



District 14C Newsletter September 2025



A Message From the District Governor



**District Governor
Doug Nace**

The Lions and Leos of District 14-C - You ROAR! As I get around our District, I am so impressed with what you and your clubs are doing in your communities. This is a goal that we discussed early on in the year, to reacquaint our communities with our Lions Clubs and make them aware of what we do. I would like to share with you some highlights of what District 14-C has been doing. Between April 1 to June 30, 2025, our District did children's eye screening for 876 children, which was the most reported in the state. The screenings were conducted by the Boiling Springs, Carlisle, Dover, Hanover, Littlestown, Mechanicsburg, Shiloh and Windsor Lions Clubs. To put it in perspective, District 14-G was the closest to us with 482 screenings. The York Fair is another big event for the Lions in our District. PDG George Reisinger and PDG Gordon Sinclair are passing the baton for

coordinating the Lions Clubs working at the York Fair. This July the Lions scanned tickets at all the gates and were able to greet face to face with 459,957 people during the course of the fair- talk about being out in the community, and we even get paid to do this. Thank You PDG George and PDG Gordon for a job well done. Unfortunately, I only have so much space for my article, so I cannot list everything that is going on in the District but I can say it is impressive. Please continue to share all your events and happenings on the District's Facebook Page, Website and District Newsletter along with posting them on your Club's sites.

Lions Clubs International has taken on a new cause "Mental Health and Well Being". The upcoming month of October is Mental Health Awareness Month. Lions and Leos are promoting the importance of mental health and well-being and providing meaningful opportunities to get involved in serving this important initiative. The Lions and Leos Week of Service for this cause is October 4-12, 2025. By participating, you'll be part of an impactful week dedicated to creating positive change and making a difference in your communities. On pages 22 and 23 of this newsletter are helpful items for conducting an event for Mental Health and Well Being. Please note that this year to receive a Club Excellence Award, a club has to participate and report their service on the Lions Portal. Since this is a new initiative, our District is looking for a Chairperson, so if interested, please contact me.

I am so proud of District 14-C and the accomplishments you have done so far in this Lions Year. Thank You all for everything that you do. "WE SERVE"

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

A Message From the 1st Vice District Governor



**1st Vice
District Governor
Patti Wurzbacher**

Lions, LEOs of District 14C

This month, I want to share a truly moving experience from my visit to Leader Dogs for the Blind, where I joined fellow FVDGs from across the USA and Canada. This remarkable organization opened my eyes to the daily realities faced by individuals living with vision impairments and the life-changing difference Leader Dogs make in their lives. We were blessed to hear from Joey Johnson and Walker Jones, who, with their Leader Dogs Tucker and Loki, shared inspiring stories of courage and transformation. Both men described how a loyal companion with four paws and a wet nose lifted them from a place of isolation and darkness into a life filled with independence, opportunity, and hope. Their words were powerful reminders of the incredible

impact Leader Dogs can have.

We also had the privilege of experiencing a guided white cane walk and even trusting a Leader Dog to guide us—a humbling role reversal for someone like me, who is usually the one leading my own dogs! Later, during “Dinner in the Dark,” I gained a new perspective on how my mother, with her limited vision, managed daily tasks. It was an eye-opening moment of empathy and understanding (though I must say, Lion Wayne handled his meal like a pro—without even a mess!).

This visit left me deeply grateful and proud. It reinforced how much our support of Leader Dogs for the Blind truly matters. Our donations aren’t just contributions—they are life-changing gifts that bring freedom, dignity, and companionship to those who need it most. I came home humbled, inspired, and in awe of Joey and Walker, who live each day with courage and grace, fully trusting in their Leader Dogs. Their stories are a shining example of the power of service, and a reminder that while I could simply remove my blindfold, for many, Leader Dogs provide the light they need to navigate their world.

**With gratitude,
Patti Wurzbacher, FVDG**

A Message From the 2nd Vice District Governor



Hello Lions and LEOs throughout District 14-C

As we move into September, Lion Lisa and I have had a busy schedule with International Convention, MD Council meetings, and District Cabinet meetings and club projects. The season seems to get really busy for clubs as we move into the fall season.

I have been meeting so many new people and one thing I have been learning is the fact that Pennsylvania and specifically District 14-C's Lions are amazing and accomplish so many great things. Lions of PA have sent truckloads of supplies to disaster sites, District Lions donated funds to LCIF to surpass last year's DGs goals. Lions in this district have been conducting vision screening with numbers that

stand out across the state and reaching out to the public and making a difference in every aspect of Lionism in our communities.

We hear so much about getting members, but we are just one organization out of many in our communities looking for new people. One of the goals that DG Doug gave me for this Lions year is to get the word out about Lionism and the great things Lions in the district are doing. We need to market Lions and what we do in our communities. We all joined Lions for different reasons but the main thing to consider is that someone marketed Lions to us to catch our interest and this made us want to be part of this great organization. People come to what they know, and they do not join anything blindly.

Every major corporation advertises what they do, and we must advertise what we do. Word of mouth is the first line of advertising, and every Lion can talk about the projects their club is accomplishing. Electronic advertising, Facebook and Websites are important, but they do not work unless we are using them. Would you visit a Facebook page if you knew they only updated the page once a year or only a couple times a year and you don't know when it will be updated? We need to post pictures of what we are doing and what we are going to do. Put things on before, during, and after the event.

We have heard the adage "Build it and they will come." Lions we have built it, but they will not come if they do not know what we do. New members will join us if we sell the product, and the product is Lionism and service to our communities. Lions throughout the district should be proud about everything you do, and all you have to do is let the people in your community know. I know I am proud to be a Lion and when I talk to people, I try to ensure to let them know that. I asked all Lions in the district to be proud and be the advertisement for your club. Tell the world what it means to "ROAR".

Yours in Lionism
2VDG Ray Highlands

A Message From IPDG Galen Burkholder

WE SERVE!

Mission 1.5

Mission Possible



Immediate Past
District Governor
Galen Burkholder

Membership

1. **Membership District goal is four new members per week**
Sound impossible?

2. **That's 16 new members per month:**

- Remember that total is divided across 43 Clubs.
- So, 37% of Clubs need to get a new member.
- I know that 2 Clubs in my Zone have accepted 3 new members during August.
- We can do this.

Trained and Oriented Members

1. **GLT ZC Jay is finalizing a tentative online Zoom training schedule for the Club year.**

- Make sure new officers attend appropriate session.
- Make sure new members participate in Orientation session.

MD14 Marketing for District Governors/Clubs

- 9 out of 17 District Governors are on board.
- District 14-C is participating.
- Watch for additional information.

We **ARE** Lions. We Serve.

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

Get ready to **roar!!!**

Lions SERVE.

Let's let the world know.

Mission 1.5

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Galen Burkholder

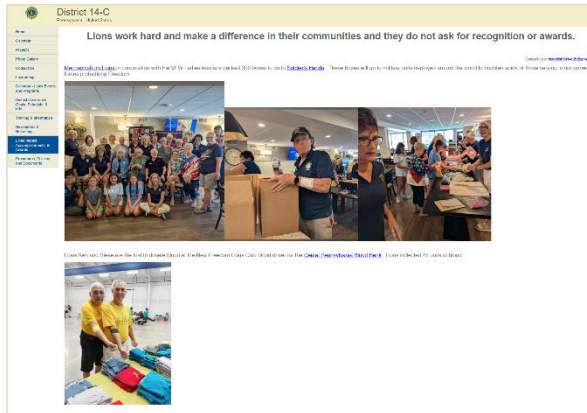
Immediate Past District Governor

District Information Technology and Website

Calling for all events and pictures.

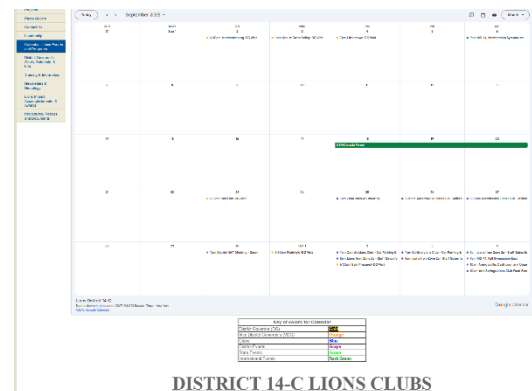
As we move into the fall club activities, we need to tell the world about what we are doing and going to do. Looking for information for the District Facebook page and District Website.

The District [Facebook](#) page and the District website page for [Lions Impact, Accomplishments, & Awards](#) are growing and reaching out to the public. The district needs to share what all the clubs are doing, but we can only share what the clubs send in or put on their club Facebook page. Looking for pictures and information.



The website has a [calendar page](#) that I am listing events throughout the district. So, when you send in your event information, your dates will be entered onto the district calendar for all to see. Please send your dates and details so that your club's information can be shared.

Please send information, photos, or any other details to lionsdistrict14C.fb@gmail.com.



District 14-C Meetings and Events – September and October

Date	Event	Time and Location
September 25	WCC/Zone 2A Meeting	7:00 p.m. St Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 30	Global Action Team Meeting	7:00 p.m. Zoom
October 4	MD 14 Fall Leadership Symposium	9:00 a.m. - PA Lions State Office
October 23	WCC/Zone 2A Meeting	7:00 p.m. St Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 30	Global Action Team Meeting	7:00 p.m. Zoom

2025 – 2026 District 14-C Directory Changes

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

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

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 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.

District Governor Visits – September and October

Date	Club
September 2	Mechanicsburg - 6:30 p.m.
September 3	Kreutz Creek - 6:00 p.m.
September 4	Littlestown - 7:00 p.m.
September 23	Red Lion - 6:15 p.m.
October 1	Plainfield - 6:30 p.m.
October 2	East Prospect - 6:30 p.m.
October 7	York Springs & Golden Eagle Leo Club - 6:30 p.m.
October 9	Dover - 6:15 p.m.
October 13	West Shore - 6:30 p.m. (tentative)
October 15	York White Rose - 1:00 p.m.
October 16	Shippensburg - 6:00 p.m.
October 21	Shewsbury Area Centennial – Noon Fairfield – 5:30 p.m.
October 21	Fairfield - 5:30 p.m.
October 22	Jacobus Area Lioness - 6:30 p.m.
October 23	Jacobus - 6:30 p.m.
October 28	Dallastown (Lions and Leos) - 6:30 p.m.



Brogue president and PDG Keith Shoff presents District Governor Doug Nace with a District Governor medal celebrating his years as Newsletter Editor.

East Berlin Presents Check to DG's Fund



From Left: Future Leader Dog Stella Artios, Vera Krall, President East Berlin Lions, DG Doug Nace and Todd Boller, 1-A Zone Chair

Upper Adams Supports Fall Fest

The Upper Adams Club participated in the local fire company's Fall Fest by manning a table to collect used eyeglasses and continue its efforts to be more visible in the community as well as recruit new members. The club was thrilled to collect 145 pair of used eyeglasses in a four-hour span!



L to R: Treasurer Kathy Culp, Past President Carol Rex, and President Erma Weikert

New Freedom Holds Successful Blood Drive



Lions Ken Varteresian & Steve Grothey donated two of the 45 units of blood collected at the New Freedom Lions Club Blood Drive held on August 13th. The club had a great turnout, thus saving 135 lives!

District 14-C Club Officer Training

District 14-C recently held training for incoming Club Presidents and Club Secretaries.

Recordings of these training are posted on the district's website, along with recordings of previous trainings.

Click the following link to find these recordings:

<https://e-district.org/sites/14c/page-12.php>.

Paws for Thought

By LD Puppy Raiser Robbie Teal

FLD Stella (Artios) training is coming along well. She is just a little over 6 months old and weighted in at 58.8 pounds. She is as smart as a whip and is one of the easiest puppies I ever trained. This summer, I had the pleasure of watching my 6-year old granddaughter, Michaela every Monday. We had a routine of working with Stella those days. First a walk, then to the local diner for breakfast, were Stella worked on her down stays and ignoring the other customers, then to the grocery store or Dollar General. The local butcher shop is always a challenge for the FLDs because their noses work overtime. Michaela was handling FLD Stella at grocery store the other Monday when a lady stopped me and asked, "Isn't Leader Dogs the one that is associated with Lions Club". I said yes it is. She went on to tell me that she had raised 11 puppies for the Seeing Eye Organization and wanted to compliment on how well Michaela was handling Stella. She said she could tell that Stella was young, and thought both were well behaved. I was so proud of them. Later that evening, FLD Stella and Lion Vera went to a church meeting for several hours, and did very well there. I can tell you, Stella was one tired puppy when she came home.

Just a little note: Michaela has had alopecia since she was about 18 months old. Having no hair doesn't bother her, and I think she rocks the bald look.



Lions Clubs at the National Apple Harvest Festival

Lions from around the area are invited and encouraged to attend the 2025 National Apple Harvest Festival on October 4, 5, 11 and 12. This two weekend festival is held at the South Mountain Fairgrounds near Arendtsville, PA. Three District 14-C Lions clubs in Zone 1B have food stands at this festival: Arendtsville Lions Club, Cashtown Lions Club, and Upper Adams Lions Club. Each club offers a variety of tasty menu items. All three clubs offer standard fair food, such as hamburgers and hot dogs, but each club also has its signature standard items, too.

The Arendtsville Lions Club features breakfast platters until 10:00 with chipped beef gravy as an option. After that, Old Tyme Thick Milkshakes and three kinds of soup - chicken corn, ham & bean and potato - hot ham sandwiches, and walking tacos are featured in addition to traditional fair fare.

Cashtown Lions Club features breakfast sandwiches all day with sausage or scrapple, which is made on site and available to purchase in both small and large pans.

Upper Adams Lions Club has a beef brisket sandwich that is to die for! You can top that off with a generous serving of apple crisp served with a scoop of ice cream.

You can't go wrong with any of the items served at these three Lions club stands, and filling your stomach at these stands will help these clubs better serve their communities.

For more information about the National Apple Harvest Festival, click on this link:

<https://www.appleharvest.com/>



Members and volunteers from the Cashtown Lions Club grill some of their favorite items at the 2024 National Apple Harvest Festival.

**Annual Pennsylvania Lions
Fall Leadership Symposium**

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, October 4, 2025 9 AM-2 PM

PA Lions State Office

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Lunch available for a \$10.00 donation (Pay at the Door)

OR

Sunday, October 5, 2025 Noon-5 PM

Beaver County Lighthouse

720 Third Avenue

New Brighton, PA 15066

Snacks will be available

Club Extension Efforts and Processes

Presenter: PDG Jeff Loudermilk

Grant Writing – Show Me The Money

Presenter: IPDG Deb Keepports

Club Membership Retention and Enhancement

Presenter: PDG Mike Schaeffer

Succession Planning – If Not Me, Then Who and Why

Presenter: PCC Dr. Linda Zaneski

FREE & OPEN to all MD-14 Lions

To register contact PDG Bill Grager at

bilbomzk@gmail.com or call (717)615-1974

Space is Limited!

Empowerment is the key to success!

New Freedom Celebrates Back to School

The New Freedom Lions participated in the W. Dale Brougner YMCA of Shrewsbury Back to School Event on August 10th with vision screenings. The club screened 17 kids with no referrals. Lion Deb & PDG Kerry McKnight and Lion Wayne & FVDG Patti Wurzbacher assisted with the screenings.



Apple City Leo Club Provides Cabinet Liaison

Apple City Leo Club President Callista Hade has been named as Leo Cabinet Liaison on the 2025-2026 District 14-C Cabinet. Leo Callie is a Junior at Biglerville High School this year and serving her second year as Club President. During her first year, Leo Callie showed exceptional leadership skills while leading several Apple City Leo Club service projects, including Valentine's Day cards and games at a senior center. She also helped recruit 10 new members into the club.

As Leo Cabinet Liaison, Leo Callie hopes to connect with other Leo clubs in District 14-C and have them work together on a district Leo Club project. She also hopes to promote sponsorship of new Leo clubs so that District 14-C can establish a Leo District.



Leo Callista Hade is inducted as Leo Cabinet Liaison by PDG Kerry McKnight at the District Cabinet Meeting on August 9, 2025.

Hanover Promotes Lionism

In June, a baker's dozen of Hanover Club members gathered in the middle of the New Oxford circle for the purpose of letting the public know Lions are here to serve. Call it a triple threat. The club served perfectly toasted hot dogs, some of the best Amish brooms available this side of the Susquehanna River, and introduced a new batch of the Lottery Tickets for the 2026 calendar year. Most important of all, the club was there and visible, having fun, and enjoying the festivities.



Pictured above are those who assisted with the set up and getting the ball rolling during the first two hours. From left are Don Troutman, Mike Kaehler, Sue and Pat Senft, Bristol (Don's grand-daughter), Chris Hull, Jon Schmeyer, and President John Zinn. Also participating later in the day were PDGs Lisa and John Griffie, Lori Turnbaugh, Michele Deatrick, Dan McKinney, and Gerry DeGroft.

Boiling Springs Lions Club Music in the Park



Pictured L to R: Jim Compton, John Winegardner, Terry Miller & Steve Bear



Boiling Springs Lions

The Boiling Springs Lions Club sold food at the South Middleton Music in the Park event. The long lines kept the Lions busy, but they had an amazing time listening to the music while serving food to those in attendance.



Join the Boiling Springs Lions Club on September 27, 2025, from 7 - 11 AM for all you can eat pancake breakfast. The event is held at Otterbein UMC, 647 Forge Road, Carlisle.

York Springs Holds Peach Fruit Event

York Springs Lions held their Peach Fruit Event on the weekend of August 22nd. With wonderful weather, the club had a very successful event.



Customers line up for delicious peach pies



Susquehanna Supports National Night Out

The Susquehanna Lions participated in the National Night Out Program held at the Orndorff Elementary School on August 5th, 2025. National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.



L to R: Lions Mike Starner, Juan Swartz, Project Chair Richard Heilman, Bob Bowman, Walter Haring, Bob Crump, President Donnie Fries and Craig Schaffner.

Memorial Benches Dedicated to Former Lions in New Oxford

PDG Lisa Griffie led a ceremony during the July Pizza Night at the Cross Keys Fellowship Church where memorial benches were placed in the church's play area and dedicated to three former New Oxford Lions Club members who passed in recent years. With the spouses and families in attendance, the group celebrated the long-standing service of these Lions. Pictured below are the Troutman and Smith families with the respective benches.





FREE BOUNCE HOUSES



**LOTS OF FREE
ACTIVITIES**



**NEW FREEDOM LIONS CLUB
3RD ANNUAL**

Pumpkin Patch

NEW FREEDOM COMMUNITY CENTER

Saturday, October 4, 2025

11:00 AM until 4:00 PM

FAMILY FUN | FOOD | GAMES
MAKE A SCARECROW | ARTS & CRAFTS
PUMPKINS FOR SALE

**ALL PROCEEDS GO BACK TO THE
COMMUNITY!**



FREE FACE PAINTING



Lions International

LIONS AND LEOS ARE WORKING TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, TO EDUCATE AND SUPPORT THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND ADVOCATE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Facts and Statistics

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. The 17 goals are an urgent call for action by all countries — developed and developing — in a global partnership. Achievement of the SDGs also relies on the involvement of volunteer organizations who connect governmental strategies and initiatives with complementary, yet essential, community action.

THIS GLOBAL CAUSE SUPPORTS SDG #3

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES



An estimated **700,000 people die by suicide every year** (World Health Organization).



On average, **2% of health budgets go to mental health** (World Health Organization).



People who are exposed to adverse circumstances — including poverty, violence, disability and inequality — are at **higher risk of developing a mental health condition** (World Health Organization).



Depression is the leading cause of disability globally, affecting an estimated more than 300 million people worldwide — the majority of them women, young people and the elderly (United Nations).



For depression, the gaps in service coverage are wide across all countries: in high-income countries, an estimated **23% of cases receive minimally adequate treatment for depression** and in low- and lower-middle income countries this is estimated at **3% of cases** (World Health Organization).



More than 80% of all people with mental disorders live in low- and middle-income countries, where the vicious cycle between mental health and poverty is particularly prevalent because of a lack of welfare safety nets and poor accessibility to effective treatment (World Health Organization).



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MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Service Ideas

lionsclubs.org/mental-health



Promote education, awareness and advocacy resources and tools from reputable organizations such as the [World Health Organization](#) and [World Federation for Mental Health](#).



Explore the [World Health Organization's mental health and well-being stigma reduction resources](#) and promote them using social media to highlight the importance of lessening mental health stigma and debunking common misconceptions.



Contact local, state/province and federal government representatives to advocate for increased mental health funding and expanded services. Use our [Lions Advocacy Toolkit](#) to get started.



Explore ways to increase access to vital mental health screening services in your community among underserved groups by contacting and utilizing mental health professionals, psychologists and psychiatric physicians in your networks. Connect with local stakeholders such as schools, hospitals and community leaders to collaborate on shared goals.



Find your region or country's suicide prevention hotline using the [International Association for Suicide Prevention's international suicide crisis hotline search feature](#) and promote the hotline at awareness events and on social media.



Use resources, facts and statistics from the World Health Organization and World Federation for Mental Health to create a [World Mental Health Day](#) social media campaign with your club, district or multiple district. Share your impact on social media with photos, videos and other assets using the hashtag #WorldMentalHealthDay.



Donate food, toiletries or maintenance services to a local transitional living home serving disabled individuals and/or those living with various mental health conditions in your community.



Host a walk or event in partnership with a local mental health organization to raise mental health and well-being awareness utilizing the World Health Organization's [mental well-being resources and depression infographics](#).



Volunteer at your local center for elderly care to assist with enrichment and well-being events.



Support [Lions Quest](#) social-emotional learning and well-being curriculum for youth in your community. Consider providing promotional support and curriculum delivery for Lions Quest by applying for a [Lions Quest Promotional Grant](#) or [Lions Quest Community Partnership Grant](#).



Use resources from the [International Association for Suicide Prevention](#) to highlight [World Suicide Prevention Day](#) in your community.



Provide assistance to mental health agencies and treatment centers by hosting fundraisers, providing publicity on social media and collecting needed supplies.



Encourage well-being and development of life skills among youth by creating a local social and mentorship group in your community. Get started by [watching this video](#) about Camp Conquer, a community-based youth wellness group created by Lions in Delaware, USA.

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The Deadline for the October Issue is September 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

Lions International Peace Poster and Essay Contest

What an **amazing opportunity** the Dalian Delong Lions Club in China gave to Shuwen Wang by sponsoring her in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest for 2024/2025! Shuwen was awarded this year's top prize depicting the theme, **"Peace Without Limits."** As quoted from The Lion Magazine, Shuwen stated, *"Peace is like sunshine, filling the world with warmth and light. Where there is peace, people can live, study and work with peace of mind, without worrying about the harm and pain brought by war. Peace allows people from different countries and cultures to better communicate and understand each other, making the world more diverse and wonderful."*

And, this year, your club can, also, give an **amazing opportunity** to an organized group of students in your area to share their vision of world peace in the form of creating a poster for the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. 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 organized group of students could be from a school, Scouting group, homeschool group, church youth group, teen volunteer group, after-school daycare group, etc. Students must be 11, 12, or 13 on November 15 to be eligible to participate. Please consider making this one of your goals in your club to serve our youth by sponsoring them in the Peace Poster Contest. Without our sponsorship, this opportunity will never reach fruition.

You can order a physical Peace Poster Contest kit online at www.lionsclub.org or order a digital kit, download it, and print it to save on the shipping costs. Or, you can order by phone by calling Club Supplies Sales at (630)571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822.

Peace Poster Kits must be ordered by October 1st.

For sight impaired children, there is the **Peace Essay Contest** for them to enter. The information about the essay contest is available on the LCI Website.

Please let me know if there is any way I can be of assistance to you in becoming a generous sponsor of children in this contest. I am available to come to speak to your club about the contest or visit with the teacher, principal, counselor, advisor, youth group leader, etc. with you to make a presentation about the contest. Contact me at hullmannt@aol.com or (717)600-7642.

Lion Patti Hullman
District 14-C Peace Poster Chair

The ABCs of LCIF

PDG Keith Shoff

Thanks to donations from clubs and individuals from all over the world, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) raised over 82 million dollars this past Lions Year, which met their fundraising goal! Since LCIF was founded in 1968, over 20,000 grants have been awarded and LCIF has provided over 1.3 billion dollars in grants to those in need throughout the world.

For this month's newsletter, I'd like to start with a recap of the District's stats for IPDG Galen's year. There were 3 different Goals for LCIF donations attributed to District 14-C

- The first goal was recommended by LCIF for us which is \$35,237 or \$30.43 / member
- The second goal was one recommended by IPIP Patti Hill which is \$57,474 or \$49.59 / member

I am pleased to announce that as of the close of the 2024 / 2025 Lion's year, District 14-C had collected \$47,610.00 - this put us in First place within Multiple District 14.

WELL DONE 14C - Give yourselves a round of applause!!!

Moving forward to DG Doug's goal for his year .. It was just announced that the 14C LCIF Goal for the 2025 / 2026 Lions year will be \$39,584. I have not seen any extended goal from IPIP [Fabrício Oliveira as of this writing](#).

I'd encourage you to keep LCIF in your Club's yearly budget .. keep considering your members that should be recognized with a Melvin Jones Fellowship / think about doing a fundraiser just for LCIF. Our new International President Singh, is continuing the limited edition Presidential Pins, same as his predecessors had done. I don't have any as of yet but expect to obtain some very soon. And lastly ..Please don't forget that I am available to come out to your meetings and speak about LCIF and all the programs that exist for you to help your community and this ailing world.

Just as a reminder ... EVERY penny you donate goes to helping those in need. It's actually quite simple for you to participate!!

When making a donation to your Foundation. Checks should be made out to "LCIF" in whatever amount you wish to donate. On the memo line write either "Empowering Service Fund **or** Disaster Relief Fund. If you want your donation to go to a specific cause, that should be written in the memo line. 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

From July 2024 to January 2025 LCIF awarded \$1,742,295.00 in grants to multiple disasters. Eight out of the 14 US grants were for flooding. Flooding is the most common type of disaster in the world and flash flooding can be the deadliest.

You could be out driving and be involved in an accident, get caught in flash flooding, fire, tornado, or anything at any time.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF CAUGHT IN AN EMERGENCY?
ARE YOU PREPARED!
IS YOUR COMMUNITY PREPARED?

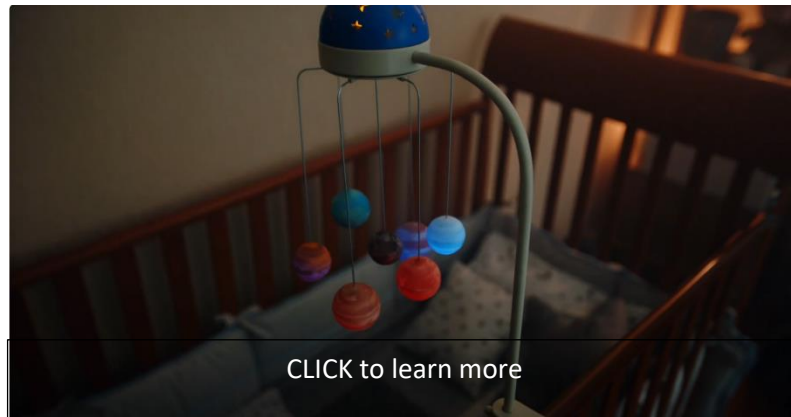
September is [National Preparedness Month](#)

September marks National Preparedness Month, the annual campaign to remind everyone that preparing for emergencies and disasters can keep them, their families and their communities safe.

The resources and information shared during National Preparedness Month and on [Ready.gov](#) can be used by anyone at any time to get prepared for whatever may come their way. The Ready Campaign aims to ensure all our friends and neighbors have the tools they need to prepare for disasters and build resilience before disaster strikes.

[National Preparedness Month | Ready.gov](#)

The little things you do and learn could save someone's life.



CLICK to learn more

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

Susquehanna Provides Community Support Through Donations



Dr. Missy Sica, Assistant Superintendent and Brook Keefer, Teacher receive a \$4,000 donation for Northeastern School District from President Donnie Fries.



Harold Worst from Strinestown Fire Company receives a \$1,000 donation from President Donnie Fries.



Jacob Bush of Mt. Wolfe Eagle Fire Company receives a donation of \$1,000 from President Donnie Fries.



Tim Stevens and Mark Shrover receives a \$1,000 donation for the Manchester Fire Company.

New Freedom Breaks Out the Popcorn



Lion Ken Varteresian, FVDG Patti and Lion Wayne Wurzbacher of the New Freedom Club provided popcorn for the residents who attended the FREE movie night hosted by The New Freedom Heritage and sponsored by the Southern York County Rotary. "IF" was the featured film and over 80 community residents attended.



PA LIONS BEACON LODGE

2025 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



THAT'S A WRAP.

CAMPING SEASON 2025

This summer, Beacon Lodge came alive with the joy and energy of both returning campers and new faces. Children and adults living with disabilities experienced days filled with adventure, creativity, and meaningful friendships. From spirited sports games and hands-on arts & crafts to peaceful nature walks, thrilling zipline rides, and rock wall challenges, every camper found opportunities to explore, grow, and shine. Evenings were just as memorable, with campfire gatherings under the stars and lively nights at the canteen.

This season also brought exciting adventures beyond camp. Campers browsed treasures at the Bellville Flea Market and stepped back in time at the East Broad Top Railroad Museum, where they not only explored but also enjoyed the unforgettable experience of riding an authentic steam locomotive.

But Beacon Lodge is more than a camp—it's a community. Here, differences are embraced, friendships blossom, and every individual is celebrated for who they are. The laughter, triumphs, and memories created this summer will stay with us long after the season has ended. As we look ahead, our hearts are already eager for another summer of joy, discovery, and togetherness in 2026.

VETERANS RETREAT

PROJECT NEW HOPE



Veterans, families, and two service dogs enjoyed the relaxation and camaraderie of fellow veterans. PNH Co-chairs, PDG Tom Jones and PDG Jan Adams, enjoyed the 5-day Retreat with the men and women Veterans. As always, we are grateful for donations to the Beacon Lodge Camp and Project New Hope.



2025 Camp Season
Photo Bomb



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WHAT COMES NEXT.

CAMP CLEAN UP

The summer has come and gone in the blink of an eye. With all the fun from the summer, now comes the clean-up, general maintenance, and finishing of projects around the camp. Thankfully, we have an amazing staff and volunteers who come in to help. Beacon Lodge will be hosting our fall work weekend September 12th - 14th. If you are interested in coming and volunteering, give us a call or send us. begin planning for summer 2026. Setting up the calendar to have our session dates, making changes, and implementing new ideas to make the camp experience better.

CHECK IT OUT



New Computer Lab
and Wellness Center.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

- SPONSOR A CAMPER
- SPONSOR A COUNSELOR
- ATTEND A WORK WEEKEND
- MAKE A DONATION
- PARTICIPATE IN GOLF OUTING
- VOLUNTEER

PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP WELCOMES DISABLED VETERANS AT PROJECT NEW HOPE RETREAT.



FLAG IS RAISED EACH MORNING, AND RETIRED EACH EVENING



TYE DYING IS A FAVORITE ACTIVITY FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT PNH.



EVEN A PROSTHESIS DOESN'T KEEP THIS VETERAN FROM THE ZIPLINE AND CLIMBING WALL



THIS COUPLE ENJOYS FISHING FOR THE TROUT IN BEACON LODGE POND



VETERANS, FAMILIES AND TWO SERVICE DOGS ENJOYED THE RELAXATION AND CAMARADERIE OF FELLOW VETERANS.



ONLY CERTIFIED SERVICE DOGS ARE PERMITTED AT BEACON LODGE CAMP

TESTIMONIES FROM VETERANS

"THIS PLACE IS AMAZING".
"CHEF JASON MADE FANTASIC MEALS FOR US".
"RELAXING AND FELLOWSHIP IS GREAT".
"THANK YOU, FOR HAVING THIS FOR US".
"CAN'T WAIT TO COME AGAIN".



CONGREGATING AROUND THE EVENING CAMP FIRE, STORIES OF MILITARY EXPERIENCES SHARED.



PNH CO-CHAIRS, PDG TOM JONES AND PDG JAN ADAMS, ENJOYED THE 5 DAY RETREAT WITH THE MEN AND WOMEN VETERANS. AS ALWAYS, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS TO THE BEACON LODGE CAMP AND PROJECT NEW HOPE.

Carlisle Lions and the Carlisle Area LEO Club

Support National Night Out

Carlisle Lions Club setup a booth at the National Night Out in Carlisle on August 5th. Lion Lisa (left) and Lion Lucy (right) prepare to do vision screening. LEO Mike from the Carlisle Area LEO club provides assistance and learns about the program. The popcorn machine was in the ready and stayed busy once the event began.



Carlisle Lions will once again coordinate lions working the gates at the car shows held by Carlisle Events. Lions will work the Corvettes at Carlisle August 21, 22, and 23 raising funds for disaster relief. Lions have already raised over \$4,000 this season at 3 shows and have 2 more to go.

York Springs Lions Club



Apple Food Trailer Event



At Peter's Fruit Stand
10540 Carlisle Pike
Gardners, PA 17324



(located between York Springs & Mt. Holly Springs on Rt. 94)

Apple Event

Featured Items: Apple Pies & Fruit Sundaes

Sat., October 4th, 10 AM – 5 PM
Sun., October 5th, 10 AM – 5 PM

*Hot Dogs, Hot Sausages, Hamburger BBQ, French Fries,
Ice Cream & Sundaes, Pie, & Drinks*

**Support your local York Spring Lions who support
our local communities!!**



WELCOME

New Members

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Karen Ferrick	Mechanicsburg	Karen McKendry
Paul Ferrick	Mechanicsburg	Karen McKendry
Wayne Piper	Mason-Dixon	Donald Howard
Joanna Walker	Mason-Dixon	Donald Howard
Robert Bolt	Mason-Dixon	Donald Howard
William Slemaker	Mason-Dixon	Donald Howard
Dave Mayers	Mason-Dixon	Donald Howard

IN LOVING 
Memory

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



2025 Annual Research Seminar

Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation
& Eye Research Foundation

Please Join Us

Join the Lions at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (room S300) on **Saturday, October 18, 2025** for food and conversation.

Continental breakfast will be served followed by presentations, coffee, and a lunch.



SATURDAY

October 18, 2025
8:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Questions?

Please contact us via email at
salus_ceregistration@drexel.edu

Schedule

Room S300

8:00 - 9:00 A.M.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:20 A.M.

Opening Remarks

9:20 - 10:20 A.M.

Presentations

10:20 - 10:40 A.M.

Coffee Break

10:40 - 11:40 A.M.

Presentations

11:40 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Closing Remarks

12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

Lunch & Conversation



Directions

From Allentown

- Take I-476 S to I-76 PA Turnpike
- From the PA Turnpike take exit 339 to PA-309 S towards Greenwood Ave in Cheltenham Township
- Continue on Greenwood Ave and make a right on Township Line Road.
- Take Township Line Road to Drexel University Elkins Park Campus on the corner of Rt 611 and Township Line Road

From Philadelphia

- Get on I-76 W from S Penn Square and John F Kennedy Blvd
- Continue on I-76 W and take US-1 N, N Broad St, and Old York Rd to and make a left on Breyer Dr
- Continue on Breyer Dr to Drexel University Elkins Park Campus

PLEASE NOTE

This is an in-person event on the Drexel University, Elkins Park campus. Make sure to enter through the Main Campus West building (labeled A4) and check in with security. You will be asked to present a government-issued ID card. Take the elevator from the lobby to the third floor before making your way to room S300.

About the Foundation

The PA Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation makes donations to researchers who are implementing cutting edge investigations into eliminating blindness in the world.

Register Here:

Please register for the event at

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/q4d8nt2>



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