

SPRINGFIELD LIONS CLUB

Lions' Lines

March 25, 2014



KING'S KORNER

I'm starting to think three things, all interrelated: First, I must stop making predictions about the coming of Spring and golf weather; Second, we will have no Spring this year...we'll go right from Winter to Summer; and, Third, we need to consider a replacement for Punxsutawney Phil. Enough is enough !!

But Spring will occur. In the meantime, Lions' activities march forward. Phil Heron, editor of the Daily Times, was the guest speaker at our last dinner meeting. I think that everyone who attended would agree that it was an evening full of interesting commentary and well-placed humor. He is someone who has, perhaps reluctantly, embraced all of our society's new technology. I am not...I don't use Facebook, I don't text, and I don't tweet or use twitter.

However, I'll place a wager that our twenty graduating students from Cardinal O'Hara and Springfield High Schools, who we will honor at our dinner meeting next week, are well-versed in all of this. It is part of their culture. Although all of it scares me a bit, I am trusting that they will make the best use of it for the future greater good of our communities and for the advent of more helpful international relations. We are, somewhat, counting on them to make it happen that way.

So, come out next week and let them know that we value all of the hard work they have done, and we

look forward to great things from them as they graduate high school and move on to the next chapters of their lives. Remember, they (or their parents) may indeed be future Lions. To show our respect, we are asking that club members wear "sport coats and ties".

A few reminders: please return your Blind Aid Seals contributions; get prepared to sign up for Candy Day collections; and, remember that BBQ ticket sales are just around the corner ("sell, sell, sell"!). We cannot meet our designated charitable goals without your help on our fund-raising efforts.

Yours in Lionism, *King Lion Larry*

NEXT DINNER MEETING

March 11th, 6:30 PM
Springfield Country Club

Student Recognition Night
March 25th, 6:30 PM
Springfield Country Club

Dress Code Standard Business Attire
(i.e. coats, ties or the equivalent)

This is the night that the Springfield Lions Club honors seniors from Springfield High School and Cardinal O'Hara High School for their achievements. So join us for a night to honor our high school students! We'll have lots of guests – students and parents, so let's fill the room with Lions!

LIONS' CALENDAR

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 16	Breakfast meeting
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

CAMP KIRBY

Please bring to the next dinner meeting any toiletries so that Lion Lisa Tiffany can send them to Camp Kirby by the end of April!!

EASTER BASKETS

We are compiling 85 Easter baskets for delivery Saturday, April 19th. Please bring in as many non-perishable items as you can to the next dinner meeting so the needy families in our community have a plentiful Easter holiday, or contact Lisa Tiffany at 610-449-7366 to arrange drop-off.

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.

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



Phil Heron, editor of the Delaware County Daily Times gave a very interesting presentation on publishing a newspaper in these times.

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.



May 15 to 18th

91st annual Pennsylvania State Lions Convention at The Doubletree by Hilton in Pittsburgh-Green Tree, PA. Highlight will be the Saturday evening banquet featuring Lions Clubs International President Barry J. Palmer of Berona, NSW, Australia. For more information, the full program and registration form, see your *Pride of Pennsylvania*.

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.