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DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 1 -- 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.

March 5 – Melvin Jones breakfast at Yoder’s in New Holland. This breakfast is to honor this year’s and past year’s recipients.

March 5 – Woman’s Club fashion show at General Sutter Inn at 10:00 am.

March 10 – On the second Thursday of the month the Lioness Dinner/Meeting will be held at Fieldcrest Brethren Village. Cost is \$15 and the 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, March 7th. 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 March 7th.

March 12 – Easter Egg Hunt – See Community Service article.

March 22 – Social Luncheon. Information forthcoming.

March 28 – Deadline for Fashion Show door prizes. See Fashion show article below.

FUTURE DATES:

April 5 -- Board Meeting at the Public Library.

April 8 – Deadline to purchase Fashion Show tickets.

April 10 – Dinner Meeting at Fieldcrest Brethren Village.

April 15 – President Honor Night at Yoder’s Restaurant. Payment due by March 30 to Treasurer Diane.

April 16 – Fashion Show at The Eden Resort.

April 30 – Rock for Sight at Yoder’s Restaurant. Donation due by April 10 to Treasurer Diane.

May 9 – State Convention in Reading.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: March 17 – Lioness Pat Lewis
 March 23 – Lioness Jaris Woller**

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:
Greetings, Lionesses!**

March is usually a fickle weather month, isn’t it? In like a lamb and out like a Lioness!!

Thankfully, “fickle” is one word that you will never hear used to describe a Lioness member. We are loyal to our club, to the Lions, to our community, to the organizations we serve and support, and, of course, to each other. Without the Lititz Lioness Club’s contributions and sacrifices, would our community be as well served? How would our neighbors-in-need be faring without our added support and compassion to ease their way through life? Would our own lives be altered if we weren’t Lionesses? You already know the answers, and those, like our club commitments, will never waver!

**Enjoy the month of March, Lionesses! It’s very special, indeed, and so are YOU!!
President Diane**

FASHION SHOW ---- LIONESSE JUDY

Deadline for ticket purchases with money and names is April 8th. Be sure to solicit door prizes. That deadline is March 28th. Please give your door prizes to Lioness Jill or Lioness Jean. I am still looking for volunteers for the day of the show.

LIONESSE NEWS-----BITS AND PIECES:

We offer our thought and prayers to Lioness Barbara on the death of her husband, Bruce. The funeral was held on Saturday, February 20th at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

We are still missing several ladies due to illness. Lioness Bea is doing well and hopes to attend our March meeting. Lioness Marian is also doing well with her recovery and also hopes to see us in March. Lioness Emily is feeling better but gets tired easily. She looks forward to your calls and visits. She hopes to be able to attend the March meeting.

Our February meeting began with a special necrology service for Lioness Helen Lauderman. She was a very special lady and will be missed by all of us. It was a privilege and a pleasure to know her. The service was conducted by Lioness Evelyn Schreiber.

Lioness Evelyn Schreiber put on her game master's hat and led us in two enjoyable games at our last meeting.

Our guest at the February meeting was Lori Wright. We welcome her and invite her to join our wonderful club.

An envelope will be placed at each table at our March dinner meeting. The envelope will be there to collect your voluntary contributions to PA Eye Research. For years, we were each given a slotted folder to hold quarters. We were supposed to place a quarter into each slot and when the folder was filled it contained \$10. A few years ago it was decided to do away with the folders and just use envelopes. This is a voluntary donation and you may donate whatever you feel appropriate.

Attic Sale at Ronks! Lioness Judy is passing along a sale flyer from Ruthie's (Fashion Show provider). The sale is 4 days only from Wednesday, March 2nd to Saturday, March 5th. Ruthie says, " For those of you who have asked 'What's upstairs?', you will finally get the chance to see. We are opening our 2nd floor for drastic savings of 60-80%," (all sales are final). Mark your calendars for this special event.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ----- LIONESS JILL

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 12th at 10:00 am at VisionCorps in Lancaster. I will need 2 more Lionesses to help that morning. This is a most enjoyable and rewarding event for everyone who participates. Please, if you are interested in joining in on the fun, let me know as soon as possible. Thank you!

ELECTIONS

Slate of Officers running for election for 2016-2017

President – Lioness Veronica Killmeyer

Vice President –

Secretary – Lioness Estelene Ladd

Treasurer – Lioness Diane Haehnle

Twister – Lioness Barb Weaver

Tamer – Lioness Carol Harting

Directors – 1 year – Lioness Judy Matarazzo

2 years—Lioness Bettielee Loemker

3 years—Lioness Emily Oberholtzer

Please think about the open space next to Vice President. We need a volunteer! You CAN do it!! Call President Diane and tell her you will serve.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S GOALS – DISTRICT GOVERNOR KATHY RIDDER

At the end of the newsletter, you will find the District Governor's goals for 2015 – 2016. Her report will explain where are money goes and why. We thank DG Kathy for keeping us informed.

CLOSE WITH A SMILE:

The Church Dinner—

A group of friends from the Church wanted to get together on a regular basis, socialize, and play games. The lady of the house was to prepare the meal. When it came time for Al and Janet to be the hosts, Janet wanted to outdo all the others. She decided to have mushroom-smothered steak. But mushrooms are expensive. She then told her husband, “No mushrooms. They are too high.”

He said, “Why don't you go down in the pasture and pick some of those mushrooms?” There are plenty in the creek bed.” She said, “No, some wild mushrooms are poison.”

He said, “Well, I see varmints eating them and they're OK.” So Janet decided to give it a try. She picked a bunch, washed, sliced, and diced them for her smothered steak.

Then she went out on the back porch and gave Ol' Blue (the yard dog) a double handful. Ol' Blue ate every bite. All morning long, Janet watched Ol' Blue and the wild mushrooms didn't seem to affect him, so she decided to use them.

The meal was a great success, and Janet even hired a helper lady from town to help her serve. After everyone had finished, they relaxed, socialized, and played '42' and dominoes. About then, the helper lady came in and whispered in Janet's ear. She said, “Mrs. Williams, Ol' Blue is dead.”

Janet went into hysterics. After she finally calmed down, she called the doctor and told him what had happened.

The doctor said, “That's bad, but I think we can take care of it. I will call for an ambulance and I will be there as quickly as possible. We'll give everyone enemas and we will pump out everyone's stomach. Everything will be fine. Just keep them calm.”

Soon they could hear the siren as the ambulance was coming down the road. The EMTs and the doctor had their suitcases, syringes, and a stomach pump. One by one, they took each person into the bathroom, gave them an enema, and pumped out their stomach.

After the last one was finished, the doctor came out and said, “I think everything will be fine now,” and he left. They were all looking pretty weak sitting around the living room and about this time the helper lady came in and whispered to Janet, “You know, that fellow that run over Ol' Blue never even stopped.”

Think SPRING! Lioness Dot

Greetings Lititz Lioness',

I so enjoyed spending time with you all at the February meeting & I very much appreciate your 100% giving to my "District Governor's Goals" for 2015-16.

The Lititz Lioness Club has been contributing to these goals for years & I realized that it may need an explanation as to just what you are really supporting. In the 34 years (OMG) that I have been a Lititz Lioness, I can't remember that there ever was an explanation of this large distribution of funds. Considering that, in the last number of years we have acquired new members who really have no conception of this contribution.

In view of this I will go down the list from the District Governor's Goals & try to give you a short overview of each one. If anyone has any questions, just ask.

BEACON LODGE CAMP – A camp for the blind, visually impaired & others with special needs, children & adults. Located on 600 acres in Mt. Union, Pa. on the Juniata River & supported totally by the Pa. State Lions, Lioness & Leos, Beacon Lodge Camp places special emphasis on stimulating interests & appreciation for recreation & learning & encourages new challenges. Everyone who has visited this awesome place comes away with warm & proud feelings for having been a part of its care & maintenance. I encourage all to attend at least once in their life as a members of a Lion, Lioness or Leo Club. Lions Appreciation Day, an annual event, will be held on July 17, 2016.

DIABETES AWARENESS (A.D.A.) – The American Diabetes Assoc. is the nation's leading nonprofit health organization providing diabetes research, information & advocacy. District 14D participates in the annual Diabetes Walk held in October of each year.

LICF – (www.lionsclubs.org) – Lions Clubs International Foundation is the grant-making arm of Lions Clubs International. It is the only Lions' foundation that serves the entire world & nearly 1.35 million Lions. LCIF prevents blindness, it provides food & clothing to victims of natural disasters. It also gives youth the tools to succeed through Lions-Quest: Manheim Twp. Lions Club has provided the Quest program in the Manheim Twp. Schools for the past 12 years. The Foundation also empowers the disabled through vocational training & promotes health by equipping clinics & hospitals. **EVERY DOLLAR DONATED TO LCIF GOES TO A GRANT.** LCIF receives no club dues & has awarded U.S.\$373 million in grants since it began in 1968.

LEADER DOG FOR THE BLIND – Located in Rochester, Mi. & founded in 1939, has successfully matched & graduated over 13,000 person/dog teams. Mission: To empower people who are blind or visually impaired with life skills for independent travel through quality Leader Dogs. Other services include, guide dog training for people who are both deaf & blind, summer youth program & training in the use of auditory GPS. All services are provided **FREE OF CHARGE** to the recipient. District 14D/Lancaster & Lebanon Counties, next to the Lions of Michigan, are top contributors. Go to www.leaderdogfortheblind.org for more info & check out their "Puppy Raising" program.

PA. FOUNDATION – The Pa. Lion Foundation's mission is to assist those afflicted with sensory impairment, particularly those related to vision & hearing. The Foundation awards Grants in support of projects & programs stated in their mission & joins with individual Lion Clubs in responding to local, community & regional needs in Pa.

PA. LIONS HEARING RESEARCH FOUNDATION – The Foundation initiates & supports research on hearing problems covering a range from embryonic research through adult ages. Special emphasis is encouraged on research to prevent deafness & hearing problems in our youth. The State of Pa. Lions last year gave out \$59,000. for research.

PA. SIGHT CONSERVATION – The Foundation directly supports research grants & is not involved in a day to day clinical activity. Lions/Lioness/ Leos are silent partners in Eye Research being carried on in hospitals & medical colleges in Pa. Blindness is one of one of our major public health problems – every hour of every day 5 more people face a lifetime of darkness. At a Pa. Sight Conservation Conference that I attended in Oct., District 14D had donated \$13,000. & the Pa. Lions gave \$95,000. in grants to continue eye research.

PA. LIONS FOR DOG GUIDES – The mission: To render financial assistance to the visually impaired, only in Pa., for emergency veterinary care to any active working canine trained by a recognized & approved Dog Guide School. The Board of Directors may provide veterinary services to: A working canine, with career threatening illness or accident, with, up to \$1,000. paid directly to the veterinary facility rendering said services.

VISION CORPS./LEBANON COUNTY SIGHT – Vision Corps provides services, free of charge, to Lancaster & Lebanon County residents who are blind or visually impaired. Their services include the Steinmetz Eye Clinic, Orientation & Mobility Instruction, Recreational activities & support groups. In addition rehabilitation teaching (daily living skills) are provided & vocational & employment ops. for the blind & vision impaired.

NATURAL HISTORY DAY – A District 14D Committee, headed up by East Petersburg Lion Wendy Toole, National History Day is a science fair for history. Many school districts in Pa. have cut down on teaching history due to receiving funds for other areas of teaching. National History Day receives entries from middle & high school students from various schools who create projects of college caliber. Expenses are incurred from building rental, lunches for students & judges, trophies, local history awards & office work of copying, postage, certificates & contest materials. The event is held at Manheim School & the date for 2016 is March 19. Volunteers are needed

for various positions, for info contact Wendy at wpearson4045@comcast.net

B.R.A.K.E.S. - A District supported project, led by Manheim Lion Aaron Henderson, “Be Responsible And Keep Everyone Safe” is a program free to teen drivers & parents (who must attend). It puts the driver in situations that they may encounter while driving: wet roads, obstacles, distractions & learning how to deal with them or avoid them. Serving the youth & the parents in a big way.

HELEN KELLER FUND – Helen Keller requested that the Lions become “Knights of the Blind”, this fund is for those people, who reside in Lancaster or Lebanon Counties, who do not have medical insurance, Medicare or public assistance. Funds are matched between the District & your Club or Clubs in 14D that raise monies for that person. The fund currently will pay 75% & the local Club 25%.

CLIENT WEEKEND – This is an event for the Clients of the Sight Centers of Lancaster & Lebanon Counties, providing a weekend, the 1st one in October, at Beacon Lodge Camp. The Client is responsible for a nominal fee to attend, the rest of the expense comes from donations. The Clients have breakfast on the “Proud Mary” on Raystown Lake, visit a Pa. Wildlife establishment, fish at the Camp pond & enjoy the fellowship of being together. For some, this is the only vacation that they have & attending as a sighted person, is a very satisfying & humbling weekend.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE – A District 14D supported project with Christiana Lion Jim Groff as chairperson: partnering with District 14D Clubs to help with Disaster Relief wherever needed. Served victims in Joplin, Mo., Hurricane Sandy in New York & New Jersey.