

SPRINGFIELD LIONS CLUB

Lions' Lines



April 22, 2014



KING'S KORNER

It seems that Spring may have finally arrived. We all need to appreciate the fact that we live in a climate where we can enjoy the changing of the seasons. With the warmer weather and the coming of Easter, many of our club members are busy preparing Easter baskets of food for needy Springfield and Morton families. This is a project that requires "many hands", and we thank all of our volunteers for their efforts. It is time well spent.

We also are fast approaching our Candy Day collections. We have club members who volunteer their time to make collections at the Drexline Shopping Center; Springfield Square (North and South); the Wawa corners at Saxon and Powell; and, the Acme on Baltimore Pike in Clifton Heights. The collections will occur on consecutive Fridays and Saturdays, April 25th and 26th and May 2nd and 3rd. There are still lots of sign-up times available. If you can help out the club in this project, please call Dick Wilson at 610-565-3272. The sign-up sheets and information signs to place at the locations will also be available at our dinner meeting on 4/22.

At the 4/22 dinner meeting we will be recognizing a number of "Health and Welfare" organizations that receive the benefit of our fund-raising activities. It is always good to understand where our contributions go and what these organizations do. Try and join us, if you can.

Yours in Lionism,

King Lion Larry

NEXT DINNER MEETING

April 22nd, 6:30 PM
Springfield Country Club

Dress Code Business Casual

Health & Welfare Night

Come and join us while we present donations to our many worthy charities involved with blindness and deafness.

LIONS' CALENDAR

Apr 25-27	Pennsylvania Leo Rally
Apr tba	Ridley Creek Park Walk
Apr 25, 26	Candy Day
May 2, 3	Candy Day
May 6	Board meeting, St. Matthews, 7 PM
May 13	Community and Youth Night, SCC, 7PM
May 15-18	State Convention, Pittsburgh
May 21	Breakfast meeting, Court Diner, 8 AM
Jun 3	Board meeting, St. Matthews, 7 PM
Jun 7	Chicken BBQ fund raiser
July 19 and 29	Beacon Lodge trips

EASTER BASKETS

We are compiling 85 Easter baskets for delivery Saturday, April 19th. Help is needed to deliver the 80 baskets to needy families in Springfield and Morton. Meet at the Springfield High School bus drivers' lounge (bus parking lot side) at 8:30AM this Saturday.

CANDY DAY

Candy Day is scheduled for April 25,26 and May 2,3. Half of the money collected will go to the PA Lions Charitable Foundation while the rest will stay with our club for our projects. Call Dick Wilson (610-565-3272) or sign-up at the next dinner meeting.

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.



CBVI OPEN HOUSE

Remember, the CBVI Open House on April 24th from 5 to 7 PM. The invitation has a link to an email address - cayleigh@proservevents.com, and you can tell them you will attend (The link might even work from this LL copy). See the invitation for details.

RECENT EVENTS



Pete Berol gave an interesting talk at our last dinner meeting about communicating our message to younger people in this electronic age. Seems we have a bit of catching up to do – Facebook, Twitter anyone

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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*.



CHARLIE CONKLIN UPDATE

Excerpt from a letter to Ed Rocco

ED, I am doing fine. Yes, I have joined the Springfield-Franconia Host Lions Club, which is structured somewhat different. The Host Club, formed an offshoot club quite a few year ago. It operates totally independent of "Our" Club. I know that they meet at lunch time (their primary meeting) and they sell fruit (oranges & ?) at Christmas time as their primary fund raiser. I know very little else about their activities. "Our" Club has somewhere about 20 active members, 2 privileged members and 4 members-at-large. The prime yearlong activity is a "flea market". Most everyone helps to run it and that takes virtually all manpower. It yields about \$2,000/ time and generates roughly \$30,000/year. This is what the Club runs on. It takes 4 members per time to run the market which operates on Saturdays from April to mid-November. It can get "rained out" and sometimes we "hire" some friends to assist. This is so our members don't get "burned-out". The only other activity that the membership participates in is working at the Eyeglass Recycling Center of NOVA. One of our members works there and groups go over and volunteer occasionally. We sponsor a Leo Club at Hayfield Secondary School and members assist there and in doing eye exams at several grade Schools in the local district. I don't think they do anything "better" maybe different (?). If you want to run a "flea market" (which could make a lot of money) you need "man-power" a place to run it such as a Park (with space), toilet facilities, and it is good to have eating facilities near-by such as Burger King. Give my best to everyone, I miss being there. Charles Conklin. P.S. Dues are \$100/year (\$25/quarter) which covers national and district dues.

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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.