



Mt. Olivet Lions Club

Lion Phyllis Amrhein, President



Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Sherrard, WV

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE * HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

A 7.0 earthquake devastated Haiti on Tuesday, January 12, with continuing aftershocks. Lions around the world are responding generously and quickly to the LCIF designated fund for this disaster.

Lions Hope for Haiti has mobilized more than US\$1.5 million to date. Lions Hope for Haiti is Lions and LCIF working together to provide relief and hope for the people of Haiti. Donations are continuing to pour in from individuals, clubs and districts.

LCIF is working directly with Lions of Haiti as well as Lions in neighboring countries to assess the immediate needs and also develop a long-term reconstruction plan. An initial truckload of relief supplies has been transported by Dominican Republic Lions to Haitian Lions and Leos, and supplies were distributed to an orphanage and hospital. A second supply of goods will be distributed in the coming days by Lions. Two hundred tents are being set up for victims and relief workers to establish three Lions tent city.

For continued updates on the Lions Hope for Haiti, check the LCI website at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/>

Many exciting activities have occurred over the past month, primarily involving our youth.

Two \$1,000 scholarships were presented to our 2009 winners during a January meeting:

BETSY FRANCIS, a graduate from Central, is currently attending West Liberty University and majoring in Secondary English Education with a minor in Spanish.

JOSEPH WEST, a graduate of John Marshall, is attending WVU and double majoring in the fields of aerospace and mechanical engineering with a minor in business. Both recipients discussed their first semester experiences of college life and their plans for the future. We all wished them the best of luck in their continued efforts.

The month of January also brought the end of another grading period for the hilltop students. "Students of the Semester" were selected from both Our Lady of Peace and Sherrard Middle School. Recipients of this honor are:

TANNER FILBEN of Our Lady of Peace, and **ADELAIDE ESTEP** of Sherrard Middle School. CONGRATULATIONS to both students!

Also, this is the beginning of the "Academic Achievement" certificate project presented at each grading period to the three hilltop school from our club:

Our Lady of Peace presented 47 certificates to third through eighth grade students who came up a grade without falling in any subject area, as well as to those students who attained all "A's" for the second time.

Sherrard Middle School presented 12 certificates to students who came up a grade in 2 classes without dropping a grade in any.

Hilltop School will be presenting certificates to their students on Feb. 18th.



The **VARIETY SHOW** is coming along nicely. Performance night will be here before we know it! Remember that every Lion is needed to help make this project a success. Hope to see you there!

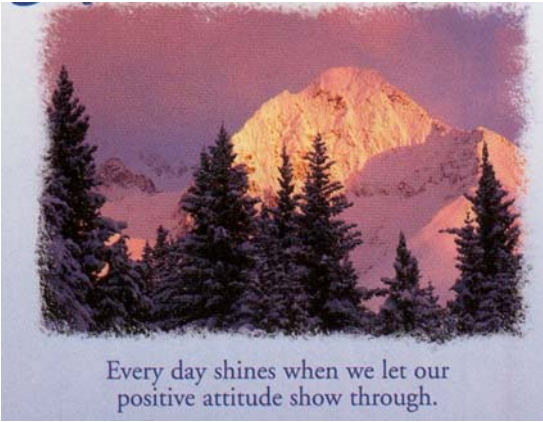
DISTRICT GOVERNOR NIGHT is scheduled for Thursday, March 18th. Please mark your calendar for that special evening, and make every effort to attend. Additional information will follow.

This is a reminder that the Mt. Olivet Lions will be overseeing the **SILENT AUCTION at the District Conference**. If you have an item you would personally like to donate, please contact the president.

Also, help will be needed the Saturday of the Conference to work the "Silent Auction" area. The more help, the better. Workers will be needed from 9-4 (9-11 for set-up/11-4 for coverage).

Let the president know if you are able to lend a hand.

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: LIONS HOWARD, MARY, AND PHYLLIS

There is more to being a Lion than simply being inducted into a club. That puts your name on a membership roster, which is an important first step, but that doesn't automatically make someone a Lion. Becoming a Lion involves developing a vested interest in the club and, in turn, feeling like an important part of the club.

Individuals join a Lions club for many reasons, but chief among them is to volunteer their time and help those in need. This "WE SERVE" initiative is the reason Lions clubs exist.

Let's take a moment to recap the Mt. Olivet Lions club's progress to date:

GOALS:

- ◆ **INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP**—A definite concern. All members can help by seeking out quality individuals and inviting them to be your guest at a meeting. The Membership Committee is currently meeting and will be reporting to the club monthly through means of this newsletter.
- ◆ **ON-GOING ORIENTATION**—has received positive feedback from members. Currently on schedule and will continue throughout this year.
- ◆ **LEADERSHIP SCHOOL**—Five members attended—**OUTSTANDING!**
- ◆ **DISTRICT CONFERENCE**—March 2010— Hope you plan to attend.
- ◆ **INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS**—
 - Banner for Faculty and Students on the hilltop during "American Education" and "Catholic Schools" Week"
 - Cleanup of Mt. Olivet Park
- ◆ **RECOGNITION**—certificates have been presented to club members, scholarship winners, SANTA, Beckett's Nursery. This is on-going.

PROJECTS / FUNDRAISERS PARTICIPATED IN:

- Volunteered at District Car Show
- Presented new American Flags to Hilltop School and Sherrard Middle School
- Served as Tour Guides at Open House at Hilltop School
- Eye Screening at three local schools
- Spaghetti Dinner with proceeds to our scholarship fund
- Sponsored a Steak Fry in partnership with Mt. Olivet Fire Department
- Sponsored 2 Peace Poser contests. Club winner moved on to be the District, Multiple District (state) winner, and entry is now at LCI for competition
- Held Recognition Luncheons at Sherrard Middle and Hilltop School. Feb 5th is scheduled for OLP.
- Participated in Community Dumpster event, which also helps Appalachian Outreach
- Sponsor a very active LEO Club
- Purchased and delivered several Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and gifts to needy families
- Holiday Light Display at community park, with Sing-along-with Santa for children
- Rang Bells for the Salvation Army
- Presentation of two \$1,000 scholarship checks

FANTASTIC!

Look at how many people you have touched over the past six months! Each and every member of the Mt. Olivet Lions Club, whether you chose to work on one or all of the projects mentioned, has positively impacted the lives of so many. YOU are an important part of our TEAM, and YOU do make a difference.

Each member will become a "LION" when you realize the true importance or impact of your small gesture or service to someone in need. It may be soon after your membership begins, or it may take several years. YOU will know when that special time arrives. For now,

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

OUR PRIVILEGE

*God having provided some better thing for us,
that they without us should not be made perfect.-Heb. 11:40*

No one's life is complete in itself. This is a principle underlying our verse. Our lives are a part of what has gone before and a part of what follows after. It is God's purpose to bring forth an order of perfection, and it is a better thing for us to have part in building that order than to enter into it without any work. All who have faith in God and are in unison with His designs have their part in this purpose no matter when and where they live. It is a great thought that even Abraham and Moses cannot attain to completion of life unless we do our part in God's service in our own day.

This thought should give us the correct perspective of life. We have important and essential places to fill in God's designs for a kingdom of perfection, but this gives us no occasion for spiritual pride. We are links in a chain, and important as links, but we are not the whole chain.

It should also provide an inspiration for worthy living. To know that we are in the line of a great succession who have given of their best and utmost for God should lead us to do likewise. Our fathers who suffered for freedom at Valley Forge depend upon us in this day for the perpetuation of their ideals.

It is our privilege to be Americans, Christians, and most of all Lions. Let us take that to heart and show the rest of the community and state, and for that matter the United States of America, that we care. Let all the world hear our Roar together. We will make a difference in this life,

God's Blessings,
Lion Rev John (Mt Olivet Lions Club Chaplain)

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship forms have been delivered to guidance counselors at the local high schools. Any Lion who knows of any senior in any of the high schools who graduated from either Our Lady of Peace or Sherrard Middle School, please encourage them to get an application from their guidance counselor. Any help in this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Lion Howard at 304.242.2171 or Lion Mary at 740.671.0402.

VARIETY SHOW

It's February already, and in only four short weeks we will be entertained by the best musical performance on the hilltop! The performers are excited, and plans are coming together nicely. Remember, every member is invited to participate in any way you can. Contact Lion Wendy at 304.218.9867 to offer your assistance. Also, she is collecting Patron Ads at \$1.00 per name. What a bargain! Show your support of the Variety Show and give your name or list of names and money soon. (Please print so names will be typed correctly.)



**BOARD MEETING ON
FEBRUARY 11th**





HAPPY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY:

Mary Louise Cole (2/93) Ken Flouhouse (2/72)
Jeannie Huss (2/99) Ed Yahn (2/89)

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY:

Cecil Huss (2/8)
Joe Wright (2/26)



TIME TO PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR!

Before we know it, this Lion's year will be history and another slate of officers will work together to continue Lions services in our community. The listing of elected officers must to be sent to LCI by the 1st of April. Two readings are required prior to voting; therefore, readings will be held at the March 4th and 18th meetings, then voting can also take place at the March 18th meeting.

If you are interested in serving in a particular position next year, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members as soon as possible (Lion Orville, chair—304.242.9862, Lion Paul A—304.242.0911, Lion Ina Masteller—304.312.3393).

FOOD HANDLERS CLASS

Several members have indicated an interest to have a Food Handlers Class as one of our meetings in order to update the certification cards required when handling food. Since our club participates in several events throughout the course of the year which require the preparation and serving of food, arrangements have been made with the Marshall County Health Department to attend our meeting on February 4th to present a class. If you are interested in attending, but have not yet made your reservation, please call President Phyllis at 304.242.0911.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

The Mt. Olivet Lions club has been asked by the Hilltop PTO to work together to provide a "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" for the children at Hilltop School. The Board approved this project, and several members indicated an interest to participate. Lions David and Ina Masteller have agreed to co-chair the project and will be providing more information to the club as it becomes available.

Lion Updates ...

Sincere condolences to Lion Wendy Wolfe and her family on the death of her father, Bernard J. Helfert, Jr.

Speedy recovery to Lion Joe Campeti after his recent back surgery

Dear Mt. Olivet Lions:

I want to thank the members of the Mt. Olivet Lions Club for the very nice fruit basket they gave me during the Christmas holidays. Also I appreciate the many concerns that was expressed during my foot surgery. It is with heartfelt sincerity that I appreciate serving with you all.

Lion Mary Louise

DISTRICT UPDATES

We have all heard about the devastating Haitian earthquake and, as is expected, LCIF is a part of the relief efforts. The Lions and LCIF have teamed up to form a group called Lions Hope for Haiti and have gathered more than \$350,000.00 to date to provide relief and hope for the Haitian people. It is hoped that Lions from 29-L will think of creative ways for clubs to become involved in this humanitarian effort. We are all brothers and sisters, no matter in what part of the world we live.

District Conference is scheduled for March 19th and 20th at the McClure Hotel in Wheeling. Registrations should be made as soon as possible. (Registration form attached)

All clubs need to make a concerted effort to pick up membership numbers — it is vitally important to the future of our district that we end the year above the 1250 mark.

The children of Romney are looking forward to their first ski ride on February 24th at Timberline Ski Resort.

You could be a Pilot Dog Puppy Raiser. For more information contact Lion Ray Byers, Director of Training, at 614.221.6367, or Lion Scott Summers at 304.366.7646. Visit Pilot Dogs, Inc. on the web at: www.pilotdogs.org

Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores to collect used eyeglassesLions Clubs International has entered into an agreement with Wal-Mart to collect used eyeglasses from the public at Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores throughout the United States. The program will begin in January and February of 2010. Collection boxes will bear the LCI, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club logos and will be available in the stores with vision centers. These new boxes will replace Lions collection boxes currently in place at these stores.

A total of 170 individuals registered for the WV Lions Leadership School recently. In addition to the 30 seminars from which those in attendance could select, the four featured speakers at the meals also offered leadership tools for all who were there. Plan now to attend the 2011 School, which will take place the weekend of January 28-30, 2011. You will be glad you did.

District Contest update: (clubs 36 members & up)
District Governor's Contest Mt. Olivet— 1st place
Visitation Contest Mt. Olivet—2nd place

"Love is the most terrible, and also the most generous, of the passions; it is the only one which includes in its dreams the happiness of someone else." Alphonse Karr

Check out the District web site at www.lions29l.org

Bernice Pitcock
District Governor

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 4th Club Meeting (Food Handlers Class)
- 5th OLP Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- 11th Board Meeting
- 16th Elm Grove Lions Club's District Governor's Night (Hoss's Restaurant, 6:00 p.m.)

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church
(sponsored by United Methodist Men)

- 18th Regular Meeting
- 22nd Flag Day programs at Hilltop and OLP Schools
Variety Show Setup at Sherrard Middle School
- 23rd Dress Rehearsal
- 26-27 Variety Show Nights

March

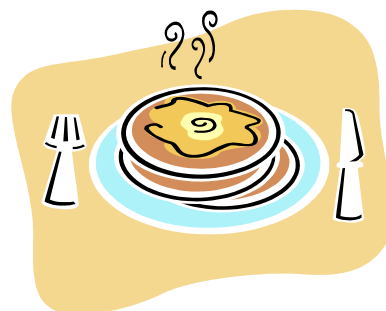
- 4th Club Meeting (LEO Program at Sherrard Middle School)
- 11th Board Meeting
- 15th West Liberty District Governor Night, 7:00 p.m.
- 18th District Governor Night
- 19-20 District 29-L Conference
- 25th Dallas District Governor's Night, 7:00 p.m.

PANCAKE SUPPER

WHERE: Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church
Rt. 88, Sherrard WV
Sponsored by the United Methodist Men

DATE: February 16, 2010
(Shrove Tuesday)

TIME: 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.



Pancakes, sausage, drinks FREE WILL OFFERING!!!

Pancakes: Blueberry, Banana, Apple, Buckwheat, Buttermilk, Strawberry

For more information, please contact Wayne Custer at 304.242.2723 or Rev. John Flynn at Pleasant Hill U.M.C. at 304.233.8423.