



# LION EYES

DISTRICT 14-P

“We Serve”

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NOVEMBER 2021

## Calendar of Events

Nov 21st: West Goshen Fruit Sale

### Zone 4A unites for Ida Disaster Relief



Around 9/6/21 I contacted my Zone4a clubs to suggest Ida disaster recovery relief as a joint project. As a joint project of all 5 Zone 4a Lions clubs (Coatesville, Eagle Glenmoore, PBM, West Chester & West Goshen) the clubs decided to help the Chester County Ida victims.

Zone 4a Chair Toby Price Gelman reached out beyond 4a to Avon Grove & Kennett Lions Clubs regarding their affected areas. Areas including Pocopson Township where numerous homes were washed away leaving only the foundations.

I reached out to 2 Lions (GLT Marilyn

Wagner & State Disaster Chair Lion Jim Groth) involved in District 14p & beyond Disaster Recovery to see about a District 14p disaster plan for Chester County.

Zone 4a has donated \$4500 to disaster relief and has also:

- \*had clothing drive
- \*purchased backpacks & School supplies for numerous Downingtown School District children who lost everything (9 girls, 8 boys)
- \*donated to Rev Doris Haley’s Ministry for numerous children who lost everything
- \*donated to Lords Pantry who is providing food for all communities from Downingtown to Phoenixville.

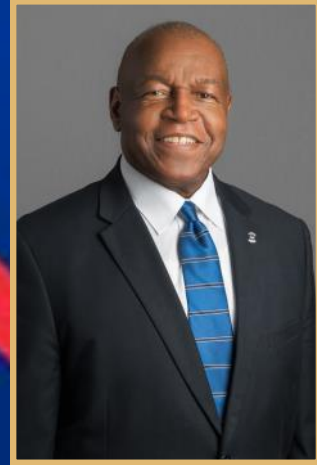
I am proud to be Zone Chair for Zone 4a as all the clubs support willingly & enthusiastically all Zone4a projects. We also currently do a joint eye glass collection in June & December. PDG Dave Sampson & Lion Linda Sampson come up to West Goshen to collect the glasses.

*-Zone 4a Chair Toby Price Gelman*





**We Serve**



**Dear Lion,**

*Your commitment to the health and safety of your community makes a real difference in people's lives, especially in our efforts to fight diabetes. You are advocates, educators and leaders. And for many, your intervention is the first step toward preventing type 2 diabetes and getting back on the path toward a healthier lifestyle.*

*Diabetes affects nearly 10% of the world's adult population—and half of those currently living with the disease are undiagnosed. That's where Lions can be the difference. Let's all work together to raise awareness and educate our friends and neighbors so we can keep families healthy and our communities strong.*

**Yours in Service,**  
*Douglas X. Alexander*  
*International President*

"Lions are a family like no other. And with our hearts united in service, we will lift up our communities all over the world. Because in times of great need, only a greater passion for service can make the world a better place for all people."



— Douglas X. Alexander  
Lions Club International President  
2021/2022

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please review the document below for important information regarding your annual tax filing obligation. Thank you!

### **ANNUAL TAX FILING INFORMATION**



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# A Message from District Governor Gary Hilbert

November is the month to celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a true American tradition. Family and friends gather together to receive the blessings our Lord has given to us. A table will be set with meat, potatoes, greens and desserts to satisfy everyone. Holiday time is for indulging in the pleasure of sweets and treats. Throwing caution to the wind.



November is also Diabetes awareness month. Diabetes is a disease that effects millions of people around the world. What is Diabetes ? The best way I can explain it is when your body does not produce enough blood glucose or blood sugar....your body loses energy and needs more sugar and energy to reach the blood cells.

So how do we regulate this disease that effects so many of us ? Diet and exercise are the best ways to prevent or delay Diabetes. Why did I write about this? I'm glad you asked. There is a type of Diabetes (Diabetic Retinopathy) that can cause blindness. Diabetes is one of Lions Clubs International's global causes. I'm aware of a few clubs who promote Diabetes awareness programs for prevention and treatment. Thank you for that. I would love to have someone as part of our District 14P cabinet to coordinate a Diabetes program. If this is something of interest to you, Please contact me. I'd love to have you as part of the team.

Thank You to the clubs who have welcomed me this past month. Avon Grove, Amity Township, Oxford, West Chester, Central Berks, Strausstown, Exeter Township, Coatesville, Conrad Weiser, and Kimberton. It is my honor to meet our lions of District 14P. Keep up the good work and I wish you all a Blessed holiday season.

## WE SERVE FROM THE HEART



DG Gary



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*with us!*



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[District 14-P - Lions e-District Houses](#)



610-468-4788

### *Proposed*

### *District Governor's Schedule*

**November 6th:  
District Cabinet  
Meeting #2 @ Trinity  
Church, Boyertown**

**November 13th:  
Guiding Lion  
Training @ Trinity  
Church, Boyertown**

### *Visitations*

- Nov 2nd: Tipton**
- Nov 3rd: Spring Twp**
- Nov 4th: Shillington**
- Nov 9th: Paoli  
Berwyn Malvern**
- Nov 11th:  
Fleetwood &  
Kutztown**
- Nov 17th: Kempton**
- November 18th:  
Kennett Square**
- Nov 20th: Lionville**
- Nov 23rd:  
Muhlenberg**





# A Message From 1st VDG Chrissy Smaltz

*Hello fellow lions,*

*I hope everyone has enjoyed there summer, I hope everyone is staying safe and warm with all this crazy weather. DG Gary and I had attended the fall symposium in Harrisburg last weekend, I really enjoy the symposiums they are very fun and informative. If you have not ever attended one you should really go. I will be visiting various clubs in the coming months and I am very excited about meeting in person again. Parkersburg President Jane Rice will be attending a meeting with me. I can't begin to thank everyone for all of your support you have been giving me through my journey. I could and would not be here if it were not for my family of lions, also the support of my family, I am very grateful. Thank you. DG Gary and I had attended the Coatesville area Lions club, I would like to thank President Latvia Moskel for her club donating food to the City Gate men's shelter, also to the Methodist church in Coatesville, also the club has donated \$500.00 to the Disaster Relief fund for Coatesville residents, thank you for the support of your community.*



1st VDG

*Chrissy Smaltz*

**NOVEMBER IS  
NATIONAL  
DIABETES  
MONTH**

**ARE YOU AT  
RISK FOR TYPE  
2 DIABETES?**

**1 IN 10 PEOPLE HAVE DIABETES  
(MOST HAVE TYPE 2 DIABETES)**



**1 IN 4 PEOPLE DON'T  
KNOW THEY HAVE DIABETES**



**YOU CAN STAY HEALTHIER  
LONGER AND LOWER  
YOUR RISK OF TYPE 2 DIABETES  
WITH THESE STEPS:**

- **STAY AT A HEALTHY WEIGHT**
- **EAT WELL**
- **BE ACTIVE**



**THESE FACTORS INCREASE YOUR RISK FOR DEVELOPING TYPE 2 DIABETES:**



Being overweight



**Race and ethnicity:**  
African American,  
Hispanic/Latino American,  
American Indian,  
Pacific Islander,  
Asian American



Being physically active less than 3 times a week



Having a parent, brother, or sister with type 2 diabetes

**45+**

Being 45 years or older



Having had gestational diabetes (diabetes in pregnancy) or giving birth to a baby who weighed more than 9 pounds



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Childhood Cancer

Lions Clubs  International



## CERTIFIED GUIDING LION PROGRAM

*A Course for Success*

**A program for Lions that is designed to assist Clubs that are newly chartered, established or rebuilding!**

**We are urgently in need of dedicated Lions who are willing to serve and help our District grow! Details of the program requirements can be found at [lionsclubs.org/Guiding Lion Program](http://lionsclubs.org/Guiding Lion Program).**

**The Workshop is open to all Lions willing to learn and share our Service Journey in Lionism with other members of your communities.**

**CERTIFIED GUIDING LION WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 2012**

**9:30AM THRU 2:30PM**

**BOYERTOWN TRINITY CHURCH**

**250 Swinehart Road, Boyertown PA 19512**

**To register and join our team please contact:**

**DG Gary Hilbert at [glh40@comcast.net](mailto:glh40@comcast.net) or**

**IPCC Marilyn Wagner at [marilynwagner23@gmail.com](mailto:marilynwagner23@gmail.com)**



*Welcome New Members!*



*Un Suk Kim, Sponsored by Sue Prutzman to Boyertown  
Andrew Worth, Sponsored by Edward Dell to Muhlenberg  
Troy Lape, Sponsored by Richard Klopp to Refrersburg*

**Reminder! Charter & entrance fees for new members are waived until December 31, 2021!**



## November Club Anniversaries

*Conrad Weiser*

*November 30th 1955*







# "Service from the Heart"

## Spring Township



*Wilson High School Leo Club, Super Heroes!*

*What a great group of students. They were so proud to be 2nd in line and carry their banner. They can't wait until next year! A great night of fun at the parade Sponsored by the Spring Township Lions Club. The parade was awesome. Great applause to the Halloween parade committee . You did an awesome job. Everyone was having fun. A lot of work and preparation was put into this parade!*

## Coatesville



*Coatesville Lions Club part of Zone 4a sold hotdogs, etc at East Fallowfield Park Concert on 9/25. In support of one of her clubs Zone 4a Chair Toby Price Gelman traveled to East Fallowfield.*

*Pictured left to right*

*Lion Penny Swank, Zone 4a Chair Toby, Joanne Ramsley.*

*In white background President Lathea Moskel.*



# "Service from the Heart"

## Avon Grove



Jackson Barno, is a 17 year old Senior at Avon Grove Charter School and the October winner for Lions Club Senior of the Month. He has been attending AGCS since Kindergarten and is currently an active member in the school's Academic Competition Team. Out of school, Jackson is a leader in his Boy Scout troop and is currently finishing up the final parts needed to achieve his Eagle Scout. His main volunteer service is related to his time volunteering during the summer as an unpaid camp counselor at Camp Ware, which is the local scouting organization's Cub Scout camp. Jackson is also currently enlisted in the PA Army Guard as a PV2 under their split option program and got back from basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood at the end of August of this year. After high school Jackson plans to attend Shippensburg University to major in Business Administration.

Pictured LtoR Stacy Barno, Michael Barno, Jackson Baro and Lions President Dave Graham

The Avon Grove Lions recognized a Senior Student of the Month from the Avon Grove High School.

Nicholas Kuech has been named the Lions Club Student of the Month for October. He is the son of Tabatha Sedio of Avondale and Robert Kuech of Parkesburg. Nicholas's list of school activities includes Vice President of his Freshman Class, Communications Officer of his Sophomore Class, Student Council (9th & 10th), AGTV and Computer Science Honor Society (11th & 12th). Nicholas has helped teach PLE and AGI students how to program and code as part of Code.org, he has taught High School students coding and future careers it can benefit, and he has helped produce videos for the district (i.e. Holiday Holla 2020 and My Name, My Identity). Academically Nicholas has achieved Distinguished Honors throughout High School. Nicholas plans to attend Penn State University and major in Cyber Security. Teachers who have influenced Nicholas the most are Mr. Christy, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Shrake.

Pictured LtoR Frank Taylor, Joyce Taylor ( Nick's Grandparents) Nick Kuech and Lion's President Dave Graham.



Did your club do a service project? Don't forget to report it on MyLion! Need help reporting? IPDG Art is ready to help you!  
Contact: [artpecht413@gmail.com](mailto:artpecht413@gmail.com) or 484.680.4315





# "Service from the Heart"

## West Goshen



CC Day 2021 - Lion hostess Marie D'Antonio and homeowner in West Chester

3 West Goshen Lions volunteered at the annual Chester County Day to benefit Chester County Hospital. Below is Lion Secretary Marie D'Antonio (left) as a Tour Guide at one of the historic Houses, Lions Leroy Goldsmith & Tom Walsh helped with Parking.

## Avon Grove

District Governor Gary Hilbert presented a Melvin Jones Award for Immediate Avon Grove Lions Past President Dwayne Degler. His wife Lion Tara Degler accepted for Lion Dwayne at the October meeting of the Avon Grove Lions.



Want to see your club featured here?

Send your pictures to Lion Eyes Editor Stephanie Gerlott at:  
[sgerlott@comcast.net](mailto:sgerlott@comcast.net)

Send it to me by the 26th and you will see it in next month's Lion Eyes!



# "Service from the Heart"

## West Goshen



West Goshen Lions Club raising money for White Cane Day supporting Vision at Shop Rite West Goshen. Club collected October 12, 14 & 15.

ZC Toby Price Gelman doing her part. Some of charities supported include CampAbilities, Chester County Association for the blind & Visually Impaired, Leader Dog also eye glasses for needy West Chester School District students.

## Avon Grove



The Avon Grove Lions held a White Cane collection for the sight impaired at Starbucks in Jennersville. The Lions collect \$550 to be distributed to organizations that support the sight impaired.





# "Service from the Heart"

## Avon Grove



At their meeting on October 19th the Avon Grove Lions were honored to present to Lion Buster Needham his Chevron for 60 year of service with the Avon Grove Lions. It was commented that some of the Lions at the meeting hadn't been born when Lion Buster joined the Avon Grove Lions.

<LtoR Avon Grove Lions President Dave Graham, Lion Buster Needham

The Avon Grove Lions Presented a check to the Avon Grove Middle School's Robotics Club. The Lions have been a longtime supporter of this Club.

The Club teaches the children to work as a team.

LtoR Eric Robison, Avon Grove Lion President Dave Graham, John Murray >



The Avon Grove Lions made a donation to the Avon Grove High School's After Prom Event. The event provides a safe place for the kids to go and have fun after the prom.

<LtoR Amy Bossong form PAC, Avon Grove Lions President Dave Graham







# "Service from the Heart"



The Avon Grove Lions Conducted Kids Sight, Eye Screenings at Penn Township's Fall Festival. The Lions screened 34 children. Books from the Lions Book Barn along with candy were offered to all children attending. Leos from the Avon Grove High School assisted the Lions.



<Sock Collection for Veterans at the Coatesville VA hospital- organized by Scott Bria

East Fallowfield Park Day- assist the Coatesville Area Lions Club



Clothing Collection for Coatesville Flood Victims ^>





**West Goshen Lions Club 2021 Fruit Sale**

You can order on the web

<https://freshfruitorder.org/WestGoshenLions>

**Sale ends Sunday November 21 at 5pm**

**Pick up Fruit December 7<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm, Dec 8/9 10am-3pm**

**ABC Paper & Chemical Co.**

**510 E. Barnard St.**

**Across street from West Chester Area Senior Center**

\*\*\*\*\*We need Fruit picked up & out of the warehouse by Friday December 9, 5pm



Contact-Tony Simkovich  
email [simkovich1@comcast.net](mailto:simkovich1@comcast.net)

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**THE EXETER TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB**

**WILL BE CELEBRATING**

**THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**ON APRIL 27TH 2022 AT 6:30 PM**

**AT JANELLE RESTAURANT AND CATERING HALL,**

**IN BOWERS**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**







Lions Eye Bank  
of Delaware Valley



## 14-P Lions Challenge!

Trustees of 14-P, Lion Joseph Cutolo, PDG Barry L. Hinkle, PDG Walter Labs, Lion Nelson Moeller, PDG Arthur Pecht, and PDG Philip E. Shoher, challenge you to help others!



**Calling All Lions:** November is *National Eye Donation Month* and we are calling on you to be the change for your neighbors in need.

**Our goal** is to raise the funds to provide **3** sight-saving cornea transplants.

That's a total cost of close to **\$10,000**.  
If every Lion in our service area donated just **one dollar** we can make this dream a reality and restore light to those living in darkness.

**How Can You Help?** By November 30, donate at least **\$1** to LEBDV. You can either send a dollar in the mail or get your Club together to send one check.

**Because of generous people like you, LEBDV helped over 70 people regain their vision through this program last fiscal year. Thank you for making a difference!**

LIONS EYE BANK OF DELAWARE VALLEY  
401 N 3RD ST, STE 305, PHILA, PA 19123 | 215 563 1679



REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA March 11-13, 2022

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION FORM

**Cost \$175.00 per Candidate** (includes Institute, lodging and meals)  
Checks should accompany this form and be made out to "*PA State Council of Lions Clubs*"  
Mail to PDG Kerry McKnight  
6 Mulberry Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349

Questions to PDG Kerry McKnight at [klm52@aol.com](mailto:klm52@aol.com) or 717-235-2790

*Application Submission Deadline Date: January 31, 2022- Maximum 40 attendees*

**Please type or print**

District Number \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Lion's Title \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Lions Office Held \_\_\_\_\_

**Email\*\*** \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_ Month and Year Joined \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held Within Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Committee Positions Held Within Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why is this institute of interest to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

→ **DG form on next page**

**District Governor Must Complete and Sign this Form**

In what ways will this candidate benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership  
Institute?

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District Governor Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of District Governor \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of District Governor \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## In Memoriam

*Charles Hannum, served 55 years for Oxford*

*John Melrath, served 47 years for Oxford*



Does your club have an upcoming event that you would like to have featured in Lion Eyes?

Send your flyer or event info to Lion Eyes Editor Stephanie Gerlott at: [sgerlott@comcast.net](mailto:sgerlott@comcast.net)

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