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## Special Equestrians Guest Visit

- Upcoming Events:**
- ◆ Dinner Meeting, Thursday Oct 6th, 7pm, Williamsons
  - ◆ Dinner Meeting, Thursday Oct 20th, 7pm, Williamsons
  - ◆ White Cane Days, Friday Oct 21st and Saturday Oct 22nd
  - ◆ District 14R Rally, Tuesday November 15th, 7pm

- Did You Know?**
- ◆ In Britain, two women were killed in 1999 by lightning conducted through their underwire bras.
  - ◆ The Japanese throne has been occupied continuously by a member of the same family since the sixth century AD.
  - ◆ Ancient Greeks considered parsley too sacred to eat. Ancient Romans believed it had special powers to keep them sober.



At our September 22nd meeting, the Horsham Lions Club was honored to have guest speaker Laura Soldano, 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 problems.

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 rider, horse, and therapists.

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

Recent additions to the facility include a program aimed at helping inner-city "youth at risk" to come to participate in caring for the horses. Children from violent backgrounds learn respect for the animals and responsibility for their actions.

The Horsham Lions offered a donation of \$1000, and our ongoing 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.org](http://www.SpecialEquestrians.org).




### October Birthdays:

- Al Outland, 8th
- Larry Glemser, 8th
- James Alper, 14th

Name something you serve that you cannot eat.

**Can't wait until next month for the answer?**  
Log on to [www.HorshamLions.com](http://www.HorshamLions.com) right now!

**Monthly Brain Teaser!**



Last Month's Answer:  
You can't take a picture of a man with a sign. But you can with a **camera**.

## District Rally Coming!



Each year the Lions of District 14-R hold their annual rally, and this year's event is coming up fast!

The rally is an opportunity to get to meet Lions from other clubs across Montgomery County. Lions share tips and suggestions to improve each others' clubs, draw more public interest, and even boost membership.

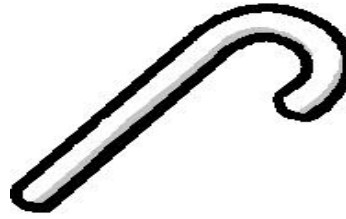
Upwards of 500 Lions have attended previous rallies, and you know how the saying goes, "The more, the merrier." Don't miss out this time!

The date is Tuesday, November 15th. The cash bar opens at 6:30pm, and dinner begins at 7pm.

Several Horsham Lions can tell you that the dinners served are terrific, rivaling the best homemade food, and are not to be missed! And if that's not enough, there are also door prizes to be won!

Tickets can be purchased through Lion Secretary John Bill at a cost of \$20 apiece. This is a jacket and tie affair.

## White Cane Days



White Cane Days are an annual sight fundraiser and public awareness project of Lions Clubs worldwide.

This event involves Lions informing the public of their activities in sight conservation, restoration, and research.

Donations raised during this event are used to help fund a variety of important programs, such as special patient care grant programs that provide medical care, equipment, and other forms of assistance to sight-impaired individuals with financial need in the county.

We will be outside the Village Mall on Blair Mill Road on October 21st and 22nd.

**Secretary John Bill will be calling all Lions, asking if you can help out during this important fundraiser. Please try to free up a few hours to help out!**

## Bench Project



The Horsham Lions Club has asked for and been given permission to provide a bench to be placed outside of the new Horsham Township Community Center building. This great honor gives us a chance to thank the township by supplying a bench, as well as a chance to memorialize Sal Calise with a bronze plaque to be placed on the bench.

We are looking at wrought or cast iron benches which can withstand outdoor conditions. Pictured left and right is one candidate.

Your input in this matter is important to us! If you know of styles, materials, or manufacturers that you recommend, let us know!

