</b>	33- NO REPORT



<b>Muncy-16-</b>	NO REPORT
<b>New Berlin-</b>	21-No activities
<b>Nittany Valley-</b>	13- No activities
<b>Northumberland-</b>	5 – NO REPORT
<b>Patton Township-</b>	19- No activities
<b>Picture Rocks-</b>	30-Held Christmas party with ladies, sold fruit and packed sauerkraut
<b>Pleasant Gap Area-</b>	42-No activities
<b>Rauchtown/-</b>	30- NO REPORT
<b>Nippenose Valley</b>	
<b>Sayre/Athens-</b>	24- rang the bell for the Salvation Army for 12 hours and we also held our annual Christmas party where Santa visited lion's members and their families.
<b>Shamokin-</b>	17- NO REPORT
<b>Shamokin Dam-</b>	20- NO REPORT
<b>Snow Shoe-</b>	24- No activities
<b>South Creek-</b>	19- NO REPORT
<b>South Williamsport-</b>	54-Members Christmas party was held at Penn College w/48 members and guests, PDG Art Girio presented PA Fellows to 2 members, and gifts were given to all ladies in attendance, 44 families were given Christmas gifts totaling \$1,899.
<b>Sugar Valley-</b>	55- Held Gun Raffle fundraiser, Food boxes distributed to 64 families, Assisted several families with toys for Christmas, Eight (8) members attended luncheon and tour of local Vocational school, Held annual Children's Christmas Party, Sponsored a Bloodmobile, Loaned out medical equipment to two (2) area residents
<b>Sunbury-</b>	13- We installed the Star on Blue Hill for the Christmas Season with the help of Shamokin Dam Lions. It is lit from Thanksgiving until Jan 1. We help with recycling in Northumberland every month one Wed and one Sat.
<b>State College-</b>	19- Decorated Christmas tree for Festival of Trees, removed our trees and also had Christmas party.
<b>Sylvania-</b>	39-Held weekly recycling
<b>Towanda-</b>	39-On December 8 <sup>th</sup> the Towanda Lions held their annual Christmas Party for members and kids at the Towanda Country Club. Thirty seven members, spouses and children attended for dinner and a party with Santa. On December 22 <sup>nd</sup> the Towanda Lions made 58 challenge fruits baskets that were given to individuals and/or families of the Towanda area who had a loss of a loved one or coped with a major medical problem during 2009. Twenty lions and five spouses and children worked on assembling and delivering the baskets. The Lions also made 26 of the baskets for the American Legion who gave them to veterans and families
<b>Turbotville-</b>	32-No activities
<b>Troy-58-</b>	Conducted annual Family Christmas Basket donation drive and delivery of food & gifts to approx. 120+ less fortunate families in the local area. \$250.00 to Bradford County Library. \$150.00 to individual requiring eye care assistance. \$100.00 to Bradford County American Red Cross. \$100.00 to Bradford County Salvation Army.
<b>Warrensville-</b>	29-Best Wishes to you for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2010.
<b>Watsonstown-</b>	40- Participated in Juvenile Offender Community Work Program. Christmas Party Meeting dinner held at the Watson Inn. Ladies attending dinner presented with poinsettias. Donated \$250 to family of young girl with Cushings Disease. Donated \$250 to family of young girl fighting cancer. Coming Up: Planning February 2010 Daily Number fund raiser. Sweet heart Night planned for February 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting. Special Convention Meeting, Jan. 10, 2010
<b>Wellsboro-</b>	39- Held a Dicken's' Day Parking Fundraiser & Collected \$470.00, Assisted three erdons with purchasing of eyeglasses.
<b>WellsJackson-</b>	43- 8 members worked recycling—34 hours, -1 member worked at local food pantry—3 hours, -22 Wells-Jackson and 4 Lawrence Township Lions Club Members donated and wrapped Christmas gifts for 53 needy children in the area at the Wells-Jackson Lions Club December meeting.



<b>Westfield-</b>	19-No activities
<b>Williamsport-</b>	28-Rang bell for Salvation Army w/ Williamsport Leos, Christmas party with Lycoming Creek Lions, we brought gifts for children for the Salvation Army, \$200 to Children's Christmas Spectacular at community Arts Theater.
<b>Williamsport-Newberry-</b>	38- distributed 26 Christmas food baskets, mostly in the Newberry area, to those less fortunate than ourselves. We also made up and sold 178 fruit baskets. We had our Christmas party on Dec. 10, 2009 and it was well attended.
<b>Woolrich-</b>	13- NO REPORT
<b>Wyalusing-</b>	2- No activities

## **LIONESSE CLUBS ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Jersey Shore-</b>	34- <a href="http://www.jerseyshorelioness.org">www.jerseyshorelioness.org</a> .
<b>Montgomery-</b>	3-
<b>Montoursville-</b>	38- Bingo at area nursing home, collecting soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House, collecting cell phones for "Call to Protect". Donated \$200 grocery store gift card, to a borough resident who recently had surgery and needs financial help. Donated \$300 to Valley View Nursing Home to buy Christmas gifts for their residents, each member donated \$5.00 in lieu of exchanging gifts at our Christmas party, held December 14. Money will be donated to a needy family. Selling 2009 lottery calendars, selling medical books, selling Lions brooms.
<b>Newberry-</b>	66-Collected food items for Newberry church of Christ, \$300 to Journey House, \$300 to Susquehanna Hospice, \$300 to Children's Development Center, Volunteered at Hospital gift shop, and cancer association, held Christmas party for group home; residents of Hope Enterprises, and donated money for nursing home residents to see Christmas lights. Had ham sandwich sale.
<b>Pleasant Gap-</b>	15-
<b>Sayre/Athens-</b>	33-
<b>Turbotville-</b>	27- Hosted Christmas party for guests Heritage House, including treats and gifts for each resident, Held Christmas Party December 10 for Club members
<b>Watsonstown-</b>	35- bingo and helped at tree lighting
<b>Wyalusing-</b>	44- Service Reports: helped at Leo Club's Christmas for Kids, People Helping People Christmas food distribution, bought clothes for Adopt-A-Family at Christmas, Fundraising Reports: Craft Show, Social Activities: Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange, Upcoming events for club awareness: Blood Drive will be held in January

## **LEOS CLUBS ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Berwick-</b>	40-Assisted Salvation Army in filling 375 food boxes for Christmas, Operation Santa- gave gifts to special needs students, made 500 Christmas cards for area nursing homes, and still selling smencils.
<b>Wyalusing-</b>	126- Service Reports: collect soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House, recycling bottle caps, helped at Lioness Craft Show, helped pack and distribute food boxes for Christmas People Helping People, collected and shopped for toys for Christmas for Kids, distributed toys to 160 needy children in our school district through Christmas for Kids, helped at Wyalusing Tree Lighting, signed up 45 members to participate in Relay for Life, Fundraising Reports: are creating a database for the Wine Festival Committee, made approximately \$200 at Wyalusing Craft Show, Social Activities: Upcoming events for club awareness: will make blankets for Project Linus, plan on volunteering at Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen again, will be holding a Karaoke Dance Party to raise money for projects



# DG Dean's Calendar

- January 18<sup>th</sup>**-South Creek
- January 19<sup>th</sup>**-Rauchtown/Nippinose Valley
- January 20<sup>th</sup>**-Orientation training for all at Watson Inn, Watsontown
- January 21<sup>st</sup>**-Orientation training for all at Watson Inn
- January 25<sup>th</sup>**-Herndon
- January 26<sup>th</sup>**-Milton
- January 27<sup>th</sup>**-Ferguson Township
- January 30<sup>th</sup>**-Picture Rocks
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>**-Warrensville
- February 5-7<sup>th</sup>**-State Council Meeting
- February 18<sup>th</sup>**-Loyalsock Lions Charter Night
- February-20<sup>th</sup>**-Montgomery Lions Charter Night
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>**-Williamsport
- March 4<sup>th</sup>**-Montoursville
- March 9<sup>th</sup>**-Centre Hall
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>**-Kulpmont
- March 24<sup>th</sup>**-Williamsport/Newberry
- March 25<sup>th</sup>**-South Williamsport
- April 1<sup>st</sup>**-State College
- April 5<sup>th</sup>**-Wellsboro
- April 7<sup>th</sup>**-Coudersport
- April 9-11<sup>th</sup>**-District Convention Genetti, Williamsport Region 3 Host
- April 13<sup>th</sup>**-Millheim
- April 17<sup>th</sup>**-Region 4 Rally
- April 17<sup>th</sup>**-Wellsboro 80<sup>th</sup> Charter Night
- April 21<sup>st</sup>**-Canton
- April 28<sup>th</sup>**-Pleasant Gap
- May 5<sup>th</sup>**-Watsontown Lioness Charter Night
- May 13-16<sup>th</sup>**-State Convention
- May 25<sup>th</sup>**-Montgomery Lioness
- May 26<sup>th</sup>**-Turbotville Lions Charter Night
- May 30<sup>th</sup>**-Fore-site walk, Boalsburg
- June 14<sup>th</sup>**-Sugar Valley
- June 24<sup>th</sup>**-Lycoming Creek

Hopefully I have a complete list . . . IF you have NOT been visited yet or you are NOT listed . . . Contact DG Dean ASAP!

## Welcome New Members to District 14-G

- CHRISTINE CELLINI ----- Montoursville Lioness
- KAREN RYDER----- Montoursville Lioness
- DEBRA ADAMS ----- Centre Hall Lions
- JOANN HARRIS----- Centre Hall Lions
- CHARLES NORRIS ----- Milheim Lions
- WAYNE BUMP ----- Sayre Athens Lions
- JOSEPH COVEY ----- Sayre Athens Lions
- CATHERINE DYGERT ----- Troy Lions
- DOUGLAS CHAFFEE ----- Westfield Lions

# Upcoming Convention Dates and Locations:

## June 28-July 2, 2010 - Sydney, Australia

Visitors to Sydney love its vibrancy and its beautiful harbour, sailboats and ferry rides, outdoor cafés and harbourside shops. Beyond the city there are friendly towns, national parks and beautiful beaches up and down the coast.

## July 4-8, 2011 - Seattle, Washington, USA

Come explore the northwest corner of the continental United States. The city of Seattle is world renowned for many things from Starbucks to Microsoft. Nestled between the Olympic and Cascade mountains, and Mt. Rainier, Seattle is known for it's breathtaking scenery.

## June 22-26, 2012 - Busan, Korea

The state-of-the-art BEXCO Convention & Exhibition Center, traditional cuisine, and world-class accommodations are just a few reasons why Busan is recognized as one of Asia's top 10 international conference destinations. The scenic splendor, history, and hospitality of Busan have been praised by visitors from all around the world.

## July 5-9, 2013 - Hamburg, Germany

Centrally located in the heart of Europe, the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg is one of Europe's hallmark ports. Internationally known as a bustling commercial and industrial metropolis, the magical aura of faraway places is still alive in the historic Speicherstadt warehouse quarter and network of quaint canals and waterways crisscrossing the entire city. The outstanding facilities provided by the Hamburg Messe und Congress GmbH, along with a wide range of cosmopolitan restaurants, cultural attractions, and shopping malls full of international flair make the "Gateway to the World" a perfect setting.

## July 4-8, 2014 - Toronto, Canada

The most populous city in Canada, Toronto is a cosmopolitan city with an international vibe. Some of the city's unique features include: the impressive Eaton Centre, a multileveled glass-roofed galleria that welcomes one million visitors each week; the landmark CN Tower; the Toronto Zoo; Canada Wonderland, a theme park that includes a variety of rides, a 20-acre water park and Canada's tallest and fastest roller coaster; Ontario Place, an entertainment complex built on three man-made islands; the enjoyable Toronto islands and more

## This 'N That

Lions have gained worldwide recognition for our work to improve sight. But we are not "in sight" of the general public. That's why International President Eberhard J. Wirfs is asking every club, district and multiple districts to organize a major public relations activity during the last two weeks of January 2010

**Please note:** Susie Snyder, from Berwick Lions is now Susie Younker...Congrats!



**District Governor 14-G**  
**DEAN KELCHNER**  
**32 Oakwood Drive**  
**Millville, PA 17846**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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