

SPRINGFIELD LIONS CLUB

Lions' Lines

March 11, 2014



KING'S KORNER

Back from my Myrtle Beach golf outing. Don't get jealous...the weather wasn't much better than it was here! Hopefully, Spring will arrive soon and melt all the snow and give us warmer temperatures.

Spring does bring a renewal of some Lions activities: Springfield's St. Patrick's Day Parade, April's Candy Day collections, May preparations for the June 7th BBQ and planning for our 4th of July activities. Please try and give some time to each one of these efforts.

At our Board meeting last night, there were numerous reminders of how "we serve" Springfield and the surrounding communities. Eyeglass and hearing aid requests were met, other donations were approved, and Lions International acknowledged our recent donation to assist the Philippines in their typhoon relief efforts. We often focus upon requests that are not directly from Springfield residents, particularly when no other organization is able to do so. We have no trouble doing that, as long as we can do so within our operating budget. That is why we need participation by as many club members as possible in all of our fund-raising activities. That reminds me, try and send in your Blind Aid Seals donation as soon as you can.

The speaker for our next meeting is Phil Heron, the editor for the Delaware County Daily Times. I look forward to his column "The Heron's Nest" in the Daily Times each week. He seems to be someone who is doing a good job of balancing the "newsprint vs. on-line" dilemma of modern journalism quite well. It promises to be an interesting, perhaps provocative, evening. Come on out and join us.

Yours in Lionism, *King Lion Larry*

NEXT DINNER MEETING

March 11th, 6:30 PM
Springfield Country Club

Philip E. Heron
Executive Editor of the Delaware
County Daily Times

Dress Code Business Casual

Philip E. Heron, 58, was named executive editor of the Delaware County Daily Times in April 1989. Heron joined the Daily Times in 1982 as day city editor. He later worked on the night copy desk and also as Sunday editor. Prior to joining the Daily Times, Phil worked as a reporter and wire editor at The Record in Coatesville, Pa. He also worked on the copy desk of the Denver Post and as a freelance writer for the Colorado Daily in Boulder, CO. Heron grew up in Oxford, Chester County, and attended Lincoln University for two years before receiving his degree in journalism from the University of Colorado in 1978. He has won numerous awards from the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, the Associated Press Managing Editors, Philadelphia Press Association and Society of Professional Journalists for column and editorial writing, as well as headline writing, his first love (aside from his wife). Most recently he won first place awards from the Philadelphia Press Association and SPJ's Philly chapter for columns and editorials on the massive effort to save the region's refineries. He also was honored last year for column writing by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association. You might want to investigate his blog: <http://delcoheronsnest.blogspot.com/>

LIONS' CALENDAR

Mar 19	Breakfast Meeting, The Court Diner, Media. Speaker: Lions Jack Kinsley. NOTE DATE AND PLACE
Mar 25	Dinner meeting, 6:30 PM, Student Recognition Night
Mar 29	District 14A Convention, Clarion Hotel, Essington
Apr 8	Dinner meeting, 6:30 PM, SCC, Club Excellence Process Workshop, PDG Charlie Morton
Apr 11-12	District 14R convention, Kulpsville
Apr 22	Dinner meeting, 6:30 PM, SCC, Health & Welfare Night
Apr 25-27	Pennsylvania Leo Rally
May 15-18	State Convention, Pittsburgh
July 19 and 29	Beacon Lodge trips

CANNED GOODS NEEDED

Bring some canned goods to the next meeting to help out Beacon Lodge.

LOOKING FOR PROGRAM IDEAS

The program Committee is looking for ideas for speakers for Lions meetings. If you have a topic or speaker you are interested in, contact Bill Lavery at 610-544-5016.

BREAKFAST MEETING

Breakfast meetings will now be held at The Court Diner on Baltimore Pike in Media on the third Wednesday each month. The time is the same, 8AM-9AM and the cost is the same, which includes gratuity. Our speaker at the next meeting on March 19th is Lion Jack Kinsley, who will discuss the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Lions will be helping to organize the parade on the morning of the parade. We need a few good Lions for this. Your help is needed from 11AM to about 12:30 PM. Note that we are not marching in

the parade. Contact Lion Bill Lavery at 610-544-5016.

LEO RALLY

A Pennsylvania State rally of Leo members is planned for April 25-27, 2014 at the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp in Mt. Union, PA. The Leo Rally is open to any Leo in good standing from any of the 131 Leo Clubs within multiple district 14 (Pennsylvania). It will be supervised by Lions, Lioness, Sponsors, Advisors and other responsible adult volunteers. The fee is \$30, \$15 to be paid by each Leo and \$15 being paid by a Lions or Lioness Club. A full agenda is planned for April 25th and 26th and departure is planned for 11AM on April 27th.

RECENT EVENTS



Detective John Hoffner gave the Lions a lot of information about fraud and identity theft at our last dinner meeting. What's in your wallet?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Two important meetings for our Lions District and State Lions are coming up.

March 29th

District 14-A Convention at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center (formerly the Ramada Inn), 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, PA. Please see the District 14A Announcer for the registration form and time schedule. The deadline is March 15th.



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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.