

News from the Lions Den

District 14-C



“Be a Game Changer”



Web Site-<http://e-district.org/sites/14c/> Issue-November, 2015

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Hello Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Fall is in the air; and the time is flying by so quickly. I am having a great time visiting with our clubs with our First and Second Vice District Governors. The VDG's are getting exposure prior to becoming District Governor. I feel that this is very important; especially since this year the three of us are working together to plan ahead so that future VDG's that step up can continue this process. This way no one stands alone; we are a team! This will make our District stronger as well as the people leading it. Won't you consider stepping up to be 2nd VDG for the year 2016/17 and work with DG Kerry and 1VDG Dennis - we promise you will learn everything you need to know way before it is time for you to stand before our District as the Leader.

Please remember our District Cabinet Meeting Saturday November 21, at the York Springs Fire Co. Registration is from 8:45 - 9:30 with the meeting starting at 9:30 until Noon. We will be having a presentation on the progress of our District Project - the Digital Eye Cameras to screen pre-school children to detect early potential vision issues that caught early enough can prevent blindness.

I want to thank all of the clubs that I've visited thus far for the hospitality and the enthusiasm towards our organization and service projects! As we celebrate Veterans Day this month I would like to ask that you consider Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors as one of your upcoming service projects (not to be mistaken with Wounded Warriors Project). The PA Wounded Warriors donates \$0.96 of every dollar to PA wounded warriors. That is correct, the money stays in PA! This is one example of how one person's vision can become something so meaningful to others less fortunate. Let us consider all that our Veterans have given for our Country and to keep us safe and free.

In closing, remember to be a "Game Changer" and make a difference in someone's life!

Yours in Lionism,

John Griffie

District Governor 14C

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lions, Lionesses, & Leos in 14C,

I would like to give my congratulations to the “Mason Dixon Lions Club” on their 85th anniversary. Lioness Debbie and I had a great time at their anniversary dinner with the Lion members and guests celebrating this tremendous milestone of serving. It was interesting to learn about their working relationship with the Darlington Lions Club, 10 miles away in Maryland. Many clubs work on projects and fundraisers together, but usually within a zone. This is great going outside the box to serve.

At the dinner I met and had a long conversation with 22A DG Larry Burton from Maryland. He passed on to me ideas and projects his district, even though half the size of 14C, have been working on. I’ve attended many meetings, classes, and seminars in the last few months, but nothing compares to what I learn by talking with other experienced Lions.

Also, Lion Tom Summers celebrated his 60th year as a New Freedom Lion with DG John, Lion Lisa, and 2VDG Dennis in attendance. It’s wonderful to recognize these dedicated and truly amazing Lions.

One last thought, being a Secretary myself, I appreciate all the club secretaries that file your service activities and membership reports in a timely manner. It does make our job a little easier. Keep up the good work and thank you.

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MESSAGE FROM THE 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Last month I wrote about the importance of *service* as a way to attract new members. This month, I want to focus on *service* as a way to develop leadership skills. It’s no secret that our clubs, zones, and the district struggle to find individuals to fulfill leadership positions such as President, Secretary, Zone Chair, and District Governor. While busy schedules are one reason people hesitate to take on these offices, another is a lack of experience and confidence.

Service projects provide the perfect opportunity for clubs to identify potential leaders and for individuals to learn and practice leadership skills. Encourage individuals in your clubs to identify a need in the community and organize a service project around that need, or assign a newer member to take over an existing project. Members who show they can effectively lead small projects can then take on larger projects or move into club officer roles.

What are your club’s *service* projects? Clubs with service projects that have high impact, high visibility, high recognition as a Lions event, and high participation by members and other volunteers are clubs with leaders. If your club is struggling to find officers, take a look at the quality and quantity of your service projects. Do you need more opportunities, which will attract new members who are potential leaders? Who has been leading your projects and for how long? Encourage long-time project chairs to mentor newer members to take over the project. That will free the long-time chair to take on a club or district officer role and possibly allow the project to gain new life.

As you can see, it all comes back to *service*!

Yours in *SERVICE*,

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ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER FOR DISTRICTS AND LEO CLUB NEWSLETTERS



The Lions International Pin Trading Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of US\$2,500 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lions, Lioness and/or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed US\$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by **March 1, 2016**.

We encourage all graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions or Lioness members or who are members of Leo Clubs to participate in our Scholarship Program.

Lana McCaulley

Name of Pin Trading Club Scholarship Chairman

Contact Information: 12 Fieldstone Drive

Address

Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

City/State/Country/Zip/Postal Code

Phone

lanamccaulley@gmail.com

E-Mail

Please place the above message in your sub-district and district bulletins and post on your websites. Please be aware that Scholarship Applications and information are on the LITPC website.

DECEASED MEMBERS

<u>Member</u>	<u>Club</u>
LYNDA J SNYDER	CAMP HILL LIONS
SCOTT B EMIG	DOVER LIONS
LARRY F NEAL	WINDSOR LIONS

NEW MEMBERS

<u>Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
DEAN S. THOMAS	FAIRFIELD LIONS	CARROLL SMITH
WILLIAM F. BRYAN	JACOBUS LIONS	TAMARA REAM
JAMES L KANE	NEW OXFORD LIONS	JOHN GRIFFIE
LINDA A KANE	NEW OXFORD LIONS	LISA GRIFFIE
RICHARD A. STEPHENSON	STEWARTSTOWN LIONS	GARY SCHWINN
DANA L. LOWERY	WEIGELSTOWN LIONS	DENNIS MECKLEY

DIRECTORY CHANGES NOVEMBER, 2015

NO CHANGES REPORTED

UPCOMING LION EVENTS

<u>Mo.</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
Nov	21	Cabinet Meeting	York Springs Fire Hall 400 Main St., York Springs	Club Secretary
Feb	5-7	State Council Meeting	Valley Forge Casino Resort	Club Secretary or Lions State Office at (717) 564-2586
Feb	13	Cabinet Meeting	St. Paul's UM Church 4360 Board Rd. Manchester	Club Secretary
Apr	23	District Convention	Cross Keys Fellowship 785 Berlin Rd. New Oxford	Club Secretary
May	19- 22	State Convention	Crowne Plaza Reading Hotel Wyomissing	Club Secretary or Lions State Office at (717) 564-2586

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR “CHRISTMAS AT ROCKY RIDGE PARK”

Looking for a new way to celebrate the Holiday season and meet people. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to celebrate Christmas at Rocky Ridge County Park. In its 32nd annual of operation, Christmas Magic – A Festival of Lights is nationally recognized as one of the Top 12 light shows. Here is your chance to become a part of it.

York County Parks are looking for civic organizations to work at our Food stand at Christmas Magic – A Festival of Lights at Rocky Ridge County Park. At our Food Stand we sell Brown’s Orchard cookies and apply cider, hot cocoa, water, popcorn, peanut cones and the cash register. It takes a minimum of 6 people each night to do the duties. Several more makes it easier and even can get a break to walk the trail. All helpers get in free.

The program runs from November 27 – December 31. Hours we need volunteers is from 5:30 – 9:30 Monday through Friday and Saturday and Sunday from 4:30 – 9:30 p.m. Interested members or groups can call York County Parks at 717-840-7440 to register or contact Jeri Jones at JeriJones@yorkcountypa.gov or call 717-840-7226.

Also, should an organization like to decorate a live tree inside one of the buildings, contact Jeri Jones. We supply the 6-foot high tree and lights. You supply the ornaments and an organizational sign to place on the tree or wall (No floor signs allowed). The trees are decorated between November 20 – November 25.

INVOLVE A U.S. VETERAN

Dear U.S. Lion,

We are pleased to share that Lions Clubs International is extending the *Involve a U.S. Veteran* pilot program through **June 30, 2016**. This program waives the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans joining a Lions club in the United States.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club.

Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members return home from serving in the military, let's offer them an opportunity to get involved in their communities.

Visit the ***Involve a U.S. Veteran*** web page to download a fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release.

Make plans now to reach out to veterans in your community and offer them the opportunity to make a difference and change lives as Lions.

Sincerely,

Membership Development Division
Lions Clubs International

LCIF RECEIVES ANOTHER 4-STAR RATING



LCIF has earned its **fourth consecutive 4-star rating** from Charity Navigator for its effective fiscal management and its commitment to accountability and transparency. Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that LCIF adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. This means you can be confident your [donations](#) to LCIF are being used in support of the programs for which they are intended.

A MESSAGE FROM BILL GATES

LCIF has committed to raising US\$30 million by 2017 to improve access to vaccines through Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance. The funds raised will be matched by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to US\$60 million. Bill Gates, co-chair and trustee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has [an encouraging video message for Lions](#).



INVITE FOR IMPACT



Your club can make a larger impact in your community by inviting new members to join you. New members can increase your service, position your club for ongoing success, and help you and your Lions earn special recognition in the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards.

And it all starts by asking one family member, friend or neighbor to join your club. Visit the [Ask One page](#) for tools to energize your membership efforts!

APPLY FOR A MEMBERSHIP GRANT

Did you know that LCI offers funding for districts and multiple districts to support membership growth initiatives?

- Membership Development Grants are available for implementing marketing initiatives that focus on new areas of opportunity and new marketing techniques to start new clubs and grow membership. Start the year off right, and apply for a grant, fill out an application today.
- Family & Women Symposium Grants help districts and multiple districts host informative community events. These events help to identify new community projects that have a family and women focus and help identify potential new members. A symposium can be a gathering with a free interchange of ideas, or a formal meeting where several experts deliver short addresses on a topic or related topics for an identified purpose. Learn more with our Family and Women Symposium Guide.

JACKSONVILLE LIONS CO-HOST "TRUNK OR TREAT"



The Walnut Bottom community enjoyed its second annual Trunk or Treat on Thursday. For a safer Halloween, the Jacksonville Lions Club co-sponsored the community's Trunk or Treat with the Trinity United Methodist Church Fellowship Center. The Lions handed out 100+ Halloween buckets of fun plus hot chocolate and homemade cookies while spooky Halloween music played. Several families also participated, distributing their Halloween goodies from their vehicles' trunks. An estimated 400 visitors enjoyed the event. Submitted by Jacksonville Lions Secretary – John Luthy

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These Jacksonville Lions have served the community for 80 years! (l - r) Larry Flood (40 years), Secretary John Luthy (25 years), President Al Grove (15 years). Each received the Milestone Chevron Award issued by Lions International President Yamada. Submitted by Jacksonville Lions Secretary – John Luthy

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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
JOHN GRIFFIE JR., DISTRICT GOVERNOR
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NEW OXFORD, PA 17350

2015-2016 VISITATION SCHEDULE								
November 2015			December 2015 -- NO VISITS SCHEDULED			January 2016		
Tuesday	3rd	Upper Adams County Lions		ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS		Monday	11th	Gettysburg Lions
Wednesday	4th	Plainfield Lions				Tuesday	12th	East Berlin Lions
Monday	9th	Dillsburg				Thursday	21st	Littlestown Lions
Tuesday	10th	Newville Lions				Tuesday	26th	Hanover Lions
Wednesday	11th	White Rose Lions				Wednesday	27th	New Oxford Lions
Thursday	12th	Eastgate Sunrise Lions				Thursday	28th	Jefferson Lions
Tuesday	17th	Fairfield Lions						
Wednesday	18th	Hanover West Manheim						
Monday	23rd	Penn Township Lioness						

