



# LION EYES

DISTRICT 14-P

*"We Serve"*

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ART PECHT

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DS LINDA LONG

DT PDG RICHARD TAYLOR

DECEMBER 2020

## *Calendar of Events*

Avon Grove  
Christmas Tree  
Sale until 12/25

## *"Peace United in Community Leadership"*



*At the District Cabinet Meeting on November 14th, members voted on our District's Peace Posters. All three contestants created beautiful posters that displayed wonderful use of color, creativity, and individuality.*

*Our District 14-P's Peace Poster winner is Hannah Shelgren of Daniel Boone School District. Her poster title: Peace United in Community Leadership*

*Her poster will go onto the Pennsylvania State Competition to compete with other districts.*

*Great work Hannah!*

# A Message from District Governor Art Pecht



I have visited 19 clubs, not all have been in person, some have been on Zoom. I have asked the clubs that I visited on Zoom to have me back when they start to meet in person. I am finding that clubs are all over the place as to meetings and where they are meeting and what time. With winter around the corner, there might be more changes because many have been meeting outdoors and in the evening. Please try to keep meeting and adapt to the changing conditions.

We have not been successful in finding any candidates to VDG either number 1 or 2. The

Honorary Committee will need to work harder to find a leader to take these openings.

Membership is down to 1033 which is a loss of 4 from where we started. Please make sure you are asking people to join and serve. When people join please let their voices be heard and let them lead, but be there if they need help. All clubs should check the rosters and remove anyone who does not belong before the end of December. LCI dues bills will be out and you will be charged by how many members you have listed on your roster.

On a report for our form the Lions of Pennsylvania that they have \$140,000 available for grant. Please see their web site for applications.

Lions International is making plans to vote via electronically in case the convention in Canada cannot be held.

On a good note, we were able to hold an in-person cabinet meeting on November 14. We were able to meet and social distance at the Honey Brook Lion's Center.



Kindness Matters

*Art Pecht DG*

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[artpecht413@gmail.com](mailto:artpecht413@gmail.com)



December 24th:  
Christmas Eve

December 25th:  
Merry Christmas

December 31st:  
New Year's Eve

January 1st: Happy  
New Year

January 18th: CB&L  
Meeting, State  
Office Harrisburg

## Visitation

Dec 1st: Topton

Dec 8th: West  
Chester-noon

Dec 8th: Conrad  
Weiser-evening

Dec 9th:  
Wernersville

Jan 5th: Spring Twp

Jan 6th: Reading  
Pagoda

Jan 7th: Boyertown

## A Message From 1st VDG Gary Hilbert



*Happy Holidays to you.*

*My DGE training continues virtually. What was to be a 3 day seminar has now become a 6 month marathon. The times they are a changing. But rest assured, I will see this to completion. And just maybe I will see my fellow DGE's in Montreal this summer at LCIcon.*

*Did you know many of my required courses are available to you as well ? Just log onto lionsclubs.org and search for Lions Learning Center or LLC. There you will see numerous and diverse topics to help you in your personal growth as well as your Lions service journey.*

*Thank you to all who participated in the book drive to honor Samuel Grimm. Your contribution will help put a smile on those who suffer from illness.*

*I'm sure your annual Christmas festivities have been altered this year. Maybe this will be a reminder for us all to not take our social gatherings for granted. Living one day at a time. Enjoying one moment at a time.*

*Plans for our District Convention will start soon. Mark your calendars. Saturday, April 10 2021 at Trinity Church , Boyertown. Our District Officers will continue to keep you posted on details as they become available.*

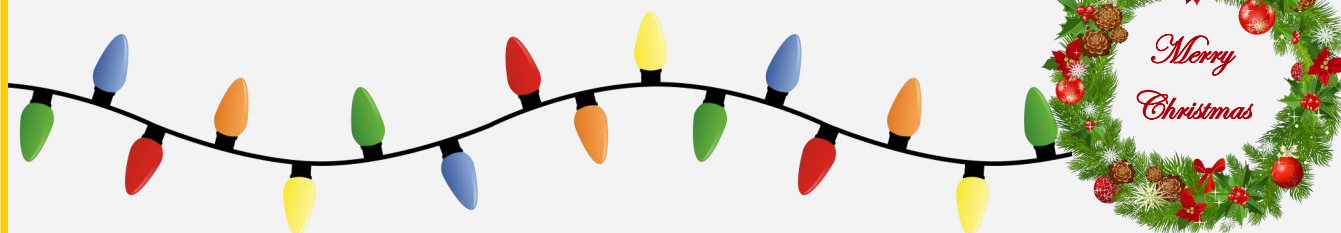
*As the year 2020 comes to a close, I want to say Thank You for the honor of knowing you. Thank you for the privilege to serve with you.*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year,*

*1st VDG Gary*

*glh40@comcast.net*

*610-468-4788*



## Light Up Leader Dog



**Join us this holiday season as we Light Up Leader Dog! For a \$10 donation, a luminary will be placed in your honor on campus of Leader Dogs for the Blind on the evening of December 19, 2020. Our goal is to illuminate the campus with over 750 luminaries honoring you, our supporters. You are also invited to drive through the Leader Dog campus on the evening of December 19 to enjoy seeing our beautiful campus lit up for the holiday season. You can add your own Leader Dog luminary now through December 18, 2020.**

**Light Up Leader Dog Drive-Thru Event**

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**

**5:30 -7:30 PM**

**Leader Dogs for the Blind**

**1039 S. Rochester Road**

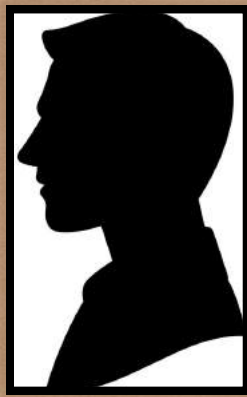
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# WANTED

ENERGETIC LION TO STEP FORWARD TO BE DISTRICT 14P  
FIRST & SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR!



- ◆ MAKE NEW FRIENDS LOCALLY, STATE-WIDE, AND INTERNATIONALLY
- ◆ MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF THE STATE (MD14) OPERATES
- ◆ VISIT LEADER DOG SCHOOL IN ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN
- ◆ VISIT PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP
- ◆ FREE TRIP TO NEW DELHI, INDIA JULY 1-5, 2022

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS:

JULY 1-5, 2022: NEW DELHI, INDIA

JULY 7-11, 2023: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

JUNE 21-25, 2024: MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

JULY 4-8, 2025: MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

JULY 3-7, 2026: ATLANTA, GEORGIA



CONTACT

DG ART PECHT

IF INTERESTED!



## LIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION

**Disaster Committee:** Lion Jim Groff is working with the donations in Louisiana and could not attend the meeting. PDG Kerry Drake put together a notice to all of the PA Governors concerning the PA Lions of Disaster Relief explaining our 501(3) status. He requested the Governors to share this information concerning the Lions of PA Foundation accepting to handle this program for the Lions of PA.

The first issue is LOPF has agreed to provide this service to help our state office and our Disaster Relief Team but is completely separate from the normal activities of the Foundation. Moneys received are held in a totally separate account and will not be used for credit for normal Foundation recognition awards. For example, a \$500.00 donation can be designated for a Fellow or disaster relief but not both.

Second, the purpose of disaster relief on the District 14 level is to provide help quickly to effected people to get through tomorrow and maybe the next week. It is important that funds get to these people as quickly as possible. To minimize the time required checks should be made payable to the **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation** with a **note in the memo field** indicating **disaster relief/special designation** (i.e. Louisiana Hurricane). Disaster Relief checks **ONLY** should be mailed directly to:

**Lions of Pennsylvania Treasurer  
Lion Mark Tomco  
1117 Burgard Street  
York, PA 17404-2320**

This allows the treasurer to direct funds in a minimum time frame.

Last, the purpose of using LOPF is to be able to provide proper documentation for money donated by "for profit businesses" to use the donation as a tax write-off. If you should need documentation to support this request please include the *name, address, city, state, zip code, and donation amount with your donation* so LOPF can provide the needed document.

As we move forward there is definitely a learning curve. We are sure more issues will come forward. We will try to stay on top of them and quickly communicate solutions. On behalf of the Lions of PA Foundation and Lions everywhere we thank you for your consideration and can say we are proud to be a Pennsylvania Lion.

PDG Richard T Taylor  
PA Lions District 14 P  
LOPF Chairperson

**All grant funds distributed by the Foundation are used to support needy residence in PA only.  
All Disaster/Emergency funds are distributed as per donor's discretion.**



## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION



Please read this entire article. I do not want to condemn our Lions Clubs in the way in which you are donating to LCIF, but I want to make sure you understand it.

You should be aware of the new District and Club Community Impact Grant program. In this program, clubs which donate \$5000 and districts which donate \$10,000 receive 15% back and can apply to LCIF to use this money for any humanitarian project. The issue is that the donations must be made to the “Empowering Service Fund” or to “the area of greatest need”. Donations to specific areas such as disaster relief do not count toward the required minimum donations.

Over a year ago, then DG Marilyn Wagner received an email saying that our District 14p has over \$4500 available based on our district’s donations through the 2018-2019 year. Although our district donated \$19,125.16 during the 2019-2020 year, we are not receiving additional funds for this year because only \$9335.16 was unrestricted. None of our Lions Clubs donate over \$5000, but the combined donation from all of our district clubs totaled the \$19,125.16.

During the 2019-2020 year, many donations were made to disaster relief and I thank you for that because LCIF made emergency grants of over 5.2 million dollars for relief from the pandemic.

Also, several of our LCIF donations were made for “sight programs”. Again, I thank you because as I reported in the October issue of Lion Eyes, over 14.2 million dollars in LCIF vision related grants were made in the 2019-2020 year.

The \$4500 we already had available is good for 15 years, so we still have that to use. Our District 14p would need to come up with a specific humanitarian project and apply to LCIF in order to use those funds. It also could be used as required matching funds for a larger grant application. If we do not use it this year, it can continue to grow with future donations.

Again, I thank you for all of your club and individual donations to LCIF. I encourage you to continue to support the areas in which you or your club is interested. I simply wanted to make sure you know the details.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.*

*PDG David Hunsberger*



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## Pledge Form

for all Campaign 100 donations

Thank you for supporting Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Campaign 100!

For assistance and for information on recognition, please contact [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org) or call +1.630.203.3836.

## Thank You for Your Support

In addition to receiving Campaign 100 recognition, your contributions throughout Campaign 100 qualify for additional Melvin Jones Fellow recognition. Commitments of every size make a big impact over time. Here's how:



Campaign 100 Recognition Level	Pledge Amount (US\$)	Annual Contribution (US\$)	Monthly Contribution (US\$)
<b>LEAD &amp; MAJOR GIFTS</b>	\$25,000+	\$5,000	\$417
<b>LION OF EMPOWERMENT</b>	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$417
<b>LION OF COMMITMENT</b>	\$5,000	\$1,667	\$139
<b>LION OF DEDICATION</b>	\$2,500	\$833	\$69
<b>LION OF ACTION</b>	\$1,000	\$333	\$28
<b>LION OF KINDNESS</b>	\$600	\$200	\$17
<b>LION OF SERVICE</b>	\$300	\$100	\$8



## How to Donate

Several methods are available to support LCIF and Campaign 100.

### Credit Card or PayPal

Donate securely at [lionsclubs.org/change](https://lionsclubs.org/change).

### Check

Send US\$ checks, **payable to LCIF**, to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Department 4547  
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

### Wire Transfer

To transfer funds to LCIF, present the information below to your bank, along with local currency funds covering the amount of your donation and applicable bank charges.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ABA Routing Number: 021000021  
10 S. Dearborn St. Account Name: Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Chicago, IL 60603 USA Account Number: 754487312  
Swift International Banking Number: CHASUS33

Email a copy of your receipt or wire transfer form – along with your name, member ID, club name, and district name – to [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org). If requesting recognition, please include the recipient's name, member ID, club name, and district name.

### Local Bank Deposit

Lions Clubs International has accounts at local banks in several countries. Find a list of banks at which donations may be made at [lionsclubs.org/paymentbycountry](https://lionsclubs.org/paymentbycountry). Email a copy of your deposit receipt – along with your name, member ID, club name, and district name – to [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org). If requesting recognition for someone else, please include the recipient's name, member ID, club name, and district name.

### Transfer of Stock

To transfer stock or other securities, use the instructions and form found at [lionsclubs.org/waystogive](https://lionsclubs.org/waystogive).

## Complete Your Pledge Form Today!

Your pledge form is at right. Please return your completed form by either:

- **Email:** Scan and send to [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org)
  - **Postal Service:** Lions Clubs International Foundation | Department 4547  
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA
- If including your initial payment with the form, please follow instructions above.

## Campaign 100 Pledge Form

All donations toward fulfilling Campaign 100 pledges receive Melvin Jones Fellow credit!

### PLEDGE INFORMATION

I pledge a **total contribution** of US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to LCIF.

My first payment, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_, will be made by \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Day/Year

Pledges of US\$25,000+ are payable over five years; pledges of US\$1,000+ are payable over three years. If no payment frequency is selected, LCIF assumes equal annual installments based on pledge amount.

### PAYMENT FREQUENCY (choose one)

☐ **All at Once** ☐ **Monthly** ☐ **Annually**  
My monthly payment is to be US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ My preferred annual payment is US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT METHOD (choose one)

☐ **Check** ☐ **Wire Transfer** ☐ **Credit Card\* / PayPal**

\* Donate securely at [lionsclubs.org/change](https://lionsclubs.org/change) or provide:

☐ **VISA** ☐ **MC** ☐ **AMEX** ☐ **Discover**

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

### DONOR INFORMATION

For pledge recognition and recording purposes, please provide the following information:

Name (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District Name \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please keep my personal and donation information anonymous. I understand my club/district (if any) may receive recognition for my donation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Day/Year \_\_\_\_\_





## **Pittsburgh Professional Sports Teams Raffle**

### **Contents:**

**Mark Recchi – Pittsburgh Penguins Autographed Jersey**  
**Joe Mullen – Pittsburgh Penguins Autographed Jersey**  
**Evgeni Malkin – Pittsburgh Penguins Autographed Puck**  
**Paul Coffey – Pittsburgh Penguins Autographed Puck**  
**Jarvis Jones – Pittsburgh Steelers Autographed Mini Helmet**  
**Kris Benson – Pittsburgh Pirates Autographed Baseball**  
**Pittsburgh Pirates Mini Louisville Slugger Bat**  
**Pittsburgh Penguins Sweater Tumbler**  
**Blanket / 6 Pack Cooler / 2 Custom Masks / Steelers Keystap**

**(Approx Value: \$1,250)**

**All items donated by Lions Jason & Trisha Radmann**

**Drawing at the 2021 PA Lions State Convention – May 16, 2021**

**Donation: \$5.00 – (Not deductible as a charitable donation)**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LCIF Campaign 100 - ONLY 200 TICKETS!!!!**

**CONTACT Jason or Trisha Radmann for Tickets**

**Email – [jasonrad13@gmail.com](mailto:jasonrad13@gmail.com) or call 814-330-4740**

# Leo's help at the Honey Brook Food Pantry



***On November 11, a group of Leo's from Twin Valley High school helped at the Honey Brook Food Pantry. They served 398 people from 4PM-6:30PM. It was very cold that day, but it did not stop them from serving and having a good time at the Food Pantry. Pictured from left to right: Sandra Cook advisor, Emma Brennan, Louisa Stoltzfus, Kayla Proctor, Teresa Phelan and Darlana Gonzalez.***



## ***You're Invited to the 2020 International Leo Day Party!***

***On December 5th, join Leos from around the world as we celebrate the 63rd anniversary of the Leo Club Program. You can watch the winning 2020 Leo Video Contest entries, compete in interactive trivia with attendees, see the launch of the brand new Leo club look, and much more!***

***Put it in your calendars~ December 5, 2020 10:00am– 11:00am CST***

Copy & Paste into your web browser to RSVP and Register

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# SPLASH

The Newsletter for Residents of  
Jenner's Pond Retirement Community



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## Lions Medical Equipment Program Serves Community

Two goals of the Avon Grove Lions Club, started in 1950, are to lead by example and improve the world through kindness. Their Hospital and Medical Equipment Program is proof of living that ideal.

Member Gene McDowell began the program in 1987 with equipment donated by the Newark, Delaware, Lions Club. This included a few hospital beds, wheelchairs, commodes and walkers. The program has now accumulated a large variety of manual and electric equipment which is loaned at no cost to anyone in the community who has a need. Donations of equipment and money from the community help support the program.

"Many home care nurses and doctors' offices know about us," said Bob Yeatman, who coordinates the program. "Over the years I have taken equipment to and received donations from people throughout the area, including Jenner's Pond."

Yeatman and his older brother Jim were very active with the Lions. When the family mushroom and dairy farm between Avondale and Chatham was bisected by the Route 1 bypass, the family decided to get out of the dairy business, which left a barn unused except for storage. "My brother and I decided to clean out the barn," Yeatman explained. "We expanded in back, and today have two floors of medical equipment." The Lions Book Barn, which takes up the rest of the space, has also benefitted from book donations from Jenner's Pond.

Growing up, Yeatman watched and learned how a mechanic fixed farm equipment, and soon became the

one handling repairs. That education helps the program today. "One reason I got involved in medical equipment is that I love to work on things," he said. "Some of the equipment we get needs a little work. The brakes may need adjusting or the arm rests need fixing. So, I just fix them before I loan them out."

While inventory varies, they rarely run out of anything that someone needs. They accept a wide variety of equipment and supplies, as long as they are not beyond their useful life. Because the equipment is loaned out for as long as it is needed, usually about 50% is returned. "But that has worked out okay because we keep getting pieces donated," he said. Financial donations to the program help pay for the repairs he works on and often for batteries for the electric equipment.

"A lot of home care nurses and physical therapists come in to get equipment for their clients and are amazed at all the things we have," Yeatman said with a smile. "They tell me how thankful they are that the Lions have this program."

The outreach covers a wide area. In addition to the immediate locale, equipment goes to people in Coatesville, Downingtown, West Chester, Aston and beyond. An occupational therapist that used to work in the area now comes up frequently from Delaware as do people from Maryland.

Watching people picking up their equipment tells the story. Some have tears of joy they try to blink back. Others beam with happiness at what they know will be a new be-

ginning. The equipment can be life-changing for recipients, providing a restored sense of independence and improved confidence in coping with their own needs.

"Every day people come in who can't say enough about the program," he said. For the Avon Grove Lions, such gratitude is a wonderful form of payment.

—Wendy Pennier



Bob Yeatman finishing the loan documents for a customer borrowing a walker.  
Photo by Roger Gormel

*For information about the Medical Equipment Program call Bob Yeatman at 484 883-0515.*

*For information about other programs including the Lions Book Barn and the Lions Christmas Tree Sale visit [www.aglions.com](http://www.aglions.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Avon-Grove-Lions-Club>*

*Donations of books and eyeglasses can be made at the yellow Lions drop boxes, including the one across from the Giant Shopping Center near BB&T Bank.*



*Start a movement in your community and help our troops! Get Leos involved as well!*

*If your individual club would like to participate, you can use this flyer to promote your donation drive ( Just update with your Club's info, contact person, and drop off location)*

*Each club must designate their own contact person and drop off location for their community*



## PENNSYLVANIA LIONS ADOPT A SOLDIER PROJECT



The Pennsylvania Lions are hosting collections for soldiers. The boxes will go to service men and women currently deployed overseas. Each box is medium flat rate box from the post office that cost \$15.05 per box to ship.

Listed below are some of the items we are specifically requesting:

### Food/Snacks

Hard Candy (no chocolate)  
Gum such as Eclipse or Chiclets  
Tic Tacs/Mints  
Beef Jerky  
Slim Jims  
Peanuts, Cashews, etc (travel size)  
Trail Mix  
Sunflower Seeds  
Ramen Noodles  
Individual packets of condiments  
Packs of Crackers

### Toiletries/Hygiene

Baby Wipes – wash clothes  
Deodorant (travel size, liquid roll-on)  
Hand Lotion (travel size)  
Hand Sanitizer (travel size)  
Q-Tips (travel size)  
Disposable Razors  
Soap, Body Wash, Face Wash (travel size)  
Shampoo (travel size)  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss (travel size)  
Tissues (travel size)  
Tylenol/Advil (travel size)  
Lip Balm  
Foot Powder (travel size)  
Sunscreen (travel size)  
Fingernail Clippers

### Miscellaneous Items

Any type of Puzzle Books  
Pencils/Pens  
DVD's (new and gently used)  
Handheld Video Games  
Board Games/Deck of Cards  
Baseball Gloves/Baseballs/Frisbees  
Magazines (new and gently used – fairly recent)  
Socks (cushioned, white, calf-high)  
Batteries (AA or AAA)

Address to send your boxes:

SGM Guy Miller

HHC. 28th ECAB

APO AE 09330

### **NO AEROSOL CANS OR SOLID STICK DEODORANTS**

For more information on how to help with this project or Lions, please contact

Here are some tips put together by PDG Nancy Gauthier to help any Club who feels the call to organize their own drive. Contact [ngauthier@comcast.net](mailto:ngauthier@comcast.net) if you have any questionings after reading the following tips:

**PUBLICIZING:** If I had only sent this project information out to my club members, we might have gotten 20-25 boxes donated. So I decided to appeal to our local community by writing up what we were doing, attaching a picture of our flyer which lists suggested items to be included in the boxes, and putting it on a "locals" Facebook page. I also put it on my church Facebook page, some local yard sale site pages and asked all my friends and fellow club members to share it to their friends as well. The response was incredible - the first year we sent out over 60 boxes and last year it was 95 boxes. I used social media to my advantage. I also listed my phone number on the flyer so I could answer any questions, as well as used my address as the drop off location. Providing them with multiple contacts and drop-off locations could add confusion.

**BOXES:** When anyone expressed interest in participating, I had them get a medium size flat rate box from the post office (I also picked up 50 boxes from the post office and left them on my front porch so anyone could pick up a box from me if they needed it. Also some people dropped off their donations in bags so I would box them). Having a uniform size box helped not only fitting everything into them but in transporting them to the post office. I asked everyone to bring the boxes unsealed so I could inspect them to make sure there was no unapproved items included since I was signing the custom forms and so I knew what was in the box to include on the customs form. I then sealed them with good clear packaging tape, attached the mailing address (the post office will give you priority mail address labels for free) and the completed custom form.

**SHIPPING COSTS:** The charge for shipping the medium flat rate box is \$15.05 this year (military rate to an APO address - make sure to specify that it's military rate at the post office). When someone stated they wanted to Adopt A Soldier I gave them all the information and also asked them to include the cost of shipping. I told them they could give me cash or a check made out to my Lions club. My club then gave me one check in the end when we took all the boxes to the post office to be shipped. Some people even gave extra money to pay for someone else's shipping costs. In the end this highly successful and worthwhile project cost our club nothing financially but has given us so much in terms of goodwill, positive publicity and new member interest. A Win-Win!

**CUSTOM FORMS:** Make sure to talk to your local post office and get the most up to date custom forms. Ask them how they want them filled out and they may even give you examples. Our post office was happy to work with us and help us. One post office after hearing what we were doing, even had an employee volunteer to help fill out the custom forms and they processed the boxes as well. Also see under BOXES some information on custom forms.

**FOLLOWUP THANK YOU POSTS:** I always made sure to post on each Facebook page that I had publicized this project on, how helpful the post office had been as well as thanking the community for their donations. I also took pictures at the post office of us bringing all the boxes in, posted those pictures and told everyone how many we were actually able to send out. It has brought us repeat donors as well as interest in our club.

**CUT OFF DATE:** You will each need to decide what your last date to accept donations will be but keep in mind that the post office usually wants all military mailings out by the end of the first week in December to make sure they will be delivered before Christmas. I would never turn down a box if someone needed more time. The way I looked at it was even if it was late getting there, it was better late than never.

**ITEMS:** The previous flyer was made to give suggestions of acceptable items. Remember it could be a male or female soldier. Each year I've been amazed at the ingenuity of some people in including things I would never think of. Snacks, personal care items, crossword, find-a-word and Sudoku puzzles, playing cards, hard candy, gum, licorice, jerky, socks, bandanas, pens, writing paper, mints, nuts, crackers, trail mix, dried fruit and magazines are just some ideas. Someone even added a small football and frisbee. They will not allow any aerosol cans, solid stick deodorants, fireworks, lighters, matches or alcohol. I encouraged each contributor to add a personalized, signed note with their address in the hopes they would get a note back from "their soldier". I received lovely thank you notes 2 out of the 3 years we have done it. It also helps to include a little note from your local Lions club noting this is a Lions project and since these boxes are all going to PA Soldiers who are currently overseas, they may feel inclined to search out the Lions club in their local community when they return stateside. We can always use more members, right!





Welcome New Members!



*Larry Ross, Sponsored by Marvin Heck to Blandon*

*Geoff Littlefield, Sponsored by Susan Prutzman to Boyertown*

*Duval Dollar, Sponsored by James Mimm III to Honey Brook*

*Mike Sacks, Sponsored by Matthew Hensinger to Longswamp*

Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Pediatric Cancer



BE A PART OF THE BIGGEST SERVICE COMMUNITY- JOIN LIONS CLUB







We serve ...  
through diversity



## Kennett Square

**10/3/2020 Food Drive bag pickup on Route 52  
& Hamorton Woods, Chadds Ford PA.**

**Collection was a 39% return  
rate, best ever. Collected 756 non perishable  
food items at 686 lbs. Food was delivered to  
the Kennett Area Food  
Cupboard, Kennett Square PA. The Food  
Cupboard had no Food Drives from any  
groups for 6 months yet the family  
count rose from 500 to 1000 families served.  
November is our next Food Drive.**



## Avon Grove



**The Avon Grove Lions conducted a  
Highway Cleanup between West Grove  
Pa. and Rt. 41.**

**Pictured are L to R are Lions Chuck  
Connor, Robin Rios, Dave Priebe, Brian  
Coe and Dave Graham.**

**The Avon Grove Lions are honoring Mary  
Roberts as their Senior Student of the  
Month for November from the Avon Grove  
High School. Mary is being recognized  
for her outstanding community service  
and academic excellence**





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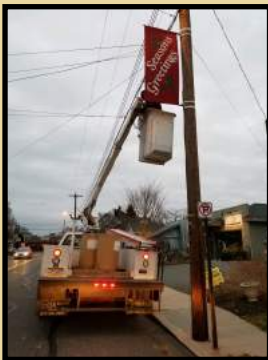


## Honey Brook



*Honey Brook Lions Club gained a new member at our regular meeting on 11/12/2020, which was our traditional Thanksgiving feast. DG Art Pecht inducted Lion Duval Dollar Jr, who was sponsored by Lion President Jim Mimm III*

*Pictured L to R: DG Art Pecht, Lion President and Sponsor Jim Mimm, and new Lion Duval Dollar.*



## Boyertown

*On Sunday, November 22, The Boyertown Lions Club hung Christmas lights and Seasonal Banners in downtown Boyertown. We have been doing this service project for 27 years. Thank You for your support!*





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## Avon Grove



*The Avon Grove Lions Club Student of the Month from the Avon Grove Charter School is Senior, James (Steven) Thornton. Throughout his high school years, he has completed community service with many groups, teams, and organizations. Steven just earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 18 in West Grove after being in scouts since the fifth grade. Steven works with many scouts who have been working on their Eagle Scout Rank and he has helped many of them with their Eagle Scout Projects. In the Spring of 2019, Steven volunteered with*

*the Avon Grove Wildcats Lacrosse program as a coach which was a great experience and learned many good leadership skills. He has also volunteered at events at his church and swim team. At Avon Grove Charter School, we have a Wolf Pack Mentoring program which is when a high school student is paired with a younger student and mentors them throughout the year. Steven was involved in that program his first two years of high school. After high school, Steven will be attending the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA. There he will be doing a 2+2 program in their Diesel Technology program and then their Automotive Management program.*

*Pictured L to R: James (Stephen), and Lion Dr Blasé Maitland*

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## Boyertown



*Boyertown Lions Paula Hilbert and Stephanie Gerlott spent Veteran's Day packing up boxes for our troops through the Adopt A Soldier Project with Stephanie's daughters.*

*Fun was had by all!*





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## Exeter Twp



*The Exeter Township Lions held a Highway Clean up.*

*Pictured left to right. Dan, Lion Cheryl Kleinsmith, Bill Jaeger, Nelson Moeller, Don Mohr, Brad Kissam and Doris Jaeger.*



*We have been giving out equipment and going to either Amity Twp. Or Shillington Lions Club for the equipment. Amity Twp. Cleaned their shed, and the overflow they offered to us. In addition, we had some equipment stored at Schwartzwald Lutheran Church. .*

*The first picture is Amity overflow, The second is moving medical equipment, (Lion Nelson Moeller carting a mattress) and the third to fifth is the shed and the equipment inside.*



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## Exeter Twp.



*The Exeter Twp Lions held a project Oct. 24th from 5:30- 8:30 when Lion President John Magee and DS Linda Long where present at the Exeter Township Halloween Drive by. We were there with our mascot Leo the Lion. (AKA Lion 1st VP Bill Jaeger). There were supposedly 400 timed tickets to this event where the residents drove up through the township garage which was decorated past the police and fire companies. The cars where given candy and a pumpkin.*



*On October 14th, Exeter Township Lions hosted the DG at our outside meeting at the pavilion at Schwartzwald Lutheran Church.*



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## Central Berks



*FVDG Gary Hilbert and his partner-in-service, Zone Chair Paula Hilbert, visited with the Central Berks Lions Club on November 24 at the Perry Restaurant in Shoemakersville. FVDG Gary read the club's members' years of service and shared the activities that his home club of Boyertown is doing. A great time was had by all!*



Without community  
service, we would not  
have a strong quality  
of life. It's important  
to the person who  
serves, as well as  
the recipient. It's the  
way in which we  
ourselves grow and  
develop.

***Please submit your Club News, Event Information, Photos, and Service Projects  
by the 26th of each month to be featured in next month's Lion Eyes!***

***Email to: [sgerlott@comcast.net](mailto:sgerlott@comcast.net)***

***Lion Eyes Editor Stephanie Gerlott***



# Where Are They Now?

## A Monthly Update of Past District Governors



PDG 2010-2011

Nancy Gauthier



Where are they now? Funny but I ask myself that question so many times a day -where did I put this, where did I put that? The older you are, the worse it gets!! When I joined Parkesburg Lions in 1993, little did I know what adventures, friendships, and experiences lay ahead. Within a couple of months of joining I was asked to be Club Secretary - there's nothing to it they said. So, I agreed and 2 months later was at the District 14-P Convention at the Riveredge in Reading to try to get training and learn what my job as Secretary really entailed. There I met PDG Carol Berzon, where she took me under her wing and the rest is history. PDG Carol asked me to serve on her Cabinet and there I met some of the most wonderful friends and dedicated Lions you could ever imagine. Lions whom I'm honored to say are still some of my most cherished friends over 25 years later. Joining Lions not only gave my husband Dave and I the blessing of incredible friends who have become like family, it has also afforded us wondrous adventures and travel, including as far away as Sydney Australia! I was fortunate to serve on many Cabinets since PDG Carol's and in many different capacities. I say this so hopefully you'll see you shouldn't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone, try something new and contribute to the District - you can't imagine what you will get in return.

Besides being Governor, Zone Chair was one of favorite positions. I loved going to other clubs, meeting other Lions, learning about new projects and getting new ideas. They all made me feel so welcome. I was honored to be asked to run for District Governor by several PDG's and it was one of the most rewarding things I've ever done and I'm so very happy I said yes. The 2010-2011 Council of Governors was a very tight knit group of Lions and fortunately we still are. District 14-P is extremely fortunate to have an active and very supportive group of PDG's there to help in any way possible. Our circle of friends grew immensely with Lions from the District, the State and Internationally. I've also been an Associate member of the Christiana Lions Club in District 14-D since 1997. I'm also a member of the Christiana Clampetts, where I'm known as Fannie May Clampett and ride in the outhouse. The Christiana Clampetts, started by Lion Jim Groff, have gone coast to coast in his 1929 Jalopy collecting money for Kids Sight. We've ridden in parades all over PA including the Mummers Parade creating smiles wherever we travel. I'm honored to be on the Board of the Bing Miller Charitable Foundation since its inception. The Board is filled with incredible Lions I'm honored to serve with and honored to have their friendship! After serving as Governor, I served on the Board of the Chester County Blind Association and as Board President for 2 years. I also became very involved with disaster relief and work on the State Disaster Relief Team alongside coordinator, Lion Jim Groff. Lion Jim jokingly calls me his press Secretary. I went to Joplin Missouri in 2012 with 29 volunteers for 2 weeks to help in the relief efforts after they were hit with a devastating category 5 hurricane. Once you volunteer at a disaster site, you're forever changed. I've been involved with many disaster relief efforts since including Hurricane Sandy, the flooding across PA & MD, and most recently LA.

I greatly enjoyed being a Guiding Lion for the Reading Pagoda Lions, along with PDG Carl Gundrum, and helping them increase their membership. Until 2 years ago I had served as either Secretary or President within my club and now serving as a Board member and I've sponsored over 26 Lions. I started the Lions Adopt A Soldier program 4 years ago within my club and it has grown to be a PA Lions statewide project this year where I'm honored to serve as chair. I handle the Bing Miller Foundation calendar sales for my club and also organized a free Veterans Day dinner last year involving the Parkesburg VFW and Parkesburg Lions Club. This year it was to be held at Octorara School, involving the culinary students and the Leo Club, but it was postponed until next year due to CoVid.

I retired from my full-time job as an office manager for an Infectious Disease practice 4 years ago due to a stroke, but I haven't let it slow me down. I've lost 110 lbs and had double knee replacement surgery last December. Dave and I love to travel and especially love cruising all over the Caribbean. We have made many friends on cruise ships and even "adopted" several crew members as our own. We plan to take a cross-country trip next year visiting family and friends across the United States and seeing as many National Parks as possible. We are the very proud parents of twins; David, married to Beth, and Danielle, married to Kevin. They have blessed us with 4 grandchildren; Kaden 18, Abigail 15, Kaitlyn, 15 and Annabelle 12. Our children and grandchildren are our greatest blessings and bring us unbelievable joy and pride. I am proud to be a Lion and serve my club and my community, my District and State. Being a Lion has definitely enriched our lives for the better in so many ways!

*PDG Nancy*

The Central Berks Lions Club is offering a Display of International Flags to any other club. First come, First served.

Contact Central Berks President Anne Ostrowski at [anne15@frontiernet.net](mailto:anne15@frontiernet.net)

**Last call!**



### **Kempton Lions Medical Equipment**



Kempton Lions recognizes that some other clubs may also help with medical equipment. If not, we submit the following for consideration:

We maintain a significant supply of medical equipment which is made available to area residents who may need to freely borrow such items. As the loan of these items is generally underutilized, we are reaching out to area clubs to let you know that if you have community members who can use any of these items, we can make them available to you to serve those in your area as well.

On hand are such items as hospital beds, lift chairs, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, rolling walkers, potty seats, shower chairs and a few electric wheelchairs, some miscellaneous items.

Please announce to your club the availability of this resource. If it should be needed, we ask that either a Lion or someone from the family arrange to meet us at our trailer housed at the Kempton Community Center to view and/or pick up.

To field any inquiries and make arrangements for such appointments please contact Lion Doug Yingling at 610-952-6455 or [douglasy@ptd.net](mailto:douglasy@ptd.net) (may not check every day).





## CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Fresh Cut Trees at Sweet Peas of Jennersville  
352 N Jennersville Rd. (Route 796) West Grove

Sales starting November 27th  
Weekends through Christmas

Fridays 4pm to 7pm  
Saturdays 9am to 4pm  
Sundays 11am to 4pm

Help Support Your Community!

100% of proceeds will go to Local, State, National and International non-profit organizations helping people in need.

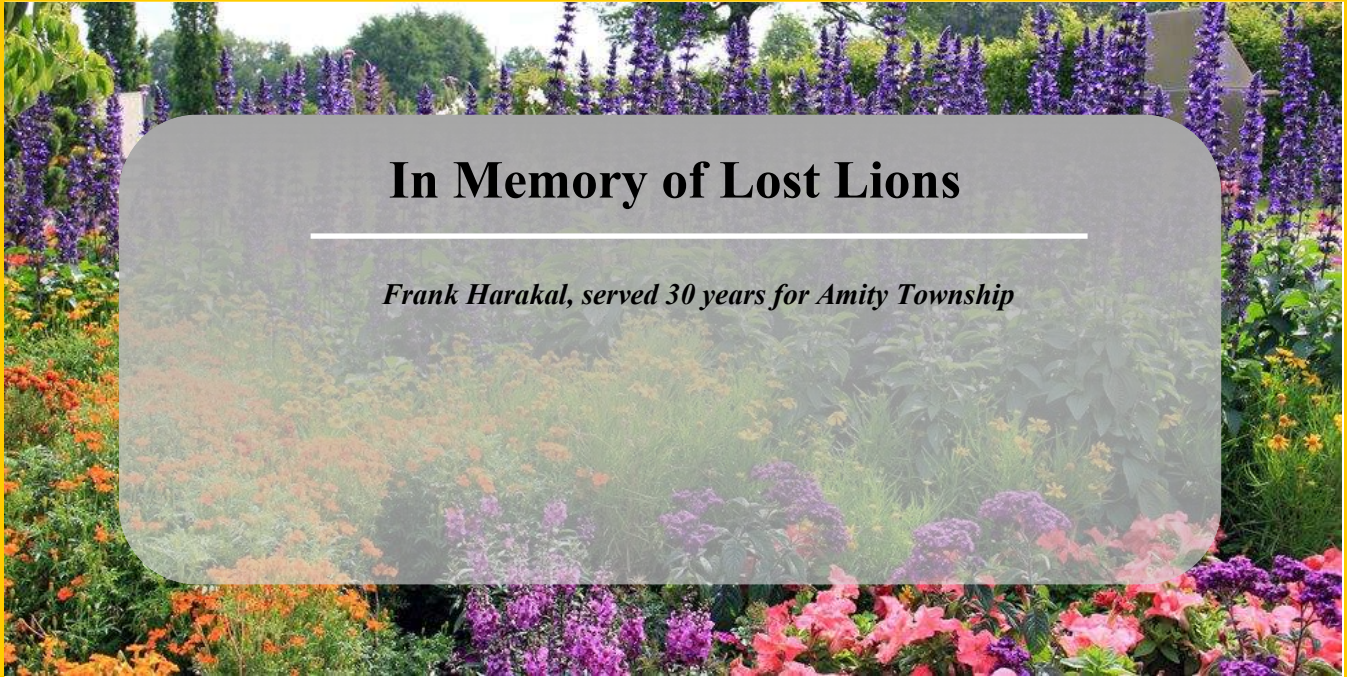


**\*\*Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> Only – Open 9am until 7pm\*\***

*Many thanks to everyone who helped get the Christmas trees set up on November 27th. The Avon Grove Lion's are ready for you to stop by at Sweet Peas the Florist on 796 just north of Rt. One!*







## In Memory of Lost Lions

*Frank Harakal, served 30 years for Amity Township*

# Volunteer



and make a difference in  
**YOUR** local community

- Make a positive impact through local projects that focus on health, youth, sight, and the environment
- Get involved in fund-raising with 100% of profits going to support good causes
- Organize community activities and have fun helping others
- Join ordinary people doing extraordinary things in YOUR community



# 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!