

News from the Lions' Den

District 14-C

July 2016



Message from the District Governor



*District Governor
Kerry McKnight*

Lions, Lioness, and Leos of District 14C,

Honored is simply not a strong enough word to convey my feelings to having been elected to serve as your District Governor for 2016-2017. I appreciate your confidence and support.

This is the most exciting time imaginable to be a Lion. Lions International will be completing their

first century of service in June of 2017. It is wonderful that we have members serving in District 14C for nearly 7 decades. That is real dedication and passion.

The people that I have met along the way since joining Lions Clubs 20 years ago are truly an inspiration. We have assembled a very caring team of experienced Lions working alongside energetic and resourceful new faces to lead District 14C this year and into the future.

One of my personal goals is to give my 100% in honor of 100 years of Lionism. I am asking every Lion, Lioness and Leo club to reach deep down inside themselves and commit to a little extra

service in memory and respect of those farsighted Lions, who back in 1917 gave birth to the greatest community service organization in the world.

“All Aboard to Serve”

Lion Kerry McKnight

District Governor 14C New Freedom Lions Club

And about that sign ...

The one time that folks in your town think about Lions is when they see that Lions Club Highway sign as they enter into your community. If your sign is faded and people can't tell if it's Lions or Rotary, or leaning at a severe angle, they have to wonder if your club is still in existence.

As I've been traveling around our district, I've noticed some signs have seen better days.

The Lions Store online has commemorative highway signs and decals on sale to spruce up your signage for the 100th anniversary.



For clubs that don't have anyone able to perform the repairs, District 14C has formed a "Lions Sign Crew". This is a group of Lion volunteers that are well equipped with all the necessary hardware and tools.

Order whatever signage needed, then contact the crew when you receive it. They will make arrangements to perform the upgrade at no charge to your Lions Club.

To schedule your upgrade, or if you have any questions, feel free to call the "Lions Sign Crew" at (717) 759-0711, or email me at DGMcKnight@att.net.

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From the First Vice District Governor:

Fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Welcome to the start of a new Lions year! I am looking forward to serving the Lions of District 14-C under the guidance of our new District Governor,



First VDG Dennis Cope

Kerry McKnight. I also am looking forward to meeting many more of you during club visitations with DG Kerry throughout the year.

This is an exciting time to be a Lion in District 14-C. We have kicked off our vision screening initiative with the purchase of a screening device, and we conducted our first screenings in June.

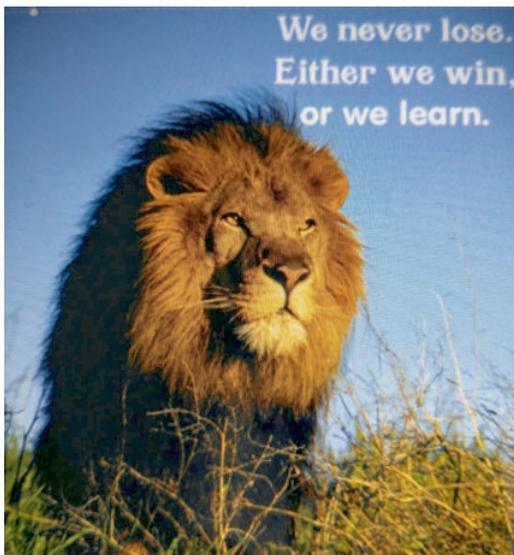
More screenings have been scheduled for July and August. Also, our Global Membership Team (GMT) has scheduled several membership workshops for July, August and September to help our clubs develop strategies to grow their membership (see the article later in this newsletter for more information).

The dedication and enthusiasm of Lions such as yourself are what make this a great organization and District 14-C a great district. I wish all of our clubs much success with their projects this year.

Yours in **SERVICE**,

Lion Dennis Cope

1st Vice District Governor
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MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOPS - GROWING YOUR CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP

It's no secret that many of our clubs are struggling to maintain and grow their memberships. During the past year, District 14-C had a net membership loss of over 50 members. This has been an ongoing problem over the past several years. It's time for us to reverse this trend!

Four Broad Goals

The district's Global Membership Team (GMT), under the leadership of Zone Chair C.R. Lloyd, spent much of the 2015-16 Lions year developing a strategy to grow the district's membership. A key part of that strategy is to engage and assist each club in developing a comprehensive membership growth plan base on four broad goals established by the district. Those goals are:

1. *Retain current members*
2. *Recruit new members*
3. *Provide proper orientation to all members regarding the Lions organization*
4. *Promote the Lions organization to increase visibility and awareness of the organization.*

The way our GMT will engage and assist our clubs is by conducting a membership growth workshop several times in various locations throughout the district during the coming year. **The GMT strongly encourages every club to send a membership team consisting of 3-5 members to one of these workshops.** Each workshop will last approximately 4 hours and will include lunch.

Action Planning

At the workshop, the GMT will present the district's membership growth strategy and goals. Following this, the participants will be introduced to a process known as "Action Planning." Participants will have an opportunity to practice this process while brainstorming and developing ideas for actions related to each of the district's 4 broad goals. Resources available from LCI and from the PA Lions will be presented, and teams will leave the workshop with the start of a comprehensive plan to grow their clubs' membership.

Below are the first 4 dates and locations that have been set for these workshops. Each workshop

is scheduled for a Saturday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m. As mentioned before, each workshop will include lunch. **There is not cost to the club for this workshop other than transportation to and from the location.**

Saturday, July 23, 2016 - Region 3 - Spring Grove area

Saturday, August 27, 2016 - Region 4 - TBD

Saturday, September 10, 2016 Region 1 - Gettysburg area

Saturday, September 24, 2016 - Region 2 - Carlisle area

We would love to see a team of Lions from every club attend one of these workshops. Please assemble a membership team for your club and register for the workshop that is most convenient for your group to attend.

**District Cabinet
Saturday, August 20**

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 315 N Constitution Avenue, New Freedom

9:30 a.m. - noon

Club Presidents and Secretaries Please Plan to Attend!

**DISTRICT 14-C
MEMBERSHIP GROWTH WORKSHOPS
REGISTRATION FORM**

Club Name: _____

Workshop club's membership team will attend (please check one):

_____ Saturday, July 23, 2016 - Region 3 - Spring Grove area

_____ Saturday, August 27, 2016 - Region 4 - TBD

_____ Saturday, September 10, 2016 - Region 1 - Gettysburg area

_____ Saturday, September 24, 2016 - Region 2 - Carlisle area

Names of club members who will attend:

Member 1: _____

Member 2: _____

Member 3: _____

Member 4: _____

Member 5: _____

Contact person for the team:

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please mail or email this form at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the desired workshop date to:

1st VDG Dennis Cope
PO Box 514
Arendtsville, PA 17303
dennis.cope@icloud.com

Peace Poster Contest and Essay Contest

“A Celebration of Peace”

Lions of 14-C—make this year be the year to participate in the Peace Poster Contest with your club. Now is the time to order your kits for the Peace Poster Contest for 2016-2017!

Order a kit online by following *this link* or call Club Supplies Sales at (630)571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822.

The 2015-2016 winner of the Peace Poster Contest was Yumo Zhu, a 12 year old student from China. The theme was, “Share Peace.” As quoted from the Lion Magazine, “Art is open to interpretation, but, Yumo’s creation seems to suggest that like a cake oozing with delights, peace is a sweet deal that comes with cherries on top.” Is there anything more “sweet” than world peace?

Offer the Opportunity

The peace posters submitted this past year from the Lions Clubs of 14-C were absolutely incredible. By just looking at the posters, one could see the amount of research, time, thought, and creative talent that was invested into each poster.

But, we need more clubs to be participating and giving this incredible opportunity to our youth! Encourage a volunteer from your Lions Club to offer the opportunity to a classroom of children, a Scout troop, a baseball team, a Sunday School Class or a Youth Group to participate in the Peace Poster Contest. Some of our Lions Clubs and schools have made it a tradition which both groups look forward to annually.

Remember one kit must be purchased for each group your club sponsors.

This Year’s Theme

The Theme for the 2016-2017 Peace Poster Contest is, “A Celebration of Peace.” Students ages 11, 12, or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. The last date to order a kit is October 1, 2016.

Order your kit by clicking *here* or calling the numbers above.

Each year, Lions Clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local school and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people world wide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.



Essay Contest

Lions Clubs around the world are, also, encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2016-2017 International Essay Contest is “A Celebration of Peace.” Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. For the essay contest rules and application form, go online to *this link*.

Any questions, please contact Lion Patti Hullmann at hullmannt@aol.com.



LIONS CLUB GOLF OUTING

HELP TARA'S FIGHT AGAINST BATTEN DISEASE



Saturday, August 13, 2016
 EAGLES CROSSING GOLF COURSE
www.eaglescrossing.com
 501 CONODOGUINET AVENUE
 CARLISLE, PA 17015

Tara Garman is an energetic 7 year old who attends the Big Spring Elementary School and has a rare genetic disease known as Juvenile Batten Disease. There is no known treatment or cure. It will slowly rob Tara of her ability to see, move, speak, remember and hear. It is a fatal disease that will steal her away piece by piece. Your support will go a long way in helping this little girl and her family.

Noon Registration

1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

Lunch & Dinner will be provided

\$65.00 per person, \$260 per team if signed up prior to July 13, 2016

\$70 per person after July 13, 2016

Prizes and Games

Longest Drive: Ladies and Mens

Closest to the Pin

\$10,000 Hole in One

Pot of Gold 50/50 (\$5.00 per player optional)

Mulligans & Raffle Tickets are available

Please prepay by July 13, 2016

Make checks payable to "Tara's Fight Against Batten Disease", and send this completed form to:
 Lions Clubs Golf Tournament, Attention Pat Lee, 1009 Forbes Road, Carlisle, Pa 17013.

Need more information? Contact Pat Lee 717-243-9189

Please Print

Captain _____ Phone# _____ E-Mail _____

Player _____ Phone# _____ E-Mail _____

Player _____ Phone# _____ E-Mail _____

Player _____ Phone# _____ E-Mail _____

Thank You for Your Support!

I can't make it on the 13th. Enclosed is my donation of \$_____

DISTRICT 14-C EYE SCREENING PROJECT LAUNCHED

The District Eye Screening Project was launched in June with a huge success and much excitement. Forty-seven students were screened at the first site.

The committee has worked with slow but steady progress to reach this point. The District is truly blessed with a group of individuals, bound together by a common goal and love for children and to practice our motto "WE SERVE".

Guidelines are being drawn up for all the clubs in the District to follow, when interested in scheduling a screening in their respective communities. Please contact the current Chairperson, PDG Shirley A. Starnier e-mail: sas2953@comcast.net or 717-764-6669.

The opportunity to do a screening in the community is an awesome experience for the Lions



PDG John Griffie uses the new eye screening camera at the very first District 14-C Eye Screening. He is using it to screen a student at Hanover High School.

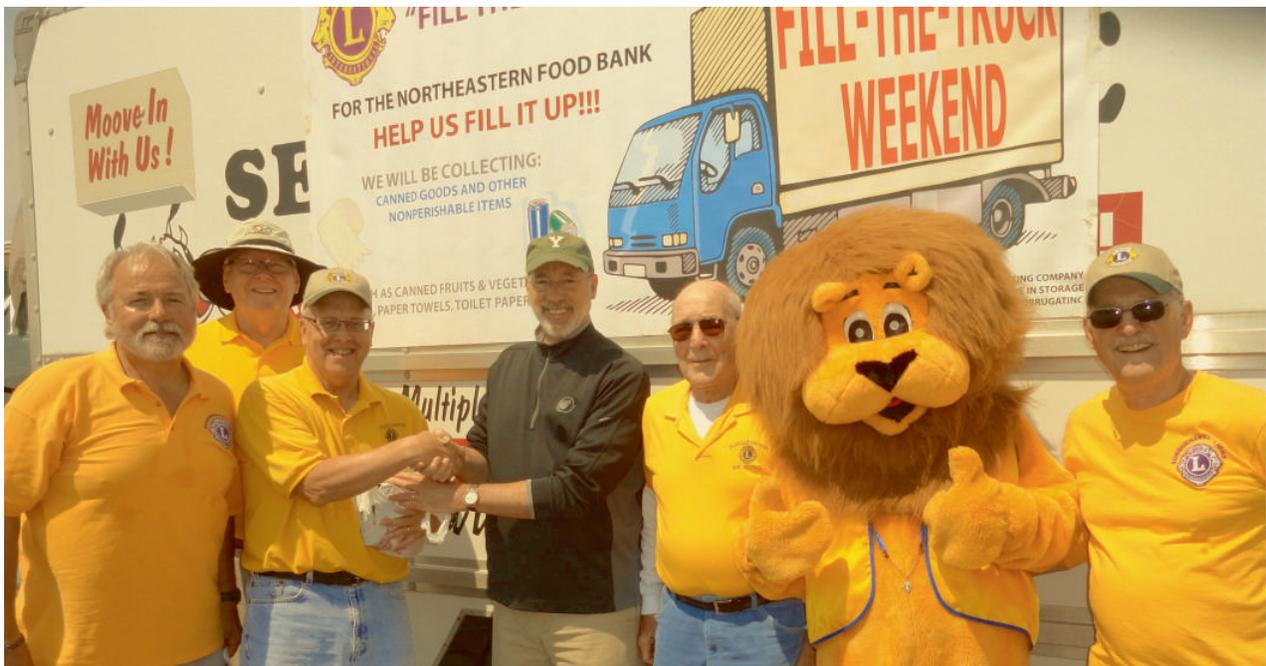
Club to be visible and it is a great service project for the club. Training on the use of the equipment, will be provided.



The Stewartstown Lions club Officers were installed by PDG Larry L Shaull on June 21st. Lion Don Sacarborough is the new President.

UPCOMING LION EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Contact Information
July 17	Pa Lions Appreciation Day	Beacon Lodge Campground	Club Secretary
July 27	Banner Exchange	Inn 94, New Oxford	Club Secretary
Aug. 5-6	State Council Meeting	Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg	Club Secretary
Aug. 20	First Cabinet Meeting	St. John the Baptist Church, New Freedom	Club Secretary
Aug. 20	Zone 1A Crab Feed	New Oxford Social Club	Club Secretary
Sep 15-17	USA/Canada Leadership Forum	Omaha, Nebraska	Club Secretary



The Susquehanna Lions Annual "Fill The Truck" Campaign for the Northeastern Food Bank was held at the Manchester Giant this past June 10-12. The Lions Club thanks everyone in the community, including our Governor Tom Wolfe, for their generous contributions to make this year's event the most successful ever. Lion Past President Scott Wojtkowiak, Lion Bernie Wible, Chairman Lion Ken Heindel, Lion Gerald Heist, The Susquehanna Lion (Lion Bob Bowman) and Lion John Gladfelter are shown thanking Governor Wolfe for his contribution to our project in support of the Northeastern Food Bank.



Father and son Jacksonville Lions Lonnie (left) and Larry Flood (right) prepare BBQ chicken for the June 4 Zone 2-A Fundraiser to assist the family of a local child with a fatal disease.



Spray and flip! Jacksonville Lions BBQ chicken for the Zone 2-A Fundraiser



President Al Grove presents neighbor Luke Martin with a framed certificate of appreciation for all the work he performed or coordinated to refurbish and relocate the Walnut Bottom historical marker.



The Jacksonville Lions again sponsored bingo at the 3-day Firemen's Fair, supporting the South Newton Township Volunteer Fire Company. This is the club's major fundraiser for the year.

New Freedom Lions Carnival

July 4th - July 9th 2016

Monday July 4th

“Battle of the Bands”

7:30 to 11:00 PM

Tuesday July 5th

“Long Ryde” (Bluegrass)

7:30 to 11:00 PM

Kiddie Fireworks at 9:30

Wednesday July 6th

“Josh and the good old boys” (Old Time Rock and Roll)

7:30 to 11:00 PM

Thursday July 7th

“Cheap Sneakers” (Rock and Roll)

7:30 to 11:00 PM

Friday July 8th

“Oceans 6” (Variety)

7:30 to 12:00 PM

Fireworks at midnight

Saturday July 9th

“Joe Forrester” (Elvis and Rock and Roll)

7:30 to 11:00 PM

New Freedom Parade starts at 4:00 PM

In Memory of our Deceased Members

<i>Member</i>	<i>Club</i>
Roosevelt Wilson	Carlisle
Stuart Krone	Dover
Nevin Mohler	New Cumberland
Thomas T. Heckard	Shiloh

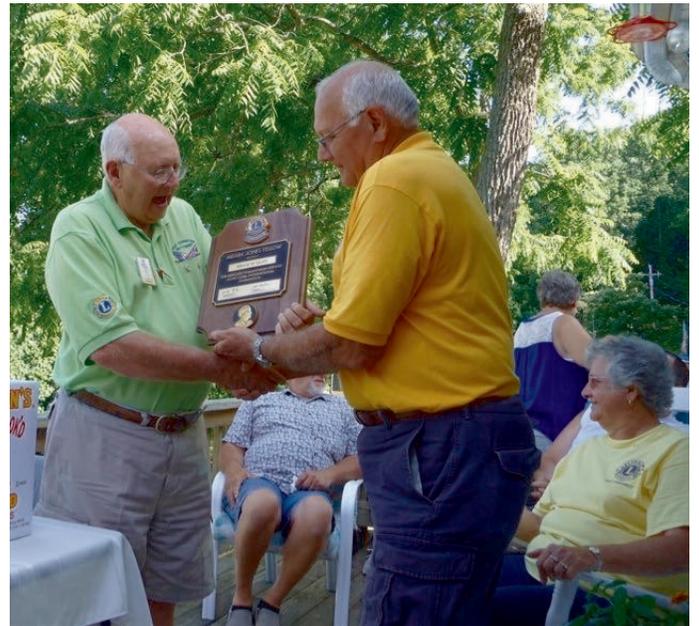
Welcome to Our New Members!

Member	Club	Sponsor
<i>Joanne Morris</i>	<i>Dallastown</i>	<i>Norman Morris</i>
<i>Thomas P. Leonard</i>	<i>Hanover</i>	<i>Thomas Staub</i>
<i>Darla J. Romberger</i>	<i>Mechanicsburg</i>	<i>Ted Cramer</i>
<i>Cathy L. Stank</i>	<i>Mechanicsburg</i>	<i>Christopher Stank</i>
<i>Peter N. Sandys</i>	<i>Mechanicsburg</i>	<i>Ted Cramer</i>

Correction: Last month's listing should have indicated that Michael D. Shue's sponsor into the Dallastown Club is Mike Craley. We apologize for the error.



DG-Elect (at the time) Kerry McKnight and his wife (now Lion) Debbie meet International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada at the State Convention in Reading last May.



PDG Gordon Sinclair presented Lion Bruce "Skip" Silar of the East Prospect Club with a Melvin Jones Fellow plaque.

Let Us All Know What Your Club is Doing!

Lion Steve Shipman has taken over the editorship of this newsletter, giving Lion Dennis Meckley a well-deserved retirement (or is it just a break) after the many years he has done it so faithfully and well. Many thanks to Lion Dennis, who is also helping immensely in the transition.

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 cannot open WordPerfect or Microsoft Publisher files, and please watch your Word settings so they don't come to his Mac in the infamous winmail.dat format.

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.

**SAVE THE DATES:
OCTOBER 28-30, 2016
PENNSYLVANIA LIONS
STATE COUNCIL MEETING**

DISTRICT 14-C will be the host District for the PENNSYLVANIA LIONS STATE COUNCIL meeting that weekend at the Holiday Inn at Grantville, PA.

Please put the dates on your calendar now and plan to spend the weekend in Grantville. A special Hospitality Night will be held Friday, October 28, 2016. The theme for the evening will be, “*An Unforgettable Night.*” A fun evening is in store for everyone.

The Lions in District 14-C want to show the rest of the state we are a hospitable group, so a good representation from our district is a must.

Also, PDG George Hilsinger and his Partner in Service will be holding a Basket Raffle to offset some of the expenses for the weekend. The committee would be thrilled to have a basket donation from each club in the district. Make plans now to donate a basket or some raffle item worth at least \$50.00.

The Basket Raffle is important because it raises money to pay for the cost of hosting the convention, and especially the Hospitality Night Celebration that PDG Shirley Starner, the Committee Chair for the event, hopes will truly be “*A Night to Remember.*”

To make the raffle a success, each Lion and Lioness club is asked to donate a basket valued at \$50 for the raffle. The baskets need to be delivered to the designated room in the hotel by 9:00 am on Friday, October 28th. It would be wonderful if members from each club could attend the council meeting, and deliver the baskets in person, but if you can't, then please arrange with your Zone Chairperson, another club, or a local PDG to get the basket transported to the hotel.

PDG George is also asking for volunteers to come and help him sell raffle tickets. We need four people each day.

Call PDG George Hilsinger at 717-530-4978, or email him at george_hilsinger@live.com if you need help making transportation arrangements or want to volunteer to help. Please don't wait until the last minute!

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