

## Liberty Bell Chapter #6

Serving the Philadelphia area.

### Top stories in this newsletter

*Valley Forge  
National Day of  
Service.*

*2017 Council of  
The Year Award*



### A Women's Place

Since 2001 Headquarters Council has provided support to 'A Women's Place' in Doylestown, PA. Over these many years their membership has donated a variety of items and gifts to the facility. These items range from monetary gifts, 20 'hand-made' Afghans and personal care bags, personal care items, bedding, baby supplies, basic household items, kitchen appliances, paper and bath products, cleaning material, clothing, toys, back packs for the children and student dictionaries, furniture and through a grant provided new flooring for their common room.

The project coordinators are Linda Kane-Jones and Jim Jones. Through their efforts and that of the officers and membership the Council has donated over 80,000 items and/or ancillary supplies to the facility. In addition, they have coordinated the selection/purchase and delivery of needed/requested items on their respective "wish lists". Headquarters is proud to say that their long association and involvement with 'A Women's Place' has been an awarding experience.



### Annual Salvation Army Christmas Stocking Drive

Once again West Council is answering the call with their Annual Christmas Stocking Drive for the Salvation Army. This year they are requesting stockings for the older age group, from 10 thru 15. If you rather buy a toy that would be great. They can always use sporting equipment like footballs, baseballs, nerf balls, basketballs, gloves, soccer balls, plus Team Logo Hats etc. Board games are not needed, they have an ample supply and no toy guns or candy. For more info and stockings please contact [Debbie Kelly, West Council....215-466-3545](mailto:Debbie.Kelly@WestCouncil.org)

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### ***Pioneers Volunteer Activities***



### **2017 Council of the Year Award**

Headquarters Council has been involved in a wide spectrum of Community Service, Education, Literacy, Domestic Abuse, Environmental and Veterans/Military Projects, as well as, supporting a host of administrative functions in the name of Pioneering. These diverse volunteer activities encompassed a broad assemblage of programs and projects that afforded our members an opportunity to participate in at the Chapter and/or Council level; and to support specific local community programs and life enrichment activities that complement the spirit of volunteerism.

Listed are representative samples of some of the volunteer activities and/or organizations that our membership is involved in:

VAMC Philadelphia Veterans Nursing Home (Living Center)

Educational supplies and PC support for Hope Partnership for education.

Action Wellness – Holiday (Family) Program and Specialized Donations  
And many more projects.

### **Valley Forge National Park Day of Service**



*For the past 50 years Liberty Bell Chapter Pioneers and their families have been volunteering at the Valley Forge National Park participating in a wide spectrum of projects to improve and maintain the beauty of this Historical site. Some of these efforts included the Park's semi-*

*annual "Clean-up-Days"; Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day Programs; Children's Kite Flying Events; and various specialized repair and building restoration projects. Also, if a family member could not physically participate in the outdoor projects during a given event, as a true Pioneer, they made place mates for the Chapter's Annual Special Needs Party, Hug-a-Bears and Heart Pillows at the Park's picnic area. Our Pioneers will just not waist a day of volunteering.*

### **Headquarters Council Toy Drive**

Each year Headquarters Council supports Action Wellness's Christmas Family



Program, by providing toys and ancillary items to their clients. This year as winners of the Chapter's 2017 Council of the Year, we were awarded \$500 to be used for one our projects. We selected Action Wellness. The agency was provided with 132 toys, children's books, puzzles, and miscellaneous items.

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### Chapter Fundraiser

Liberty Bell Chapter New Vision Pioneers has always been the first to answer the call of those in need no matter what the job, location or comfort level, we adapted and got the job done.

We have been called upon to volunteer our hands, hearts, time, talent and money wherever there was a need. We can't fix a child's broken arm or heart, but we do offer that child comfort by making him a Hug-a-Bear.

The state of the world and the vast changes in our society make us aware of the increasing responsibilities that we must undertake in order to meet our goals, they are physical, mental and above all monetary. Liberty Bell Chapter New Vision Pioneers like many non-profit organizations now find it necessary to appeal to the membership to join in the effort to assure our survival and continued good works.

By giving a donation to Liberty Bell Chapter New Vision Pioneers you are supporting an organization that strives to build better communities.

We ask you to help us continue the projects that we know make a difference in the lives of so many people.

If you have ever been involved in just one Pioneer project I am sure that you realize how it feels to be of service and to touch someone's life in a positive way.

It is only through your generous donations that we can continue our level of volunteering.

We are appealing to all Liberty Bell Chapter New Vision Pioneers to answer the call of those in need by donating toward our future.

All donations can be sent to our Chapter fundraiser Rae Ann Smaron at 900 Race Street 9<sup>th</sup> flr. Phila. Pa. 19107. Please make checks payable to TPLBC#6. Please write fundraiser on the memo line of your check.

Magnolia L. Smith

Chapter Chatter and Newsletter Editors

## How Can You Help?



Liberty Bell Pioneers can help serve their communities in several ways.

1. Join/Volunteer your time for a Project or Activity
2. Attend a Luncheon or gathering and bring needed items.
3. Support a Project by responding to National Pioneers Direct Mail appeals. Your donation helps to sustain Headquarters and your Local Chapter.
4. Support Local fundraising efforts.
5. Become a sustained donor by contributing to Pioneers on a monthly basis through automatic deductions.
6. Consider becoming a member of the Pioneers Legacy Society by making a bequest.

In these ways, you are helping the Liberty Bell Chapter volunteers answer the call of those in need in your communities.

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### Liberty Bell Chapter – Fellowship Breakfast

The annual Liberty Bell Chapter Fellowship Breakfast was held on Saturday, March 24th at the Carousel House in Philadelphia.

Approximately 82 Pioneers and their families/friends throughout Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties attended the event. In addition to providing our guests with a full breakfast among the highlights of the morning were chances sold for the drawing of Easter baskets, stuff bunnies, Easter flowers, a lottery basket and various gifts donated by the Councils; a visit by the Easter Bunny, who took pictures with the youngsters [both young and old]; organized games (with prizes) and face painting for the children.

Also, each child was given several gifts, which included a back pack, coloring books, reading and writing material, candy and other miscellaneous items. The adults were offered various items at the reception table. As our city motto goes .. **“Philadelphia – the city that loves you back”** .. so does Liberty Bell Chapter. The ‘fellowship’ displayed during the breakfast event was exceptional. One could find old friends reminiscing about the good old days, as well as, seeing new friendships being made. Mary Jane Tollok, President Liberty Bell Chapter #6, and Maryann Murtha Project Coordinator reflected on the success of the breakfast, which they said “exemplified the true spirit and tradition of pioneering and the meaning of fellowship”.



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT !!!

**Be decisive.**  
Right or wrong,  
make a decision.  
The road of life  
is paved with  
**flat squirrels**  
who couldn't  
make a decision.

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**Caesar Rodney Council**

**David Herron - President**

**Germantown Council**

**Anita Stitt - President**

**Headquarters Council**

**Marie Yotsko - President**

**Northeast Council**

**Bernie Allen - President**

**Southern Council**

**Roberta Reiner - President**

**West Council**

**Carol Loughery-President**

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**Chapter Fundraiser**

**Lottery Calendars will start on October 1st**

**Contact Maryann Murtha ...215-466-3545**



## Liberty Bell Chapter #6

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### Calendar of Events –, Oct, NOV, Dec 2018

#### *October* Oct

- 10/01/18 Monday 2019 Council Budgets and Signature Sheets due to Mary Jane Tollok by this date.  
 10/02/18 Tuesday Caesar Rodney Council Talking Books  
 10/02/18 Tuesday HQ.s Council Exec. Mtg. - 9:30 am - 900 Race St., 9th Flr. Philadelphia, PA Call: Marie Yotsko 215-466-3545  
 10/02/18 Tuesday Southern Council Meeting - 479 N. Third Street - Philadelphia, PA - 4:00 pm  
 10/03/18 Wednesday Caesar Rodney Council Ex. Bd. Meeting - 11:00 am  
 10/03/18 Wednesday West Council Meeting - 11:30 am - Perkins Restaurant, State Rd. & Lansdowne Ave. Drexel Hill, PA  
 Contact - Debbie Kelly 215-466-3545  
 10/04/18 Thursday Germantown Council Meeting  
 10/07/18 Sunday West Council - Gift of Life House - Dinner 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - contact Jody Ryan 215-466-3545  
 10/09/18 Tuesday Caesar Rodney Council Talking Books  
 10/16/18 Tuesday Caesar Rodney Council Talking Books  
 10/17/18 Wednesday Chapter Meeting - 900 Race Street 9th Flr. - 9:00 am Debbie Kelly/ Sect. 215-466-3545  
 10/18/18 Thursday West Council - R. McDonald House-38th & Chestnut St's.-arrive at 3:00 pm, Maggie Witkowski 215-466-3545  
 10/23/18 Tuesday Caesar Rodney Council Talking Books  
 10/24/18 Wednesday Northeast Council Meeting - 10:30 am - contact Bernie Allen 215-466-3545 if you plan to attend.  
 10/30/18 Tuesday Caesar Rodney Council Talking Books

#### **NOV**

- 11/01/18 Thursday Germantown Council Meeting 11/04/18 Sunday West Council - Gift of Life House - Brunch 8:00 am - 11:00 am - contact Jody Ryan 215-466-3545  
 11/06/18 Tuesday Caesar Rodney Council Talking Books  
 11/07/18 Wednesday Caesar Rodney Council Ex. Bd. Meeting - 11:00 am ( Turnover Meeting )  
 11/07/18 Wednesday West Council Meeting - 11:30 am - Perkins Restaurant, State Rd. & Lansdowne Ave. Drexel Hill, PA  
 Contact - Debbie Kelly 215-466-3545  
 11/13/18 Tuesday Caesar Rodney Council Talking Books  
 11/13/18 Tuesday Southern Council Meeting - 479 N. Third Street - Philadelphia, PA - 4:00 pm ( Turnover Meeting )  
 11/14/18 Wednesday Chapter Meeting - 900 Race Street 9th Flr. - 9:00 am Debbie Kelly/ Sect.215-466-3545  
 11/14/18 Wednesday Northeast Council Meeting - 5:00 pm - contact Bernie Allen 215-466-3545 if you plan to attend.  
 11/20/18 Tuesday Caesar Rodney Council Talking Books  
 11/27/18 Tuesday Caesar Rodney Council Talking Books

#### **DEC**

- 12/01/18 Saturday West Council - R. McDonald House Xmas Party - arrive 9:30 am, Lunch at 12:00 pm Maggie W. 215-466-3545  
 12/04/18 Tuesday Hq. Council Exec. Meeting - 10.00 am and Turnover Luncheon 12:00 noon - McCall Golf & Country Club, 201 North Lynn Blvd. Upper Darby, PA Call: Marie Yotsko - 215-466-3545  
 12/04/18 Tuesday Southern Council Meeting - 479 N. Third Street - Philadelphia, PA - 4:00 pm  
 12/05/18 Wednesday Caesar Rodney Council Membership Luncheon Meeting  
 12/05/18 Wednesday West Council Meeting - 11:30 am - Perkins Restaurant, State Rd. & Lansdowne Ave. Drexel Hill, PA  
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 12/15/18 Saturday West Council - Gift of Life House - Brunch 8:00 am - 11:00 am - contact Jody Ryan 215-466-3545

Reserve these dates 06/02/19 thru 06/06/19  
 "Wildwood Getaway"  
 Contact - Gerry Verrechio TN 215-466-3545