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Manheim Twp. Lions Club Newsletter

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

CLUB HAPPENINGS:

Basket Bingo

Our club will conduct a Basket Bingo Saturday, March 21st. We will need everyone's help to make this our 5th Basket Bingo Fund Raiser another huge success. You will be contacted by your team captain to get sponsors for baskets, door prizes and to Sell, SELL, SELL TICKETS. Everyone that attended our previous 4 Basket Bingo's had a lot of fun.

Save the Date

Our club will hold a Pancake/Sausage Breakfast at the Neffsville Fire Hall, Saturday May 23, 2009. Lions Manny Pinto and Jim Fisher will be heading-up this fund raiser. More details to follow.

Congratulations Judy

Lancaster Area Express Network chapter of the American Business Women's Association has named Judy Frantz its "Woman of the Year."

Judy serves the chapter as vice president of communications, is an investment representative for Edward Jones.

Club Merger Update

The District Governor did not approve the merger of our clubs as had been voted on at our combined meeting Jan. 26, 2009. The District Governor has appointed Vice District Governor Steve Benedict to contact each club and set up a meeting to go through the process as follows.

1 Propose that the Manheim Township Sunrise Lions Club turn in their charter and transfer their members to the Manheim Township Lions Club in accordance with LCI policy.

2 If the vote on No. 1 is unfavorable than start the talks with Manheim Township Lions Club about a possible merger and follow the procedure as outlined in chapter V of the Lions Clubs Constitution and Bylaws.

If the process gets as far as merger talks, VDG Steve will oversee that portion of the meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER & UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar. 9 Regular meeting

Mar. 21 Basket Bingo Fund Raiser

Mar. 23 No meeting. Instead we meet Wed. Mar. 25th for Regular Meeting & Board Meeting.

Apr. 13 Regular Meeting/ We host the Willow Street Lions.

Apr. 17 District 14-D Presidents Honor Night.

Apr. 18 District 14-D Convention at Cedar Crest Middle School, Lebanon

Welcome Rebecca Strite & Leader Dog Lucy

Meet Lion Member Alvin Brubaker

Al was born on a farm in Rapho Township near Mount Joy, growing up with an older brother and younger sister. Al contacted the Whooping Cough at two months old; his extremely hard coughing detached the Optic Nerve causing his blindness. He attended a one room schoolhouse through the eight grades. Al had the same teacher for all eight grades.

Al's desire to be independent brought him to Allentown working in a photo lab. The company had difficulty finding someone to work eight hours a day in a darkroom; Al was perfectly suited for the job. He walked 1 1/2 block to work each day for 22 years. While employed by the photo lab, Al let it be known that he wanted to earn his high school diploma. One of Al's friends offered to help Al study for the HS diploma. With the help of the friend, Al studied and passed the GED test, achieving one of the goals that he had of receiving his HS diploma. Al's dislike for the cold winters of Pennsylvania finally prompted him to move to Bradenton, Florida. He joined the Bradenton Lions Club of approximate 25 members. However the numbers double each winter as Lions from the North vacation and attend the meetings. Lion Al received the Melvin Jones Fellowship, and Lion of The Year as a member the Bradenton Lions Club. Al has been a long time blood donor recognized for donating 10 gallons. He also volunteers for the Salvation Army over 17 years and for more than 145 hours. His hobbies are collecting many things from trucks, tractors, cars, bells and much more. His passion is volunteering as a summer camp counselor for three weeks during the summer working with junior high kids. His favorite sport team is the Dallas Cowboys. Al keeps up with what's going on in the community and the world by listening to cable channel 20 where SABVI volunteers read newspapers and broadcast other daily news. Al moved back to Pennsylvania in April 2007 and immediately looked for a Lions Club. The Bradenton, Florida Lions Club to MT Lions Club transfer was quickly completed. Al is very happy to be a Manheim Township Lions Club member. His family in the area is a brother, nieces and nephews all stay in touch with him. Al is always interested in talking with his fellow Lions members.

PS: Lion Al wishes to express his gratitude to our club and the Lititz Lions Club, for donating the scanner, making it possible to live a more independent life. He is very pleased with the scanner and uses it to read his mail & newspaper. and other printed material.

**March Birthday
Dorothy Ream 3/28**



Upcoming Activities in the District:

March 21, 2009- Mountville Lions Club Annual Spring Potpie Dinner at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 100 West Main Street, Mountville. Takeouts will start at 12 noon and sit down dinner will start at 3 p.m. until???? Adults \$8.00 and children under 12 will be \$3.00. Takeouts are \$8.00. Take out containers are available..

March 21, 2009- New Holland Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale at the Garden Spot High School Cafe-teria from 3-7 p.m.. The proceeds will benefit the Boys' Volleyball Team and The Breathe for Lindsee Fund. Tickets are available through the Boy's Volleyball Team, the New Holland Lions, and the Breathe for Lindsee Fund supporters. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. For tickets or more information contact Lion Barb Prudhomme at 717-431-6912.

March 21, 2009- Manheim Twp. Lions Club Basket Bingo at Neff Elementary School on Valley Road, Neffsville. Doors open at 12 noon and bingo starts at 1 p.m.. Advance tickets are \$15 for six faced paper cards. Tickets at the door are \$20. Additional faced cards available for \$5. Contact Sylvia Miller at 717-569-5086 for more information or tickets.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars. President's Honor Night is scheduled for April 17, 2009 at Yoder's Banquet Hall in New Holland. This is the night that we honor our Lions, Lioness, and LEO club presidents and show them our appreciation for their Dedication, Loyalty, and Effort toward the cause of Lionism. Invite your spouse and let them share in this celebration. The key note speaker is Past International Director James Sherry from Nova Scotia.

District Convention

This year at the District Convention there are 3 candidates that we will be voting for. Our next District Governor, a 1st Vice District Governor, and for the first time a second Vice District Governor. We need to make sure we send all 4 of our voting delegates and as many members as possible to attend this year's convention April 18, 2009 at Cedar Crest Middle School, Lebanon. Candidates are VDG Steve Benedict for DG from the Mountville LC, Region Chairman Jim Bolin for 1st VDG from the Manor Ridge LC and Lion Robert Eberly for 2nd VDG from the Ephrata LC.

District 14-D Annual Golf Tournament

When: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Where: Fairview Golf Club

Cost: \$65

- Shotgun start—Scramble format
- Each foursome will turn in one scorecard
- Winter Rules

Details

Registration 7 am

Shotgun start 7:30 am

Steak Dinner

See Lion Larry if interested

PLEASE NOTE:

To Cancel dinner reservations if you are A-K on our club roster call Lion Don Bragg at 581-1677 and M-Z call Barry Caldwell at 569-9959 Friday prior to the meeting.

A Message from our District Governor

Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Once again it is time to get the nominations in place for new Club Officers. And once again it is time for Presidents Honor Night on Friday Night April 17, 2009. Lets have all the clubs send their Presidents to Yoder's Restaurant to be honored. So get your reservations and checks sent to VDG Steve Benedict. Saturday April 18, 2009 is District 14-D Convention at Cedar Crest Middle School in Lebanon, Pa.. Sunday April 19, 2009 is the last District Cabinet Meeting at Four Seasons Complex.

A reminder to all the clubs who have not done so, send your checks to the District Governor or the District Treasurer for the Governors Goals.

Thanks,

District Governor Lion Dale High and First Lady Pauline

Vice District Governor's Message

Lions, Lioness and Leos,

March is a good time to take a look at the goals that were set at the beginning of the year to see how, your club is progressing at meeting those goals.

1. Is the club on its way to achieving a net gain of at least + 1 new member on 6/30/09?
2. Are the District Contributions paid or plan to be paid by May 1, 2009?
3. Are the President and at least 10% of the active membership planning to attend President's Honor Night on April 17th?
4. What remains to be done so the Club receives the District 14-D Club Excellence Award?
5. What remains to be done for the President to receive LCI's Excellence Award?
6. What remains to be done for the Secretary to receive the District 14-D Excellence Award?

As always the District MERLOW team is available to assist you in meeting not only these goals but to strengthen your Club.

Secretary's **please note:** If you are not the person that is doing the actual inputting of data for the reports to LCI and District Officers have that person attend the class with you at the District Convention. There will be class for all that are inputting the data at the District Convention on April 18th. Quite a few Secretaries are already using just the LCI form then attaching it to the email sent to District Officers with their Activities, Attendance etc. in the body of the email. After that date the District 14D form will cease to exist. Plan to attend the session in the computer room at the District Convention so we all are on the same page.

Keep up the good work you are doing in your communities and we are looking forward to seeing you at the District Bowling Tournament in March, President's Honor Night and District Convention in April and the District Golf Tournament in May.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Steve Benedict, VDG