



The Head Lioner



Issue 8

Meadville Lions Club

November 2008

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

We Serve

November Birthdays

(Let's Give a Lions Roar for)

Jean Weber
11/3/08

Bob Petruso
11/7/08

PDG John Salak
11/16/08

Tracy Larson
11/21/08

Rich Swavey
11/28/08



Upcoming Social Events

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner will take place at the general meeting on the 20th of November. The District Governor's visitation will take place on that date also. Please let King Lion Karen know in advance if you are planning to attend to ensure there is plenty to eat for everyone and come hungry.

November Meetings 2008

11/6/2008

Regular Meeting
Wesbury at Noon
Program Chairperson
Rob Collins

11/13/2008

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

11/20/2008

Regular Meeting
Wesbury at Noon
Thanksgiving Dinner
with District Governor
Becky

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.
We are dedicated to sight – and more.

King Lion's Page (Karen)



Fellow Lions,

October is almost over and November begins. Where did the time go?

We celebrate the installation of three new members: Jean Lynch, Dottie Miller, and Rich Swavey. It's good to have you aboard. Members, please make them welcome.

White Cane Days have been completed. We worked along side of the Vernon Club at Wal-Mart and it was good. We had a day at Quality and the weather held out for us. It is good for the public to see us out and about, it gives us a chance to let them know what we are about and how we help in the local area. Many thanks to those who turned out to serve.

Special thanks to Danuta Majcharowicz, a visitor brought to us by Rob Collins, who helped arrange with MADD and Allegheny College students to refurbish the wreaths and candles, and lanterns for the holiday displays on the light poles. With her initial effort, and some help from Garth Faivre (space was important), the students had the job done in three hours. Their efforts are much appreciated. BUT, don't forget that we will still be doing light bulb replacement on November 10th at the City Garage starting around 4:30 and going until we are done. This is always a great time for fellowship and working together. And, of course, we help with the actual hanging of the lights for the city-that will be held on November 20th at 5:00-dinner to follow at Post 52. Please make plans to join us. All of this is great fun.

Zone Chairman Rob Sharp held a zone meeting at Vernon Lions and seven members of our club attended. Lion Dave did a membership role play and PDG Ladner gave a good speech about the USA/Canada Forum.

We will be hosting the District meeting on Nov 23rd, at Vernon Central Hose Company and we will be needing lots of help. Check your calendars and figure out how you can help.

November 20 is the Thanksgiving Dinner for the club and DG Becky Eldridge and her husband will be our special guests. Plan to attend and don't forget that spouses or significant others are welcome to join us. Reservations, if you please.

As we go forward into the holiday season, let us keep our eyes on the purposes of the Lions Club and how we can help the community at this time of the year. Share your ideas with members and help us to expand our motto "We Serve."

Yours in Lionism,

KL Karen



Our Activities in October

The Meadville Lions sent 4 of their members to this year's US Canada Leadership Forum in Saskatoon Saskatchewan. Members going were PDG Scott and Lion Joyce Ladner along with Lions Sharon and Dave Hollern. The US Canada Lions Leadership Forum is a premier opportunity for those who wish to polish their management and leadership skills. What is learned can be applied to your life as a Lion, your business life and your personal life. Motivational speakers there are top notch. Also in attendance from District 14-F were our District Governor Becky and PDG Jim Eldridge and PDG John and Nancy Crone. Next year the Forum will be in Memphis TN.



New Members

Please welcome our newest club members Jean Lynch, Dottie Miller, and Rich Swavey. If you haven't seen it yet you will want to attend the next induction. PDG Scott has a new addition to the ceremony that is a very cutting tribute to the dedication of new members.



Make a Difference Day

King Lion Karen is heading an ongoing project with the students of Allegheny College to repair and repaint the Christmas Decorations supplied and hung by the Meadville Lions along Chestnut Street.

White Cane Day 2008

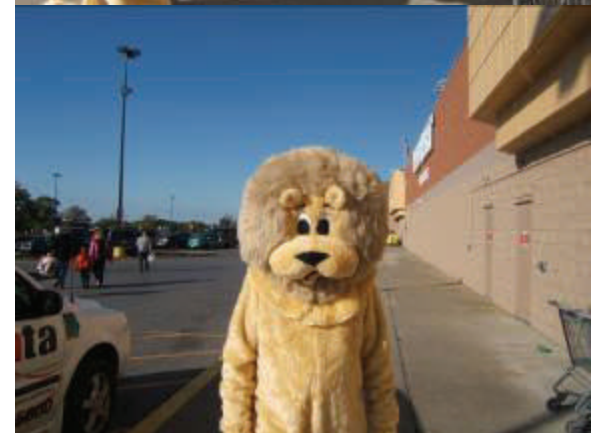
The Meadville and Vernon Lions co-hosted White Cane Day at the Meadville Wal*Mart on October 4th of this year. 21 members from both clubs helped contributing over 50 hours of work. Crowd pleasers for the day were the Lions Motorcycle with tickets being sold by the Vernon Lions and the Meadville club's new Lion costume (being modeled by PDG Scott Ladner

On October 24th the Meadville Club also hosted White Cane Day at the Quality Market in the downtown mall where 14 members worked for 25 hours in the cold. and raised \$214.00.

Club chairman Lion Doug Nola wants to thank all members who worked so hard in raising funds to help the Meadville community.

Blind people have used canes as mobility tools for centuries, but it was not until after [World War I](#) that the white cane was introduced. In the [United States](#), the introduction of the white cane is attributed to George A. Bonham of the [Lions Clubs International](#). In 1930, a Lions Club member watched as a man who was blind attempted to cross the street with a black cane that was barely visible to motorists against the dark pavement. The Lions decided to paint the cane white to make it more visible. In 1931, Lions Clubs International began a program promoting the use of white canes for people who are blind.

The first special White Cane Ordinance was passed in December 1930 in [Peoria, Illinois](#) granting blind pedestrians protections and the right-of-way while carrying a white cane.





UPCOMING MEADVILLE LIONS PROJECTS AND EVENTS



District 14-F (Finest) Events

District 14-F Cabinet Meeting 11/23/08 will be hosted by the Meadville Lions at Vernon Central Fire Hall 16589 McMath Avenue, Meadville, PA 16335 (This is our chance to shine, we will need everyone's help to host a successful Cabinet Meeting)

Please consider volunteering your time to help out during the day. This will be an excellent opportunity to go and see what happens at a District Cabinet Meeting if you never attended. We will be holding a Chinese auction during the meeting and will be in need of donated prizes, please be generous.

Christmas Lights

Please keep the evening of November 10th open for Christmas light bulb replacement at the City Garage starting around 4:30 and going until we are done. On November 20th at 5:00 we will hang the light on Chestnut St. in downtown Meadville with a dinner to follow at Post 52. The dinner is being donated by Windstream this year. Please let King Lion Karen know if you plan on helping on either day.

Terri Lynn Candy and Nut Sales

Our Terri Lynn project will be ongoing through November and mid December. We will be selling product at the Market House on Saturday mornings. If you have an interest in helping please contact PDG Scott to volunteer. We will have selling sheets brochures and product available at our next general meeting on the 6th of November. The product is of excellent quality and will make nice Christmas gifts and snacks through the holiday season.

Meadville Lions' Christmas Party

Keep the evening of December 11th open for our Christmas party. It will be at Venango Valley Inn & Golf Course this year. More details to follow and expect surprise guests to be in attendance.

Lions Community Page

Dear Meadville Lions,

I would like to "Thank You" all for the beautiful Fall arrangement and the many cards I have been receiving, while I am recovering from the surgery. They are greatly appreciated. Hope to be back in good health soon.

Thanks again.

Eleanor M

Congratulations to Rob Sharp, our immediate past president for meeting the club presidents' award criteria. Under his term, our club achieved positive net growth for the year ending June 30, 2008. We are extremely proud of his efforts and this is a significant accomplishment. A crystal pin was sent from Mahendra Amarasuriya, Immediate Past International President of Lions Clubs International and was presented to Rob at our noon meeting October 16th by King Lion Karen Faivre (Lion Cindy Fiorillo)

Lion Martha wants to remind everyone to mark their calendars for our 85th Anniversary celebration March 21, 2009 at the Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club.

Social hour is 5:30-6:30 PM and sit down dinner served at 6:30 PM. Please consider donating items for the Chinese Auction at the event. A list of positions that need filled to pull off the event will be available at the next Board Meeting.

**Townville Lions Club
"All you can eat"
Pancake Breakfast
Steak and Shake
Meadville, PA \$6**



Saturday Nov 8, 2008 8-10am

**Pancakes, sausage or bacon
and a drink**



See any Lions member for tickets or
call Lion Bob Potts at 814.967.3315

*Tickets for the Pancake Breakfast will also
be available at the door



Lions International News



FIVE REASONS FOR LIONS TO BELIEVE IN OUR FUTURE

by Al Brandel

President

The International Association of Lions Clubs

Lions are optimistic people. We believe in a bright future. That's partly because we know we can help shape the future in a positive way through our service.

But there is more reason than ever to be extremely optimistic and very enthusiastic about the future of Lions. Let me explain just a few reasons why.

- Lions have shown through SightFirst what we can do when we pool our resources, energies and abilities. Through SightFirst, we've saved 30 million people from blindness. We built or expanded 300 eye hospitals, clinics and wards through SightFirst. We've done 7.3 million cataract surgeries. We've trained 345,000 eye health care professionals. We'll save the sight of millions more thanks to Campaign SightFirst II.
- Here's another benefit of the campaign: we learned a great deal on how to organize Lions in a common cause. We are transitioning that knowledge and structure to a Global Membership Team. We'll exert the same kind of organizing success to membership growth. I've appointed 41 Lions to this Global Membership Team. This is at least a three-year effort. We learned from Campaign SightFirst II how effective continuity is when trying to achieve a very ambitious goal. With the Global Membership Team, we aren't starting from scratch. The team will work with the MERL teams already working on membership. They'll work with council chairs, of course, and everyone else. We're very excited about this new approach. We hope to have new members beating down the doors of our clubhouses to get in!
- LCIF was named the No. 1 NGO or non-governmental organization by the prestigious Financial Times in 2007. I've known since I became a Lion that we're the greatest service organization in the world. I'm happy to tell you that the rest of the world is beginning to notice and giving us our due. Our No. 1 ranking is a reason to feel proud—and to invite others to join us as Lions. Let's be proud of who we are and what we do and never hesitate to let others know that we are an organization you want to be part of. We're a great group of people doing great things. We need to say to others: Won't you join us?
- We Lions are attractive. People want to be part of us. Kenneth Behring, a U.S. philanthropist, and his foundation, the Global Health and Education Foundation, gave a \$7.5 million gift to Campaign SightFirst II. That shows just how much Lions mean to others and how we can attract support. Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, a Lion, nominated Lions for the Nobel Peace Prize. This is a wonderful recognition of the importance of the service done by every club and each Lion. Our individual miracles of service add up to a spectacular contribution to our communities and the world community

So take pride in being a Lion and be very optimistic about our future. We've done great work and our service grows stronger as time passes.

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J Ladner & Everyone

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J Salak

Membership/Retention

D Hollern & R Sharp

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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that You Will Attend



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