

SPRINGFIELD LIONS CLUB

Lions' Lines



November 26, 2013



KING'S KORNER

As we approach November 22nd, I can't help but think of the tragic loss of President John F. Kennedy in 1963. Do you remember where you were when you got the news? I was a sophomore in college, struggling poorly through an afternoon lab in Organic Chemistry. Since it was close to the Thanksgiving holiday break, the school decided the next day that we could all leave earlier than planned. But, before that announcement, we played a "rough touch" football game in the rain and mud. No one quite knew what to do, or how to deal with the shock, so that's what we did.

After all of these years, what I feel most strongly about is that we have so much for which to be thankful. The devastating typhoon in the Philippines and the tornados that have ravaged small towns in the Midwest brings me back to the fact that, for the most part, we are among the most blessed of people. Perhaps that should lead us to realize that with our blessings comes a necessary obligation to "serve" more often, and in the best ways possible. The Thanksgiving season gives us an opportunity to do just that. Our Lions Club is preparing food baskets to give to needy families in our community. "Hometown Day" and the children's Christmas party are on the horizon. Also, as a club, we are planning to make a gift to the Filipino-American Club, the home club of DG Tony Mangabat and his wife Lucy, in their efforts to aid the relief efforts in the Philippines. We will be having a special Board Meeting after next week's dinner meeting to decide the amount that we can give to this worthy effort.

We are pleased that U.S. Congressman, Pat Meehan, can join us at our dinner meeting on the 26th. We have invited other Lions Club members from his district to join us as well, in addition to welcoming our spouses and significant others (talk about

blessings!). It should be an informative evening, so please put it on your schedule. Finally, we would ask that everyone treat the Congressman with respect and fairness during any question and answer period. He has surely had a tough job these last few months! Yours in Lionism,

King Lion Larry

NEXT DINNER MEETING

November 26th, 6:30 PM

Springfield Country Club

Dress Code Business Casual

SPOUSES NIGHT

Special Guest Speaker

U.S. CONGRESSMAN

PAT MEEHAN

LIONS' CALENDAR

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| Nov. 21 | Breakfast meeting, 8AM-9AM at the Country Squire Diner. Speaker Delaware County Councilman Tom McGarrigle |
| Dec 3 | Board meeting, St. Matthews, 7PM |
| Dec 6 | Children's Christmas Party; see article on page 2 |
| Dec 10 | Dinner meeting, SCC, 6:30PM, Christmas party |
| Dec 24 | NO DINNER MEETING |
| Jan 3 | Board meeting, St. Matthews, 7PM |
| Feb 11 | Spouses Night |



CALENDARS

Jim Cavallaro needs your calendar money and stubs! Let him know if you need more calendars. Jim is at 610-604-4551 or jamescavallaro@comcast.net. If you are returning unsold calendars, please do so ASAP. Other members are looking for more to sell. One rule to remember: we do not mail the January winner checks until all money has been turned in. Also, make sure the information on the stub is readable.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday evening December 6th at 6:30PM. Frank Udicious needs to know pronto if you plan on coming; call him at 610-328-9075 (mludicious@verizon.net). Children, grandchildren age 9 and under invited.

RECENT EVENTS



Last meeting was also Clergy Night and several members of Springfield's clergy attended. From L-R are President Larry DeMooy, Rev. Rob Mannix and Pastor James Anderman from Covenant United Methodist, Rev. Robert Novak from the Life Christian Fellowship, Rev. J.A. Grant from St. Francis of Assisi Church and Lion Tim Folkomer. Our club also donated \$1,000 to the Springfield Ministerium.



Former member Rob Rider spoke about his project in Kibera, Kenya where he is forming a school to educate poor girls. His topic was "Awaken Kibera"



LIONS' LINES

Remember, past *Lions Lines* are available on our web site, www.springfieldlionsclub.org. Please send all material for the *Lions' Lines* to Walt Young. Email is preferred (wtcayoung@verizon.net). Material must be received no later than the Wednesday before the dinner meeting and may be edited for space and content.