



# Lion Eyes



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Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

I am placing trust in the fact that all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving as we now turn our thoughts to another wonderful time of year.....one in which I have been learning just how heavily involved our Clubs are and truly show how "WE SERVE" in our communities across Berks and Cheater Counties.

My heartfelt thanks to you all for what you do.....from putting up Holiday Lights in your township, giving holiday cheer to families in need with food and gift baskets, to collecting coats, hats and scarves for children or coats and blankets for the homeless – and one project that is currently taking our Multiple District by storm – the Adopting a Soldier or collecting Stockings for Soldiers from Pennsylvania who will be far away from home over this family holiday season.

I only have one concern though – that sadly, many of our Lions communities across the Globe or even within our District will be unaware of your generosity and the fabulous job you do in lifting the spirits of those in need at any time of the year.....since we still have a number of Lions Clubs whose service is unreported in MyLion – I can only continue to repeat - we do have the resources to help any Club still battling with the technology and it will still continue to form part of my ongoing message.....

I do have some special highlights I would like to share with you from this past month, however:

**Top of the List must be how many new Lions were inducted during November – a total of 12 New Members joined our Pride:**

**1 New Member each to the Amity Township; Coventry; Eagle Glenmoore and West Chester Lions Clubs and 8 New Lions were welcomed by the Longswamp Lions Club – Congratulations to all and a warm welcome to you all.**

**July 1, we began our Lions year with 1,117 Lions, and despite sadly losing 27 Lions we have added 36 New Lion to our membership leaving us with a net growth of 9 – not an achieved goal but something to continue to build on in 2020.**

**We are about to see the return of a Leo Club lost to us when Mount Aetna Lions Club returned their Charter – personal thanks to the hard work of PDG Robert Argot of the Shartlesville Lions Club for persevering with Tulpehocken High School.**

In closing on my message for December and leaving 2019 behind, there is one important reminder I must make mention of so Clubs are not surprised if they get billed for a member who decides to leave us this month:

**The New Dues billing cycle is almost here for the six months January 1 2020 thru June 30 2020 and all members listed in MyLCI will be counted as active and billed for .....so if you have housekeeping you need to do to your membership please make sure you report any and all changes by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019!!**

**Sending our Best Wishes to you all for a safe and Happy Holiday DG Marilyn and PDG Steve**



## From the 1st Vice District Governor Art Pecht



As we make our way into December we are ending our calendar year and very close to ½ way through the Lion's year. I would like to thank all Lions, Lioness and Leo's for your hard work this passed year. Please take the District to the finish line in a strong fashion.

I would like to wish all: 1VDG Art Pecht



**FOUR**  **DIAMONDS**  
— Conquering Childhood Cancer —

Good morning,

Here is a link to great resources for promoting our Partnership with Four Diamonds. I am asking each of you to share this link with every club in your district and with your Zone Chairs. Please also ask the Zone Chairs to share with the clubs in their zones. This way we ensure that every club has the information.

If you did not receive the email inviting you to the Lions Clubs "Care - For The Kids™" Box Folder, you can now access it by clicking the link below.

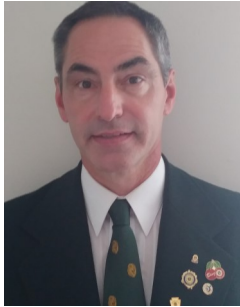
<https://psu.box.com/v/PALionsCareFTK>

Thank you for what you do to enhance the service of our clubs.

Yours in service

PDG Tom Gregg

## From the 2nd Vice District Governor Gary Hilbert



### *Leaves and Membership*



**The day after Thanksgiving for many is a day to shop or decorate the home for the Christmas season.**

For me it is a day to rake leaves. Just a few months ago, these brown dead leaves were new buds springing forth with new life. Summer will turn these buds to full mature green leaves. Walking in the forest or sitting under a shade tree on a hot day is a favorite past time of mine. When autumn arrives we witness these same green leaves turn to blazing yellow, red and orange. It's the last encore for this circle of life.

Our valued Lions members are a lot like leaves. We see our Leo clubs and young adults joining Lions Clubs with their fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Countless Lions members with 20, 30 or even 40 years of service are willing to share their knowledge and experience. And when life ends, we must say goodbye to our dear Lion friends who have faithfully given their time and talents to serve.

**This is why I made the connection with Leaves and Membership. When our season of life is over, who will take our place ? To continue our service into the second century of Lionism we need to find our replacement. Spring will come again. Who's gonna fill our shoes ? This is a good starting point when planning your next membership drive.**

Thank You for taking time out of your busy holiday schedule to read this. You may contact me anytime with membership questions and membership programs. I'm here to serve. 610-468-4788, glh40@comcast.net

Merry Christmas

SVDG Gary





## **Lions Clubs International Foundation**

**I am sure that you are receiving many requests for donations as we approach the end of the year. Let me add a request for our Lions Clubs International Foundation and give you a few reasons why you should support “our foundation”.**

- LCIF has now received eight consecutive four star ratings from Charity Navigator. LCIF pays administrative and fundraising expenses out of interest so 100% of your donation goes to our charity projects. You know where your money is going when you support “our foundation”.
- Since the founding of LCIF in 1968, over 1 billion dollars in grants have been awarded including more than 128 million dollars for disaster relief. LCIF approved an emergency grant for Albania within 24 hours of the recent earthquake and the funds have been transferred. We can be proud.
- LCIF is “our foundation” – yours and mine. LCIF supplies grants for large scale projects of our Lions Clubs – projects that an individual Lions Club could not accomplish on its own.
- The purpose of the current capital campaign is to expand our service into the new global causes besides vision- diabetes, environment, hunger, and childhood cancer. We also have a goal of serving 200 million people every year.

**Donations can be made online at [lionsclubs.org/donate](https://lionsclubs.org/donate), or you can mail a check made payable to LCIF to Lions Clubs International Foundation, Department 4547, Carol Stream IL 60122-4547. Be sure to include your membership number, Lions Club, and District 14P so you get credit toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship.**

Although the request from the LCIF Board of Trustees is for each Lion to donate \$100, any donation would be good. PIP Frank Moore says in a video that I am showing that “it does not matter how much you donate, but that you do donate”.

Thank you for considering a donation to LCIF. We can feel good about our support.

IPDG David Hunsberger

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Good Morning Fellow Lions, Lioness and Lions,

Our Partnership with Four Diamonds is ongoing. However, this year's contributions are not flowing in very quickly. We are beginning a short-term challenge to help kick start our donations. The challenge is called the

**“PRINGLES CAN CHALLENGE”**

Pringles come in 3 sizes: Personal snack size, 2.3-ounce size, and full size can.

The main challenge is for each Lion, Lioness and LEO to fill the 2.3 ounce can with pocket change between now and the February Council Meeting.

The Mini Challenge is to do the same with the snack size can.

The EXTREME CHALLENGE is to fill a full size pringles can.

There are 2 ways to turn in the funds collected:

1. Bring the filled and counted pringles can to the February Council Meeting (Not Recommended)
2. Encourage your clubs to have a “counting party” to count and wrap the money, taking pictures as you do so. The club would deposit the money in their Activities Account and send me a check (**Made out to Four Diamonds**). Included, with the check should be a list of those who contributed and the amount. Also, please include your club name and district so that when the funds are sent to Four Diamonds, everyone will be credited with their donation.

Make this a fun event and be sure to report the service on MyLion. Going to Sam's Club and purchasing a couple of cases of the 2.3 Ounce cans and then giving one to every club member will help you to kick off the challenge. PID Cindy and I have completed 2 of the 3 challenges. We have filled the Challenge Can and the Extreme Challenge Can and will continue filling a Challenge Can until the end of the Challenge period. Have Fun with this Challenge. You could place Cans around the community and ask for pocket change. Use your imagination and go for broke.

Remember the Pennsylvania Lions are always “For the Kids” FTK all the way.

Yours in Service

PDG Tom Gregg

MD-14 GST Coordinator

# International Board of Directors Approves Dues Adjustment Resolution

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

At the International Board of Directors meeting in October, the Board voted to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that will be voted on at the International Convention in Singapore in 2020.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues by US\$3 effective July 2021, raising dues to US\$46, then adjusted annually for U.S. inflation thereafter. We will use a three-year inflation average not to exceed 3.0% or be lower than 1.5%.

## ***Why an international dues adjustment is needed:***

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust

dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as a new online learning platform, development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video

storytelling and others tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

## ***Why your help is needed***

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

We have developed an [international dues adjustment FAQ and PPT](#) to help you understand why this decision has been reached and I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions.

Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

Regards,  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President



## Peace Poster Winner for Boyertown.



This is the first time Boyertown has sponsored the contest. The winner is Madison Covolesky and she also won 3rd place in the District!

She and her family will be our guests at the District convention in April.



Very proud to announce that we have added eight new members to the Longswamp Lions Club! Our Induction Ceremony was held last night at the Dryville Hotel. We thank all of these new members for committing themselves to service in our Longswamp Township community! Welcome all

### Attention Club Secretaries and PR Chairmen

If your club has news, presented an award to honor a member or did a service project

Please submit a photo and article and it will be featured in *Lion Eyes*

email to [rstamp535@comcast.net](mailto:rstamp535@comcast.net)

*Lion Eyes Editor Rich Stamp*



Left to right Lions President Dwayne Degler, Mother Dana Wilkins, AGCS Student Carter Wilkins, Father Dave Wilkins, AGHS

### November AGHS Student of the Month

Jackson Muller has been named the Lions Club Student of the Month for November. He is the son of Jason and Heidi Muller of West Grove. Jackson's list of school activities includes Secretary of the Senior Class, NHS, Cancer Society, Varsity Lacrosse, Varsity Soccer and Student Forum Representative. Jackson has volunteered at various community events through NHS, he has also been active with Watch D.O.G.S., and tutoring students. Jackson's honors include Captain of Soccer Team, Captain of Lacrosse Team, Top 10 in Class and achieving Distinguished Honors throughout High School. Jackson plans to attend a 4-year university studying Engineering and Computer Science. Teachers he has most been influenced by are Mr. Habbart and Mrs. Penn.

### November AGCS Student of the Month

Our Avon Grove Charter School November Lions Club Student of the Month is senior, Carter Wilkins. Carter achieved Eagle Scout rank six months ago. In addition to this achievement, he is also a 4H mentor/instructor with 4H Hunting and Shooting Sports, he achieved his black belt in Kenpo Karate, he belongs to a trap shooting club where he shot trap competitively, and is also a member of International Harvester Chapter 8. He enjoys helping his community and his community service has included: Coastal Clean-ups, Feed the Hungry dinners, he collects food and contributes with food drives, as well as coat drives. With 4H, Carter helps with conservation management with the deer population. Carter's Eagle Scout project was to construct an agriculture garden for students to learn about farming, which he completed at AGCS for our students. Carter is planning to attend college for agriculture mechanics.

By Lion Barry Marteny Avon Grove Lions Club, Secretary [aglionbarry@gmail.com](mailto:aglionbarry@gmail.com)

The Avon Grove High School Leo Club with the assistance of advisor Mrs Bonnie McCloskey led the collection of items for the 16th annual "Stockings for Soldiers" project. Eight boxes and two bags of donated articles will be delivered to the "Stocking Store" in Wilmington where volunteers will prepare up to 10,000 personalized stockings for our service men and women away from their homes and families. (Pictured here from left to right are the Leo Club officers: Josh Arencibia, Brisa Luzzi Castro, Ava Kirwin, Camille Fancy and advisor, Bonnie McCloskey.)







**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE  
"BING" MILLER FOUNDATION FALL 50/50 RAFFLE**

**1ST PRIZE - LION ALFREDA LABS  
2ND PRIZE - THE HINKLE GRANDSONS  
3RD PRIZE - PDG JIM MINNICH  
4TH PRIZE - LION REV. DORIS HALEY  
5TH PRIZE - JOHN FERHAT  
6TH PRIZE - DG MARILYN WAGNER  
7TH PRIZE - LION DAVE DEIHM**

## *"One Wednesday" Program*

It only takes **One Wednesday** a month  
to provide a ride for one of our clients,

many of whom are homebound. VRC clients want to get out and get active in their community!

**To do that we depend on drivers to provide transportation to our Wednesday activities, whether they are local social activities, lunches, or support group meetings at 2020 Hampden Boulevard.**

Our drivers are special people who not only give rides to clients, but also become friends of both our clients and our staff. Drivers are welcome to get active along with clients and enjoy the social aspects of volunteering.

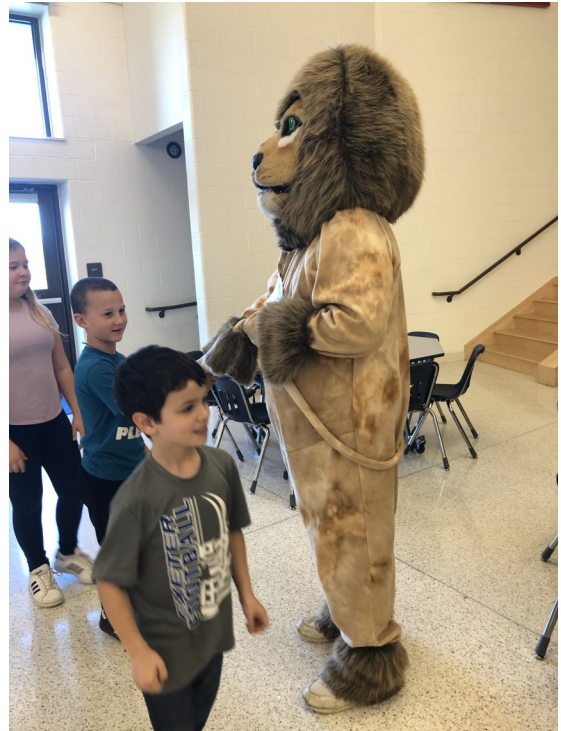
**If you haven't worked with blind or visually impaired people before don't worry! Training is provided for you to feel comfortable.**

Do you have a free Wednesday now and then? If so, call us at 610-375-8407, ext. 110, to sign up and help us to help our clients!

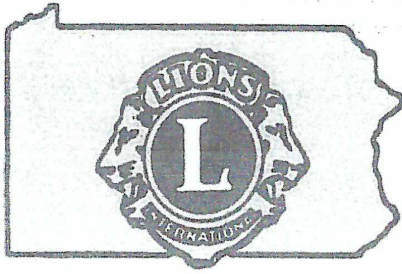
# Exeter Twp. Lions Club

## Dictionary Project

For several years now, the Exeter Township Lions Club has been donating dictionaries to third graders in our schools. Students at Lorane Elementary Center, Reiffton Elementary, Owatin Elementary, Antietam Elementary School, St. Catherine and Berks Christian School received a dictionary that is suitable for their age group. Pictured are Lions Brad Kissam, PDG Phil Shober, Lion Nelson (Moe) Moeller, and Lions President John Magee who has chaired this project for several years. Also, pictured is Leo the Lion.







# *Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs*

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**TO:** 2019-2020 State Council of Governors, Lions of Pennsylvania International Family,  
Vice District Governors, MD-14 Committees and Coordinators and interested Lions

Multiple District 14 State Council Chairperson William H. Morgan has issued a call for the 2019-2020 PA State Council of Lions Clubs' Council of Governors to convene for its **third Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2020** at the Ramada by Wyndham State College Hotel & Conference Center, 1450 South Atherton Street, State College, PA. **State Council will also hold a Preliminary Meeting at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2020** at the hotel.

In addition to the State Council meetings, select state committees will hold meetings Saturday morning, February 8, 2020 at the hotel. ***State committee chairpersons and coordinators desiring to be assigned meeting times and space must contact the State Office prior to December 31, 2019.***

Two meal functions -- a luncheon and an evening banquet -- will be held Saturday, February 8, 2020, as part of the State Council meeting weekend. An RSVP form is included in this Call of Meeting packet.

Individuals desiring discounted overnight accommodations (\$80.00/night plus tax) at the Ramada by Wyndham State College will need to call the hotel reservation desk at (814) 238 3001. Online reservations will not be available. Please use code "CG07LC" or "the Pennsylvania Lions State Council Meeting" when calling to make reservations. The discounted rate is only valid for reservations made through January 7, 2020.

Committee chairpersons/coordinators who have an Action Item for State Council to consider at the February 8, 2020 meeting **must** submit that item in written form to the State Office no later than Wednesday, January 22, 2020. *Any Action Item proposal received by the State Office less than 14 days prior to a State Council meeting must be approved by a two-thirds vote (12 of 18) of the Council of Governors before it may be presented for consideration. An Action Item that does not receive the needed two-thirds vote for consideration will be tabled until the next State Council meeting.* Committee chairpersons/coordinators with Action Items must be present or have a representative at both the Preliminary and Regular State Council meetings. With some notable exceptions, all oral committee reports to State Council will be subject to a three-minute time limit. Complete versions of all written committee reports will be included in the official minutes of the State Council meeting.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

Yours in Service and Friendship,

*Lion Bob McComas*

MD-14 State Administrator

PA STATE COUNCIL OF LIONS CLUBS  
2019-2020 STATE COUNCIL MEETING #3  
RAMADA HOTEL and CONFERENCE CENTER

**Meal Reservation Form**

**Saturday Luncheon Deli Buffet**

12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.  
\$18.00 per person

**Saturday Banquet**

\$28.00 per person

Social Hour with Cash Bar 6-7 p.m. / Dinner @ 7 p.m.

**OPTIONS**

- Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Corn Meal Crusted Cod

All Meals include garden salad, rolls with butter, dessert, tea and coffee.

**Reservation Deadline January 15, 2020**

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch Buffet \_\_\_\_\_ # of Reservations @ \$18.00/meal

Saturday Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ # Chicken Cordon Bleu \$28.00/meal

\_\_\_\_\_ # Corn Meal Crusted Cod \$28.00/meal

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks Payable to: District 14-G**

Mail Reservation Forms & Payment to:  
PDG Charles Poust.  
P O Box 323  
Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868

**HOTEL HAS A DELUXE BREAKFAST BUFFET SATURDAY & SUNDAY \$9.99+TAX**



**New Members for November 2019** (From LCI Website as of November 30, 2019)

Club	Member	Sponsor
Amity Twp	Jimmy Hopper	Fred Gaskins
Coventry	John Gooding	Ray Bentley
Eagle Glenmoore	Susie Robinson	Carol Heilner
Longswamp	Brandon Augustine	Paul Meitzler
Longswamp	Matthew Bates	Matthew Hensinger
Longswamp	Douglas Butz	Matthew Hensinger
Longswamp	Kerry Meitzler	Paul Meitzler
Longswamp	Terry Miller	Kerry Meitzler
Longswamp	Andy Steventon	Matthew Hensinger
Longswamp	Gary Utlej	Kerry Meitzler
Muhlenberg	Lyndell Shipe	Wendy Shipe
Strausstown	Daniel Plato	Dwayne Evans

Welcome New Lion Members

**In Memory** (From LCI Website)

Richard Newkirk Bern Township Lions

**Proposed District Governor's Schedule.**

Please note some changes

**December 2019**

- 3rd Topton
- 5th Boyertown
- 10th West Chester
- 12th Shoemakersville
- 14th Rehresburg (Evening)
- 14th Lionville (Morning)
- 17th Avon Grove Christmas Dinner

**January 2020:**

- 2nd Shillington
- 4th Guiding Lion Work Shop
- 7th Spring Township
- 8th Wernersville
- 9th Wernersville

9th Strausstown

- 13th CB & L Meeting Harrisburg
- 15th Reading Pagoda
- 16th Oxford

**February 2020:**

- 07th thru 09th 3rd State Council, State College PA**
- 11th Muhlenberg
- 15th 3rd District Cabinet, Morgantown PA
- 22nd Spring Symposium, Harrisburg PA
- TBD Alvernia Lions Campus Club

**April 2020:**

- 20th CB & L Meeting, Harrisburg PA
- 25th 14P Convention
- 14th thru 17th MD 14 State Convention, Erie PA**
- 23rd 4th District Cabinet, Site TBD**



## West Chester Lions Club Pancake Breakfast with Santa

FREE  
PHOTOS  
WITH  
SANTA



**Date: 12/14/2019**

**Time: 7:30-11:00**

**For tickets or questions call Tracey Melia  
at 610-594-7021**



**Tickets: Adults- \$6.00 Children 5-12- \$3.00**

**Children 4 and under- FREE**

**Free  
eye exams  
for  
Preschoolers**

**Benefits the West Chester Lions Club Charity Fund  
& The West Chester Area Senior Center.**

**West Chester Area Senior Center  
530 E. Union Street  
West Chester, PA 19380**



## **Frystown Lions**

Once again the Terri Lynn Product is available by contacting the following:

President Dennis Zerbe 717-933-4801

Secretary Adele Argot 717-933-4028 or [aragot3@verizon.net](mailto:aragot3@verizon.net) or [argotrg@verizon.net](mailto:argotrg@verizon.net)

Also available at the Bethel churches on the community bazaar day on November 2 and  
the District P Lions Cabinet Meeting on November 9.

