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International President Yamada Receives Set of Council Pins at Pennsylvania State Convention

The 2016 Pennsylvania State Lions Convention was held from May 19-22 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Reading and hosted by District 14-U. The Preliminary State Council meeting and the State Council general meeting were held on Thursday, May 19. Our International President, Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, arrived just before the start of the general meeting and was in attendance for that meeting.

There were meetings and many great seminars held on Friday and Saturday. DG Karen Brady attended the PDG Involvement seminar, which was presented by PID James Cavallero. DGE Marsha Johnston attended the Pa. Volunteer Certification Law seminar and was quite impressed by what she

learned. DG Karen is sure we will hear more about his seminar in the near future. The necrology service was quite moving. 394 Lions and 13 Lionesses were remembered at this service. The night ended with hospitality, which had a country theme and was very well attended.

Dr. Yamada met with Lions on Saturday and answered many questions. Anyone who asked a question received an "Ask 1" pin. The All-State Band performance was fabulous! One would think that those musicians practice and play together all year. They will not be attending the International Convention in Japan, but are planning to attend the Centennial Convention in Chicago in 2017.

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2016 Lions Youth Leadership Seminar Had 11 from 14-K

Submitted by IPDG Fred Folland

Forty-one students enjoyed this year's Youth Leadership Seminar held at Camp Victory in Millville, Pa. The seminar is a joint project with 14-G & 14-U.

District 14K sent 11 kids to this year's seminar. I would like to thank Catasauga Lions, Saucon Valley Lions, Hellertown Lions, Plainfield Township Lions, Upper Lehigh Lions, Slatedale-Emerald Lions, and Slatington Lions for sponsoring 11th grade students to the seminar.

The seminar started out on Friday with a pizza party and team building projects.

Saturday morning had a speaker on teen suicide and then the students split up into groups to participate in the zip line, rock wall climbing, fishing, how to complete job applications and survivor skills. We had a seminar on the Lions and Leo programs followed by

an evening campfire with the kids roasting hot dogs and making smores.

On Sunday morning we had a patriotic program and gave tee shirts and participation certificates to each attendee. We also judged the banners that we had the students in groups design and make. The competition was very close and it was very difficult to pick a winning team.

After speaking to all the students attending from 14-K, they all told me they had a great time.

I would like to thank DG Karen, Lion Ray Kline, and Lion Gabby Sheplock for helping to serve as chaperones for the weekend.

Next year's seminar will be held on April 28, 29 & 30th, 2017. Would like to have more clubs participate in sponsoring more students for the seminar.

Thanks to DG Karen for allowing me to serve this year on the seminar.

Soccer Classic Cancelled Due to Stormy Weather; Players Get Shirts, Scholarships

Notification was received by e-mail at 11:49 a.m. Sunday, June 5 that the 35th annual Lions All-Star Soccer Classic was cancelled due to severe weather forecast for Sunday afternoon and evening. Chairman PDG Joe Chunko said, with approval from the committee, he decided to call the games off. They will not be re-scheduled.

On Saturday, June 10, the players came to Christ U.C.C. Church on Airport Road to receive their game

shirts.

Also receiving their \$250 scholarships on Saturday were the following: Danielle King of Bangor High School, on the Colonial Girls team; Devon Santos of Palisades High School, on the Colonial Boys team; Alexandra (Lexi) Meisse, Stroudsburg High School, on the East Pennsylvania Conference Girls team, and Steven Riad of Freedom High School, on the EPC Boys team.

There will be no awards

ceremony/picnic at the 26th Street Playground in Northampton because of the presentations on Saturday.

Lion Chunko also noted that Whitehall High School is refunding most of the \$750 deposit for use of the soccer field.

He said that the committee may have a rain date in 2017 so that the games could be played. Suggested time changes for the games are also having the girls play starting at 11:00 a.m. and the boys at 2:00 p.m.

Final Cabinet Meeting on June 11 at Friedens Church

District Governor Karen Brady has issued a call for the final Cabinet meeting of this Lions Year 2015-16 to be held on Saturday, June 11 at Friedens U.C.C. Church, 7227 Rt. 873, Slatington.

Lions, Lionesses and Leos are invited as the district wraps up this Lions year and checks our progress on the goals that were set before us. We may even get a sneak preview of what is being planned for next year.

Arrive at the church by 9:15 a.m. and the buffet breakfast that will be made by 2nd VDG Karlene Laub will start at 10:00 a.m. From past experience, we know it will be delicious.

The cost per person to attend is \$7.50. Make checks payable to Lions District 14-K and send them to Lion Wendy Naugle, 6030 Sweetwood Drive, Macungie, PA 18062.

Cabinet members are to come dressed in their sum-

mer green and white, as the annual photo will be taken of them before the breakfast.

Reports from the various committees will be made following the breakfast.

After that meeting, a short convention committee meeting will be held to dispose of the convention ballots, hear the treasurer's report, and reorganize the committee for the 2017 District 14-K convention.

Coopersburg Lions Raise Over \$1,000



Lion Craig Kudsey of the Coopersburg Lions Club (in yellow shirt) raised \$770 in pledges for his club. He won first prize in the district for raising the most money for sight-related needs. Congratulations, Craig! A total of \$1090 was raised by Coopersburg. (See Page 3)

District Governor's Message

Thanks for the Memories!



This is my last column for the Tattle Tailer as your District Governor. It has been a great year. I have enjoyed working with the many Lions, Lionesses, and Leos in our District. Please continue to serve others in the future.

I thought about what message I'd like to leave you with. There are a few things I think are very important to say.

Membership is critical to our future. If we continue to lose members without replacing them, we will eventually fade away. The Lions organization is almost 100 years old. Growth is vital to our existence. Please continue to ask your family, friends, and acquaintances to join you in this wonderful endeavor we call Lions!

Leadership is as important as membership. There is a great talent in our clubs, members who would serve their clubs or serve the District. Help us to identify those potential leaders so we can encourage and mentor them for the service they can provide to all of us as our leaders.

Each of us should do what we can to serve others. There are many ways to do that. Take a neighbor to a doctor appointment or grocery shopping. Work with others to clean a schoolyard, a local church, or a neighbor's property where they are unable to do so. There are so many things you can do. To the clubs that are providing service to others, I thank you and hope you will continue to keep up the good work.

I wish to thank everyone who served on the executive committee, cabinet, or any of the other committees needed to keep the District moving forward this past year. I applaud you for your efforts, and for your success. We would not be where we are today without your help.

As I leave, I know I leave you in good hands. DGE Marsha will do a fine job. Please support her as you have supported me this past year. 1st VDGE Don is a quick learner and will do well assisting and learning from DGE Marsha. 2nd VDGE Karlene already knows everything, and I say that in a good way. The District Governor team will benefit from her know-how and support.

Though I no longer will be your District Governor, as the State Council Chair I will be writing columns for the Pride magazine, and I hope you will read them. I also think I can coerce our editor into publishing a column or two from me. Thanks in advance to both PDG Bill and Lion Joe Sizer.

Please remember my motto, "Service Through Leadership." You serve others by leading, and I'm hoping in the next few years you will decide to take this step.

Thanks again, for the great year and for allowing me to serve you as your District Governor.

Yours in Friendship and Service!

DG Karen Brady

Dates to Remember

- JUNE 5 All Star Soccer Classic
- 6 Past District Governors Advisory
- 7 Executive Committee
- 11 Cabinet Meeting, Reg. 1
- 24-28 Intl. Convention Fukuoka, Japan



Sick List

Lion Galen Moyer of the Mountainville Lions Club had two fingertips on his left hand amputated recently. He is at home, recovering.

Lion Paul Stoudt of the Plainfield Township Lions Club is scheduled for a left hip replacement on June 7.

Please keep these Lions in your thoughts and prayers.

Updated Information On Lions Eye Bank

At the February Cabinet meeting of Lions District 14-K, Lion Joe Sizer said he received a letter from Lion Karl Jones stating that the asset transfer occurred on January 29, 2016.

The new website branding is "Northeast PA Lions Eye Bank/Sight Life". The purpose of this organization is to wipe out corneal blindness both in the United States and abroad.

The board of directors was scheduled to meet to formalize the new foundation "Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation". The 4.7 million dollars that was transferred is currently in a holding account, soon to be moved to a "managed account" where the grant process system can begin by the next Lions year.

The nine districts that have been helped in the past and will benefit from the new foundation include: 14-C, D, G, H, K, L, T, U and W.

State Convention

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The culmination of Saturday was the International Banquet. Our own Past International President Joseph Wroblewski introduced our International President in Japanese. Since Dr. Yamada was laughing quite a bit of the time, we can't be sure of exactly what was said. Dr. Yamada reciprocated by

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1st Vice District Governor's Message



Attended State Convention, Now It's on to Japan

Fellow Lions, it has been an exciting month. I've just returned from the State Convention where I had several opportunities to meet with fellow incoming District Governors. Many ideas were shared as well as pledges to stay in touch. We'll all be together in Japan. My husband and I will be spending 10 days during which I will be involved with four days of training, then the convention will convene. It is my intention to post activities on Facebook as often as possible.

Turning to the State Convention, I attended a seminar entitled "Legal Matters." The speaker, PID Scott Storms, focused on *Do we know our club's constitution?* During the discussion, the point was made that our clubs need to incorporate. Our speaker, an attorney, mentioned an incident that occurred which resulted in a club being sued as well as each individual member. I encourage you to check out what is available on the LCI site. If you do a search, the site will take you to how to incorporate. I have hard copies of the LCI liability insurance program, and a true/false document focusing on your club constitution. Contact me if you would like copies.

With your elections completed, please forward the results to Lion David Fatzinger for our new directory and myself. If you do not have access to a computer, please send a paper copy to me, and I will file the information with LCI.

Please remember the Cabinet Meeting on June 11 at the Friedens U.C.C. Church-PA Route 873, Slatington, Pa. The Lions All-Star Soccer Classic is June 5 at the Whitehall High School soccer field. Come out, fill the stands and support our soccer athletes. Lastly, the Banner exchange will be on July 13 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 1533 springhouse Rd., Allentown. More details will follow.

Happy June and summer to all of you.

1st VDGE Marsha Johnston

delivering the keynote address in English. He referred to PIP Joe as a Godfather, whom he said he fears. That drew laughs from PIP Joe and the audience. Dr. Yamada did quite well with English. After the keynote address, gifts and awards were given. Lion Cheryl Fatzinger received the Presidential Medal and PDG Dennis Butz received

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REMINDER: Pictures of club activities with brief summary are wanted for Tattle Tailer.

REGION I

ALBURTIS: Lion Mike attended the convention necrology service honoring Lion Joyce Wambaugh's service as a Lion. . . .A representative of the ESSA Bank in Alburdis and the club spoke interactively about each could work together in supporting the community.

ALTON PARK: No April report.

EMMAUS LIONESS LIONS: Annual Creative Basket Party was held on April 19 in Faith Church, Allentown. . . . Four of our members attended the Emmaus Lions charter night on May 2.

EMMAUS: The club made a donation to Southern Lehigh High School charity baseball game to help support Dream Come True and the Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley to send a child on a dream vacation to Disney World. . . . Purchased a K-9 dog for the Emmaus Police Department. . . . Prepared and sold 1,800 quarts of clam chowder at the annual sale.

KUHNSVILLE AREA: Raised close to \$100 when participating in the district bowl-a-thon. . . . Six Lions attended the District 14-K convention. . . . April 23rd Lions chicken barbecue was a sell-out.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP: The club loaned an electric GoGo chair to a lady, and wheelchairs to three other persons. . . . Donated \$200 each to three students from Lehigh Township for the DECA Club project. . . . Paid for eyeglasses for three residents. . . . A township resident donated a pick-up truck load of medical equipment. . . . Lehigh Township Lions pork roast will be held on August 9. . . . Continuing our calendar project for 2017.

LEHIGH VALLEY SATURDAY A.M.: Five members and one potential member attended the district convention, and two worked the White Cane display. . . . Started raffle to benefit May 22 visually impaired children's fishing outing. . . . One member and a friend bowled at the district bowl-a-thon, with Lion Peggy Kratzer chairperson, and she brought along lion logo candy treats. . . . Had a spring White Cane collection at Redner's. . . . Planning a musical fund-raiser on August 14 at Pa. Playhouse. . . . Club collecting new and used children's books.

LOWER LEHIGH: Collections of used eyeglasses, aluminum cans and food for Zionsville Food Bank continue. . . . The Spring Flea Market scheduled for May 7 was rained out and we couldn't use the rain date of the 8th because of high winds. The vendors were generous, however, and the club raised \$1,259 even without the market and \$368.50 was raised by the 50/50 for White Cane. . . . Received a bonus check from BonTon for \$1,560 for sale of Community Day sale booklets. . . . Will have charter night on June 3 and a chicken barbecue on June 18.

MOUNTAINVILLE: No April report.

ONTELAUNEE: Selling lottery tickets for the month of June.

SLATEDALE-EMERALD AREA: Continuing to guide and support two Leo clubs. . . . No April report, but planning to hold 47th charter night on May 17.

SLATINGTON: Held Melvin Jones dinner on April 24. . . . Steak fry for Youth Football Assn. on May 20. . . . Attended IronPigs baseball game on June 1. . . . Approved eye exam and glasses for two residents.

UPPER LEHIGH: Schnecktucky Derby held on April 30. . . . Hosted Charitable Enterprises organizational meeting on April 13. . . . Held hoagie sale on April 19. . . . Planned Volunteer Night with a program about 4-H on May 11. . . . Held a chicken barbecue at fire company pavilion on May 21. . . . District's Melvin Jones Luncheon had a recipient from our club on April 17.

REGION II

BATH: Held a breakfast fund-raiser at Applebee's restaurant on May 21. . . . Selling 1,000 lottery tickets based on the August Daily Number, splitting proceeds 50% to club, and 25% each to Boy Scout Troop 33 and the Bath Dog Park. . . . Planning Bingo fund-raiser again at Northampton on July 6-9 and on August 17-20 at Muhlenberg Hospital carnival. . . . Will participate in July 21-24 Bath Community Days.

CATASAUQUA AREA: Sold May lottery tickets. . . . Held Lions Bingo at Jenota Club.

COOPERSBURG: No April report.

COPLAY: No April report.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP: Club held a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino at Pocono Downs on April 11.

HELLERTOWN: Held monthly aluminum recycling and hoagie sale. No April report.

SAUCON VALLEY: No April report.

UPPER SAUCON: No April report.

WHITEHALL: Donated \$800 to Whitehall Hunger Initiative for their community meals for citizens of the township. . . . Had "Spring Fling" oldies dance with D.J. on April 22. . . . Bought eyeglasses and had eye check-ups for needy man and needy young lady in Whitehall.

REGION III

BANGOR: Held April 9 spaghetti dinner for the public.

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP: No April report.

EASTON: Collected food donated by Wegman's and delivered it to food bank at Project of Easton four times. . . . Drove sight-impaired woman from Easton area to a meeting in Allentown and back home.

HECKTOWN - LOWER NAZARETH: Golf tournament on April 17 netted a profit of \$3,200. . . . Nazareth H.S. senior Lauren Resh was 2016 scholarship winner and she will receive the first of four installments of \$500 each during her college years. . . . Club placed second in the district eyeglass collection at the convention with a total of 1,910 pairs. . . . Bingo fund-raiser being planned for June 18. Easter egg hunt for community held on Saturday, March 19.

MOORE TOWNSHIP: Have recycling bin at township building. No April report.

NAZARETH: Our club collected 357 pairs of used eyeglasses for 2015-16. . . .

PALMER TOWNSHIP: Displayed many events for local organizations on Lions electronic sign. . . . Held 59th charter anniversary on April 26. . . . Making plans for White Cane sales.

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP: Voted to give three scholarships for Pen Argyl High School graduates. . . . Planning fund-raiser tables at Nazareth Day and Plainfield Farmers Fair. . . . Sponsored 11th grader from Pen Argyl H.S. to attend Youth Seminar at Camp Victory.

RICHMOND: Celebrated club's 64th charter night on April 20 with 34 attending. . . . Presented three Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lions Paul Smith, Bruce Fox and Dennis Fox. . . . Honored Lion Elwood Fox as a 63-year charter member. . . . Had two three-work-days at Lions baseball park.

TATAMY-STOCKERTOWN: Planning May 21 spaghetti dinner. . . . Raised \$82 in district bowl-a-thon.

WILSON BOROUGH: Sponsored pancake breakfast to benefit four families affected by a recent fire in Wilson Borough.

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the Leadership Medal. Both were very surprised, and very deserving of the awards.

Our own DG Karen Brady stole the show as spokesperson for the Council of Governors. She presented Dr. Yamada with a framed set of the Council's pins. Each has the shape of the State and an origami crane with a bit of color on it. Centered in the shadow box were the State pins from Hawaii, which was where Dr. Yamada took the oath, and the State pin for Japan, which is his home country. The Council pins surrounded the State pins. Dr. Yamada seemed very pleased with the gift.

Sunday morning was designated for voting. The Council of Governors for 2016-2017 held their first preliminary State Council meeting that afternoon. DGE Marsha and CCE Karen were in attendance. The meeting was followed by a meeting where the DGEs were presented with information from the state office that they will need to be successful. They will receive their final DGE training in Japan later this month. The DG/DGE Honors Banquet was held Sunday night and was well attended. CCE Karen received a ceremonial gavel, which was almost too big for her to carry. Nearly every district was represented at the banquet.

DG Karen was happy to see some familiar faces at the registration and certification tables. She extends a huge "Thank You" to the members of our district who drove to Reading to help with these jobs.

Bowl-a-thon Financially Successful

Lion Peggy Kratzer, who was the leading coordinator and a co-chairman of the annual District 14-K Bowl-a-thon, reports that while all the receipts have not yet been turned in, the district should make more than \$1,550 for sight-related needs. It represents 40% of money from pledges and donations from clubs and members.

There were 37 Lions, Lionesses and Leos who bowled at Jordan Lanes in Whitehall and another 12 who bowled at Hampton Lanes in Northampton. Lion Kratzer expects to give an updated report later.

LIONESS CLUBS ACTIVITIES

BETHLEHEM: No April report.

FORKS TOWNSHIP: No April report.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP: Had annual basket party at the Lehigh Township Fire Co. on April 24, along with a home-made bake sale. It is the club's biggest fund-raiser.

LOWER LEHIGH: No April report.

MOORE TOWNSHIP: One member attended Melvin Jones Luncheon, two members participated in district bowl-a-thon. . . . We sent \$150 to cover Soccer Classic tickets, and purchased an ad in booklet. . . . Planning a pierogie sale at the beginning of May.

NORTHAMPTON AREA: Club will be holding a bake sale on May 21 at Ace Hardware along Rt. 329. . . . Four members attended the District Convention on April 2 and six attended the necrology service on April 3. . . . We sent an 11th grade student to the Youth Seminar.



Coopersburg Lion John Prusak (in yellow shirt) talking to District Governor Karen Brady, came to visit the bowlers after raising \$300 in pledges. He was the second prize winner for the district bowl-a-thon. Coopersburg Lion Dick Woodring (seated aside of DG Karen) came along, and bowled with his right arm, even though he had a cast on his left arm.

— Photos by PDG John Kratzer



Easton Lions bowling at Jordan Lanes.



Whitehall Leos bowled at Jordan Lanes on April 17. A total of 11 Leos bowled with their advisor Lion Jesse.

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Alburtis Lions Plant Trees

On June 2nd, the Alburtis Lions planted a white flowering crab apple tree in Lock Ridge Park, Alburtis. The tree was planted as part of the club's environmental project, but also continues the tradition of planting trees in memory of members who have passed.



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