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District 14-K Communicating with Our Members

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Membership Reported Down at February Cabinet Meeting

It wasn't much, but overall, membership is down in Lions District 14-K when reports were given by the Region Chairs at the February 18 Cabinet meeting. The total on Oct. 31, 2016 was 906 Lions and at the latest meeting, the number was at 892, minus 14. Region III suffered the greatest loss, 12.

Once again, the "Ask 1" effort was stressed as a way of building the figure upward again. (See another report below from Global Membership chair Debbie Lillegard.)

Many other committee reports were given at the

breakfast meeting at the Bethlehem Township Community Center. Lions Mary Neher and Kathy Fenstermacher of Region II were the hosts.

Proposed changes to the Charitable Enterprises By-Laws, which were sent to all Lions in the district, were approved at the meeting.

PDG Larry Snyder reported that 24,771 lbs. of food have been donated for the Second Harvest Food Bank in a goal of 81,000 lbs. for the year. In dollar amounts, it is \$6,247.67 that needs to be raised.

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PID Gregg Encourages GMT Leader on Members

GMT Area Leader PID Cindy Gregg recently offered our district GMT Lion Debbie Lillegard words of encouragement in her effort to build membership. She said:

During our centennial year, we must publicize our work and show our communities that we are relevant to their needs. Yet to continue our many services, we need more helping hands to serve the ever increasing needs of our communities. Some clubs are now providing weekend backpack programs to ensure that students have food to eat during the weekends. Likewise, there seem to be many more homeless individuals, particularly veterans, who could benefit from our efforts. Please **ASK** others to join us!

Since we are quickly approaching the point where clubs will be nominating officers, ask them to elect or appoint a **membership chairperson for next year**, and to set a **membership goal** for the remainder of this year.

• Ask every club to distribute the "How Are Your Ratings" survey to deter-

mine the strengths and weaknesses of their club, and to act upon the results.

• Provide a thorough **orientation** at the club, region/zone and district levels.

• Encourage your 1st VDG to appoint a **Family and Women's Specialist** for next year.

• Invite empty nesters, optometrists, ophthalmologists, teachers and new members of the community to join.

• Consider chartering **ethnic clubs**. Many of our cities have a large Hispanic population.

• Encourage your Lions to order their Centennial Coin to show their pride and to help others.

Consultant Coming

New Club Consultant PDG Ronnie Martin from Texas will be in District 14-K the week of March 5. District 14-K will be canvassing the Allentown downtown area and hopefully Bethlehem as well in hopes of starting **NEW CLUBS**. All Guiding Lions are encouraged to work with new clubs. We look forward to having PDG Ronnie here to assist.



PID BRIAN E. SHEEHAN

Convention Speaker

Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA July 4-8, 2011.

Past Director Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company.

A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including council chairperson, long range planning chairperson, membership chairperson, retention chairperson, women's initiative chairperson and the MD convention chairperson. He has also served as the chairperson of the Headquarter Operation

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All Is Ready for District Convention March 25-26 At Breinigsville Holiday

The convention committee will hold its final meeting on Tuesday, March 14 with the staff of the Holiday Inn at Breinigsville, completing all last minute arrangements for the March 25th-26th District 14-K Convention. It's a laborious process that covered many months, and we are confident that everything is ready for the arrival and enjoyment of the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of our district and any guests on those two days.

If you haven't registered yet, do so immediately and send the completed form in to PDG Lin and Lion Gail Gehris.

Past International Director Brian Sheehan of Bird Island, Minnesota will be the main speaker as we honor District Governor Lion Marsha Johnston for her hard work this year, and elect a new slate of officers. At this point in time, they are Lion Don Kaufman for District Governor and Lion Karlene Laub for 1st VDG. Still to be filled on the ballot is a candidate for 2nd VDG. They will be officially nominated at the early session, 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

List of Seminars

The seminar schedule of times and presenters is as follows: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

- Presidents, by 1st VDG Kaufman and 2nd VDG Laub and Secretaries, by Lion Ed Beishline. 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. - "Tricks, Treats & Tips", Lion Nancy Keller; "Meet the Taters", by PID Cindy Gregg; Club Success Stories, by PDG Glen Santee; "Centennial Challenge", a one-hour seminar available by Lion Lori Sheehan, or an extension of PDG Santee's success stories seminar. Lions Wendy Naugle and Ana Toolan made arrangements.

Displays, Glasses

Any free time, view the 14 displays organized by Lion Silas Rodenbach and PDG Lin Gehris. And clubs will bring in used eyeglasses and hearing aids, with PCC Lowell Hawk recording the clubs and what they brought and loaded on a truck for recycling.

Luncheon

Lion Kaufman heads up the Saturday luncheon, when there will also be awards to the three Peace Poster winners and Leo scholarship winner, plus the convention drawing. Lion Nancy Keller will be tail twister.

Election of DG, VDG(s)

After the luncheon comes the election of officers. Lion Dick Schreiner

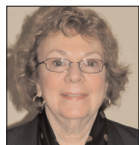
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NEW MEMBER Robert Skrapits of the Tatamy-Stockertown Lions Club stands proudly with Zone chair Paul Stoudt, 1st VDG Don Kaufman, Club president Wayne Bond and DG Marsha Johnston after his induction.

District Governor's Message

Lions Year Winding Down, But Still Work to Do



It's hard to believe that this message is for the March edition of the Tattle Tailer. This year has gone by quickly. It has been my pleasure to serve you.

Looking ahead, there is still much to be done. As a district, we are beginning that phase where we need to embrace a change in leadership. First VDG Don Kaufman will be taking the gavel as District Governor on July 1, 2017. That date seems a long way off to many of us. However, Don is beginning to build his cabinet for the 2017-2018 Lions year. He is also planning strategies that will enable him to fulfill his goals that will meet the needs of our district. The most immediate need we have is a candidate for 2nd VDG. My year was very fulfilling due to the fact that I had a complete team to enable me to accomplish my goals for our district. If you have any questions about this position, I encourage you to speak with Don, Karlene, or myself.

Other positions that will be available include: Global Membership chair, Global Leadership chair, Zone Chairs, LEO district advisor, Lioness coordinator, and Beacon Lodge representative, to name a few. If you have any interest in these positions, please let us know.

Additionally, don't forget our District Convention March 25th and 26th. Our Bowl-A-Thon will occur on April 23, 2017, the Youth Leadership Seminar April 28-30, the Pa. State Convention May 18-21 at Seven Springs, and the International Convention June 30-July 4, 2017 in Chicago. Plan to come to Chicago and help all Lions to celebrate 100 years of Lionism!

DG Marsha Johnston

District 14-K Convention

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reminded the committee that clubs must have their dues paid 15 days prior to the convention in order for their delegates/alternates to vote. Secretary Karlene Laub is making the ballots, following instructions by Council Chairman PDG Karen Brady on how they

must be marked.

Still time to view the displays and mark the code for each on the yellow insert in the convention program booklet to possibly win a door prize.

Banquet Address

The Saturday night banquet will feature keynote

Dates to Remember

Mar. 14	Convention Meeting at Holiday Inn
20	Charitable Enterprises Meeting
25-26	District 14-K Convention
26	Necrology Breakfast
April 23	District 14-K Bowl-a-thon
28-30	Youth Leadership Forum - Camp Victory, Millville
May 18-21	State Convention - At Seven Springs Mt. Resort
22	Reorganization Charitable Enterprises at Emmaus

speaker PID Sheehan in his address. There will also be awards for special work in Lionism, given by DG Marsha. The PDG's will come in as the election results are announced. PDG Fred Folland has charge of the banquet. There will be a social hour with vegetables and cheese at 6:00 p.m., arranged by Lions Joanne Santee and Sherry Hillborn and then the 7:00 p.m. dinner. (The Lions ladies will have donuts and coffee/water for everyone in the morning during registration hours).

MJE, PMJF Honors

The final event at the Saturday night dinner program of the district convention will be the presentation of eight Melvin Jones Fellowships and two Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships. Each of the recipients will be recognized for their efforts in Lionism, and a donation of \$1,000 on their behalf to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

New MJF's receive a pin, commemorative plaque and a letter from the LCIF chairperson. For each subsequent donation of \$1,000, donors receive a unique PMJF pin. District coordinator PDG Joseph Chunko is LCIF chairman for the district. He and speaker PID Brian Sheehan will take part in the presentations along with DG Marsha Johnston.

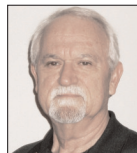
Necrology Breakfast

At 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, will be the breakfast, followed by the necrology service for the 18 deceased Lions and Lionesses. The Rev. Lunnett Hilliard, pastor of Friedens U.C.C. Church, will deliver the sermon and John Bauer will sing religious music. Candles will be lit by the Region Chairs, and the families of the deceased will receive bookmarks.

Convention chairman PDG Tom Dieter will declare the convention closed at the end of the service.

1st Vice District Governor's Message

Membership Key to Survival Of District, State Clubs



It's a Great Time to be a Lion, Leo and Lioness!

The 3rd Pennsylvania Council of Lions Clubs meeting was held on February 4th at the Avalon Hotel in Erie. Considering the weather possibilities, the attendance was very good. I attended a Global Leadership Team training session Saturday morning that was presented to all 1st Vice District Governors in Pennsylvania and attended the State Council regular meeting in the afternoon. Highlights of the Council Meeting will be presented by your Zone Chair Person at your upcoming Zone Meetings.

One of the topics of discussion in Erie was the membership decline in Pennsylvania. Membership in our District also declined in the last quarter. We started November 1st at 906 and ended January 31st with 892 members. Membership loss due to death is inevitable. We mourn the passing of these members and we miss their fellowship, service and support. Other reasons for membership decline are suspension for non-payment of dues, transfers, or health reasons. You should do an exit review with any member who left for personal reasons and use their feedback to address any situations that may have caused this person to leave the club.

Membership is key to survival in any volunteer organization. We talk about getting potential new members by inviting them to help with a fundraiser -- but it rarely happens. I suggest when you advertise your next fundraiser that you also advertise that you need help. Put "Volunteer Help Wanted" on the event flyer. Encourage people to call, sign-up and get involved in all the great things we do as Lions.

In Lionism,

1st VDG Don Kaufman

2nd Vice District Governor's Message

Change in Constitution and By-Laws Explained at State Council



The State Council meeting on February 3-5 in Erie was interesting in more ways than one. The good news about the meeting is that we didn't get snowed in and I received a lot of useful information.

I spent some time at a seminar relating to the Constitution and By-Laws presented by PID Stephen Glass from Bridgeport, West Virginia. Past Director Glass was chairman of that committee during the year 2013-2014. He is a lawyer and FBI management and program analyst. It made me realize that the Constitution and By-Laws is written not only for those of us here in the United States but also for other Lions in other countries. Some of the rules relating to elections have changed and although I personally felt the previous process was self-explanatory, we were reminded by PID Glass that we are dealing with other countries.

One of the new rules I didn't understand was the fact that membership dues now must be paid 15 days prior to any election. Why 15 days I wondered? What he explained was that in some instances there is more than one person running for a leadership role. What they've found was that a delegate could pay the dues of a club in exchange for their votes. We are very fortunate to never have had such issues in our District, but this certainly was an eye opener for me. Lions Clubs International is also very fortunate to have such exemplary Lions working for the good of Lionism. I suppose the moral of the story is that when we think something doesn't make sense or it seems like a downright dumb idea, ask questions instead of criticizing. There may be a good reason behind it.

Just a reminder that the District 14-K Convention is coming up on March 25th and 26th. The convention committee has been working very hard to make this the best year yet. As I mentioned before, there are some new surprises this year. Learn how your club can celebrate and commemorate 100 years of Lionism.

Don't forget, if you would like to talk about increasing membership in your club, invite me to one of your meetings. I have some good ideas.

Until next month

2nd VDG Karlene Laub



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LIONS CLUBS ACTIVITIES

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REGION I

ALBURTIS: Trying several venues over the coming months for our meeting place since the Willows Restaurant is closing permanently. . . . Celebrated our 70th anniversary on January 28 at Macungie VFW. Fun had by all with more than 40 people in attendance. . . . Delivered 110 pounds of food for Second Harvest Food Bank with the food pantry at St. Paul's Church in Trexlertown.

ALTON PARK: We continue to sponsor a Child Through Child fund as we make plans for our annual jelly bean sales.

EMMAUS LIONESS LIONS: No January report.

EMMAUS: Sold 255 hoagies and 125 ham and cheese sandwiches for the month of January. . . . 12 Emmaus Lions Club members attended the charter celebration and installation of Leo club officers for the newly formed Emmaus High School Leo Club that our club is co-sponsoring.

KUHNSVILLE AREA: Seven of our members made a visitation to Alburtis Lions meeting and also attended their 70th charter night. . . . Bought and sold all the District 14-K convention tickets that we received. . . . Donated \$150 to the Salvation Army.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP: Planned Cinema Night for February 25 at the Lehigh Township Volunteer Fire Co. Cost \$20 person. . . . As usual there was a winner every day in January in our lottery calendar. All the 2017 calendars have been sold. . . . Had 20 applications for the free eye exam program in 2016.

LEHIGH VALLEY SATURDAY A.M.: We scheduled our spring White Cane Days for March 31, April 1 and 2 at Redner's Market on Airport Road, Allentown. . . . Lion Peggy Kratzer planning to make special candy for the Saturday night banquet of the convention.

LOWER LEHIGH: Collections of eyeglasses, aluminum cans and food for Zionsville Food Bank continue. . . . Participated in dedication of the charter for the Emmaus High School LEO club on Jan. 17 in conjunction with Emmaus Lions Club as co-sponsors. . . . The Halloween parade raised \$4,000, which we donated to the Macungie swimming Pool Association for installation of a sliding board. . . . Bon Ton booklet sales resulted in profit of \$2,901 for the club and \$600 to the Lioness club. . . . Club donated \$200 to Easter Seals. . . . Feb. 14 will be "Bring Your Valentine Night", with Ronald Forte of L.V. Arts speaking on "Arts and Access" for the handicapped.

MOUNTAINVILLE: Collecting empty ink cartridges, used eyeglasses, hearing aid batteries. . . .

ONTELAUNEE: Changing our meeting date to March 8 because of the first day of Lent on March 1.

SLATEDALE-EMERALD AREA: Continuing to guide and support Northwestern and Northern Lehigh Leo clubs.

SLATINGTON: No January report.

UPPER LEHIGH: Plans made for our annual pig stomach dinner in the Schnecksville Fire Co. hall on February 19. . . . Sent thank you letter to Timothy Kushner for his donation of \$100 to the Fund of Hope.

REGION II

BATH: Planning to have a membership drive on June 21, letting people of the Bath area know how we serve. . . . Will have a breakfast fund-raiser on May 20. . . . Will be more active as we look forward to our club's 90th year in 2018. . . . Because of Lent, club meetings are breakfasts on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at Town & Country Restaurant.

CATASAUQUA AREA: January report did not include any activities.

COOPERSBURG: No January report.

COPLAY: No January report.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP: January report showed loss of one member, Nicholas Facchiano, due to death.

HELLERTOWN: No January report.

SAUCON VALLEY: No January report, but have monthly public breakfasts.

UPPER SAUCON: No January report.

WHITEHALL: CCTV purchased for Whitehall Township Public Library is being used by several visually impaired people. One doesn't have to be a Whitehall resident to avail themselves of it. . . . Whitehall High Leo Club starting a collection of gloves, scarves, hats, coats for children's winter use. . . . Have begun possible project that may be a cooperative effort for several Lions clubs in need of a project.

REGION III

BANGOR: No January report.

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP: Donated \$215 for an individual to have an eye exam and purchase new lenses. . . . Donated fabric material to Simple Quilts. This is an organization that makes quilts and delivers them to people in need.

EASTON: Collected food donated by Wegman's and delivered it to food bank at Project of Easton four times. . . . Drove sight-impaired woman from Easton area to a meeting in Allentown and back home. . . . Paid for an eye exam and glasses for an Easton woman. . . . Hosted a luncheon honoring Easton and Phillipsburg high school wrestling teams prior to their annual match. Coaches from both schools attended luncheon. At the match, our club awarded a trophy to the most aggressive wrestler.

HECKTOWN - LOWER NAZARETH: No January report.

MOORE TOWNSHIP: Have recycling bin at township building. No January report.

NAZARETH: No January report.

PALMER TOWNSHIP: Displayed many events for local organizations on Lions electronic sign. . . .

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP: January marked the 45th year of our Lions club, and we have two charter members, Lions Robert Faulds and John Mecklar. . . . 1st VDG Don Kaufman presented Lions license plate to Lion Leo advisor Josephine Buscemi.

RICHMOND: Final dam of the Oughoughton Creek should be constructed in the spring, completing the project. . . . Boy Scout Troop 14 has volunteered to help paint the dugouts at the ball field in the spring. . . . 17 bird boxes constructed January and February.

TATAMY-STOCKERTOWN: Will have a public spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 11, 5-7 p.m., at Tatamy Fire House. Tricky Tray from 5-8 p.m., basket raffle. Cost: Adults, \$10; Kids 10 & under, \$5; Under 2 years, Free. Tatamy student running this dinner to benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and our club is supporting him. We are planning to attend as a group at 6 p.m.

WILSON BOROUGH: Hosted zone meeting of Region III, Zone B.

Cabinet Meeting

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PDG Joe Chunko listed this year's Peace Poster winners:

Christopher Garcia, 13, of the Roberto Clemente Charter School, Christina Do, 12, of the Salisbury Middle School, and Kimberlee Shankweiler of the Eyer Middle School. They were sponsored by the L. V. Saturday A.M. Lions Club, Alton Park Lions, and Emmaus Lions. The students will be honored at the convention luncheon, with their parents present. All the clubs who sponsored were thanked by Chunko. He announced that Oct. 1 is the deadline for ordering Peace Poster kits, with the new theme "The Future of Peace." Contact him for details.

Lion Richard Schreiner announced that Monday, March 20 is the deadline for White Cane reports to be sent to him by the participating clubs.

PDG Willard Kulp is home from hospitalization, and had a report on the Eye Care Center of Charitable Enterprises. One cataract operation is being done now by Dr. Rojas and two applications are pending. Most of the cataract operations by him are being done at Sacred Heart hospital.

In another Charitable report by Lion David Fatzinger, he said 267 full year calendars were sold and 71 half year, or 33.7% of the 1,000 calendar cards. Payouts so far up to Feb. 17 totaled \$2,860.

CC Karen Brady stressed having club bowlers ready for the annual District Bowl-A-Thon on April 23 at the Northampton and Whitehall bowling lanes.

PG April Kucsan had a year-long list of trips planned as fund-raisers. The first is the Philadelphia Flower Show on Thursday, March 16. Departure time is 8:00 a.m., giving time to tour Reading Terminal, and returning home about 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$63 a person. Flower fields and art, culture, and landscape architecture of Holland are featured.

Another trip will be to the Tomasello Winery in N.J. for wine tasting and a buffet lunch; then on to Caesar's Palace in Atlantic City to see a musical and play the slots on Wednesday, April 5. Cost: \$124. Call her at 610-759-

LIONESS CLUBS ACTIVITIES

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FORKS TOWNSHIP: No January report.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP: Looking ahead to sponsor a basket social fund-raiser at the Roosevelt Democratic Club in Danielsville on April 30. . . . We will be helping in distribution of basket prizes at the convention.

LOWER LEHIGH: No January report.

MOORE TOWNSHIP: Purchased \$200 food store credit card for a local family whose husband has been hospitalized since October. . . . Purchased an ad and drawing tickets for the district convention. . . . Had the largest turn-out for our Penny Party. . . . Collected White Cane donations.

NORTHAMPTON AREA: Our Gertrude Hawk candy bars for Christmas was a success.

5137 for more trips that include plays, IronPigs ball games, a railroad excursion, hot air balloon festival, and gambling at Mount Airy among others.

PDG Tom Dieter noted details on the March 25-26 convention. He said there will be three PID's present: Speaker Brian Sheehan, Cindy Gregg and Gene Polgar. He thanked the Mountainville Lions for sending out the registration forms. March 14 is the deadline for hotel reservations at a special rate, and noted that the Melvin Jones Fellowships will be included with the convention.

PDG Glen Santee reported on activities of the Pa. Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation. . . . PDG Lin Gehris reported on activities of the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation, and gave an update on the Centennial Coin as Lions International celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

PDG Gehris also reported on Global Leadership and Lion Debbie Lillegard reported on Global Membership.

We do not have a LEO advisor for the district, but the LEOs all had written reports of their many activities and service in the communities.

Candidates Speak

After hearing all the committee reports, DG Marsha Johnston noted the credentials of Lion Karlene Laub from the Upper Lehigh Lions Club for 1st VDG. In response, Karlene said she would promote better programs, perhaps re-inventing the clubs, and have family clubs. PDG Dennis Butz reported the backing of the Emmaus Lions in a resolution for Lion Don Kaufman to serve as district governor in 2017-2018. He said he had the support of his wife and will do everything he can to make a successful district.

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Youth Leadership Forum At Camp Victory in April

PDG Fred Folland reported that Districts 14-K, 14-U and 14-G will conduct the annual Youth Leadership Seminar on April 28, 29 and 30 at Camp Victory in Millville, Pa. The seminar is for 11th grade students. The cost to sponsor one student is \$125, covering 2 nights lodging, 5 meals plus snacks throughout the day and evening activities and, of course, for us, transportation to the camp back and forth. PDG Fred said that a form for each club sponsoring one or more students needs to be filled out and the check enclosed, and sent to him by a deadline of April 10.

The teens will have an opportunity to hear professionals relate to them the decision making process needed throughout high school. This process will lead them into adulthood and help to mold their futures, Folland said.

The students will come from Pike, Carbon, Lycoming, Monroe, Montour, Lehigh, Northampton, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and Union counties. The student doesn't have to be affiliated with a Leo club or a relative of a Lions member to attend.

It is a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free weekend. Students bring their own

sleeping bag, towels, wash cloth, and clothing suitable for outdoor activities. Other than that, participate in all scheduled activities and be prepared to have fun!

Convention Speaker

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& Finance Committee, USA /Canada Lions Leadership Forum Seminars chairperson, Lions University coordinator, DGE group leader, GMT liaison and board appointee to several committees including Constitutions and Bylaws, LCIF Executive, LCI

Executive, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and the Centennial Action committees.

He has been a presenter at numerous Lions events, including the USA/Canada Forum. He currently serves as the GLT area leader and is a member of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Planning Committee.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, the District 5M 4 Diabetes Awareness Award, the MD 5M Web Site Appreciation Award, the MD 5M Al Jensen Leadership Award, the Founders Membership Growth Award, six International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award, four International

President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Sheehan is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as president of Bird Island Civic and Commerce, director of the Learning Funhouse and as a member of various school committees. He also received the 2011 U.S. Small Business Association Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award.

Past Director Sheehan and his wife, Lori, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and two daughters.

Linking with Amazon and Thrivent to Help Financially

Lion Kathy Fenstermacher of the Saucon Valley Lions Club has an idea for clubs to gain money so they can donate it to worthy projects or organizations. She says for anyone that shops on Amazon, they have a program called Smile Amazon where they donate proceeds of specific types of purchases to non-profit organizations. More and more are being added to the list. It's a great benefit and there are many ways Lions can participate with the specific organization of their choice. She actually rotates hers between a few different ones. There's an option to add one to this so any of the 14-K/Pa Lions that has a 501.c3 can apply to be a participating organization. Maybe this could be shared with all the clubs and beyond, she wonders.

Here's the link and she includes the wording of the missions and programs of Lions Clubs International Foundation:

https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_se_rspo_laas_aas

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Mission: LCIF was established in 1968 as the humanitarian arm of Lions Clubs International. It supports the activities of Lions throughout the world with particular emphasis on blindness prevention and sight restoration projects (SightFirst), youth programs, aiding the disabled, and emergency and disaster relief grants to assist communities impacted by natural catastrophes.

Programs: SightFirst, Lions Quest

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Rochester Hills, MI - Founded in 1939

Empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

Programs: Accelerated Orientation and Mobility Training, Summer Experience Camp, Guide Dog Training/Guide Dog Training for the Deaf-Blind, Volunteer and Community Outreach, GPS Technology

ALSO, if you have any Lions who are aThrivent Financial member, they can designate their Choice Dollars to Lions Clubs International or Leader Dog. They can, also, apply for what's called a Thrivent Action Team to receive "seed" money of \$250 for a huge variety of reasons. Kathy says her club did two in 2016 and has already applied for one in 2017. She has participated in many through her church for an assortment of purposes, too. She can offer some assistance or she knows of a few people who could explain more efficiently, she says.

Link to Choice Dollars -

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

Link to Action Teams -

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>

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