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Joint Meeting with Willow Grove



Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Dinner Meeting, Thursday March 2nd, 7pm, Williamsons, J.T. Binstead to visit
- ◆ Membership Lunch, Saturday March 4th, 1pm, Lansdale
- ◆ Dinner Meeting and Guest Speaker Joshua Faden, Thursday March 16th, 7pm, Williamsons
- ◆ Dinner Meeting, Thursday April 6th, 7pm, Williamsons
- ◆ Membership Dinner, Thursday April 20th, 7pm, Edibles.
- ◆ Horsham Day, June 3rd or 10th?
- ◆ Air Show, June 17th and 18th

Did You Know?

- ◆ The art of coloring and decorating Easter Eggs goes back as far as the Middle Ages (449-1500 AD)

Our February 16th meeting was held jointly with the Willow Grove Lions Club. As you can see from the above photo, we had quite a turnout. More than a dozen members of the Willow Grove club came to visit us. We had quite a big turnout ourselves, almost ten members, which is far above average.

The primary purpose of the joint meeting was to sample the feelings regarding a possible merging of our two clubs. Many members of both clubs have wondered if such a merger would be possible, and if both clubs would be open to considering it.

Both clubs conducted their own business with the other club "eavesdropping". This way, we both got to know a little bit about how the other club operates, what activities are taking place, and what we might

be able to expect if we were to merge.

Most importantly, everyone in attendance was given the chance to take the floor and offer his opinions on the topic of merger. Although no official vote was taken, the general feeling was that a merger is considered a good thing, which will be beneficial to all, including the most important people involved: ***those whom we help.***

The feeling in the room was absolutely electric. Both clubs mingled and got along very well. Old friendships were renewed, and new ones formed.

Next Step: both clubs have agreed to meet among themselves and take a vote about merging. Once this vote has been made, we will conduct another joint meeting to review. During that meeting we will determine the next steps to take.

Important Vote to be Taken



For the Horsham Lions Club, official votes are rarely ever announced or scheduled.

While this is against Lions stated bylaws, it is certainly indicative of the lack of participation, interest, and energy that our club has seen over the last few years.

Given that the topic of merging with another club is a very hot issue, we want to give every member of our club a chance to

vote on the matter. At our next meeting, March 2nd, we will be taking an official vote on whether to proceed with merger.

If you cannot attend, PLEASE call or email me and let your voice be heard. If you feel this vote is premature, again, please attend, or let me know, and we can vote to take more time to consider this.

Nobody's voice should be excluded.

Andy Weiss (215) 591-9183

Membership Events

Two different membership events have been planned. The purpose of these events is to invite prospective new members, and interest them in Lions. If you know anyone that would make a great Lion, invite them to one or both of these events. Hopefully we can obtain some new membership from these events.

There will be a **Membership Luncheon** for the whole of District 14R, held on Saturday March 4th at 1pm, at Famous Pizza, in Lansdale. The pizza shop is located in Sumney Ford Square at the intersections of Route 363 and Sumneytown Pike.

The Horsham Lions will be hosting a **Membership Dinner** on Thursday April 20th at 7pm at Edibles.



Food will be supplied free of charge for any guests who come out to learn about Lions.

News Roundup

- ◆ We received an email from Lions Clubs International this week. The headquarters of GMAC wishes to place Lions eyeglass collection boxes in all branch GMAC offices nationwide. GMAC contacted Lions Clubs International, and then International contacted the Horsham Lions Club ... thanks to our website. A collection box will be delivered to the Horsham GMAC office before the end of February.



THE WEBSITE WORKS. EMAIL WORKS.

- ◆ We have sponsored a third intramural youth sports team. In addition to the two Horsham Hoops basketball teams we are now sponsoring, we have also agreed to sponsor a **Horsham Little League** baseball team. More information about the team, its members, and hopefully a photo, will be coming soon.
- ◆ Don't forget, **Horsham Day** is coming!

Potential New Members

We've got a membership dinner planned. How terrible it would be if the same ten faces were the only ones seen at this dinner?

PLEASE, if you know ANYONE who might be remotely interested in becoming a Lion, or even might be interested in learning about us, SEND ME THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION.

I will be compiling a master list of all the potential new members we wish to contact. Once compiled, I will send out our introductory letter to all of them.

Currently I have three gentlemen on my own personal list, but THREE IS NOT ENOUGH. Contact me via the website, or my phone number (both on page 1). Let's make an effort to increase our own membership!

— Andy Weiss

Max Hankin Poetry Corner

Beware of These Friends

Some people talk and incessantly tell fibs. Oblivious that the listener knows what gives.

They constantly belittle their friends behind their backs. The listener is aware that he's included in these attacks.

It's so pointless these attacks on friends you see. It just comes from an insincere personality.



March Birthdays:

Jim Doherty, March 2nd



Monthly Brain Teaser!



I live above a star. I have eleven neighbors.

My initials are "PRS", and sometimes Q.

Who am I?

Can't wait until next month for the answer?

Visit the website and send me an email!

Last Month's Answer:

Put your pants on backwards.

Golf Outing Plea



Our annual golf outing will be taking place on Monday, July 31st at Commonwealth National Golf Course. Because of a lack of golfers to fill the roster in years' past, we are partnering with the Abington Lions Club as well as the Horsham/Willow Grove Chamber of Commerce. Hopefully with three organizations, we can fill up the golf roster this year.

We have one major problem: **MANPOWER.**

We are sorely lacking in people to perform some time-consuming tasks. If we had more people to help, I am sure we could canvas the area better and turn a very low-key golf outing into a major event.

Primarily, we need to contact Local Businesses, for three main reasons:

- ◆ **Enter Foursomes.** In years' past, local businesses have sent foursomes (or more) of their own people to golf in our outing. Horsham is growing, and I am sure we still have enough businesses to fill several foursomes. The problem is that we have no people with enough time to contact them and follow up.
- ◆ **Advertise in Program Book.** The MCAB has a program book each year, with two dozen (or more!) pages of advertisements. Each of those advertisements is income for the MCAB. If we sold small \$50 advertisements to 30 local businesses, imagine the proceeds! Again, we have no people who have adequate time.
- ◆ **Sponsor a Hole.** This should be the easiest thing to accomplish, because there are only 18 holes to sponsor. And, yet again, the major problem is manpower.

At times I have the energy and willpower to do all of this myself. What I do not have is the time. I completely understand that many of our members are in the same position, with job and family obligations preventing significant effort toward the golf outing.

This is a personal plea to some of our less active members, who are still on our rolls and still pay dues, to renew their commitment to the Lions. Every little bit counts. Even if you personally visit one or two local businesses, or just make a handful of phone calls.

Please coordinate with me so that I can ensure we don't double-call anyone. My contact info is on page 1 of this issue. Don't let this event, which has so much potential, continue to fade as it has been doing. — Andy Weiss

Air Show



The Willow Grove Naval Air Station may be undergoing some significant changes, but that doesn't mean that air shows aren't going to take place. In fact, considering that any change to the air base may take years for the transition to complete, we may have several more air shows left before the base closes!

Did you know there is already an air show scheduled for this year? June 17th and 18th, the Thunderbirds are coming to perform at Willow Grove.

If the weather cooperates with us this year, we could have a record-breaking number of cars. Not because of the Thunderbirds, but because of the nostalgia people have for an air base that might be closing.

What does this mean? It means we need Horsham Lions members to mark their calendars and set aside time during this weekend to help us park cars. We were short-handed last year, and we turned away cars. If we had more manpower, we could squeeze them in and raise even more funds.

Guest Speaker



Here's a short preview about our guest speaker who will be visiting during our March 16th meeting.

Josh Faden has lived in Horsham his entire life. He recently spent several months volunteering in Latin America, specifically Costa Rica and Peru. He has been motivated from these experiences and his own passions to help local people improve their own well-being.

Since returning to the US, he's been working to start a non-profit organization. He has applied for

501c3 status recently. The organization's main objective is to create a combination community center and farming co-op that can help educate and create sustainability within communities worldwide.

It was our common thread to "help the community" that caused Josh to contact us. He will be speaking about his goals and organization, and whether we can help him.