



Lion Eyes



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LIONS OF DISTRICT 14-P

LETS GET TOGETHER FOR A DAY OF DISCOVERY

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 13 2019

TIME: 8:30am - 3.30pm

**WHERE: TRINITY EVANGELICAL CHURCH
250 SWEINHART ROAD, BOYERTOWN, PA**

TRAINING SEMINARS:

PRESIDENTS

SECRETARIES

TREASURERS

CAUCUS TO ELECT

DISTRICT 14-P 2019—

2020 OFFICERS

PRESENTATION BY FOUR DIAMONDS

-
MULTIPLE EXHIBITORS

-
BASKETRAFFLE

-
SERVICE TO SALUTE
LIONS NOW AT REST

-
MORNING COFFEE and
BUFFET LUNCH

(Details on the Registration Form)

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**DISTRICT 14-P
DAY OF DISCOVERY
BUFFET LUNCH**



\$20 per person

Sliced Ham, Roast Beef, Turkey

Swiss and American Cheese

Potato and Macaroni Salads

Ring Bologna and Cheese, Baked Beans

Bread and Rolls, Pickles, Olives, Chips and Pretzels

Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks

Assorted Desserts

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM BY MONDAY APRIL 8 2019

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Club _____

Club Contact _____

Attendees

(Additional Names can be listed on the back of this form)

Buffet Lunch

___ Members at \$20 per member = \$___

Checks should be made payable to LCI District 14-P

Please mail completed form and checks to:

PDG Richard Taylor

402 Megan Court, Kennett Square, PA 19348

From the Desk of the Governor



I have now visited all of our District 14P Lions and Lioness Clubs since the beginning of August. Our Lions Clubs are in a variety of conditions from small clubs struggling to survive to larger clubs with many activities. In each of my club visits, I stressed that our local Lions Clubs are the most important part of Lions Clubs International. The district can't bring members to your club, but we are willing to work with your local Lions Club to help you grow stronger and bring in members.

One way of helping our Lions Clubs is through the seminars and conventions coming up. On March 16th there will be a Spring Symposium at our state office in Harrisburg. This symposium is open to all Lions and will cover topics such as the new My Lion app, orientation for all members, and mentoring. A flyer is in this issue of Lion Eyes. Our District 14P Convention will be on April 13th in Boyertown and will also include training on the My Lion app, training for club officers, a presentation by the Four Diamonds Foundation, many exhibits, etc. Again a flyer is in this issue of Lion Eyes.

Our state convention will be at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. At this past month's meeting of the State Council of Governors a proposal was approved that would change the method of choosing the PA Council Chairperson from the current rotation among districts to a method in which the Council Vice Chairperson would be selected by the State Council of Governors from among the First Vice District Governors. This will be brought to the state convention for a vote. The approved ballot question is in this issue of Lion Eyes. Please make sure your Lions Club has delegates there.

One of the struggles that I have had as District Governor this year is that I have not had Lions to serve in a number of the Cabinet positions. I could not totally fill the zone chair positions this year. This is an important position to keep contact between the district and our clubs. I had a goal of increasing female membership in the district but could not fill the women and family membership cabinet position. I have not had a Leo Advisor on the cabinet. I have tried to keep in touch with our club Leo Liaisons to inform them about the Leo of the Year award and Leo rallies and forums coming up at Beacon Lodge and in Arizona. The Cabinet Leo Coordinator is an important position for the future of our district in order to bring Leos into our Lions Clubs.

Last month, I sent a letter to this year's new members of our Lions Clubs encouraging them to learn about the district and become active. I encourage everyone to become active in Lions beyond your local club. At this point in the year, 1st VDG Marilyn Wagner will begin trying to fill the cabinet positions for her year as District Governor. I encourage you to help her and serve at the district level. As a matter of fact, we still do not have a candidate for 1st Vice District Governor starting July 1st. This should be a former club president and former zone chair person or cabinet officer. Please consider stepping up for this position if you are qualified. The Vice District Governor years are important years for training to serve as District Governor.

I still have four months to go in my year as your District Governor and a lot of goals could be accomplished in that time. Please let me know if you are willing to help in a position such as working to bring more female members into our District 14P Lions Clubs.

As always, thank you for the service you have been providing as a Lions Club member in our district.

David M. Hunsberger
District Governor 14P

From the 1st Vice District Governor



“Don't be afraid to make mistakes. But if you do, make new ones. Life is too short to make the wrong choice twice.”

— Joyce Rachelle, author

In opening this month - I need to set the record straight regarding our new Service Reporting Tool – **MyLion**, available in both an app and desktop versions already, but more importantly set to become **THE** reporting tool for all of our Clubs Service activities from July 1 2019!

Having attended a webinar just yesterday to discover how this new system works it was immediate apparent that my earlier indications on what this system would do/replace was in fact incorrect.....**MyLCI** is not going anywhere, so, fellow Club Secretaries and Administrators are able to continue reporting Membership additions/drops etc. change of Officers and still manage any billing from LCI. My mistake - and I will attempt to make my next one a new one as Joyce Rachelle suggests! There may in my future, but I will try to make them new ones.

That being said this new reporting platform is going to be all about your **SERVICE** - be it combined with a Fundraising activity or simple working cleaning up the local park or maintaining a property you hold your meetings in. There is a level of complexity that will still be demonstrated at our upcoming April 13 Convention/Day of Discovery – so Lions, if you can bring your laptop along and we can discover together how we can record and share our stories with other Lions, Lions Clubs in our Constitutional Area and beyond.

Another opportunity to familiarize yourselves with **MyLion** is available before our own Convention/Day of Discovery – somewhere in this month's edition you will find a flyer for the **Spring Symposium**.

MD14 GST Tom Gregg will be among the presenters and he is featuring a 2 Hour interactive session on **MyLion** – the date is Saturday March 15th and the venue is the PA State Office, 949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg PA 17111. Other seminars being held that day include Membership, Club Growth and New Clubs; Orientation (Not just for New Lions) and Mentoring. For any Lion in our area interested in learning more simply let GST Tom Gregg or State Administrator Robert McComas know you will be attending.



Changing direction completely - Congratulations to two of our own District 14-P Lions – **Lion Linda Long** and **Lion/Lioness Susan Prutzman**, both seated in the front row of the picture, attended the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in York PA the weekend of February 22 thru 24 2019. I am sure you will join with me in thanking them for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend this Regional Institute with Lions from across Pennsylvania. I understand how intense this weekend might have been for them all, since I recently returned from the week long DGE/FVDGE Elect Training at the Q Center. St. Charles, IL. At least the weather was a little kinder in PA – it was very White, Icy and cold traveling to Chicago.

In closing this month – just a reminder that Election time is almost upon us – not just for our District Officers, but for you as Lions to decide who will lead you in your Clubs for the Lions Year 2019 – 2020. I know some of you have trouble in filling positions within your Club, and some of you have held the same role for a number of years.....but maybe consider encouraging newer members to your ranks to simply shadow you this year to encourage their leadership skill set – to 'try it on for size' so to speak. I have guides and e-books to share with you to help with this and look to my opener – some members might simply be afraid of making a mistake, or feel it is too much 'work' – but we are all here to help and encourage one another – we seriously need to in order to grow. Think about it!

In Service and Friendship
FVDG Marilyn

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 value of \$35.00. Other Items of equal value would also be great! PLEASE make sure basket is **labeled** with your club name 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 lindalong@verizon.net . 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 Linda S. Long 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 ALL unsold tickets to Lion Linda Long at the above address. Checks for the ticket money should be made payable to Lions District 14-P. Thank you for all your consideration in making this district convention great. I hope to see you all there.





Global Action Team Spring Symposiums



March 16th at the PA Lions State Office

This location is for the East and Central Regions

Time 9AM until 3PM

Lunch will available at a cost of \$5

RSVP to PDG Tom Gregg at tomgregg1@verizon.net

March 17th at the Blind Association of Butler

This location is for the West Region

322 N. Cedar Street, Butler PA

Time Noon until 5 PM

Please attend the location that is convenient for you and it is open to all Lions

Presenters:

PID Cindy Gregg, Constitutional Area 1B GMT Leader

PDG Deb Burkholder, MD 14 GLT Coordinator

PDG Cheryl Wilbur, MD 14 GMT Coordinator

PDG Tom Gregg, MD 14 GST Coordinator

Topics

MyLion Web Based Reporting System

(Please bring a laptop or tablet plus 2 projects or meetings you would like to create and report)

Orientation: Not Just for New Lions

Mentoring

Membership, Club Growth and New Clubs



Symposium Presentation Schedule

March 16th

PA Lions State Office Harrisburg, PA

9 AM until 11 AM: MyLion

PDG Tom Gregg

11 AM until Noon: Membership, Club Growth and New Clubs PID Cindy Gregg

Noon until 1 PM: LUNCH

1 PM until 2 PM: Orientation, Not Just for New Lions

PDG Deb Burkholder

2 PM until 3 PM: Mentoring

PDG Cheryl Wilbur

March 17th

Blind Association of Butler, 322 N. Cedar St. Butler, PA

Noon until 2 PM: MyLion

PDG Tom Gregg

2 PM until 3 PM: Membership, Club Growth and New Clubs PID Cindy Gregg

3 PM until 4 PM: Orientation, Not Just for New Lions

PDG Deb Burkholder

4 PM until 5 PM: Mentoring

PDG Cheryl Wilbur

Childhood Cancer

Childhood Cancer – Chapter 7 “Alex”

You have probably seen “Alex’s Lemonade Stands” – This is the story behind those stands:

Alexandra (Alex) Scott was born to Liz and Jay Scott in Manchester, Connecticut, January 18, 1996, the second of four children. Shortly before her first birthday, she was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, one of the childhood cancers. Her parents were told that even if she survived the cancer, she would probably never walk again.

But Alex was a brave baby and by her third birthday she could crawl and stand up with leg braces. It looked like she was beating the odds, but within the next year, the tumors had started to grow again. After her 4th birthday, she received a stem cell implant and said, “When I get out of the hospital I want to have a lemonade stand”.

And, she did – in her front yard, and raised over \$2,000; this was in 2000. By the time she died at age eight, her lemonade stands had raised \$1,000,000 and inspired the legacy that we see today. That is only one way that we are gaining funds to support research for childhood cancer. **Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, based in Bala Cynwyd, PA!**

Alex’s goal: “To give money to doctors to allow them to help kids like me.” There are supporters around the world with lemonade stands, all because of our brave Alex, now an angel in heaven. Think of having a lemonade stand at your next Flea Market, Barbecue or other event for childhood Cancer Research from District 14-P

PDG Fran



The International Association of Lions Clubs

L/L Susan Prutzman
600 E Philadelphia Avenue, 1st Floor, rear
Boyertown, PA 19512

January 6, 2019

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 qualify.***

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

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.



The International Association of Lions Clubs

L/L Susan Prutzman
600 E Philadelphia Avenue, 1st 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

COMING MARCH 11TH

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TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT DISTRICT 14-P CONVENTION - APRIL 13

WIN BIG MONEY

Candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor 2019/2020

To be elected at the convention



Lion Gary became a member of the Boyertown Lions Club in November 2009. He served as Club President in 2014-2015. His involvement with the District began in 2015 as a Zone Chair for Zone 3A and completing a 3 year term. Also Chaired the PR-Print Media Team along with other District committees. Lion Gary graduated the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in November 2016 also became a Guiding Lion in 2018.

Currently serving on the Bing Miller Board , he is a Bing Miller Fellow and a Melvin Jones Fellow, PA Lions Foundations Fellow, Gene Polgar Fellow and a Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley Life Member.

Lion Gary resides in Boyertown with his wife and Partner in Service Lion Paula. Proud parents of 2 children and 2 Grandgirls.

*Thank
You*

To all Lions in Multiple District 14

Lion Susan and I are both honored and humbled by the overwhelming support that was shown to us during the Council meeting on February 1st thru February 3rd. The friendships we have made over the past years, the working relationships and the good times were shown this weekend.

To all that drove a distance in the cold winter weather to vote, your true Lionism was evident as this is what Lions do when necessary. We both thank you for your willingness to go the extra mile.

As the now endorsed candidate for MD-14, our next hill to climb is the election in Milan. If elected, I commit to be a "full time" Director representing both MD-14 and Lions of the world. I will do my best to support the motto of "We Serve".

PCC Edwards

Latest News re DG Project 2017 – 2018 2 x Disaster Relief Stations



Of course my first and most important statement is to once again express my **THANKS** to all the Clubs who financially supported this Project. Your donations totaled \$20,002.14.....enough to enable our District to obtain two of the units to add to the one pictured left - We would never had seen this dream fulfilled without your involvement.

So - where are we in the process of turning that donation into a reality??

As I said many times during my year as Governor we would be able to apply for a grant from our own Lions Clubs International Foundation to assist with the dream of purchasing 2 units – since each unit costs \$15,000.00 – simply stated your donation amount of \$20,000 plus the Grant from LCIF enables us to have two units to house disaster relief goods when sending them to a disaster site as well as provide housing for the aid workers to live in whilst helping a local community rebuild.

As anyone who has spent the time putting a grant together knows there is an element of detail paperwork necessary to justify the application for funding, and while we have most of it put together we still require information from our local Emergency Management Services – including details on County wide Disaster Planning. It has taken time to get to the right people to complete this and once that is together we will submit the Grant Application to LCIF for approval. Thankfully we are following the plans submitted by neighboring District D, who finally got their Grant application completed – the unit in the picture is the reality of just one unit from that little model I brought to every visit!

When we do receive our units, we will then need a place to store them. We would like to have a couple of visible sites at the side of a major highway in both Berks and Chester counties, so we can also use them as “billboards” for Lions Clubs Disaster Relief when they are not in use. We will work on insurance and logistics at that time

Once again **THANK YOU** – I was informed recently that some of you might have some questions as to where we were in the process and just wanted to assure you we are continuing our efforts to bring this Project to a successful conclusion – keep watching this space!

In Service and Friendship
IPDG Stephen S Wagner

KidSight

News & Updates

The **KidSight Trailers** is all dressed up and looking for a place to go. If Punxsutawney just around the corner for screening **Community Days, of Festivals** in Berks Our trailer is



and air conditioner and a twin generator hook up for power enabling us to screen just about anywhere. So were asking **Your Club** to help us find these screening opportunities. For more information please contact me via my email peshober@ptd.net or by telephone (610-781-3442).

For current and future **Volunteers**, we will be holding a training session in March (TBA) for the following:

- **SCREENER** - Camera Operator, only requirement is steady hand and about five 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.

Help KidSight save the sight of our children

Philip Shober, PDG
14P KidSight

Global Service Team Coordinator

SPRING CHALLENGE

Thank you to all of the clubs that participated in our earlier challenge!, donating magazines to local libraries! Now it's time for a new challenge!

What & Why?

Every club is challenged to devote their April meeting(s) to completing a service project related to the environment! (Happy Earth Day!)

Is your club trying to discover how you can do more hands-on service?

This challenge will help your club to see how you can incorporate hands-on service in an easy, low-risk way!

How?

Do you schedule speakers for your meetings? Spend the time doing a project instead!

Hold your meeting at a different location- one where you can serve the environment! Make sure it's at the same time on the same day- this will help your regular meeting goers to be encouraged to join you.

Need some ideas? Here's a few! But don't forget- your creativity is always encouraged! Try to come up with something you can do right in the comfort of your meeting space.

- Fill care packages for trail workers or highway clean up crews (water bottles, rubber gloves, sanitizer, bandaids, etc)
- Create an info sheet of environmental tips- spend your meeting folding and stuffing into envelopes & then mail to your community!
- Invite an environmental group to your meeting and help them with an activity- sorting items? Filling materials? Ask what they need!
- Bring materials to your meeting space & spend the time planting into seed starters
- Create a schedule of collection campaigns for your community
- Work to make posters that will hang in schools or businesses reminding individuals to recycle
- Turn your meeting into a training program for local community members on environmental issues

Don't Forget!!!

Make sure to report the work your club decides to do online & in your M & A!

Also- don't forget that the purpose of this challenge is to try something new!

Try to refrain from writing monetary donations or just inviting speakers to clubs! Use this opportunity to find a new way that your club can participate in hands on service with each other!

Madison Kaley

District 14P Global Service Team Coordinator

Attention Delegates to the State Convention !!!

Below is the resolution to be voted on

Also see District Web Site

Ballot Question 2019 Multiple District 14 Convention

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CONCERNS THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 CONSTITUTION. (THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST TO ADOPT.)

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A REVISION TO THE SELECTION OF THE VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AND THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AS LISTED IN ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 1-COMPOSITION, SECTION 4-COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON, AND SECTION 5- COUNCIL VICE CHAIRPERSON.

THIS REVISION IS TO CHANGE THE PROCESS OF THE SELECTION OF THE VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AND COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON FROM A DISTRICT ROTATION TO ONE WHERE THE VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON IS SELECTED FROM THE FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS.

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2019, Article VII, Sections 1, 4, and 5 will read as follows:

“Section 1. COMPOSITION. There shall be a State Council composed of all of the District Governors in the Multiple District and the Chairperson of the State Council (who shall be a Past District Governor), who are the voting members.

Section 4. COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON. The Chairperson of the State Council shall be the Immediate Past District Governor who served in the capacity of Vice Council Chairperson during the preceding year. The Council Chairperson will serve a one- year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. In the event the Chairperson is unable or refuses to serve, or having accepted, resigns or dies, the sitting District Governors shall appoint an Immediate Past District Governor to serve the remaining term of office. If no Immediate Past District Governor is willing to serve, the District Governors will select a qualified Past District Governor to serve the remainder of the term. Any lion selected to serve as Council Chairperson must be a Pennsylvania resident and a member in good standing of an MD-14 Lions Club.

Section 5. VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON. The Vice Council Chairperson for Lions year 2019-2020 shall be the District Governor from District 14 P. The Vice Council Chairperson for Lions year 2020-2021 shall be the District Governor from District 14 T. The Vice Council Chairperson for the Lions year 2021-2022 shall be the District Governor from District 14 U. The Vice Council Chairperson for Lions year 2022-2023 shall be the District Governor from District 14 W. For Lions year 2023-2024 and thereafter, the determination as to who will be the Vice Council Chairperson for a given Council shall be made while that group is serving as First Vice District Governors. One of the sitting First Vice District Governors will be selected by the sitting District Governors at the Fourth Council of Governors Meeting. The first selection of a Vice Council Chairperson using this method will occur at the Fourth Council of Governors Meeting of the 2022-2023 Lions year. The Vice Council Chairperson will serve a one-year term (concurrent with the year as District Governor) and then become the Council Chairperson. In the event, either before or after becoming the Vice Council Chairperson, the Lion is unable or refuses to serve, or having accepted, resigns or dies, the sitting District Governors shall appoint a replacement from among the same group of First Vice District Governors (who may now be District Governors) to serve out the term of office and then serve as the Council Chairperson. If no one in this group is willing to serve, then the sitting District Governors will select a qualified Past District Governor to serve in the position.”

SHALL THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? YES NO



LEADER DOG

Summer Experience Camp

**Saturday, June 22 thru
Saturday June 29, 2019.**

**Deadline for applications is
March 31, 2019.**

Leader Dog for the Blind's new Summer Experience Camp Program is a unique opportunity for teenagers who are 16 and 17 and are legally blind. To help teens prepare for the next stage of their lives, we offer leadership development, an introduction to guide dogs, and the opportunity to spend time with peers. GPS devices are incorporated throughout the week in a variety of useful environments, including a college campus. Campers also experience tandem biking, beep kickball, rock wall climbing and more!

Here in Instructor Leslie Hoskins. COMS own words what Summer Camp means to her:

"EXHAUSTING! If I had to describe Summer Experience Camp in just one word, it would be "exhausting." However, it's more than that—it's meaningful, impactful and a great experience for campers and instructors. As instructors, camp allows us the opportunity to facilitate life-changing experiences for teens and create an atmosphere where being visually impaired is "normal."

I enjoy watching the campers arrive on the first day full of nervous energy... and with their phones glued to their hands. By day two or three, they start to care less about their phones and more about who will be their partner for night lesson or how their team can win table wars. The shift happens quickly, and before we know it, lifelong friendships have been formed.

Camp is full of fun activities like allowing campers to ride a tandem bike for the first time or challenge themselves by climbing a rock wall. It's amazing how a group of kids who have never met before can become close friends within a matter of days. They quickly build bonds and support one another, constantly cheering and pushing each other to try new things.

Talent show night is easily the best night of camp. The kids practice throughout the week and often group talents are formed. We've had singers, pianists, comedians and even a beat boxer. Confidence is at an all-time high, which makes for some outstanding performances.

The last day of camp is always bittersweet; instructors are excited to catch up on the sleep we've missed throughout the week, but we will miss hearing the giggles in the hallways and the chants on the buses. One good thing is that we often see campers again since many come back to Leader Dog for Accelerated O&M Training or Guide Dog Training. We've had the opportunity to catch up with campers, sometimes years later, and are delighted to hear that they kept in contact with friends made at camp. This makes all the exhausting days and sleepless nights of camp worth it."

If you know of a teen who would benefit from this experience complete the application found on

www.leaderdog.org/programs/summer-experience-camp/

Leader Dog Chair, FVDG Marilyn



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS – 2019

NEW TRAINING OPTIONS



Urban training in Chicago and Deaf-Blind training in Naples, Florida are part of Leader Dog's options for clients.

Beginning in July 2019, Leader Dogs for the Blind will offer a variety of Guide Dog Training options:

On-campus: This option mirrors our current training design but will be three weeks in length. Clients are able to focus on training without everyday distractions of home, e.g., cooking, cleaning, family.

In-home Delivery: A guide dog mobility instructor (GDMI) takes a dog to the client and trains the team in the home environment for up to 10 days. This format benefits clients who need to care for a family member or continue a full-time job. In-home delivery is designed for experienced clients but can be an option for first-time guide dog users.

Flex: Training starts on campus and then transitions to the client's home. This allows the client to solidify the basics of guide dog work before transferring the skills to their normal environment with GDMI support.

Urban: An option for clients who live, work or travel in large cities. The training consists of two weeks of on-campus training followed by one week in Chicago.

Warm Weather: This 14-day class is held in Naples, Florida and is offered to clients who live in warm environments or have health conditions that do not allow them to be outdoors in cold climates.

Deaf-Blind: Training specifically for clients with both hearing and vision loss. Clients may be hearing impaired or profoundly deaf. Deaf-Blind clients may attend warm weather training in Florida to allow for better communication when utilizing Tactile American Sign Language.



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Clients Served Year to Date (6/1/2018 - 1/15/2019)

Guide Dog Training Total:126

Canada: 10

Chile: 1

Dominican Republic: 1

Mexico: 9

Peru: 1

Spain: 19

United States: 85

AL	1	MO	2
AZ	2	MT	1
CA	3	NC	1
CO	5	ND	1
DC	1	NE	1
DE	1	NY	1
FL	2	OH	1
GA	1	PA	6
IA	2	SC	2
IL	4	SD	1
IN	10	TX	2
KS	1	VA	1
MD	2	WA	2
MI	18	WI	9
MN	1		

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