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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

January 28 – Social at Knight and Day at 12:30 PM. Call Lioness Pat if you want to add or cancel your reservation.

February 4 – Fund Raising Committee will meet at Lioness Leota’s home at 10 AM.

February 4 - 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.

February 13 –**MEMBERSHIP MEETING NIGHT** - On the second Thursday of the month the Lioness Dinner/Meeting will be held at Fieldcrest, Brethren Village. Cost is \$14 and dinner starts at 6:30 PM. If you will not be at the Dinner/Meeting, please call Lioness **JUDY MATARAZZO at 627-5069** before noon Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you fail to call, you will be responsible for the cost of your meal. If you are bringing a guest, you must call by noon on the Monday before the meeting. If you know you are not coming to the meeting and have not called by the Monday noon deadline, please call Lioness Judy as a courtesy anyway so she can adjust the seating. Also, it will help the people taking the money as they won’t be waiting for you to come. You will still be responsible for the cost of the meal. **IMPORTANT - MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – See Membership article

**FUTURE DATES:**

March 4 – Board Meeting at the Lititz Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

March 13 – Dinner/Meeting at Brethren Village – Collection for PA Lions Eye Research Foundation – See article

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** February 24 – Elizabeth Brown (Honorary Member)

**LIONESS NEWS:** Lioness Bea will be having cataract surgery on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and will be having her other eye done the following week.

The Special Events Committee was in charge of the entertainment following the January business meeting. An old-fashioned spelling bee was conducted and ten Lionesses participated in the “Bee”. The words started out at a 4<sup>th</sup> grade level and quickly advanced to a college level. It finally came down to two finalists, Lioness Barbara and Lioness Judy and Lioness Judy was the ultimate winner. There were so many laughs involved and that made it a very enjoyable evening. We should have more of these nights especially since “outside” entertainment can be costly.

Lioness Kathy handed out tickets for Hoss's fundraiser which was held on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

The subject of "Affiliate Membership" was again discussed and the Board hopes that the membership is seriously considering both sides of the issue in order to make an intelligent decision when the time arrives to cast their votes.

Lioness Estelene has tickets for the Fashion Show. She will have them for sale to club members only until February 14<sup>th</sup>. After the 14<sup>th</sup> the tickets will be sold to the general public. This is being done to ensure all of our members have a chance to purchase tickets. Last year there were a few ladies who were late seeking tickets only to find the tickets were all sold. This year we will be selling 20 fewer tickets as the seating has changed. There will be NO SEATS THAT DO NOT HAVE A VIEW OF THE STAGE AND THE MODELS. The committee acknowledged this problem from last year and worked to make things better. Good Work Committee!!!!!!

Our Lioness Website is up and running at [www.lititzlionessclub.org](http://www.lititzlionessclub.org). I clicked onto it earlier this month and was so pleased. It covers just about everything and does it professionally and very well. Congratulations to both Lioness Diane and Lioness Veronica and a big thank you to Bill Dussinger for all his help! All photos or change/addition requests to be entered should be sent to Lioness Veronica at [vkillmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:vkillmeyer@gmail.com). The pass word to open the site is lititzlioness.

An Easter egg hunt for visually impaired children was discussed at Board. More information is being sought before a decision is made.

Special Events Committee is asking for any suggestions for Charter Night. If you have an idea, please call Lioness Barbara.

Community Service Committee wants to remind us that the women and children at the shelter are always in need of personal articles such as: toothbrushes; toothpaste; shampoo; deodorant, etc. Lioness Jill brings the basket to the meeting every month and sometimes it goes home "empty". Please remember those in need!!!

Book sales have also been lagging, but I'm sure that's because no one had time to read over the holidays. Well, now the holidays are over and time is heavy on our hands ---it's time to enjoy a good book again. Check out the table and see what is being offered. Price is still a dollar.

### **MY TOAST TO MARION**

In November Lioness Twister Judy and Lioness Tamer Barbara presented a special Birthday program to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Lioness Helen and Lioness Marion. I was asked to "Toast" Lioness Marion. I jumped at the chance to do so as Marion is my HERO. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the November meeting, then it was the December Christmas dinner and then in January Marion was unable to attend so here are some selections from my 'Toast To Marion' to celebrate her now 90 and a half birthday.

As I previously said, Marion is my Hero. She is a role model for me. I admire her in so many ways: I admire her courage in the way she handles Life's Adversities; I admire her compassion for others; her dedication to her church; her family and her friends. She does include the Lititz Lioness Club in with her friends. She is willing to do everything she can to help people who are less fortunate.

One of her problems is transportation. It's hard for someone as independent as she is to depend on others to get her from here to there. Her family helps but sometimes family are unavailable and so she needs transportation to get to the doctor's, etc., that is when she has to rely on friends. To reciprocate Marion often prepares a "treat" to give to her drivers. Because I drive to Lioness and Sunday school meetings, I am considered one of her drivers. My car also takes Leota and Helen so occasionally Marion will have a 'treat'. She gives one to Helen, one to Leota and a larger treat to me. Leota asked why Dot should get a larger treat and Marion's answer was that I have a husband I share with. This answered Leota's question---- but I know the real reason ---- it's because Marion likes me best!

Independence ---- Marion is probably the most independent lady I know. When we go to a new location I will offer my arm or I will take her arm. She immediately shakes me off with an “I am fine. I don’t need any help”. If it’s at night she will say, “Just walk in front of me and I’ll follow your white shoes”. So we walk Indian Style—single file-- with me in the lead. All that’s missing is the Indian war-whoop. Now that she has her white cane I guess we will be able to walk side-by-side.

Humor – I know Marion has a great sense of humor. Leota reads the newsletter to Marion each month and tells me that Marion laughs at all my jokes!!!

Dedication ---Marion has all the pertinent telephone numbers in large letter form so she can call friends, relatives and club members. Our church normally has two services and Marion goes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> service because she doesn’t like to get up too early and she likes to go to lunch after church. In the summer the church goes to one service and it’s held at 9:30 which is too early for Marion to get up and get ready and too early to have lunch after the service. When the church went back to two services in September she was very happy to be able to attend once again. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of two services, Marion got up and felt great and was looking forward to going to church. She called her friend Bettielee to see if she was going to attend. Marion got a busy signal, tried again and got the busy signal again. She tried a third time and got an answering machine. She said, “Good morning!! I feel great this morning. If you are going to church, I would like to go too”. Call me at – and she gave her phone number. A few minutes later the phone rang and when Marion answered a male voice said, “How can I help you?” “Well” Marion said, “You called here. How can I help YOU “? He said, “This is the Pastor of the Trinity E. C. Church and I received your call on the church office answering machine, asking for a ride. I will gladly send someone to pick you up for church service”. Marion said, “Oh, No. I’ve done it again. I’ve dialed the wrong number”. Marion apologized and thanked him while explaining she had been invited to attend her son’s church, but being a dyed-in-the-wool Lutheran she’d try her luck with the phone again.

I guess this was an “Ask and You Will Receive” moment.

These are only a few of the reasons why Marion is my Hero and my Friend.

#### **FEBRUARY MEETING – MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MESSAGE:**

The Membership committee is now booking passage for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure that will take place at our February 13<sup>th</sup>. Dinner meeting.

We encourage all to make advance reservations for your fearless guests (contact Lioness Judy) and to gear up in your “safari finest” for this exciting trek, which will lead us deep into Lioness territory!

Ps. “Safari finest” suggestions: animal print clothing, olive drab and/or khaki tops/bottoms, Stewart Granger, scarf, sunglasses, sunhat, anything camouflage, binoculars, a frilly parasol, compass, pith helmet, Clark Gable, safari jacket, jungle boots, Lion tamer props, just let your imagination run wild!

**FEBRUARY MEETING – BEACON LODGE \$5 COLLECTION** – We will be collecting for our annual giving of \$5.00 each to be sent to Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind & Visually impaired. Beacon Lodge is a Pa. Lions supported camp in Mount Union, PA. It is a camp for children and there is also an adult camp. They rely solely on contributions from Lions & Lioness Clubs of PA. If you wish to learn more about the camp you can go to [www.beraconlodge.com](http://www.beraconlodge.com). We also provide for a camper to go to the summer session each year or send money for a scholarship if we can’t find someone locally. It is a worthwhile cause to support.

**EYE RESEARCH** – One of the projects in eye research is being done by Dr. Joyce Tombran-Tink from Penn State University in Hershey. She is working on a new drug therapy which will allow eye drops to be a possible cure for diabetic eye diseases. We are also hearing about a possible cure for eye disease by eye injections and we continue to hear about artificial vision via Brain Port and computer chips installed behind the retina. The Foundation, along with the researchers, feel that they are very close to finding cures for blindness. To continue

this research, financial support is a must. As Helen Keller challenged years ago of the Lions, “Will you become the “Knights of the Blind?”

Lioness Kathy will be bringing quarter books to the February meeting. The filled books should be returned in April or May.

**REMINDER FROM LIONESS DOT** – My new email address is [drosie328@gmail.com](mailto:drosie328@gmail.com). Please change it in your directory.

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU – LIONESS DEB OLSEN**

I am so excited to be a part of the Lititz Lioness Club! It’s always been my desire to be involved in a group I so enjoy. I come from a big Italian family and we like to have fun and the Lioness Club fits me so well!

I have been married to Dave for 35 years and we have one daughter Jen who owns a Dance Studio (Pulse Dance Studio) in Lititz. I also own and operate my hair salon (Debeez Hair Salon) in my home in Manheim. I have been doing hair for 29 years, which I still enjoy doing but I am part-time now. I also play the drums for a Worship Team every Sunday morning and I am in a band called “Perfect Fit”. We play at local restaurants and community events in the area. Last year I received runner-up in the PA State Senior Idol and had lots of publicity about that. I will be featured in “b” magazine’s May issue and I am so excited about that. I have been playing drums for 10 years and enjoy it so much! I like to keep busy and help in any way I can! I am looking forward to, and can’t wait for, future events with the Lioness Club.

Thank you,

Deb Olsen

The following is a paper that Lioness Kathy read at the January meeting

### **CONCERNING AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP**

LIONESS KATHY RIDDER

My feelings on the proposal put forth concerning the possibility of affiliate membership are as follows. I feel that it is something that we should try. We are living in a different time than 32 years ago when the Lititz Lioness Club was chartered, and as much as change is difficult, change, in the right direction, is for the good.

If we want to insure the future of our Club we need to forge ahead with new ideas. As a person “of a certain age”, initially my thoughts were, “why do we have to change?” I hear it everywhere, in Lions, in church, anywhere people gather. Younger people with new ideas, sometimes they are not the greatest & fall flat, but then you hit a winner & we continue to grow, granted it may be in an entirely different way than “we did it” in the past, but if it works, what’s the problem. We will never know unless we try.

It hurts to realize that we “of a certain age”, are losing the Club of our past, or the church of the past, (why do they have to sing those new praise songs, what’s wrong with the good old gospel songs?), sound familiar??? To look backward instead of forward will cause stagnation & the loss of those who will have the energy to grow the Club.

The basics will still be in place, serving our community & beyond, probably with a different twist, whatever works to continue to serve is what we should be looking at.

It is not all about “us”...it is about those who will come after us. We have 4 Lioness Clubs left in the District, I would like to think that the Lititz Lioness Club will be standing proud & serving for another 32 years: ALIVE, ACTIVE & SERVING!!

I am excited to think that there are those who want to take that giant step & guide the Lititz Lioness Club into that future, active & still serving those in need! I use to worry about my church surviving, for it is an aging congregation, but there will always be a place to worship...with our Lioness Club, this is it. We have to move forward in the world of today & into the future.

I made a remark that I may become an affiliate member when I go into my position of District Governor in 2015 because of the busy schedule I will have. However, on thinking about it, I will try to make as many of the Lioness meetings that I can & hope my Lioness Club will understand & give me that time. I will return to the Lititz Lioness Club after my journey is over & will be overjoyed to be there once again.

EDITORS NOTE: The preceding is one side of the subject and ONLY one side. The newsletter will be happy to print the "other" side if submitted before the March Newsletter. You should sign your name but if you do not want me to print it – it can be our secret. If anyone – either side – wishes to add a sentence or two, I will print these also.

### **CLOSE WITH A SMILE:**

Dear Lioness:

As we progress into 2014, I want to thank you for your educational e-mails over the past year. I am totally screwed up now and have little chance of recovery. **I can no longer open a bathroom door** without using a paper towel, nor let the waitress put lemon slices in my ice water without worrying about the bacteria on the lemon peel. **I can't sit down on a hotel bedspread** because I can only imagine what has happened on it since it was last washed. **I have trouble shaking hands** with someone who has been driving because the number one pastime while driving alone is picking one's nose. **Eating a little snack sends me on a guilt trip because** I can only imagine how many gallons of trans fats I have consumed over the years. **I can't touch any woman's handbag** for fear she has placed it on the floor of a public toilet. **I must send my special thanks** for the email about rat poo in the glue on envelopes because I now have to use a wet sponge with every envelope that needs sealing. **ALSO**, now I have to scrub the top of every can I open for the same reason. **I can't have a drink in a bar** because I fear I'll wake up in a bathtub full of ice with my kidneys gone. **I can't eat at KFC** because their chickens are actually horrible mutant freaks with no eyes, feet or feathers. **I can't use cancer-causing deodorants** even though I smell like a water buffalo on a hot day. **Thanks to you** I have learned that my prayers only get answered if I forward an e-mail to seven of my friends and make a wish within five minutes. **Because of your concern**, I no longer drink Coca Cola because it can remove toilet stains. **I no longer buy fuel** without taking someone along to watch the car, so a serial killer doesn't crawl in my back seat when I'm filling up. **I no longer use Cling Wrap** in the microwave because it causes seven different types of cancer. **And thanks for letting me know** I can't boil a cup of water in the microwave anymore because it will blow up in my face disfiguring me for life. **I no longer go to shopping centers** because someone will drug me with a perfume sample and rob me. **I no longer go to the cinema** because I could be pricked with a needle infected with AIDS when I sit down. And **I no longer answer the phone because** someone will ask me to dial a number for which I will get a huge phone bill with calls to Jamaica, Uganda, Singapore or Uzbekistan. **Thanks to you** I can't use anyone's toilet but mine because a big black snake could be lurking under the seat and cause me instant death when it bites my butt. **And thanks to your great advice** I can't ever pick up a dime coin dropped in the parking lot because it was probably placed there by a sex molester waiting to grab me as I bend over. **I can't do any gardening** because I'm afraid I'll get bitten by the Violin Spider and my hand will fall off.

**If you don't pass this on to at least 144,000 people in the next 70 minutes, a large dove with diarrhea will land on your head at 5:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon, and the fleas from 120 camels will infect your back, causing you to grow a hairy hump. I know this will occur because it actually happened to a friend of my next door neighbors ex mother-in-law's second husband's cousin's best friend's beautician!**

**Oh, and by the way, I now keep my toothbrush in the living room because I was told by e-mail that water splashes over 6 ft. out of the toilet**

**NOW YOU HAVE YOURSELF A VERY GOOD DAY.**

**Lioness Dot**