

July 2015

Mercersburg Lions Newsletter

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Lions: We Serve.

Upcoming visit from District Governor

We're very excited to be welcoming District Governor Salli Miller to our Club at our August 5th meeting. She'll be joining us at our Fair prep work night, which will start earlier than usual at 5:30 pm.

Lion Salli Miller's home club is the Lower Paxton Township Lions Club. She currently lives in Harrisburg and is studying Organizational Leadership at Central Penn College.

We're all very much looking forward to her visit!



Lion Salli takes over from Lion Elizabeth

(thanks to the PA Lions District 14-T Facebook page for the image)

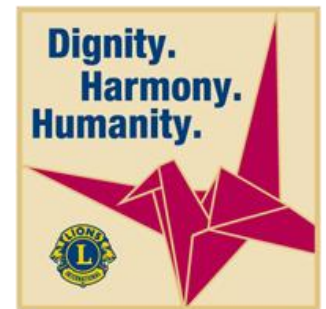
2015-16 President's Theme: Dignity. Harmony. Humanity.

Lions Club International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's theme for the year is "Dignity. Harmony. Humanity." This theme highlights how Lions can bring dignity to others through humanitarian service.

From his statement on the theme: "Serving others. Those are not just words to Lions. Our organization was founded on that very principle. Our tradition of service continues, and in fact has grown to meet the needs of our communities and a changing world. But

we don't just serve. We don't simply provide food, shelter, or address the immediate need. We provide hope. We provide the promise of a brighter tomorrow. And yes, we restore dignity.

The question is "can we do more?" We MUST do more. Our 100 year anniversary is approaching. The centennial service challenge is an ambitious undertaking. In order to reach our goal of serving 100 million people in the areas of youth, vision, hunger and the environment between now



and June 30, 2018, it will be necessary to triple our output of service in those areas. I know we can do it. Lions have shown time and time again their willingness and ability to exceed

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Goodbye Lion Rev. Tony

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Lion Rev Tony Lorenz. He was a member of the Mercersburg Lions Club for seven years and served in several positions, most recently as our assistant treasurer and our liaison with the Mercersburg Halloween Parade.

We will miss him leading us in song at our monthly meeting or scooping ice cream at the Fair, but we wish him all the best in his new home and with his new congregation!



Lion Tom Ralston & Lion Rev Tony Lorenz at the July chicken BBQ

Save your plastic bags!

Please save your clean, untoned plastic grocery bags. We use them at the Park for the chicken BBQs and we're looking for more!

Dues are (past) due!



Your dues were due July 1st. If you haven't already done so, please get your dues to PDG Lion Jim Zeger. \$65/year, \$25/year for life members. Checks can be made out to the Mercersburg Lions Club.

We're on the web!

We now have a web address that leads right to the e-Clubhouse. It's www.mercersburglionsclub.org. You can use this URL on any correspondence or promotional items.

We also have a Facebook page. If you're on Facebook please "like" our page at <https://www.facebook.com/LionsClubMercersburgPA>.

The Buchanan Lioness also have a webpage at <http://www.buchananlioness.com/> and they have a Facebook page of their own, which is linked from their website.

75th Anniversary Committee

Next year will be our club's 75th Anniversary! A committee is being formed to plan the activities to celebrate this big milestone. If you want to help plan and have ideas for what we can do to mark this anniversary, please let Lion Joe Diamond know you're interested. You can email him at josephdiamond11077@comcast.net

International President's theme, continued

challenges when it means others less fortunate will benefit. We asked Lions to plant 1 million trees, and they exceed that ten-fold. There are countless other examples.

Service to others is changing the world. Think about it. As we serve others, we are sowing the seeds of harmony, understanding and peace. Our service programs –restoring sight, protecting children from measles, feeding empty

stomachs, planting trees, and so much more, are strengthening humanity and forming bonds of mutual understanding.”

There are several different initiatives surrounding this theme including the main Centennial Service Challenge to help us reach our goal of benefitting 100 million people for our 100th anniversary, the Lions Children First project to get resources to develop hands-

on projects to help children in need, the Reading Action Program to help people learn to read, and the Leo Spotlight on Children for Leos to bring hope to vulnerable children.

You can read more of Lion Dr. Yamada's message and his plans to help us expand our service to community and our world at <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/presidents-theme.php>

Summer Playground Program



The Summer Playground Program gave us a lovely framed photograph of the kids in this year's program. Many of them signed it.

What a sweet gift from some great kids! We're glad they enjoy the playground at the Park.

Sam's Club Membership

If you don't already have one, you can get a Sam's Club membership through the Club. Memberships are \$45/year. See Lion Tom Ralston for more information.



2015 Fair Schedule

Sunday, August 9th - Saturday August 15th, 2015

Date	Event	Time
Sunday, August 9	Vesper Service	7:00 pm
	Mercersburg Community Band	8:00 pm
	Fireworks	9:00 pm
Monday, August 10	E-Z Livin Band	7:30 pm
Tuesday, August 11	BIG FISH Karaoke Contest	Registration:5:00 pm Starts 7:00pm
Wednesday, August 12	The Whiskey Shooters	7:30 pm
Thursday, August 13	Lions Delicious Chicken Barbecue	10:30 am
	Big Bucks Bingo	7:00 pm
	The Survivors	7:30 pm
Friday, August 14	Flashback	7:30 pm
Saturday, August 15	Breakfast	7:00 am - 10:30 am
	Antiques/Crafts/Yard Sale	All Day
	New Country	7:30 pm

Snyder's Amusements

Ride All Night 6:30PM - 10:00PM - For \$20.00 *EVERY NIGHT*
Except Wednesday - ALL RIDES \$1.00

Food Stand Open Nightly at 5:30 PM

Country Ham, Ox Burgers, Hot Dogs, Pork Burgers, French Fries, Ice Cream, Soup, Barbeque Chicken, Hamburgers, And Much, Much More

FREE PARKING and FREE ADMISSION

Lions Club Park

Please !! No Pets or Bicycles !! Please



Beacon Lodge Trip Wonderful Experience



The Mercersburg Lions were joined by the Buchanan Lioness Club for our trip to the Beacon Lodge Lions Appreciation Day on July 19th. We all had a marvelous time.



The campers – kids and adults – put on a wonderful program of music for us to enjoy.



Update your contact information

It's time to update your contact information. We'll be sending out the bi-annual membership list in next month's newsletter, so please be sure to confirm we have your correct mailing address, email, and phone number.

You can either email us at mercersburglions@gmail.com or contact PDG Jim Zeger to confirm your information is correct. **Please do this no later than August 21.**

Volunteers needed for the Fair

Have you signed up for your volunteer shifts at the Fair? If not, please see Lion Tom Ralston or PDG Lion Jim Zeger and let them know that you want to help!

Don't forget we also have the work party/meeting on August 5th at 5:30 pm to finish preparing the Park for the Fair.

Lions respond to Nepal Earthquake

In April of this year there was a terrible earthquake in Nepal. More than 9,000 people were killed and more than twice that injured. As is so often the case when people are in need, Lions responded helping survivors with food, clothing and shelter.

A special "thank you" to the anonymous Eagle Scout who replaced the flag at the Park for us. It was a very generous and patriotic thing to do and we're grateful!



If you want to donate to help Lions Club International continue assisting earthquake relief you can go to the LCI website: <https://www.lcif.org/EN/support-our-work/members-donate.php>



July 2015

- 8 – Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Lions Club Park
- 11 – Chicken BBQ, Lions Club Park, 7 am for cooks, 10 am for servers
- 15 – Board meeting, 6:30 pm, Lions Club Park
- 19 – Beacon Lodge trip, RSVP to Lion Lloyd by July 5

August 2015

- 5 – Club Meeting, 5:30 pm, Lions Club Park – work meeting to prepare for the Fair, also visit from District Governor Salli Miller
- 9 – 15 Lions Club Fair
- 19 – Board meeting, 6:30 pm, Lions Club Park

September 2015

- 2 – Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Lions Club Park – Speaker Andrea Haugh, Executive Director of the Antietam Humane Society
- 16 – Board meeting, 6:30 pm, Lions Club Park



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**Deadline for newsletter
submissions is the 3rd
Friday of each month.**

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.mercersburglionsclub.org

and on Facebook

[http://www.facebook.com/LionsClub
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About Our Organization...

Lions Club International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and

geographical areas around the world.

The Mercersburg Lions Club was founded in 1941 and supports many activities and causes,

including Leader Dogs for the Blind, the North East PA Lions Eye Bank, the Special Olympics, and the Tri-County Association for the Blind.

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