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DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 7 - 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.

January 9 – 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, January 6th. 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.

January 14 - The Membership Committee will meet at Lioness Helen's apartment at 6:45 P.M.

FUTURE DATES:

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

February 13 – Dinner/Meeting at Brethren Village

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: January 19 – Lioness Cindy Burkholder

HAPPY NEWS: It was so good to have both Lioness Bea and Lioness Doris back with us again. We missed both of them.

LIONESS NEWS:

The Board voted to purchase a \$50 gift certificate to Clemintine's to present to Kathy Kuhns in appreciation of her management of the Club's dinners at Brethren Village.

The Board also voted to send a \$35 donation to EARS in memory of Betsy Hann, daughter of Honorary Member Barbara Hann and her husband Elwood.

A discussion of the impending vote on Affiliate Membership was held at Board Meeting. There will be an open discussion at the January Club meeting and a vote will be taken at the February meeting.

The Christmas Dinner was held on December 12th at Brethren Village. It was well attended and the Special Events Committee led by Lioness Barbara did an excellent job. The exchange of gifts presided by Mrs. Claus aka Lioness Brenda Long was great fun. The gifts changed hands many times to make the evening enjoyable. It was a now-you-have-it and then now-you-don't game.

COMMUNITY CHEST – LIONESS JILL OEHME

Thank you to all for the donations of children's pajamas for the Women's Shelter. We collected 26 pairs. I know the children will be happy!!!!

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE – LIONESSE KATHY RIDDER

Kudos go out to Lioness Estelene who chaired the "Grocery Raffle" project and to all who came out to help sell tickets at SKH. We made over \$700 on the fundraiser!!

We will be having another Hoss's fundraiser on Friday, January 17, 2014. I'll be handing tickets out at the January 9th regular meeting. Get your friends and relatives and enemies out to support us and let's work at moving the profit up to \$200!!! We can do it!!!

The committee will be meeting on February 10th when we will be discussing a "Sheetz" sandwich sale which will be chaired by Lioness Karen. I will be looking into the possibility of a day trip to NYC for a "do-what-you-want" day. More info later!

GROCERY RAFFLE RESULTS – LIONESSE ESTELENE

The Stauffer's grocery raffle was a big success. My goal was \$500 and we surpassed it with a net profit of \$769.45. The \$200 gift card went to Don Miller, who purchased his ticket one of the Saturdays we were selling at Stauffer's. The \$100 gift card went to Frank Matarazzo and the \$50 gift card went to Lioness Deb Olsen's mother. A big thank you to all who purchased and sold tickets and to those who worked at Stauffer's on the two Saturdays.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU – LIONESSE MARY-LYNN LAVENDER

I like to be surrounded by good vibes and cheer, that's why I joined the Lititz Lioness Club! I love these 50 states of America and would not only like to visit all 50 but I'd also like to LIVE in all 50. I want to experience all the diversity this great nation has to offer. I've pleaded with God to let that happen so let's see how that works out for me. So far, I've lived in 2 and vacationed in New Jersey. I'm retired from a corporation whose job it was to 'light up my world' and they are always telling people that they are, "On It" however, every once in a while they 'black out'. I was an account representative at Consolidated Edison on NY Inc aka ConEdison. I swore I would never work again because I had 2 young boys who were zapping my energy and my internal power was flickering. 9/11 rocked our world, we realized we needed to slow down and appreciate one another and the people who come and go in our lives more. It was then that we decided to come to Lancaster County where half our family lived. It was love at first sight when we saw Lititz. Before I knew it I was back to work. I had met State Representative John Bear while working on the Mayor Russell Pettyjohn re-election campaign and before you knew it I was a Legislative Aide for "JB". I stayed with John until he decided not to go for re-election so he could have more time to spend with his two adorable kids. Which I thought was very wise of him as I was constantly reminding him to do what my mom told me, "put your family first, because they will be grown and out of the house before you know it." My sons are now 23 and 19 years old and my husband Barry & I just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary...and the lights are still twinkling.

NEWSFLASH!!!!!!

Lioness Marion and Helen want to thank the Birthday Committee (Lioness Judy and Lioness Barbara) who staged the lovely surprise 90th Birthday party!! We had pictures and cake, no less! We are indeed indebted to all of you!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's make a New Year's resolution to do even better this year to support our friends in need. Remember, my goal is to donate \$10,000 to our causes.

At the January meeting, I will again have the suggestion box. Please think about how we can make more money this year and put your suggestions in the box or can. Don't be afraid to "suggest".

Thanks to the Special Event Committee headed by Lioness Barb. Our Christmas party was great! Cute Mrs. Claus, too.

Keep warm and happy until we meet again.

President Emily

CLOSE WITH A SMILE:

ARE YOU A GRINCH? TAKE THIS QUIZ AND FIND OUT!

1. You reuse last year's Christmas cards and send them out under your own name (5 points)
2. You steal light bulbs from your neighbor's outdoor display to replenish your own supply (5 points, 10 if your neighbor's whole light sets or lighted Santa goes out).
3. You have dressed a dog or cat as Santa Claus, elf helper, or reindeer (10 points for each; if you dressed an endangered species, 5 extra points).
4. You put out last year's stale candy canes for children (1 point for each piece of sticky candy). If you put out a chocolate or marzipan Santa also, add 10 points.
5. You enclose a shoddy and inferior gift from Target, Wal-Mart, or Kmart in a Bloomingdale's or other prestige box to impress your friends (5 points for each infraction).
6. You make collect long distance phone calls to your family on Christmas Day (5 points, 10 if from a cell phone), claiming you are stuck in a phone booth.
7. At the office Christmas party, you hoard huge stockpiles of goodies for later consumption at home (5 points; 15 points if you use this stuff for your own party).
8. You steal the wreath from a parked car to use on your own (5 points)
9. After an invitation to a friend's house, you bring a commercially produced fruitcake and try to pass it off as home made (5 points; 15 points if the fruitcake is from last year).
10. Any stealing from the Toys-for-Tots collection bins is a definite no-no (20 points)

Evaluate your score on the "Grinch Scale" from 20 to 100.

20-30: You are just a cheeseball

30-50: You are an apprentice in Yuletide larceny and are probably wanted by the police for overdue parking tickets.

50-100: Grinch, move over ---a NEW GRINCH HAS JUST BEEN CROWNED!!!!

QUICKIES!!!

It was Christmas Eve in at the meat counter, a woman was anxiously picking over the last few remaining turkeys in the hope of finding a large one. In desperation she called over a shop assistant and said, "Excuse me. Do these turkeys get any bigger?" "No, madam," he replied, "they're all dead".

CHRISTMAS PROPHECY – The Crist family worked at a zoo. Each year they predicted the general luck and overall mood of the year by watching the gnu. If the gnu's ears were forward, that meant a successful, joyous year was almost certain to happen. But if his ears were laid back flat against his head, it meant that an unlucky or very unhappy year was sure to come.

One year it was young Mary's turn to "survey" the animal and come up with the prediction. It was her first time solo, and in her excitement she forgot to take the key to the cage. She was late in coming to check on the gnu. Well, she saw the wrong ear position and predicted a bad year, when in fact it was quite good. To explain the error, the local newspaper ran the following headline a year later – MARY CRIST MISSES AN HAPPY GNU'S YEAR.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!! LIONESS DOT