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- Upcoming Events:**
- ◆ Dinner Meeting, September 7th, Williamsons, 7pm
 - ◆ Dinner Meeting GUEST SPEAKER September 21st, Williamsons, 7pm
 - ◆ White Cane Days, October ????

- Did You Know?**
- ◆ The last 12-cylinder car produced in the US was the 1948 Lincoln Continental
 - ◆ The spiny cheek, starsnout poacher, and monkeyface prick-leback are all names of fish.
 - ◆ George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams were all avid collectors and players of marbles.
 - ◆ About 30% of NBA players have tattoos, compared with about 4% of the nation's population.

Meeting Information

- ◆ **PLEASE BRING ANY EYEGLASSES** you have collected to our FIRST meeting of September, on the 7th. We are collecting them to donate to the guest speaker who is coming to the second meeting, on the 21st.
- ◆ **PLEASE BRING ANY VESTS** that do not have lettering on them to the FIRST meeting of September, on the 7th. We will be giving them to Tara Smith to have lettering added during our second meeting, on the 21st.
- ◆ Local Horsham Optometrist **DR. DAVID McPHILLIPS** will be visiting us as a guest speaker during our September 21st meeting.

Dr. McPhillips is very active in the international sight preservation initiative. He is involved with the **VOSH** organization, which partners with the Lions in preserving sight worldwide. He will give us a short demonstration outlining how the eyeglasses are distributed, and what VOSH does. His office, Primary Eyecare Associates, is located at 303 Horsham Road, across from the Giant supermarket.

WE WILL BE DONATING GLASSES to Dr. McPhillips. I have checked with the District, and have been told that as long as we count how many we have given him, they WILL COUNT toward our grand total at next year's convention. I have also been told that since the convention's glasses go to VOSH, and so do the ones given to Dr. McPhillips, that this is acceptable.

Max Hankin Poetry Corner

Slow Down Max

Slow down Max, my life is a blur.
"Did I jostle you?" I'm sorry sir.

Slow down Max, I'm in such a hurry.
I go helter-skelter and constantly worry.

Slow down Max, I'm in an endless race.
I must slow down to a sensible pace.

Slow down Max, so that I won't waste
My whole life, because of my haste.

Slow down Max, so that I will run
Either for my health, or just for fun.

Slow down Max, take time to dine,
To taste the food and sip the wine.

Slow down Max, take time to talk,
Time to relax, or take a walk.

Slow down Max, so that I will wave,
Or acknowledge the one that you just gave.

Slow down Max, so that I can see
That others have ability, not only me.


Slow down Max, so that I can see
More of my friends and family.

Slow down Max, slow down.

September Birthdays:

Ted Truver,	Sep. 13th
Gary Paul,	Sep. 13th
Joe Nemath,	Sep. 17th



<p>Monthly Brain Teaser!</p> 	<p>How much dirt is in a semi-circular hole 5 feet around and 3 feet at its deepest?</p>
	<p><u>Last Month's Answer:</u> One of the "two fathers and two sons" was both a son AND a father. Two fathers, two sons, three men!</p>

Meet our Scholarship Recipients

In July 2006, the Horsham Lions Club presented \$1,000 scholarships to three seniors, and \$2,000 to one senior from the Hatboro Horsham High School, totaling \$5,000 in scholarships.

The club strives to present several scholarships to local students each year, in an effort to assist in furthering the education of community-minded young adults. The students were chosen anonymously, and the choice was made not only on academic merit, but on the level of community and humanitarian involvement the students displayed. Since beginning the scholarship program, the Horsham Lions Club has presented more than \$130,000 in scholarship money to local students.

Bruce McCaffrey (right, top) will be attending Drexel University this fall, studying Civil Engineering. He's participated in many extra curricular activities, as well as being employed as an apprentice at McCaffrey Fuel Oil for many years. He's acquired a wide range of skills, including welding, plumbing, and HVAC systems. Bruce is also a volunteer for our local fire company. He also has been involved in Boy Scouts for many years, and is currently an Eagle Scout, the highest rank that a Boy Scout can achieve. Bruce is the second child in the McCaffrey family to have received a scholarship from the Horsham Lions.

Sarah Klein (right, middle) will be attending Messiah College this fall, studying German Education and Music Education. She was involved in band and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Sarah has been highly active in Girl Scouts for many years, and has been an assistant to Andy Weiss's wife (Suzanne), who leads two Girl Scout troops.

Jennifer O'Neill (right, bottom) will be attending Penn State this fall, studying Business Administration. She is very active in Track, Student Council, and many other high school committees. Her community service includes Habitat for Humanity, Toys for Tots, Special Olympics, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Breakfast with Santa, along with several other ventures. She's spending the summer in Europe visiting many countries.

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Scholarships, continued

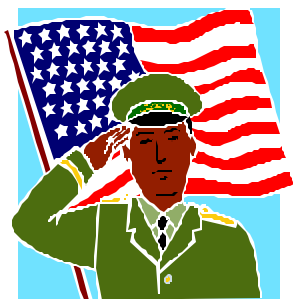
Chelsea Pessolano (right) will be attending Albright college this fall, her major has yet to be declared. She's been active in the Student Advisory Board as well as the Interact and Key Clubs, and Youth Leadership. She's been cheerleading throughout high school. She was sent to a Leadership Skills camp by the Horsham Rotary. Chelsea also participated in the Big Brothers and Sisters organization, as well as volunteering for Horsham Day and Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. McCaffrey received the sole \$2,000 scholarship, which was named in memory of Max Hankin, longtime Horsham entrepreneur and participant in the Lions Club. His widow Janet still helps the Lions in our cause by permitting use of her property to park cars during air shows. Without Mrs. Hankin's support, and the hard work of our members during fundraisers, scholarships such as these would not be possible.

Please join me in congratulating these students and encouraging their continued growth!



Larry Glemser in Newspaper



Horsham Lions Club charter member **Larry Glemser** has recently been featured in our local newspaper, the Intelligencer.

Those of you who know Larry know that he is a very devoted patriot, has served in the armed forces his entire life, and is dedicated to spreading the truth about our involvement in Iraq. He is very passionate about this cause.

Larry and his son Jason have corresponded for several years via email. Their talk revolves mainly around service to our country and the lives of our troops in the Middle East. Jason is currently stationed in Iraq, as a soldier in our armed forces.

Recently, several of these letters between the father and son have been published in the newspaper.

The article is too large to be reprinted here (and probably violates copyrights anyway). If you want to read the whole article, surf to <http://www.HorshamLions.com>, and roll down to the story about Larry.

News Items

◆ **CapMark** (formerly GMAC Commercial Mortgage) has once again donated a significant number of eyeglasses to the Horsham Lions Club. A total of ***68*** eyeglasses have been donated this time. This brings their grand total to over 150 eyeglasses.

◆ Have you visited the **WEBSITE** recently?

If not, shame on you! Our website consistently receives over 100 visitors a month, over 1,600 total since its birth. Most of them come to us from web searches for things like "Lions Club" and "Horsham". We've had visitors from as far away as Argentina, Spain, Japan, Brazil, China, India, France, England, and Australia.

Several local businesses (including CapMark above, and Dr. McPhillips on page 1) have found us VIA THE WEBSITE. It is a critical tool in expanding our coverage and making our goals known to the community.

YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE to the website, by writing a short article, or telling me about news items you want shown.

Sunrise Assisted Living



I was contacted very recently by Sharon Damsker, director of community relations for Sunrise Assisted Living in

Dresher. Their new facility has opened recently, and is starting to accept new residents.

The Sunrise home in Dresher is pioneering a new program, named **Bradford View**. These assisted living apartments are customized for **seniors with low vision**. Great detail has been given to the choice of fabrics, colors, layout, and design of these apartments, so that residents with low vision can enjoy a better quality of life. Staff and care managers are specially trained to assist residents with low vision. Activities are also tailored to meet these residents' special needs. Vision specialists were consulted to make this program unique and beneficial.

Sharon and her team would like to make this new program known to the community, and chose to help spread the message by contacting the Horsham Lions club.

In addition, being an organization which strives to encourage and support service organizations such as the Lions, Sunrise has several partnership ideas which we are going to be working on together:

(1) Sunrise is going to be placing **eyeglass collection** boxes in all of their facilities in this region. There are currently 14 of these homes, and more are on the way. The eyeglasses will be collected and donated to the Lions Club in each home's region. We will help put them in contact with the proper clubs.

(2) Sunrise of Dresher held a **fundraiser** for the Lions Club on August 24th at the Garden Golf center on Upper State Road in North Wales. Sunrise did this to increase exposure for the Lions, as well as increasing awareness of their new low-vision apartments. We got to meet and speak with Sharon and other Sunrise staff, and learned quite a bit about the Bradford View program. In addition, Sunrise **donated 50 pair of eyeglasses** to our club.

(3) Sunrise will be **hosting one of our meetings** in the near future. We will get to meet the staff and tour the facility. Look for information in upcoming newsletters.

(4) Sunrise of Dresher has expressed interest in starting a new **branch club** of the Horsham Lions in their location. As you may know, branch clubs are an excellent way to increase membership and keep Lionism strong. PDG Jack

Binstead will be assisting us in investigating this exciting opportunity.

This partnership is only in its infancy, but I have reason to believe it can benefit both organizations greatly.

Pictured below are staff of Sunrise of Dresher. Seated is Amber DeBonza. Standing left to right are Christen Egan, Sharon Damsker, and Ed Corbeil. Christen, Sharon, and Amber are all members of Sunrise's community relations team. Ed is the executive director of Sunrise at Dresher.



Golf Outing Update



Here are the results from our recent golf outing at Commonwealth National Golf Club.

We had 18 golfers. Two of those were Horsham Lions: John Bill and Jim Faber.

Bill Whiteside brought in \$1,150 worth of sponsorship money.

In total, we netted \$2,250, including sponsorship money. This means we netted \$1,000 from the golfing.