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DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 6 - 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 Diane or Vice-President Veronica..

January 8 – 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 **DOT ROSENQUIST at 626-5175** before Monday noon, January 5th. 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 12 – Fund-Raising Committee meeting at 7 PM at Lioness Leota's home.

FUTURE DATES:

February 3 – Board Meeting at the Lititz Public Library

February 12 – Dinner/Meeting at Brethren Village.

February 13-16 - Leo's Fire and Ice

March 7 – Melvin Jones Breakfast

March 8, 2015 – District Bowling Event

March 25, 2015 – Harlem Ambassadors Event at Warwick High School and sponsored by the Leo's. More info closer to the event.

April 11, 2015 – Fashion Show at Eden Resorts

May 2 – Bus trip to NYC. \$65 per person – Do As You Please Trip

May 14-17, 2015 – State Convention Hosted by District 14-D in Lancaster at The Host Resort

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: January 19 – Lioness Cindy Burkholder

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Lionesses!

May this holiday season ring in a renewed spirit of joy and gratitude for our many individual blessings and also bring a full sense of awareness of the service that we Lionesses provide to those in need. I felt this sense several times recently, the first was when Lioness Jill and I delivered our club's gift of 10 pairs of pajamas and a box of personal items to the Shelter for Abused Women. Next, our community's generosity hit home in a big way when Treasurer Diane Haehnle told me that our SKH grocery raffle event brought in approximately \$1000.00 (hooray!) to go toward future donations. Then, reading about the many awesome events in which both the Lititz Lion's and Leo's Clubs (as well as all other District 14-D clubs) participates, is when you really know how much of a difference our collective involvement in Lionism makes in people's lives.

Speaking of which...This Christmas Eve morning I will be on the lookout for the Manheim Twp. Leo's Club members at the Clipper Stadium, where we will be helping to fill up and distribute about 1500 cartons of food for Christmas dinners for the needy. (See "On the giving side" of last month's newsletter for info.) That's IF I can find them amongst the hundreds of volunteers that manage to be there at 5.00 AM or so! Working in the cold alongside these warm-hearted people of all ages, every year I hear questions and comments of concern that young children and teens make to their parents and to each other when they see the long, long line of recipients, who in many cases have waited hours in the darkness to receive this much-appreciated food donation. What beautifully touching and teachable moments that we all witness through our service and selflessness!

Kudos to Lioness Estelene and her committee for a wonderful Christmas dinner meeting at the Eden! We enjoyed great company, food and entertainment, with Three Dads and a Lad singing just the right blend of humorous harmony. This was indeed a nice way to end the calendar year!

And talk about a nice way to end the year, check out Lioness Megan Sofilka's December 6th wedding pictures on Facebook. Such a beautiful bride! (and handsome hubby!)

I understand that Lioness Barbara has something special up her sleeve for our January dinner meeting. Guess we all have to attend to find out what it is, so see you there!

Ladies, here's to a prosperous and joyful New Year! May 2015 bring good health, love, and laughter to you and yours.

With much appreciation and gratitude to each and every Lioness,

President Diane

LIONESS NEWS:

News is very sparse this month. Our December Board meeting was cancelled due to weather. All current matters will be discussed at the January Board meeting.

The Raffle Ticket fundraiser was a great success and we thank Lioness Cindy for a job well done!!

The Christmas dinner under the leadership of Lioness Estelene and her committee was the most enjoyable way to start the Holiday season.

There is a **CORRECTION** to be made to Lioness Doris Schaub's phone number in your directory. It should read: 738-5717, Lioness Doris is in her new apartment and will welcome a call or better yet a visit if you will be visiting Ephrata.

You will find attached a list of our club members with their addresses and phone numbers. You can find this information in your directory but some like to have the paper list to put next to the telephone for easier calling. Lioness Estelene contributed the list for all of us.

MESSAGE FROM SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIRMAN-LIONESSE ESTELENE

Mea culpa for not acknowledging my great committee at our Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 11th. They were wonderful, all of them – Brenda Long, Ruth McKennon and Emily Oberholtzer. Olympia Sipe would have contributed but was incapacitated during the planning stages. Unfortunately, Brenda did all of the ground work getting the entertainment and then was too ill to make the dinner and to hear the Three Dads and a Lad perform. I want to personally thank the committee and to thank all of you who attended. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. On now to Charter Night.

MESSAGE FROM FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN – LIONESSE DEB OLSEN

I want to congratulate Lioness Cindy on the great job she did as the person-in-charge of the Raffle Ticket event. She was the right person and did an excellent job. She put everything into making this a big success! Cindy reported that we sold approximately 500-600 tickets and we have a profit of \$1,006.00! We will make a few little changes for next year but overall it went great!! Thank you again Lioness Cindy Burkholder!!!!

A reminder of a fundraiser committee meeting at Lioness Leota's house on Monday, January 12th at 7:00 PM.

More to come on the bus trip at the next meeting!

Merry Christmas and happy New Year!!

Lioness Deb Olsen

As I was preparing to send this letter my daughter received a prayer request on her cell phone and she shared the message with me. The message read that Russ Pettyjohn has developed blood clots in his leg after his recent surgery and is in need of prayers at this time. So please add him and Lioness Irene to your thoughts at this special Christmas time.

CLOSE WITH A SMILE:

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 A Happy Gnu's Year.

One More:

A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR PEOPLE HAVING A BAD DAY:

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs. Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang, and an irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?'

And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

AND-----I would like to add my personal wishes to each and every Lioness for a Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!!!!

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