

TEST YOUR LIONS KNOWLEDGE

In what year did the Lions become and International Organization,

when what city and country joined the Lions?



MD 14 PA LIONS Newsletter STATE CONVENTION

May 16-19, 2024

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey

PA Lions Welcome International President Dr. Patti Hill

IP Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta Canada will be our special guest for the convention. She will be attending the full. convention with her keynote remarks at Saturday night's International Banquet.



NEW FOR 2024

In addition to paper registration, online registration and payment are being offered for the MD 14 State Convention for the first time.

You can register online for the convention, order a convention pin, select your meal choices, and sign up for tours.

Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel. See the enclosed room reservation flyer for more information.

IP Hill's Theme for 2023-24

Changing the World

"Change does not happen all at once. It happens through many small choices. With every act of kindness, we change a life. With every Lions club at Leo club, we change a community. When we chang our communities, we change the world."



Friday Luncheon Keynote Speaker Announced

Please plan to join us on Friday May 17th for the luncheon featuring PA Governor Josh Shapiro as our keynote speaker. We have invited PA Governor Josh Shapiro to join us to talk to us about the importance of service in our PA communities.

A final confirmation of his attendance will not be known until three to five weeks prior to the convention. Watch the state website for updates.





RETURN FORM BY MAY I, 2024

PA State Council of Lions Clubs STATE CONVENTION



REGISTRANT (Complete SEPARATE Form For EACH Attendee)

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Featured Seminars



Come to hear about the efforts to



The Penbrook Leo Club "15 Years and Growing", it is community-based Leo Club in Cuntral PA that will celebrate 15 years of service in 2024. They've had recent success with a community garden through LCIF and other grants. Came to hear about their successes and challenges.



Beacon Lodge Camp Executive Director Ionathan Carver will present updates about the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp and its current needs and how you can help



The convention hotel noonrate is \$130 per night, you can cell the first Liam Hamisburg/Intechny Hotel shortly at \$17-939-7841. Yell them you any with the PA Lies; 2014 State Convention Or you can reserve your room celling. See the enclased room reservation flyer for more information.

May 1, 2024

Thursday May 16th through Sunday May 19th, 2024

Red Lion Hotel - 4751 Lindle Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17111 ph: 717-939-7841

2024 Convention Pins – Pins will be available for sale for \$3 while supplies last. They can also be ordered on the convention registration form or online.



Caricature Artist – Get your caricature done on Saturday morning in the hotel lobby.



For Questions Contact PDG Pete Van Zaudt at: petevzgitman.com



A STATEWIDE PROJECT – THE JARED BOX

Mark your calendars now – May 16-29, 2024, our State Convention. It will be held right here in Harrisburg at the Red Lion Hotel.

Each year a Service Project is included during the Convention. This years' Service Project will be packing Jared Boxes.

You ask: What is a **Jared Box**? A **Jared Box** is a plastic shoe-sized storage box filled with small gifts, toys, games, crayons, coloring books, and fun activities. Each box contains items selected for a specific age (from infant through teens) and gender. The boxes are given to children in the hospital to provide a special, fun diversion.

About The Jared Box Project

The project was started in 2001 by the children of Our Lady of Victory School in State College, Pennsylvania, to honor their classmate, **Jared**, who battled cancer with courage and faith. **Jared** was diagnosed with an incurable brainstern tumor in 1999. He carried a backpack full of toys and games to all appointments and questioned why the other children didn't bring toys to their exam rooms. **Jared** shared his toys and invited the other children to join him in a game of UNO. At just 5 years old, he demonstrated faith, wisdom, and compassion for others.

After Jared passed away, his classmates decided to honor him by creating Jared Boxes. The school children made 81 Jared Boxes for the children at Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville, Pennsylvania. Soon after that, other community groups started making Jared Boxes. They picked up where Jared left off and shared toys with the children in the hospital. This wave of kindness quickly took off and spread across the country.

Since 2001, more than 1,000,000 **Jared Boxes** have been delivered to over 500 hospitals across the United States. Boxes filled with the "gift of play" are given to young patients in emergency rooms, hospital rooms, surgical centers, and clinics. 121 hospitals in Pennsylvania are participating – **Jared Boxes** made at the Convention will be going to Pennsylvania hospitals.

Lions Clubs throughout our Multiple District will be asked to make a donation to provide the items to complete our **Jared Boxes**.

(information taken from the The Jared Box website: https://thejaredbox.org/)

PDG Bob W. Roebuck State Global Service Chair

101st ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION



Thursday, May 16 through Sunday, May 19, 2024 Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg-Hershey 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111



HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotel has a block of rooms for the PA Lions 101st Convention. Contact the hotel to make a reservation. The discounted rate of \$130.00/night is in effect until May 1, 2024.

To make a room reservation call 717-939-7841 and dial "0" for the front desk.

If you would like to make a reservation online the booking code is **Pa State Council Lions Club** and the link is available on the State website.

New Online Convention Registration is Now Available!

To register for the Convention and all meals online go to the State website – <u>palions.ora</u> and fill out the electronic form with your selections. Pay with a debit or credit card.

Calling All Leos to Attend the 101st State Convention!

Leos and Leo Advisors, please plan on attending the 101st State
Convention.

Convention registration is FREE for all Leos!

We hope to see you there!

Scheduled Speakers

Saturday Luncheon

The Saturday luncheon will feature **Elva Hurst**. She is a "Chalk Talk" artist from Lancaster County whose Lions' focused presentation is bound to grab your attention. *Together We Serve* is designed to entertain Lions Club gatherings. It has been used at district conventions, charter nights, president's nights, and other events. This program explores the history of Lions, praises the efforts of service-minded people, and encourages and inspires them to continue in service to their communities. Lions from Central PA have experienced her creative and enjoyable approach to sharing a topic while completing a full chalk art piece. Do not miss it.



The Sunday morning Melvin Jones Fellows and Key Member breakfast will have PDG Kerry McKnight from the New Freedom Lions Club in District 14C as our invited speaker. As an LCIF Constitutional Area Vice Leader and MD 14 Global Leadership Team Coordinator he has a passion for LCIF, Leadership and Membership. His presentations are always enjoyable and informative. We hope you join us.



Hospitality Night

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Saturday, April 13th 2024

Holiday Inn at Morgantown, Pa

Registration begins at 8am

Opening Session begins at 9:15am











Basket Raffle *





Cost: \$30.00 per person

Lunch: Italian Buffet

Parmesan Chicken, Classic Caesar Salad

Garlic Bread Sticks, Pasta Marinara

Cheesecake

Keynote Speaker PID James Cavallaro

Registration deadline is March 31st!



Make checks payable to: District 14P





LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 14 P CONVENTION

April 13, 2024

Holiday Inn at Morgantown

All attendees must register—Please print clear	ly: Attendees;
Main contact :	
Club Name:	
Address:	_
City, State Zip:	
Email address:	
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DT Paula Hilbert 735 East Philadelphia Ave, Boyertown, Pa 19512

Phone: 484-941-1674

Email: paulahilbert2@comcast.net

(If you submit by email, no lunch reservation will be made until the check arrives)

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS—MARCH 31st

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

from the SHARTSVILLE LIONS

The girlfriend said she wanted to walk down the aisle.

The boyfriend took her out to go grocery shopping.

District 14P Convention Donation Drive

benefiting the





- . Reading Supplies (appropriate for 3rd-6th Grade)
- Spiral Notebooks
- . Pens & Pencils
- · Food, Nonperishable, Snacks

leave a message with your name and/or Club).

Funds to meet operational status

Please bring all donations to the Convention

Please let me know as soon as possible if you or your Club is planning to donate a bas-

ket. You can email me at slinda970@aol.com or call me on 610-563-1841 (be sure to

Tickets for the basket raffle are only being sold at the District Convention. All winners

Attention all Clubs!



BASKET RAFFLE at the District 14-P Convention

April 13, 2024 Holiday Inn at Morgantown



must be present to win. I hope to see you all there. Thank you for your consideration in making this District Convention the best one yet!

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Dave and Lion Linda

District 14-P is asking our Lions Clubs and any individual members to provide a basket for our Basket Raffle at the District Convention. The basket should have a minimum value of \$35,00. Other items of equal value would also be great! Please make sure your baskets are labeled with your Club's name or your name, and plan to have your basket at the Holiday Inn at Morgantown by 7:30am on Saturday, April 13th.













The International Association of Lions Clubs

Lion Susan Prutzman

January 8, 2024

600 E Philadelphia Avenue, 1st Floor, rear Boyertown, PA 19512

Dear Club Secretary:

Please forward your list of Delegates and Alternates for the upcoming District 14-P convention to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024. The convention location will be at Holiday Inn Morgantown, 6170 Morgantown Rd, Morgantown, PA 19543

As per the Constitution, each chartered Lions club in good standing with the District shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for every ten (10) member or major fraction thereof (major fraction is 5 or more). Should your club have a PDG as a member, they will receive their PDG Delegate Card directly from the Certification Committee. Please note all delegates and alternates must be a member of Lions for one year and a day in order to quality.

Example: Your club has 20 members; you are entitled to two (2) Delegates/Alternates. Your club has 44 members; you are entitled to four (4) Delegates/Alternates. Your club has 37 members and a PDG; you are entitled to four (4) Club Delegates/Alternates and one (1) PDG Delegate.

The list of delegates and alternates along with their membership number needs to be emailed (or typed copy via USPS) no later than March 31, 2024, so the committee can process the credential in time for the convention. Credential will be available for pick up the day of the convention at certification table. Thank you for assistance and cooperation.

Please call me with any questions you may have at 484-597-0893 cell (please leave a message) or email me at tarsuecocoa@nol.com (subject line District Convention). See you at the convention.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Susan Prutzman

Certification Chairman

14P District Convention

Please note: Certification of delegates is different from registering to attend the convention; separate registration form needs to be forwarded to the District Treasurer.



The International Association of Lions Clubs

Lion Susan Prutzman

January 08, 2024

600 E Philadelphia Avenue, 1st Floor, rear Boyertown, PA 19512

Dear Past District Governor:

As a past international officer in good standing you are granted full delegate status for the upcoming District 14-P convention to be held at Holiday Inn, 6170 Morgantown Rd, Morgantown, PA 19543on April 13, 2024.

Please email me at tazsuecocoa@pol.com (subject line Convention Delegate) or call me at 484-597-0893 cell (please leave a message) no later than March 31, 2024 with your plans to attend. Your credential will be available for pick up the day of the convention at the certification table. See you at the convention.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Susan Prutzman

Certification Chairman

14-P District Convention

Please note: Certification of delegates is different from registering to attend the convention.

A separate registration form needs to be forwarded to the District Treasurer.



A Message from District Governor Gary Hilbert

March 2024 Lion Eyes

Spring is coming and so is our district convention. By now, you should have received the information to register. We will be gathering at the Holiday Inn , Morgantown. Spend the day with us and learn about all the great things our district clubs are doing. Their will be presentations about our district foundations and charities. A memorial service to honor our lions who past in 2023. For just \$30, you can enjoy an Italian buffet for lunch. Our keynote speaker is a very familiar lion to us. PID Jim Cavallaro has appeared at many of our district functions over the past several years. I'm looking forward to his visit with us again this year.

If you haven't received the convention information, Please let me know. I will personally email it to you. Just call me 610-468-4788. Or email me glh40@comcast.net. Registration deadline is March 31 so don't delay.

Yours in lionism,

DG Gary Hilbert

DST Coordinator – Thoughts in Support of Club Service

Hello Fellow Lions

I'd like to bring your attention to several points I'd like to share as District Service Coordinator:

- My main hope is that clubs will maintain a good mix of direct, hands-on service as part of your work. Let's promote membership opportunities to non-Lions during service projects.
- An issue arose regarding club bylaws. I will suggest that all clubs make an effort to add creation
 or update of bylaws to your agenda. Lions Club International website has created a template for
 clubs to use. I know we may not think of bylaws often. But especially if things may go awry, it a
 good tool to have. I saw this play out in my own nonprofit work experience.
- Secondly, the Lions "Standard Structure" chart includes a position of "Membership Chairman". If
 this position is vacant in your club, I am recommending the club look to fill this position. There is
 a lot written about what responsibilities the membership chair should have. In order that we
 don't get overwhelmed, in my view, the most important help to the club would be: establish
 service goals, incorporate opportunities for local youth and Leos to engage in all aspects of
 service activities, serve as club resource on <u>current community needs</u>, <u>increase member
 satisfaction by encouraging participation and engagement in service projects</u>. I also feel this
 position would be a great help to the Club President.
- A recent Lions International message suggested there is still time to plan something around Earth Day, April 22. Go to the "environment webpage" on LCI for service ideas.

Thanks for your service and I know there will be great spring service projects coming up!

Lion Doug Yingling District Service Team Coordinator Zone Chair 2-A

KidSight Training and Orientation Day April 27, 2024

Vision Resource Center

2020 Hampden Blvd, Reading, PA 19604

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

This will be a hands-on training session in the use of the **Welsh Allyn Spot Camera**, the **Paperwork** requirements and the transportation and set up of the **KidSight Trailer**.

- **SCREENER** Camera Operator, only requirement is steady hand and about few minutes of training.
- GREETER/RECORDER- Help to generate paperwork, only requirement is good penmanship and a friendly smile.
- TRAILER HAULER- Volunteer to transport trailer to screening site.
 Full-size pickup with 2-inch ball hitch required.

Training is open to all Lions in District 14P to learn or refresh their knowledge in the KidSight program.

Become a member of the 14P KidSight Team

Lunch will be provided so please RSVP by April 20,2024

To: PDG Philip Shober peshober@ptd.net

Welcome

KidSight Training

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to join us today to help energize the District 14 P Lions KidSight Screening Program.

Training will cover the following:

- Overview of the KidSight Program
- Operation Vision Screener Camera
- · Operation of the Screening Trailer
- · Screening Procedures
- · How to create a CSV (comma delimited) File
- · Use and Distribution of Screening Forms
- Who are the Members of the Screening Team
- · Clearances needed and how to get them.
- Certified Screener Program
- Hand-on Training with Screening Equipment

CORRECTION FOR LAST MONTH

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

KUTZTOWN—DONALD KUHNS

KUTZTOWN—SHARON KUHNS

KUTZTOWN— LORI MROCZKA

KUTZTOWN—PAMELA UNGER

KUTZTOWN— KAREN YANUS

KUTZTOWN—KENNETH SMITH

KUTZTOWN—SHILA FULTON

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LEO OF THE YEAR

PLEASE CONGRATULATE DISTRICT 14P'S LEO OF
THE YEAR FROM THE GREAT VALLEY LEO CLUB
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Leo Club was the first volunteering thing I actively went after and chose myself. I was incredibly intrigued and motivated by Leo Club's mission. I've been in Leo Club since my freshman year, and it has been so incredibly rewarding. Working with other members and Chris has furthered my communication skills. Having responsibility of organizing meetings and leading projects has helped me grow out of my shell. Leo Club has made me more comfortable with public speaking and allowed me to work with and lead others. These skills will greatly benefit me as an aspiring future educator who wants to work with children with Special Needs and as someone who wants to continue to serve by teaching and volunteering through life.

Local Resources:

Statewide Elder Abuse Hotline

1-800-490-8505 www.aging.pa.gov

National Center on Elder Abuse www.ncea.acl.gov

Chester County Department of Aging

Toll-Free: 1-800-564-7000 Local: (610) 344-6350 www.chesco.org/486/Protective -Services

Domestic Violence Center of Chester County

Toll-Free: 1-888-711-6270 Local: (610) 431-1430 www.dvcccpa.org

Berks County Department of Aging (610) 478-6500

SAFE Berks

Toll-Free: 1-844-789-SAFE Text "SAFE BERKS" to 20121 www.safeberks.org

IF YOU ARE IN DANGER, CALL 911!

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors & Partners















Elder Abuse: "Silent No Longer"



Information & Resources

This event brought to you by Lions District 14p Chester County & Berks County, PA



What is Elder Abuse?

Elder Abuse is a term used to describe any knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult. Elder abuse can come in various forms:

Physical/Sexual Abuse

Hitting, pushing, kicking, punching, pinching, biting, unnecessarily restraint, intentionally causing pain, intentional misuse of medication, sexual abuse/exploitation, etc.

Verbal Abuse

Calling names, put-downs, making fun, embarrassing/humiliating, criticism, etc.

Emotional Abuse

Threats of harm or abandonment, manipulation, mind games, gaslighting—making you feel crazy, isolation, noncommunication, intimidation, control, etc.

Financial Abuse

Pressure to make or making undue changes to legal, financial documents, theft of or withholding of funds, identity theft, etc.

Neglect & Self-Neglect

Deprivation of basic needs: food, water, housing, clothing, hygiene, medical care, emotional/social engagement, etc.

Self-Neglect involves an older adult, living independently, who is unable/unwilling to care for themselves leading to an environment threatening to health and safety.

Risk Factors for Elder Abuse

There are some factors that can put an older adult at increased risk for experiencing abuse including:

- An adult child who is still dependent on their older parent for financial assistance or housing—especially in cases where the adult child suffers from mental illness or a substance abuse disorder (addiction).
- A history of domestic violence in the home or family—as families grow and age, present problems of domestic violence often continue.
- Living with others in isolation— prevents likelihood of reporting of abuse.

PA Statistics on Elder Abuse

In national statistics, 1 in 10 adults 60+ have experienced some form of abuse. In Pennsylvania, since 2016, we have seen a 32% increase in number of reports of elder abuse—with a 38% increase in substantiated, or proven, claims of abuse.

- The age group most reported to be in need of protective services in PA were those between the ages of 81—90 and almost half of them lived in their own homes.
- 46.8% of perpetrators of abuse were between the ages of 30—59 and 16.7% were identified as family members.
- The most common substantiated forms of abuse were: self-neglect, caregiver neglect, financial exploitation, physical, and emotional abuse.

Reporting Abuse

In the state of Pennsylvania, if you work with and suspect abuse of an individual over the age of 60—you are mandated to report it to the appropriate authorities.

PA Statewide Elder Abuse Hotline

1-800-490-8505

 If you believe an adult is being abuse and their life is in imminent danger, call 911 immediately! Then report directly to protective services.

To make a report you may need to know:

- Age of the victim
 - Address of the victim
- Victim's level of physical/mental capacity
- Date of the incident
- Whether or not there are weapons present in the home, if there is a history of drug/alcohol abuse or domestic violence in the home.
- How the alleged perpetrator might react to a worker coming to the home
- . What the best times to visit may be

Failure to report suspected abuse is a crime.

Zone Chairs for 1a & 4b Needed

Being Zone Chair is fun, rewarding & lets the Zone clubs meet & interact with each other. Zone
Chairs are members of the District 14p Cabinet.

Please contact RC Toby Price Gelman 4844593593

REGION 1

Zone 1 A

Frystown, Hamburg, Rehrersburg, Shartlesville, Shoemakersville, Strausstown

Zone 1 B Conrad Weiser, Mohnton-Cumru, Shillington, Spring Twp, Wernersville

REGION 2

Zone 2 A Fleetwood, Kempton, Kutztown, Longswamp

Zone 2 B Bern Twp, Blandon, Muhlenberg

REGION 3

Zone 3 A Amity Twp., Baily, Boyertown, Exeter

Zone 3 B Coventry, Honey Brook, Kimberton Area, Lionville

REGION 4

Zone 4 A. Coatesville, Eagle-Glenmoore, Paoli-Berwyn-Malvern, West Chester, West Goshen

Zone 4 B Avon Grave, Kennett Square, Oxford, Parkesburg

COVENTRY LIONS

WILL
YOUR
CLUB
ACCEPT
THE
CHALLENGE



The Coventry Lions Club Challenges District 14-P Clubs to Help Fund the KidSight Program

The Coventry Lions Club first staged the Chester County Blues Barbeque in 2010. Members of our club provided the venue, and one of our members was well-connected with the Blues scene in our area. The event proved so successful that we made it an annual event. In 2011, we used the bulk of the proceeds to purchase equipment to help kickstart the <u>District 14-P KidSight</u> program. The KidSight program uses Lions volunteers to screen preschool-age children for vision problems that, when detected early, can often be successfully treated. Over 33,000 children have been screened in District 14-P over the last 12 years, and about 2600 have been referred to eye care professionals.

Fast forward to 2023 - the Chester County Blues Barbeque continues to be a successful fundraiser, and the District 14-P KidSight testing equipment is aging and needs to be replaced. Therefore, the Coventry Lions Club is allocating \$10,000 towards matching the donations of all other District club's dollar for dollar. We look forward to the other district clubs rising to the occasion and costing our club the full amount!

DONATIONS SHOULD be MADE to the DICTRICT KIDSIGHT CHARITY

Past Events and Service Projects

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE Month Program



Hannah Smith was named the Avon Grove Lions Senior Student of the Month from Avon Grove Charter School. Hannah has been an active Leo Club member since middle school. Through Leo Club, Hannah enjoys working with her friends to help the community. Beyond helping her local community, Hannah has recently returned from a mission trip in the Bahamas. Hannah is a strong student who is actively involved in many clubs and activities at AGCS. Hannah committed to Stockton University in New Jersey. Mary Kate D'Ambrosio has been named the Avon Grove Lions Student of the Month for February 2024 from Avon Grove High School. She is the daughter of Anthony and Michelle D'Ambrosio of Avondale.

AVON GROVE LIONS



Mary Kate D'Ambrosio was named the Avon Grove High School Senior Student of the month from Avon Grove High School.

Mary Kate's list of school activities include membership in the following: Anchor and Producer of AGtv (9-12) Student Council member (9-12) and current Secretary Theatre (9-12) Cast Member and Dance Captain Science Fair Researcher/Presenter (9-12) Hack Club (9-12) and Current President Avon Grove Chorale (10-12) Avon Grove Drone Team Pilot/Flight Crew (10-12) Future Business Leaders of America (12-12) - Current Region and Chapter Treasurer Staff Writer of The Devil's Herald Newspaper Team Manager of Track and Field (12).

Mary Kate is also involved community activities that include:
Social Media Intern of Avon Grove Education Foundation
Camp Counselor of Avon Grove Community Theatre, Chester County
Intermediate Unit STEM, and Sea Gals Student Volunteer at Ronald McDonald
House, Special Olympics, and the American Red Cross
Caring and Sharing Ministry – Food and Clothing Drives, Adopt a Family, and the
Food Bank.

Mary Kate has achieved numerous academic and community awards including Computer Science Honor Society grades 9-12 and is the current Vice President Tri-M Music Honor Society grades 10-12 and is the current President National Honor Society grades 11-12

National Business Honor Society grades 11-12 Avon Grove High School Distinguished Honor Roll grades 9 -12 Chester County Science Research Competition grades 9 -12 - Medicine and Health Awards Delaware Valley Science Fair grades 9 -12 - Category Special Award REC Foundation - Aerial Drone Competition World Championship Team Excellence Award 2023 Pennsylvania Press Club High School Journalism - Feature

Future Business Leaders of America - Regional Broadcast Journalism Award After graduation, Mary Kate plans to attend Penn State University Bellisario College of Communications to Major in Journalism and Media Studies and hopes to have a career in Sports Broadcasting.

AMITY TOWNSHIP LIONS

Visit from the Vision Resource Center

Appreciation is extended to Lori Schermerhorn, President and CEO of the Vision Resource Center of Berks County for joining us at our January 3 meeting to present an overview of the organization.

For over 94 years the VRC has provided services to prevent blindness and make it possible for visually impaired Berks County residents to lead independent and productive lives within their community.

The agency serves over 600 blind and visually impaired Berks County residents. The Vision Resource Center of Berks County is a 501 (c) 3, non-profit social service agency that was founded in 1929 by the Reading Lions Club. Funding for VRC's programs and services comes from individuals, foundations, trusts, corporations, Lions Clubs and workshop







Appreciation is extended to Lion Tim Schell for the outstanding quality programs he provides for our club.

BALLY



AMITY TOWNSHIP LIONS

Community Volunteer Fair

Club members Deb and Sean Martin and Jimmy Hopper participated at the community Volunteer Fair, held on the nationwide day of service to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 15 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Douglassville.

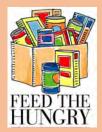






PARKESBURG LIONS

Parkesburg Lions Club conducts quarterly food drives at Dutchway Food Market to benefit the Octorara Area Food Cupboard. The latest drive was held in early February. 1,008 pounds of food was collected, and \$209 in cash was donated as well. Picture is of the Octorara Area Food Cupboard's trailer which is parked at Dutchway so that food collected can be loaded into the trailer immediately.





AVON GROVE LIONS

The Avon Grove Lions conducted a Kidsight vision screening at the New London Christian School. The Lions screened 21 students.



KUTZTOWN LIONS

Kutztown Lions Club Member of the Month:

😇 😁 JOHN KEISER 😇 😁

John is a member of the Kutztown Lions Club for 53 years!!!!! John was a former president of the local Jaycees. His father-in-law, Chester DeTurk, recruited him into the Kutztown Lions club in 1971.

One of his favorite memories was honoring his father-in-law when he became Lions District Governor. He is most proud of the service to the community especially the eye testing





Not only does John volunteer with the Lions club, he also serves as a church Consistory President, and Zoning Board member.

His philosophy is "there is always something to do".

John remains a consistent and dedicated volunteer.

Trivia: John's wife was the first passenger of the Kutztown Lions Ambulance (with a broken leg). Congratulations John!



We learned how to write in braille and then applied our knowledge by writing letters that we plan to send to the blind and visually impaired.

STEM LEOS

We are sewing fabric ornaments that are shaped like dog toys. We will be shipping them to Guiding Eyes of the Blind



FLEETWOODLIONS

EACH YEAR THE FLEETWOOD LIONS MAKES A DONATION TO SUPPORT YOUTH ATHLETICS

KUTZTOWN LIONS

Last week, Lion Jimmy Johnson inducted a new member to the Kutztown Lions Club. Congratulations and welcome to @

Kenny Smith We are so excited to have you as members of the club. 🎉







HONEY BROOK LIONS

A big welcome to Lisa Goldman, who became the newest member of the Honey Brook Lions Club tonight. Lion Lisa's dedication and commitment to service will be an asset to our community and club. Welcome, Lion Lisa!









Special thanks to PDG Art Pecht for conducting the induction ceremony and President Joe Cutolo for presenting Lion Linda with her Lions pin! 🥹

MOHNTON CUMRU LIONS

Donated \$500 to the Mohnton VFW to help the club with past bills



Lions Cub Program



Did you know that Lions International has a program for elementary children

Encouraging kids and adults to serve together and create a lifelong dedication to service through Lions clubs. A great way to get children and grandchildren involved in serving.

How the program works

Cubs are children aged 12 or younger who are are interested in service and show commitment to a given Lions club.

A Cub club can be formed when five or more Cubs are working together with a Lions club. A Cub club may be held responsible for certain tasks at a Lionsplanned event, or may even plan their own events and hold their own fundraisers. If a Cub club forms, a Lion member should be designated as the contact to the Cubs and reported in MyLCI.

More information is viable from Lions International.

By starting a Cub Program in your community, you are teliping to guide our organization's youngest volunieers and singule a generation of youth who serve. If you have any questions about the Cub Program or mything detailed in this guide, please reach out to vis.

Look what the Coventry sponsored Cubs are doing.

Today the Lion Cubs were able to create Valentine's Day cards for our senior citizens that are residing at Manatawny Manor. We are hopeful that we were able to brighten someone's day, by showing them how much we care

COVENTRY LIONS CLUB

CUB PROGRAM





January 8 FC Lion Cubs Meeting
The Cubs designed and created
posters for our upcoming Blessing Bag
Drive. We have teamed up with the
FCVPTA to collect socks and small
toiletries for a local shelter in support
of Raise Craze (French Creek's
Schoolwide initiative) and the Great
Kindness Challenge. The Cubs will be
collecting the items leading up to our
February meeting where they will
assemble the bags to go to the local
shelter.

FRENCH CREEK CUBS















COVENTRY LIONS CLUB

CUB PROGRAM



The French Creek Lion Cubs met Thursday February 15th to assemble the Blessing Bags as a culmination of their project with the FCVPTA. The Cubs collected socks and small toiletries for a local shelter in support of Raise Craze (French reek's Schoolwide initiative) and the Great Kindness Challenge. The Cubs impressive drive far exceeded expectations. They were able to assemble over 100 Blessing Bags with 2 pairs of socks, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, chapstick, wet wipes, tissues, toothpaste, and a toothbrush in each.

They also were able to collect additional items in bulk such as feminine products, razors, and mouthwash that will be delivered with the bags. The bags will be delivered along with the special cards from North Coventry's Lion Cubs by the FCVPTA. Way to make a difference in our community, Cubs!

The East Vincent Lion Cubs met on February 7th to learn about the history of the Lions Clubs and lionism. After the session, the cubs saw a brief presentation about Helen Keller. This was followed by some teamwork with a Helen Keller story, wordsearch and word scramble.

Next month the club will be organizing a school-wide food drive to support the Coventry Lions Club's Easter Food Baskets. <u>advisors Jen Marshall and Neadie Love</u>





LONGSWAMP LIONS

70 years of Service! Our Longswamp Lions Club was sponsored by the Topton Lions Club and conducted our Charter Night on 17 February 1954. Last evening, we recognized this milestone with a 70th Birthday Cake and are thankful for all of our members. We are always looking for more! We look forward to continuing our service journey for many more years to come!



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EAGLE GLENMOORE LIONS



The Eagle-Glenmoore Lions Club sponsored a Bingo For Lions Charity night on 2/20/24 @ Marchwood Tavern. Games started at 7:00pm. Costs were: \$5/card for 3 games, 5 games total. 3 games are free 50/50's and individual prizes. The winners will be split with the winner and our Lions Club Charity, Canine Partners for Life. One Bingo winner donated his winnings of \$85 back to our club fundraiser. Proceeds will be donated either in March or at the end of the year with our Annual Distribution.





KUTZTOWN LIONS

Visual Impairment Program Awarded \$30,000 from Kutztown Lions Club

The Lions Club international's mission is to empower Lions Clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

"The Kutztown Lion's Club enriches the Kutztown community in a wide variety of ways, and we have a particular focus on supporting those in our community with visual imparment," said Matthew Dietrich, president, "Now, we are supporting those who have made a professional commitment to serve this very important propolation."



"The visual impairment program is one of Kutztown's finest," said Alex Ogeka, executive director of the KU Foundation. "The Lions Club's generous support provides crucial funding to graduate students Whose expertise will ultimately shape the lives of individuals with visual impairments, overall strengthening our community."

KENNETT SQUARE LIONS

Kennett Square Lions Club held their February 2024 Food Drive. They collected 310 food items at 355 pounds. 186 bags distributed with 40 bags returned a 21.5% return. Food was donated to Kennett Area Community Services Food Cupboard.

SHILLINGTON LIONS

It's chili day!! Grab your chili and support Blankets of Hope-Berks! Find us at the Kenhorst Redner's until 3:00 or we sell out!

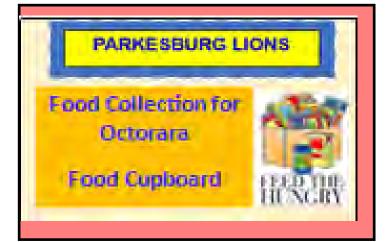






AVON GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL LEOS

Leo Club hosted a winter formal dance. This dance was attended by 124 middle schoolers. The students raised \$500 to the American Kidney Association.



STRAUSSUTOWN LIONS

N Oh yes, it's ladies' night Oh, what a night 🎵

Lions taking their Lionesses out for dinner and drinks!



FLEETWOODLIONS

This year the Fleetwood Lions Club has decided to Donate \$1000 to the Melvin Jones Fellowship Program.

Please use our donation as you see fit.



KUTZTOWN LIONS

Monthly collection during meeting.





AVON GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL LEOS

Making Placemats for Meals on Wheels recipients.

To be delivered with meals in March.



FLEETWOODLIONS



Each year the Fleetwood **Lions Donates to Leader** Dogs for the Blind. The organization has been in existence since 1954. **Providing "Guiding** Eyes for the Blind".

replacement Hometown Hero Banners! Cost is \$250. Download the Application Form here: https:// drive google.com/file/d/ TAazkZgMOY#0:p_xa555_HTHBIY7a1V XD/wew?uspesharing

Or pickup a paper copy at the Bally office. Deadline March 31st.







FLEETWOODLIONS





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FLEETWOOD LIONS



Vision Resource Center of Berks County provides assistance with daily activities, safe travel, and support groups for individuals with vision impairment and blindness. We aim to help enable these individuals to maintain their quality of life and independent living.

KEMPTON LIONS





Over a period of about two weeks' time, club members solicited hoagie sales in the community, collected & organized sales data, ordered and picked up supplies, assembled & delivered the hoagies, and finally, collected, turned in, and processed customer payments. Outcomes: Community awareness and goodwill are increased toward Lions activities and fundraising, and considerable funds are raised for all Kempton Lions Club charitable uses.



Cards for Hospitalized Kids - OJRMS created over 100 Greeting cards and well wishes for the organization based out of Chicago, Illinois.







UPCOMING FUNDRAISER











AMITY TOWNSHIP LIONS

It is that time of year again. Want to have a great time and support the community. Come join us on March 23 for our Night At the Races Fundraiser. Leave a message here or contact your favorite Lion



Come join us for our first fundraiser for 2024.

Location - Oley Valley Fair Centre
Purchase and Name a Horse and cheer it on to victory.
Mutual windows will be open for betting purposes along
with a couple daily doubles.

Prices are as follows Admission only \$10.00 Horse Only \$15.00 Horse and Admission - \$25.00 Buy 5 horses get free admissior

Admission includes - Food, and Refreshments 50/50 Raffle and Baskets Raffles will be available



Breakfast with the

Easter Bunny

Sponsored by Parkesburg Lions Club

When? Saturday, March 23, 2024

Time? 8:30-11:00AM

Where? Parkesburg Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall

Cost? \$10/adult (10@up): \$5/child (2-10)

*Breakfast-paneakes, eggs, breakfast meat, inice, coffee/tea.





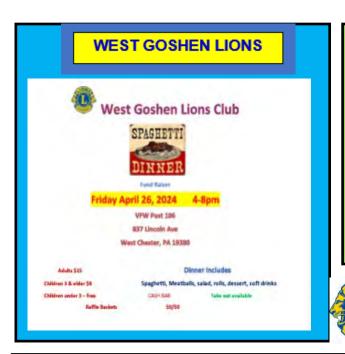
Cost? \$10/adult (10&up); \$5/child (2-10)

Breakfast-pancakes, eggs, breakfast meat, juice, collee/tea.

Please register & prepay (by 3/17) for breakfast by: *FB Messaging Parkesburg Lions Club-New & Improved* *Calling/Texting Karen Holmes at 717-380-3098

Or Karen Fronefield at 484-678-4231*

*Payment can be made via cash, check or Venmo a ParkesburgLionsClub





The KU Braille Bears are having their annual Dine in the Dark dinner on April 13, 2024 in the South Dining Hall Room 1 from 1pm - 4pm. Kutztown Lions Club supports this event and encourages our members and the community to attend!



MOHNTON CUMRU LIONS



9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Sunday, September 8, 2024 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Mohnton Memorial Park 198 E. Wyomissing Avenue, Mohnton, PA 19540

FREE LIVE MUSIC

Saturday, September 7, 2024

The Little Red Rooster Band (11:00 AM) Nate Myers & the Aces (1:00 PM) The Left Edge (3:00 PM)

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Stephanie Grace (11:00 AM) Blue Waters (1:00 PM) The Porkroll Project (3:00 PM)

Special Appearance by - Emme Ryan, Governor Mifflin Graduate

MAKERS MARKET & ACTIVITIES

Beer & Wine

Vendors who wish to register for the Makers Market, Visit: <u>www.MohntonCumruLions.com</u>,
and click on the "Makers Market Link" at the top of the Home Page on our website.

This is a FREE Event to the Public to browse through Artisans or Listen to Music.

This Event is sponsored by the Mohnton Cumru Lions Club, Mohnton, PA
Call Karl Stamm (A84) 513-6966, for more details.

BOYERTOWN LIONS

CALLING ALL LIONS

The Ribbon Cutting for Mackey Field at the Boyertown Community Park



PARKESBURG LIONS



Where? Minch Park (Bring a Basket) When? 9:30AM (6-8 & 9-12 Year-Olds) 10:30AM (0-2 Year & 3-5 Year Olds *Also sponsored by Parkesburg Lions*



Some time ago, I did a search to look for invocations related to Lions. I found these three examples which I thought were well written, although I can no longer reference the source. Anyway, I thought some of our clubs may decide to use any of these examples on occasion at your own meetings

Lion Doug Yingling, Kempton Lions Club Zone Chair 2-A District Global Service Team Coordinator



Lions Invocations

Let us pray that the charity that lies in each of us be magnified day by day; that we will come to see with greater clarity not the things which separate us, but those which unite us; that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory of man over his own infirmities and weaknesses; that the true meaning of Lionism may live and grow among us and we may dwell together in the spirit of peace and harmony.

Bless this food that has been prepared for us, may it nourish and strengthen us, so that I may continue in Thy service. Amen.

BOYERTOWN LIONS

Celebrating 85 Years of Service To Our Community and the World



Boyertown Lions Club

1939 - 2024

Come and Celebrate with us

May 4, 2024

Friendship Hook and Ladder Social Quarters 10 General Speatz Avenue/Warwick Street, Beyertown, PA er of 2" Street and Streeting faces Social Time 5:00-5:30pm Dinner 5:30-0:30pm Music provided during dinner by Chris Dietz

following the meal -tour of ceneral Carl Sparts National USAAF Museum

approximately 1 hour tour

Your tour will include numerous items from General Spants time in the service of our country

as well as many items from the local community.

Museum is directly across the alley from the social quarters

Conserved Conf Spender Kentural USAMP Museum

The general was born in 1891, in Beyertown, Pa. General Carl A. Spantz was the first chief of stall of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. General Speats was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross and Brosse Star Medal. He also has the Mexican Interior Campaign Hilborr, the World War I ribbon with three battle stars, the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon with star, the turopean Theater ribbon with six stars, the Pacific Theater ribbons, the American Theater ribbon, and the World War II Victory ribbon. His foreign honors include a Grand Officer of the French Legian of Honor, the French Croix de Guerre with Falm, a Grand Commander of the British Empire, Russla's Second Geder of Suvorov and Poland's Polonia Bestituta, Commander's Cross with Stat.

> Lions Club of Boyertown 85th Charter Night Celebration May 4, 2024

Erlendship Book and Ladder Social Quarters 10 Warrick Street, Boyertown, RA (corner of 3rd Street and 5 Reading Avenue/Rt 562 S.) Social Time 5:00-5:30pm, Dinner 5:30-6:30pm Wust provide during dinner by Chris Dietz

rollowing the meal-Tour of General Carl Speatz National USAAF Museum approximately I hour box

Museum is directly across the alley from the social quarters Meals are \$20.00 per person and includes the four of the General Carl Speatz Museum

Name of person attending Please include additional names on the back of this sheet

Club Name

total number attending

Please make check out to: Uons Club of Boyestown and send to:

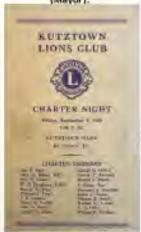
Lion Treasurer Paulo Hilbert 735 E Philadelphia Avenue, Boyertown, PA 19512

Reservations and checks must be received by April 13, 2024



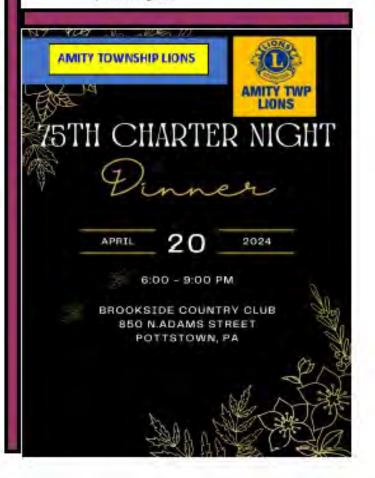
KUTZTOWN LIONS

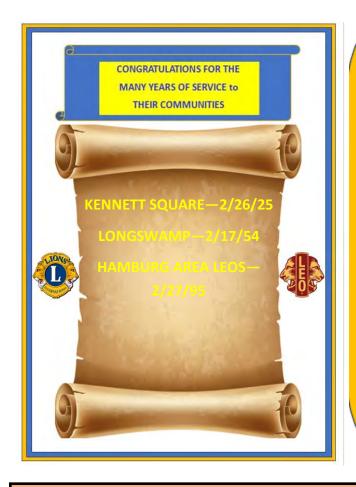
Kutztown Lions Club was founded 6/22/1939. We celebrated our first Charter Night on 9/8/1939 in Kutztown Park with 20 charter members. The first club President was John O. Melot. Guests included: Lebanon, Reading, and York Lions Clubs, plus the Lions District, and the Kutztown Burgess (Mayor).





Reading Lions Club presented us with a Gong & Gavel. Entertainment was provided by Magician Mengle and Rhinelander Band. A special tribute was given to Reading Lions Club for sponsoring us.





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PAOLI BERWYN MALVERN-MARK D. SWEENEY

HAMBURG—NENA BATTERSHELL

KUTZTOWN—JIMMY JOHNSON

HONEY BROOK—LISA GOLDMAN

BALLY—Brian Levan

HAMBURG—PATRICIA AGUAYO

HAMBURG —LIVVIAN BETZ

LONGSWAMP —INSA GOLDSTEIN

LONGSWAMP -- MARK D SWEENEY

AVON GROVE—DEBBIE BOLLENBACH





In 1920 the Lions became an International Organization with the charting a club in Winsor Canada.



100 YEARS IN 2025



WEST CHESTER

COATESVILLE

CONGRATULATIONS

In Memoriam

MHORTON CUMRU—WILHELM R MOSER
WEST GOSHEN—ROBERT H HANNA