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- Upcoming Events:**
- ◆ Dinner Meeting  
Thurs, May 1st,  
7pm, Williamsons
  - ◆ Dinner Meeting  
Thurs, May 15th,  
7pm, Williamsons
  - ◆ HORSHAM DAY  
Saturday June 7th  
Deep Meadow Park
  - ◆ Annual Golf Outing  
Monday July 28th  
Commonwealth  
National Golf Course



## Abington High School Guest Speakers

- Did You Know?**
- ◆ The Manhattan cocktail was invented by Jennie Jerome, who later became the mother of Winston Churchill
  - ◆ About 10% of the workforce in Egypt is under 12 years old. Child labor laws are poorly enforced.
  - ◆ Queen Elizabeth II wore three different crowns on her coronation day in 1953.

At our April 17th meeting we had two guest speakers from Abington High School.

**Mary Rodgers** (right) has been working with students, getting them involved in service to the community since 1968. She is currently the Service Learning Facilitator at Abington High School. She's been a past Leo advisor, is a current member of the Glenside Lions Club, and also volunteers with VOSH, an organization the Lions know too well. She was voted the top service learning practitioner in the US in 2008.

Mary's role involves working with students to get them involved with community service activities. The high school requires community service hours in order to graduate, and Mary helps the students choose projects, plan them, see them through, and

also helps them realize that service need not be something you "have to do", it's something you're likely to derive some self satisfaction from.

Mary came to visit us primarily to tell us of her recent visit to Guatemala to assist VOSH in a humanitarian trip delivering needed eye care to local inhabitants.

**Jennifer Parke** (left) is a senior at Abington Senior High School. She also visited Guatemala with Mary to help VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity). She helped bring needed vision supplies to the country, and also served as a translator, having taken several years of Spanish language education in school.

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## Abington High School Guest Speakers (cont.)

She witnessed and assisted in numerous cataract surgeries, and worked one-on-one with vision-impaired Guatemalans in several towns. Before traveling, she also assisted in sorting, cataloguing, cleaning, and repairing some of the 4,000 pair of eyeglasses that VOSH brought to Guatemala during this trip.

Together, along with VOSH, Jennifer and Mary helped treat 2,500 people, dispensing several hundred pair of eyeglasses, and assisting in 99 cataract surgeries. They were both also responsible for carrying over 50 pounds of gear apiece. Here at home, they helped process over 10,000 pair of eyeglasses just last year.

Those of you who missed the meeting missed a great opportunity to meet two people doing tremendous things to help preserve eyesight. The stories these two ladies told were both riveting and also humorous at times, but always inspirational. Both ladies were also very well spoken and vibrant. You can't inspire others without those qualities!

Jennifer's trip so touched her, that she has changed her declared college major course of study, and now wishes to become an eye doctor.

The Horsham Lions extends both ladies congratulations for their efforts, and encouragement to continue!

## Horsham Lions News

### Horsham Day

Things change daily! Here's the latest update. Ivan Stoltzfus cannot come and mix the ice cream for us. But we are still going to sell novelty ice cream. We'll get it from a warehouse club, and sell it right out of the freezer under the tent. This allows us to combine manpower.

The dunk tank is still going to happen, and we still need victims ... I mean volunteers. Who wants to get wet? If you other Lions can find 10 volunteers, then I'll personally sit in the tank myself.

Who wouldn't want to dunk their club president?

### Roh-Max (Evonik) Donates Eyeglasses

Horsham-based chemical services company Roh-Max (aka Evonik) dropped off a whole box of used eyeglasses. They've hosted one of our collection boxes for just a few short weeks. Join us in thanking them for helping others to SEE. Great job!!



### Horsham Lions Scholarships

The submissions are in, and the scholarship committee has met to choose this year's recipients. Look for more information this summer after we meet the recipients and their families.

This year we opened up the applications to students outside of Hatboro Horsham High School. I'm pleased to report that we got about a dozen applications from Horsham seniors who do not go to HHS. Our reach is widening, and that gets us more attention and hopefully more members.

### Horsham Lions Golf Outing

Our annual Golf Outing is early this year, to be held on Monday July 28th at Commonwealth National Golf Club.

The day will be a lot more than just great golf. Our packages typically include a luncheon and dinner, as well as plenty of other perks. More information to come soon.

We're pairing with the Chamber of Commerce again this year. "Save the Date" postcards will be mailed out this week.



### May Birthdays:

Bill Whiteside May 13th  
Sam Braccia May 17th  
John Bill May 24th



### Monthly Brain Teaser!



On which side of a coffee mug is it best to have a handle?

Last Month's Answer:  
GOLF starts with a "T" (tee)