

# SPRINGFIELD LIONS CLUB

# Lions' Lines



**August 1, 2014**



## KING'S KORNER

I have completed the first month of my "rain" as club President. It was an eventful period with our first postponed and rescheduled 4th of July parade, a rain soaked July 15th BBQ dinner and board meeting at my house, elephant stories, dinner meeting venue decisions and the weather in general.

Several events are occurring over the first 12 days of August as follows:

- Tuesday, August 5th - Springfield Night Out at the Country Club
- Wednesday, August 6th - Lions Board meeting at St. Matthews Lutheran Church
- Thursday, August 7th - Lions sponsor the U.S. Army Field Band and Chorus at Rose Tree Park and collect eyeglasses
- Tuesday, August 12th - Dinner meeting at the Springfield Country Club with Maddie Link, a recipient of a MIRA Foundation guide dog

Hopefully, we will have plenty of Lions participating in some, if not all, of the above events. If you haven't been out in a while, this is your chance to get in the groove again.

Our club just sponsored and arranged escorted transportation to 39 blind campers to Beacon Lodge, a Lions camp for the blind and visually impaired in Mt. Union, PA. We should all thank and express our gratitude to our leaders in this endeavor, Jerry McCabe and Richard Patterson, himself a blind camper. Other Lions helping were Mark Godshalk, Jim Beermann, Jim Harrington, Sr., Frank Udicious, Lisa Tiffany, Walt Young, Kathy Lawless, Carolyn Ondo, Aston Lioness, John Kulp, Kurt and Joan Schaefer and Dallas and Joannie Scott. The 39 campers included 14 campers from the Allentown area. Included in the number were 4 members of our club. The trips were long days for our Lions but a very rewarding effort.

At the August 12th dinner meeting we will start distributing member surveys to all of our members. This is part of our Club Enhancement Process. We ask everyone to participate in this survey to enable us to improve our club in the future. Surveys and instructions will be forthcoming.

*King Lion Bill*

## NEXT DINNER MEETING

**Tuesday, August 12th, 6:30 PM**

**Springfield Country Club**

Cost of Dinner is \$25.00

**Dress Code: Business Casual**

IMPORTANT! NOTIFY JIM BEERMANN IF YOUR ARE ATTENDING EITHER BY EMAIL

([jimebeermann@gmail.com](mailto:jimebeermann@gmail.com)) OR PHONE (610-662-6010)

Our speaker is Maddie Link. Maddie Link a recipient of a MIRA dog is a high school student from Allentown, PA.



MIRA Foundation USA, Inc. is a non-profit corporation established to provide guide dogs for eligible blind children between the ages of 11 and 17, completely free of charge. MIRA is the only organization in the US that provides guide dogs to children under the age of 17. In addition, we provide ongoing seminars for families of blind children with reference to daily living skills, psychology of blindness, what to emphasize in orientation and mobility training in preparation for a guide dog. See more at: <http://www.mirausa.org>.

## LIONS' CALENDAR

Aug 5

Springfield Night Out. 6PM

Aug 6

Board Meeting, St. Matthews, 7 PM

Aug 7            Rose Tree Festival - US Army Band and Field Chorus. We will be collecting used eyeglasses

Aug 12           Dinner Mtg, 6:30 PM at Springfield Country Club, Speaker Mira Link, MIRA dog recipient.

Aug 26           Dinner Mtg, 6:30 PM SCC

## SPRINGFIELD NIGHT OUT

Springfield Night Out, which is part of the National Night Out is held at the Springfield Country Club parking lot on Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> and is a widely attended event. The event, designed to support crime prevention, includes live music, food and drinks, raffle prizes police and fire apparatus on display, children's activities and many organizations, such as ourselves, present. It is a splendid opportunity for the Lions to present themselves to the community and provide information to residents that might have an interest in our activities. Please contact Dick Wilson (610-565-3272) for more information and to let him now you are coming. Wear your Lions vest. It starts at 6PM and ends about 9PM. More information is available at [www.springfieldpd.com](http://www.springfieldpd.com).

## ROSE TREE FESTIVAL

The Lions are sponsoring the US Army Band and Field Chorus at Rose Tree Park on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting used eyeglasses so we need some people to help at the entrances to collect them. The music starts at 7:30 PM but we need help starting at 7PM. Contact Bill Lavery (610-544-5016) if you are coming. Bring your Lions vest, and a chair!

## SUPER OF THE YEAR!!

Our own Lion Jim Capalupo was recently named Superintendent of the Year by the National Association of School Superintendents. The organization cited his focus on literacy and college readiness. Congratulate Jim when you see him!

## RECENT EVENTS



Our intrepid (and wet) cooks, Larry DeMooy and Larry Peranteau at the board meeting cookout.



This is probably the last time you'll see as casual a board meeting as this!



Beacon Lodge campers from Philadelphia and Allentown.



Springfield and Allentown Lions pose before the ride home.



We are in need of a photographer for the August 26th dinner meeting while Walt is on vacation. No need for any fancy camera equipment, just a decent camera and knowing which ends points forward. NO cell phone photos, please. Contact Walt at 610-543-4257 if interested.