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Upcoming Events:

- **Guest Speaker**
  Colonel Comtois,
  and Dinner Meeting,
  Thursday October 2nd,
  7pm, Williamsons
- **White Cane Day!**
  Saturday October 4th,
  11am—3pm, Wawa on
  Route 611 by Airbase
- **PA Representative Tom Murt Visit**
  and Dinner Meeting,
  Thursday Oct 16th,
  7pm, Williamsons
- **District 14R Rally**,
  Oct 28th 6pm,
  East Greenville PA
- **Election Day**
  Tuesday Nov 4th
  Go vote!

Did You Know?

- The first woman to ride in the Kentucky Derby was Diane Crump on May 2, 1970.
- In 1893, Chicago hired its first police woman, Marie Owens, although female officers were not allowed to wear uniforms until 1956.

Candidate Todd Stephens Visits

During our September 18th meeting, State Representative candidate Todd Stephens came to visit our club. Todd is running for a seat this fall in the 151st district. The Lions thank Todd for filling in as a guest speaker at the last minute, due to a cancellation.

Todd spoke to us primarily about the fate of the Willow Grove air base, which is of great concern to all Horsham residents. He urges us as citizens to fight for our right to have a say in the fate of 1000+ acres in our very backyards.

He also spoke about the importance of legislation and funding for schools and roads, "Education and Transportation", which are clearly very important issues to Todd. Without infrastructure, and well-educated youth, we have more trouble facing important issues.

He also aims to do his best to reform our government in Harrisburg, and fix many of the activities and habits that have persisted for years, yet make no common sense.

Todd is a local guy, born and raised in Horsham. His parents still live here in Horsham as well. The Lions found him personable, friendly, vibrant and witty. We thank him for the visit.

All local elected officials and candidates are welcome to visit the Horsham Lions Club. We cannot officially endorse anyone, but we encourage the opportunity to get to know our officials and candidates.

Todd is pictured here with our president Tara Smith. Todd's website is:

www.ToddStephens08.com

Monthly Brain Teaser!

In which sport do the winners move backwards and the losers move forwards?

Last Month's Answer: Silence

October Birthdays:

Al Outland	Oct 8th
James Alper	Oct 14th
Shirley Truver	Oct 21st

News and Notes

- **October 2nd, Colonel Comtois** from the Willow Grove Joint Reserve Base will be visiting us. He will discuss the future of the airbase with us. Air shows are crucial fundraisers for us. We've also extended an invitation for the Willow Grove Lions Club to visit, they have accepted, we're waiting for a headcount.

- **October 4th** is **WHITE CANE DAY** for our club. We are permitted to be outside the Wawa located on Route 611 across the street from the air base from 11am through 3pm. ***Please*** come help us greet the community and raise funds to help the blind.

- **October 16th**, **Representative Tom Murt** (R) will visit. After a wonderful turnout for Todd Stephens' visit, we hope to welcome Representative Murt with equally open arms. We can only do that if you come to the meeting!

- **October 28th** is our **DISTRICT 14R RALLY** at the East Greenville Fire Company, from 6pm—10pm. Delicious all-you-can-eat family-style turkey and ham dinner will be served. Door prizes, awards, raffle, and surprises! Cash bar between 6pm-6:45pm. Cost is $18.00 per person. We need a head count! Tickets must be pre-purchased by **October 14th**, contact Secretary John Bill if you are interested in going.

  Each club is expected to bring 3 door prizes worth approximately $10 in value.

- **November 4th** is **Election Day!** Do your civic duty, and get out there to VOTE! You can't complain about a government you had no hand in electing!

- Check your upcoming issues of **THE LION Magazine** for mention of the Horsham Lions Club. A writer for the magazine contacted us and interviewed us about our website and our presence online. Do you still need proof that websites, email, and the internet can help our club?

- We've set the date for our **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT**, Thursday, January 22nd. We will be meeting at Edibles for this evening. We have assembled contact information for the families of our scholarship recipients back to 2001, and will be inviting them to Membership night.

  ** **WHO WOULD YOU INVITE?** **

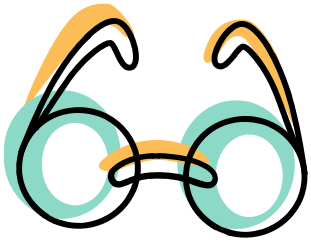
  Every Lion should strive to invite at least one potential new member to our Membership Night. Tell Andy Weiss the name and mailing address of the person you'd like to invite, and he'll send a personal invitation out to them.

- **CRUISE? SHOES? BOOZE? CLUES?**

  No, DUES! DUES! DUES! DUES!

  We need all standing members to remit your membership dues ASAP. We've already paid both state and international membership dues to keep the club in good standing, and now we need members to remit their yearly dues to replenish our administrative funds.

- On Tuesday September 23rd, we dropped off a box containing **575 PAIR OF USED EYEGLASSES** to Dr. David McPhillips' office.



  Dr. McPhillips works with an organization called VOSH that sends the eyeglasses and skilled eye doctors to third-world countries. Since VOSH often receives eyeglasses from the Lions Recycling Center, we've "skipped the middle-man" and given our glasses directly to VOSH for the past two years.

  In two years' time we've collected over 2400 pair of eyeglasses, and given them directly to VOSH. District 14R officials have given us permission to do this, and our eyeglasses will count the same as if we gave them to the recycling center.