



The Head Lioner



Issue 12

Meadville Lions Club

December 2008

Bi-Monthly Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursdays * 12:00 p.m. * Wesbury United Community



December Birthdays

(Let's Give a Lions Roar for)

**PDG Scott Ladner
12/1/08**

**Lion Barb Lucas
12/18/08**

**Lion Travis Webster
12/27/08**

Lions

We are global.
We serve where we live.
We give 100 percent.
We do it ourselves.
We are rich in heritage and pride.
We are in good company.
We're open.

Upcoming Social Events

Christmas Concert

PDG Scott and Lion Joyce also invite you to a night of Christmas Music at the Academy Theater with the Erie Philharmonic Orchestra. The performance is on the 14th of December at 7:00. Cost is \$20.00 per person. If you are interested please bring cash or a check made out to the Academy Theater to the next general meeting

December Meetings 2008

12/4/08

Regular Meeting
Wesbury at Noon
Program Chairperson
Sharon Hollern

12/11/08

**Board Meeting
Vietnam Vet Post 52
Dinner 5:30
Meeting to Follow**

12/18/08

Regular Meeting
Wesbury at Noon
Christmas Dinner
No Program

New Member

Please welcome our newest Lions Club member Danuta Majchrowicz when you see

King Lion's Page (Karen)



Fellow Lions,

Another Lion month draws to a close and we can look back with pride in the work that we have done. Many hands make the jobs easier, and we saw that in action this past month.

We worked on the lights for the holiday season, replacing bulbs and hanging of the wreaths – a good time of fellowship and fun for the crews. It is always a good time to join hands with city workers and other crews alike in a common goal for the good of the city. Many thanks to Post 52 and to Windstream for providing us with good food after a hard day's work.

Boxes of laprobes and knitted hats and scarves are ready to be sent to our military personnel overseas. The SKILmates have worked hard to get them completed and a mighty fine job they have done. More should be ready this week, in time for the scheduled mailing on December 10th. What a great project for our club to support.

We hosted the District Cabinet meeting on November 23rd at Vernon Central Hose Company and the turnout was a good one. The seminars were well attended and many of our new members got to see first-hand how one is run and how much there is to learn by attending one of these meetings. Thank you to all who helped make it a success.

Terry Lynn nut sales are on-going. This project is a good money raiser for the club and many hands are needed to ease the work of the few. Please consider time to be spent and orders to be placed for the good of the club.

Christmas festivities will be held at the Venango Inn on December 11th and I hope you have made your reservations with PDG Scott for the evening. I hear SANTA himself may be joining us!!!

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army will be held at the post office on December 5th-sign-up sheets will be available at the next club meeting on December 4th. This is a fun time too.

Once again we are doing the Adopt-A-Family project and we hope to provide food and gifts for three needy families.

As we celebrate the Season in our own special way, may we remember those who have given their all in hope and in love, that we may continue to celebrate with the ones we love. Peace, Joy, Love and Hope are the words for the time ahead-may we all share in the giving and receiving of such to those we meet along the way.

Yours in Lionism,



Our Activities in November



Christmas Lights

On the evening of November 10th a small group of Lions worked at the city garage replacing Christmas light bulb and on November 20th they again helped to hang the lights on Chestnut St. in downtown Meadville. This is a community service project that the Meadville Lions have sponsored for many years. It is another way the Meadville Lions shine in and help improve the community. A dinner followed at Post 52 provided by Windstream (Thanks Dutch).

Pull Tabs Pull Tabs, Pull Tabs

Lisa Graff the managing Director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters presents PDG Scott with 3 pounds of pull tabs in the picture to the right. In a joint project with Big Brothers and Big Sisters the Meadville Lions collected the pull tabs which are turned in for cash. The money raised is then donated to the Western PA School for the Blind by Lion Bob Blake who is our district project director.



You Can Help!

Simply collect the pull tabs from you used beverage cans and turn them in to Lion Jean or PDG Scott. It is a very simple thing to do to make a difference. To learn more about the Western PA School for the Blind go to <http://www.wpsbc.org/index.php> for more information

District 14-F Cabinet Meeting (Hosted by the Meadville Lions)

PDG Dutch, PDG Scott, and I want to thank our hard working members who made the Meadville Lions shine at the recent cabinet meeting. The meals were great and presentations stop notch, no Lion went away hungry in belly or soul. The gifts donated by our Lions, the workers who helped, and new members who went to learn about Lionism all made for a successful meeting.

Pictures, Pictures, Pictures





UPCOMING MEADVILLE **LIONS PROJECTS** **AND EVENTS**



Salvation Army Bell Ringing **12/5/08**

This is one of our many community service projects and for me it is always a pleasure to see just how generous the Meadville community can be for a worthy cause. It takes place outside the Meadville Post Office from 9:00 to 5:00. If you are interesting in helping please let me know and the time you would like to work. dhollern@dadspetcare.com

Market House Christmas Tree **12/5/08 5:00 PM**

As we did last year the Meadville Lions will take part in the Christmas Tree contest around the Market House. If you would like to help decorate the tree or provide a decoration for the tree please come to the Market House on Friday afternoon.

Terri Lynn Candy and Nut Sales **Ongoing**

Our Terri Lynn project will be ongoing through December. We will be selling product at the Market House on Saturday mornings. The product is of excellent quality and will make nice Christmas gifts and snacks through the holiday season.

Meadville Lions' Christmas Party **12/11/08**

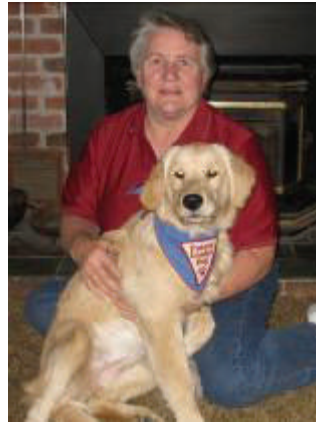
Keep the evening of December 11th open for our Christmas party. It will be at Venango Valley Inn & Golf Course this year. If you want to attend please let PDG Scott know as soon as possible.

Meadville Lions' Adopt A Family **Ongoing**

The Meadville Lions will adopt 4 needy families this Christmas season. A follow up email will come with gift selections. This is one of those small Miracles Through Service that we can provide. Please be generous and brighten someone's Christmas.

Raising Puppies is Hmm Hmm Good!!!

by Jean Weber – District 14-F



It all started back in 1992 when our oldest daughter, Paula was away at Cedarville College, our son Jonathan had gone to Belgium for a year as a Rotary Exchange Student, and Emily, our youngest daughter made the announcement! “Mom and Dad, I don’t think I want to raise a steer for my 4-H project this year”. We asked her what she **would** like to do, and she replied, “I think I’d like to raise one of those Leader Dog Puppies for the Blind”! So began our puppy raising adventures. We applied, were approved, and received our first puppy, a handsome German Shepherd that we named Morgan. Emily took him to 4-H, to her high school basketball games, to church, shopping and to the library. All in all, every where that Emily went, Morgan was sure to go! All too soon it was time to take Morgan back to Rochester, MI so he could go to school.

It wouldn’t be lonely for long, though, since an adorable little Yellow Lab that we named Molly came to live with us for a year. We found even more places to take a future Leader Dog puppy, and all too soon it was graduation time for Emily and time for Molly to go to school.

You guessed it! Brian and I asked if we could continue raising puppies, even though Emily had gone off to Germany for a year as a Rotary Exchange Student. By that time, the tradition of naming of our puppies beginning with the letter “M” was established.

Maggie, Murphy and Mindy helped the ‘empty nesters’ survive and also helped with college graduations. Macey, Mike and Mandy helped with more graduations and weddings. Mitchell, Melody and Major helped with grandchildren arriving. Finally, Miner, and now Marnie have helped with family moving overseas, more grandchildren arriving, and we still haven’t run out of names beginning with the letter “M”!

We’ve had the joy of seeing puppies that we have raised go to foreign countries such as Canada, Mexico and Spain. One went into the breeding program, Some others have gone to South Carolina, Texas and Michigan. Some have come back home because of being “Career Changed” and have helped to bring a lot of cheer into our lives, not to mention helping raising another “pesky” puppy!

We’ve had scary situations such as one puppy swallowing a needle and thread. (he survived.) Another one accidentally got loose with our family dog and went for a two-mile walk before we realized they were gone. Imagine our relief when we found them, got them into the car, and just then a skunk crossed the road in front of us! Yet another one acted as an angel and accompanied our 2 year-old grandson when he decided to go for a walk down our lonely country road. She refused to leave his side and kept him safe as he trudged along back home to safety. A fellow Lion’s Club member adopted one of our career changed puppies and discovered first hand one of his bad habits. They were all set to enjoy their first wedding anniversary and eat the top of their cake and yes, you guessed it – their dog had stolen it right off the kitchen counter and ate it! Hopefully in a few years they will be able to laugh about it and it will be one of many fond memories they have.

So, yes, raising Leader Dog puppies IS Hmm Hmm good and has given us many interesting and rewarding experiences. Doing this has made it possible for many individuals with impaired vision to have greater independence. But, best of all is the fact that it was the means by which I was invited to become a member of the Meadville Lions Club. And, did I mention, I DO like M & M’s!!!

Lions Community Page

Veterans Welcome Home Association

PROJECT SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

It's hard to believe that it's that time of year again, but it's time to get ready for the holidays. We held our normal monthly packing in October but opted to forego the normal monthly packing in November because our resources were so low. We send approximately 75 – 100 boxes each month and at Christmas time every soldier on our list gets a box. **This Christmas we are sending appx. 787 boxes for a total cost of \$8,200.** That is a huge undertaking and we wanted to be sure we could accomplish that this year. We have been sending our press releases and e-mails to keep our supporters up to date and the response has been very heart warming although we're not even half way there yet..

We have some small 12" Christmas trees that will be sent to the soldiers and they will also receive a Support Our Troops snowman Christmas ornament. We have been selling the ornaments to raise the money needed to send this ornament to each of the soldiers. They are selling like crazy. Pick yours up at the Post – only \$3 each. For every ornament we sell, we can buy 2 ornaments to send to soldiers.

Holiday packing schedule:

Dec 3 (Wed) 6:00PM

Dec 6 (Sat) 10:00 AM



The Meadville Lions Club's Christmas Party



Thursday 12/11/08 6:00 Social Hour and Dinner at 7:00

Dinner Selection

- 1. Raspberry Chicken Breast stuffed with cranberry walnut dressing and raspberry glaze over wild rice*
- 2. Haddock filet with crabmeat stuffing*
- 3. English cut prime rib stuffed with wild rice mushroom dressing and mushroom demi-glaze.*

All meals come with choice of baked potato or wild rice, salad, vegetable and roll. Apple crisp with ice cream served for dessert.

Reservation can be made with PDG Scott Ladner at 382-1905 no later than 12/5/08. Checks can be made payable to Meadville Lions Club and sent to 13301 N. Watson Run Rd., Conneaut Lake, PA 16316

Please bring a \$10.00 gift to pass for you and your guest marked accordingly for Guy or Gal.

Meadville Lions Club Christmas Party 2008

Lion Attending _____ *Meal Choice* _____

Lion or Guest _____ *Meal Choice* _____

Amount Paid _____



Message From The International President



PROJECTS WITHOUT SIGNAGE ARE INCOMPLETE

by Al Brandel, President, The International Association of Lions Clubs

I've seen firsthand some wonderful Lions projects in my travels as international president. But let me tell you about something I have not seen—or at least not enough of. Lions often fail to identify their projects with the Lions logo or signage with a Lions identity. Or they do not wear their vests, which is another way to tell the public who is responsible for the valuable event they are witnessing.

Modesty is an admirable trait. But this is really not about modesty. It's about telling the public how important Lions are to their community. It's about gaining visibility and making it easier to recruit new members and network with other people and groups in our communities. We perform service because we believe in the value of giving back. But visibility is one of the benefits of community service. Let's take advantage of that and relish the chance to increase the recognition level of Lions and what we do.

Honestly, I think sometimes we don't take enough pride on who we are and what we do. We're not "just another community group." We're the world's largest service club. We're the Knights of the Blind. But we also crucially important to youths, those with disabilities and people affected by disasters. Can you imagine the world without Lions? Or even just your own community? Our miracles of service enable countless people to live more productive and happier lives. Lions are the everyday heroes in our communities who selflessly fill in the gaps not filled by government or charities.

In this day and age, cluttered with information and advertisements, it's more important than ever for Lions to take it upon themselves to publicize our efforts. Innumerable other groups are vying for attention. Our projects should give us a leg up. They touch people's lives in a deep and lasting way. Let's not fail to capitalize on our ties to the community and subtly remind people that Lions are one of the best features of their neighborhood.

It doesn't take a lot of time to erect a sign or a plaque. But the sign or plaque could have a lifetime effect on the person who becomes curious about Lions and then decides to join. That person in turn can affect many, many people as a Lion. So please, as a sign of your dedication to Lions, sign up for duty as a promoter of all things Lions.

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J Ladner & Everyone

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B Lucas

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Environment

J Salak

Membership/Retention

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Good Will

S Hollern

PROGRAM ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

For July 2008 through June 2009

JULY 3	NONE
JULY 17	GEORGE FLOWERS
AUGUST 7	MARTHA CONSOLA
AUGUST 21	FAIR
SEPTEMBER 4	JUDY SHUMAKER
SEPTEMBER 18	CINDY FIORILLO
OCTOBER 2	TOM SMITH
OCTOBER 16	BETSY HEINTZ
NOVEMBER 6	R COLLINS
NOVEMBER 20	THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 4	SHARON HOLLERN
DECEMBER 18	CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 1	NEW YEAR'S
JANUARY 15	LINDA PETERS
FEBURUARY 5	DOUG NOLA
FEBURUARY 19	MINDY COLE
MARCH 5	ARDEN HUGHES
MARCH 19	BONNIE VAN NORT
APRIL 2	ROBERT SANTORA
APRIL 16	ROBERT STAINBROOK
MAY 7	JEANWEBER
MAY 21	DENNY WATSON



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2008—2009*

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