



The Renegade Lion

Albion Area Lions Club

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February 2008
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District Governor to visit Club February 11

District Governor Frank Smith and his partner in service Joanne will be special guests at the Valentine's Party at the Valenza Restaurant at 6:30 PM on February 11. Bring your sweetheart and plan to have an enjoyable evening. Lions Debbie Bennett and Shelly Lavelly are Co-chairing the event and it has been reported that party plans are "under construction."

Meal choices will be from the full restaurant menu so reservations are not required. **However, callers are instructed to obtain a**

"head count" to insure that adequate seating and staff are provided.

Visit Planned

A visitation is planned to the McKean Lions Club on February 13. Lions going should meet at Bob Rabell's parking lot at 5:30 PM. Make sure Lion Dick Bennett knows you are going so he can make a reservation for you.



Golf in February?

No, but June is fast approaching and the Golf Tournament Committee will soon have flyers and registration forms available. Start thinking about those sponsors you had last year. A list of sponsors will be ready with the names of Lions that solicited them. This will make the process easier.

Old Fashion Day Car Show 50-50-Raffle

When you have 50-50-raffle tickets to sell, do you set them aside and forget about them until the day before the drawing?

Lion Dick Bennett urges all Lions not

to do that with the OFD raffle. The tickets will be distributed at the next meeting. That will allow six months to sell tickets. Remember this is the primary profit maker for the OFD Car Show. The

profit is used for the Melvin Jones Fellowship which costs \$1000.00.

Flyers for the show will be printed and ready for distribution soon.

COMING EVENTS

Valentines Party Dinner Meeting	Feb. 11
Visitation to McKean Lions Club	Feb. 13
District Cabinet meets at Titusville	Feb. 17
Business/Board Meeting	Feb. 25
Dinner Meeting & Officer Nominations	Mar. 10
Business/Board Meeting	Mar. 24
Dinner Meeting & Election of Officers 08-09	Apr. 14
White Cane Days	May 9-10
Dinner Meeting— Sons & Daughters Night	May 12
Business/Board Meeting	May 26
Steak Fry @ Shorty's Kitchen	June 6

Happy Birthday to:

Kim Perry	Feb. 11
Terrie Swanson	Feb. 20
Ed Tanner	Feb. 28

Ed Tanner is Melvin Jones Fellowship Recipient



Lion Ed Tanner was surprised to be named to receive the Melvin Jones Fellowship for 2007-2008 at the annual Christmas Party held at Calfin's Place Restaurant in December. Lion Mike Thompson announced the award along with committee members Lion

Bob Rabell and Lion Jeff Klemm. Lion Ed will celebrate 42 years as a member in May of 2009.



A CHRISTMAS STORY



Lion Jeff Klemm reported the Christmas Project (grocery gift certificates) was right on budget at \$1500.00 until a late application pushed it slightly over another \$40.00. Thirty-seven families consisting of

sixty-four adults and forty-five children were a little better fed this past Christmas season.

This project evolved from the traditional Christmas Basket program of the Club.

Lion Jeff was the committee chairman assisted by committee members Lions Mike Thompson, Bruce Hetrick and Brad Tomlinson.



Look for the eyeglass collection boxes..... and tell others about them too!

Total Edges Toward 800

Gene Burns.

All used eyeglasses must be turned in to LensCrafters before March 31 for credit in the District Governor's Contest. Each pair is worth one point.



MILESTONES



Lions Larry Herl and Sam Steff share a close friendship. They also share a milestone in their years of service as Lions. They both joined in January. Larry reached the ten year mark and Sam has 30 years of service. The photo was taken at an "Appreciation Dinner" (Sam insisted it was not a retirement dinner.) marking Sam's retirement after 30 years of service

to the community and the sale of his business, the Samuel J. Steff Funeral Home, to Pasquale "Pat" Mattera.

Sam says he will be helping in the transition of the business but plans a long cruise in the near future with his wife Charlene.

MORE MILESTONES

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Richard M. Osterberg
January 1—56 years

David E. Davis
January 1—44 years

Michael J. Thompson
January 10—8 years

Thomas J. Duda
February 1—45 years

Richard Corbin
February 14—24 years

Diana Perry
February 23—13 years



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“Not above you, not beneath you, but with
you, always.”
The Lions Toast, Albion Lions Version



“We Serve”

Bill Marino for President in 2008-2009



Be sure and say hello to our newest member, Lion/Lioness Donna Gruzosky. She is the second member to have dual membership, having been a member of the Lioness Club since November 2004.

She has helped at the Chicken Barbecue and looks forward to working on other club projects.

She lives at

10435 Sherman Road, Cranesville, with her husband Anthony and daughter Danielle who is a freshman at Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

She is employed as a bookkeeper at Kennedy's Hardware.

Lion/Lioness Donna was sponsored by Lion/Lioness Wendy Graff.

