



We Serve

News from the Lions' Den

District 14-C

August 2017



Message from the District Governor

Greetings Fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

It is an understatement to say July has been a busy month! That's not unusual for the beginning of a new Lions year, whether you are a club officer, a district officer, or hold some other leadership position.



This is the time of year when we need to communicate our goals, plan for the rest of the year, and get the proverbial ball rolling in order to turn those plans into actions and achieve what we set out to accomplish.

As is the case most years, the District has set a goal to grow our membership. Last year, for the first time in many years, District 14-C had a net membership *growth* of 10 members as opposed to a decline in membership. We hope to continue that momentum this year by having every club show a net gain in membership of at least 1 member by June 30.

How do we do that? It's not as difficult as it sounds. We simply need to talk to as many people as possible about what we do as Lions and invite them to

join our clubs. Focus on what your club currently does for the community and how much more you could do with more members. Brag about how much fun you have as a group while participating in service projects, fundraising events, and meetings.

Our clubs cannot grow and thrive without a continuous infusion of new members and new ideas. The key to attracting both new members and new ideas is a willingness to embrace change, engage in new projects, and adapt to the ever-changing needs of both our communities and our members. We must make sure each of our clubs is fulfilling a critical need in their community and constantly looking for new projects. We must also be sure our meetings are not only purposeful, but also *fun!* This is what will make our clubs attractive to potential new members.

So make sure your club has its house in order. Make sure you are providing meaningful service, looking for ways to expand your service, and exploring ways to accommodate the needs of potential new members in order to make your club as attractive and inviting to join as possible. Remember, more members means more service; and as Lions, what do we do? "WE SERVE!"

Yours in Service,
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First District Cabinet Meeting

of our 2017-2018 Lions Year

Saturday, August 19

9:30 a.m. to noon

Bowmansdale Church of God

101 E Lisburn Rd., Mechanicsburg

No Advance Registration Needed

All Lions, Lionesses, Leos Welcome

Presidents and Secretaries Should Attend

From the First Vice District Governor

Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Success in any endeavor requires good planning and good communication. That is why the first District Cabinet Meeting of our Lions year is so important.



While the foundations have been laid for much of what we intend to do this year, it is critical that all of us participate in both the planning and the implementation of our goals (see page 3) for our District 14-C.

Every club should be represented at the District Cabinet Meeting on August 19, preferably by the president and secretary. But all Lions, Lionesses, and Leos will find it helpful for their service in their club to spend this morning with us.

We begin promptly at 9:30 a.m., but if you show up around 9:00 you will find coffee and goodies to help your morning get started well. You will also find many friendly Lions, Lionesses, and Leos, as you renew old friendships and make new ones.

I am a little embarrassed to write this, as I will not be with you this time. Part of my preparation as First Vice District Governor is to learn about our Leader Dog program, and I will be in Michigan to experience this first-hand on that weekend.

But I know I am leaving the District in able hands. And I urge all of you to make time to join us as we continue to grow in service.

We gather on Saturday, August 19, at the Bowmansdale Church of God Fellowship Hall. This is along route 114, not far from Messiah College.

I will miss all of you, and I promise to share my experiences at Leader Dog when I return.

Yours in Lionism,
Lisa Griffie
First Vice District Governor



CONVENTION DATE SAVER

Plan now to attend this year's PA Lions State Convention in State College, PA, and/or the Lions Club International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The PA Lions State Convention will be held at the Penn Stater Conference Center from May 17 through May 20, 2018. Look for details in an upcoming edition of *The Pride* magazine.

The Lions Club International Convention will be held at the MGM Grand, June 29 through July 3, 2018. The MGM Grand is also the designated hotel for the Pennsylvania delegation, which will make access to the convention center extremely convenient.

Look for more information in *The Lion* magazine, or go to LionsClubs.org and click on the LCICON link at the top of the page.

District Governor's Visits

Tuesday, August 1	York Township
Monday, August 7	Camp Hill
Tuesday, August 8	Red Lion
Thursday, August 10	Jefferson Community
Tuesday, August 15	Brogue Community
Tuesday, August 22	Mount Holly Springs



IPDG Kerry McKnight awarded Melvin Jones Fellowships (or Progressive Melvin Jonest Fellowships) to these Lions at his District Governor's Appreciation Night:

Front, l to r, ZC Dan Brandt, PDG Gene Kilgore, Lion Clair Starnier.

Rear ZC Al Diehl, 2VDG Steve Shipman, Sec'y-Treas. Bob Jacobs, ZC Duane Hull, and IPDG Kerry.

The Appreciation Night was held at the Mt. Wolf VFW on Saturday, July 29.

District Goals for the 2017-2018 Lions Year

Prior to becoming District Governor, the First Vice District Governor receives training, which includes a requirement to set goals for his/her year as Governor. These goals are set through consultation with the district's leadership team, which includes the District Governor, Vice-District Governors, Zone Chairs, and others. This year's district goals are as follows:

- 1. Collectively, clubs will recruit at least 101 new members in honor of LCI's 101st year of existence.*
- 2. 8 clubs will sponsor Club Branches, and 2 Club Branches will attract enough new members to become chartered as a new club.*
- 3. The percentage of women Lions in District 14-C will grow to 20%.*
- 4. District 14-C will lose no more than 101 members (and hopefully a lot less)*
- 5. 8 Lions will receive Guided Lion certification.*
- 6. Every Club President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will participate in an officer training course through LCI or Lions University*
- 7. Every club will participate in a same-day district-wide service project.*

This is an ambitious set of goals, which will require the commitment of the the district's leadership team and the enthusiastic support of our clubs. In order to encourage clubs and individuals to work toward achieving these goals, the District Governor has established a "challenge program" to recognize clubs and individuals who meet specific criteria. This program replaces the Points Contest that has been in existence for many years and allows all clubs to receive recognition for their efforts. Look for details regarding the District Governor's Challenge Program in next month's newsletter

New Club Development Workshop

District 14-C has taken advantage of a program offered by LCI and invited a New Club Development Specialist to come to our district. This program provides allows a person who specializes in developing new clubs to visit the district at no charge to the district. The New Club Development Specialist meets with interested volunteers and engages them in a process that leads to the development of a new Lions club. Along the way, the specialist shows how this process can be repeated in other communities so that

the volunteers can continue to work towards establishing additional clubs after the specialist is gone.

PDG Ronnie Martin, from Texas Lions District 2-S4, will be the New Club development Specialist visiting our area. PDG Ronnie has had tremendous success over the past few years starting clubs around the country, including several clubs in Pennsylvania. PDG Ronnie will be here from September 10-15.

During the days our volunteer team will be out "pounding the pavement" during the day trying to recruit members in an attempt to re-establish a Lions club in Shrewsbury, York County. In the evenings, PDG Ronnie will be traveling to other parts of the district to meet with club and district leaders who have expressed an interest working to sponsor a new club.

We look forward to working with PDG Ronnie to meet our District goal of chartering two new Lions clubs by June 30, 2018.



Mt. Holly Springs Lion Lois Stoner presents a check to Danny Murray, Assistant Pastor of the Church of God in Mt. Holly Springs, to assist with the Children's Work Camp feeding requirements for the volunteers who perform maintenance work for the elderly and persons with disabilities in the community.



Zones Reorganized as Our District Moves Forward

While planning for the 2017 -2018 Lions year, it became apparent there was a need to reorganize our zone structure.

Two primary factors drove this need. One factor was that our district has lost several clubs since the last reorganization of the zone structure. This has resulted in a wide variance in both the number of clubs from one zone to another and also a wide variance in the number of Lions in each zone. The second factor was a lack of activity in some zones, as well as difficulty in securing Zone Chairs for these two zones.

With those factors in mind, the district's leadership team, with input from several PDGs, developed a reorganization plan. The plan eliminates 2 zones, moves 10 clubs into different zones and renames two existing zones. The plan achieves a better, although not perfect, balance in both the number of clubs and number of Lions in each zone. Each zone also has a good balance of stronger and struggling clubs, which should help with support of the struggling clubs and maintain a pool of potential Zone Chairs (and hopefully future District Governors) in each zone.

The clubs assigned to each zone under the new structure are as follows:

Zone 1-A: Zone Chairperson - Clyde Griffie, Hanover West Manheim Lions

Clubs: EAST BERLIN, HANOVER, HANOVER WEST MANHEIM TWP., LITTLESTOWN, NEW OXFORD

Zone 1-B: Zone Chairperson - Dennis Cronin, Arendtsville Lions

Clubs: ARENDTSVILLE, CASHTOWN COMMUNITY, FAIRFIELD, GETTYSBURG, UPPER ADAMS, YORK SPRINGS; APPLE CITY LEO

Zone 2-A: Zone Chairperson - Dan Brandt, Newville Lions

Clubs: BOILING SPRINGS, CARLISLE, JACKSONVILLE, MOUNT HOLLY, NEWVILLE, PLAINFIELD, SHIPPENSBURG

Zone 2-B: Zone Chairperson - 2nd VDG Steve Shipman, Dillsburg Lions

Clubs: CAMP HILL, DILLSBURG, EAST PENNSBORO, MECHANICSBURG, NEW CUMBERLAND, WEST SHORE

Zone 3-A: Zone Chairperson - C.R. Lloyd, York New Salem Lions

Clubs: JEFFERSON COMMUNITY, SPRING GROVE, YORK EASTGATE SUNRISE, YORK MT. ROSE, YORK NEW SALEM

Zone 3-B: Zone Chairperson - Duane Hull, Dover Lions

Clubs: DOVER, PINCHOT PARK, SHILOH, SUSQUEHANNA, WEIGLESTOWN; DOVER LIONESS, PINCHOT PARK LIONESS

Zone 4-A: Zone Chairperson - Doug Nace, Brogue Lions

Clubs: BROGUE, EAST PROSPECT, KREUTZ CREEK VALLEY, MASON DIXON, RED LION, WINDSOR, YORK WHITE ROSE; SPRINGETTESBURY LIONESS

Zone 4-B: Zone Chairperson - Al Deihl, Jacobus Lions

Clubs: DALLASTOWN, JACOBUS, NEW FREEDOM, STEWARTSTOWN, YORK TOWNSHIP; JACOBUS LIONESS, NEW FREEDOM LIONESS, STEWARTSTOWN LIONESS; DALLASTOWN LEO, JACOBUS LEO, SUSQUEHANNOCK LEO



Governor Dennis' first official visit was to the Kreutz Creek Lions. Here he receives the first donation to the District projects from King Lion Dan Snook.



left column: Zone 2-B held a picnic at Pinchot Park including members of four clubs: Boiling Springs,, Dillsburg, Mechanicsburg and Pinchot Park Lions. The event celebrated the Lions centennial and marked a transition to the new zone structure in which Boiling Springs and Pinchot Park will be in other zones.

below: East Prospect King Lion Skip Silar presents "Lion of the Year" to Lion Kathryn Smeltzer.



UPCOMING LION EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Contact Information
August 4-5 August 5 August 19	State Council Meeting Zone Golf Tournament District Cabinet #1	Red Lion Inn, Harrisburg Eagles Crossing C.C. Bowmansdale Church of God	PA Lions past registration deadline DG Dennis Cope
August 26 September 9 September 16	Beacon Lodge Golf Outing Meat/Seafood Bingo Orientation/Retention Wkshop	Mt Union Eureka Vol. Fire Co., Stewartstown York Springs Lions Building	past registration deadline see p. 10 see p. 7
Sept. 10-15 September 23 October 14	New Club Development Wkshp Dallastown Chicken BBQ Global Action Team (GAT)	Schedule to be announced Dallastown Cross Keys Diner	see p. 3 All welcome
Nov. 4 Nov. 4 November 11	Hanover Lions Anniversary Stewartstown Lions Ann. Global Action Team (GAT)	Bay City Restaurant Westminster Place Cross Keys Diner	see p. 2 Sec. Tom Jones All welcome
November 18 May 17-20 June 29, 2018 July 5, 2019	Cabinet Meeting #2 State Convention International Convention International Convention	York Springs Fire Hall State College Las Vegas Milan, Italy	DG Dennis Cope watch for updates click here click here

Who Knows Where that Invitation Will Lead?

This month we wanted to introduce to you another hard-working volunteer husband and wife team from the southern end of our district — Larry and Patricia Simpson from the Jefferson Lion Club. During the 2016-2017 year, Lion Larry served as President and Lion Patricia served as Secretary at the same time.

Pat grew up in Hanover, while Larry was not far away in Spring Grove. Larry's brother Gary was one of many employees of the Glatfelter Paper Company who have served and continue to serve their communities in Lionism.

Larry joined the Jefferson Lions Club in February of 1989. In his career spanning nearly thirty years as a Jefferson Lion, Larry has held every office except Secretary, and he has held several offices more than once. He also served as a zone chair for several years.

As we have heard from others before, Pat always could be counted on to help out with Lions fundraising and community projects just like the other “Lion Wives.” Finally, in 2006, she was encouraged to join by Larry and by another woman member who had not only joined the Jefferson Lions Club but had brought her husband in with her. Pat is one of the five women members currently active in their club.

In addition to the fundraising and community projects, Pat and Larry enjoy traveling to everything from zone meetings to International Conventions. They particularly enjoyed their experience at the International Convention in Germany a few years ago, and their primary local project is coordinating the activities in Jefferson Borough during “National Night Out” held in August of each year.

Larry and Pat are also active at the district level, where Larry serves as Environmental Awareness Chair and Pat is the Public Relations Chair. Larry's position coordinates both collecting used cell phones for recycling and the planting of trees. He welcomes any opportunity to visit and speak to Lions Clubs about initiating recycling programs and activities. Pat reminds everyone that she is available for any club to contact, and she will promote their club's

accomplishments and activities at the district level. Their contact information is in the district directory (which can be accessed online at the District website).

Larry and Pat are another shining example of how each Lion can look to their work colleagues, business contacts, family and spouses for potential new members. They also remind us that while you bring in a new member to your club, that is only the beginning of their service. Remember to mentor them; and, who knows, they may be like Lion Larry and Lion Pat and become more than a local member of Lions but part of our larger family.

*Lion Michael
and Lion Theresa Craley*

Family and Women's Specialists



Lion Treasurer Donald Fake presents a check for the District Governor's Project to DG Dennis, on the occasion of the Governor's official visit to the club. The East Prospect Lions are not a large club in numbers, but they are very involved in service to their community and through Lions International to the world.

Help Your Club Make and Keep Great Lions Officers and Membership Teams Please Note!

**LIONS DISTRICT 14-C
ORIENTATION AND RETENTION WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017
YORK SPRINGS LIONS BUILDING
YORK SPRINGS, PENNSYLVANIA
9:00 am to 11:00 a.m.**

REGISTRATION FORM

Club Name _____

Contact person for the team:

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Names of club members who will attend:

Member 1: _____

Member 2: _____

Member 3: _____

Member 4: _____

Member 5: _____

Please mail or email this form so it is received by Friday, September 8, 2017

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Please Note Change of Date and Deadline !!!

Banner Exchange Completed!



The banner recognizing the home club of the District Governor was officially passed from New Freedom to Arendtsville, along with gifts and many expressions of appreciation to IPDG Kerry and Partner in Service Lion and Lioness Debbie.



The Susquehanna Lions presented a scholarship to Ciara Coombes. Past President Scott Wojtkowiak (right) is pictured with Ciara and her family, who were guests of the club at their recent picnic at the Lions' Den in Manchester.

Challenged to Help a Neighbor

Governor Dennis emailed club officers with a request for donations to help fund the purchase of specialized glasses for Dudley Stokes, a York County resident with macular degeneration.



In response to this request, PDG George Reisinger and the members of the Susquehanna Lions club issued a challenge "to all Lions clubs in our great District to donate \$100 to this worthy cause ...except to the York White Rose Lions club, who should donate \$200 because that's what the Susquehanna Lions gave." Dover Lions promptly topped that with a \$300 donation.

Clubs wanting to make a donation can write a check, made payable to LCI District 14-C, and send it to our District Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Jacobs, at 857 Lake Road, Spring Grove, PA 17362. Please write "Stokes project" on the memo line.

DG Dennis noted that the initial response of the clubs was impressive. The RedBasket website donations increased in the first few days by over \$1,000; the Susquehanna Lions and White Rose Lions, in addition to their club donations, have decided to donate the proceeds from their Revolution Game fundraiser to this cause; and several clubs have already pledged donations, the largest being \$300 from the New Freedom Lioness club and the Dover Lions. So in just a few days, we have gotten Mr. Stokes' family \$2,500 closer to achieving their goal!

At our first cabinet meeting on August 19, DG Dennis plans to present a check to Mr. Stokes from the District 14-C and recognize all of the clubs that contributed to this project.

Once again, we continue to show our community that "Where there's a need, there's a Lion!"

Welcome to Our New Lions Members

Member

Club

Sponsor

De Ann L. Pugh
Jean H. Robinson
George L. Strine

Shippensburg
Shippensburg
Shippensburg

Beverly Horn
Lisa Kemp
Beverly Horn

Thank you for Joining Us In Service

In Memory of our Deceased Lion

Member

Club

Robert C. Hittie

New Freedom Lions

Thank You for Your Service



Dillsburg Lions offered free vision screenings at the Carroll Township National Night Out event.



Above: Lioness Dianne Donahue & Lioness Deb McKnight with officer Michael Storeman of the Southern Regional Police at New Freedom's National Night Out.



Left: Southern York Regional Police Department Officer Michael Storeman visits with Lion Andrew Greenwood (left) and Lion Jeffrey Blum at the New Freedom Lions Club display during the August 1st National Night Out event in New Freedom.



DALLASTOWN LIONS CLUB



MEAT/SEAFOOD BINGO

**BENEFITS COMMUNITY SERVICE
PROJECTS**

**\$15.00 IN ADVANCE / \$18.00 AT THE DOOR
(IF AVAILABLE)**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017
DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 P. M.
GAMES START AT 6:00 P. M.**

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Above: IPDG Kerry presents a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Ray Rosnick of the Mechanicsburg Lions. Lion Ray has served the District for many years in his role as Hearing Chair.

Left: IPDG Kerry presenting International President's Recognition Award to Lion Tim McCaulley at the Mechanicsburg Lions Club meeting on June 20.



New Oxford Lions Club is proud of their King Lion Kevin Turnbaugh, who received a Leader Dog Award from IPDG Kerry McKnight for the work he has done for this great organization. His Leader dog Lion Harpo also received an award.

Get Ready for Our New Lions Year

District Cabinet Meetings

Saturday, August 19, 9:30 am

Bowmansdale Church of God

Other dates to reserve:

District Cabinet, November 18

District Cabinet, February 17, 2018

District Convention, April 21, 2018

State Convention, May 17-20

Help Us All Get Aboard

Lion Steve Shipman (Dillsburg Lions) is editor of this newsletter. Lion Steve needs your news and information. The best way to get him items is to send pictures as JPEG files (they don't look as good if he takes them from your PDF), and text as either a Word document or a Rich Text Format (rtf) file.

He is learning a new program to produce this newsletter, so links may be either blue or purple. He is still trying to figure out how to do some things with it, if you notice changes.

Send him items at prsteveshipman@gmail.com, or call or text him at 570-916-7780. If you have not entered the computer age, his snail mail is 436 E Ridge Rd, Dillsburg PA 17019. Glossy photos work best if he needs to scan them. He is happy to retype text.

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