

John Aiken – Monroeville Lions Club Non Profit Spotlight

How did you first get involved in the Monroeville Lion's Club? **I joined the Monroeville Lions Club upon the invitation of my next door neighbor about 20 years ago when our youngest child was going off to college, and I had a little more time available. Because of some eyesight issues on my mother's side of the family, I thought that the Lions was a good fit for me as I was aware that they helped the blind. I liked going in that I knew they had a well-defined focus. .**

What do you wish other people knew about Monroeville Lion's Club? **I would like Chamber members and other area residents to know that we are a vibrant, growing club with membership at the highest level in the past 20+ years, and spanning a wide age range. We only hold 18 meetings a year and much of our work is done via committees which members volunteer for, so membership does not demand much of a time commitment. There are no Lions clubs in Plum or Penn Hills, so we accept members from a wide area.**

Do you have any upcoming or ongoing events? **In early May, we will be kicking off our 35th year of the Lions Farmers Market. We ask all of our members to work three Saturday mornings a year in groups of 2 or 3 members. We consider this to be not only a fundraiser, but a community service in that it connects residents with a source of high-quality locally produced food items. We also have an annual golf outing and a year-end mail campaign. We also participate in some local service projects such as the April clean-up day and the Trail-of-Treats.**

How can someone get involved? **We ask that anyone desiring to make a difference in the community and world to at least come to one of our dinner meetings at Palmieri's in Plum on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Perhaps a better way to see how we function with one of our main activities is to come to a farmers market some Saturday morning from May 12th thru November 17th and sit with a couple of our members for 30 minutes or so.**

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