



# The Newsletter of the Horsham Lions Club

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### Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Election Day**  
Tuesday Nov 4th  
Go vote!
- ◆ **Dinner Meeting**  
Thurs, Nov 6th, 7pm  
Williamsons
- ◆ **General Meeting**  
Thurs, Nov 20th,  
**TIME AND LOCATION  
TO BE ANNOUNCED**

### Did You Know?

- ◆ The average worker in Japan takes only half of his earned vacation each year.
- ◆ In three years, the Campbell's soup company produces more tiny pasta stars (for its soup) than there are stars in our galaxy.
- ◆ A hippopotamus can run faster than a man.
- ◆ One fourth of your 206 bones are located in your feet.
- ◆ A rat can go without water for longer than a camel can.
- ◆ In England, the Speaker of the House is not permitted to speak.

## Representative Tom Murt Visits

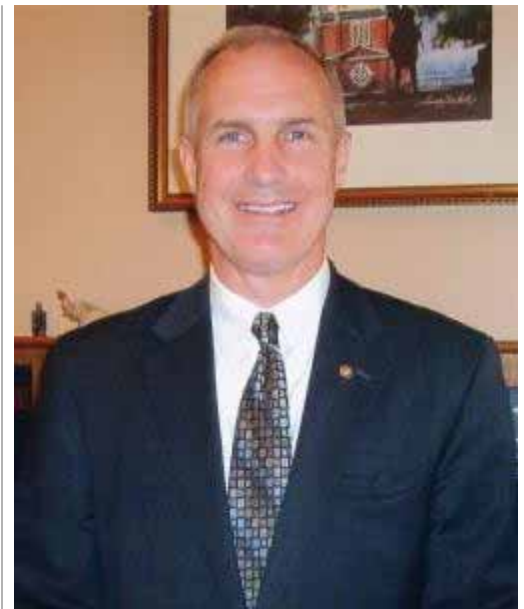
During our October 16th meeting, State Representative **Tom Murt** visited our club.

The representative is running for re-election this fall in the 152nd district. The Lions thank Representative Murt for coming to meet the Lions and exchange ideas.

The representative hopes his prior two years on the job will encourage voters to re-elect him. He's done many things over his short career as elected official, all of which he is very proud of.

His office is the busiest state representative office in the Pennsylvania. He's fought for legislation to help families with Autistic and special-needs children, as well as legislation that helps adults with Autism, Tourettes, and other special needs. He's helped parents fight for funding and services from their local school districts.

He's worked to get several historical markers placed around Hatboro, including bids to erect memorials for Vietnam and Korean War veterans. He's also started a "Visiting Santa" program, where the representative (dressed as Santa Claus!) comes to visit children who may not be able to get to the shopping malls in order to tell Santa their wish lists.



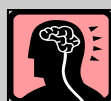
Tom is a local guy, who knows the area very well. He's a teacher. He's also a member of the Army Reserve, and has served in Iraq with his reserve unit. We found him down-to-earth and easy to talk to, and genuinely eager to help his community. We thank him again for the visit.

We wish the representative continued success serving our community.

Visit Representative Murt's website:

\*\* [www.RepMurt.com](http://www.RepMurt.com) \*\*

### Monthly Brain Teaser!



Which cheese is made backwards?

Last Month's Answer: Tug Of War

### November Birthdays:

Larry Glemser Nov 8th  
Andy Weiss Nov 27th



## Joint Meeting, Colonel Comtois Visits



**Left to Right:**  
**Larry Glemser,**  
**Horsham Lions**  
**President Tara**  
**Smith,**  
**Colonel Comtois**

We were very pleased to welcome **Colonel Comtois** to our club during our October 2nd meeting. The Colonel is the Commander for the Willow Grove Air Reserve Station.

Thanks to Lion Larry Glemser, also of the 111th Fighter Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, who extended the invitation.

The Colonel presented an informative slide show to our members, answered questions, and shared stories about the future of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base. The Colonel helped explain that while the base as we currently know it will be changing, and many of these changes have yet to be determined, we will still have an Air Reserve Station.

Also in attendance this night was our neighboring club, the **Willow Grove Lion's Club**. Upon hearing that the Colonel would be available to answer ques-

tions at the meeting, President Will Smith of the Willow Grove Club contacted his members to invite them to join us for dinner. It's always nice to host visiting clubs, it was especially nice to see these members again.

Willow Grove Lions Club will be starting a donation collection program, gathering items to be donated to soldiers overseas. Both Larry Glemser and Colonel Comtois were able to help direct them on where to get specific questions about their upcoming service project answered. The Horsham Lions Club, as well as other local clubs, will be invited to join in this worthwhile service project.

Thanks to Larry Glemser who initiated this presentation, and thanks also to the entire Willow Grove Club, and especially to Colonel Comtois for being our guests.

## Halloween Night is Sight Night



Halloween night is Sight Night for the Gift of Sight Foundation and for Lions Clubs International!

The key to this 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 three troops totaling about 45 girls have agreed to help us with this effort. Each girl will be hanging about 20 door hangers in their neighborhoods.

**\*\* [www.SightNight.org](http://www.SightNight.org) \*\***

## White Cane Day 2008



Lions White Cane Days are a yearly event aimed at meeting the community, sharing the purpose of the Lions, and raising funds for the blind.

This year we were located outside the Wawa on Route 611 on Saturday, October 4th, from 11am through 3pm.

We met many people from the community, handed out coloring books, pencils, and literature, and

raised funds to help the blind in Montgomery County.

Thanks go to the following Lions for their effort (pictured above left to right): **John Bill**, **John Campisi**, **Joe Nemath**, **Steve Girone**, **Tara Smith**, and **Andy Weiss** (not pictured).

Many thanks also go to Wawa Stores for permitting us to conduct this valuable fundraiser.

## News and Notes

- ◆ **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.

- ◆ **MEETINGS:**

The first meeting in November will be at Williamsons, as usual. We're going to try to have our second meeting at the Horsham Township community center building. This depends on availability. So, for the time being, the meeting location is "To Be Announced". Check the website or call Andy, Tara, or John Bill if you haven't already heard from us by the 19th.