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November Message from your District Governor



Welcome to November, the month of Thanksgiving. We all have many things to be grateful for in our personal lives. The work we do in our Lions clubs and other ways we serve our communities is just a small part of the act of Thanksgiving. We offer a better life to many with the help we give for vision problems and all other

acts of kindness you all do everyday in your respective clubs.

We have visited many clubs in the month of October. We thank you all for your hospitality and all your good wishes. In early October we visited with North Central Sight Services at their Lions appreciation dinner where gifts received totaled \$20,000.

October 13th found us at Towanda Lions who were celebrating their 80th charter night with IPID Harold Ott as the speaker for the evening.

We have enjoyed two nights with the Lioness, Montoursville on their charter night and The Lioness Rally at Jersey Shore.

Many other clubs were visited including, Millmont/W. Union, Milesburg, Nittany Valley, Sayre-Athens, New Berlin, Wyalusing and Sylvania.

We are looking forward to counsel meeting in Scranton on the 7th and 8th of November. I hope to see many Lions of 14G there to help honor IPID Harold Ott at a hospitality gathering at 4:30 on Saturday, prior to the banquet.

Our cabinet meeting is scheduled for November 15th at the Ferguson Township Lions building with meetings starting at noon followed by a ham pot pie dinner. Please call Charlie Poust with reservations at 814-238-6695.

In conclusion, International President Wirfs theme MOVE TO GROW, expresses the thought that all things need momentum in order to progress. The adaptable ginkgo tree represents this idea and symbolizes hope and peace.

Give Thanks and Move to Grow

DG Dean

November is Lions Diabetes Awareness Month

Dibabetes is now classified as a global pandemic with 250,000,000 people affected world-wide. It is also the leading cause of blindness. At least 50% of people with diabetes are unaware of their condition; this is where Lions can help.

November is Lions Diabetes Awareness Month and November 14 is World Diabetes Day. The theme is "Diabetes Education and Prevention".

The following are a few ways your Lions Club can be involved: distribute diabetes educational materials at community events, (*contact local ADA or LCI web site*) provide support to a children's diabetes camp (Camp Vic-

tory), organize a "**Strides...Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness**", (informational packets are available on LCI web site) invite a health care speaker to your club to talk about types of diabetes and prevention, or sponsor a mobile screening event in partnership with health care professionals (many healthcare regulations require any blood tests to be conducted by a licensed healthcare professional).

For additional information contact 14-G Diabetes Awareness Chairperson at barbott@comcast.net or go to www.lionsclubs.org and search for diabetes awareness.

Lion Barb Ott



Greetings Fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

Well, it's the middle of fall, and that means that travels around the district have become more colorful. A recent visit to the Sylvania Lions Club on Armenia Mountain provided a beautiful trip, even if we did have to wait for the wind farmers to rebuild the road before we could descend the mountain. Along with visitations, we've had a most productive month. As you probably already read in the Governor's message (*I'm guessing - we don't usually share pre-publication newsletter notes*), we're going to have a new club in Mill Hall, which is truly right in my back yard. I couldn't be happier with the efforts in Mill Hall. We also have a mostly functional website at <http://www.lions14g.org>, with the final pieces to be completed this month. Please take a look, even though it is a work in progress.

On a different note, I'd like to address the upcoming District Convention in April. As the person responsible for coordinating the seminars, I'd like to ask your for input and assistance. For several years, we've had many sessions repeated, and obviously we have some that need to be repetitive, especially those involving officer

training. However, if you have interest in something different, please let me know very soon. What I'm really looking for is a few willing presenters - we plan to have four seminar "tracks" this year, so there's always something for everyone. Those tracks will be: Club Leadership and Development, District Leadership (*cabinet officers training and information for any interested parties, new club extension, etc*), Lions Projects, and General Interest. We're planning on presenting a full 20 seminars, so I'm looking for any volunteer presenters who wish to participate. If you're interested, either drop me an email (boisemiller@gmail.com) or phone call (570-279-4339) with a brief description of the session you'd like to present. Anyone who has served as a club or district officer is especially encouraged to lead a seminar in one of those tracks. So that we can have a schedule out with the registration packet, I'll need proposals no later than December 12th.

In Lionism,
VDG Bo

DISTRICT CONVENTION

April 10 and 11, 2010

At Genetti Hotel, Williamsport . . . Please make your plans now to attend.

Our speaker will be PID Patti Hill and she is dynamic and energetic!!!

We need to show her that G stands for great!

Message from your Second Vice District Governor

Lions of 14-G: We are moving to grow. By the time you read this newsletter we will have had the first meeting of a new club in the Mill Hall area. This club is as yet un-named. The charter members will have that honor. The process of starting a new club to serve a community is a very rewarding experience. The excitement that the new members expressed when they decided to become a service to their community is what every lion in 14-G should feel as we serve. They have a future to look forward to for their community and those in need.

Zone and Region chairpersons: I will be offering training at the cabinet meeting on November 15, at the Ferguson Township Lions Club building. This will begin at 12:15pm and last about 30 to 45 minutes. The preliminary meeting will follow the training.

I would like the membership chairperson of each club to set membership goals for the remainder of the lion's year. This should at least include replacement of members lost or removed to date and hopefully a gain of one or two members. You just have to ask and be surprised at the result. Please forward your goal to Lion Governor Dean, VDG Bo or Bud.

As your club gives to your community this Holiday season, you will receive the good feeling from serving someone in need. This is a great feeling and is what Lionism is all about.

In Lionism
Second Vice District Governor Bud



DG Dean's Calendar

- November 6-7th**-State Council, Scranton
- November 9th**-Watson town Lions 62nd Charter Night
- November 15th**-Cabinet Meeting, Ferguson Township Den
- November 19th**-CSSS Appreciation Night, Sunbury
- December 3rd**-Benton
- December 8th**-Berwick
- December 11th**-Patton Township
- December 14th**-Sunbury
- January 5th**-Jersey Shore Lioness
- January 7th**-Millville
- January 19th**-Rauchtown/Nippinose Valley
- January 25th**-Herndon
- January 26th**-Milton
- January 27th**-Ferguson Township
- January 30th**-Picture Rocks
- February 3rd**-Warrensville
- February 5-7th**-State Council Meeting
- February 14th**-Region 5 Host Cabinet Meeting
- February 18th**-Loyalsock Lions Charter Night
- February-20th**-Montgomery Lions Charter Night
- March 2nd**-Williamsport
- March 4th**-Montoursville
- March 9th**-Centre Hall
- March 22nd**-Kulpmont
- March 24th**-Williamsport/Newberry
- March 25th**-South Williamsport
- April 1st**-State College
- April 5th**-Wellsboro
- April 7th**-Coudersport
- April 9-11th**-District Convention Genetti,
Williamsport Region 3 Host
- April 13th**-Millheim
- April 17th**-Region 4 Rally
- April 21st**-Canton
- April 28th**-Pleasant Gap
- May 5th**-Watson town Lioness Charter Night
- May 13-16th**-State Convention
- May 25th**-Montgomery Lioness
- May 26th**-Turbotville Lions Charter Night
- May 30th**-Fore-site walk, Boalsburg
- June 14th**-Sugar Valley
- June 24th**-Lycoming Creek

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

This 'n that

"Reede, Arthur" <aareede@verizon.net is the email address for Ferguson Township President.

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Convention fundraiser . . . get yours today! The fundraiser is the 50/50 tickets we selling for \$5 each and the results are based on the daily numbers for the first 30 days of March 2010. They are a large yellow ticket with a perforated stub on the bottom and the Benton Club is handling the process under our gaming chance license. Please make sure when you send the stubs in (*if your are a seller*) that the check is made out to Benton Lions Club . . . they are handling all aspects of this a fundraiser . . . Dave Riley...

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District Cabinet meeting . . . Ferguson Township Lions Den off Rt 45 . . . come for one or all the meetings but be sure and stay for the wonderful meal to follow!!!! Counselors, Noon; Lioness, One PM; Preliminary One Thirty PM; and regular meeting Two PM, then after the meeting we have dinner . . . Ham Pot Pie and all fixin's!

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Montoursville Lioness Evelyn Johnson awarded Life-time Member Award

Lioness Betty Springman awarded Lioness of the Year.

New Members to District 14-G

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| MARK V COLTON | Sylvania Lions |
| <i>sponsored by BOBBE COLTON</i> | |
| BILLIE JO LEE | Sylvania Lions |
| <i>sponsored by DANIEL HUNTER</i> | |
| JOANNE WEMESFELDER | Mansfield Lions |
| JOAN KRICK | Northumberland Lions |
| RICHARD ANDY | South Williamsport Lions |
| CHARLES JOHNSON | Warrensville Area Lions |
| <i>sponsored by Matthew Hepburn</i> | |
| DOUGLAS LAWTON | Wellsboro Lions |
| MICHAEL HAYES | Muncy Area Lions |
| PATRICIA MARTIN | Wells Jackson Lions |
| SHIRLEY BROBST | Catawissa Valley Lions |
| DEBORAH NEVIUS | Catawissa Valley Lions |
| ARTHUR COVERT | Millville Lions |
| FRANK GOULD | Benton Lions |
| LAURA GOULD | Benton Lions |

"Potential has a short shelf life."



REMEMBER *DUE BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH*

LIONS CLUBS ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Club Name	Activities
Bellefonte-Benton-	32- NO REPORT 38- 2 NEW MEMBERS! The Benton Lions held their halloween parade, collected 50 pair of eye glasses, collected 10 cell phones, purchased 2 pair eye glasses for people in community, selling 225 tickets, selling chicken dinner tickets (fundraiser), donated to the North Central sight services donated to central susquehanna Sight services, 5 members attended convention meeting.
Berwick-	40-Netted \$10,000 at Bloomsburg Fair food stand, donated \$25. to Berwick Marathon, sold 200 tickets for 200 club fundraiser, 1 st draw is November, purchased 3 pair eyeglasses.
Big Pond-Bloomsburg Area-	15- no activities this month. 31- meets the 1 st Wednesday of the month@ Lightstreet Hotel. We are planning a possible chicken BBQ dinner for our next fundraiser.
Canton-Catawissa Valley-Centre Hall-Coudersport-	34- NO REPORT 20-2 NEW MEMBERS! 52- Held 4 bingos this month and BBQ'd chicken for the Centre Hall Library fundraiser 19-Speaker was Bill Waltman PhD Extension Educator from Cooperative Extension in Potter County, \$200 to Officer Phil program, highway litter pickup, helped 8 people with eyeglasses, and planning chili cook-off for January 31, 2010.
Danville-Dushore-Eagles Mere/Laporte-Ferguson Township-	9- NO REPORT 45- NO REPORT 53- NO REPORT 32- Hosting Cabinet meeting at our Lions Den, 424 West Pine Grove Road, Pine Grove Mills. Sponsored a turkey shoot, served food @ PS Entomology Insect Fair, made 145 containers of apple butter, and held chicken BBQ to help local farm family, purchased 1 pair of eyeglasses and planning craft show
Harris Township-	41- http://www.haristwp-lionsclub.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=frontpage&Itemid=54 Link to our web page. Held a chicken BBQ and did our adopt a highway clean up.
Herndon-	12- We sponsored the community Halloween Parade. Collected a few eye glasses. Had a speaker who talked about a trip to North Africa and the living conditions of the area.
Howard Area-Jersey Shore-Kulpmont-Lawrence Township-Lewisburg-Lock Haven-Loyalsock Township-Lycoming Creek-Mansfield-Milesburg-Millheim-Millmont/West Union-Millville-Milton-Montgomery-Montoursville-Mount Carmel-Muncy-New Berlin-Nittany Valley-	120-The Howard Area Lions Web Site is available at: http://howardarealionspa.lionwap.org 53- \$2500 to NCSS, \$250 to Shoes for Shore Program, and held chicken BBQ. 22-NO REPORT 22-No activities this month 25- NO REPORT 26- NO REPORT 48-NO REPORT 22- No activities this month 46-1 NEW MEMBER 22- NO REPORT 58- Held bloodmobile and car show 39- No activities this month 18- 1 NEW MEMBER! 36- Participated in Juvenile Offender program and gave out 5 eyeglasses 31- White Cane and made 61 barrels of sauerkraut, sponsored Halloween Parade. 23- No activities this month 33- NO REPORT 16-1 NEW MEMBER! 21- Litter pick up and donated \$100 toward eye operation for a child. 13- For White Cane Days we made a donation of \$75 to the Faith Center in Bellefonte



- Northumberland-** 5- 1 NEW MEMBER!
Patton Township- 19- No activities this month
Picture Rocks- 31- \$1000 to NCSS
Pleasant Gap Area- 41- Selling manger scenes
**Rauchtown/
Nippinose Valley-** 30- No activities
Sayre/Athens- 22- This month our club hosted a free dinner at the Athens Methodist church on October 8th. We served almost 100 people for a spaghetti dinner and made a \$50.00 donation to the church. We also hosted the District governor on 10/15/09. We also held our annual Halloween parade on 10/31/09 where we were responsible for organizing the event and after the parade we gave out cider and donuts to the participants. Helped a family with gas card that had a kidney transplant..
- Shamokin-** 17- No activities this month
Shamokin Dam- 20- NO REPORT
Snow Shoe- 24- No activities this month
South Creek- 19- NO REPORT
South Williamsport- 57-1 NEW MEMBER!
Sugar Valley- 56- VDG BO MILLER'S MOTHER HAS BECOME A NEW LION! Food boxes distributed to 58 families, Made donation towards a hearing aid for area resident, Paid tribute to deceased member Robert J. Weaver, Six (6) members attended another Club's Charter Night, Held Ham Sandwich Sale fundraiser, Sponsored Cash Bingo fundraiser, Sponsored Basket Bingo fundraiser, Held Public Ham Pot Pie Supper as fundraiser.
- Sunbury-** 13- No activities held this month
State College- 19-October 2, 23, & 30 - Operated food concessions stands for State College High School football games. October 3 – Collected donations for White Cane Day. October 26 – Provided treats for State College Halloween Parade participants
- Sylvania-** 39-2 NEW MEMBERS! Did weekly recycling.
Towanda- 39-Major sponsor of Bradford/Sullivan County OYW Pageant, \$1000 for scholarships, and held 80th charter night with many guests and members in attendance.
- Turbotville-** 32-Made apple butter to sell
Troy-58- Continuing to run concession stand AT football games, hosted DG visit, \$200 to coats for kids clothing drive, and raffle was held October 24th. **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:** Continue running football concession stand. Host "Old Shoe" banquet for Troy & Canton High School football seniors & their families, and team coaches.
- Warrensville-** 27- 1 NEW MEMBER!
Watsonstown- 40-Participated in Juvenile Offender Program, purchased 1 pair of eyeglasses, made 30 barrels of sauerkraut, profit of \$458. on chicken BBQ, White Cane brought in \$767.42, Honored 2 students of the month, purchased 10 dozen brooms for sale \$400. neighbors helping neighbors program, collected \$60 in eye research cards, selling fruit, planning charter night, selling tickets for February daily lottery number, and planning sauerkraut dinner for November 22nd AT Watson Inn, 11 am till 2 pm.
- Wellsboro-** 39- 1 NEW MEMBER! Held White Cane Day on Main St and collected \$1700 in 6 hours, Helped purchase eyeglasses for a needy person in the community, Committed to re-roof a pavilion at Woodland Park in the spring, Divided the Club into three groups for our Performance Teams competition running from Nov-May.
- WellsJackson-** 42- -Inducted 1 NEW MEMBER, 8 members worked recycling—30 hours, 2 members worked at local Food Pantry—6 hours, 23 members worked a Fish/Chicken Fry Dinner to benefit a local resident who suffered a stroke—96 hours -1 member volunteered at a local hospital—27 hours, 1 member worked Adopt-A-Highway—5 hours, Held Awards Banquet on October 13, 2009. Awarded Citizen of the Year to local resident James Andrews and Lion of the Year to three hard working generous members-Lion Leona Bell, Lion Tim Bell and Lion Barbara Szczech, Purchased a pair of eyeglasses for a local resident, Made the following donations:-Millerton Food Pantry—\$250, - Bradford/Sullivan Eye Bank—\$100, Had a very successful Quilt Raffle.



Westfield-	20- NO REPORT
WilliamSPORT-	29-Selling 50/50 raffle tickets, draw January 5, 2010, served 200 at Pancake Brunch, and PDG Art inducted St. John Neuman Leo Club officers.
WilliamSPORT/ Newberry- Woolrich- Wyalusing-	37- We had our White Canes days, Oct. 1,2 & 3, French fry trailer at 2 Lycoming College Football games and we have 2 new members, inducted on Oct. 27 meeting 13- NO REPORT 21- No activities this month

LIONESSE CLUBS ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Club Name	Activities
Jersey Shore-	34-please visit our website. www.jerseyshorelioness.org . Did highway cleanup, held White Cane Days, sold apple dumplings, hosted Rally, \$1000 to NCSS, holding a make it bake it sale at meeting in November and have 3 new members to be initiated in January.
Montgomery- Montoursville-	23- Visited Turbotville Lions Club 38- Bingo at area nursing home, collecting soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House, collecting cell phones for "Call to Protect" Selling 2010 lottery calendars, selling medical books, November 9 – Hoss's Fundraiser Night, November 20 – White Cane Day – Gander Mountain, December 14 – Lioness Christmas Party
Newberry-	64-Donated 4200 to Susquehanna Foundation for Heart, \$200 All Saints Church for winter coats, etc, did White Cane Days with Lions Club, collected non-perishables for Shepherds of the Streets, \$100 to Making Dreams Come True, \$100 to Children's Christmas Spectacular, \$300 Needlework Guild, \$200 Susquehanna Foundation for Cancer, held sandwich sale, selling water yo-yo's at Mummer's Parade, held jewelry fundraiser, selling Gertrude hawk candy, Mr Sticky coupons and Lucky 4 tickets. 5 members attended Mountoursville Lioness Charter Night, 2 attended NCSS dinner, 9 members attended Lioness Rally and we hosted Linda Overmoyer and her service dog, Roxie, as a guest speaker.
Pleasant Gap- Sayre/Athens-33- Turbotville-	15- 26-Held annual Halloween party for youngsters of the Turbotville Area. Each child got a prize Fund-Raising Activities: Social and Other club Activities: 11 members attended annual Lioness Rally in Jersey Shore
Watsonstown- Wyalusing-	35- 44-hosted Halloween party, donated to area family for medical needs, sold raffle tickets at Fall Festival, helped Lions AT White Cane Days, co-hosting DG visit w/Lions club, and holding bazaar December 6 th and People Helping People on November 21 st .

LEOS CLUBS ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Club Name	Activities
Bald Eagle Valley- Berwick-	40-Made Halloween gift bags for special needs students in the Middle school, and still selling smencils.
State College-	Collecting eyeglasses to be forwarded to State College Lions Club

Congratulations to the Blitz team, we have a new club in Mill Hall. Special thanks to the following Lions who worked hard to make this happen—Jim Cannon, Harold Ott, Jim Keener, Bud Harris, Bo Miller, Dwayne Haines, and Gene Seaman. As of yesterday we had 19 paid new memberships and 6 to follow at the 1st meeting on November 4th. We are **Moving to GROW!**





PDG Arthur Girio Scholarship Application Lions District 14-G

Application must be submitted by March 15 for the fall school term.

Student Name _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

College _____ Current Year _____ G.P.A. _____

Have you ever been arrested for a drug or alcoholic related crime or any felony? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, give details on reverse side.

Have you received a scholarship previously? _____. If yes, not eligible.

Student's parent or grandparent's name who is a member of Lions or Lioness Club:

Name _____ Relationship to student _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Club Affiliation _____

Number of years as a member _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Lion/Lioness Member - Signature _____ Date _____

Club President or Leo Advisory Signature _____ Date _____

STOP: DO NOT SIGN APPLICATION UNTIL YOU HAVE READ GUIDELINES!!

NOTE: The most recent copy of the college transcript or grades (photocopy acceptable) must accompany this application. The application should be sent to George E. Girio, Scholarship Chairman, 521 E. Market St., Williamsport, PA 17701. This form may be reproduced. Revised 11/02

NOTE: CLUB PRESIDENTS: Your signature on this application signifies that your club is in good standing with the District, that your club is a contributor to the District 14-G PDG Art Girio Scholarship Fund, and the applicant qualifies for a scholarship (see guidelines).



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