



## District 14C Newsletter February - March 2026



### A Message From the District Governor

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



District Governor  
Doug Nace

It's February and wintertime in Central Pennsylvania. So that means it is cold outside and as I am writing this article the temperatures are only in the teens. So what do we do on these cold days of winter? Well, as I get around our district I am finding out that even though it is cold, the Lions and Lions Clubs of District 14-C are heating up preparing fundraisers and projects for the rest of the year. I am truly humbled by the hospitality and generosity these Lions and Lions Clubs in the district have shown me while doing my visitations. Thank you for sharing with me ideas on how you are getting new members and what you are doing in your communities in the ways of service. I love hearing your success stories and enjoy passing these stories along to other Lions. By working together and sharing what we do helps all of

us grow our clubs, the district and Lions Clubs International.

We have been given an aggressive goal by Lions Clubs International to add 126 new members in our district this Lions Year. Broken down, we should be adding an average of 11 members per month, so being in our 7<sup>th</sup> month we should be around 77 new members. We are presently at 62 new members or 15 members shy of the goal am happy to report that clubs and zones in the district are ramping up efforts with open houses and new member incentives to get us to the end of year numbers we need. The Lions and Lions Club in District 14-C always rally for the challenge and I don't anticipate it being any different with this challenge. During my visitations I am always promoting the reporting of service we do in our communities. Presently 84% of the Lions Clubs have reported service on the LCI portal and 40% of our LEO Clubs have reported service. The goal this year is 100% from everyone. As I mentioned above the amount of service the clubs in our district are doing is fantastic and we have reported 29% more in individuals being served then we did last year at this time. This is building on our motto "We Serve". Well Done and Keep Up the Great Work!

I am deeply honored to be in the presence of such committed individuals that are Lions and Leos in District 14-C. You volunteer your time and resources to the needs of your communities and the world. I cannot express enough how much this is appreciated. Each and every one of you make a difference though your donations and volunteering. **Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! For everything you do to make life better for so many!**

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

## A Message From the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor

Greetings, Lions & LEOs of District 14C,



1st Vice  
District Governor  
Patti Wurzbacher

**Happy Groundhog Day!** Every year on February 2nd, all eyes turn to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where the famous Punxsutawney Phil predicts the season. Will we face six more weeks of winter, or will spring arrive early? The festivities kick off at sunrise at Gobblers' Knob, but the celebration doesn't stop there. From talent shows to banquets to lively performances, the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club ensures the fun extends beyond the big day.

This cherished American tradition dates back to February 2, 1887, when a local newspaper editor declared Punxsutawney Phil the one true weather forecaster. Since then, Phil has faithfully emerged from hibernation each year, ready to deliver his verdict.

Lions are in many ways like Phil. Do we predict if winter will last another six weeks or will it be an early Spring, or do we lie low and re-energize? Yes, and no! We take time to recharge during the winter months. We are so busy at the beginning of our Lions year that we, too, hibernate in a sense and re-energize ourselves during the winter, ready to reappear in February and the Spring to serve the community.

Our district is awakening from a mini hibernation with renewed energy and excitement, and we are ready to **serve!** Our clubs are holding BINGOs, "Soup"er Bowl Soup Sales, Valentine's Murder Mystery, Zone Socials, Vision Screenings, helping local missions, organizing membership drives, and preparing to get their hands dirty to support our global cause, the Environment.

So, what about you? Will you see your shadow or step boldly into the light? Take a cue from Phil, re-energize, reawaken, and gear up for our next season of service! Whether you're leading a fundraiser, encouraging others to join your club, starting a new LEO club, planning a new service project, joining a committee, stepping into a leadership role in your club or District, or participating in District training. As you emerge from hibernation, let others see your commitment to service, fueled by renewed energy and hope for the communities we serve. Let them see the FUN that we have as Lions!

Together, let's emerge from our winter slumber. Spring is calling! Let's answer it with a renewed commitment to **SERVE!**

**We Serve**

**FVDG Patti Wurzbacher**

# A Message From the 2nd Vice District Governor

## Lions, Leos, and All



As we embrace February, and our communities are blanketed in snow, and we brave the deep freeze the spirit of “We Serve” has never been more vital. While the weather is cold, the heart of our service remains warm and active. Our mission of service remains as steadfast as ever, even as very cold weather and snow settle across our district. As Lions we continue our work to expand, focusing on fostering community resilience and addressing needs through action.

While the ground is covered in snow, our commitment to "Where there's a need, there's a Lion" is most visible. This is a critical time for our local projects to support those most vulnerable to the winter chill.

### Service Ideas During Cold Weather

Consider these high-impact projects for your clubs:

**Support for Seniors:** Shovel snow or apply ice melt for homebound neighbors and check in on those living alone to ensure they have adequate heat.

**Warmth & Shelter:** Organize coat drives and donate essential winter accessories like hats, gloves, and blankets to local shelters.

**Heating Assistance:** Clubs often organize "penny drives" or fundraising campaigns to help low-income families pay for rising utility and heating costs during peak winter.

**Combating Hunger:** With snow making travel difficult, "Blizzard Boxes" containing non-perishable food, water, and flashlights can be lifesavers for those who rely on community meal programs.

**First Responder Support:** Following the example of Lions who have served during major storms, providing hot meals to first responders and power company workers is a powerful way to show our gratitude.

Lions continue to be “first on the Ground” when catastrophe strikes. In late 2025 and early 2026, the [Lions Clubs International Foundation \(LCIF\)](#) has been instrumental in global and local recovery.

**Immediate Response:** LCIF awarded over **\$1.5 million** in disaster relief grants between July and August 2025 alone.

**Winter Relief:** Most recently, in **January 2026**, Lions utilized emergency grants to provide winter coats, boots, and warm clothing to hundreds of people displaced by natural disasters, ensuring they have the essentials to survive this cold season.

**Ongoing Support:** Major Catastrophe Grants of **\$100,000** each continue to support long-term rebuilding in regions devastated by recent ice and snowstorms.

The cold and snow will not stop Lions from doing what we do, and we should be proud of what we do and show our pride by telling the world about it.

Be a proud Lion and “ROAR” about what we do, to friends, family, and on social media! Let's ensure that Lionism is not kept a secret.

Yours in Lionism, 2VDG Ray Highlands

## DISTRICT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & WEBSITE

We need to advertise to the world what we do in Lions.

Don't be afraid to post to your Facebook page.  
Show off your meetings, events, and all the fun stuff your clubs are doing.



District Governor Doug wants everyone to know the joy in Lionism. So, tell everyone about Lionism through your club's Facebook and Website.

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

# A Message From IPDG Galen Burkholder



Immediate Past  
District Governor  
Galen Burkholder

## WE SERVE!

**LEAD TO SERVE**  
**SERVE TO LEAD**

District 14-C Lions have again been recognized for their outstanding work in service. 14-C was recognized by Beacon Lodge as having the State's 3rd highest contribution per member. District 14-C also was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation. This is not a recognition of the District Governor. The DG is only one person. It takes an army. It takes a TEAM. It takes all 1100+ members. Thank you Lions for

receiving this recognition for the District.



Do you recognize the two PDGs on the right in these photos below ? Of course you do, but do you know what year they visited the Shippensburg Lions Club? District 14-C should be proud of their service to Lionism over the years. Tell them *"Thank You"* when you see them.



Galen Burkholder  
Immediate Past District Governor

# District Disaster Relief Program

## February's Readiness Focus

### Managing Food without Power

Power outages can occur at any time but following a disaster there may be power outages that could last for several days. Stock canned foods, dry mixes and other staples that do not require refrigeration, cooking, water or special preparation. Be sure to include a manual can opener and eating utensils.

### Suggested Emergency Food Supplies

Consider the following things when putting together your emergency food supplies:

Store at least a several-day supply of non-perishable food.

Choose foods your family will eat.

Remember any special dietary needs.

We suggest the following items when selecting emergency food supplies. You may already have many of these on hand. Download the [Recommended Supplies List](#) (PDF).



- Ready-to-eat canned meat, fruits, vegetables and a can opener
- Protein or fruit bars
- Dry cereal or granola
- Peanut butter
- Dried fruit
- Canned juices
- Non-perishable pasteurized milk
- High-energy foods
- Food for infants
- Comfort/stress foods

Winter Weather Safety – Winter Weather brings a different type of threat. Learn how to stay safe when winter storms threaten. [Click to see How to Stay Safe.](#)

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

Annual Pennsylvania Lions  
Spring Leadership Symposium

**\*2 LOCATIONS\***

**Saturday, February 14, 2026 9 AM-2:30 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, February 15, 2026 Noon-5 PM**

Butler County Association for the Blind

322 N. Cedar Street

Butler, PA 16001

*Refreshments will be available*

SESSION TOPICS

*CANI: Constant and Never-Ending Improvement*

Presenter: Lion Dave Husser

*Marketing – “On a Budget”*

Presenter: Second Vice District Governor Ray Highlands

*Service Projects: Connecting with Community*

Presenter: Immediate Past District Governor Deb Keeports

*Team Building/Partnering: We Serve Together*

Presenter: Past District Governor Dick Sware

**FREE & OPEN** to all MD-14 Lions

To register, please contact PDG Bill Grager at

[bilbomzk@gmail.com](mailto:bilbomzk@gmail.com) or call (717)615-1974



Space is Limited!



**Empowerment is the key to success!**

## District 14-C Meetings and Events – February through April

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time and Location</b>
February 7	Cabinet Meeting #3	9:30 a.m. - Dover Fire Hall
February 12	Zone 1B Advisory Meeting	6:30 p.m. - Hunterstown Diner
February 14	Spring Fling Symposium	All Day - PA Lions State Office
February 16	Zone 3B Advisory Meeting	6:30 p.m. - Pinchot Park Lions Hall
February 23	Zone 1A Advisory Meeting Zone 4B Advisory Meeting	6:30 p.m. - Perkins Restaurant, Hanover 6:30 p.m. - New Freedom Community Center
February 25	Zone 4A Advisory Meeting	7:00 p.m. - Windsor Lions Building
February 26	WCCL/Zone 2A Meeting	7:00 p.m. St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 6-8	Regional Lions Leadership Institute	PA Lions State Office
March 26	WCCL/Zone 2A Meeting	7:00 p.m. St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 30	Global Action Team Meeting	7:00 - Zoom
April 11	District 14-C Convention	All Day - Wisehaven Events Center
April 13	Zone 3b Advisory Meeting	6:30 p.m. - Pinchot Park Lions Hall
April 16	Zone 1B Advisory Meeting	6:00 p.m. - Hunterstown Diner
April 22	Zone 1A Advisory Meeting	6:30 p.m. - Perkins Restaurant
April 23	WCCL/Zone 2A Meeting	7:00 p.m. - St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 27	Zone 4B Advisory Meeting	6:30 p.m. - New Freedom Community Center
April 28	Global Action Team Meeting	7:00 - Zoom
April 29	Zone 4A Social	6:30 p.m. - New Bridgeville Fire Hall

## District Governor Visits –February and March

Date	Location
February 9	Dillsburg - 6:30 - p.m.
February 10	Newville & TEMPUS Leo - 7:00 p.m.
February 24	Cashtown - 7:00 p.m.
February 25	Shiloh - 6:30 p.m.
March 3	Windsor – 6:30 p.m.
March 10	Boiling Springs – 6:30 p.m.

### DG Doug Visits Hanover



*L to R: 1st Vice District Governor Patti, her partner in service, Lion Wayne Wurzbacher, and DG Doug.*

DG Doug awarded the club with the District 14C Lions Club 5-Star Excellence Award. The award recognizes exceptional growth, service, leadership, and contributions to LCIF. DG Nace commended the club's effective use of Facebook and the website and mentioned that Immediate Past Club President, John Zinn, will also receive the International President's Certificate of Appreciation for distinguished achievement and leadership. Service Awards were presented to Jon Schmeier (40 years), Todd Boller (35 years), PDG John Griffie (30 years), and Roy Neigh (15 years), with additional awards to be given to absent members.

## Upper Adams Receives DG Doug

District 14C Governor Lion Doug Nace was present at the UA Lions Club at our January meeting on Tuesday, where he presented six milestone membership awards for years of service. Noteworthy is the 6 people receiving awards represents an aggregate of 170 years of dedicated service to the Upper Adams Club.



Larry Wilkinson - 45 years - pictured with DG Doug Nace

Robert Gillelan - 35 years

Tom Gray - 30 years (not present)

Erma Weikert - 30 years

Kay Walters - 20 years

Phil Wagner - 10 years

## Past District Governors Hold Party



The PDG Holiday Party was held at C&D Bar and Grill in New Oxford on January 8th, 2026. The 15 attendees included PDG Tom and Carol Jones, PDG Dennis Cope, PDG Steve and Linda Shipman, Becky Krout (wife of PDG Noah), PDG Dan Brant, PDG John Griffie, PDG Marty Zimmerman, PDG George and Wanda Reisinger, PDG Gordon and Rosie Sinclair, IPDG Galen Burkholder and PDG Dennis Bell.

## Mechanicsburg Leads With Game Night



Members of the Mechanicsburg club led a lively One80 Ministries Game Night on January 23, welcoming 13 community members for a fun-filled evening of Bingo. Ellen Mank and Mike Caravello kept the games active and engaging as Bingo callers, while Nancy Shaffer, Vicki Alfieri, and Karen McKendry served up a comforting spread of chili with cheese, corn muffins, and brownies. Though the evening was cold outside, the room was warm and cozy, creating a welcoming space for friendship and connection. Community members shared how much they enjoy Game Nights led by the club—and many make a point to attend whenever the Lions are involved.



## Stewartstown Holds Chili Cookoff

In a bid to improve fellowship and enjoy excellent food, the Stewartstown Club held a chili cookoff on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Members were encouraged to also provide cornbread for judging. There were 9 different chilis submitted and Lion Gary Schwinn won with his Three Meat Chili.



*Lion Gary with his winning chili*

Three members of the community were invited to be the judges, so that there could be no rigging of the vote! After awarding Lion Gary the top prize in chili, Lion Chuck Bosley received an award for the best cornbread.



*Chili judges Mary Richardson, Joyce Williams, and Brenda Kinzinger*

## Boiling Springs Schedules Food, Fun and Service



Join the Boiling Springs Club on March 7, 2026, from 8 – 11 AM for all you can eat pancake breakfast. The event is held at Otterbein UMC, 647 Forge Road, Carlisle.



The club also announced that its spaghetti dinner fundraiser will take place on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The event provides great food and great community spirit!

# Carlisle Lions Club Welcomes New LEO Club

On January 15<sup>th</sup> the Carlisle Lions Club officially welcomed a new LEO Club to Carlisle. The Carlisle Area LEO Club held charter night in cooperation with the Carlisle Family YMCA. Ten new members were inducted by Past Council Chair and MD-14 LEO Chairperson Dr Linda Zaneski. District Governor Doug and Second Vice District Governor Ray conducted the pinning ceremony welcoming the new LEOs. The newly formed LEO club members all signed the club's charter.



Each Charter member signed the Carlisle Area LEO Club Charter.



Carlisle Area LEO Club Charter, banner and flag.



Carlisle Area LEO Club President Kassi signs as the last Signature to go on the new Club Charter.



Carlisle Area LEO Club Charter members and LEO Advisors.



Carlisle Area LEO Club signed Charter.

## Plainfield Awards Scholarship

Rilee Stewart was recently honored as the Plainfield Lions Club's Student of the Month. Rilee is a senior at Big Spring High School. She belongs to the Tempus Leo Club at the high school. She is also a member of the Big Spring softball team, where she pitches and plays first base for a team that qualified for district playoffs last season. Outside of school during the summer, Rilee plays for a softball team that travels for numerous tournaments. Rilee plans to attend Penn State – Brandywine campus and major in English.



*Rilee shows her award with Lion Sue Holtry*

## Stewartstown Holds Successful Bingo

On February 6<sup>th</sup> the Stewartstown club held its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Bingo. Originally started as a night where meat was given as the prizes, its now evolved to award cash and gift cards as prizes. Despite record low temperatures and snow falling, 210 community members came out to enjoy bingo. The club raised money for its community fund, wounded warriors, and a fund to purchase new Christmas lights for the town.



## Vision Resources Passport Gala

Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania (VROCP) is grateful for the support and participation the agency has received from Lions Clubs, especially for special fundraising and awareness events the agency organizes. For twenty-five years the signature event for VROCP has been *Visions of Monte Carlo*, but after a quarter of a century, the organization is excited to introduce a new concept with the *Vision Resources Passport Gala*. This premiere *Passport* event will feature Italy, and each following year, Vision Resources will introduce another *Passport Gala* destination from around the world.

As with *Visions of Monte Carlo*, the *Passport Gala* will be a celebration of all the accomplishments of Vision Resources thanks to those who support its mission and a fresh, creative means to raise awareness for the agency's mission to the blind and visually impaired.

*Passport Gala* guests will be treated to a variety of Northern, Central, and Southern regional Italian specialties, prepared by the talented chef Tony and staff at Visaggio's, recognized for its Italian American cuisine. Tickets will include the signature Aperol Spritz, select beers and wines.

The ambiance at Visaggio's will be the perfect setting to allow guests a leisurely stroll among the food and beverage stations, place bids on the auction items, enjoy the strolling musicians, and share this unique experience with committed and passionate friends of Vision Resources. More entertaining surprises are being planned.

Tickets are \$125.00 per person. Mark your calendar for Thursday April 23, 2026, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for *Vision Resources Passport Gala*. Visaggio's is located at 6990 Wertzville Road, Enola, PA 17025. Please join us, an Italian Experience awaits you.

Thank you for all that you do to help make all that Vision Resources does possible.



## Whatever Goes Up, Must Come Down

Sounds scientific sort of.....but the "gravity" of the situation proved that Lions who serve are a dedicated bunch. On Saturday, January 3, 2026, with their spirits high and outdoor temperatures low (21°), eleven members of the Hanover Lions Club bravely gathered at 8 AM on the Square in Hanover to remove decorations following the conclusion of the Christmas shopping season. These Lions included Club President Jon Schmeyer, Rick Fraumeni, Pat Senft, Tom Krout, Dan McKinney, Todd Boller, Tom Staub, Mike Kaehler, Lori Turnbaugh, and Gerry DeGroft. John Zinn was also present to assist and took the photograph.



## York White Rose and Upper Adams Celebrate the Holidays



The Upper Adams club held an ugly sweater contest at their Holiday Party, as suggested by Lion Don Stoken. The suggestion was well received, as you can see from the below picture. Donations of items necessary to operate Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. were collected. Members came through again this year by individually purchasing 56 pairs of pajamas for donation to Adams County Children and Youth Services, Gettysburg. DG Doug also found time in his busy schedule to stop by and join the fun.



The York White Rose club celebrated the holidays and fellowship with their annual Christmas luncheon.

## Mechanicsburg Serves at Mission Central

On Thursday, January 15, fourteen volunteers from the Mechanicsburg Lions Club served at Mission Central, a non-profit agency dedicated to enhance lives locally, nationally, and worldwide by building relationships which bring dignity and hope to ALL people and to intentionally identify and respond to needs with material resources. During their time there, the club members sorted clothing designated for disaster relief efforts, counted and verified supplies for Flood Buckets.



# Windsor Lions December Events

Tues. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Club Christmas Party, Two Brothers Restaurant



Sat. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Wreaths Across America -Windsor Cemetery

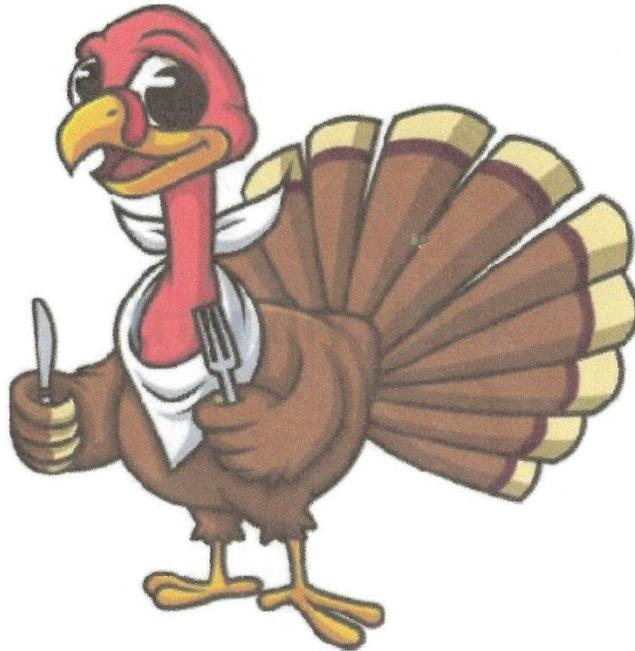


Sun. Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Decorate Lion Clubhouse



Tues Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Community Christmas Party





## **East Prospect Lions Club Turkey Supper**

- **Event Date: March 21, 2026**
- **Delicious turkey dinner prepared by the Lions Club consisting of roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, peas apple sauce, cranberry sauce and a dessert**
- **Dinners will be carry-out only**
- **Fundraising event supporting local civic organizations**
- **Location ; East Prospect Community Hall,  
28 West Maple St. East Prospect. PA  
17317**
- **Cost of meal is \$15.00**
- **Doors open at 12 PM dinners served**





**Shiloh Lions Club**  
**“Rich Arnold Memorial Hoops for Sight”**  
**April 11, 2026**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Zion United Methodist Church,**  
**1030 Carlisle Road, York**

**Tons of Prizes!!!!**

**Shooting for a cure for children’s  
Retinal Degenerative Diseases!!**

The Shiloh Lions Club is helping children who are going blind, by funding research to find cures for retinal degenerative diseases. The “Rich Arnold Memorial Hoops for Sight”, is local residents gathering pledges and shooting foul shots for prizes with all proceeds going to the *Foundation Fighting Blindness*. The money raised will fund research which may give sight back to these children.

**Both Girls and Boys Divisions**

Elementary, K – 2nd grade (8’ baskets) -- \$50 gift card to winner, \$25 to second  
Elementary, 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade -- \$50 gift card to winner, \$25 to second  
Middle School, 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade -- \$50 gift card to winner, \$25 to second  
High School, 9 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade -- \$50 gift card to winner, \$25 to second

**Combined Divisions**

Adults (through age 49) -- \$50 gift card to winner, \$25 to second  
Seniors (age 50+) -- \$50 gift card to winner, \$25 to second

Each shooter will register and drop off pledges collected (minimum \$25 in pledges), then shoot foul shots (*or closer shots for the younger shooters*) for 3 minutes. The goal is to make as many shots as possible in 3 minutes. Just drop off your pledges, shoot, and have some fun!!! The more pledges you bring in, the higher value gift cards you earn! All shooters get a free hot dog, chips, and drink. We also have rewards for getting pledges!

**\$100 of pledges: \$10 gift card!**

**\$300 of pledges: \$30 gift card!**

**\$500 of pledges: \$50 giftcard!**

**\$1000 of pledges: \$100 gift card!**



**Raffles - Food - Fun!**

**[www.ShilohLionsClub.org](http://www.ShilohLionsClub.org) 717-764-1964**

## The ABCs of LCIF

PDG Keith Shoff

Hello again from LCIF Central (District 14C)

As Leaders in your Communities, **Thank You** for helping shape the culture of service, generosity, and belief in our shared mission. Your continuing support sends a powerful message not only to Lions in our district but also around the world, that message is LCIF matters, and that you believe in its impact, and philanthropy.

A gift to LCIF is more than a donation, it is an investment in the mission we all serve. Through disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, vision and youth programs, and global health initiatives, LCIF empowers Lions to do what no club, district, or multiple districts could do alone. Your generosity helps ensure this life-changing work continues and expands, reaching communities near and far.

Every Lion, has a unique opportunity to take agency in your role—and in your Foundation. By choosing to support LCIF personally, you reinforce the connection between leadership and service and help secure the future of our global mission. Your commitment also creates an opportunity to tell your story. Why do you support LCIF? What inspires your belief in the Foundation's work? Sharing your personal "why" can be a powerful way to encourage others and strengthen a culture of giving throughout our district.

LCIF recognizes that meaningful giving takes many forms. And therefore, offers flexible options to support your personal philanthropic goals: - A one-time gift - Recurring monthly - annual giving - A multi-year pledge - A Legacy commitment that reflects your long-term dedication to service.

If you are already participating in LCIF giving, please accept my sincere thanks. Your continued support exemplifies Lion leadership and makes a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. I invite you to join me and fellow Lions in giving, by making or renewing your gift to LCIF by June 30, 2026. Together, your leadership and generosity will inspire others and ensure LCIF remains strong for generations of Lions to come.

I'd also wish to acknowledge that each and every gift of giving is recognized and celebrated within LCIF. Your support not only advances our mission, it reflects your commitment as a Lion and may contribute toward LCIF recognition levels, should you choose.

Thank you for your dedication, your service, and your continued commitment to Lionism

# Lions International Peace Poster and Essay Contest

**Lions of District 14-C:** I am elated to share with you the theme for the Lions International Peace Poster and Essay Contest for 2026-2027. The theme is: **“Harmony in Humanity.”** As quoted from the LCI website, when we treat each other with respect and kindness, peace can flourish. This year, we invite young people to imagine a world where people of every culture and background live together peacefully-celebrating differences, finding common ground and creating true harmony in humanity. I cannot wait to see how the students in our district interpret this theme and demonstrate it in their thought provoking posters. I, truly, hope the year 2026 will be the year that your club becomes involved in the contest.



**We are celebrating an incredible first ever for District 14-C!** Get ready for this amazing announcement! **Elaina Licharowicz** won first place in the district competition and has, also, won first place in the Multiple District Competition. This means Elaina’s poster has traveled on to be judged in the International Competition. **What an outstanding feat for Elaina!** Elaina was sponsored by the Apple City Leo Club under the direction and guidance of the Arendtsville Lions Club. We will have the opportunity to meet Elaina and the other winners in the district competition at our District Convention on April 11<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to come as we recognize and honor the students for their outstanding achievement. I know you will be astounded by the quality and creativity of their posters, but also, be very impressed when hearing their explanation about their artwork and world peace.



*Winner Elaina Licharowicz with her parents and DG Doug*

And, believe it or not, it is already time to order kits for the Lions International Peace Poster Contest for 2026-2027! You can order a physical kit online at [www.lionsclub.org](http://www.lionsclub.org) or order a digital kit and download it and print it to save on the shipping costs. The digital kit can, also, be ordered at [www.lionsclub.org](http://www.lionsclub.org). Or, you can order by phone by calling Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822.

Lions Clubs around the world have been sponsoring students in this contest since 1988. Over 600,000 children from 75 countries participate in the contest, annually. Please offer this wonderful opportunity to the students in your area. Assign a Peace Poster Chairperson for your club and work with other club members to reach out to schools and organizations and express your interest in sponsoring a contest with them. The organized group could consist of a school class or grade, a homeschool group of children, a Scout group, a church youth group, a YMCA/ YWCA group, an afterschool day-care group, etc.

As mentioned, the theme for the 2026-2027 Lions International Peace Poster Contest is "Harmony in Humanity." The Lions International Peace Poster Contest is open to children ages 11-13 as of November 15. Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international.

At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth and education and media communities select one grand prize and 23 merit award winners. 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.

Lions Clubs around the world are, also, encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Peace Essay Contest. The Peace Essay Contest was created to offer the opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their visions of world peace. The theme is, also, "Harmony in Humanity." Students who are visually impaired and who are of the ages 11-13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate. The Peace Essay Contest rules and application are available on the LCI website.

Please let me know if there is any way I can assist you in encouraging your club to become involved in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Contact me at [hullmannt@aol.com](mailto:hullmannt@aol.com) or at (717)600-7642.

Hoping to see you at our District Convention on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>!

Lion Patti Hullmann

District 14-C Peace Poster Contest Chair



## PENNSYLVANIA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP

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November 2025

Lions and Leos of Pennsylvania,

This year marks the 77th season that Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp has provided a unique camping experience for blind, visually impaired, and special needs adults and children. Our programs feature traditional camp activities—hiking, swimming, arts and crafts, games, camping, pedal boating, a climbing wall, and a zip line—while offering a safe and inclusive environment where every camper can thrive.

The Lions and Leos of Pennsylvania continue to provide the majority of the funding needed to operate the camp. With applications for the 2026 camping season opening in just a few months, we are reaching out to request your continued support through sponsorships, participation in District Governor's projects, and contributions to our operating budget.

Camp operating costs have increased, and because over 90% of our campers depend on sponsorships, your support is more important than ever. Sponsorships range from \$800 to \$1,000, depending on the session. If you wish to sponsor a specific camper, please call 814-5422511 to confirm which session they will attend.

We encourage new campers to contact us directly so that we can assist with proper session placement. The registration fee is \$100, which we encourage campers to pay themselves; however, Lions Clubs may cover this fee if desired. When sending a sponsorship for a specific camper, please indicate the camper's name on the check. Undesignated sponsorships will be applied where most needed.

Camper registration starts on January 1, 2026. Please note that sponsorship commitment or payment alone does not complete the registration process. A camper is officially registered only after all forms and the \$100 registration fee have been received.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, thank you for your continued dedication and support of Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. Your generosity makes it possible for our campers to enjoy a summer of growth, friendship, and independence.

In Lionism,

Lion Kelly J. McMullen  
Director of Programs



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# 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., 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](mailto:pchefprosser@gmail.com)

# Mechanicsburg Lions Club

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual “We Serve” Golf Tournament



July 10, 2026 @



Calling all men and women who enjoy golf, good food, and fellowship. It's never too early to be thinking about warm weather and golf. This is a save the date announcement to let you know that our 6<sup>th</sup> annual “We Serve” Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026. Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle will be hosting our tournament. We will have an 8am shot gun start with lunch to follow at Fiddler’s Bar & Grill at the golf course. So, mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a fun filled day of golf and dining with your friends.

Sponsorship opportunities and golfer registration is open now. Use the URL or QR Code below to visit us on our Tournament Website:

<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/mechanicsburg-lions-golf>



## Fairfield Member Receives Honor

In late 2025, Fairfield President Douglas Kump received the International Presidents Award for his successful efforts in maintaining and providing leadership for the club. This is the second highest award bestowed by Lions Club International, honoring exceptional service. Past International Director James Cavallaro drove to Fairfield from Philadelphia to present the award. He was joined in the presentation by PDG Galen Burkholder.



*PDG Galen, Lion Douglas, PID James Cavallaro*

# DEADLINES

## New Deadline Schedule for Upcoming Newsletters

Due to the holidays and other events, there are new deadlines for the next few newsletters, as we will be doubling up a few issues. The new deadlines are:

**March 15 – March April Issue**

**April 22 – May Issue**

**May 22 – June Issue**

**June 22 – July Issue**

Submit articles to the following email:

[district14newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:district14newsletter@gmail.com)

**Thank you all for all of the great submissions!**

Carl Birkmeyer

Newsletter Editor

## Stewartstown Lions Receive Awards



*Lion Joe Shanabrough receives the Melvin Jones Fellowship from President Paul Momberger*



*Club President Paul presents Lion JoJo Bullock with the Lion of the Year Award*

# MARCH MEMBERSHIP

# MADNESS



## CONSTITUTIONAL AREA 1

is building momentum—March is our opportunity to scale success.

## WHAT TO DO

Host at least one Membership Event that invites your community to serve with Lions. Can be done by Districts or Clubs

## SUPPORTED BY GAT

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## TOGETHER WE THRIVE!

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

GROW MEMBERS

BUILD NEW CLUBS

MULTIPLY SERVICE IMPACT

## DISTRICT / CLUB DELIVERABLES

- Schedule March Service / Membership Events
- Prepare in February through planning and outreach
- Build invitation lists – Send Invites
- Identify 2–3 new club prospects per District
- Charter 1–2 new clubs



For More Information Contact Your Constitutional Area Leader  
PID Pat Vannett, [patvannett@gmail.com](mailto:patvannett@gmail.com)

# Welcome New Members

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Wayne Gantz	Arendtsville	Alan Dudley
Betty Roth	Arendtsville	George Roth
Hayley Anderson	Boiling Springs	David Connors
Gary Martin	Boiling Springs	James Compton
Shane Wivell	Boiling Springs J	ames McNatt
Nate Reagle	Camp Hill	Serene Kumler
Cameron Myers	Dillsburg	Lorin Stough
Keith Winchester	Hanover West Manheim Twp.	Clyde Griffie
Ammon Hochstapler	Mechanicsburg	Forrest Brennaman
Brian MacPherson	Mechanicsburg	Ted Cramer
Karen Graewde	Mechanicsburg	Kathi Burkhart
Donald Graewe	Mechanicsburg	John Burkhart
Kristen Bechtel	Mount Holly Springs	Annan Hollinger
Andrew Som	Mount Holly Springs	Rachel Bear
Cheryl Thompson	New Freedom	Lindy Sweeney
Norman Wertz	Susquehanna	Timothy Zortman
Susan Fox	Upper Adams County	Erma Weikert
Cody Fickes	West Shore	Matt Sheraw
Riley Fledderjohn	West Shore	Cody Fickes



*Boiling Springs New Member Gary Martin (center) with Jim Compton (sponsor, L) and Larry Morrison*

# IN LOVING Memory

<b>Deceased Member</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
Shirley Potts	Camp Hill	18
Carl Winfield	Camp Hill	48
Ronald Rostalski	East Pennsboro	33
Jakoba Anderson	Mechanicsburg	20
Reginald Gemmill	Stewartstown	67

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 54 - Change Mason+Dixon Lions Club Secretary email address to:

[MasonDixonLionsClubSecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 46 - Change Boiling Springs Lions Club President to James Compton, 396 Myers Road, Boiling Springs PA 17007, 717-678-5634, [comptonjr@comcast.net](mailto:comptonjr@comcast.net)

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](mailto:lps4925@gmail.com).

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

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

Page 55 - Change Newville Lions Club Secretary to Pete Shultzabarger, 341 Barnstable Rd, Carlisle PA 17015, 717-448-7305, [petbshultb@comcast.net](mailto:petbshultb@comcast.net)

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](mailto: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](mailto:bobmcginnisjr@aol.com).

Page 90 - Change the email address for Mike Fenicle to: [mikefen1965@aol.com](mailto:mikefen1965@aol.com).

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



2026 Pa State Council of Lions Clubs

103<sup>rd</sup> State Convention May 14-17, 2026

Ads submission Deadline is Monday, April 14, 2026

Email: palionsconvention2026@gmail.com Type in subject line: Lions Convention Ad. Enclose a paper reference copy of the ad along with this form and your payment.

\*\*Clean, reproducible hard copy, business card, letterhead, can be submitted, but quality can not be guaranteed. Please do not fold, tape or staple with in the image area.

\*\*Cover placements are on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be in full color. Check preferred choice below.

- Outside back cover (1) ..... 4.5" x 7.5" \$250 \_\_\_\_\_
Inside back cover (1) ..... 4.5" x 7.5" \$200 \_\_\_\_\_
Full page ..... 4.5" x 7.5" \$100 \_\_\_\_\_
Half page ..... 4.5" x 3.75" \$60 \_\_\_\_\_
Quarter page ..... 4.5" x 1.375" \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Patron ads limited 40 letters/spaces one line \$5 each x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (list below)

Program Advertising Contract: The undersigned authorizes the insertion of their advertisement (enclosed or sent electronically) in the 2026 PA Lions State Convention Booklet, published for their convention which is to take place May 14-17, 2026.

Club/Company/Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: 2026 State Convention 14M. Include this form, payment and ad copy. Mail to: Dan Swincinski, Pa Lions State Convention, 246 Rock Cut Rd., Central City, Pa 15926

Convention Program Booklet Patron Ads (print or type legibly)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_



**103<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION**  
 Thursday May 14 through Sunday May 17, 2026  
 Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, 711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705

**REGISTRATION (complete one form per attendee)**

**Return form by: April 21, 2026**

Name (Last Name, First Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Sub-District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Circle Membership: Lion Leo Guest Title: ID PIP PID DG VDG PDG CC PCC

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 First State Convention: Yes No (circle) Years as a Lion/Leo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special considerations: Dietary Hearing Vision Physical Challenges (circle)  
 Notations: \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Registration Fee** \$15 per attendee (no fee for Leo but must register) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**State Convention Pin** @ \$5 per pin \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Reservations**  
**Friday Luncheon** \* \$25 per person Various sandwiches, side salads, chips, pickles, \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 assorted cookies and beverages

**PA Counselors/District Governors Honor Banquet – Friday** \* \$35 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plated meals with garden salad, roasted fingerling potatoes and garden vegetable medley,  
 Layered Mouse Martini dessert  
 Entrée choice check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Asiago Crusted Chicken with Red Pepper Sauce  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Garlic & Herb Roasted Pork Loin  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Garlic Vegetable Lasagna Roll-up w/creamy garlic sauce

**Saturday Luncheon** \* \$25 per person Deli meats, side salads, bread/rolls, assorted cookies \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 and beverages

**Saturday international Banquet** \*35 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plated meals with garden salad, mashed potatoes and hand turned carrots, NY style cheesecake  
 Entrée choice check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Slice Turkey  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Arancini -Italian Rice Ball w/ San Marzano tomato, parmesan & basil

**Melvin Jones Fellow / Key Member Breakfast Sunday** \* \$20 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Breakfast buffet with pastries, potatoes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, juices.

**EXTRA EVENTS**  
 Friday morning tour to the Jimmy Stewart Museum \$10 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday afternoon "Wine Tasting Event" \$25 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed (payable to: PA LIONS DISTRICT 14M STATE CONVENTION)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Dan Swincinski, PA Lions Convention, 246 Rock Cut Road, Central City, Pa 15926  
 814-244-9210 email: palionsconvention2026@gmail.com



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**Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, 711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705**

### **Hotel Information**

Your Convention Host Committee, District 14M has secured blocks of rooms at five different hotels. In addition to there are other hotels in the area.

To make a reservation contact the hotel direct at the phone numbers provided. Rates are per night plus taxes and fees. Please mention PA Lions State Convention.

**Cut-off date for contract rates is April 14, 2026.**

<b>Host hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Indiana at IUP</b> 714 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705 724-349-2222	<b>Rate \$159</b>
<b>Ramada by Wyndham</b> 1395 Wayne Avenue, Indiana, PA 15705 724-463-3561	<b>Rate \$99 May 14</b> <b>Rate \$125 May 15 and 16</b>
<b>Quality Inn and Suites</b> 1545 Wayne Avenue, Indiana, PA 15705 724-349-9620	<b>Rate \$104 1 queen</b> <b>Rate \$109 1 king</b> <b>Rate \$119 2 doubles</b> <b>Rate \$124 2 queens</b>
<b>Hampton Inn and Suites</b> 1275 Indian Springs Road, Indiana, Pa 15705 724-349-7700	<b>Rate \$149</b>
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b> 1350 Indian Springs Road, Indiana, PA 15705 724-465-7000	<b>Rate \$165</b>

# 1960-70'S HIT MIX MUSIC BINGO

**Friday  
Night  
Hospitality  
9-11 pm**

HOSTED BY  
DISTRICT 14M  
"BE SURE TO  
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BELLBOTTOMS,  
HIPHUGGERS,  
MINI-SKIRTS,  
BOOTS&WILD  
AND CRAZY  
OUTFITS"



**Complimentary Ice Cream Bar with Toppings  
Fruit and Cheese Trays, non-alcohol drinks  
Cash Bar for beer, wine and cocktails**



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