



The Head Lioner



Issue 11

MEADVILLE LION'S CLUB

November 2007

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



Happy Thanksgiving



OUR HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

We will be selling Terri-Lynn products for our annual holiday fundraiser. The co-chairmen for this project are Lions Larry Mineweaser and Dave Hollern. Dave has emailed everyone the signup sheets. Please check your schedule and contact Lion Larry or Lion Dave with your times and locations.

There are flyers on pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter. This can only be a successful project with your support

The trip to the circus in Cleveland was a great success and everyone had a good time.

Thanks to Lion Dave Hollern and his expertise there are several photos on the inside.

Although it was not planned as a fundraiser we realized a profit of \$201.47. My thanks to everyone that went on this outing.

The next fun night out is in the planning stages.
(A PROGRESSIVE DINNER)



NOVEMBER MEETINGS

11/01/2007

Regular Meeting
Wesbury at Noon
Program Chairperson
Martha Consla

Program
Rob Sharp

Quantum-Touch Instructor
& Practitioner

11/08/2007

Board Meeting
V.F.W Post 52

11/15/2007

Regular Meeting
Wesbury At Noon
Program

District Governor Visit
& Thanksgiving Dinner

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

November 1, 2007

Program Chairperson
Martha Consla

November 15, 2007

Program Chairperson
Thanksgiving Program

November Birthdays

Jean Weber
11-3

Linda Peters
11-07

Herb Lucas
11-09

Robert Petruso, II
11-16

Tracey Larson
11-21

Donna Stimpson
11-25





From The King Lion's Korner

(Rob Sharp)



I'm back from a tremendous holiday, where I gave away my youngest daughter, ate some good food and caught up with lots of friends. Guess it had to end.

We were pleased to see that the Club did look after Everybody's Store like it was their own. Thank you. A great result, with the Club making in excess of \$3,150.00. A lot of work and I'd like to thank all those that kept the doors open. Particularly PDG's John and Scott for doing the organizing.

This Saturday we have both the Halloween Parade Downtown at 6.00pm and White Cane Day at Walmart. Contact Lion Dave Hollern for Halloween details and Doug Nola with the times you can assist at Walmart. We are manning both entrances at Walmart.

The reason we join Lions is to get involved. Step up to the plate, we need you batting for us. Your continued support of these functions is what makes our Club great.

We also have the **Terry Lynn** Nut and Candy Sale. We are expecting all Club members to make at least one purchase, but I'd personally like to hope that all Lions could buy at least one of each variety. **Terry Lynn** is tremendous value for money and the quality is superb. Thanksgiving is upon us and this promotion gives you the opportunity to support the Club with your taste buds. Buy all your nuts from your own store. The Premium Tins make good Christmas presents.

Lions Larry & Dave are coordinating sales. The Club is selling them at the Market House on Saturday mornings between 8.00am and 12.00pm. And we will have various other locations. See Dave & Larry for details and catalogues and the times you can "step up to the plate" and man the table.

It's good to see new members coming into the Club. Welcome; Betsy, Brian, John and Travis.

I'd like to encourage all members to *take every opportunity, every day*. and ask people they meet, to consider joining our Lions Club. In talking to people around town, I find that the majority, have no idea what a Lions Club does. I believe it's the responsibility of every Lions Club Member to inform them and spread the word. One of the best ways is to invite a prospective member to a meeting and they can see for themselves and talk to some of the "old timers", the ones that have a wealth of experience.

Just think of the number of people you talk daily, that you do not mention our Lions Club. If you would like Lions Club Business Cards, just let me know.

I'm proud to be a Lion and am happy to talk to anyone at any time. You should to.

Christmas is drawing near and the maintenance of the Chestnut Street lights is scheduled for Monday 5th November. The installation will be on Thursday 15th November starting around 5.00-5.30pm. Windstream will be supplying the Crane Trucks and we'll have supper together after.

Get ready for the Christmas Party at 6.00pm on Thursday December 13th at the Meadville Country Club. Have a look at last years frivolity on the website. A great time was had by one and all. Enjoy every day.

Yours in Lionism
KL Rob



MEADVILLE LIONS CLUB CONTRIBUTED \$500.00 TO MEADVILLE POST 52



At the August Board Meeting our Lions Club contributed \$500.00 to the Post 52 Welcome Home Association to assist them in their efforts to upgrade the War Memorial at the Crawford County Court House. The check is being presented by Lion Rob Sharp to the members of Post 52. All Crawford County veterans that lost their lives during the wars past are listed on the Memorial. Unfortunate as it may be because to the conditions around the world today more space is required on the Memorial.

Post 52 is committed to seeing this worthwhile project to a successful conclusion and our Lions Club is pleased to be able to assist in the project.

From left to right are Bill Stevens, JoAnn McClay, Lion President Rob Sharp, Mary Ann Stevens, Sheila Preston, Arlene Stewart and Past District Governor Dutch Dine.

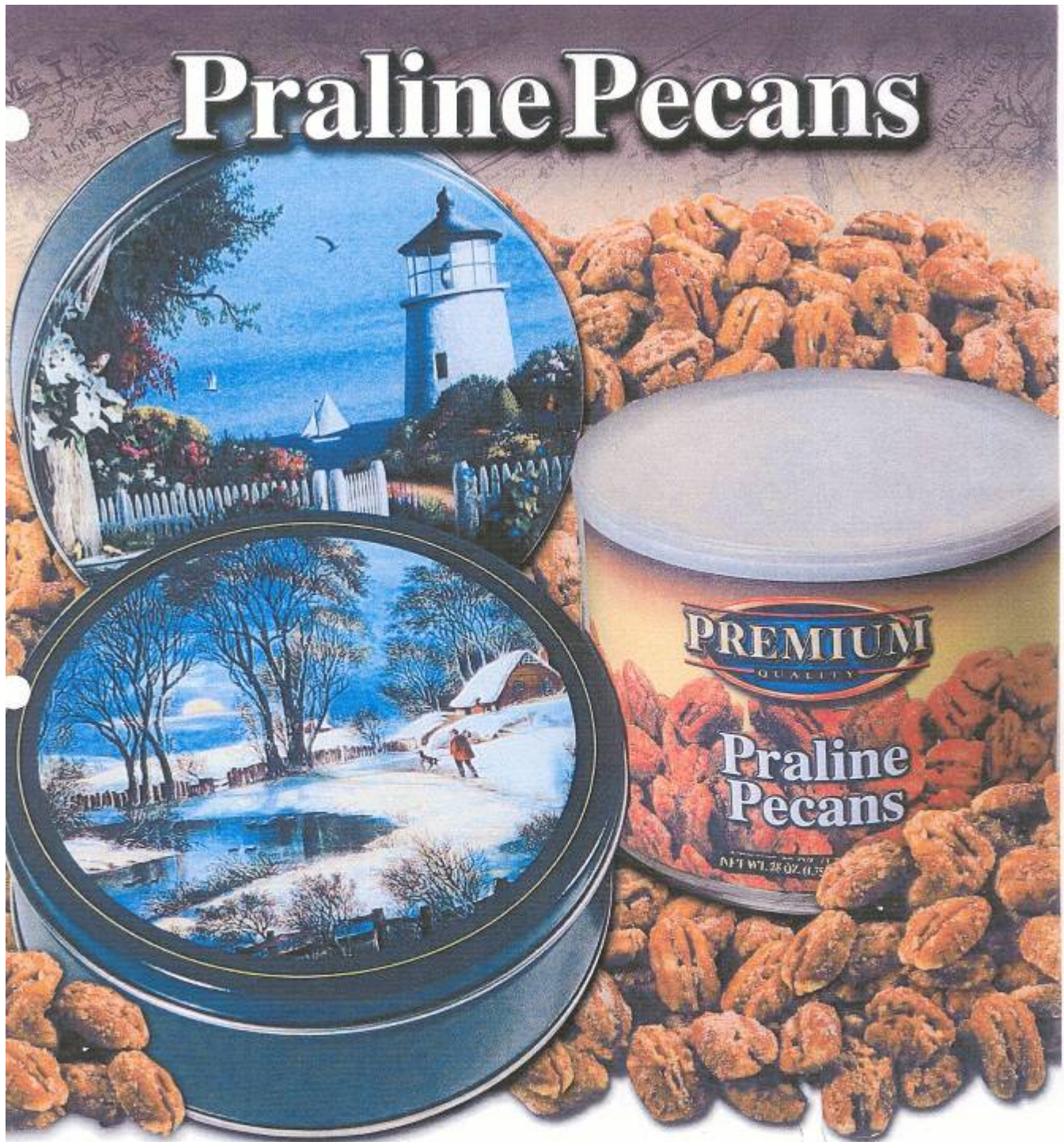


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Meadville Lions Club Project



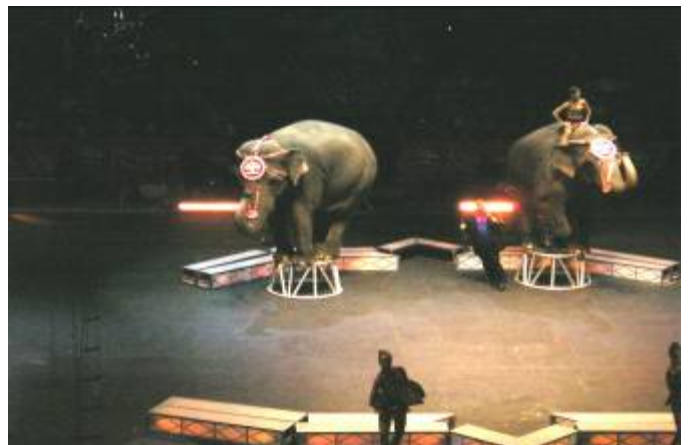
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Giant Salted Whole Cashews Rsted. & Salted 1 lb. Bag	60030	\$ 8.00				
Honey Roasted Cashews 1 lb. Bag	60070	\$ 7.50				
Turkish Apricot Halves 1 lb. Bag	60076	\$ 4.50				
Fruit and Nut Mix 1 lb. Bag	60084	\$ 4.50				
Chocolate Coated Pecans 1 lb. Bag	62000	\$ 8.00				
Dark Chocolate Bridge Mix 1 lb. Bag	62017	\$ 6.00				
Dark Chocolate Cranberries 1lb. Bag	62027	\$ 6.00				
Praline Pecans 1 lb. bag	62038	\$ 8.50				
Deluxe Mixed Nuts with Pistachios 2.5 lb. Tin	SO	\$ 20.00				
Chocolate Pecan Clusters 12oz. Box	62040	\$ 8.50				
Giant Salted Whole Cashews 16oz. Gold Tins	61040	\$ 12.00				
Praline Pecans Winter Gift Tin 16 oz.	SO	\$ 20.00				
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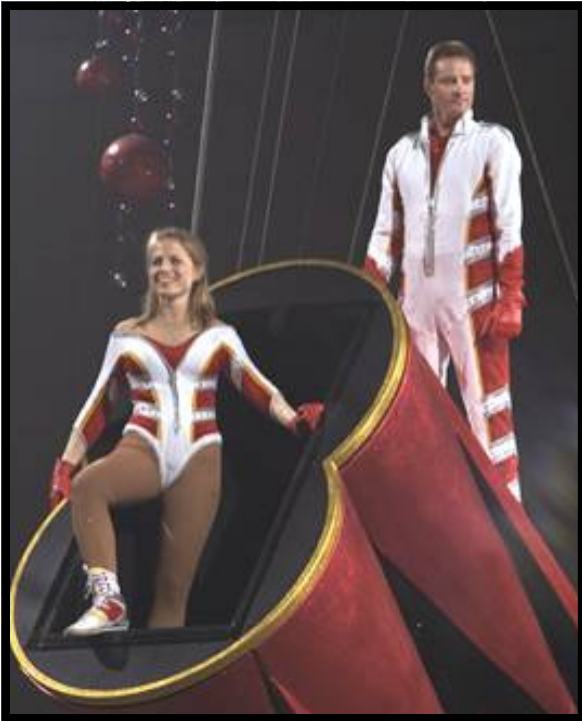


Wow!!! Truck Drivers Have Balls





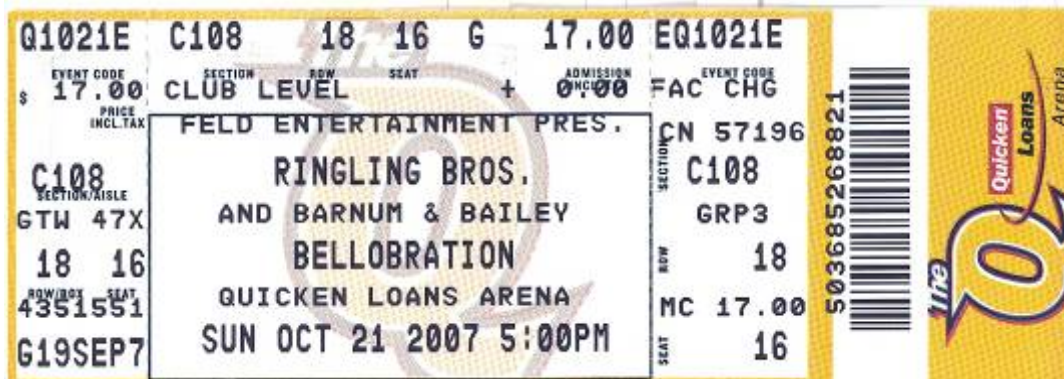
Ringling Brother Featured Performers



**Brian & Tina Miser
Human Cannonballs**



Bello Nock



Congratulation to Lion Bonnie & Camryn

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Erie Time News October 5, 2007

Sign language another way to communicate

By VALERIE MYERS
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MEADVILLE — Bonnie VanNort grew up fluent in two languages. She learned sign language to communicate with her parents, who are deaf.

"I never got away with talking behind their backs," VanNort, 41, said. "I always got caught. They seemed to have eyes in the back of their heads."

VanNort has been teaching sign language at the Meadville YMCA for the past eight years. Her next class begins Oct. 25. Students come to her to learn to communicate with deaf or hearing impaired family and friends. Others, especially teachers and social service workers, learn so that they can speak to or interpret for hearing impaired students and clients.

One 86-year-old man came to VanNort's class because he was losing his hearing. He learned sign language in and after class and then went home and taught his family.

"All he wanted was to be able to talk to his wife and daughter," VanNort said. "He was determined to learn, and just so appreciative."

VanNort works as secretary for Meadville police by day and teaches one or two evening sign language classes a year at the YMCA. She also interprets at Allegheny College and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and



VALERIE MYERS/Erie Times-News

Bonnie VanNort and daughter Camryn Guffey, 2, carry on conversations in words and signs. Mother and daughter speak and teach American Sign Language.

she has interpreted for a deaf University of Pittsburgh at Titusville student and has taught Maplewood Elementary students to sign.

"The kids loved it," VanNort said. "Studies have shown that children who learn a second language do better in school. I hope that's true."

VanNort's 2-year-old daughter, Camryn, already is bilingual. She carries on sign language conversations with her grandparents and, like her mother, is

teaching others to sign.

"One boy who's 15 looks forward to us coming over so Camy can teach him new words," VanNort said.

Sign language isn't just for the deaf and hearing impaired. People with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, and brain and speech disorders often communicate better by signing, YMCA program director Connie Gates said.

"For parents, sign language provides a means of quick

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— Bonnie VanNort,
teacher of sign language

communication, particularly with children whose attention spans may be very short or whose verbal language is limited," Gates said.

By the end of VanNort's six-week class, students are able to carry on basic conversations in sign language. VanNort brings her mother or a deaf friend to the last class to speak to students.

"They're nervous at first and it might take a little patience, but by the end of the class they're communicating with someone who's deaf," VanNort said. "And that's a great feeling."

Cost for the beginning sign language class is \$35 for YMCA members, \$50 for non-members. Call the Y at 336-2196 to register or for more information.

VALERIE MYERS can be reached at 337-8312 or by e-mail.

**VERNON LIONS
REQUESTING OUR ASSISTANCE ON
THIS PROJECT (See letter below)**

Vernon



Township

Lions Club
Meadville, PA 16335

To: Community Businesses

From: Vernon Township Lions Club

The Vernon Township Lions are sponsoring a GIFT AND TOY AUCTION on Saturday, November 10th, 2007 at 6 PM at the Vernon Township Municipal Building. Our members would appreciate your support. We are in need of items which we can re-sell at the auction. Gift certificates, gift items, and especially toys would be appreciated. Through your generous donations in the past we have been able to accomplish the following:

Help for the Blind and Hearing Impaired, Diabetes Research:

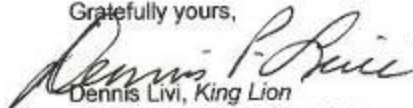
Leader Dog School for the Blind
Beacon Lodge for Blind Adults & Children
Western PA School for the Blind
Providing glasses for residents in need
Eye Surgery & Eye Bank
Keystone Blind Association of NW PA

Help for the Community:

Vernon Little League
Roche Park Enhancements
Help for the township volunteer fire departments
Providing holiday meals for those in need

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Gratefully yours,


Dennis Livi, King Lion
Vernon Township Lions Club

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King Lion Rob Sharp, PDG Scott Ladner & Lion Dave Hollern



Lion Jean Weber & Leader Puppy Miner

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Note: First person listed in bold print is the chairperson

(Committees announced by King Lion Rob Sharp at the re-organization meeting).

Under 1st. Vice Pres Larry Mineweaser

Audit-Finance-Budget

Chairperson: **Salak**, Mineweaser, & Nola

Convention, Constitution, & By-laws

Chairperson: **Dine** & Hollern

Sight Conservation-Eye Screening

Chairperson: **Faivre** & Flowers

Publicity

Chairperson: **Fiorillo**

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Social, Sports, & Recreation

Fair Booth

Co-Chairpersons: **Dine**, Mineweaser & B. Lucas

Under 2nd. Vice Pres. Doug Nola

Attendance & Visitation

Chairperson: **G. Faulds**

Music & Jesting

Chairperson: **Jean Weber**

Ways & Means

Chairperson: **B. Lucas**

Greeters

Chairperson: **S. Hollern** & J. Ladner

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Chairperson: **K. Faivre** & Woodworth

Under 3rd. Vice President Cindy Fiorillo

Programming

Chairperson: **Fiorillo**

Environment:

Chairman: **Salak**

Membership/Retention:

Chairperson: **Mineweaser** & Salak

PROGRAM-SCHEULE	
ASSIGNMENTS	
<i>For July 2007- June 2008</i>	
July 5, 2007	No meeting
July 19, 2007	George Flowers
August 2, 2007	Vacant
August 16, 2007	Bob Stainbrook
September 6, 2007	Karen Faivre
September 20, 2007	Cindy Fiorillo
October 4, 2007	Tom Smith
October 18, 2007	Rob Collins
November 1, 2007	Martha Consla
November 15, 2007	Thanksgiving Dinner
December 6, 2007	Sharon Hollern
December 20, 2007	Christmas
January 3, 2008	Doug Nola
January 17, 2008	Linda Peters
February 7, 2008	Eleanor Mineweaser
February 21, 2008	Mindy Cole
March 6, 2008	Vacant
March 20, 2008	Bonnie VanNort
April 3, 2008	Bob Santora
April 17, 2008	(Rob) Petruso
May 1, 2008	Jean Weber
May 15, 2008	Denny Watson
June 5, 2008	John Salak
June 19, 2008	Donna Stimpson



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2007-2008**

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2nd Year Director:	Barbara Lucas
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