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Exciting District Cabinet Meeting



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About one hundred people arrived at the Tomassello Winery on September 28th - excited to experience the newest venue & the first full cabinet meeting of this Lion year. The meeting had some firsts, such as verbal reports from some zone chairs; and an unexpected short, but delightful celebration of a Lions family union of two PDG's!!! See picture:third column.

The main speakers of the evening were from a newer partner in service - Special Olympics of NJ. CEO Heather Andersen, along with the Chairperson of Volunteers, Amy (last name unknown) spoke in conjunction with

a power point presentation on the organization.

Steve Rodenbach has matured through the SPONJ program and has apparent-



ly become a great spokesperson for the organization, as he also spoke at the September meeting. He is an officer of the newly chartered Garden State Olympics Lions Club. He is proudly again pictured on page 8.

Special Olympics of New Jersey provides year-round sports training and athletic

competition in 24 Olympic-type sports for more than 25,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, completely free of charge, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. ***



PDG's Bob & MaryAnn (Ragone) DeLambily married August 15th. Congratulations!!!!

Mid Winter Weekend

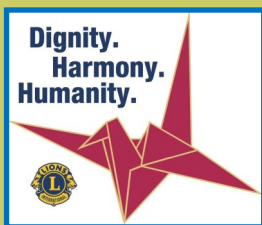
Preliminary details were announced at the September 28th meeting by chair, PDG MaryAnn DeLambily of a February 19-21st weekend at the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City. More info will be forthcoming as the date gets closer. Reservations for both the hotel and meal plan have a deadline date of FEBRUARY 5th. The meal plan per person is \$65 for the weekend. The room charge for Friday & Saturday nights is \$359.72. A flyer was distributed at the meeting giving many more details about all the various amenities available. Contact MaryAnn DeLambily at mardelambily@yahoo.com or call 609-923-4503 with any questions or concerns.



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Fellow Lions,

I would like to thank all of you for your understanding while I attended to moving and was out of touch for a few weeks. My new address is 32 Churchill Road, Whiting, NJ 08759.

For this edition of the newsletter I would just like to make a few announcements.

The 16-L foundation is now up and running with newly elected President PDG Pat Pennell. Her email address is pat16blion@comcast.net.

There is a district wide service opportunity with Special Olympics. If you are interested in volunteering for their 2016 Winter Games Volleyball Tournament which will be held at Galloway Township Middle School in Galloway January 9-10, please contact me at bburlew@comcast.net.

The district ALERT committee is looking for members as we all can remember hurricane Sandy three years ago. The Lions of this state were not very prepared to deal with it. To that end ALERT Chair, Jeff Pennell, is beginning work with the office of emergency management to get us more prepared to deal with disasters, and be certified to go into disaster areas to support first responders. If interested, please contact Lion Jeff at beepbeepthec clown@comcast.net.

On the state level, our long time state office manager, Phyllis, is retiring. Her hard work and dedication to MD-16 will be sorely missed.

In closing, please remember we are a team and if we all work together there is no community service too big for us to handle.

YIL,

Bob Burlew, DG 16-L



**Special
Olympics**
We Welcome Garden State Champions Lions Club



GARDEN STATE CHAMPIONS CHARTER

On September 26, 2015, Special Olympics New Jersey and Lions Club International joined forces, as Special Olympics New Jersey athletes and community members signed the charter for the Garden State Champion Lions Club. Champions Lions Clubs are Lions Clubs that include people with and without intellectual disabilities, empowering all members, offering them opportunities to develop their leadership skills off the field of play, and providing increased service opportunities. However, the Garden State Champions Lions Club is a unique Champion Lions Club because it is the first and only Champion Lions Club where the majority of members have intellectual disabilities. Congratulations to this club, chartered in District J.



28th Annual Peace Poster Contest

The theme of the 2015-2016 Peace Poster Contest is "Share Peace." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 by November 15, are eligible to participate. Millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in this contest.

There are various judging levels. There are local, district, multiple district and international levels. There will be one grand prize of \$5,000 and 23 merit award winners. Each of the merit award winners will receive \$500. The complete list of the prizes is contained in the Contest Kit.

November 15: This is the postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the District Peace Poster Contest Chairperson (in a mail tube only) at: Min Elders, PRC, 34 Bennett Court, Swedesboro, NJ 08085. Phone: 856-979-6379. Email: Minie1579@gmail.com.

First Joint Zone Meeting

Zones 7&10 came together on Thursday, October 22nd, for the first known zone meeting of this year. Twenty nine folks attended the meeting – including the non-Lion speaker, Brandie States, who spoke on Solar Energy.

Various club representatives exchanged ideas on what they had recently done and upcoming plans and/or events in this Lion year.



Pictured above are: l to r: Brandie States, Speaker; Zone 7 Chair, Nancy Sapper; and Zone 10 Chair, Min Elders.

Several attendees testified as to why they had become Lions, which proved to be very, very interesting, in many cases. Halloween decorations and candy were readily available to all and enhanced the ambience of the evening.

Some of the attendees are shown below: Back row, l to r are: Bob Turner, Bill Hansen, Debbie Bray, PDG Marlene Martin, VDG1 Clarence Brown, PDG Karen Ressler, Nancy Sapper. Front row, l to r are: Carmella Baccari, Dr. Larry Ragone PDG, Min Elders, & PDG Cliff Kehley.



The evening was very warmly received, cordial and fun!!!

The fall season is typically a busy time for Lions and this year is no exception. While some clubs are larger and do larger functions, smaller clubs also come very much alive. See below for those **clubs who responded to an invitation to share their activities.**

The **Cherry Hill Pennsauken Korean Lions** sponsored a Free Eye Exam for 13 people of the Korean Community who don't have eye care insurance. This was held on Oct 10, 2015, Saturday, in the parking lot of the K-Mart supermarket located at 1720 Rt 70E, Cherry Hill. The eye exams were provided by The South Jersey Eye Center's Mobile Vision Unit with Dr. Baker as the physician.

This same club also supported a Korean community and youth program on September 26th. The Korean School of Southern NJ School Dance team is composed of eight team members, ages 11 to 13 years old. Recently the team performed at the 2015 Annual Korean Thanksgiving Festival in Cherry Hill and the Korean Cultural Festival. The team makes a great contribution to the local community by spreading the beauty of Korean culture. The children performed the Korean traditional Fan dance. Tina Sung, the treasurer of the CH Penn Korean Lions Club, is associated with this children's group, and the Lions provided support for this Festival by providing food, and attendance, at a minimum.



The **Neptune Township Lions "Sewing Circle"** has begun making colorful Lap Blankets to present to the seniors at the MediCenter Nursing Home during their Annual Christmas Holiday Celebration in December. The "Sewing Circle" Lions are Toniette Kirk, Sharon Terry, Scotti Gallant, and Rosemarie Townend. The Neptune Lions also donate gifts to accompany the Lap Blankets in a Goody Bag. During the visit, the Neptune Lions wear holiday hats and antlers, while joining the seniors in a Holiday Sing-Along. Ten patterns were selected for the project. Lion Sharon Terry displays one of the patterns.



The **Greater Clementon Club** will sponsor another Christmas show bus trip on December 6th, to Resorts International in Atlantic City. The cost of the trip is \$45 but slots and food credit come back to the purchaser. Contact President Carmella Baccari at 856-783-7832 or email: carmie27@comcast.net to reserve your seat!! They also are selling once again their 16 slice, 1 pound cheesecakes in many flavors or a sampler is also available. Contact Carmella for this also - asap to have yours for the holidays!!!

The **Avalon Club**, the largest in the district, always does large fundraisers and is very successful in this area. They kicked off their Community Food Drive with a donation of \$16,000 to the

Holy Redeemer Food Bank of South Jersey during their October Meeting. Last year's drive produced \$28,000 for them that included cash, 500 turkeys and holiday meals. The club also donated additional food items and volunteer hours. The Community Food Drive was a joint effort with the Avalon Free Public Library, Holy Redeemer Food Bank and the local Avalon Acme Market.

Avalon Lions Charities raised over \$8,000 for local charities from their Annual "Pasta Night" fundraiser held at the Windrift Hotel and Resort located in Avalon NJ. This year's event was a huge success serving over 500 dinners and desserts. The ALC Pasta Night Dinner has evolved into an event that now features maître d' service accompanied by mandolin serenades and soothing organ melodies! Most of the costs were covered by the generous donations of area businesses and individuals. To the right is the very busy but unidentified kitchen crew.



The **Haddonfield Lions** held their 27th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sat., October 17th, at the First Baptist Church in Haddonfield. The breakfast has been an important part of the Haddonfield Fall Festival for many years. The Festival showcases the town's community organizations and hosts crafters and carriage rides. A special feature of the Pancake Breakfast was the South Jersey Eye Center's Mobile Vision Clinic vehicle which was positioned on Kings Highway in front of the First Baptist Church. Shown in the picture (to right) are Dr. Larry Ragone just inside the MVC; George Dieser, Sight Chair; and Carl Nieu Kirk. The Haddonfield Lions Club Pancake Breakfast is chaired by Haddonfield Mayor Jeff Kasko. More than 20 members of the Haddonfield Lions Club were there to prepare and serve breakfast. They were assisted by over 20 Leos from Haddonfield Memorial High School, a very active Leo Club.



The **Berlin Club** has just completed its iPad raffle campaign with the drawing on October 17th at the Berlin Fall Fest. A membership booth was also set up at that annual community event.

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Director's Corner November 2015



Fellow Lions:

Picking up from my last message, I had to attend an Orientation in Oak Brook, IL, our headquarters, for 4 days. This was to provide the first year directors with an in depth look at each of the departments within the headquarters building. Each of the Division and Department Managers were allotted time to speak in the program and to provide information about the workings of their respective areas. Each day started at 7:45 a.m. getting on the hotel shuttle bus to HQ and then around 5:00 p.m. returning to the hotel, changing clothes and either walking to dinner or hopping on the bus to transport us to dinner. One afternoon, we did have a tour around Chicago and several stops for photo shoots.

We did receive some additional training on the proprietary program used on the iPads through we have to communicate. Fortunately, the iPads are much lighter than lugging around a laptop computer. They are just as versatile as a desktop, but some of the keystrokes are different so that presents a learning curve. All training is, of course, welcomed.

The Orientation did not include our spouses. This allowed the new directors to work on project assignments during the day and to share camaraderie in the evenings. Our North American and Canadian Directors have bonded very well and seem to be working very well together also.

One of the main items we are working on is a long-range plan for the next 5-10 years. We are also discussing a new membership category, which would allow inclusion of specific volunteers who could help on projects. Another topic is what will Lions Clubs look like 25 years from now (no we don't have a crystal ball for this one). We all talk about every year is various issues with membership growth and retention and how we should change the extension process, if at all. Every idea is brought to the floor and discussed with a very broad perspective to reflect our International Membership and some of its unique issues. A major topic is the 100 Year Anniversary and the Centennial Challenges proposed last year. Here is a place that we can all help. First you can help by conducting a service project in one of the four challenge categories. Then you need to keep accurate records of what was done and how many Lions worked on the project and how many people were served by the project. The most important thing that some clubs are missing is they are not reporting the activity on the club's MyLci Activity report for that month. At present only about 37 % of the clubs are reporting their activities regularly. Some clubs occasionally report and others never report. LCJ is actively looking for these reports so they can use the information and numbers in their Public Relations campaigns and new releases. We are the largest service organization in the world and we should be proud to boast our annual contributions to making the World a better place each day, week, month and year. Officers should review the monthly report to ensure your club gets credit for all of the community service that is provided. We do it, so let's get credit for it, around the world.

*Yours in Lionism,
JD Melvyn K. "Mel" Bray*

Planning & Organizing Seminar



A District 16L GLT Leadership Training Seminar on "Planning & Organizing" took place in Manchester, NJ on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Unity Hall in Crestwood Village #3, Manchester, NJ. Thirteen Lions were present representing 8 different Lions Clubs. The training facilitator, PDG Rosemarie Townend, a recent Faculty Development Institute graduate, along with GLT District Coordinator, Sarah Taylor-Deak, delivered the Interactive Training Program.



Participants were informed that the training was just a guideline, as people are different, and all tend to work differently. Instructor Townend utilized a bulleted flip chart to outline the details of creating an "Action Plan" that contained planning, organizing, and prioritizing tips. Plus, a mock TO-DO List; a brainstorming activity; and numerous questions afforded the trainees an opportunity to show their comprehension throughout the entire session.

The trainees frequently remarked that it was a pleasure to be actively involved, instead of just sitting, and listening to a lecture. In addition, the participants engaged in a few side conversations which related to the topic, from which all gained new insights. At the end of the presentation, trainees left with many related Lions brochures, handouts, and pamphlets.

All in all, it was a very positive experience.

Written by Rosemarie Townend



Attendees below were: Todd Brugmans, Annie Slonski, GLT Coordinator Sarah Taylor-Deak, Nancy Matutis, Clarence Brown, Mary Townsend, PDG Rosemarie Townend, Gene Mele, Minnie Elders, John Shaw, Corinne Lacey, Marilyn Postizzi, PCC Arthur Orsi.





Joint Cabinet and
Sight Committee Meeting
for
LIONS DISTRICT 16 L



Monday, November 23, 2015

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM
Fellowship 6:30 PM

Tomasello Winery, 225 N. White Horse Pike
Hammonton, NJ 08037

DINNER MENU

Potato Leek Soup

Stuffed Chicken Normandy

with Apples, Walnuts and Brown Sugar

Chef's Selection of Vegetable and Rice

Mini Ice Cream Truffles

Coffee, Tea

Cash Wine Bar



Cost per person: \$25.00 payable at the door.
Checks should be made payable to Lions District 16 L

Vegetarian Option Available upon request. Please provide
the name of individual ordering vegetarian when you RSVP.



Please bring the
following items to
the meeting:

- Eye Glasses
- Old Cell Phones
- Used postage stamps for vets

*Please do not make
the boxes of glasses
too heavy. Thank you.*



Your club Secretary must RSVP by **November 9, 2015**

We cannot accommodate walk-ins - No Exceptions

Each Club Secretary is responsible for directly communicating their club's
HEAD COUNT and **MEAL CHOICE** (Chicken or Vegetarian) to:

Sue McHugh, District 16 L's Administrative Assistant
via email lionsuemch@comcast.net or by calling 908-812-5017

Please note that your club will be charged for no-shows.

Welcome New Members!!!!

These are the names recorded in MyLCI on the Lions Club International Website for the time period of September 1st through October 31st. If your name should be on this list, & is not, contact your club secretary!! Below is a picture of the newly inducted Lion Steve Rodenbeck of the Garden State Champions Club, holding his brand new membership certificate. This newly chartered club is in District J. **Note the look of pride on his face!!!!**

Avalon

- ◆ Agnes Loughran
- ◆ Robert Mackintosh
- ◆ Alice Paris
- ◆ Robert Shannon
- ◆ Maricela Sluberski
- ◆ Paul Sluberski
- ◆ Florence Watt

Eatontown

- ◆ William Diedrichsen

Galloway Township

- ◆ Donald Camp

Haddonfield

- ◆ Debra Nussbaum
- ◆ Warren Reintzel

Mantua

- ◆ Robert Demarco

Medford Lakes

- ◆ Robert Hodgson

- ◆ Salvatore Smarrito

Neptune

- ◆ David Woolf

Stafford Township

- ◆ Keith Badley
- ◆ Robert Kay

Toms River

- ◆ Joshua Hare

West Berlin

- ◆ Sharon Ammann
- ◆ Vincent Borelli
- ◆ Ivan Menjivar
- ◆ Terry Rosiak

West Deptford

- ◆ Joan Conn
- ◆ William Conn
- ◆ Eric Helms
- ◆ Catherine Nahas



LIONS ACTIVITIES

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The **Toms River Club** helped to expand the number of clubs that offer SPOT eye screenings. Moorestown, Maple Shade and Medford Lakes have all had members trained in the use of the SPOT screener. At the end of September, several members of the Sayreville Lions Club were trained in preparation of Sayreville Day. On their first outing, they screened 91 children using their District Eye Mobile. Of the 91 screened, several referrals for complete eye exams were made. Toms River Club will be participating with the Lakehurst-Manchester Lions Club in an eye screening at Lakehurst Veterans Day Celebration on November 12th beginning at 5 p.m. This is a repeat event which began two years ago.

The Toms River Club has been working with the Ocean County Mall going on 9 years. Recently, the club approached them about hanging banners in the mall and asked what such an action would cost? The cost was prohibitive. However, that question quickly led to the club being asked to participate in the Mall's Kidnet Program which had no cost. So far, Toms River has been asked to perform our SPOT eye screenings for the Mall's Annual Health Fair and also their Back to School event. Volunteers came easily from our trained membership and some 40 kids have been screened and several referred for additional check ups with an eye care professional. One of these

events took place coincident with the 16L Reorganization Mtg.

The **Allentown Lions Club** is a vibrant and growing group that has just completed its 75th anniversary. Allentown Lions Club sponsors community events like the White Cane Days, the Art Auction at the German American Club and the introduction of the Craft Beer Garden at the Fall Harvest Fest which have all helped meet the funding the club needs to support the community. As Club President Brian Williams said, "the Craft Beer event was a great success and drew many more folks to the Harvest Fest that would not have come. Hence it's a win for the community as well as win for the fundraising efforts of the club". This year's Craft Beer Garden was at the Allentown Harvest Festival on Saturday October 10 and Sunday October 11th. The club had its annual golf outing at Gamblers Ridge GC in Cream Ridge on Friday October 23rd.

Recently the club honored Kurt Bolz II for his dedicated service to the community at a ceremony on his Birthday. The club was proud of his service to such causes as the Boy Scouts and community activities and he serves as a beacon for others to follow in service to our community.

If your club has a November or December activity you would like put into the Governor's Gazette, email your pictures & info to: lkelly9678@comcast.net. The next deadline will be December 30th. The editor reserves the right to modify the information.