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DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 3 - The Board will meet at the Lititz Public Library in the Board Room at **6:30 PM**. **All members are welcome. All officers and directors are expected to attend.** Attention Officers and Directors: If you are unable to attend a Board Meeting, please call and inform President Emily or Vice-President Diane Coffey.

December 5 - The Membership Committee will meet at Lioness Helen's apartment at 6:30 P.M.

December 12 – The Lioness Christmas Dinner will be held at Fieldcrest, Brethren Village. Cost is \$20 a person. We will start the evening off with cheese, crackers and punch at 6:00 P.M. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. Payment for the meal must be given to Lioness Barbara before November 30th. It looks like it's going to be a very interesting evening. I hope to see everyone there with lots of Christmas spirit.

FUTURE DATES:

January 7 – Board Meeting at the Lititz Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

January 9 – Dinner/Meeting at Brethren Village

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO; December 6 – Lioness Kathy Ridder
 December 18 – Lioness Brenda Long
 December 20 – Lioness Barbara Weaver
 December 27 – Lioness Deb Olsen

SAD NEWS: We wish to send our deepest sympathies to Elwood and Barbara Hann on the death of their daughter Elizabeth (Betsy) Hann on November 15th.

HAPPY NEWS: Lioness Kathy brought a guest to our November dinner/meeting. Her name is Marie Lantz and she lives in Mt. Joy close to Lioness Veronica. I heard that Marie was a member of a Lioness Club that unfortunately disbanded. I hope she enjoyed our meeting and will consider becoming a Lititz Lioness.

On a personal note – my husband Ed had a mild stroke on Nov. 11th. He is extremely lucky as the stroke did no damage. He has a slight slurring of his speech and is receiving therapy for it. Thank you all for your concerns.

LIONESSE NEWS:

This is really sad news with a happy ending --- Lioness Bea spent many days in LGH this month. She had an operation on her gall bladder and is now resting at home. Lioness Leota and I, as the Flower and Visitation Committee, visited Lioness Bea on Wednesday. Lioness Bea was in good spirits and is recovering rapidly. She plans on attending the Christmas Dinner with her husband Nevin.

The November dinner/meeting was a celebration of the 90th birthdays of both Lioness Marion and Lioness Helen. Lioness Evelyn Schreiber gave a very nice toast for Lioness Helen. It was so well done. Unfortunately, I was to toast Lioness Marion but could not attend the dinner so Lioness Marion will be formally toasted (not roasted) at our January meeting. That gives me more time to dig up some of Lioness Marion's deep dark secrets to reveal to all.

The birthday game was Charades. I understand that if a prize would have been given for the best performer it would have been presented to Lioness Irene. She was the "star" of the games.

It was an evening enjoyed by all and our thanks go to Lioness Judy who conceived the idea and with the help of Lioness Barbara put the whole evening together.

At the meeting portion of the evening Vice-President Diane presented a proposed addition to the By-Laws. The addition would allow ladies to join as 'affiliate members'. A copy of the proposal was passed out to the club members. There will be a vote on the proposal at the January meeting. Everyone is asked to read the proposal and if there are any questions, they will be answered before the vote is taken and members will have the opportunity to express their opinions at that meeting, pro or con.

President Emily received an call saying that the shelves were empty at the Community Chest and they needed help. The Board was called and they voted to send \$300 to the Community Chest.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – LIONESS JILL OEHME

Lioness Jill was in touch with the Shelter for Abused Women and Children and asked what was needed. They replied that there is a need for children's pajamas. Lioness Jill handed out a list for us to follow. The pajamas can be for either a boy or a girl. Members with last names beginning with A to G should purchase Infant to Size 2 toddler; H to K Size 3 to 5; L to M Sizes 6 to 8; O to R sizes 10-12; S to W sizes 12 to 16. The pajamas should be brought to the Christmas Dinner, December 12th. If you cannot get to the stores you can give Lioness Jill the money and she will shop for you. Do not wrap the pj's in Christmas paper as they may be given out at any time of the year. Lioness Jill says children socks and underwear are also needed and can also be for either boys or girls and in any sizes.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE – LIONESS KATHY RIDDER:

The Committee met on Monday, November 18th. We had a wrap-up on the 2nd annual "Rock" event. With some late pledges coming in, we think we had a profit of \$2,235!!! Suggestions for our 3rd annual "Rock" event were discussed....don't sell your rocker!!

As of the 18th we were in the black with the "Grocery Give-Away" and after November 23rd I know we will be well over the top on this fundraiser. Kudos to Lioness Estelene on this one.

We will be having another "Hoss" fundraiser on Friday, January 17th, mark your calendar. Tickets will be given out at the January 9, 2014 meeting.

Lioness Beryl wants to remind all that the "Car Wash" money should be given to her A.S.A.P., no later than the January meeting. Let's make it short and sweet, "git er done"!

The future will find us selling coupons for sandwiches at Sheetz, Lioness Karen will be heading up this project in February. Fashion Show will take care of April, so our committee will take a break. However, early in June we are hoping to have a trip to the "Big Apple" for a do-as-you-please" day. We are looking to fill the bus on this one for a tidy profit, so start talking to people. We'll be updating you with details in 2014.

LIONESS ESTELENE WRITES ----- We're doing well on the grocery raffle and are on the profit side with yet another Saturday at Stauffer's on the 23rd. The drawing will be on December 12th at the Christmas dinner so there's time to sell more tickets. I don't like selling but have found that when I just say "The Lioness are selling Stauffer's grocery raffle tickets as a fund raiser now", people just ask "How much?" and buy a couple. I sold \$20 in tickets last night at cards. So if you need tickets, I have them. I deliver.

FASHION SHOW – LIONESSE JUDY MATARAZZO

REMINDER TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS --YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS DUE AT THE JANUARY MEETING!!!!

Fashion Show Controversy: I understand that Donna, from Clemintine's, isn't happy with the Lititz Lioness Club and she expressed this loudly to one of our unsuspecting members in her store in front of other customers. I was sorry to hear that, but we had used her for three years, more than we had ever used the same store, so it was time to move on, especially when we had received many suggestions from people regularly attending the fashion show urging us to make the change. And we publicly thanked her for what she did. So she shouldn't complain, if anything we should complain. She set up a time to meet with the models to pick clothes and she was closed when they arrived. She asked us to pay for three lunches but there were only two who ate, so we paid for an unused lunch. When she arrived that Saturday, she was totally disorganized. She was supposed to bring tape to make adjustments on the clothes but she didn't do that and she forgot the door prizes. As she did her announcing she didn't even know who was coming out next and she threw Doris in with a coat, which was nice, but we didn't know that was going to happen. Donna's daughter wasn't sure of what she was going to wear and had no idea of where to walk. The models had rehearsed that in advance but then when she led out, it all went out the window. From what I heard from the models, it was completely chaotic in the dressing room. So, in conclusion, there were some issues that many of you were unaware of and also, these decisions are made by committee, not by one or two people, so it was something many of us had strong feelings about. Now that you are aware of the situation, perhaps you will better understand what and why the committee changed stores and if the occasion arises, you will be able to defend a club that works so hard to do good for the community.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT EMILY:

Can you believe it's only a month until Christmas. Where does the time go? Some of our "best times" were spent with our fellow Lionesses and doing our very best to help those organizations and individuals in need of our support. Remember – the more funds we raise working together, the more we can help those in need. And don't we have fun doing it, as well as the warm, fuzzy feeling we get in return.

Thank you Judy and Barbara for the work you put into the very successful "90th Birthday Party". Congratulations again to Marion and Helen! I wonder how many more of us will be lucky enough to reach 90 years of age and still be Lioness-ing.

I think it is fantastic that our older members (both in age and number of years in our club) do not become discouraged and remain active Lionesses. While we are hoping to attract younger members, we are greatly in need of our older members and their years of experience and dedication.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and your anticipation of Christmas. Remember, if anyone needs our help during the holiday seasons, please let us know. We are there for you .

President Emily

NEWS FLASH!!!!!!! Today's proceeds from selling grocery raffle tickets were \$390.57 which, alas, was \$2.69 less than last week. But ALL of you did a great job. Between the 2 Saturdays we had \$88.83 in donations which was a big surprise! The 2 Saturdays at Stauffers brought in \$783.83 so it was well worth the time and effort. Many thanks go to Stauffers for allowing us to sell the raffle tickets (of course they benefit from us buying the gift cards). So at this point, we have made \$651.45 on this fundraiser, and we have 2+ weeks to go. So there's still time to buy/sell more tickets.

CLOSE WITH A SMILE:

ROMANTIC CHRISTMAS STORY

(I guess I'm just a softie...these romantic Christmas stories always get to me.)

A couple was Christmas shopping at the mall on Christmas Eve and the mall was packed. As the wife walked through the mall, she looked around and was surprised to see her husband was nowhere in sight. She was quite upset because they had a lot of shopping to do.

Because she was so worried, she called him on her cell phone to ask him where he was.

In a calm voice, the husband said, "Honey, you remember the jewelry store we went into about 5 years ago where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we could not afford and I told you that I would get it for you one day?"

The wife choked up and tears came to her eyes, and said, "Yes, I remember that jewelry store well."

He said, Well, I'm in the sports shop right next to it."

THE CARING GRANDFATHER

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly behaved 3 year-old grandson. It's obvious to her that he has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets in the sweet aisle; biscuits in the biscuit aisle; and for fruit, cereal and pop in the other aisles.

Meanwhile, Granddad is working his way around, saying in a controlled voice, "Easy, William, we won't be long. . . . Easy boy."

Another outburst, and she hears the granddad calmly say, "It's okay, William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy".

At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart, and Granddad says again in a controlled voice, "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, William."

Very impressed, the woman goes outside where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car.

She said to the elderly gentleman, "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time, you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa."

"Thanks," said the grandfather, "but I'm William. . . The little brat's name is Kevin."

TWO BLONDES WITH HAMMERS

Lynn and Judy were doing some carpenter work on a Habitat for Humanity House. Lynn was nailing down house siding. She would reach into her nail pouch, pull out a nail and either toss it over her shoulder or nail it in.

Judy, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, 'Why are you throwing those nails away?' Lynn explained, 'When I pull a nail out of my pouch, about half of them have the head on the wrong end so I throw them away.'

Judy got completely upset and yelled, 'You moron! Those nails aren't defective! They're for the other side of the house!'

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!! Lioness Dot