

# SPRINGFIELD LIONS CLUB

# Lions' Lines

**November 12, 2013**



## KING'S KORNER

As our White Cane drive winds down, it is gratifying to know that we ended up over our budgeted revenue estimates. But, a discouraging fact is that many of our collection slots at our four locations remained unfilled.

One of our veteran members said that our club had collected four times our recent amount in past years! A number of members collected donations two, three or four times. If all of our members chose just one time and location during the three week period, we probably could have doubled our collections to help our community's visually and hearing impaired. Each collection time covers about two to three hours, so when we hit Candy Day in the spring, or for next year's White Cane activities, please see if you can fill one of our designated times.

At our last general membership meeting, Jack Kinsley led us on a brainstorming exercise to get input into our club's strengths, our goals, and how we can better plan for future "vibrancy". Thanks, Jack, for doing such a great job! We could tell that you've done this type of work before in your professional career. As a result of that evening's activities, and some help in understanding the Lions Club International "Club Excellence Project" from PID Jim Cavallaro at our last Board Meeting, we have decided to form a small "Long Range Planning Committee" to explore ways to strengthen our club's commitment "To Serve". The club's officers will be meeting soon to begin this discussion. Plans may include finding out more about the "Club Excellence Project" at one of our January meetings.

We have decided to continue the tradition of sponsoring a Children's Christmas Party on December 6th. We would like to have as many children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren (?), nieces, nephews, neighbors, etc. as possible for this holiday celebration. It is always a fun activity, so

please try and see if you can join us and bring along a younger member of your family/extended family. We do need to hear from you about the age, etc. of your "guest(s)", so fill out the information slip in this Lions Lines and get it back to us as soon as possible.

A good time to get it to us would be to attend next week's "Clergy Night" dinner meeting. Please remember to bring in grocery items/gift cards for our holiday baskets for needy families. Oops, almost forgot to congratulate our Leo Club on the occasion of their 20th anniversary as a club !!! They have received a nice patch to put on their banner. Way to go Leos and their sponsors !

Yours in Lionism,

*King Lion Larry*

## NEXT DINNER MEETING

**November 12th, 6:30 PM**  
**Springfield Country Club**  
**Dress Code Business Casual**  
**CLERGY NIGHT**  
**Speaker: Rob Rider**  
**"Awaken Kiberia"**

## LIONS' CALENDAR

Nov 21	Breakfast meeting, 8AM, Country Squire
Nov 26	Dinner meeting, SCC, 6:30PM, U.S. Representative Pat Meehan
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

## CALENDARS

We need all Lions to step up and help sell the 1,000 calendars that are tied to the evening PA State Lottery. All calendars need to be sold so we can maintain our level of giving to our club projects. Let Jim Cavallaro know how many you feel you can handle. Jim is at 610-604-4551 or [jamescavallaro@comcast.net](mailto:jamescavallaro@comcast.net). Jim will have them available at our club meetings.

## SUNSHINE

George Bonadio is recovering from surgery at home and Jim Dyson is also recuperating at home. Cards, letters and phone calls are welcome. Please inform our Sunshine Chair, Lion Tom Citro, of Lion members or family illness. He can be reached at [tcitro@comcast.net](mailto:tcitro@comcast.net) or 610-328-9886

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tentatively scheduled for Friday evening December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. A sign up form is attached. Completed forms are due to Frank Udicious no later than November 30th. Contact Frank Udicious at 610-328-9075 ([mludicious@verizon.net](mailto:mludicious@verizon.net)).

## BASKETS OF GOOD WILL

Project Chair Lisa Tiffany is running a baskets project in November with a goal to give out baskets at Thanksgiving. We need volunteers to get donations, assemble the baskets and deliver them on November 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24th. Please advise Lion Lisa (610-449-7366) of any family in the area that could use a little help this holiday season. Please provide the name, address and phone number. The Baskets of Good Will will consist of non-perishable items as well as household goods and a turkey. PLEASE BRING CANS AND BOXED FOODS TO THE NOVEMBER 12TH DINNER MEETING. This is the last meeting before the basket assembly. If you would like to donate but can't bring it to the meeting, please call Tiffany to arrange the transfer.

Remember, past *Lions Lines* are available on our web site, [www.springfieldlionsclub.org](http://www.springfieldlionsclub.org).

## FROM THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL BLOG

Dear Lions,

This month, I was able to celebrate World Sight Day in Australia, and I am proud of the sight-saving efforts that Lions continually put forth. But, I am also proud of how much we do in other areas of service. More and more, Lions are becoming known as people who can provide basic assistance in the hours and days following a disaster, as well as relief and rebuilding in the months following.

As we come upon the one year anniversary of a superstorm that hit the United States, that and other disasters like the Japan tsunami and the Haiti earthquake are great examples of Lions' immediate response, compassion and support at work.

Two weeks ago, Lions responded immediately to a destructive cyclone in India. LCIF awarded a US\$100,000 major catastrophe grant to Multiple District 322. Lions will use some of the funds to purchase short term relief items including blankets, food, water, and medical supplies. The remaining financial support will be used for reconstruction efforts within areas that were completely destroyed. To assist with disasters like this, I encourage you to consider making a donation to the Foundation for disaster relief, which is Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible.

In response to another recent tragedy, Lions in Kenya acted quickly when the horrific mall shooting occurred in Nairobi. Within an hour of the attack, Lions were volunteering at the M. P. Shah Hospital, where people who had been injured were provided with medical aid. And Lions' hard work did not go unnoticed - the President of Kenya visited the hospital and thanked the Lions for their support and being the first to respond.

It would be impossible to list all of the amazing Lions' disaster relief efforts from around the world - I see examples posted online every day. You are giving people hope following tragedy, and rebuilding communities together through your support, through your use of LCIF emergency grants and through your contributions to our Foundation. I thank every one of you for your dedication to helping others in times of need.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

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**Age (age 9 and under) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender Male/Female (Circle One)**

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