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PID Robert Miller and PCC Christopher Sweeney hold replica of \$25,000 check that was presented to the Pa. Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation by the Northeast Pa. Lions Eye Bank.

## Lions Eye Bank Presents \$25,000 for Eye Research

The Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank on September 3 presented a \$25,000 donation to the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation. Presenting the check at the eye bank's facility in Hanover Township to PID Robert Miller, the foundation's treasurer, were Board President PCC Christopher J. Sweeney, Sr. and eye bank

CEO/Director PDG Richard B. Rader.

"This contribution has great significance to our Eye Bank," said PCC Sweeney. "It is a true honor to financially support an organization that shares a mission near and dear to our own." These funds will be disbursed to ongoing eye research projects that are vetted at the annual Research Seminar presented by the Pa.

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Northampton County Area Agency on Aging advisory council representative presented an award to Lion Kenneth Lieberman for his services.

## Aging Agency Presents Award to Ken Lieberman

Ken Lieberman of the Plainfield Township Lions Club was honored recently with an Outstanding Senior Award by the Advisory Council of the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging during an event in Bethlehem.

He has been a member of the Plainfield Township Lions for more than 30 years, serving as treasurer for two terms, president for four terms, zone

chairman and chair of the White Cane project. Ken also coordinated collection points for used eyeglasses and helps distribute them to those in need.

Ken served on the Plainfield Township Auditing Committee and continues to volunteer for the Salvation Army. He is also very active in his church where he served on

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## GLT/GMT Workshop Set For Nov. 8 In District 14-K

A District 14-K leadership and membership seminar is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 8 at Christ UCC Church, Airport Rd., from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

PDG Linwood Gehris, coordinator of the Global Leadership Team, said it will be presented by our own district Lions. He's asking each club president to recommend at least one member of their club that he or she believes to be a good future leader at either the club or district level to attend this important seminar. It's open to more than one member per club, but at least one should be picked out.

Contact PDG Gehris at woody6454@hotmail.com or call him at 610-360-6903 with the name of the Lion(s) being recommended. He will then contact that Lion to invite him or her to the seminar. The seminar is open to all Lions within the district. If your club will be sending more than one Lion, please tell him how many.

They are also requesting that each club membership chairperson as well as all Lions interested in increasing membership attend this seminar because several methods of membership recruitment will be discussed by District Global Membership Coordinator Lion Debbie Lilligard.

The recommendations and the number of members who will be attending are to be sent to PDG Lin by Saturday, Oct. 25.

A social time will precede the workshop with coffee and doughnuts served beginning at 8:30 a.m. Both Lions Lin and Debbie are looking forward to seeing every club in the district represented as we continue to "Set the Standards for Service" to "Strengthen the Pride."



Pictured after the banquet (l-r) are IPDG Dennis Butz, PID James Cavallero, DG Fred Folland and 1st VDG Karen Brady.

## DG Folland Concurrs with LCI President on Goals at Rally

The Northampton Memorial Community Center was filled with Lions, Lionesses and Leos on Thursday, Sept. 25 for the annual District 14-K rally.

District Governor Fred Folland brought the main message, asking, "Who would step up for all that the Lions, Lionesses and Leos do if we didn't exist?" He echoed the goals of Lions Clubs International President Joe Preston when he listed the four elements to the Centennial Service of LCI - engaging our youth, creating new vision, feeding the hungry, and protecting the environment.

He emphasized, "Strengthen the Pride through meaningful accomplishments and have fun doing it," then reminded the audience, "How many people here did you ask to join the Lions?"

In support of gaining new members and finding leaders to serve, DG Folland announced that a GMT/GLT workshop will be held on November 8. That event will be led by PDG Linwood Gehris and Lion Debbie Lilligard.

With the approaching 100th anniversary of Lions, he announced that PDG Glen

Santee will serve as the district coordinator for the celebration.

DG Folland said his goal is to have clubs perform as many service projects as possible and have fun. One of the changes he made is to have Cabinet meetings on a Saturday rather than a Sunday to increase attendance. The next one will be on November 15 at Friedens UCC Church in Slatington.

He presented IPDG Dennis Butz with a citation from LCI for his outstanding service the past year.

Also making remarks was Past International Director James Cavallero, who said, "Think outside of yourself for someone else. Are you happy being a Lion? Ask one other person to join us. It will make you feel good inside."

First Vice District Governor Karen Brady was emcee for the rally and also introduced the partners in service. The invocation, songs, and later the benediction were led by PCC Lowell Hawk. Second VDG Marsha Johnston led the audience in the Lions toast and the roll call of Lions and Leo clubs present. Lioness Kathy Dieter introduced the Lioness clubs. As it turned out,

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## Clubs Give \$46,350 to CVL on 'Needs Night'

The annual "needs night" for the Center for Vision Loss netted the agency \$46,350 from District 14-K Lions and Lioness clubs on Tuesday, Sept. 30 as the event was held at the Northampton Memorial Community Center.

Doug Yingling of CVL thanked all the clubs for their giving during the 2013-14 Lions year that went to serve the needs of blind and visually impaired clients from Lehigh,

Northampton and Monroe counties. They each received a patch for their club banner as a thank-you for the donations given last year.

Brad Ott, board chairman for CVL, called the dinner meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Lions toast led by District Governor Fred Folland. The invocation was given by PCC Lion Lowell Hawk, CVL liaison.

After dinner, the program continued with the story of "Camp I CAN", a camp that was run in July by Rita Lang, manager of Innovative Programs, with the assistance of Alyssa Johnson, camp counselor, and two motivated and caring teenage counselors. They had selected five children between the ages of 7-13 to participate.

The camp focused on  
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## District Governor's Message

"Strengthen the Pride"

By Strengthening Your Club



Every Lions Club's goal should be to have better focus, direction, drive and purpose. The old saying, "If you keep on doing what you've always been doing, you'll keep in getting the same results." If we want new and better results, we need to try new ways. The CEP (Club Excellence Process) is a great way to strengthen your club. If your club has not participated in the process, we will be happy to help you.

Part of your plan to strengthen your club should include ensuring that all your members are actively involved in your club. Do your best to match up your members to what they are interested in doing. **An active Lion is a satisfied Lion.**

Our District, on Saturday, November 8th, is having our own GLT/GMT Workshop for all Lions at 8:30 a.m. We will have coffee and donuts and get started at 9:00 a.m. The workshop will last until 11:30 a.m. All of our present and future Lions leaders, as well as membership committee members, are urged to attend. Our GLT/GMT District Coordinators, PDG Linwood Gehris and Lion Debbie Lilligard, will be presenting this workshop. **Is your club serious in growing leaders and new members?** It will be a very worthwhile workshop and all who attend will be glad they did.

I'm hitting the road for the heart of my visitation schedule this month. Looking forward to meeting and greeting all of our Lions, Lionesses and Leos.

Keep up the great service you are providing, as you are "Setting the Standards for Service" as you "Strengthen the Pride".

DG Fred

## Lions Eye Bank

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Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation at the University of Pittsburgh Department of Ophthalmology and the UPMC Eye Center.

The foundation was founded in 1959 by a unanimous vote of the Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs. Over the years, the foundation and the Lions of Pennsylvania have made major contributions to:

- Wills Eye Hospital (Philadelphia, Pa.)
- Pa. Lions Laser Center (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
- Pa. Lions Low Vision and Research Center (Hershey, Pa.)
- Center for Molecular Ophthalmology (University of Pa.)
- Salus University (Pa. College of Optometry)
- Scheie Eye Institute Molecular/Regulatory Biology Research Lab

PDG Rader said, "The

funds may be used in one of two ways - as a direct donation for research, or they may be directed to the Foundation's Endowment with the interest generated for future research projects."

PID Miller added, "It is because of gifts such as these that we are able to continue to fund groundbreaking research projects to support sight conservation. These projects include, but are not limited to, diabetic effects on sight, advances in treatment of diseases of the retina and the study of glaucoma."

The Eye Bank is a 501-c(3) non-profit organization accredited by the Eye Bank Association of America and is registered with the FDA. The Bethlehem-based eye bank partners with more than 60 hospitals and many hospice programs, funeral directors and coroners to procure donor eye tissue within a 37-county wide area in northeastern Pennsylvania. For more information about registering to become an organ, eye or tissue donor visit their website at [www.PaEyeBank.org](http://www.PaEyeBank.org)

## Dates to Remember

- OCT.** White Cane Days - All Month  
 31-11/2 State Council, Grantville, Pa.  
**NOV.** 10 PDG Advisory Meeting  
 11 Executive Meeting  
 15 Cabinet Meeting / Reg. 1  
 17 Charitable Enterprises Meet

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## Changes for New Directory

Lion David Fatzinger has announced some changes that need to be made in the new district directory, as follows:

**Moved Recently:** PDG Larry E. Snyder (Carol) \*Page 74 - 5260 Grange Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078, 610-769-2410, Larcara41@ptd.net Upper Lehigh Lions Club

PDG Willard W. Stratz (Grace) \*Page 75 - 360 Conestoga St., Unit 3, Bethlehem, PA 18018, Bethlehem Township Lions Club

**Corrections:** Silas Rodenbach, Jr. (Debra) \*Page 72 - 2776 Woodland Rd., Hellertown, PA 18055-3353, 610-838-8024, Saucon Valley Lions Club

Jack and Gail Metcalf, 2550 Wood's Edge Rd., Bath, PA 18014. Their Florida phone number was listed. They prefer 610-837-6553, even for Florida.

**Add:** (omitted in error) Silas "Reds" Rodenbach (Norma) \*Add to Page 72 - 1580 Raubsville Rd., Easton, PA 18042-9778, 610-838-0192, Saucon Valley Lions Club

## Rally

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The Northampton Area Lioness Club had the greatest percentage of their members present, 60%.

The rally committee included PDG Butz, 1st VDG Brady, PDG Willard Kulp, 2nd VDG Johnston, Lion David Daniel and PDG Gehris.

## Lieberman

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council and helped organize a food pantry in 1995, and for which he continues to unload trucks, stock shelves and distribute food.

Through his many initiatives to benefit his community and by his personal example, Ken clearly reflects the true spirit and mission of Northampton County, a representative of the Advisory Council said.

## 1st Vice District Governor's Message

Leadership



As I write this message, our District Rally is history. I thought it was a great event and I'm glad I got to see many of you there. Encourage your fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos, families and friends to come to the event every year. It's a great way to meet and talk to Lions from other clubs. You might get ideas for service projects or find a club you'd like to work with. If nothing else, you might make a friend with another Lion.

Leadership is an important topic in our district, one we should all be concerned with. Three years ago at this time we had both a 2nd Vice District Governor candidate and his replacement lined up. Two years ago we had a 2nd Vice District Governor candidate lined up and no one to follow. Last year we were scrambling for a 2nd Vice District candidate. We were all grateful when 2nd VDG Marsha Johnston stepped forward to take on this important role.

We are again in the position of having no succession plan. There is no one to follow 2nd VDG Marsha. While many of you think it is still early, I must disagree. I learned so much the year before I became 2nd VDG. I had the privilege of sitting back and watching what goes on without having the responsibility for making decisions. I could run "what if" scenarios in my head without making any waves. It was truly a great learning experience for me.

On Saturday, November 8th, our District is hosting a Leadership and Membership Seminar. Information was sent to Club presidents, but I'm taking the opportunity here to make sure you are all informed. We are asking Clubs to send at least one member who they believe would be a good future Lion leader, either at the Club level or the District level. Coffee and doughnuts will be served starting at 8:30 a.m. The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m. If you are at all interested in the future of your Club or District, please talk to your Club president or secretary by October 25, or contact PDG Lin Gehris or me. We need an approximate head count so we have enough doughnuts! You will leave this seminar with much good information, and you won't regret attending.

If you are thinking about stepping up and helping your District in the future, please feel free to contact me or PDG Lin Gehris. No serious inquiries will be refused! Just think. You could be writing this column some day!

Thank you for all you do in Lionism!

1st VDG Karen

## 2nd Vice District Governor's Message

Visit to Zone Meeting; Other Events Noted



It is difficult to believe that October is upon us. September has been a busy month with many activities. Zone meetings have been conducted throughout the district. I had the pleasure to attend the Region I, Zone B meeting recently. Many thanks to Wendy Naugle and the Lower Lehigh Lions for sponsoring the meeting. The featured speaker for the evening was Maddie Link. A Central Catholic H.S. student, she shared with us how she is able to function in a sightless world. Maddie demonstrated many devices she uses daily as a student and the training opportunities she has had that enrich her world. Maddie is an amazing young woman, and I encourage you to find the opportunity to hear her speak.

District Governor Fred and 1st Vice District Governor Karen have also attended Zone meetings. We all have attended the Charitable Enterprises meeting, Executive Council meeting, Past District Governors Advisory Committee meeting, a Cabinet meeting and our own clubs' meetings.

There are two events that I hope many of you attended and they were the District Rally on September 25th and the Center for Vision Loss needs night on September 30th. They demonstrated how we serve and that we should be proud to be Lions.

The Leos will be meeting on October 18 with many topics to discuss. If you are an advisor, please encourage your club to attend. This is a great opportunity for the clubs to get to know each other and collaborate on activities.

Happy Fall!

2nd VDG Marsha

## Club Events

**Saucon Valley Lions Club** - Breakfast at Se-Wy-Co Fire Co., Rt. 378, Oct. 6, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Cheese steak omelets special that day)

**Upper Lehigh Lions Club** - Basket Social, Tuesday, Oct. 28. Doors open 5:30 p.m., drawing at 7:00 p.m., at Schnecksville Fire Co., Rt. 309. . . On Sunday, Nov. 16 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., the club will have a Pig Stomach Dinner, also at the fire company. (Advance tickets only - Call Carol Snyder at 610-769-2410).

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**Sent out Tattle Tailer Report forms to all clubs so they can send in monthly reports to the editor.**

## REGION I

**ALBURTIS:** Club had a summer picnic at Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church in Alburts, and distributed new club shirts. . . . Donated 70 lbs. of food to St. Paul's UCC Church food pantry in Trexlertown.

**ALTON PARK:** No August report.

**EMMAUS LIONESS LIONS:** Apple dumpling sales have begun. Call any member of the club for orders. Cost: \$4.00 per dumpling.

**EMMAUS:** Plans are being made to celebrate the club's 70th anniversary. . . . Have collected 1,475 pairs of glasses. . . . Planning Comedy Night for Nov. 1 at Emmaus VFW. . . . Clam chowder sale planned for October 4.

**KUHNVILLE AREA:** Planning on a chicken barbecue in September. . . . Held a club family picnic.

**LEHIGH TOWNSHIP:** Will again give free eye exams to qualified township residents. . . . Held Adopt-a-Highway in August. . . . 37 Lions and guests attended Slatington steak fry.

**LEHIGH VALLEY SATURDAY A.M.** Recycled 450 aluminum cans in August. . . . White Cane days for October at Redner's Markets on Airport Rd. and Lehigh St. in Allentown.

**LOWER LEHIGH:** Inducted four new members at August 26 meeting. . . . Working concessions at IronPigs games netted \$6,783.50 for club. . . . Club is planning its fall flea market and garage sale on September 6 at Macungie Memorial Park. . . . The club collects used eyeglasses, hearing aids and batteries. They also collect non-perishable food items for a local food bank at Zionsville.

**MOUNTAINVILLE:** Fund-raiser pancake breakfast at Applebee's Trexlertown restaurant planned for Sept. 13. . . . One member volunteered more than 18 hours at Miller-Keystone Blood Center. . . . One member volunteers an hour every Friday at St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry. . . . Filled rolls on sale now through Nov. 5 at \$14 per roll - Apricot, nut, lekvar, raspberry, poppy seed. Contact any member. Delivery date Nov. 19.

**ONTELAUNEE:** Attended a Slatington steak fry on August 19. . . . Hosted zone meeting at Friedens UCC Church on August 25.

**SLATEDALE-EMERALD AREA:** Holding monthly hoagie and lottery ticket sales. . . . Club sold food at Slatedale Fire Co. picnic on August 9 and Night in the Country event on August 16. . . . Visited Eye Bank on Sept. 2. . . . Attended steak fry at West Penn Lions Club on August 20. . . . Completing sidewalk project for Lion Galen Moyer. . . . Planning basket party and auction for Sept. 14.

**SLATINGTON:** Club cooked and served steaks for 150th anniversary firemen's fundraiser on Aug. 11. . . . 14 members in anniversary celebration parade on Aug. 16. . . . Collected and donated 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses and 35 hearing aids. . . . Christmas tree sales begin Nov. 28. . . . Will be in Slatington Halloween parade in October.

**UPPER LEHIGH:** Honored four fire companies and NOVA Ambulance with \$1,000 donation each. . . . Presented Melvin Jones Fellowship to Leo advisor at Parkland H.S. who is retiring after 11 years, and welcomed new advisor, Margaret Buell, as a new club member. . . . Presented five \$1,000 college scholarships to Parkland seniors.

## REGION II

**BATH:** Will make visitation to Slatington Lions steak fry on Sept. 2. . . . Made a visitation to West Penn Township Lions steak fry. . . . Will welcome DG Folland at his visitation to club on Oct. 15.

**BETHLEHEM:** No August report.

**CATASAUQUA AREA:** August M&A listed no activities.

**COOPERSBURG:** No August report.

**COPLAY:** No August report.

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP:** Had a picnic and welcomed Hellertown Lions on August 19.

**HELLERTOWN:** Club had hot dog trailer at Saucon Valley Farmers Market and Hellertown - Lower Saucon Community Day. . . . Collecting aluminum cans and aluminum by-products for recycling. . . . Collected \$135 at members picnic and donated it to New Jerusalem Lutheran Church food bank. . . . Two Lions accepted the ALS ice bucket challenge. . . . Having annual golf tournament at SawMill Golf Course on Sept. 8.

**NORTHWEST BETHLEHEM:** No August report.

**SAUCON VALLEY:** Collected 34 pints of blood at Hellertown Community Day in August. . . . Donated \$1,000 to Center for Vision Loss, \$100 to Saucon Valley Spirit Parade. . . . Next breakfast Oct. 5 at Se-Wy-Co Fire Co. will feature cheese steak omelets, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**UPPER SAUCON:** No August report.

**WHITEHALL:** Purchased three pairs of eyeglasses for needy Whitehall residents. . . . Setting goals for 2014-15 Lions year.

## REGION III

**BANGOR:** No August report, but worked at Journey for Sight, and served refreshments.

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP:** Club participated in township's National Night Out at Community Center on August 5, with eight Lions cooking 140 hot dogs. . . . Have created a Facebook page. . . . Lion Karen attended first cabinet meeting on August 23 and took the ALS ice bucket challenge.

**EASTON:** Drove sight-impaired woman from Easton area to meeting in Bethlehem and back home. . . . Paid \$300 toward cataract surgery for an Easton woman. . . . Participating in Sharing the Vision campaign. . . . Collected food donated by Wegmans and delivered it to food bank at ProjECT of Easton four times.

**HECKTOWN - LOWER NAZARETH:** No August report.

**MOORE TOWNSHIP:** Have recycling bin at township building. . . . Had annual car show in September at Moore Township Recreation Center.

**NAZARETH:** Hecktown-Lower Nazareth Lions and Nazareth Lions held a joint picnic at home of Charles and Anna Costanzo.

**PALMER TOWNSHIP:** Displayed many events for local organizations on Lions electronic sign. . . . Held annual Italian Festival on August 26. . . . Made a contribution to Charitable Enterprises in memory of PDG Bernice Kulp. . . .

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP:** Planned pasty sale for September. . . . Selling brooms and Rada cutlery. . . . Paid local and state dues and \$200 for two Leo clubs.

**RICHMOND:** Held a chicken barbecue dinner on August 2 and planned another for Sept. 6. . . . Held a family picnic at Jacktown grove.

**TATAMY-STOCKERTOWN:** Successful clambake attended by members and others.

**WILSON BOROUGH:** Held first annual Wilson Lions Shine 'n Show Car Expo. . . . 17 members attended a Slatington Lions steak fry.

# Leo Clubs to Meet Oct. 18 At UCC Church

District Leo Club Advisor Judith R. Ott has announced that a Leo Round Table discussion will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Christ U.C.C. Church, Airport Road, Schoenersville.

Among other topics of discussion, the prospect of forming a Leo District will be a topic to talk about among the young people. Six or more officially certified Leo clubs must exist in a Lions District to qualify for this classification. Since there are presently nine Leo clubs in District 14-K, an attempt will be made to form this group, she said.

Leos in Bangor, Northern Lehigh, Northwestern Lehigh, Parkland, Pen Argyl, Whitehall Coplay Middle School, Whitehall and Wind Gap Middle School were notified of the District Rally and many of them attended it.

# Needs Night

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increasing mobility, self-esteem, responsibilities (such as household chores), identifying money, learning kitchen skills such as cutting vegetables, measuring ingredients, and oven safety, and other life skills.

While the participants were at Camp "I CAN" they had an opportunity to meet and play with a seeing-eye dog, interact with animals at their trip to the Lehigh Valley Zoo, learn about fire safety from the Allentown Fire Department and tour a fire truck.

The "needs night" audience was told that the most important part of the camp was making new friends and celebrating their successes. Each participant was given a certificate for his or her success.

Then followed the call for needs, and one by one the clubs reported what each was giving that night or pledging for the year. It ended with that \$46,350 total.

The Center for Vision Loss has its main office in Allentown, plus an eye care clinic in the Monroe office. They provide vision rehabilitation services to help support quality of life, vision screening for children and adults, educational programs, vision help with eye exams and glasses, low vision exams to enhance remaining vision, adaptive technology with video and digital magnifying devices, and have a vision aids store that includes large print items, talking clocks and watches, and cooking utensils.

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# LIONESS CLUBS ACTIVITIES

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**BETHLEHEM:** No August report.

**FORKS TOWNSHIP:** No August report.

**LEHIGH TOWNSHIP:** No August report.

**LOWER LEHIGH:** No August report.

**MOORE TOWNSHIP:** Assisted Lions when they had their annual car show on September 14, providing refreshments, and also sold raffle tickets at local market for the car show. . . . Three members attended Slatington steak fry. . . . Voted to send \$100 to Special Olympics, \$100 to memorial for PDG Bernice Kulp. . . . Gave out two Helping Hands Scholarships. . . . Sent \$250 to Moore Elementary School for students who don't have funds to buy lunch.

**NORTHAMPTON AREA:** Held a basket raffle at Lorah's truck pull on September 5, 6 and 7. . . . Will hold a bake sale at Ace Hardware on October 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. . . . Will be selling Gertrude Hawk Christmas candy in October. Deadline for orders will be November 3.



MADDIE LINK

# Visually Impaired Student Shows Lions Technology That Helps Her

A visually impaired student at Central Catholic High School in Allentown spoke to members of the Bath Lions Club at their dinner meeting on September 17.

Maddie Link, a junior at the school, showed the Lions some of the modern technology that helps her study and do her homework. Book reading devices, a magnifier, and a laptop with Braille keyboard for the letters are some of the implements. Maddie types all her notes on the Braille device, and she can play them back. When she takes a test it goes on a flash drive with the Braille. Her Victor reader has the equivalent of seven textbooks. She has also scanned a textbook and put it in the reader.

She attended a summer seminar at Penn State University for the blind on independent living and was one of four with the poorest vision. As part of the program, the blind and visually impaired students were given their own iPads. Maddie said Apple is a pioneer in making devices with acceptable functions for the blind. The academy also taught mobility.

While math is difficult for her on the reader, Maddie has no problem doing honors chemistry and honors geology for her homework. There are user manuals on it, which she uses.

A teenager, she is one of the few people her age who

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## Rain Dampens Journey For Sight Attendance

Lions Dick Hanna and Michelle Peterson were in charge of the annual District 14-K Journey for Sight on Saturday, September 13. Once again, it was held at Bangor Park. Unfortunately, it rained that day, and the 10 walkers who came out had to carry umbrellas, or just braved the sprinkling raindrops.

For each club that had participants, they will keep 60% of the funds raised for sight-related needs, while 40% will go to the district for the same purpose. Lion Hanna said he is awaiting checks. He did note that the Whitehall Lions Club reported \$590, and two other clubs gave checks totaling \$120. Contributions

can still be made, whether or not your club had any walkers. If there are any questions, call Lion Hanna at 610-588-5639.

Refreshments of donuts, hot dogs, and hot coffee were available in the kitchen for those who turned out, before or after they circled the track.

## Center for Vision Loss Program Coming Oct. 14

Did you ever consider what your life would be like with little or no vision? You can find out. Join the Center for Vision Loss for the premiere of their blindness awareness event, "A Taste of the Shadows", on Tuesday, October 14 at the Green Pond Country Club, located at 3604 Farmersville Rd., Bethlehem.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with a reception featuring hors d'oeuvres, a wine tasting by Franklin Hill Vineyards and musical entertainment by visually impaired Maddie

Link, a celtic harpist. The seated dinner follows at 7 p.m. At this time, CVL will ask the guests to give up their sight while they dine while wearing a blindfold to simulate vision loss.

Loss of vision impacts an individual's quality of life and independence. "Throughout the evening, you will have the opportunity to meet and talk to some of our customers who will share with you how the agency made an impact on their lives. And we know that you will go home with a new

perspective," says Karen Huetter, CVL Development Director.

Ticket price for the event is \$75 per person. Proceeds will support the Vision Rehabilitation program. The reservation deadline was September 30, but perhaps there are openings. For more information, contact Ms. Huetter at 610-433-6018, ext. 241 or e-mail her at [KarenHuetter@centerforvisionloss.org](mailto:KarenHuetter@centerforvisionloss.org). Go to [www.centerforvisionloss.org](http://www.centerforvisionloss.org) to print out an invitation.

## Visually impaired

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has a guide dog. "Snow Bird" was at her side as she spoke. But she has to speak in French to the dog, because he was raised by a French family. She has had the dog since her freshman year, and to get around she has to tell "Snow Bird" where to go. There are some apps on her iPad, so she put directions on it, such as street addresses, how many intersections, and other directions.

The iPad can also scan and when a \$10 bill was held up to the device by her mother, Kathy, the iPad told her

audibly what the denomination was. It can read American currency, but no coins, she said.

Maddie has very poor vision, having a condition that affected her retina. Kathy said when her daughter was an infant she had no light perception at six months old. Her vision leveled out to what it is now at age 11. Kathy said when the family took a trip, Maddie sat in the back seat of the car going over her user manual.

Although in 11th grade, she has already started a college search. Maddie would like to attend Georgetown University, but it is important

that any college where she is accepted has student support services, she said. To help her, Lions Charitable Enterprises has awarded Maddie a \$2,000 scholarship.

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Tickets are \$7.00 and can be purchased at the door or from any club member. Tap beer, soda and snacks will be provided. Additional food items and mixed drinks can be purchased.




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