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Special Equestrians Guest Speaker

- Upcoming Events:**
- ◆ Board of Directors Meeting, Dec. 5th, Williamsons...

 - DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT !

 - ◆ *NO* meeting on December 19th !

 - ◆ X-MAS PARTY at Carlo's house, Dec. 22nd, see page 2.

- Did You Know?**
- * Reindeer are the only species of deer where the female grows antlers?
 - * Four health clinics worldwide specialize in bad breath?
 - * California was the first state to send two women to the US Senate at once?
 - * The most popular pizza topping in Korea is Tuna?

At our November 7th meeting, the Horsham Lions Club was honored to have guest speaker Sharon Herz-Freilich, Executive Director of the Special Equestrians organization.

Special Equestrians, a non-profit organization located in Warminster, provides specialized therapeutic riding and driving programs for individuals suffering from mental retardation, Down Syndrome, blindness, hearing impairment, learning disability, spinal cord injuries, and numerous other diseases and disabilities.



The organization uses horses as tools to achieve cognitive, physical, social, emotional, and behavioral goals. The ability to control a horse as well as one's body inspires self confidence, responsibility, and teamwork. Horseback riding for people with disabilities is recognized as one of the most progressive forms of therapy. This thoroughly enjoyable experience creates a special relationship



between the rider, the horse, and the therapists.

People who have benefited from their help have gone on to compete in the Special Olympics and the Devon Horse Show.

The facility also permits juvenile offenders to work off their community service requirements by helping tend the horses and grounds.

The Horsham Lions offered an initial donation of \$500, and an open-ended hand of support to the Special Equestrians, vowing to assist the organization in the future as their needs dictate and our abilities permit. Special Equestrians in turn offered use of their facilities for possible future Lions club meetings.

For more info, or to learn about volunteering or donating, contact the facility at (215) 918-1001 or visit www.SpecialEquestrians.com.

Lion Statue Update

Here are some photos of the lion statue that the Horsham Lions expect to erect at the corner of Meetinghouse Road and Horsham Road, on the Giant grocery store property.



The lion is made of bronze and weighs over 400 pounds. He currently has the honor of being stabled in Sam Braccia's garage.

Sam obtained the lion and will store it until ready for display. Paperwork is still in the process of being completed for the project.

Designs are currently being drawn up for the base which the lion will rest upon. A plaque dedicating the lion is also being made.



Christmas Party Announced



This year's Christmas party will be held at president Carlo Logiovine's home, at 723 Norristown Road in Horsham.

The date is Sunday, December 22nd, the time is 6pm. Wives are welcome!

White Cane Days Results

The sum total for this year's White Cane Days is **\$869.88**. Horsham Lions stood outside the Village Mall in Horsham asking for donations from the public, and informing the public of our causes. We thank the eight Lions who came to help out. The Horsham Lions intend to contribute an additional amount (possibly a matching amount) and give the money to District 14-R, to be distributed among several of their projects.



Lions Help Hearing Impaired

The Horsham Lions, the Willow Grove Lions, and the Glenside Lions obtained a hearing aid for John Sitasz, of Glenside. The three clubs shared the \$800 cost. Mr. Sitasz, living on a fixed income, would not have been able to afford this on his own.

The hearing aid was supplied by Miracle Ear, which is a division of Sears.

This request for assistance came through Lions Clubs International, who contacted the Willow Grove Lions, who then contacted our club.

For those of you in doubt as to whether your time, effort, and caring make a difference, here is proof positive that we CAN help!

Monthly Brain



What is greater than God,
More evil than the devil,
Rich people want it,
Poor people have it,
And if you eat it, you die?

Last Month's Answer:

The entire paragraph did not contain the letter "e", the most commonly used letter in English.

Lions Help Horsham Police Protect Kids

The Horsham Lions Club purchased an upgrade for the SentryKIDS FingerTIPS system currently in use by the Horsham Police Department. The upgrade is valued at \$1,050.

FingerTIPS runs on a laptop computer. It can capture 10 fingerprints using an inkless method, and record photo and vital biographical information. The information is then printed on a special card or stored on diskette. An example of the card format is shown to the right.

Police departments commonly use this system to collect vital information for children, to be used in the event of an abduction or if the need for identification arises.



Once a child's information is stored in the system, it can be kept in your home, or stored at the police department. The diskette is preformatted to be used immediately by the AMBER Alert System currently in use in Pennsylvania.

The system can also print "Missing Child" posters with all of a child's vital information.

Horsham Police Department Captain Joseph Repkoe came to the Horsham Lions Club through John Campisi, asking for assistance to purchase this upgrade. The Lions were more than happy to help. Pictured is John Campisi with Captain Repkoe, and Lions President Carlo Logiovine.

Once the system arrives, has been tested, and is in place, the Horsham Police Department will issue announcements explaining how Horsham residents can have their children fingerprinted and vital information taken.



Horsham Township Police can be reached at www.Horsham.org/police or by calling 215-643-3600. SentryKIDS is located in Bensalem, and can be reached at www.SentryKids.com or by calling 215-281-3690.



Donation Made to American Legion

Horsham Lions made a \$200 contribution to the Willow Grove American Legion Post 308. The money will go towards their annual Christmas party held for the children of the Carson Valley School.



The school is the home of children who are wards of the state. The American Legion post is associated with the Willow Grove Community Services Orphans Fund in this endeavor.