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## Melvin Jones Fellows Luncheon Next Month

The 2015-16 Melvin Jones Fellows honor luncheon is just a little more than a month away. It's scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at the Leithsville Fire Co. banquet hall south of Hellertown.

That's the time when we honor new Melvin Jones Fellows and recognize the present Melvin Jones Fellows and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

While a Lion or Lioness may contribute \$1,000 towards their own MJF or PMJF, it's generally funded by the club or district, recognizing the dedication of those Lions and Lionesses for what they have done in Lionism.

Chairman PDG Joseph Chunko needs to know the choices as soon as possible. If you want, Lion Joe will notify Lions Clubs International for the fellowships.

The event begins with a social at 12:00 Noon when there will be fresh fruit, cheese, crackers and a vegetable tray. The luncheon itself begins at 12:45 p.m. The buffet style menu includes stuffed chicken breast, roast top round beef, smoked ham, penne with

vodka sauce, mashed potatoes with gravy, chef's blend of vegetables, and corn, along with coffee, tea, iced tea, lemonade and assorted desserts.

The cost is \$20 per person. A registration form was sent out in January to all Lions and Lionesses in District 14-K. Fill it out and send it and a check payable to Lions District 14-K to registration chairperson Lion Shirley Hawk at the address noted.

### P.I.D. Polgar Speaker

Past International Director Eugene S. "Gene" Polgar, of Malvern, Pa., a member of Whitehall Lions Club, will be the keynote speaker for the luncheon. He served a two-year term as director of The International Association of Lions Clubs following his election at the 78th International Convention in Seoul, Korea in July 1995.

Past Director Polgar has been a Lion for 51 years. He served as the Presidential



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## Leader Dog School Kennel Renovations Moving Along

Leader Dog for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan empowers people who are blind, visually impaired or deaf-blind with skills for a lifetime of independent travel, opening doors that may seem to have closed with the loss of sight.

Since 1939, Leader Dog for the Blind has operated one of the world's most respected and innovative dog programs. There are three active graduate dogs serving in District 14-K.

In order to continue providing these services, Leader Dog has been undergoing a major renovation project in their Canine Development Center.

Phase one of the con-

struction is almost 100% complete and the new puppy area and veterinary clinic are very close to being fully functional. However, there's nearly one more year of construction ahead. Phase two includes the renovation of the training bays in the south wing. One bay is almost complete and new masonry walls are going up in the other two bays. A garage addition, new duct work, a new air exchange system, new electrical and new plumbing are also included in phase two.

The weather has been cooperative and other than having to deal with a lot of mud, things are moving

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## Final Convention Committee Meeting March 22 at Holiday

The next District 14-K convention committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, starting at 6:00 p.m., in the Holiday Inn Conference Center at Rts. 100 & I-78.

This will be the final meeting with the hotel staff to discuss all arrangements for the April 2-3 district convention at that location.

Some things that were ironed out at the February 8th meeting:

Lion Shirley Hawk noted that registrations are coming in slowly, which unfortunately is a habit we seem to get into. Let's fill out the form and mail the completed information A.S.A.P. to Lion Shirley, along with a check for the meals. There is no charge for registering, unless you are late.

Delegate and alternate delegate cards were printed and are being sent out now to the club representatives who will be voting on Saturday, April 2. Lion Karlene Laub, convention committee secretary, is sending out the cards.

Lion Silas Rodenbach has 14 displays lined up, including the eye bank.

International Director Kembra Smith of Decatur, Georgia will be our keynote speaker.

Programs for the opening session and Saturday night banquet have been printed.

Lions Wendy Naugle and Ana Toolan have the seminars ready to go. The only change is that the Tricks, Treats & Tips seminar will be presented by Lion -Lioness Nancy Keller and assisted by Lion Janna Steckel.

PDG April Kucsan is taking reservations for those who want to attend the Friday night dinner with ID Smith. Choices of entrees are braised short ribs of beef, tilapia fish, chicken breast, and vegetable medley. Send in your reservation before March 21.

Itineraries were approved for the Saturday

model luncheon and evening banquet.

Lion Joanne Santee will have coffee and donuts available for hospitality in the morning and cheese and fruit for the pre-banquet in the evening.

Lion Judy Ott has arranged for Maddie Link to speak to the Leos. The young people will be packaging cookies that the Lions and Lionesses donate for the Meals on Wheels of both Lehigh and Northampton counties.

Lion Ray Klein will be accepting used eyeglasses and hearing aids from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, and IPDG Fred Folland will give a report on what was collected for recycling.

PDG Dennis Butz asks that the clubs purchase or sell the 2,500 raffle tickets that are available, which help pay for convention costs.

Lion/Lioness Kathy Dieter asks that every club

donate a basket loaded with goodies valued at between \$25 and \$50 for door prizes that will be handed out at the luncheon by the Lehigh Township Lioness Club.

The convention booklets are being set up, listing all information, plus ads and boosters. They will be ready by the March 22 meeting, assures PDG Bill Halbfoerster. Tickets and name cards are being taken care of by Lion David Fatzinger.

The Sunday morning necrology breakfast starts at 9:00 a.m. Soloist will again be John Bauer, and the message will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Glenn Asquith, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church in Allentown. Twenty-one Lions and Lionesses who passed away in 2015 will be remembered, including PDGs Ray Taylor and Donald Trexler, with eulogies by DG-elect Marsha Johnston, and IPDG Fred Folland and Lion William Markell.

## Lion Karlene Laub OK'd As 2nd V.D.G. Candidate; Marsha Johnston, D.G.

Nominations for two of the leadership's top positions in the Lions year 2016-2017 were presented at the February 14 cabinet meeting of District 14-K. Both are members of the Upper Lehigh Lions Club.

PDG Larry Snyder read the qualifications of the candidate for District Governor of Lion Marsha Johnston, along with a resolution proclaiming the backing of her for the post. She said she

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MARSHA JOHNSTON



KARLENE LAUB

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor's Message



### Clubs Are Involved In Their Communities

Over the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to attend several club meetings and zone meetings. One fact that comes through at each meeting is the involvement of clubs in our communities. Our clubs donate funds to support a variety of needs and many service projects. I am amazed at the variety of support and how far reaching the effects of our generosity and time extend to those we serve. You are to be praised for all you do.

We are still planning for our District Convention on April 2 and 3. It's going to be a great convention and I encourage you to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with your fellow Lions/Lionesses and exchange ideas for fundraising, outreach, and membership. It's not too late to register!

The State Convention this year is May 19th and 20th in Reading. There will be some excellent seminars. I am encouraging you to attend. There is an LCI legal seminar, which proved to be very valuable last year. Another speaker will tell us how to attract younger members. Many of you have asked this question.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for the All-Star Soccer Classic. The games will be held on Sunday, June 5 at Whitehall High School. We need your help to make this day a huge success. If your club sponsors a LEO club, please ask the LEOs to help. It will be a great day for all!

Happy Spring,

*1st VDG Marsha*

Donald Trexler.

The next regular meeting of Charitable Enterprises will be on Monday, March 21 starting at 7:00 p.m. in Christ Church.

#### Reorganization

Before he left for a vacation in Florida, IPDG Fred Folland, secretary of Charitable Enterprises, sent this letter to all Lions clubs:

You are invited to the next annual reorganization and dinner meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:45 p.m. in the Schnecksville Grange, 5322 Route 873, Schnecksville.

The cost of the family style meal is \$15.00 (all inclusive, appetizer, meal, dessert,

tip). The Upper Lehigh Lions Club is the host for the evening. Deadline for reservations is Friday, April 8, 2016. Please contact Lion Fred at 610-767-8969 or e-mail [ffolland@ptd.net](mailto:ffolland@ptd.net).

The main purpose of this meeting is to elect new board members and officers for the 2016-2017 Lions year. Three members will be elected from each region.

All Lions in good standing of District 14-K are members of Charitable Enterprises. If any Lion wishes to be a member of the board, they can run for the office at this meeting.

We would like to have a good showing of Lions at this meeting.

## Marsha Johnston, Karlene Laub 2016-17 Candidates

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has enjoyed serving as 1st VDG and will serve as Governor to the best of her ability.

He also read the qualifications and had a resolution from the club for Lion Karlene Laub as 2nd Vice District Governor. Lion Karlene thanked PID Gene Polgar and District Governor Karen Brady for their efforts in getting Lions International to approve. While she has not served as a Lions president, she was a Lioness club president, and has served as secretary and is presently vice president of the Upper Lehigh Lions

Club.

Both candidates were approved at a recent meeting of the Past District Governors' Honorary Advisory Committee.

Their names will be on the ballot at the district convention on Saturday, April 2. Delegate and alternate delegate cards are going out to each Lions club this week for those Lions who are representing their clubs.

At present, there is no candidate for 1st Vice District Governor, but Lion Karlene said with all the training that is involved, she has to do it right by starting out as a 2nd VDG. A past district governor would be welcome to step in as a candidate for 1st VDG, so there is someone to follow the elected District Governor in 2016-2017.

## District Governor's Message

### Spring, A Time of Renewal



We waited with anticipation to hear if Punxsutawney Phil would see his shadow. Well, some of us did, anyway. His prediction was for an early spring. We've had snow since then, bitter cold, but also some warm weather. Recently I've spotted robins in my yard, and our orchids have opened in all their glory. Their buds were so large I didn't know what they were waiting for! The first day of spring can't be far off.

Spring is a time of renewal. The earth awakens and plants come alive. I enjoy the first sight of crocuses and bulbs that were planted years ago. Their shoots push up amidst the greening grass and blooms aren't far behind. Some have a wonderful aroma. All are pleasant to see.

Spring is a good time to renew your commitment to Lionism. Perhaps you know someone who would make a great Lion or be a wonderful asset at a service project, but you've never gotten around to talking to that person. Now is the time to have that conversation. There is no question that our clubs and district could use more members. So "Just Ask" or "Ask 1", but ask!

Spring is also the time to renew your club's commitment to service. We sometimes forget that our motto is "We Serve". Now might be just the time to figure out what you can do to help your community. Perhaps you can help clean up a school yard or a park. Maybe help an elderly or handicapped neighbor clean their yard and prepare their garden for summer planting. Service of any kind will get your club name out in public. Don't hesitate to help others by planning and executing a service project.

Remember that my motto this year is "Service Through Leadership". We are still looking for a 1st Vice District Governor candidate for the 2016-2017 year. If you are at all interested, please get in touch with me. I'd be happy to talk to anyone who has an interest in leading through serving, either in the district or their club.

Our District Convention is fast approaching. If you have not yet sent in your reservation, please do so before you forget. You can attend a seminar and learn something new, or brush up on something you already know. You can also renew friendships with other Lions in the district.

I hope, as the temperature warms up and we see more of the sun, you will open your hearts to others by finding ways to serve. It isn't difficult to do.

Yours in Friendship and Service,

*DG Karen*

## Hearing, Eye Surgery, Soccer Game, Calendars Subjects for Charitable

An assortment of topics was covered when Charitable Enterprises met in January. A report from that meeting was presented at the recent 14-K Cabinet meeting. The Hearing committee received a request for a hearing aid, which was approved. The patient was

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**KAREN BRADY**  
District Governor

**MARSHA JOHNSTON**  
1st Vice District Governor

**DAVID DANIEL**  
Cabinet Treasurer

**VACANT**  
2nd Vice District Governor

**CHERYL FATZINGER**  
Cabinet Secretary

## Dates to Remember

MAR. 21 Charitable Enterprises

APR. 2-3 District Convention

17 Bowl-a-thon

24 Melvin Jones Fellows Luncheon

29-30 Youth Seminar at Camp Victory

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referred to Dr. Glen Kleckner and is waiting for ear pieces to arrive so that the aid can be fitted.

The Eye Care Center committee reported they have approved and scheduled surgery for one person. An application for another person is pending. It was reported the poverty level criteria used for approving applications is \$21,000 per year.

It was reported that the Lottery Calendar sales for 2015-16 were down a total of 53 calendars from the previous Lions year sales. There were 267 full-year calendar sales and 100 half-year calendar sales, for a total of 367 calendars sold. As of February 12, there were 62 pay-outs totaling \$2,130 since July 1, 2015.

#### Soccer Classic

The 35th Lions All-Star Soccer Classic will be held on Sunday, June 5 at the Whitehall/Coplay High School Soccer Field. A planning meeting was held in January and there will be a mailing of two adult and two children admission tickets and other information on Saturday, March 12 at Christ UCC Church on Airport Road, starting at 9:00 a.m. Everyone's help is needed to make this major fund-raising event a success. Every Lion in District 14-K is a member of Charitable Enterprises, so if you know of any Lions or friends who would enjoy working or getting involved with the Soccer Classic please bring them to meetings that are held.

It was decided to reduce the program booklet advertising package prices to Bronze \$500, Silver \$1,000 and Gold \$1,500. Advertising information will be displayed on the District 14-K website. Admission ticket prices will remain at \$3.00 for students and seniors and \$5.00 for adults. Game day programs will cost \$3.00.

#### Casino Trip

Charitable Enterprises will run a fund-raising bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Monday, May 2. The bus will leave Christ Church on Airport Road at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$25. Contact PDG April Kucsan at 610-759-5137.

Lion David Fatzinger has been appointed to fill the vacancy left on the board due to the passing of PDG

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**REGION I**

**ALBURTIS:** Club donated \$280.00 toward the District 14-K projects fund. . . .Welcomed a guest who could become a member. . . .Conducted monthly hoagie sale.

**ALTON PARK:** Two new members were inducted - Jennifer Rothermel and Zachary Dimovitz.

**EMMAUS LIONESSE LIONS:** Re-scheduled a Penny Party to Sunday, February 28 at St. John's UCC in Emmaus because of the record snowstorm. . . .Held a joint meeting with Emmaus Lions Club, with 24 members attending. . . . Purchased 45 convention raffle tickets.

**EMMAUS:** Held hoagie sales in January and February.

**KUHNVILLE AREA:** Made three donations: \$100.00 to Allentown Rescue Mission, \$440.00 to visually and hearing impaired, \$125.00 to interpreter for a hearing impaired gathering. . . .Club received a banner patch "I Planted A Tree" from Lions International president; also received a 2014-145 Satisfaction Banner patch.

**LEHIGH TOWNSHIP:** Had 38 free eye exams with our free program in 2015. . . .Two township residents received eyeglasses through the Lions fund. . . .Received a thank-you letter from a township resident who received a \$500 donation from our club . . .Purchased 45 convention raffle tickets. . . .Received a letter from Leader Dog thanking club for \$200 donation. . . Cinema Night held on February 27 at fire company in Cherryville.

**LEHIGH VALLEY SATURDAY A.M.:** One member sold \$120 worth of Rada products. . . .White Cane project April 30-31 and May 1 at Redners Market. . . .Annual fishing event for visually impaired children planned for Sunday, May 22. . . .Donated \$50 to Salem Methodist Church for their food pantry. . . .Will be welcoming two new members.

**LOWER LEHIGH:** Collections of used eyeglasses, aluminum cans and food for Zionville Food Bank continue. . . .254 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected. . . .Planning started for Cedarbrook Bingo in April and the Spring Flea Market in May.

**MOUNTAINVILLE:** No January report.

**ONTELAUNEE:** A total of 15 baskets and three large boxes were packed for Cornerstone, Weisenberg and Northwestern elementary schools for Christmas.

**SLATEDALE-EMERALD AREA:** Continuing to guide and support two Leo clubs. . . .Have monthly hoagie sales.

**SLATINGTON:** Approved \$25 per club member for Tattle Tailer booster; \$100 for tickets for Convention "60"; \$200 donation to Cancer/Lymphoma Society. . . .Purchased eyeglasses for local resident. . . .Presented these membership awards: Lou Achey, 27 years; Woody Mack, 33 years; Ted Harlan, 16 years. . . .Proceeds from Christmas tree sales amounted to \$9,600. . . .Annual Comedy Night fundraiser on Saturday, March 5 at Slatington Skeeet Club.

**UPPER LEHIGH:** Held hoagie sale in January to offset annual children's Christmas party. . . . Schnecktucky Derby planned for April 30. . . .Hoagie sales held in January and February.

**REGION II**

**BATH:** Planning a public breakfast at Applebee's restaurant along Rt. 248 in May. . . .Voted to continue offering a \$250 scholarship to a deserving Northampton High School graduate in June. . . .Holding meetings on Saturday mornings at a local restaurant during Lenten season.

**CATASAUQUA AREA:** Sold lottery tickets for January.

**COOPERSBURG:** No January report.

**COPLAY:** No January report.

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP:** Club is planning a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino at Pocono Downs on April 11. Contact Lion Dick Lambert at 610-868-7815 for more information.

**HELLERTOWN:** Held monthly aluminum recycling and hoagie sale.

**SAUCON VALLEY:** No January report.

**UPPER SAUCON:** No January report.

**WHITEHALL:** Donated \$640 to District Governor's projects. . . .Donated \$200 to Whitehall High School Chorale, who entertained at club Christmas party. . . .Bought \$75 of convention raffle tickets. . . .Donated \$500 to Fellowship Community to help their needy senior residents.

**REGION III**

**BANGOR:** Had club's 62nd charter night in January. . . .Planning April 9 spaghetti dinner. . . .Having a pasty fund-raiser. . . .Paid state and international dues, and district projects.

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP:** No January report.

**EASTON:** Drove sight-impaired woman to a meeting in Allentown and back home. . . . Collected food donated by Wegman's and delivered it to food bank at Project of Easton four times. . . .Bought \$40 of convention raffle tickets.

**HECKTOWN - LOWER NAZARETH:** Club voted to change annual Bill Daney Memorial Golf Tournament to Sunday, April 17 at Whitetail Golf Club in Bath. . . .Annual Easter egg hunt planned for Saturday, March 19 with a rain/snow date of March 26. Held at Lower Nazareth recreation area on Butztown Road. . . .Club again offering a four-year scholarship of \$500 a year to a qualifying Lower Nazareth resident. Applications taken from area high schools and judged by scholarship committee. Winner will be guest with his/her parents at annual awards banquet in June. . . .Bingo fund-raiser being considered for May.

**MOORE TOWNSHIP:** Have recycling bin at township building.

**NAZARETH:** District Governor Karen Brady spoke to Nazareth and Lower Nazareth Lions clubs and her talk was well received by both clubs.

**PALMER TOWNSHIP:** Displayed many events for local organizations on Lions electronic sign. . . .No activities listed on M&A report.

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP:** Had 44th charter night on January 22 at Plainfield Family Restaurant. Charter members are Lions Robert Faulds and John Meckler. . . . Still selling brooms and RADA utensils. . . .On her official visit, DG Brady presented a patch to the club for completing three challenges, and also chevrons to three Lions for their 20 and 25 years as a Lion.

**RICHMOND:** Club's health and welfare committee distributed 18 baskets of fruit and poinsettias to friends of the Lions. . . .At club's annual Christmas party, Boy Scouts of Troop 14 were thanked for the help they provide the Lions at their fundraisers and also keeping the Richmond church grounds neat.

**TATAMY-STOCKERTOWN:** Donated to 14K district projects.

**WILSON BOROUGH:** Provided framing services for photos presented to 10 Wilson H.S. state champion wrestlers and 14 1,000-point scorers in basketball.

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Board Appointee in 1997-98; as treasurer of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in 1999-2002 and 2006-2009. He also served as chairman of the 2005 Forum planning committee in Peoria, Illinois. He has received the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest award bestowed by LCI, and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow - 8 Diamond.

Past Director Polgar, currently retired, was president and chief operating officer of the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley for 30 years. As such, he has extensive knowledge of eye banking from the initial call regarding a prospective eye donor, to obtaining, processing and distribution of eye tissue for use in corneal transplantation, education, and medical research.

He also served as the Eye Bank's "Lions Ambassador", traveling the tri-state area promoting the vision of the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley and its mission to provide quality donor eye tissue for use in the restoration of sight!

Highly regarded by the eye bank community throughout the United States and Canada, Past Director Gene has received numerous awards for his distinguished service in the eye banking field. He is the recipient of the Heise Award from the Eye Bank Association of America, the governing body for eye banks throughout the U.S. and Canada, the highest honor bestowed upon its members. He has also been honored by fellow eye banks and received the New Jersey Eye Bank's "2011 Visionary Award".

Lion Polgar has three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Bowl-a-thon April 17th at Two Locations**

Lions, Lionesses and Leos of District 14-K are reminded that Sunday, April 17th will be our annual Bowl-a-thon to raise funds for sight-related needs.

Lion Peggy Kratzer of the Saturday A.M. Lions Club, has taken responsibility for one location, but there still is a need for a person to coordinate the bowlers at the second location.

Bowling will start at 1:00 p.m. at the Hampton Lanes in Northampton and at the Whitehall Lanes.

Remember, 60% of the pledges or money you receive goes to your club, and 40% goes to District 14-all for sight-related needs of those less fortunate than ourselves.

**LIONESSE CLUBS ACTIVITIES**

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**BETHLEHEM:** No January report.

**FORKS TOWNSHIP:** No January report.

**LEHIGH TOWNSHIP:** Club participated again this year at the Little Shoppers' Santa Shoppe for children of families who use the Northampton food bank/pantry. 130 children shopped this year for members of their families for Christmas. . . .We will be having annual basket party at the Lehigh Township Fire Co. on April 24, along with a bake sale. Food will also be available for purchase. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for the public, with a drawing at 4:15 p.m.

**LOWER LEHIGH:** No January report.

**MOORE TOWNSHIP:** Club sent donations to the 4-H Club of Northampton County, Special Olympics, and Humble Hearts, a local group that helps service men and their families. . . .Voted to make up a basket for the district convention. . . .Members purchased drawing tickets for the convention. . . 134 people attended our Penny Party on January 31, the largest turnout yet.

**NORTHAMPTON AREA:** Club gathered items and will be taking them to Peaceable Kingdom. . . .Now taking orders for Gertrude Hawk Easter candy. . . .Purchased an ad and bought convention raffle tickets.

**Leos In Action**

District 14-K Leo Advisor Lion Judith R. Ott reported on February 14 what Leo clubs are doing in our Lions district. This is a summary of what was reported:

**BANGOR LEOS -** No report.

**NORTHERN LEHIGH LEOS -** With new club shirts, the Leos performed two service projects: they helped at Breakfast with Santa at the Peters Elementary School and helped put wreaths on graves at Cedar Hill Memorial Park as part of the "Wreaths America" project.

**NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH LEOS -** In December the students sold 172 cookie jar ingredients, which raised \$500 for Meals on Wheels. . . .Later they assisted with a science competition, visited Cornerstone Nursing Home, and will participate in Walk Now for Autism in April.

**PARKLAND LEOS -** No report.

**PEN ARGYL LEOS -** The high school and middle school clubs visited Chandler Estates each month, playing bingo, doing a Christmas craft, and playing board games. . . .The clubs sang Christmas carols on a visit to Slate Belt Nursing. . . .Addressed more than 350 cards for distribution at local nursing homes. . . .Made a Valentine's craft at Slate Belt Nursing. . . .Set up a faculty and staff clothing fund-raiser. . . .The high school club members were taught how to perform hands-on CPR by Lehigh Valley Health Network personnel.

**SAUCON VALLEY LEOS -** No report.

**WHITEHALL-COPLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL LEOS -** Club put up posters advertising a food collection for the Snack Pack Pals program, then packed the snacks for students to take home over the winter holiday. . . .In January they wrote letters for the Wounded Warrior Project.

**WHITEHALL LEOS -** No report.

**WIND GAP MIDDLE SCHOOL LEOS -** A member took third place in the Peace Poster contest.

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# Youth Leadership Seminar Weekend at Camp Victory

Districts 14-K, 14-U and 14-G will have the annual Lions Youth Leadership Seminar on the weekend of April 29 - 30 and May 1. It will take place at Camp Victory in Millville, Pa. (north of Bloomsburg). Camp Victory is a "special camp for kids" that began with and still is greatly supported by regional Lions clubs. The seminar is a weekend retreat held each year for high school juniors.

Every club is asked to sponsor at least one 11th grade student to attend the Leadership Seminar. Lions members are asked to seek participants by contacting family, friends or neighbors. A call to a local Boy or Girl Scout organization, church youth program or 4-H might be helpful, says local coordinator IPDG Fred Folland.

If you choose to ask assistance from your local school district guidance counselor, please be aware that the school is under no obligation to provide you with a candidate. Our Leo clubs are also a great resource.

The cost to sponsor one student is \$125.00 and will cover lodging for two nights, five meals plus snacks, refreshments throughout the day and evening activities. This fee includes transportation from District 14-K to the camp and back. For their enjoyment they will also share a pizza night and a campfire (weather permitting).

Throughout the event, various leadership seminars will be conducted, along with the opportunity for meeting students from other school districts. You are welcome to send more than one student.

## About the Seminar

The seminar begins on Friday evening and ends around noon on Sunday. During that time, students will participate in a variety of sports, team building and team projects. These teens will have an opportunity to hear trained instructors, knowledgeable presenters and professionals relate to them the decision making process needed throughout high school. This process will lead them into adulthood and help to mold their future.

The seminar is open to all 11th grade students in Carbon, Lehigh, Lycoming,

Monroe, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and Union counties.

The student does not have to be affiliated with a Leo club or a relative of a Lions member attend.

## Student Responsibilities

- Bring your own bedding
- Bring clothing suitable for outdoor activities
- Participate in all scheduled activities
- Have a great attitude and be prepared to have fun.

Parents and students are advised that the Leadership Seminar is an alcohol, drug and smoke-free event. Attendees are to act in a mature manner at all times with respect for everyone involved. Parents of students violating these rules will be contacted to make arrangements to have their son/daughter removed from the seminar at their expense.

Complete and return the sponsorship form shown with this story before the deadline of Saturday, April 9, 2016, along with your check made payable to Lions District 14-K. An information packet will then be sent to your camper. For additional information, contact PDG Fred Folland at 610-767-8969 or e-mail him at folland@ptd.net His home address is 5888 Bullhead Rd., Germansville, PA 18053.

# Kennel Renovations

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along nicely. They are on target to move to phase three, renovation of the training bays in the east wing, after phase two is complete.

They're close to the finish line with just over \$600,000 left to raise for completion of the project in a goal of \$14.5 million. This is all made possible due to the generous contributions of supporters, like foundations, corporations, Lions clubs and individual donors.

During the 2014-15 Lions year, District 14-K donated a total of \$6,295 to the Leader Dog general fund. These donations came from 13 Lions, Lioness and Leo clubs and the District Governor's projects.

\$3,400 from the district went to the Canine Development Center project from four Lions, Lioness and Leo clubs and the DG projects. In Multiple District 14 (Pennsylvania) the total giving amounted to \$167,510.

When the district convention is held on April 2, PDGs Barry Young and Dennis Butz will have a display on Leader Dog for everyone to see. They'll be happy to answer your questions.

# Eye Bank Merger With SightLife Noted in Paper

In previous articles, Tattle Tailer noted the discussions and then the vote that took place merging the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank with SightLife, an international eye bank that provides the most corneal tissue for transplant in the world.

A recent article in the Morning Call of Allentown recognized that the Lions members voted to combine the two non-profit organizations on August 19, 2015 after the board of directors unanimously voted to pursue the merger in July.

It went on to say that after the transaction is completed, Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank will change its name to SightLife.

The combination allows Northeast to further expand its distribution to United States ophthalmic surgeons, and also surgeons internationally, joining SightLife's mission to eliminate corneal blindness around the world, especially in underserved, developing countries.

Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank's customers also will have access to expanded services from SightLife, which, with its partners, restored sight to nearly 24,600 people around the world in 2015.

Michael Bearden, SightLife's director of business integration, will oversee day-to-day operations of the eye bank. Former Acting CEO Dr. Harry "Buck" Buchanan will resume his more than 25-year role as medical director of the eye bank, along with co-medical directors Dr. David DeRose and Dr. Alan Leahey.

The Lions Eye Bank banking program will continue serving donor families, corneal transplant surgeons and the corneal blind from its 15,000 square foot facility on Jacksonville Road in Hanover Township. In 2015, the local Eye Bank distributed 1,630 corneas for transplant.

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# Highlights of Things Going On at Beacon Lodge Camp

As District 14-K's liaison, PDG Dennis Butz provided a report on Pa. Lions Beacon Lodge Camp at the recent cabinet meeting.

• There will be two Leo rallies this year on the weekends of April 8-10 for Leos age 12 to eighth grade and April 22-24 for Leos in ninth grade to 18 years of age.

• Project New Hope, a camping session for our Pennsylvania disabled veterans, is going to be expanded from two to three camping sessions this year. Sessions will be held on July 30 - August 2, August 4 - 7, and August 11 - 14. Information can be found on the camp website [www.beaconlodge.com](http://www.beaconlodge.com) or by contacting any board member. Remember, the only expense the veteran incurs is the cost to travel to and from the camp at Lewistown.

• New HVAC equipment for the Children's Village cafeteria and one area of the administration building has been installed. A new ice machine has been installed in the Main Lodge kitchen. The Children's Village cafeteria roof will be replaced during

the spring in time for the camping season.

• The camp needs to replace 20 six-foot long benches in the Children's Village Quad. Any district, club, Lion or Lioness may purchase a bench with a \$1,000 donation. The purchaser will have his or her name engraved in the back slats of the bench. Benches will be sold on a first come-first serve basis.

• The 2016 Camp Wish List was printed in the Tattle Tailer in January. The wish list donations go a long way in helping to keep the camp expenses down. Last year's wish list donations saved the camp approximately \$25,000.

• Camp income was down by 10% or \$60,500 this past fiscal year. The camp has cut costs as much as possible without cutting programs. At the spring board meeting on March 12-13 the board will be discussing which type of fund raiser they can conduct to help defray the loss of donations. The camp appreciates the support they receive from the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of Pennsylvania.

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