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Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Dinner Meeting, November 2nd, 7pm, Williamsons, JOINT MEETING with Willow Grove
- THIS IS OUR ONLY MEETING IN NOV!**
- ◆ District Rally, Tuesday November 14th, East Greenville, PA
- ◆ Dinner Meeting, December 7th, 7pm, Williamsons
- ◆ CHRISTMAS PARTY December 17th @ John Bill's house More details coming!

Did You Know?

- ◆ A large cloud can hold enough water for 500,000 baths. Only one-fifth of this ever falls as rain.
- ◆ At the outbreak of World War I, the American Air Force consisted of only fifty men.

Recent News

- ◆ **White Cane Days** was a tremendous success. We collected a total of about \$1,200 during the two days of fund-raising. We spent more than 35 man-hours at the Wawa in Horsham, and about three hours at the Wal-Mart. Many thanks go to all who helped out in this effort.
- ◆ We donated \$250 to sponsor one child at **Camp Rainbow**, a camp in Spring Mount, PA for underprivileged children aged 7—12.
- ◆ We donated \$200 to **Camp Kirby**, a camp in Bridgetown, PA for deaf children.
- ◆ We donated \$750 to **VOSH-PA** after learning of their courageous efforts to save eyesight in developing countries.
- ◆ We received a thank you note from **Beacon Lodge** for our \$500 donation.
- ◆ We have ordered an outdoor sign to be placed beneath our Lions sign, listing the name of our website.
- ◆ **Sight Night**: On Halloween night, 60 local Girl Scouts will be collecting used eyeglasses from the houses they visit during Trick-Or-Treat.

Message to Willow Grove

Help us cut costs!
Those of you receiving our newsletter who would like to have it emailed to you, please send an email to me! I will remove you from the mailing lists and you can help us reduce the cost of postage, printing, etc!

Max Hankin Poetry Corner

WHEN I WAS YOUNG

When I was young, I had a lot to learn,
I observed adults so serious and stern.
I said to myself, "I will never get that way,
I will laugh and joke and take time to play."
But nature has its way of being mysterious,
For when we mature, we become too serious.
Oh nature, must you be so cruel?
Is this the only way you have to rule?
Someone said I sound like a sixth grader,
I knew I'd be criticized, sooner or later.
Nature, though your virtues have always
been sung,
Please forgive me, for I'm going to
think young!

Message from New Member

Dear Fellow Members,


I would like to thank all of you for the kind words of encouragement and support you gave me during my induction evening. I look forward to helping our club stay strong and focused for many years to come.

Best Regards,
Patrick McDevitt - Newest Member

November Birthdays:
Andy Weiss, Nov. 27th



Monthly Brain Teaser!



If you're living within 5 miles of a cemetery, you can't be buried there. Why?

Last Month's Answer:
Simon has no hair.

PDG Jack Binstead Visit

At our October 19th meeting, PDG Jack Binstead came to visit, and speak about LCIF. The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is set up as the philanthropy arm of Lions Clubs International.

Causes that have been donated to by LCIF include tsunami relief, hurricane relief (ex: Katrina), earthquake relief, as well as many causes domestically, including flood relief within Pennsylvania.

So far, LCIF has donated over \$12 million to tsunami relief. Over the course of the next ten years, this figure is estimated to reach over \$60 million.

100% of LCIF donations reach their intended causes. The reasons for this are twofold. First, other charities like the Red Cross must pay their workers. All LCIF workers are volunteers, and are never paid. Second, all operating expenses for the LCIF organization are paid through dues, never through donations given to LCIF. Other charities like the Red Cross cannot say the same.

All contributions to SightFirst, and all monies dis-



bursed through SightFirst, go through LCIF.

In Indonesia alone, LCIF has funded the construction of over 3,000 homes for those devastated by the tsunami.

LCIF's contributions to causes within Pennsylvania more than double what Pennsylvania Lions Clubs donate to LCIF. PDG Binstead urged us and all Lions Clubs to contribute to the LCIF cause. When contributing to LCIF, you can earmark your donations for specific causes, like tsunami or Katrina relief.

White Cane Days Photos



Horsham Lions visit Sunrise Assisted Living

On October 5th the Horsham Lions visited Sunrise Assisted Living of Dresher. We established a connection with Sharon Damsker, director of community relations for Sunrise of Dresher, earlier this year at a fundraiser they held for the Lions. We hope this connection grows stronger!

During the visit, we were given a tour of their new Low Vision resident rooms. These rooms are specially designed for people with vision impairment, to give them a better quality of life without robbing them of dignity. The Lions were very impressed with this program.

Several District 14-R members were also on hand, including District Governor Dick Stein, Vice District Governor Joanne George, and PDG Jack Binstead. All were very interested in fostering a partnership between Sunrise and the Lions.

During the meeting, District Governor Stein inducted our newest member to the Horsham Lions Club, Pat McDevitt. A welcome message from Pat appears on page 1.

Sunrise of Dresher's first resident was a happy and friendly chocolate lab named Duncan, who begged for treats throughout the whole meeting! Thanks go to Lion John Campisi for bringing hoagies for our dinners.

Members of the district will be following up with Sunrise in the coming months, to discuss joint ventures to raise funds for the blind and increase awareness of Sunrise's new Low Vision program.

