

SPRINGFIELD LIONS CLUB

Lions' Lines



May 27, 2014



KING'S KORNER

I was never aware of the tradition of "decorating" graves until I became married. My wife, Patty, then told me about going with her grandmother to put flowers on the graves of family members on "Decoration" or "Memorial" Day.

They would get fresh flowers from their garden, fill jars with water, and then walk more than a mile (uphill!) to the cemetery. Many of you probably also have such memories. We still try and get down to that same cemetery each Memorial Day to continue that tradition.

The idea of "decorating" the graves of loved ones actually started in the South after the Civil War. It quickly spread to the rest of the country. Do you remember when Memorial Day was always celebrated on May 30th? In 1968, Congress passed the "Uniform Monday Holiday Act" which changed the observance to the fourth Monday in May. As a day for remembering our military and veterans, it is fitting that our next dinner meeting, on May 27th, will feature a presentation by club member Andy Schiavello on the Honor Flight project which makes it possible for WWII veterans to visit their memorial in Washington, DC. Please join us to learn about this very worthy program.

We have all been saddened to learn of Charlie Conklin's tragic death last week in Virginia. Charlie was a faithful member of our club for many years. He embodied the idea of "service" and worked hard to help many individual members of the blind and visually-impaired community throughout Southeast Pennsylvania. His extensive efforts were done in the complete, quiet manner of a true southern gentleman. Charlie left Pennsylvania about one year ago to relocate near his family in Virginia. Not missing a beat, he quickly joined another Lions club in his new locale! We are sure that these new Lion friends will miss him, as do we. We salute and applaud you, Charlie.

Yours in Lionism, *King Lion Larry*

NEXT DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, May 27th, 6:30 PM
Springfield Country Club

Dress Code: Business Casual



Honor Flight
Lion Andy Schiavello

and

Election Night for Club Officers

LIONS' CALENDAR

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| May 26 | Memorial Day parade. Lions distribute flags. See article. |
| Jun 3 | Board meeting, St. Matthews, 7 PM |
| Jun 7 | Chicken BBQ fund raiser |
| Jun 10 | Awards Night, SCC, 6:30 PM |
| Jun 18 | Breakfast meeting, Court Diner, 8AM |
| Jun 24 | Installation Night, SCC, 6:30 PM |
| July 19 and 29 | Beacon Lodge trips |

SUNSHINE

Lion Mark Godshalk is recovering from heart bypass surgery and is doing well. Bill Guttschall has been released from the hospital with a kidney stone problem. Cards and 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 or 610-328-9886.

CHARLIE CONKLIN

We are sorry to report that former Springfield Lion and Past President Charlie Conklin has passed away. He was killed in a one-car auto accident on May 14th in Virginia on his way back from a class reunion. We understand that there will be a memorial service on Saturday June 14th at Covenant Methodist Church at 3 PM. No additional information is available at this time, but we will keep you posted.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

The board of directors has recommended the following slate of officers for 2014-2015. We will vote at our meeting on May 27th.

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| President | WILLIAM LAVERY |
| 1 st Vice President | JOE SAUNDERS |
| 2 nd Vice President | ROBERT TIFFANY |
| 3 rd Vice President | KATHLEEN LAWLESS |
| Secretary | FRANK UDICIOUS |
| Asst Secretary | EDMUND ROCCO |
| Treasurer | JAMES HARRINGTON |
| Asst Treasurer | JAMES BEERMANN |
| Membership Chair | FRED HUENERFAUTH |
| 1 st Vice Membership Ch | KURT SCHAEFER |
| 2 nd Vice Membership Ch | DALLAS SCOTT |
| Tail Twister | ALEX MASSEY |
| Lion Tamer | JAMES BEERMANN |
| Directors T/E 2015 | THOMAS CITRO |
| | WALTER YOUNG |
| | GERALD MCCABE |
| | MARK GODSHALK |
| Directors T/E 2016 | RICHARD PATTERSON |
| | LISA TIFFANY |
| | JOHN KULP |
| | JOSEPH SMITH |

CHICKEN BBQ



Chicken BBQ is June 7th, so mark your calendars! Everyone should have tickets to sell – if not, let Ed Rocco know as soon as possible. We will need lots of help – Friday evening for a couple of hours to setup, Saturday especially, and Sunday morning or a couple of hours to return the grilles to storage. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next couple of meetings. If you are not at a meeting, let Walt Young know when you can help. As usual, we have

an ambitious goal – to sell 1,200 dinners, so again, we absolutely need your help - **sell! Sell!! SELL!!!** You will be asked to report the number of tickets that you have sold. This is critical information to determine the number of chickens to order, so please respond promptly!

RECENT EVENTS



Several local organizations were represented at our last Community and Youth Night meeting to receive donations.



Several members of the Leo Club visited us at our last dinner meeting. Those shown are Lion Tim Folkomer, Lion Ed Rocco, Caity Looby, Pam Gurenlian (moderator), Megan Smedley, Lauren Schickling and Dave Krauter. Seated Jessica Thorpe and Rachel Hentnick.



MEMORIAL DAY

We will be distributing American flags at the Memorial Day parade on Monday. We don't march, just hand out flags to people lining the parade route. This is a great way to put us in front of the public, is a tradition and the recipients really appreciate it. So, join us in Memorial Park, with your hat and vest, at about 9:30AM. The parade starts at 10 AM.