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# From the Desk of the Governor



## Happy New Year. Thank you for your service during 2018 and keep up the good work this year.

January 2019

Unfortunately, as 2018 came to a close, we lost two of our District 14P Lions Clubs. The Mount Aetna Lions Club and the West Chester Daybreak Lions Club are disbanding. We thank these two Lions Clubs for their service and hope that their members will find other Lions Clubs to join.

As I look at our district membership on December 31, 2018, we have 1142 members, which is down 27 from the 1169 members we had on July 1<sup>st</sup>. As I said in my article last month, we had 28 new members join during the first half of our Lions year. I sent letters to each of these new Lions during December. When I completed my goals for the year with LCI, we had a five year average of 105 new members per year. I encourage you to work hard to get up to this five year average of new members and to limit losses as much as possible so that we can finish the year with at least +1 membership.

On a positive note, we are working on starting two new Lions Clubs to increase our service.

Thank you again for the clubs that participated in our autumn challenge to donate a diabetes related subscription to your local library, and also to those clubs who have donated to my district governor project raising funds in support of childhood cancer research. We will plan another district wide service project for the spring. We have sent the childhood cancer donations from the first half of the year to the State Council of Lions to be applied toward the \$100,000 statewide goal.

## On another positive note, we will have two Lions, Linda Long from Exeter Township Lions Club and Sue Prutzman from Boyertown Lions Club, attend the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in February.

On Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, during the State Council of Governors meeting in Altoona, we will have a special election in order to endorse a candidate from PA for International Director. Each Lions Club in good standing is entitled to have delegates for this special election. PDGs from clubs in good standing can also be a delegate. Information was in the December issue of Lion Eyes and should be in this issue.

A Spring Symposium is being planned for Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> at our state office building in Harrisburg. All Lions are welcome to attend this event. Details will be coming in the future, but I know that one major item of training will be on the new My Lion app which will replace mylci for service reporting.

Our district convention is being planned for Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> at Trinity E.C. Church in Boyertown. The State Convention is set for May 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos and the International Convention will be July 5-9 in Milan Italy. Thank you again for your service and I encourage you to keep up the good work.

District Governor David Hunsberger

## **From the 1st Vice District Governor**



The New Year stands before us like the new chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.



Melody Beattie – American Writer

.....and just like that we find ourselves with another 'clean sheet' – a new blank page in our Calendar to fill and determine how we continue our journey in Lionism.

This month's featured quote seems very relevant now that we are at the half way point of Lions Year 2018 – 2019. The first half of our year delivered so much new information and a few new initiatives to help us reach our International President's goal of We Serve 'Beyond the Horizon' so it is no wonder our heads are spinning!! On reflection we have:

- The New Voices Program President Gudrun's initiative to attract more women to Lions Clubs and leadership.
- A new Lions website yes there are a few wrinkles to iron out yet but whenever something new is introduced we often become impatient with it not performing like the version we were happy with (or just got used to)!
- Launched LCIF's Campaign 100 an ambitious \$300 million dollar fund raising Campaign launched to celebrate LCIF's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of continuing support for our Global Causes.
- Added Childhood Cancer to our list of Global Causes.

A lot to take in and get used to - yet the scariest one (for me) is about to happen!

Much has been published about the new **MyLion 'app'** – and I accept that not all of us are familiar with or even interested in the use of social media, however, **My Lion for the Web** is making its way to us very soon.....**and it is planned to be a replacement for MyLCI as our Reporting Tool** – the proposed timeline is currently June 30 2019.....but I would dearly love for our District Clubs to be well prepared and ready for that happening.

So, I am asking all Clubs to please add **Saturday April 13, 2019** to your 2019 Activities Calendar and join us in participating in a workshop that will feature **'MyLion for the Web'**, and consider staying to take part in the other events being planned for that day - as listed in our Save the Date Flyer– think about it!

Please accept IPDG Steve's and my warmest wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to the many wonderful friends we have made during our own journey in Lionism.

In Service and Friendship VDG Marilyn

LIONS: SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY APRIL 13 2019 8:30am - 3.30pm DISTRICT 14-P LIONS GATHERING TRINITY EVANGELICAL CHURCH 250 SWEINHART ROAD BOYERTOWN PA 19512

#### FEATURING:

TRAINING FOR INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS INTRODUCTION AND SEMINARS ON: MY LION FOR THE WEB LCIF CAMPAIGN 100 ELECTION OF 2019—2020 DISTRICT OFFICERS MULTIPLE EXHIBITORS AND BASKETS SALUTE TO LIONS NO LONGER AMONG US COFFEE AND DONUTS AND LUNCH - TBA





# District 14-P Convention BASKET RAFFLE

on

## Saturday, April 13, 2019 At Trinity E. C. Church in Boyertown

District 14-P is asking all Lions and Lioness Clubs to provide a basket for the basket raffle at the district convention. The basket should have a minimum <u>value of \$35.00</u>. Other Items of equal value would also be great! PLEASE make sure basket is **labeled** with your <u>club name</u> and plan to have your basket on location before 9:00am on Saturday April 13th.

So please let me know if your club is bringing a basket. You may call Lion Linda Long at 484-955-0413 or email me at <u>lindaslong@verizon.net</u>. If I do not hear from your club by March 17th, someone will call you for a commitment. So **please** notify me before that time with your answer.

If you are donating money in lieu of a basket, we need the check as soon as possible because there is an limited amount of weekend available for us to make the baskets. Make the check payable to <u>Linda S. Long</u> and mail it to 16-4 Cranberry Ridge, Reading, Pa. 19606.

Tickets for the basket raffle are being given to the Zone Chairman. Please be sure to return all stubs with the money and <u>ALL</u> unsold tickets to Lion Linda Long at the above address. Checks for the <u>ticket money</u> should be made payable to <u>Lions District 14-P</u>. Thank you for all your consideration in making this district convention great. I hope to see you all there.





### The International Association of Lions Clubs

January 6, 2019

L/L Susan Prutzman 600 E Philadelphia Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 at Trinity Church, 250 Sweinhart Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

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 need to be emailed (or typed copy via USPS) no later than March 31, 2019 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** or email me at *tazsuecocoa@aol.com* See you at the convention.

Yours in Lionism

L/L Susan Prutzman Certification Chairman 14P District Convention

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



# The International Association of Lions Clubs

L/L Susan Prutzman 600 E Philadelphia Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, rear Boyertown, PA 19512 January 6, 2019

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 Trinity Church, 250 Sweinhart Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 on April 13, 2019.

Please email me at *tazsuecocoa@aol.com* or call me at **484-597-0893 cell** no later than March 31, 2019 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,

L/L Susan Prutzman Certification Chairman 14-P District Convention

# **Childhood Cancer**



## **Childhood Cancer Chapter V**



I discovered that there are many colored ribbons, worn as pins, all for different causes. The ribbon designating Childhood Cancer is **gold**. I chose the ribbon topic for January *Lions' Eye* because February  $15^{\text{th}}$  is National Childhood Cancer Day. I have small gold ribbons for everyone at the cabinet meeting and ask that you take your Lion's pin, put the gold ribbon behind it and wear it that way on February 15, 2019. Let me know if anyone says anything to you. This is an outward sign of Lions support for childhood cancer. People are familiar with other ribbons, but few know about the gold one – not yellow, gold.

I have tried to provide you with basic information about childhood cancer in previous issues of *The Lions' Eye.* But, due to lack of attention on development of less toxic drugs and targeted treatments, a large percentage of survivors of childhood cancer suffer life limiting conditions.

In 1997, a small group of parents in the U.S. started discussing the need for a universal symbol to create awareness of childhood cancer and mobilize increased attention for minimizing deaths and disabilities due to childhood cancer. They chose the **Gold** ribbon because: Gold is a precious metal. Children are our most precious treasure. It is also a perfect symbol for the childhood cancer journey. Gold goes through a process by fire, to become stronger and tougher. Kids with childhood cancer similarly undergo such an experience. They often develop resiliency by facing all the difficult and painful challenges of childhood cancer.

Since 1997, the **Gold** ribbon has crossed continents and been used around the world to raise awareness and visibility, worldwide of the fight for childhood cancer. Please wear your gold ribbon with your Lion's pin on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Let me know if you need one, there is no cost.

Comments or suggestions: fgriff70929@gmail.com 610-458-5668

Starting in 2019, the Kennett Square Lions **Evening** Club has moved the meeting day to the **third Wednesday of the month** at 6:30 PM.

As of now, this is only temporary to until June.

We are still meeting at various venues so if you wish to visit give me a call or email.

The Morning Branch Club is still meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 AM at Floga Bistro.

PDG Rich Taylor









A Four Diamonds Program Conquering Childhood Cancer

Lions Clubs International has announced a new focus on pediatric cancer and joins Four Diamonds in recognizing that **pediatric cancer kills more children in the United States than any other disease.** 

## JOIN US IN THE FIGHT TO CONQUER CHILDHOOD CANCER!

The Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs is launching a new initiative with Four Diamonds by mobilizing their members to raise funds and awareness about the impact of childhood cancer.





Local Research. Global Impact.

To fundraise or donate visit: FourDiamonds.org/PALions

Four Diamonds child Devin

## **ABOUT FOUR DIAMONDS**

Since 1972, Four Diamonds has been focused on inspiring, activating and empowering over 100,000 people annually to conquer childhood cancer by assisting children and their families through superior care, comprehensive support and innovative research.

www.FourDiamonds.org

### Avon Grove Lions Club



Avon Grove Lions Senior Student of the Month for December. (left)

Hannah Thornton is a senior at Avon Grove Charter School. She will be continuing her education at Duquesne University, where she will be majoring in a 6-year Occupational Therapy Doctorate program, in addition to being a member of the Women's Swim Team. Swimming is one of her passions and she has been competitively swimming for 13 years. A lot of her volunteer work has gone towards promoting water safety and the importance of learning to swim. She teaches swim lessons and coaches a swim team, where she not only encourages water safety, but also shares and spreads her love for the water. She is very devoted to making a positive difference in her community and she truly enjoys helping others. In addition to swimming, she has been a volunteer at the Jennersville Regional Hospital, Thera-play, 2 YMCA branches, and at her church. Volunteering and giving back to the community are very important things in her life and she strives to continually help people around herself whenever she can.

Student of the Month for Avon Grove High School (right)

Juana Pantoja Fernandez is the daughter of Maria and Eduardo Pantoja of Avondale, PA. Juana is active in school by being a teaching assistant and by participating in ACTO club. Juana's list of community activities includes HOSA Community Service Ambassador, HOSA PPE Competition Leader, Holiday Hope Chest, Community Day 5K, LCH 5K, Oxford Halloween Parade, Mushroom Festival Parade, YMCA Healthy Halloween, Ronald McDonald House, The Bridge and La Mission Santa Maria. Juana has achieved Honors throughout high school and she hopes to attend either Immaculata or West Chester University majoring in Nursing with a future specialty in a maternity unit. The staff who have influenced her most are Mrs. Cowen and Mrs. Markowitz.

I don't have names of all the people in the picture. left to right 2 family members, Mother Maria, Lion Vice President John Dykins, Juana Pantoja, Father Eduardo and another family member.



#### Why do the Lions do fund raising for White Cane Days?

All Lions and Lioness Club are asked to participate in a White Cane fund raiser or activity. This can be the project most of us are familiar with of standing on a corner or at a store collecting money. Or, your club can designate one of your fundraiser as a White Cane fundraiser. Some clubs collect money during a Halloween parade. Some clubs have designated fund raisers as sandwich sales or Avon sales. All proceeds collected in the name of White Cane, can be used by your club toward any sight related expense or donation but it must be advertised that moneys collected will be used to help with sight related projects. For example, many clubs cover the cost of eye glasses and eye exams for those in need in our local community. The money collected from White Cane can be used toward these and can help meet obligations in your budget.

If you do not currently participate in a White Can Project, please discuss this with your club and work this into your current planned fund raisers and your budget.

If your club has participated in a White Cane project this LIONS year <u>please report the outcome of</u> <u>your event to your District White Cane representative</u>. Berks County – L/L Susan Prutzman @ <u>tazsuecocoa@aol.com</u> or Chester County Lion Barbara Smith @ <u>bcsdls@verizon.net</u>

#### Where did White Cane begin?

In 1921, James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England, became blind following an accident. Because he was uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home he painted his walking stick white to be more easily visible.

In 1930, Lion George A Bonham, President of the Peoria Lions Club in Illinois introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. The Peoria Lions approved the idea and white canes were made and distributed, and the Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving the bearers the right-of-way to cross the street.

The news spread quickly to other Lions Clubs throughout the United States, and their handicapped friends experimented with the white canes. The overwhelming acceptance of the white cane idea by the blind and sighted alike quickly gave cane users a unique method of identifying their special need for travel consideration amount their sighted counterparts.

Today white cane laws are on the books in every state in the US and in a few countries, providing persons o are blind a legal status in traffic. The white cane universally acknowledges the bearer is blind, alerts motorists of the need to exercise special caution and provide the user the right-away. It always symbolizes the independence, confidence and skills of the person who uses it.

In 1964 the US Congress approved a resolution authorizing the President of the US to annually issue a proclamation designating October 15 as "National White Cane Day."

In 1969 the International Federation of the Blind adopted October 15 as "International White Cane Safety Day.

## **Frystown Lions Club**



Over 100 students at Tulpehocken Junior High School participated in the local 2018-2019 Lions International Peace Poster contest, sponsored by the Frystown Lions Club and under the guidance of classroom teacher Michael Mulholland.

When the entries had been judged by the Frystown Lions Club membership, seventh grader Ella Marous of Bernville was chosen as first place winner. Joining her in the school's competition as second place honoree was Isabella Henn of Rehrersburg, and third place winner, Kaylynn Harring of Bethel.

That Ella won comes as no major surprise as her parents say as she "began drawing as a toddler." She has three siblings cheering her on, including two sisters and one brother.

The young artist loves to draw animals and she has several at-home models, if needed, including dogs, cats and chickens.

For her poster she focused on a Lion being kind to another, by sharing a piece of food, rather than fighting over it, thus showing Kindness can create Peace.

Ella has also shown her skill in other ways, including winning a t-shirt contest for the 6th grade musical, a health poster for health class, and a poster contest for an eye doctor.

She loves horseback and has been riding for six years. Ella also plays soccer, is part of a youth group and is on the school's honor roll.

The club recognized the involvement of the winning students by giving them a small financial reward for their fantastic work and extends its many thanks to the school administration and cooperating teacher, Mike Mulholland, for making this annual Frystown Lions Club service project possible.

By Adele Argot

### A NEW YEAR A NEW FUTURE A GET TOGETHER

TO MAKE THEM THE BEST EVER

Saturday, January 19, 2019

St. Thomas Church, Morgantown

#### Long Range Planning Meeting - 10am

Convention Meeting - 11am

EVERYONE WELCOME



BRING A FRIEND!!!

#### Avon Grove Leo Club



On Saturday December 8th members from the Avon Grove Charter High School Leo Club went to Luther House in Jennersville Pa. They played bingo with the residents. The Leos provided prizes and snacks for the residents. They also provided live music for the event. A great time was had by all.



The Avon Grove Lions donated new toys to Oxford Neighborhood Service Christmas Toy Drive.





Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

# **OUR FOUNDATION**

Dear Lions,

As I meet more and more Lions who are dedicated to making positive change, I always find myself awestruck at what Lions accomplish. Your compassion and desire to do good deserves an endless round of applause!

Thank you to Lions who serve by contributing their time and talent. The many hours you dedicate to serving your community and your world is an extraordinary effort that is greatly appreciated by me, Lions of the world, and those whose lives are changing because of you. Thank you to the Lions who are able to make donations to the Foundation. Thank you to every Lion who believes in the motto, "We Serve."

Wherever I travel, Lions are raising their hands to join the LCIF movement. While every Chairman is given the target of raising more funds, I have given myself a different target – to significantly raise the number of Lions who contribute to LCIF. So please encourage Lions around you and keep in mind the "Power of Each" – small donations make a big difference.

Without you, we would not be able to make such great strides. We're extending a helping hand to vulnerable populations. We're putting a stop to avoidable blindness. We're educating our children. We're supporting those who have lost everything in a natural disaster. We're fighting diabetes. We're feeding the hungry. We're protecting our environment. And, we're combating childhood cancer. If you have not done so yet, visit LCIF.org/BE100 to find out more about our plans for the future, including Campaign 100.

The world faces challenges, but Lions are here to give hope. Our Foundation is here to assist Lions. Again, thank you for your service, from the bottom of my heart.

Namaste!

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation

# Hello, mobile Lions.

Have you heard? The all-new MyLion<sup>™</sup> web experience is now available to Lions and Leos around the world! Over the next few months, we'll have lots of new videos, club activities and talking points to help you explore MyLion and get your club online. Login, explore and, as always, let us know what you think!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Avon Grove	lan D Currie	Dwayne Degler
Coventry	Sharon Glynn	Raymond Bentley
Coventry	Lori Moore	Charles Kirschman
Mohnton Cumru	Brian Simmon	John Crossan
Rehrersburg	Linda Schueller	John Schueller
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#### **Governors Visitation Schedule**

Subject to Change

Jan.	3	Shillington Lions	
	9	Wernersville Lions	
Feb.	1-3	State Council Meeting – Altoona PA	
	16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting – Morgantown PA	
	26	Muhlenberg Lions	
March	16	Spring Fling Symposium - Harrisburg	
April 13th		District Convention Boyertown	
May 16-19		State Convention Pocono Mills	
June 1st		4th Cabinet Meeting Morgantown Pa	
June 9th		Officers Appreciation Day TBD	

## Help Needed !!

The district is still in need of a candidate for Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor for the years 2019 2020 . If you qualify and are interested

Please contact PDG Carl Gundrum at

gunner@ptd.net.

Also the district is in need of other positions, contact District Governor Dave Hunsberger

