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District 14-K 2014 Convention Committee

Details Nailed Down for April 5-6 Lions Convention

The final committee meeting for the 29th annual convention of District 14-K on Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6 was held on Tuesday, March 25 at the convention location, the Days Hotel along Airport Rd., Allentown.

The committee, headed by co-chairmen PDG's Tom

Dieter and Bernice Kulp, worked out all details with Luis Botello, F & B supervisor; Taylor Hutnick, banquet and catering manager, and Sean Jones, executive chef of the hotel, so that everything turns out well.

Registrations chairman Lion Shirley Hawk is looking

for a LOT more registrations to come in the mail the final days of March, so that there's a banner attendance. Everyone received a registration form.

Some times to remember: Friday night dinner with I.D. Stacey Jones and his wife Mary, social 6:30 p.m. and dinner 7:00 p.m.; Saturday morning convention opening session, 7:45 a.m.; Seminars, 9:00 to 11:45 a.m.; Eyeglass Collection, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon; Luncheon, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., with Leo awards, Peace

Posters, and drawing (need prize from every club); Voting immediately after luncheon; Hospitality, 6:00 p.m.; Convention Banquet, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday morning breakfast and necrology service, 9:00 a.m.

The 28 Leos in attendance will hear a blind student from Central Catholic High School, and also put together boxes of donated home-made or bought cookies for Meals on Wheels between 9:00 and 10:15 a.m. Saturday.



ID STACEY JONES

Melvin Jones Fellows Honor Luncheon Coming May 4th

In just a little over a month, the annual Melvin Jones Fellows honor luncheon will be held by District 14-K.

Sunday, May 4th, Lions, Lionesses and guests will attend the luncheon, this year located in the banquet hall of Leithsville Fire Co., south of Hellertown along Rt. 412. The social time will begin at 12:00 Noon, and the buffet luncheon follows at 12:45 p.m.

Chairman PDG Joseph Chunko said recently that to date there will be four new MJF plaques awarded, and one person will receive the Progressive MJF pin. Those

persons who have received the honor in the past will also be recognized at the luncheon.

Past Council Chairman Lion Terry Musselman from District 14-T will be the guest speaker. A member of the Greencastle Lions Club who is extremely active in Multiple District 14, he was here earlier in March as an assistant presenter at the 14-K membership workshop, a very likeable fellow.

Registration forms for the luncheon were mailed to every Lion and Lioness member in the district, so if you haven't

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Growing Lehigh Valley Could Mean New Lions; Get to Extension Workshop

With the continual growth of the Lehigh Valley as new residents from New Jersey and New York are attracted to lower taxes and housing expenses in Pennsylvania, along with increasing jobs in warehouse distribution and other light industries, this is a great opportunity not only to attract new Lions members,

but also new Lions clubs.

District 14-K has suffered the loss of clubs over recent years, and now there should be an upswing by organizing clubs from the many developments that have been springing up.

P.I.P. Joe Wroblewski has contacted all the district governors in Pennsylvania

regarding membership growth by developing new clubs. This is vital to the successful future of Lionism in Pennsylvania and North America. He has assigned PCC Jim Canon, New Club Development Consultant from West Virginia, to Multiple District 14 to assist in holding

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Saucon Valley Lions President looks on as Leos lined up to sign charter.

New Saucon Valley Leo Club Receives Charter

Twenty-three young people at Saucon Valley High School signed a charter on Wednesday, March 26 as they officially became members of the new Saucon Valley Leo Club.

After being introduced by 1st Vice District Governor Fred Folland, District 14-K's District Governor Dennis Butz told the audience of the students, their parents, and members of the sponsoring Saucon Valley Lions Club, and members of Hellertown Lions that

Lions are noted for service.

"When you have a hands-on project, then you are a Lion or Leo," he said. As an example, he cited his own experience after joining the Emmaus Lions Club. He felt that truly he didn't become a Lion until after making a difference in a family's life at Christmas time when, as he played Santa Claus, he gave the boy in the family a gift, when they couldn't afford any.

Governor Dennis said the Saucon Valley Lions had a

dream of organizing a Leo club, and said that the students will be happier on becoming Leos. The name LEO is derived from Leadership - Experience - Opportunity, and when the boys and girls become Leos, he said, they will find camaraderie, growth and leadership.

Leos were first organized in Pennsylvania in 1957, adopted officially by Lions International in 1967, and now

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District Governor's Message

Lionism Alive and Well



Greetings - Fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos of District 14-K:

As I sit here writing this message on the first day of spring it's cold, windy and 38 degrees outside, but I'm sure that by the time you read this spring will have sprung and the warm weather will soon be here.

Our District Convention will also soon be here in a few short days. This is **your** convention, so I hope everyone has made plans to attend some portion of the convention. The committee has planned many interesting and informative seminars. You will have an opportunity to elect our next District Governor and Vice District Governor. You will have an opportunity to meet and hear our guest speaker, ID Stacy Jones, and his wife Lion Mary from Florida. There will be great food and fellowship with your fellow Lions from across the District. Maybe you can bring some friends and show them what Lionism is all about. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

On Sunday, May 4th we will be holding the Melvin Jones Fellow Honors Luncheon at the Leithsville Fire Co. banquet hall in Hellertown to honor all the new Melvin Jones Fellows as well as all Melvin Jones Fellows. If you would like to present a Lion member from your club with a Melvin Jones plaque, or if you would like to re-present a plaque at the luncheon, please contact PDG Joe Chunko. Please plan to attend.

I want to thank everyone who participated in our District Bowl-A-Thon. Everyone had a good time as we raised money to help fund sight-related projects within our District. Thanks to Lions Jen and Eric Lynch for organizing this fundraiser.

I also want to thank everyone who attended the District 14-K Membership Workshop on March 15th. We had over 30 Lions from 19 different clubs gaining new ideas on how to grow membership and strengthen our clubs.

I would like to congratulate three of our future Lions Leaders who attended training within the past month. VDG Karen Brady attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Oak Brook, Illinois while Lions Debbie Hillegard and Anna Toolan attended the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Harrisburg, Pa. Their willingness to participate in this training goes a long way in assuring that the future leadership of District 14-K is in good hands.

It is also time for your club to elect officers for the 2014-2015 Lions Year. Don't forget to fill out your PU-101 forms with your officers' information and get them to LCI, State and District before the May 15, 2014 deadline.

Thank You to all the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of District 14-K for "Following Your Dreams" by "Delivering Dedicated Service" to those less fortunate than ourselves.

DG Dennis



Tatamy-Stockertown Lion Donald Spohn received a 30-year Chevron pin from club president Lion Greg Altemose.

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2nd Vice District Governor

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Dates to Remember

- APR.** 5 District 14-K Convention
6 Necrology Breakfast
Charitable Enterprises-TBA
4 Melvin Jones Fellows Honors Lunch
15-16 State Convention / Council DoubleTree, Pittsburgh 14-B
- JUNE** 1 All-Star Soccer Classic
2 Past District Governors Advisory
3 Executive Committee
8 Cabinet Meeting - Reg. 2
- JULY** 4-8 International Convention - Toronto

Extension Workshop

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new club development workshops to help us try to develop new clubs and increase membership.

PCC Jim will be coming to 14-K. There will be a New Club Development Workshop on Monday, May 5th at Christ U.C.C. Church, 5050 Airport Rd., Allentown, beginning at 6:00 p.m. "He will be here for most of the week as we target an area to try and start a new club," District Governor Dennis Butz said. This workshop comes at no expense to the District.

The workshop and training will be open to everyone and held on the evening of May 5 and after the first day workshop we will only be looking for 1 or 2 different people to help each day, DG Butz noted. "We understand that everyone has busy schedules, so we will appreciate any time you can give us," he told a number of key Lions in a brief memo.

Every club now in District 14-K has areas in their communities that could mean the formation of a neighboring club.

Let DG Dennis Butz know your club will have someone at the workshop. Or for more information, contact him by calling 610-351-9288, or e-mail him at dbutz@ptd.net as soon as possible. He said, "If we don't do something about membership, the service we provide now will be gone when we are gone."

Club Events

Hanover Twp. Lions Club - Bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on April 7.

Emmaus Lioness Lions Club - Creative Basket Party on Wednesday, April 16 at Shoemaker School, Macungie.

Tatamy-Stockertown Lions Club - All you can eat Spaghetti Supper on Saturday April 26, 4 to 7 p.m., at Tatamy Fire House on Bushkill Street.

Lower Lehigh Lions Club - Spring Flea Market & Garage Sale on Saturday, May 10, at Macungie Memorial Park. Sale begins at 8 a.m. and ends at about 2:30 p.m.

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1st Vice District Governor's Message

Keep On Moving On



As we enter the fourth quarter of this Lions year, we need to keep moving forward. Thanks to you, District 14-K has a positive membership for the year. Let's keep getting those new members and grow our great district. The more Lions we have, the more service we can provide. If you were not at the membership workshop on March 15, you missed a great seminar. If you are serious about making your club bigger, it's not too late to use that information. If you didn't attend, the GMT/GLT team is ready, willing and able to help you. They're just a phone call away.

On Monday, May 5th, an LCI club extension specialist will be in our district to help us start a new club. We haven't started a new club in more than four years. More information will follow.

Our state convention is taking place this year in Pittsburgh. It will be May 15, 16, and 17. If you've never been at a state convention, you will have a great time and meet a great bunch of Lions from all over our state.

Remember the Melvin Jones Fellow luncheon is on Sunday, May 4th. It's being held for the first time at the Leithsville Fire Co. banquet hall on Route 412, just outside of Hellertown. If clubs want a Melvin Jones honor presented, please contact LCIF Chairperson PDG Joe Chunko. This luncheon is also to honor current holders of a Melvin Jones Fellowship. PCC Terry Musselman is our guest speaker.

Keep up the great projects you are doing for your communities. Our clubs have done an outstanding job in "delivering dedicated service" as we "follow our dream."

1st VDG Fred

2nd Vice District Governor's Message

Spring Has Arrived!



Finally, the long winter is over and spring has arrived! The snowdrops have pushed up and their white flowers are visible in many areas of our lawn. A small clump of purple crocus is in full and glorious bloom. Green shoots, which will soon be golden yellow daffodil blooms, are starting to grow in our garden. The earth is awakening, refreshed and renewed from its winter sleep.

Spring is a time of renewal! We should use this season to look at our clubs and determine what we can do to improve them. The Club Excellence Process and the *Just Ask!* program are ideal for this. Available from your District, or from LCI's Web site, these are easy step-by-step programs. The CEP is used to look at your club and improve it. This should help retain members. The *Just Ask!* program is used to help you recruit new members.

The Pennsylvania Plan, which was presented at the Membership Workshop we held a few weeks ago, is very similar. Your club should consider both the Club Excellence Process and *Just Ask!*, but I hope you will hold a membership drive in spring as a way to gain new members to help with your upcoming service projects. New members may also bring a fresh perspective and some ideas for new service projects you may not be aware of.

We continue to increase our membership, and the good news is that as of the end of February, our membership is up 17 from July 1, 2013. This is WONDERFUL news! This doesn't mean we can stop working to increase membership. It just means that what we are doing is working. So please keep up the great work.

If you are considering using the Club Excellence Process or the *Just Ask!* program, please contact me. Our District has the resources to assist you with either of these projects.

Let's use this wonderful spring season to revitalize our clubs so we can grow like my daffodils!

2nd VDG Karen

HELP WANTED

Have an interest in journalism or an eye for photography? Want the opportunity to learn from a professional journalist and newspaper editor? District 14-K is looking for one or more persons who would like to spend some time working with PDG Bill Halbfoerster as an apprentice and gain valuable experience on how to gather information about District 14-K events and put that information together to be published in the Tattle Teller district newspaper. This is your chance. You will have the opportunity to become involved in reporting the District News, work with a professional journalist and at the same time the opportunity to serve your district. If interested, please contact PDG Bill or DG Dennis Butz. No Experience Required.

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REGION I

ALBURTIS: On February 4, club donated 55 lbs. of food to St. Paul's UCC Church Trexlertown Food Pantry. . . . Hosted zone meeting at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Alburts on February 26.

ALTON PARK: No February report.

EMMAUS LIONESS LIONS: Made a profit of \$1,230 from January lottery calendars and \$2,047 from Penny Party. . . . Held first reading of proposed 2014-15 officers.

EMMAUS: Made \$200 donation to Joshua's Future of Promises in order to sponsor a Bingo game. . . . Raised nearly \$794 from February hoagie sale and \$76.50 from the sale of Lions Mints in February.

KUHNVILLE AREA: Held the club's 28th charter night on February 6 at the Starlite Diner, with 1st Dist. Gov. Fred Folland presenting awards. . . . Donated \$200 to the Allentown Rescue Mission. . . . Made and sold more than 250 ham and cheese sandwiches.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP: All 500 calendars for project have been sold. . . . Planning to have two students attend Leadership Seminar. . . . Will purchase five bricks for five oldest Lions in club. . . . Held a very successful cinema horse race in February.

LEHIGH VALLEY SATURDAY A.M.: Planned a ham and cheese and turkey and cheese sandwich sale for March and will have a Gertrude Hawk candy bar sale in April. . . . Approved three new members to be inducted at fifth Charter Day on March 8. . . . 10 members and some friends bowled in district bowl-a-thon. . . . Will have a three-day White Cane collection in April at Redner's Market on Airport Road.

LOWER LEHIGH: Donated \$100 to St. Paul's Blue Church in honor of Lion Russell Snyder, who passed away after serving 35 years. . . . Two new members inducted - Catherine Kichline and Karl Kichline. . . . Sold 40 BonTon booklets at Trexlertown Firehouse breakfast, with new sale campaign starting. . . . Club continues to support "Relieving the Hunger" campaign by donating a basket of food collected at each meeting to Zionsville Food Pantry.

MOUNTAINVILLE: No February report.

ONTLAUNEE: Club made the following donations: \$100 to Lowhill Food Pantry; \$150 to Northwestern Ambulance Corps; \$150 to a couple who had a house fire with a complete loss.

SLATEDALE-EMERALD AREA: Continuing support of Northwestern Leos. . . . Selling chances again for two full season tickets at IronPigs games.

SLATINGTON: Approved \$250 campership to Beacon Lodge; \$250 membership donation for Lehigh Gap Nature Center; four \$1,500 scholarships for Northern Lehigh High School students and \$1,000 to Dream Come True. . . . Also approved eye exams and eyeglasses for two residents. . . . Steak fry fundraisers already booked for May 31 and August 11. . . . Community steak fry June 28 proceeds will be donated to Slatington Sesquicentennial.

UPPER LEHIGH: Planned New Member Night in February. . . . Donated \$1,000 to Children's Gift Program. . . . Looking for vendors for vendor bingo in May. . . . Total profit from football games this past season was \$5,720. . . . Planning Schnecktucky Derby for April 26.

REGION II

ALLENTOWN: No February report.

BATH: Held collection of food and money two days at Ahart's Market for Bath Area Food Bank, raising \$199.13 and eight bags of food. . . . Flapjack fund raiser planned for June 14 at Applebee's, 3702 Nazareth Rd., Easton, 8 to 10 a.m. . . . Meeting at local restaurant during Lent.

BETHLEHEM: No February report.

CATASAUQUA AREA: February M & A report did not list any activities.

COOPERSBURG: No February report.

COPLAY: Annual Super Bowl breakfast was a success. . . . Donated \$200 to district bowl-a-thon. . . . Working on oldies dance for May 24.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP: Will be sponsoring a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino of April 7.

HELLERTOWN: Planned annual Longaberger Basket Bingo for March 16 at Dewey Fire Co. . . . Continuing to collect food items for New Jerusalem Lutheran Church food pantry. . . . Collecting aluminum cans and related aluminum products as a club fundraiser. . . . Club has a new Lion, James Hill, who transferred from District 14-A Springfield Township Lions Club.

NORTHWEST BETHLEHEM: Selling Giant and Valley Farms gift cards and hoagie coupons.

SAUCON VALLEY: No February report. (Plan to charter new Leo club.)

UPPER SAUCON: No February report.

WHITEHALL: Four new Lions were inducted by 1st VDG Fred Folland - Beatrice Gray, Glenn Gray, Patty Vahey, and Panna Chbber. . . . Contributed \$310 in memory of a Whitehall Lion to Whitehall Public Library for large-print books. . . . Continuing sale of tickets for April 11 dinner dance with entertainment. . . . Aaron Fox, a Lion of 54 years, passed away.

REGION III

BANGOR: No February report, but held a charter night in January.

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP: Fundraiser scheduled for March at Texas Roadhouse Restaurant, receiving 10% of proceeds from patrons who asked to eat there. Also held a raffle.

EASTON: Collected food donated by Wegmans and delivered it to food bank at Project of Easton four times. . . . Drove sight-impaired woman from Easton area to meeting in Bethlehem and back home. . . . Paid for eye exam and glasses for Easton resident. . . . Welcomed new member, Susan Worobec.

HECKTOWN - LOWER NAZARETH: No February report.

MOORE TOWNSHIP: Have recycling bin. . . . No February report.

NAZARETH: Heard plans for district bowl-a-thon from Lion Jennifer Lynch.

PALMER TOWNSHIP: Displayed many events for local organizations on Lions electronic sign. . . . Sold raffle tickets for Center for Vision Loss. . . . Three members attended zone meeting hosted by Palmer Township Lions.

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP: Selling Chocolates on Broadway as fundraiser. . . . Sending Pen Argyl H.S. junior to Youth Seminar. . . . Working with Middle School for student who needs glasses. . . . Peace Poster kit received and given to Middle School art teacher. . . . Donating two brooms for convention raffle. . . . Still collecting old ink cartridges and cell phones.

RICHMOND: Already planning three chicken barbecues for May 31, August 2 and September 6, and helping out at Blue Mtn. Steam Shows and Swap Meets May 17-18, July 18-20, Oct. 18-19. . . . Held a father and son/daughter dinner in February.

TATAMY-STOCKERTOWN: Sold 50-50 tickets and supported Governor's projects. . . . Lion Donald Spohn received 30-year chevron. (see photo).

WILSON BOROUGH: Donated \$100 to district bowl-a-thon. . . . Bought ad and sold raffle tickets for convention.



PCC Dan Swincinski led the workshop for this district.

District Lions Learn Much At Membership Workshop

State Global Membership chairman Lion Dan Swincinski told members of the District 14-K Lions in mid-March that the membership workshop they were attending had goals of feeling good about Lions and feeling good about the opportunity they had to bring in new members.

For him personally, Campaign SightFirst back in 1993-94 had a major impact on his life. For others, he said, it might be doing different projects. One Lion in the audience said helping other people made a difference for him.

PDG Don Trexler said he waited 20 years for someone to ask him to be a Lion. As it turned out, he was club president in his second year, and in the years since he has worked with youth seminars and at Beacon Lodge. "We need a transition mixer of different age groups," Trexler said. "I was in my late 20's when I joined. Now clubs have members in their 60's and 70's."

Swincinski said, "When we ask someone to join Lions, we are giving them a gift."

Lion Richard Hanna said he gives prospective members a card, and his Bangor Lions Club has placed a large ad in the local newspaper about Lions and what we do. He has sponsored 17 members. His card reads, "If you're interested, call . . ."

Swincinski noted: "What we do is helping people, what we do in the community, and helping the youth."

PDG Linwood Gehris said his club puts up a list on an easel of who they've helped and when they have public events.

A former Lioness, Karlene Laub, saw what Lions were doing and she got someone to sponsor her. In the second year, she became secretary.

PCC Terry Musselman talked about the Pennsylvania Plan and also noted cards and tri-fold brochures that help, giving 10 reasons why you should be a member of a Lions club. "April is Friends & Family Month, Musselman said. "Tell people what your club does."

A membership development team can compile a list of projects that the board reviews and membership either accepts or rejects it. Members are assigned or volunteer to be sponsors of not just of one

LIONESS CLUBS ACTIVITIES

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Items for this monthly column are selected from activity reports sent in by Lioness clubs. We also encourage stories and photos on special projects. Mail to: **Tattle Taler Editor, 2556 Wood's Edge Rd., Bath, PA 18014. E-mail: tattle14k@rcn.com**.)

BETHLEHEM: No February report.

FORKS TOWNSHIP: No February report.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP: No February report.

LOWER LEHIGH: No February report.

MOORE TOWNSHIP: Club purchased two books of drawing tickets from Center for Vision Loss for \$100. . . . Paid for campership of Nazareth woman to Beacon Lodge and also paid for each member to be in 500 Club. . . . Sent \$500 each to local food banks. . . . Donated \$200 to Moore Township Police for D.A.R.E. program. . . . Paid for blizzard boxes for Meals on Wheels.

NORTHAMPTON AREA: Club planned to sell donuts for Fastnacht Day in March.

member, but spouses as well.

Another said: Have a special membership meeting to plan a membership social, listing date, place and agenda. The chairman would make up a letter to invite prospects to the special meeting. Have a meal or snacks; make prospects feel welcome and comfortable; have applications; have fun and be positive.

At induction, invite spouses, partners, and family members. Give the new Lion a kit and a pin. Tell them about the Lions Code of Ethics, how we have fun raising funds for good causes, what we do to help people in the community. "We need to be proud for what we do," said Musselman.

He made an illustration of a Happy Lions Club - Everyone is smiling, getting along with others, and volunteering. No one bosses people around. Everyone goes with majority rule. No one is jealous

or resentful. We all love each other.

When inviting someone to join Lions we need to know the background of the prospect and get some references.

Musselman said conflicts within clubs lead to drops. The No. 1 problem is people not talking with people, and service projects decrease. He listed seven steps in resolving conflicts: Define the problem(s); uncover the facts, organize the facts; determine solutions; realize the consequences; act on the solution; evaluate your solution. A lot of the problems are caused by texting. 90% have cell phones and use e-mail to members. Most clubs have a website.

Unfortunately, out of 18 districts in Pennsylvania, 16 are at minus membership. Although District 14-K is below the desired mark, we have gained 17 since June 30, 2013. Let's do more!



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Leos in Action

At the District 14-K Cabinet Meeting in February, District Leo Advisor Judith Ott had a report summarizing the many activities of the seven clubs that have been active, and noted that there were two that are being chartered, Saucon Valley and Northern Lehigh.

We'll begin her report on each club.

BANGOR. Andrew Krohn advisor. On November 18, they conducted a school-wide blood drive with the help of Miller-Keystone Blood Bank. Their goal of 60 donations was reached. . . . On December 20, the club hosted the annual "Rock Band Concert". Multiple bands of students participated. It was a great way for the students to spend the last day before Christmas. \$900 was raised, a portion of which was donated to Leader Dog.

Several Leos earned awards and recognition. Four girls were selected to the Express Times All Area Girls Soccer Team - Kirsten Ackerman, Sydney Rossetti, Allison Phillips, and Melissa Guidish, the last mentioned on the Express Times First Team All-Area. She also won the MVP award for the Bangor Girls Soccer Team and Allison Phillips won the Most Improved Player award on that team.

Many of the Leos participated in the high school theater productions and starred in the production of "Seussical". Seniors John Syzonenko and Elizabeth Bina and junior Zach Miller had lead roles. "Seussical" ran Feb. 27-28 and March 1 in Bangor High School's M. Craig Paine Performing Arts Theater.

NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH, Marsha Johnston advisor. The club wrapped Christmas presents on December 18. Many Leos contacted several businesses to solicit donations of wrapping paper and ribbon. The fundraiser was to benefit Meals on Wheels, and they raised \$616.

The club has plans to participate in the Walk Now for Autism, Jeans for Teens, and to assist with a 5K walk to benefit the Cetrionia Ambulance Corps. Leo President Jacob Wiersch has formed committees to ensure that all activities have a core group of Leos to direct and manage them.

The club also assists at the Upper Lehigh Lions Club breakfasts.

The Leos meet on Tuesdays, alternating with officers and general membership.

PARKLAND, John Mondschein advisor. The club sponsored two waffle and ice cream sales as a fundraiser. The sale in December was combined with a sweatshirt drive. Anyone who brought a sweatshirt got a free waffle and ice cream. One hundred sweatshirts were collected and given to the Allentown Rescue Mission.

The club also bought Christmas gifts for three children at the Easton Children's Home.

The Leos continue to work monthly at the food bank at the Agape Church in Schnecksville, along with helping at the Upper Lehigh Lions breakfast in Schnecksville.

Two major events: The club's annual Entertainer of the Year show in the beginning of March, when the funds raised went to a PHS student who maws seriously injured in a car accident last fall. The club has begun the sale of the Duck Race ducks. This event will be at the end of May and will benefit one of the school district's custodians who is battling cancer.

PEN ARGYL, Josephine Buscemi advisor. The school will be doing some service project in April. They had a pastie sale in March.

WHITEHALL-COPLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL, Jamie Brobst advisor. The Leos held a very successful sweatshirt drive in December to benefit Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley.

Three Leo Club members were named "Student of the Month." Kristina Martinovic and Kate Bionshak were honored in January. Marina Fayeze was honored in February. . . . Emily Soldridge rescued her animal "Tanner" from Peaceable Kingdom, an animal shelter in Whitehall.

WHITEHALL, Jessica Paulas advisor. The club members played Zephyr Games (board games) with the special education students in two I.U. classrooms.

The club members donated toys to support the Spanish National Honor Society's Toys for Tots drive.

Members continue to collect soda pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

The Leos are donating toys, coloring books, stuffed animals, etc. to local hospitals for ambulatory surgical bags. These "goody bags" are given to children who stay overnight or longer in the hospital.

WIND GAP MIDDLE SCHOOL, Josephine Buscemi advisor. The school had a service project called Pennies for Patients. The club is selling bracelets, and funds will be donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Northern Lehigh Leo Club was organized on February 21, with nine members. First VDG Fred Holland is their advisor. Attending the afternoon program were District Governor Dennis Butz, 1st VDG Folland, District Leo Advisor Judy Ott and the school principal. The club is sponsored by the Slatedale - Emerald Area Lions Club.

Saucon Valley High School Leo Club was chartered on March 25. (See full story of the ceremony and photos).

In completing her report, Lion Ott said, "Please remember that the Leos are our future. If there are any Lions who can suggest a contact for a Leo club in a school district which currently does not have a Leo club, please contact me." Her phone number is 610-262-7598, and her e-mail address is lionott@ptd.net

Melvin Jones Fellows Honor Luncheon

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already done so, fill it out with your check of \$20 per person and send it to registrations chairperson, Lion Shirley Hawk. A good meal will be ready for everyone to enjoy as well as the fellowship.

PDG Chunko is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) chairman, and is hoping for a great attendance to honor the new Melvin Jones

Fellows.

Each MJF represents \$1,000 that goes to LCIF for grants that qualify for disaster relief and humanitarian projects in the United States and around the world.



TERRY MUSSELMAN

Saucon Valley Leos Charter

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there are 5,700 Leo clubs around the world. "Follow your dream of delivering dedicated service," he told the students.

After his remarks, each of the young people received a packet of information and their Leo pin as they were installed as members. Gov. Dennis administered the oath of office to these first officers: Rachel Fenstermacher, president; Tyler Beals and Charles Fenstermacher, vice presidents; Sara Coughlin, secretary; Kelsy Lysek, treasurer; and Elyssa Okken and Ashley Marino, historians.

A representative of Congressman Charlie Dent's office presented a citation to the club president in congratulating the club. Certificates from Lions Clubs International were given to the club advisor

Martin Lewis and Lion Kathy Fenstermacher, a leading organizer of the club.

Saucon Valley Lions President Terence Roberts then showed the charter, which all of them and the guests attending the program in the high school cafeteria enjoyed a piece of the huge cake in celebration of the charter day.

Members of the club include: Aliyah Allen, Bryanna Allen, Tyler Beals, Ashley Chi, Helen Cordes, Sara Coughlin, Arle Douglas, Ashley Dougherty, Charles Fenstermacher, Rachel Fenstermacher, Vanessa Frans, Gianna Johns, Victoria Kohn, Kelsy Lysek, Caroline Madigan, Ashley Marino, Emily Mountjoy, Bridget O'Donnell, Elyssa Okken, Ali Ordonez, Breann Toolan, and Liz Trimble.



Leo Rachel Fenstermacher, their first president, stands by Lower Saucon Lions banner.

Lion Judy Ott, District 14-K Leo Advisor, could not attend because of illness.

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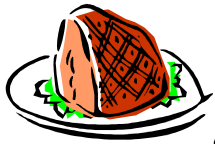
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Alburtis Lions Club Ham Dinner

It's Dinner Time!

Join us for Dinner on Saturday May 10th.

The **Alburtis Lions Club** is holding a Ham Dinner at the Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church on Spring Creek Road just outside of Alburtis, PA.

- Ham
- Mashed potatoes
- Green beans/corn
- Various Dessert Choices

Dinner will be served from 4:00 - 7:00 for \$8.00 in the Church Fellowship Hall. Children 5-12 \$4.00; children under 5 free.

Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church
8269 Spring Creek Road
Alburtis, PA 18011

Proceeds to benefit the Lions and Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church.

The Lion's motto is "We Serve". Come let us serve you Dinner!

"Jelly Bean Fundraiser"

Alton Park Lions Club

The Alton Park Lions held a fund raiser at the Redner's on Lehigh Street and the Redner's at the Trexlertown Plaza. Lion Paul Eifler, chairman of the fund raiser, was present at both locations.



Lion Gary Pave and Lion Joe Sizer also attended the event. While sales were light, we were still able to collect some donations and spread the word about Lions. If you need jelly beans, contact the Alton Park Lions.





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**Congressman Dent Recognizes Local Eye Bank's
Contribution to Lifetime Net Benefit of Nearly \$6 Billion in U.S.**

(The Congressman toured the Bethlehem facility during National Eye Donor Month)

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (March 13, 2014) – On Monday, March 17, Congressman Charlie Dent visited the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank to present the Eye Bank with a proclamation and to celebrate National Eye Donor Month.

Joining Eye Bank staff and Congressman Dent on their tour of the Eye Bank, was five-time corneal transplant recipient Anita Baldoni, and her husband, Tom. The Eye Bank's Co-Medical Director, Dr. Harry Buchanan was also in attendance. He explained the industry of eye banking, the importance of the Lions support over the years, how corneas are procured, processed and transplanted as well as the impact and success rate for his patients.

Anita commented that, *"It's such a blessing to be able to have the transplants, and for the donors' gifts which are so selflessly given to help someone else. Because they said yes to donation, I have an active and beautiful life"*. To which Congressman Dent responded, *"That's just one of the many reasons we need eye banks."*

According to a six-month study undertaken by the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), corneal transplants performed in the United States this year will result in nearly \$6 billion in total net benefits over the lifetime of the recipients receiving the sight-restoring surgeries. A member eye bank of the EBAA, the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank will provide approximately 2,000 corneas for transplant this year, with an estimated lifetime value of \$168,698,335.00*.

The study by the EBAA compared the medical cost of transplant procedures to the direct and indirect lifetime costs of the alternative – living with blindness or severe vision impairment. With a corneal transplant, an individual avoids the direct expenditures that come with vision loss, such as higher routine medical costs and long-term care costs, and the indirect costs of potential years of lost productivity to both the patients and their family caregivers.

Eye disorders are the fifth costliest to the U.S. economy after heart disease, cancer, emotional disorders and pulmonary conditions.

"With a corneal transplant, the individual not only regains their sight, they avoid the direct expenditures that come with vision loss, such as higher routine medical costs and long-term care costs. This Eye Bank is such a valuable asset to our community at large and to those who receive the gift of renewed sight," the Congressman stated.

The Eye Bank Association of America commissioned this study to determine the economic impact of corneal transplants. Researchers used previous years' transplant numbers and census data to estimate total corneal transplants for the full 2013 calendar year.

The cost-benefit analysis depicted in the table below reveals that the lifetime benefit of the procedure is overwhelmingly greater than the costs of the surgery.

Lifetime Economic Cost-Benefit of Corneal Transplantation

Age Group	No. of Patients with a Corneal Transplant in 2013	Per-capita Cost and Benefit				Total Net Lifetime Benefit
		Medical Cost of Transplant	Benefits: Direct Medical	Benefits: Indirect	Net Lifetime Benefit	
0-17	362	\$19,200	\$27,000	\$233,000	\$241,000	\$87,240,000
18-39	2,466	\$18,900	\$40,000	\$219,000	\$240,000	\$591,840,000
40-64	9,125	\$15,900	\$63,000	\$218,000	\$265,000	\$2,418,125,000
65+	35,408	\$16,500	\$84,000	\$2,800	\$71,000	\$2,513,968,000
Total	47,361	\$16,500	\$77,000	\$214,000	\$118,000	\$5,588,598,000

Source: Cost-Benefit Analysis of Corneal Transplant, September 2013, the Lewin Group

Since the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank's founding by local Lions Clubs in 1957, more than 30,000 men, women and children have received corneal transplants to restore vision and relieve pain from injury and disease to the eye. With a success rate greater than 95 percent, the one-hour surgical procedure restores the patient's sight and his or her quality of life. In fact, it's one of the most common and least invasive transplant procedures. **The EBAA study proves the value of the procedure and the economic benefit to the patient, family and society.**

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan declared March "National Eye Donor Month" to raise awareness for the continual need for corneal donation. Since that time, a member of Congress has read a proclamation into the Congressional Record each March to note this special occasion.

About the Eye Bank: The Eye Bank is a 501© (3) non-profit organization accredited by the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) and registered with the FDA. The Bethlehem, PA based eye bank works with more than 60 hospitals and many hospice programs and funeral directors to procure donor eye tissue within a 37 county area in northeastern Pennsylvania. For more information about the Eye Bank visit our website at www.PaEyeBank.org.

* Savings calculations are determined by multiplying the net lifetime benefit by the number of patients we served in 2012.

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