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- Upcoming Events:**
- ◆ Dinner Meeting, October 5th, AT SUNRISE, 7pm, details at right
  - ◆ Dinner Meeting GUEST SPEAKER PDG J.T. Binstead October 19th, Williamsons, 7pm
  - ◆ White Cane Days, October 13th-14th, details below right

- Did You Know?**
- ◆ The planet Venus has no tilt as it goes around the sun. Thus, it has no seasons.
  - ◆ 23% of American men wear a mustache.
  - ◆ 10% of frequent flyers say they never check their luggage, they bring it as a carry-on.
  - ◆ Mead, a wine made from honey, is the national drink of Poland.
  - ◆ In Japan, it is bad etiquette to point chopsticks at someone.

- Meeting Information**
- ◆ Our **October 5th** meeting will be held at Sunrise Assisted Living of Dresher. The facility is located at 1650 Susquehanna Road. It's about a block north of the intersection of Susquehanna Road and Virginia Drive.  
  
Sunrise staff will be telling us about the facility and giving us a tour.  
  
We need an accurate head count for this meeting. So if you are able to attend, please make sure Secretary John Bill knows! (215-646-7154).
  - ◆ Our **October 19th** meeting will be held at Williamsons. We will be having a guest speaker, Past District Governor J.T. Binstead, to talk about LCIF.

**White Cane Days**



Our annual White Cane Days fundraiser will be held on Friday October 13th and Saturday October 14th. We will be posted outside the Wawa convenience store located on Horsham Road just behind Edibles Restaurant.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS BADLY for this fundraiser. Wawa promises to be a much busier venue than either Acme or Wal-Mart, and we'd like to have both doors staffed. We're starting early and staying late. Right now we are short several time-slots.

If you can volunteer, PLEASE contact myself or Secretary John Bill.

**Max Hankin Poetry Corner**

UNTIL YOU WENT AWAY FROM ME

Let's take it from the start.  
Love came from your lips, but not your heart.  
I could do anything, can't you see,  
Until you went away from me.

We were so in love,  
I was a king.  
I could do anything, can't you see,  
Until you went away from me.


I could step into any town.  
I could turn it upside down.  
I could do anything, can't you see,  
Until you went away from me.

Now that I've lost you, what have I got?  
He is the King, and I am not.  
I could do anything, can't you see,  
Until you went away from me.


My world came crumbling down.  
Now I drift from town to town.  
I could do anything, can't you see,  
Until you went away from me.  
Until you went away from me.

October Birthdays:

Al Outland,	Oct. 8th
Larry Glemser,	Oct. 8th
James Alper,	Oct 14th
Shirley Truver,	Oct. 21st



**Monthly Brain Teaser!**



Simon was out for a walk when it started to rain. He had no umbrella, and no hat. His clothes were soaked, yet not a single hair on his head got wet. HOW?

Last Month's Answer:  
There is no dirt in a hole!

## VOSH-PA Visits Horsham Lions

At our September 21st meeting the Horsham Lions hosted members of **VOSH-PA**. **V**olunteer **O**ptometric **S**ervices to **H**umanity is an international organization whose goal is to provide vision care worldwide to those who can neither afford nor obtain such care. The VOSH-PA chapter was founded by several local optometrists, in an effort to do their part to address blindness.

Three members of VOSH-PA visited us. The members make trips several times a year to places like Guatemala and Haiti to deliver eye-care and



glasses to the needy. The trips are funded out of the pockets of the members themselves, all hotel and airfare is the responsibility of the member. While on a mission, the members give eye exams, perform cataract surgery, and distribute eyeglasses to locals with vision problems. District 14-R donates thousands of pairs of eyeglasses to VOSH yearly.

Chris Wurst (left) is a local Hatboro business owner. He lends his time and effort to the cause, and stores the VOSH-PA equipment and eyeglasses in his Hatboro warehouse. He also assists the physicians during the trips. Christine Smith (middle) is an optometrist in Doylestown. David McPhillips (right) is also an optometrist, located in Horsham.

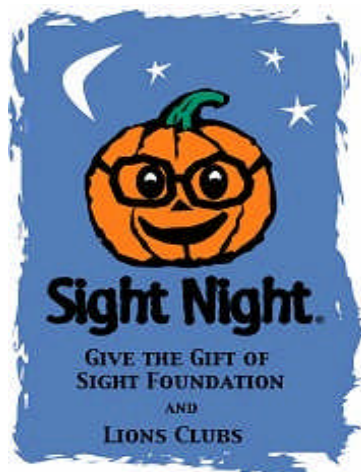
Christine gave us a slide presentation containing many photos taken during VOSH visits to needy villages. The

photos showed how communities for miles around send people to the temporary vision centers for care. Pictures of young children, able to see clearly for the first time after receiving donated eyewear, were stirring and inspiring.

We also learned that VOSH collects donated baseball hats in addition to glasses. The hats help shield the eyes of those living in the lower latitudes, where the sun's rays can damage eyesight much more quickly than they can more northward.

The Horsham Lions gave 220 pairs of eyeglasses to VOSH-PA during their visit. Many of these will be going with the team as they visit Haiti in several weeks.

## Halloween Night is Sight Night!



Halloween night is Sight Night for the Gift of Sight Foundation and for Lions Clubs International. This is the eighth annual Sight Night.

The key to this is effort is our local children. The kids are encouraged to place door hangers on the doors of houses they will be visiting on Halloween Night.

The hangers tell the residents that the children will be collecting eyeglasses on Halloween Night.

What better way to canvas the community than to piggyback with the kids who are already canvassing their neighborhoods for treats?

We've enlisted the help of several local Girl Scout troops. So far two troops totaling about 40 girls have agreed to help us with this effort. Each girl will be hanging about 20 door hangers in their neighborhood. If each house visited has only one pair to donate, that's 800 eyeglasses to go to the needy. And this is just the start! More troops should be joining us soon!