



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 * SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT ...



Despite their bad reputation, dandelions are pretty little flowers with their yellow strands all tucked neatly into the center. And truly they are the most beautiful of all flowers when presented clutched in a child's dirty little hand. No one gets yelled at for picking them. Perhaps they grow only to be used and enjoyed by children.

Dandelions are ignored or attacked never nurtured or cared for, and yet they always bloom profusely. They demand no pampering or special attention to yield their bright blossoms; they popup in fields, in lawns, and between cracks in the sidewalk, even in the best neighborhoods. Can you imagine trying to grow them in a garden? They'd sneak through the boundaries and pop their sunny yellow faces up in the surrounding lawn. They would never stay put!

We should be more like dandelions. Our sunny yellow faces should be a reminder that perseverance has deep roots that are impossible to dislodge. Our vast number would show the world that even though we are not fancy or pampered we

are evident everywhere, even in the best neighborhoods. We should be as easily accessible as a dandelion. We need to get out of our gardens and jump across the boundaries that keep us where people expect to find us. We need to show our sunny yellow faces in all the spots that need a little brightening up—the crack in the sidewalk or the lawn of a country club. (Author Unknown)

Something to think about!

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THANK GOD AND HAVE COURAGE

Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him. . .glory in this, that he. . .knoweth me. - Jer. 9:23-24

The might of America is not her millions but the quality of her men and women. The power of democracy is our trust. Without it, the future would be dark indeed. We have the facilities for giving everyone the good life. Let us thank God and have courage.

Let not the wise glory in wisdom. Our cities need a revival of civic virtue. We should be ashamed of our tragic record of inefficiency and corruption in business and in government. Let not the mighty nation glory in its might. Instead we must rise up in the power of God to establish the life of this land on righteousness which alone can exalt a nation. Today the United States is a rich nation composed of many poor folk. Let not the rich nation glory in its riches.

Lions Club International is a strong civic organization with lots to offer. Are we doing our part as a local club in support of not only our local people but our nation as well? I hope we can close out our year strong and be a blessing to others.

My prayers will be with the new incoming officers that they can be strong and accomplish much in the name of Lions Club International. God Bless You All. Amen

Lion Rev John, Mt. Olivet Lions Chaplain

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

DID YOU KNOW ...

Lions Clubs International has More Volunteers in More Places than Any Other Service Club Organization



- ◆ When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: We serve. In 205 countries, in hospitals and senior centers, in regions battered by natural disaster, in schools and in eyeglass recycling centers.
- ◆ Lions are at work, helping, leading, planning and supporting. Because we're local, we can serve the unique needs of the communities we live in. And because we're global, we can address challenges that go beyond borders.
- ◆ We want everyone to see a better tomorrow. That's why we support sight programs and services including vision screenings, eye banks and eyeglass recycling. Provide eye care services to those at risk of losing their sight. And raise donations through campaigns like SightFirst and Campaign SightFirst II.
- ◆ We believe everyone deserves a healthy life. From providing health programs that focus on hearing loss to supporting efforts to control and prevent diabetes, we're working to improve the health of children and adults around the world.
- ◆ We empower the next generation. Whether it's providing volunteer and leadership experiences in a LEO club or sharing a message of peace through our Peace Poster contest, our youth programs invest in the future by reaching out to young people.
- ◆ We serve local communities – and protect the planet. From performing hands-on service projects to providing emergency assistance, our community and environment programs improve our communities – and protect the environment.

**As a Lion, YOU help make this happen!
THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!**



HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARY

Paul Amrhein (5/74) Phyllis Amrhein (5/97)
 Fred Cole (5/74) Marge Heston (5/04)
 Cecil Huss (5/74) Jill Neumann (5/09)
 Kurt Neumann (5/09) Morgan Wallace (5/74)

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY:

Mary Louise Cole (5/19)
 Paul Malatinsky (5/21)



2010—2011 OFFICERS

President	Ina Jo Masteller
1st Vice-President	PID Fred Cole
2nd Vice-President	Jeanne Blackmore
Secretary	David Masteller
Treasurer	Ken Flouhouse
Asst. Treasurer	Jeannie Huss
Tail Twister	Wendy Wolfe
Lion Tamer	Marty Henderson
Membership	PDG Mary Klages
1-Year Director	Marge Heston and Jill Neumann
2-Year Director	Mary Louise Cole and Gary Moses
Permanent Board Members:	PID Fred Cole
	PDG Mary Klages
	PDG Paul Amrhein

“CITIZEN OF THE YEAR” Nominees for the “Citizen of the Year” recognition need to be submitted to President Phyllis by the May 6th meeting. The committee reviewing the applicants will be Lions Paul Malatinsky, Howard Nikolaus, and John Flynn.

Think of those individuals on the hilltop who have made an impact and who have helped our club over the years. Submit a brief write-up for the committee to review.

- ◆ Condolences are expressed to Lion Orville and his family on the recent passing of his mother, Millie Blackmore.
- ◆ Also, please keep in your thoughts and prayers Patty Morris, the LEO Advisor at Sherrard Middle School as she recuperates at home from her recent surgery.

Lion Phyllis: Please pass this on:

“It is with deep regret that I realize I am unable to continue my membership in the Mt Olivet Lions Club due to continuing medical bills and physical problems that preclude my involvement in Lions activities. My 14 years of membership in the Mt Olivet Lions has left me with many memories. I wish all of you the best of luck and continued success in all your future endeavors. Please accept my deepest thanks again for your thoughts and the fruit baskets you sent me in the past.

Sincerely, Frances Rayl”



DISTRICT UPDATES * **BERNICE PITCOCK, DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

- ◆ Consider attending the MD State Convention, May 22-23 at Snowshoe—it's not too late! \$80 registration includes Saturday lunch & dinner and Sunday lunch, plus Saturday night entertainment.
\$10 Sunday only registration—does not include breakfast.
\$14 Sunday District Breakfast—contact Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Jamesie Beecroft.
- ◆ If you have not done so before, please consider having a club retreat to prepare your club officers for the new year; set you goals; plan your fundraisers and projects; evaluate your club and how you can improve; develop strategies for getting new members and keeping those members that you currently have; and set your operating budgets.
- ◆ Harrisville Lions Club is “Still Roaring Strong” and will celebrate its 80th anniversary on June 1, 2010. Keynote address by Past International Director Larry Johnson. Cost is \$15 per member, Reservations required by May 18th to Lion Raymond Jones, 1 Meadowcrest, Harrisville WV 26362-1071. Meal choice **BEEF** or **CHICKEN**.
- ◆ District Governor's Dinner at Sistersville Fire Dept, May 11, 2010, \$12 per person, RSVP by May 4th to Sisty Walsh (304-652-3012 or sistywelsh@aol.com).
- ◆ The Teresa Johnson Memorial Strides Walk will take place on Saturday, May 22nd at Snowshoe Resort. If you are interested in making a pledge, contact a member of your club attending the convention.
- ◆ DG and Cabinet Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for June 12th at Quinet's Court Restaurant, New Martinsville. SOCIAL—5:30, DINNER—6; \$13/person. Reservations to PDG Ed VanLynn (304-905-9278 or edwinvanlynn@comcast.net
- ◆ Plans are underway for next year's WV Lions Leadership School. January 28, 29, 30, 2011 at Flatwoods WV
- ◆ Dan Dague Memorial Car & Bike show for Sight, Labor Day, Sept. 6, 2010, at the Highlands, I-70, Exit 10, proceeds from this event will benefit the WV Lion Sight Foundation.
- ◆ **THREE QUESTIONS POSED BY LCI PRESIDENT EBERHARD WIRFS:**
So I ask all of you who belong to an existing, well established club:
 - (1) What can you do to take better care of your club and its members?
 - (2) What projects can you pursue to bring more appeal to your club?
 - (3) And simply where can your club go from here?
- ◆ “There has never been a statue erected to the memory of someone who let well enough alone.”

Jules Ellinger
- ◆ PDG Gary Pitcock will be scheduling officer training dates within various places within the district. Cabinet Officers training will be held on Sat. June 19th for Dist. 29- & 29-I. This training will be in Morgantown at the WVU Eye Institute.