



District 14C Newsletter November 2025



A Message From the District Governor

Greetings Lions, Lioness/Lions and Leos of District 14-C



District Governor
Doug Nace

The Lions, Lioness/Lions and Leos of District 14-C have been very busy this fall. November brings additional opportunities for service since it is Diabetes Awareness month along with observing the Thanksgiving Holiday. Thanksgiving is not just a time to reflect on the blessings in our lives but also an opportunity to celebrate the values we hold dear...Service, Compassion and Community. As I visit the clubs in the district, I am witnessing that our Clubs truly embody the spirit of giving, from supporting local families in need to organizing food drives, just to mention a few. Each Lion demonstrates what it means to serve selflessly. Your dedication to our organization reminds us that the heart of Thanksgiving lies not in what we receive, but in what we give to others.

Our service is never ending. There are still many in our district who need our help and together we will continue to bring hope and light to those who need it most. The district's membership has been steady, but we can do so much more with additional volunteers. Please continue to seek out individuals in your communities that have the compassion to help others. They are there and sometimes just need to be asked to serve. Ask your family members, work associates, business owners, and friends to help with our causes. So many people think the Lions still have only one cause - Vision. When talking with individuals at your next fundraiser or project, let them know we have grown to embrace additional causes, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Disaster Relief, Environment, Hunger, Youth, Humanitarian Efforts and Mental Health & Well Being. With this wide array of causes, we have even more opportunities to align with individuals and their passions. "JUST ASK."

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to every Lions member in our district. Your unwavering commitment to our shared mission inspires me every day. To our leaders, thank you for guiding us with vision and purpose. To the Lions members, thank you for your tireless efforts and boundless energy. To our supporters and partners, thank you for believing in our cause and helping us make the difference. Keep up the fantastic work and **Thank You** all for everything that you do. "WE SERVE"

I wish you all a joyful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter and the warmth of family and friends. Let us carry the spirit of gratitude and service with us, not just today, but every day. Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Doug Nace
District Governor, District 14-C

A Message From the 1st Vice District Governor

Lions, LEOs of District 14C

A Season of Gratitude and Service



**1st Vice
District Governor
Patti Wurzbacher**

As the vibrant colors of fall fill the landscape, the air turns crisp, and the fields are harvested, we find ourselves nearing the season of Thanksgiving—a time to reflect on what we are grateful for.

As Lions, we have much to be thankful for: the friendships we've built, the communities we serve, and the difference we make together. Each act of service—large or small—adds light and warmth to someone's life, reminding us that gratitude often grows from giving.

When we come together, offer a helping hand, serve a warm meal, feed a family for Thanksgiving, or sit and chat with someone who may be alone this holiday season, we witness the very best in humanity. These moments of kindness reflect the true spirit of Lions—caring for others with compassion and purpose.

There are so many ways Lions experience gratitude during this season—when we reach out to a community or a town in need, provide support where food insecurity is high, or comfort those who face loneliness because family is far away. We see it when we assist a neighbor coping with illness, or lend strength to families torn apart by the effects of mental illness. Despite the challenges many face, we have reason to hope — reason to be thankful — for our fellow Lions and the communities that come together to lift one another.

This season, may we pause to appreciate the blessings around us and renew our commitment to serve with open hearts.

We Serve,

FVDG Patti Wurzbacher

A Message From the 2nd Vice District Governor



Hello District Lions and LEOs

As we move into the month of November it is a time for family, friends, and change. Change is something we don't talk about, but it happens all around us and we accept what we cannot do anything about. The month of November has some key dates and some of them directly change our lives. On November 2 we must adjust to a time change as Daylight savings time ends and clocks fall back one hour. We get an extra hour of sleep, or watching TV before bed, you decide how you accept this change of time. On November 4th election day arrives, and we are free to let our voice be heard at the ballot box. Lots of people take this freedom for granted but in some countries, people don't have the choice to vote, or voting is controlled by the government, and the outcome is predetermined.

On November 11 we express our gratitude for veterans' service, courage, and sacrifice, which includes acknowledging the human cost of war and military service on individuals and their families. Veterans have dealt with change that occurs when they enter the service, during their time in the service depending on where they are stationed and then the adjustment back to civilian life after they complete their service. All these changes can be extreme, but as a service member they don't have much choice but to go with the changes.

On November 27 we celebrate Thanksgiving Day with a history going back over 400 years. At one point it was debated on what day the holiday would be. In 1863, President Lincoln said it would be the last Thursday of the month, but in 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved it to the third Thursday to give an extend shopping season for Christmas. It was not till Congress passed a resolution in 1941 that Thanksgiving would always be on the fourth Thursday of November and declared it a national holiday. Thanksgiving is a day of family and friends but as Lions we must also remember that as it is a holiday for celebration, and some people do not have much to celebrate, and we as lions should do what we can to help those less fortunate to have a Happy Thanksgiving.

As lions our history goes back over 100 years, we have had many changes occur during that time. Lions went from an all-white male organization started in Chicago to a fully inclusive service organization around the world. As Lions we need to accept and integrate change in our lives and in our lions' clubs. We need to remember as lions we are here to serve our communities.

Lion Lisa and I would like to thank all Lions in District 14-C for what you do every day and wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Yours in Lionism
2VDG Ray Highlands

A Message From IPDG Galen Burkholder



**Immediate Past
District Governor
Galen Burkholder**

WE SERVE!

LEAD TO SERVE
SERVE TO LEAD

Time of Year

As you read this, it's November. The dawn air is sharp with a chill. Leaves on the trees are turning into beautiful colors, a hint that their life is just about over. You also realize that it's a busy time of year, with multiple holidays. Many will realize that they have less than 60 days until Christmas. It also means that in two months, we will usher in a new year with new goals and opportunities.

What to Do?

1. Do nothing?

That's the easy thing to do. After all, we are "worn out" from the activities of the last 10 months.

2. Club Activities

- Plan a membership drive meeting for January or February.
- Create an action plan for:
 - Repeat fundraisers
 - Repeat service projects
 - New fundraisers
 - New service projects
 - Ways to involve new members

3. Member Activities

- Continue to wear Lions apparel. If someone remarks, "Oh, you are a Lion," they have opened the door for conversation.
- Continue to share what we do.
- Invite, invite, invite. They won't take a look or join unless **you** ask.

We **ARE** Lions. We **Serve**.

Thank you Lions, one and all, for all you do!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Get ready to **roar!!!**

Mission 1.5

Mission Possible

Galen Burkholder

Immediate Past District Governor

DISTRICT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & WEBSITE



Your Lions Clubs is like a business that we need to advertise and tell people about every day.

Currently seven (7) clubs do not have a Facebook page!

Three (3) clubs do not have a Website!

Many clubs do not update their Facebook or Website pages!

Websites and Facebook are **FREE** ways to get the word out about what we do as Lions. It only takes a couple minutes of someone's time each day to put something about your club on Facebook. Your website should at least have general information, and the link should be on your club's Facebook page.

November is Online Shopping Safety Month

When shopping online ensure to protect your personal and financial information.

- Only use sites that have the <https://>
- Pay with a credit card and not a debit card as this will protect your savings and checking accounts.
- Avoid using public Wi-Fi when doing transactions.
- Use strong passwords on all your accounts.
- Use multi-factor authentication.
- Never respond directly to unsolicited communications and offers that sound-to-good to be true.

Please remember you can send information, photos, or any other details to lionsdistrict14C.fb@gmail.com to be considered for the district Facebook page.

District 14-C Meetings and Events – November and December

Date	Event	Time and Location
November 8	District 14-C Cabinet Meeting #2	9:30 a.m. - York Springs Fire Hall
November 17	Zone 3B Advisory Meeting	6:30 p.m. - Pinchot Park Lions Hall
	Zone 4A Advisory Meeting	7:00 p.m. - Windsor Lions Bldg.
November 20	Zone 1B Advisory Meeting	6:30 p.m. - Hunterstown Diner
November 24	Zone 1A Advisory Meeting	6:30 p.m. - Perkins Restaurant
	Zone 4B Advisory Meeting	6:30 p.m. - New Freedom Community Center
December 11	Zone 2A Holiday Social	6:30 p.m. - Bongiorno Conference Center

District Training Seminars

New Member Sponsor Responsibilities - Thursday, November 6, 2025 - 7:00 via Zoom

It is critical that new Lions become active and engaged in their Lions Club. During this training, PDG Dennis Cope will present and discuss the expectations of a new member sponsors and their role in making sure that new members feel welcome, valued, and knowledgeable about their Lions club. Click this link to register: [Sponsors](#)

New Member Orientation - Thursday, November 13, 2025 -7:00 via Zoom

New members who have not previously attended a new member orientation session are encouraged to attend this meeting. PDG Marty Zimmerman and PDG Keith Shoff will present basic information about Lions club beyond the club level activities. Learn about Lions club organization and initiatives during the meeting. Click this link to register: [New Members](#)

New Freedom Holds Pumpkin Patch

The New Freedom Club held its annual Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Over 400 attendees, painted pumpkins, stuffed scarecrows, jumped in bounce houses, played games, and much more.



Lions Denise & Ken Varteresian - Pumpkin Patch Coordinators



Lion Wayne Wurzbacher making the event a clean sweep!

District Governor Visits – November and December

Date	Location
November 3	Apple City Leo Club - 2:45 p.m.
November 4	New Freedom - 6:30 p.m.
November 5	Hanover West Manheim Twp. - 6:30 p.m.
November 11	Arendtsville - 6:30 p.m.
November 13	Susquehanna - 6:30 p.m.
November 18	Stewartstown - 6:30 p.m.
November 25	Jacksonville - 6:30 p.m.
December 8	Gettysburg - 7:00 p.m.
December 9	Yorktowne Branch - 11:00 a.m.
	Carlisle - 7:00 p.m.



On behalf of Past International President Fabricio Oliveira, District Governor Doug (Right) presented to Immediate Past President Brian Sweitzer (Left) of the Shrewsbury Area Centennial Lions Club the International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for the club achieving a net gain.

District Governor Visits Clubs



York White Rose President Zack Hilt presents DG Doug Nace with a donation for The District Governor Project Fund



Plainfield Club President Scott Leidigh presents DG Doug with a donation that he received during his visit to the club.



L to R: Dover President Kathy Hyder, DG Doug, and Zone Chair Duane Hull.



On behalf of Past International President Fabricio Oliveira, DG Doug presented the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to York Springs President Tom Hart, Jr.

York White Road Prepares for Christmas

The York White Rose club helped York County Parks with their Christmas Magic light displays for the upcoming Christmas season. New displays needed colored light bulbs installed, and the club was willing and able to help again this year.



L to R: Wanda Reisinger, Linda Hollenbach, Jean Gleaves, Jim O'Neill, Dwight Hollenbach, Zack Hilt, Mike Mummert, Bill Gleaves, Sue Johnston, Barb Hilt.



Youth Scholarship Available



The Lions International Pin Trading Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of US\$4,000 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lions 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 Sight First 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, 2026**.

Scholarship Applications and information are on the [LITPC website](#).

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

Lana McCaulley, Pin Trading Club Scholarship Chair
12 Fieldstone Drive
Mechanicsburg, Pa 17050
Phone 717-766-9196 or cell 717-343-3020
lanakmccaulle@gmail.com

Plainfield Awards Student of the Month



Evelyn Nericcio was recently honored as the Plainfield Lions Club's Student of the Month. Evelyn is a senior at Trinity High School but lives in Plainfield area. She has not settled on a college as yet but would like to major in Entertainment Engineering. Therefore, she is looking at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Point Park University in Pittsburgh and the University of Connecticut. Her dream job would be to become an Imagineer at Disney working in animatronics and robotics. Evelyn, on the left in the picture, is shown receiving her award from Plainfield Lions Club President Scott Leidigh, on the right.

Vision Conference Program Reflections

PDG Marty Zimmerman

On October 18, 2025 I attended the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation Annual Research Conference which was held at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Drexel University, Elkins Park Campus. The event featured the following speakers :

Erin Jenewein, OD, FAAO, Diplomate, PCO at Drexel University
Development of Objective and Clinical Outcome Measures for Assessment of the Effectiveness of Treatments of Intermittent Exotropia

Esma Yerlikaya, PhD Candidate, Penn State University College of Medicine
Can SYK Make Your Retina Sick?

Sierra Foshe, PhD Candidate, University of Pennsylvania
Pre-clinical Investigation of a Novel Antioxidant Therapy for Retinal Degeneration

Ethan Gerhard, PhD, Post Doctoral Fellow, Penn State University
Citrate-based Intracanalicular Implants for the Treatment of Cataract Surgery–Induced Inflammation

Kevin Zhang, MD, PhD, Resident, University of Pennsylvania
Aqueous Humor Proteomics in Glaucoma

Each speaker presented a summary of their research. I must admit the experience was transformational for me taking me back so 45 years to a time when I was in graduate school conducting my own research. The passion, excitement and creativity shared by the researchers was exhilarating to members of the audience. Please consider attending next year's conference, which will be held in Hersey, PA.

I know through the District Governor's Project Fund we support this foundation, but I would urge all clubs and Lions to consider making a contribution. In addition, the foundation has a Speaker Program for Lions Club or organizations. Contact State Council to identify a board member in your area 717 564-2586.

Checks payable to PLSCERF and mail Lion Robert Miller P.O. Box 6 Orwigsburg, PA 17961

Carlisle Helps Out At Trunk or Treat Event

Lions and LEOs participated in the 2nd annual Carlisle Family YMCA Trunk or Treat. Lions and LEOs worked together to provide free hot chocolate and theater popcorn throughout the evening. LEOs gave away over 15 gallons of hot chocolate on the cool October evening while making popcorn non-stop for over 2 hours.



Lion Jodi (left) and 2VDG Ray (right) work with the mother of several LEOs making and handing out popcorn.



LEOs worked with Lions to handout over 15 gallons of hot chocolate. One LEO even dressed in a banana suit to help entertain the patrons to the trunk or treat.

York State Fair Payment

As you may have already heard the York State Fair is having some financial difficulty. Their troubles were caused by low concert attendance and as many as 300 fraudulent charges. Because of these difficulties there will be a delay getting paid for our ticket scanning work at the 2025 fair. We were offered a monthly payment arrangement but dividing the income between each club that participated, and writing checks each month, would be very burdensome. Yes, they did recover some of the "lost" money but decided to pay the 4-H kids first. I do not have a problem with this plan, because as Lions, that's what we would do.

PDG George Reisinger

York Springs Community Breakfasts - 2026

(All You Can Eat)

Pancakes, Sausage, Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes,
Juice, Coffee, Hot Tea, & Hot Chocolate



York Springs Fire Hall

312 Main ST
York Springs, PA



Time: 7:00 – 10:30 AM

Sat., January 17, 2026

Sat., February 21, 2026

Sat., March 21, 2026

Price: \$12 - Adults over 12

\$5 - Ages 5-12

Free - Ages 4 & under

(Bring a canned good for our local food bank to receive \$1.00 off one admission)

Sponsored by York Springs Lions Club to benefit our local Community.

Questions: Contact Ed @ 717-475-4866 or email pchefprosser@gmail.com

Dover Supports Beacon Lodge

At a recent Dover Club meeting, Rob Farabaugh Jr. recently did a presentation on the technology he uses in his world of blindness. He also discussed his stay at Beacon Lodge which is paid for by the Dover Lions.



L to R: Dover Lions President Kathy Hyder ,Rob Farabaugh Sr., Rob Farabaugh Jr, and Gayle Farabaugh .

Beacon Lodge Wish List



Wish List 2025 Name: _____ District: _____ Club Name: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

OFFICE SUPPLIES:

- ☐ Color Copier Paper
- ☐ White Copier paper
- ☐ 8x14 white paper
- ☐ Bright White Printer Paper
- ☐ Envelopes: #10
- ☐ 3 prong Pocket Folders
- ☐ Banker Boxes
- ☐ Dry Erase Markers

KITCHEN:

- ☐ Plastic Cold Cups: 5 oz & 9 oz
- ☐ Hot Wax Coffee Cups: 9 & 10 oz
- ☐ Paper Plates: 9" or larger
- ☐ Napkins: dinner, picnic
- ☐ Original Dawn Dish Liquid
- ☐ White Bar/Dish Cloths
- ☐ Vinyl Kitchen Gloves (ALL sizes)

HOUSEKEEPING:

- ☐ Thick Paper Towels
- ☐ Clorox
- ☐ Disinfecting Spray Cleaner
- ☐ Disinfecting Floor Cleaners
- ☐ Disinfecting Wipes
- ☐ Magic Erasers
- ☐ White Vinegar
- ☐ 55-56 gal Trash Bags
- ☐ Toilet Plungers-heavy duty
- ☐ Toilet Brushes
- ☐ Zipper Vinyl Pillow Covers (standard)

- ☐ Zipper Vinyl Mattress Covers (twin)
- ☐ Long Twin Size Blankets - No Wool
- ☐ Industrial Wet Mop Heads
- ☐ Vinyl Disposable Gloves: M
- ☐ Extended Window Squeegee
- ☐ Floor Squeegee

MAINTENANCE:

- ☐ M, L, XL, XXL Black Nitrile Powder-Free Gloves
- ☐ LED Light Bulbs
- ☐ LED Flood Light Bulbs
- ☐ Duracell/Energizer/Rayovac Batteries: (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V)
- ☐ Packs of Roller Covers: LG & SM
- ☐ Foaming Bee/Wasp Killer
- ☐ Ant Spray
- ☐ Garden Hose Nozzles
- ☐ Microfiber Cloths
- ☐ Long Neck Lighters
- ☐ Paint Brushes: 2", 3", 4"
- ☐ Knee Pads

INFIRMARY:

- ☐ Baby Wipes
- ☐ Sunscreen - Spray
- ☐ Bug Spray (OFF, etc..)
- ☐ Bactine Spray
- ☐ Lanacane Spray
- ☐ Benadryl Spray
- ☐ Liquid Benadryl for children
- ☐ Calamine Lotion

- ☐ Hydrocortisone Cream
- ☐ Tylenol: adult & children
- ☐ Ibuprofen: adult & children
- ☐ Imodium
- ☐ Saline Eye Drops
- ☐ Exam Gloves: all sizes, latex-free
- ☐ Single Use Lancets
- ☐ Graduated Liquid Medicine Dispenser Cups
- ☐ First Aid Kits

ACTIVITIES:

- ☐ Craft Jewelry
- ☐ Craft Beads, String
- ☐ Colored Paper
- ☐ Elmer's Glue Sticks
- ☐ Bingo Prizes
- ☐ Stress Balls
- ☐ Weighted Stuffed Animals
- ☐ Twine
- ☐ Tie Dye
- ☐ White T-Shirts: Med, Lg, XL, 2XL
- ☐ White Socks: All Sizes Kids & Adult
- ☐ Smart Scissors & Skills Workbook
- ☐ Craft Kits for Children and Adults
- ☐ Crayons/Markers/Pencils
- ☐ Suncatchers
- ☐ Small Paint Kits and Brushes
- ☐ Play Doh
- ☐ Small Totes with lid

Donations of gift cards or checks are welcomed as well for purchase of these items.

Please visit BeaconLodge.org/wishlist for updated items and our Amazon department Wish Lists.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!



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Food & Crafts
Fun for the Kids

November 22, 2025: 9 AM - 3 PM

For information call (717) 501-4276

www.christmastimeinloganville.com

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Holiday Food Drive & Eyeglass Recycling

**Please bring donations of canned goods and used eyeglasses
to the Dallastown Intermediate School**

Stewartstown Holds Successful FallFest



For decades the Stewartstown FallFest has been eagerly anticipated by residents and 2025 was no exception. Despite an overcast days, hundreds of people turned out to sample food trucks, see chain saw carving, listen to local bands, and just have a wonderful time. This year's event raised over \$5,000 for the club. In addition, four residents expressed an interest in becoming a Lion. After several years of being run by PDG Tom Jones, this year's event was spearheaded by Lion Jake Schultz.

Carlisle Serves at Local Events

Lions set up a booth at the Kings Gap Environmental Center annual Garden Harvest Days. Lion and LEOs worked together doing eye screening, selling brooms, and baked goods.



The same weekend, the club was busy with car parking for the Fall Carlisle Car Show.



*Lion Tom Welcoming People
To the Lions Booth*



Carlisle Area LEOs selling baked goods.

New Freedom Supports White Cane Day



Lions Deb McKnight & Brian Miller, not pictured, PDG Kerry McKnight, collected donations at Saubel's Markets in Shrewsbury on October, 11, 2025, for White Cane Day to support Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Arendtsville Serves at the National Apple Harvest Festival



For nearly 45 years, the Arendtsville Lions Club has served delicious, traditional fair food at the National Apple Harvest Festival. For the first time, the sitting District Governor, Doug Nace, and his partner in service, Lion Terry Walton, were among the club's many volunteers who contributed a total of 810 volunteer hours during the two weekends of the festival. Club members contributed approximately half of those hours while family, friends and members of other non-profit groups contributed the remaining volunteer hours.

Shrewsbury Supports Fall Festival



The Shrewsbury club sold mums, whoopie pies, and raffle tickets at the local Fall Fest.. The club was raising money for upcoming Community events. Lions volunteering with this event were Dan Sipe, Pat Lafleur, Preston Gaylor, Angie Baldwin, and Tracy Baldwin.

York Springs Celebrates Leos

At a recent meeting of the York Springs Lions Club, Lion 1st Vice President Brian Davis presented an achievement award to our Golden Eagle Leo Club for having their members registered, & the officers in place in the Lion portal.



Accepting the award, from left, are Club Advisor Lion Mandi Ruberg with Leos Lily Chubb & Kylee Hermansen.



The Deadline for the December Issue is November 23rd

Newsletter Guidelines:

- Articles should be Word or PDF documents.
- Send all pictures separately and send the originals, not copies downloaded from Facebook or social media. This helps me resize and re-render them to fit our guidelines.
- Pictures should be JPG or PNG files.
- Include the names of everyone in the picture. Pictures without identifying information will be the first ones cut for space.
- Tell us something about the event or organization you're supporting. The more information you provide, the better chance of your article being included.
- You **MUST** include your name and the name of your club in the email submission. This isn't related to size requirements but ensures your email will be read. Emails that contain nothing but an attachment often get sent to a Spam folder or blocked altogether. By putting your name in the email, I also have someone to contact if I have questions.
- Flyers, posters, and brochures cannot be more than one page. You may send a longer piece, but it will be cut down to be only one page and it's always better if the submitting club makes those changes instead of me.

Submit articles to the following email:

district14newsletter@gmail.com

Thank you all for all of the great submissions!

Carl Birkmeyer

Newsletter Editor

The ABCs of LCIF

PDG Keith Shoff

Greetings to all you District 14C All-stars. Yes, each and every one of you are All-Stars, because of what you do for both your local Communities and Communities around the world, every day.

This month, I'm sharing some information I received regarding LCIF support for the devastation left behind from Typhoon Halong in Alaska. *Remnants of a powerful typhoon swept into Western Alaska's Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta on Oct. 12, 2025, producing a storm surge that flooded villages as far as 60 miles up the river. The water [pushed homes off their foundations](#) and set some [afloat with people inside](#), officials said. More than 50 [people had to be rescued](#) in Kipnuk and Kwigillingok, [hundreds were displaced](#) in the region, and at least [one person died](#).*

Why was this area so vulnerable to this storm?? The land in this part of western Alaska is very flat, so major storms can drive the ocean into the delta, and the water spreads out. Most of the land there is very close to sea level, in some places less than 10 feet above the high tide line. [Permafrost is also thawing](#), land is subsiding, and [sea-level rise](#) is adding to the risk. For many people, there is literally nowhere to go. [Even Bethel](#), the region's largest town, about 60 miles up the Kuskokwim River, saw flooding from Halong. These are **[very remote communities](#)** with no roads to cities. The only way to access them is by boat or plane. Right now, they have [a lot of people with nowhere to live](#), and winter is closing in. These villages are also small. They don't have extra housing or the resources to rapidly recover. To add to the frustration, almost all of the supplies have to come in by barge – plywood to nails to windows – and that isn't going to happen in winter. You can't truck it in – there are no roads. Planes can only fly in small amounts – the runways are short and not built for cargo planes. The National Guard might be able to help fly in supplies. But then you still need to have people who can do the construction and other repair work.

Here come the Lions ... International Director Ski Marcinkowski confirmed that District 49A has already applied for an emergency grant to assist with disaster relief efforts. Currently, District 49B has not requested a grant at this time, citing the robust support provided by Alaska Native Corporations along the northwest coast. Communication remains ongoing with Lions Clubs in the affected communities of Nome and Kotzebue to verify what needs can be addressed the fastest. As with all disasters, this will be a long-term recovery effort.

Remember, donations of any size are appreciated, both by individuals and by Clubs and can now be earmarked to a particular disaster area. When donating to your Foundation. Checks should be made out to “**LCIF**” in whatever amount you wish to donate....

You can personally send the check to LCIF, but better yet, let me send it in and I will see to it that you get any and all recognition for your donation. Thank You for donating to YOUR Foundation !!!

District Disaster Relief Program

DO YOU KNOW?

1 in 70 adults were displaced by a natural disaster

On average a major disaster declaration was declared every 4 days

Disasters costing more than 1 Billion dollars on average per year

1980 – 2020 – 9 - Billion Dollar disaster per year

2020-2025 – 23 - Billion Dollar Disaster per year

All statistics are based on 2024 unless otherwise listed.

Disasters can happen any place at any time.

Do you want to be a statistic or someone that knows what to do?

November is [Thanksgiving cooking Safety](#) – Thanksgiving is the **leading day** for home cooking fires, which are over three times the daily average.

- **Fires:** In 2022, fire departments responded to 1,620 home cooking fires on Thanksgiving, a rate over three times higher than a typical day.
- **Comparison:** This is more than any other day of the year, with Christmas Day and Christmas Eve ranking second and third.
- **Trends:** The annual average number of cooking fires on Thanksgiving has been about three and a half times higher than a typical day between 2018 and 2022.
- **Causes and risks**
- **Unattended cooking:** This is the leading cause of cooking fires on Thanksgiving.
- **Turkey fryers:** Deep-frying a turkey presents a major fire risk, causing an average of 5 deaths, 60 injuries, and over \$15 million in property damage in 2022.
- **Other risks:** Other hazards include placing the fryer too close to flammable materials, using it inside, and placing a frozen turkey into hot oil.
- **Safety recommendations**
- **Stay in the kitchen:** Never leave cooking food unattended.
- **Keep a clear space:** Keep anything that can catch fire—such as oven mitts, food packaging, and towels—away from your stovetop.
- **Watch the fryer:** If using a turkey fryer, follow all safety instructions and never use it indoors or on a flammable surface. Consider a newer, oil-less fryer as an alternative.
- **Be alert:** Avoid using the stove if you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol.
- **Have a plan:** Keep a working smoke alarm and a fire extinguisher approved for grease fires nearby.
- **Get out, call 911:** If a fire starts, get everyone out of the house immediately and call 911 from a safe location.

If you have questions or want to learn more; please reach out to the DRP Chairperson, Ray Highlands at carlislelionray@comcast.net.

Lions International Peace Poster and Essay Contest



Do you share Winnie the Pooh's excitement in his anticipation of viewing the amazing Peace Poster Contest posters that our students of District 14-C have created for the Lions International Peace Poster Contest? I know I do!

This year's theme is "**Together As One.**" Students around the world are invited to imagine a world where we come together as one.

The important information for you to know about the Peace Poster Contest is the following:

1. The Peace Poster Contest is opened to children ages 11-13 as of November 15.
2. Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.
3. Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. Monetary awards are earned at each level.
4. **The postmark deadline for your club to send one winning poster to the District Governor is November 15th.**
5. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.
6. One international grand prize winner will receive \$5,000 and a trip to a special award ceremony at the International Convention. Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

Your club can, also, sponsor visually-impaired students in the Lions International Essay Contest! Students who are visually impaired and who are of the ages 11-13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate.

Peace Poster Kits can be ordered on the LCI website in the physical form or in the digital form. Peace Poster Kits for next year's contest will be available toward the end of January.



Winnie is whispering a secret to you to let you know that we have a new club who is sponsoring students in this wonderful contest. Stay tuned to learn the name of this incredible club!

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how to sponsor a Peace Poster Contest for you club, please contact Lion Patti Hullmann, Jacobus Lions Club District 14-C Peace Poster Chair.

Email me at hullmannt@aol.com or call (717) 600-7642. Lion Patti Hullman

Apple City Leos Support the Peace Poster Project

For the fourth consecutive year, the Apple City Leo Club sponsored one of three Peace Poster contest winners from Upper Adams Intermediate School. The club members also selected the nine finalists from the 54 posters submitted by the UAIS sixth grade students. The winners of the contest, sponsored by the Arendtsville Lions Club and the Upper Adams Lions Club, were selected from these nine finalists.



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Clubs Support Mental Health Awareness



The Carlisle club posted on Facebook this Mental Health message and received over 775 views. Mental Health is a new cause for Lions and affects 1 in 4 adults.



New Freedom Lions Club member, Lion Desmond Lomax, presented an informative and engaging presentation to the club on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, as part of the Mental Health & Well-Being Initiative.

WELCOME

New Members

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Steve Webb	Camp Hill	Ron Long
Diana Kujawa	Shrewsbury Area Centennial	Angela Baldwin
Francisco Cruz	Jacobus	Trent Brown
Nicole Highlands	Carlisle	Lisa Highlands
Anne Mayers	Mason+Dixon	Donald Howard
John Wild	Mason+Dixon	Donald Howard

IN LOVING Memory

Deceased Member	Club	Years of Service
Clayton Wilcox	East Berlin	53
Gary Peters	Plainfield	43
Perl McDonald	Stewartstown	4
Richard Fuhrman	York New Salem	35
Lowell Wakeland	York New Salem	40

The 2025 Necrology Service video is available for viewing on the District's [YouTube site](#).

2025 – 2026 District 14-C Directory Changes

New Changes

Page 46 - Change Boiling Springs Lions Club President to James Compton, 396 Myers Road, Boiling Springs PA 17007, 717-678-5634, comptonjr@comcast.net

Page 54 - Change Mason+Dixon Club Secretary to Joanna Walker, 10 Piney Hill Road, Airville, PA 17302, 717-873-9008, masondixonlionsclubsecretary@gmail.com

Previously Reported Changes

Pages 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 41 and 89 - Change the email address for PDG Dan Brant to: danbrant44@gmail.com.

Page 46 - Officers listed for Cumberland Crossing Branch should be reversed. Lion Georgia Taylor is Branch President and PDG Dan Brant is Branch Secretary.

Page 47 - Add phone number for Carlisle Lions Club President Jessie Webb - c: 717-385-0269

Page 50 - Change phone number for Fairfield Lions Club President Douglas Kump to 717-398-5931

Page 53 - Add Larry Simpson as Jefferson Community Lions Club President: 4925 Smoetown Rd, Glenville PA 17329, 717-229-2396, lps4925@gmail.com.

Page 54 - Add phone number for Mount Holly Springs Lions Club President Charles Chenot - c: 717-943-7418.

Page 55 - Add name and contact information of the President of New Cumberland Area Lions Club: Christopher Semoff, 1018 Swarthmore Road, New Cumberland PA 17070, c: 717-443-1576, sbr001@comcast.net

Page 59 - Change phone number for Upper Adams Lion Club President Erma Weikert to c: 717-586-1808

Page 61 - Change the email address for York Springs Lions Club President Robert McGinnis to: bobmcginnisjr@aol.com.

Page 90 - Change the email address for Mike Fenicle to: mikefen1965@aol.com.

To secure an electronic version of the directory, email a request to PDG Dennis Cope at dennis.cope@icloud.com, or download it from the district website

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CLUB RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Type of Club Recognition Patch:

() 100% Club Award # Members _____ x \$2.00 = \$ _____

() 100% Directors Award # Members _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

() 100% LOPF Award # Members _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Club Name: _____

Club Member Ordering: _____

Address of Member: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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