



Paw to Paw

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From the desk of the D.G.

Does your club have difficulty with doing community services due to a lack of members to participate? Well you are not alone. We have a growing number of clubs in the district who appear to be having this problem. So, what can be done about it?

One of our smaller Clubs, the Jackson club not only had this problem but found a solution that would involve many Lions. At a recent Cabinet meeting they proposed to have a District-wide community project to the plant 250 tree seedlings. After some discussion a few clubs said they liked the idea and would ask their members to participate. Before long there were more clubs signing on to help. Maybe your club should also sign on to participate. It is easy. Details can be found in this newsletter. The Jackson Club will provide some refreshments, as well.

The next cabinet meeting will be held in Toms River on November 16th.

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PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Postmark deadline for clubs to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor is **NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

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Hopewell Valley Lions October 17, 2011



Lillian Rankel demonstrates an item to Lions Club President Paul Morin at their Runway Restaurant dinner meeting.

Giving hands-on Science Education to blind and sight-impaired children is the mission of Hopewell Valley Lion and retired Hopewell Valley Regional Schools teacher, Dr. Lillian Rankel. Teaming with Marilyn Winograd, teacher of blind and visually impaired, they have developed materials and lesson plans to bring the excitement of laboratory science education to boys and girls often deprived of this hands-on learning experience.

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Middletown Township Lions Club

The Middletown Township Lions Club Vision Screening Team was recognized for its Knights of Sight program. The volunteer vision screening team recently tested the eyes of 254 kindergarten students at Hazlet's Sycamore Drive Early Childhood Learning Center at no charge to the Hazlet school district. Hazlet Township Superintendent of Schools William O. George III, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent Bernard F. Bragen, Jr.,

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We are looking for those more than 20 clubs who have not attended District meetings in a long time to give us a try. If your club is having trouble running fund raisers because you don't have enough members, or much cooperation in your local area, or difficulties in advertising the event, etc. come to the November 16th meeting. Let's see if we can find you and others a solution. Does your club wonder what the district can or will do for you? Well, this is your chance to find out.

I hope to see all of you at the District 16-B Charitable Foundation Charity Ball and gift auction on October 28th.

Maybe, you and your club are not aware that the District Charitable Foundation offers ZERO INTEREST LOANS to the clubs and projects in District 16-B. A loan can be the seed money for a new fundraiser, to kick off a new community service project and much much more. The point here is that this opportunity for a loan is a valuable resource that many of our clubs do not make use of. Have you taken advantage of this valuable resource? If not, why?

The district GLT held a training seminar for club officers. Seven of our thirty-five clubs were represented. We need to hear from the 28 clubs that did not attend the training seminar. We need to know why this was not a doable thing for you so we can address the issue to make it possible for all of our club officers be trained. Even if you have been a club officer in the past or in the same position for a number of years some of the procedures do change. The updates may be very beneficial to your club. In this issue of the Newsletter there is an insert created by the District Officers on the dues structure. It explains how the International Association charges for dues to the Multiple and Sub district as well. We hope that this will provide you with a better understanding of just how your club secretary's submission of the MMR (Monthly Membership Report) affects how much your club is charged for dues twice a year. It might be a good idea to place it in the club records for future reference. As for your suggestions on how to improve the attendance or the opportunity to take training on the duties and responsibilities of club officers, please communicate your thought to Cabinet Secretary Jim Fox, Email Jimfox1938@verizon.net, or by phone at 732-244-7057 The district will communicate your suggestions to the GLT and GMT coordinators. We will do our best to incorporate them into the district's action plan. I believe that the action plan must remain a living document. To be the most effective it has to have the flexibility to change to continuously meet Club needs.

GLT & GMT is much more than just a new name of a former program. It offers the possibility to meet your individual Club needs.

Those Clubs who are participating in the peace poster contest the date to submit your entries is fast approaching. Please communicate with the school that you are sponsoring to insure that you get the entries in on time for the judging. Please notify Governor Mike that you are sending an entry(s) and send them to the following address:

Peace poster
c/o Housing and United Services, Inc.
47 Center Ave.
Leonardo, NJ 07737-1533
Phone 732-872-1990

We'll see you on November 16th in Toms River.

Lion Michael T. Marrazzo
District Governor 2011 – 2012

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and Board of Education President Stephen F. Willig presented certificates of appreciation to each member of the team. George has just been approved, at the county level, to become Middletown's new permanent superintendent. Sight preservation and prevention of blindness are major global initiatives of Lions clubs throughout the world.

Middletown Lions Sight Committee Chairman Rich LaBarbera stated that the purpose of the screenings is to detect common eye ailments such as lazy eye, shaking eyes, and refractive errors like near-sightedness and far-sightedness. Noting that lazy eye is one of the leading causes of blindness in children, he clarified that the condition can be corrected up until the age of eight. Lion volunteers conduct the vision screenings using special cameras know as Welch Allyn Suresight Vision Screeners. Team members receive extensive training in the operation of the cameras. The Suresight Vision Screeners take digital readings without physical contact, and results from the exams are sent directly to the South Jersey Eye Center, Camden, where medical doctors evaluate them. Parents are notified of any problems.⊗

"I Believe" in 2011-2012

Believe that one person can make a difference. Believe that the entire world can be changed when we come together as Lions. Believe that changing a life - or the world - starts with each one of us.

"Don't just think you can, BELIEVE you can."
....Wing-Kun Tam, International President 2011-2012

Lions Club in Whiting

Article by Fran Reeve

I had the pleasure of attending my first Lions Club meeting recently at the Community room in Whiting Town Center. This is a club I knew nothing about. I have seen the Lions Club distinctive signs in my travels, but never really gave it a thought. Well, now I know what a terrific organization they are. There are volunteer groups around the globe, dedicated to helping their own community and worldwide organizations.

The Whiting group has been helping our community as well as others. You may have seen the large yellow box asking you to donate your old hearing aids and glasses in Whiting Town Center. These glasses and hearing aids are donated to people who cannot afford them. In May 19 Members worked 94 hours to process 1,273 eyeglasses.

A former New Jersey Governor recently told our own Whiting chapter that it is one of the best in the state. We are trying to make number one in the state.

Their many good deeds such as participating in Lions Hearing Aid Project, donating phonic ear systems to local schools for the hearing impaired, arranging for local students to get eye exams and eyeglasses. (I was told by Edith Kluczewicz, the president of the club, to be sure to let you know this is open to our residents as well.) They collect food for Whiting Food Pantry, hold vision fairs, and participate in the juvenile diabetes walkathon. They just gave a scholarship to the Katzenbach School for a deaf student. They recently gave a bulletproof vest to a Manchester police officer. Their list of good deeds goes on. Hearing the president's report, I wanted to know where the funds come from and was told each month they have what they call a white cane collection outside our local stores. They are out there in the heat, the cold, etc. (I will never pass them up again.)

They run bus trips to Atlantic City. They hold fundraisers such as dinners, pancake breakfasts. They distribute coin canisters to local businesses with the proceeds going to various charities. Donations are given to Deborah, Eye Bank of the Delaware Valley, Scholarships to Manchester Education Foundation, donations to the Whiting First Aid Squad, and more.

I am guilty of leaving old prescription eyeglasses in the drawer, but not anymore. I will be looking for the yellow donation box, knowing they will be put to good use for someone in need. I left the meeting with the thought that here is a group of retired people spending their time making a difference.

President Edith said new members are always welcome.⊗



**DISTRICT 16B
TREE PLANTING**

D.G. Michael Marrazzo *	1
Total Trees Planted	1

This is a list of all trees planted by District 16B

To be added to this list please send club name and the number of trees planted to

Lion Bob jacksonlion@optonline.net

* In Seattle with all the other Governors from around the world

**EATONTOWN LIONS MEET WITH
DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

The recent meeting of the Eatontown Lions Club was a very busy. The club was honored with a visit from the Lions District Governor, Michael Marrazzo, who addressed the club and brought us up-to-date on how the District was progressing. He stressed how the clubs in the district could best serve their communities by networking and sharing their ideas and resources.

After his address Governor Marrazzo conducted the induction ceremony of Lewis Sasaki as the newest member of the Eatontown Lions Club. District Governor Marrazzo then joined Club President Joe Aretino as President Aretino awarded the Lions Clubs International Melvin Jones Fellowship to members Toby Stark and Richard Fowler who have distinguished themselves through exemplary service to the Lions and the community. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is named for the founder of Lions Clubs International. The fellowship is recognition of a commitment to humanitarian work. It is the foundation's highest honor.⊗

UP COMING CLUB EVENTS

Neptune Twp. Lions Club Charter Night
November 5, 2011 at the Renaissance,
Route 35, Ocean New Jersey.

HIGHTSTOWN-EAST WINDSOR LIONS
CASINO NIGHT

TEXAS HOLD-EM TOURNAMENT
December 2, 2011

AMERICAN LEGION HALL 895 US HIGHWAY 130
NORTH, EAST WINDSOR, NJ 08520
Credit cards accepted for reservations
call: (609) 752-9234

Pay online by credit card or PayPal go to "Casino
Night" link at: www.hightstownewnj.lionwap.org

Meal Packaging Program

On Saturday, November 19th 2011 from 10 am till
Noon, come and be part of the Solution!
The reality is that the world hunger crisis is
surmountable. There are enough sustainable food
resources, processing potential and distribution know-
how to feed everyone. Stop Hunger Now's meal
packaging program is recognized as a viable solution
to combat hunger among the world's most
impoverished and yes, in the United States!
Stop Hunger Now meals are highly nutritious,
dehydrated meals comprised of Rice, Soy,
Vegetables, flavoring and 21 essential vitamins and
minerals. Each package provides a reasonable
serving for six and costs approximately 24 cents to
make. The meals are easy to transport, store and
distribute to those in greatest need.

In Celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the
Middletown Reformed Church at 121 Kings Highway,
the church has raised the \$2,500 needed to pay for
10,000 meals!!!!!!!!!!!!

What we need are 50 + Volunteers (men, women,
families, children and teens) to meet together for 2
hours on November 19th to assemble the meals.
**I invite you to come and not only become part of
the solution but come and be a part of a great
fellowship for a great cause!**

Let me know you will be there! Sincerely, Lion Beverly
Bova Scarano 908-896-1682

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Usually such youngsters are denied the challenge of
handling materials traditionally thought of as potentially
beyond their capability.

Speaking before the membership of her Lions Club at
the Runway Restaurant, in Ewing, on September 15,
Dr. Rankel presented the program they have been
introducing to educators and parents throughout the
nation, "Out-Of-Sight Science Experiments", now sold
by National Braille Press.

Dr Rankel says, "Children need to have the opportunity
to experience hands-on science and realize how much
fun science can be. It is never too early to begin
experiencing science. Many of the fields included in the
general heading "Science" are excellent career choices
for young adults who are blind or visually impaired. In
order to encourage interest in the science fields, we
must expose our students at an early age. Children
without vision can use many other senses for
observing, learning, and doing hands-on science, and
open up interests and skills leading to many career
choices later on."

The book was passed around, then Lillian showed the
Lions tactile lab equipment that could be used without
sight to measure liquids, measure mass and forces and
make up solutions. This equipment came from the
Multi-sensory Lab Gear Kit that Lillian and Marilyn have
developed so that children without sight can take part
in hands-on lab activities. Science can be fun and
accessible for all when low tech and no tech tactile
strategies are used for learning and hands-on lab
experiments.⊗

Lions Clubs International Mission Statement

"To empower volunteers to serve their communities,
meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and
promote international understanding through Lions
clubs."

CALENDAR OF DISTRICT EVENTS

2nd Cabinet Meeting

November 16, 2011
7:00pm Quality Inn
Route 37 West
Toms River

Jackson Lions Sponsored Tree Planting

Jackson Forestry Center

Saturday November 12, 10am – completion
Email Lion Bob jacksonlion@optonline.net
before November 4th

3rd Cabinet Meeting

January 26, 2012
7:00pm Location TBA

4th Cabinet Meeting

April 5, 2012
7:00pm Location TBA

Visit our web site
www.njlions16b.org
For the most up to date info!
We are also on Facebook

Submit your club news or events by
the 16th of the month to:

Lion Bob Burlew
Email: jacksonlion@optonline.net
Snail mail: 2210 Shore Dr.
Wall N.J. 07719

I.T. TALK

I have noticed over the past few months the number of clubs in our district that now have websites has increased. To those clubs I would like to say GOOD JOB.

And now that you have a website you need to put it to work for you. By that I mean have it listed in as many places as you can. For example most if not all towns have a website with a list of links to organizations within the town. Getting listed is usually as easy as emailing the Webmaster of the town's site and asking to be listed. From experience I get more emails looking for info about my club from there than any other place. Just make sure that there is a contact email address on your site.

If you do not want to put your personal email address on a website the district can provide you with an email address for your club. Yourclubname@njlions16b.org
If your club would like one or want more info just shoot me an email.

If you have any web site related questions I am just an email away at jacksonlion@optonline.net ☒

Lion Bob


Editors Note:

I would like to thank Lion Carl V. Lillvik
Eatontown Lions Club for his help with putting this
newsletter together

International, State and District Dues

The information is being put out because several clubs have not paid their dues or have changed the quantity of members billed for.

 Lions Clubs International Dues are billed by LCI and payment is made directly to them.

 Md16 Lions Dues are billed to each district (i.e. State dues) as per the rMD16 Constitution Article listed below: The billing is accompanied by the June 30th or December 31st Club Membership Report from Lions Clubs International. The district collects the dues and makes payment to MD 16.

ARTICLE VI STATE MONIES


SECTION 1. All monies of Multiple District 16 shall be accumulated in a single treasury and shall be divided into seven (7) separate funds, namely: a General Fund, a State Convention Fund, an International Convention Fund, a Promotion Fund, a Membership, Retention, Extension Fund, a State Newspaper Fund, and a Reserve Fund.

SECTION 2. An annual per capita State Tax of \$12.00 shall be levied upon each member in the State apportioned as follows:

SECTION 2. (a)	GENERAL FUND	\$8.50
	STATE CONVENTION FUND	\$.75
	INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FUND	\$.50
	STATE NEWSPAPER FUND	\$2.00
	PROMOTION FUND	\$.25

This said tax shall be paid in advance by each club in two semi-annual payments on July 21* and on January 21* in each year, except that new and re-organized Clubs shall make payments as herein provided. Billings of the tax will be based upon membership of each Club as shown by its membership reports for the months of June* and December* of each year. This tax shall be collected from the Clubs in each District to the State by the respective Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer, and each Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer shall place the monies so collected in a special fund to be turned over to the State Council Treasurer upon order of the State Council Chairperson. Any Club that is placed on status quo will not be liable for state dues commencing with the next billing period and said exclusion shall not exceed one year.

International, State and District Dues

 District 16B collects dues from each club in the district based on the number of members per the June 30th or December 31st Lions Club International Membership Report received from MD16 in accordance with the MD16 Constitution Article listed below: Both the District 16B and MD16 dues are included on the same invoice submitted to each club in the district. Yearly dues for the district are \$8.50 and the State dues are \$12.00 per member.

ARTICLE VII DISTRICT REVENUE

SECTION 1. To provide revenue to defray the Administrative expenses of each Sub-District, an annual District Administrative Fund per capita Tax is hereby levied upon each member of each Club in each Sub-District. Each Sub-District, at its Annual Sub-District Session, must establish this District Administrative Fund per capita Tax annually, during the Annual Multiple District 16 Convention. This per capita tax shall be collected and paid in advance by each Club in two (2) semi-annual payments, as follows:

One-half per member on July 10th and one-half per member on January 10th in each year; billings of same to be based upon Club membership reports for the months of MAY (footnote 1) and November (footnote 1) of each fiscal year, respectively. Said tax shall be collected from each Club by the Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer of the District of which the Club is a member, provided however, that the payment of the per capita District Administration Fund Tax of New Clubs shall be effective on the billing date next after the Charter date of such new Clubs. The per capita District Administration Fund Tax for reorganized Clubs shall become effective on the billing date next following the election of officers of said reorganized clubs.

Footnote 1 - the months should read June and December.

Based on the above it is imperative Club Secretaries submit monthly membership reports to Lions International. Each month a report is required even if no changes are required to the report. In addition to adding or dropping a member other information such as a member's change of address, phone number, email address or even a change in membership status is submitted on the monthly membership report.

If you are having a problem with a secretary or treasurer report please contact James H (Jim) Fox - District 16B Secretary/Treasurer.