



## District 14C Newsletter March - April 2026



### A Message From the District Governor

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



District Governor  
Doug Nace

With the recent time change we are excited to have the warmer temperatures that spring offers after a long cold winter. The month of March brings us **March Membership Madness**, where Lions Clubs are asked to welcome just one new member by March 31. It may seem like a small goal, but the collective impact across our district can be extraordinary. Use this opportunity to energize your club and the district. Host hands-on service projects, invite friends and community members to participate, and show them what Lions do to make a difference every day. Let's make this a month of growth, excitement and meaningful impact.

The month of April is a busy month with many Easter Events happening in the district. It looks like the Easter Bunny will be busy with all the photo ops scheduled throughout the district. This year we are *Driving* to a new venue for our **District 14-C Convention**. The new location is the Wisheaven Events Center located at 2985 East Prospect Road, York PA. We are breaking the trend of having the District Cabinet Meeting and District Convention as one event. There will be a separate District Cabinet Meeting in the morning, followed by a luncheon and then the Convention. We are excited to have Suzanne Graney, Executive Director of Four Diamonds as our Key-note speaker at the convention. There will be a number of displays which will have information on Lions topics and interests. There will also be a Car Cruise where owners can display their prize toys, which is part of this year's theme of **Driving Innovations**. We are asking for a \$10.00 donation per car which the proceeds will go to Four Diamonds. The convention details and registration can be found within this newsletter.

Now is also the time to begin planning for **Environment Week of Service, April 18 – 26**. Our district is starting the month of April with a tree planting project in Littlestown Pa, which is in conjunction with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. These initiatives build strong community partnerships and attract younger volunteers. It is also a great opportunity to collaborate with Leos and inspire the next generation of service leaders.

I am so honored and appreciative of all the hard work all of you do. Our communities need us and our acts of kindness touch so many lives. Each and every one of you make a difference though your donations and volunteering. **Thank You! Thank You! For everything you do!**

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

March is here, and with it comes longer days, warmer breezes, and the excitement of **March Madness**. While basketball fans are filling out their brackets, Lions across our district have their own kind of tournament underway—**Lions March Madness**, where the goal is simple: grow our pride and expand our service.

As we prepare to **spring forward**, let's also spring into action. Share your stories. Share your passion. Invite someone to experience the joy of being a Lion. Every new member strengthens our team and helps us serve our communities even better.

Membership growth begins with a simple conversation. Each of us joined Lions because someone invited us and shared the impact Lions were making in their community. Think about the difference our clubs could make if every Lion invited just one person to attend a meeting, volunteer at a service project, or participate in a club event. The power of our organization lies not only in the work we do, but in the people who come together to do it.

Our **Lions March Madness membership initiative** reminds us that growing our pride can also be fun and energizing. Friendly competition between clubs encourages us to reach out, share our stories, and welcome new Lions who want to serve. Whether it is through a membership event, inviting a guest to a meeting, or simply talking about Lions in your community, every effort helps strengthen our district.

Spring also brings new opportunities for **service projects**. As the weather improves and our communities become more active, Lions clubs are preparing for community cleanups, vision screenings, park openings, youth activities, and local events that bring people together. These projects not only meet important needs, but they also showcase the heart of what it means to be a Lion. Service is our greatest story to tell. When people see Lions making a difference—planting trees, helping families in need, supporting youth, and improving our communities—they are inspired to be part of something meaningful. By sharing these moments and inviting others to join us, we continue to grow our impact.

As the days grow brighter and we **spring forward** into a new season, let's carry that same sense of renewal into our Lions' work. Share your passion. Invite someone to serve beside you. Together, we can continue to grow our pride and ensure that our **service remains a sense of pride in our communities**.

**Let's make this March a winning season for the Lions!**  
**FVDG Patti Wurzbacher**

# A Message From the 2nd Vice District Governor



## Lions, Leos, and All

As we transition to **spring**, this time of year serves as a natural catalyst for renewal within a club, offering a fresh season to launch high-visibility outdoor projects. Spring is a prime time for environmental services, such as hosting a tree-planting event, organizing community garden preparations, or leading neighborhood clean-ups to protect the planet. These seasonal activities not only address local needs but also provide a vibrant, public stage to showcase the club's active spirit.

The most powerful way to grow is to **get out and do service**, as visible action in the community acts as the best possible PR. Inviting prospects to a service project rather than a formal meeting allows them to experience the "joy of service" firsthand before they ever sign an application. When people see Lions working—whether organizing food drives or partnering with local organizations—they are more likely to be inspired to join the mission themselves.

Attracting **new members** is most successful when clubs shift from simply seeking recruits to offering meaningful opportunities for impact. Personal invitations remain the most effective tool, as enthusiasm for the club's work is often contagious. To reach the next generation, clubs must embrace flexibility and digital outreach, moving away from rigid traditions to focus on what potential members are truly passionate about.

The core of **Lionism** is a commitment to the motto "We Serve," a mission that unites members worldwide in a shared purpose of bettering their communities. It transcends simple club membership to offer a sense of belonging and a powerful outlet for those driven to help others. By focusing on global pillars such as vision, hunger, and the environment, Lions turn individual kindness into large-scale solutions, standing shoulder to shoulder with like-minded volunteers.

Keep ROARING lions.

2VDG Ray Highlands

# DISTRICT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & WEBSITE

As I travel around the district talking to Lions they are always talking about the great job lions do but also about having problems getting more members. So, I thought I would focus this month on the Districts Club Facebook pages. Facebook is one of the easiest and cheapest ways to get the word out about what we do as Lions.



On March 4<sup>th</sup> I went through 34 Facebook pages associated with District lions' clubs.

## About our district's Facebook pages!

- Seven clubs do not have a Facebook page.
- One page was last updated in 2020.
- One page was last updated in 2023.
- Nine pages have not been updated since 2025, with four not updated for over 6 months.
- Two sites last received post in January.
- Eight sites have been updated in March with two having multiple posts in March.
- Fourteen sites were updated in February.
- Ten sites are posting with a frequency of less than two weeks.
- Sites updated in 2026, one site's prior post was July 2025.



Only you can stop hunger,  
donate non-perishable food to your local food bank,  
donate to Lions Clubs International foundation  
(LCIF) to make your donations do more.

Facebook only takes a few minutes to post, and once people see you are keeping the post up to date, they do visit the page, but if you are not posting regularly then how will people know when to visit. We say we want younger members, but we do not use one of the media that younger prospective members are using. Be creative with your Facebook showing what we do as Lions.

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.

# Paws For Thought

By Leader Dog Trainer Robbie Teal

Hard to believe that FLD Stella is now one year old. Time has past quickly and she has now over her teenage period. This usually is a period between 6-11 months where a puppy pretends to not remember everything they were taught and even be a little rebellious. For an example, I would get Stella's leash and call, "Here Stella. We're going bye bye." She would deliberately look at me, turn away, and walk into the next room. It's almost like she was saying, "I don't feel like working today." She would look at me when I gave her a command as if to say, "But I don't feel like doing that." Truly being a teenager. She is now past that stage and behaving nicely.



## Jacobus Lioness Lions Welcome New Residents

Community Welcome Baskets are a service project of the Jacobus Area Lioness Lions Club. 25 baskets were prepared on Thursday, February 26, for distribution at the Village Library to new area residents.



*Left to right: Lions Gail M. Ferree, Barbara Bick, Librarian Krystal Fox, Lions Peg Allton, Barbara Eshenour, Cathy Melhorn, and Deb Wise.*

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## Mechanicsburg Supports Operation Wildcat

On Saturday, February 14, eleven Lions volunteered their time to support Operation Wildcat – Project Clothing. The group worked on a variety of important tasks, including sorting and hanging clothing, organizing hangers, assisting with Christmas tree and ornament donations, and bagging items for Community Aid.





# District 14-C Lions 2026 Convention

*"DRIVING INNOVATIONS"*



**Saturday  
April 11, 2026**

This year we are **Driving** to a new venue for our District 14-C Convention. The new location is the Wisheaven Events Center located at 2985 East Prospect Road, York, PA 17402. In years past the district convention and district cabinet meeting were one function. This year we are breaking the trend and having them as two separate events with a luncheon between the two so individuals will be able to attend all the events for the day or pick and choose what they want to attend. We hope you plan on attending all the events. The scheduled events and times are as follows.

9:30 am – 1:00 pm Registration – Delegate Certification – Vender Displays  
10:30 am – 11:30 am District Cabinet Meeting  
11:00 am – 2:00 pm Car Cruise  
11:45 am - 12:45 pm Luncheon  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm District Convention – Necrology – Speaker – Awards & Recognitions – District Governor/Vice District Governors Election – 50/50

Attendees will be able to visit display tables that will have information on Lions topics and interests. The following information will be available from PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp, VisionCorps, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation, Lions of PA Foundation, Hearing Research, Kid-Sight and Vision Screening, Shining Stars Therapeutic Riding Program and this year's Peace Poster Winners.

There will be a Car Cruise where car owners can display their prize toys, which is part of this year's theme **Driving Innovations**. We are asking for a \$10.00 donation to display your car which will be payable the day of the event due to any related weather. The Car Cruise is open to the public and there will be no judging with all the donations going to Four Diamonds.

We look forward to a fantastic convention and turnout for our 2026 Convention!



**DISTRICT 14-C LIONS CONVENTION**

**Saturday, April 11, 2026**

**Wisehaven Events Center**

**2985 E Prospect Road, York, Pa 17402**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Registrant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_**

**E-mail or Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**Club Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Years as a Lion \_\_\_\_\_ First District Convention? Yes - No**

**What title(s) / office(es) do you currently hold? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Tentative Schedule (subject to change)**

<b>9:30 - 1:00</b>	<b>Registration - Delegate Certification, Vendor Displays</b>
<b>10:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>District Cabinet Meeting</b>
<b>11:00 - 2:00</b>	<b>Car Cruise</b>
<b>11:45 - 12:45</b>	<b>Luncheon</b>
<b>1:00 - 4:00</b>	<b>Convention - Necrology, Speaker, Awards &amp; Recognition, District Governor/Vice District Governors Election, 50/50</b>

**Registration Fee - \$15 (Leo Club members free) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Luncheon Fee - \$27 (Leo Club members free) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Assorted Sandwich Meats, Cheeses and Bread, Garden Salad,  
Soup, Pasta Salad, Assortment of Cookies, Cold and Hot Beverages**

**Total Enclosed w/ Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make checks payable to: "LCI District 14-C" with "Convention" on the memo line.**

**Each registrant must complete a separate registration form. Mail the completed form and payment by Saturday, March 28, 2026 to:**

**PDG Dennis Cope, PO Box 514, Arendtsville PA 17303.**

## York White Rose Serves at Special Olympics

For the fourth year, the York White Rose Lions volunteered for the Indoor Winter Special Olympics as Lane monitors for the bowling events. They helped to keep the athletes focused on their bowling game and engaged in conversations with the contestants. What a rewarding experience for contestants and Lions.



*Pictured (l-r): Linda Hollenbach, Wanda Reisinger, Brian Swingle, Randel (RW) Wood, Jean Gleaves, Bill Gleaves, Peggy Bixler, Gordon Sinclair, Cheryl Smith and Jeff Smith.*

## Clubs Learn About Community

Mechanicsburg hosted speaker, Jordan Lenick who is a licensed Funeral Director and serves as the Advance Funeral Planner for Buhrig's Funeral & Cremation, Ltd. in Mechanicsburg. She showed a PowerPoint presentation explaining the various facets & advantages of preplanning funeral arrangements. She invited anyone who is interested in preplanning to contact her for a personal appointment.



Dover Lion Jeff Rishel is pictured between Renee Poff (left ) and Amanda Bennet ( right ) at the conclusion of their presentation on the horse therapy that they provide at Walnut Grove Therapeutic Center. The Center is located in the Dover area.



Robbie Teal, a local Leader Dogs Program trainer (and author of Paws for Thought in this newsletter), visited the club with her dog-in-training, Stella. Robbie was the guest speaker for the evening and gave an update about the program operations in Rochester Hills, MI, and the process that a trainer goes through in spending a year plus while training a dog. Unique to Robbie is that all her trained dogs are named after a type of beer. The club presented Robbie with a donation to the Leader Dogs Program.



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

Date	Event	Time and Location
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

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## GUIDING LIONS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

9:00 am - Noon

PINCHOT PARK LIONS BUILDING

3380 Rosstown Road, Wellsville, PA

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or are rebuilding. Guiding Lion(s) are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president. Guiding Lions Certification is valid for three years. PDG Kerry McKnight will lead this seminar, which is an in-person seminar.

Email PDG Kerry to register for the certification program.

[klm52@aol.com](mailto:klm52@aol.com)

## It's Never Too Early to Start Service



DG Doug started his service early. Here he was at the York Mall giving out jelly beans for Easter when he was only ten years old.

## Zone 4B Holds Social

Zone 4B held their social on March 10<sup>th</sup> and it featured a 1960's theme. A groovy time was had by all.



*PDG Marty Zimmerman and New Freedom Lions Club President Becky Senft assisted with the auction.*

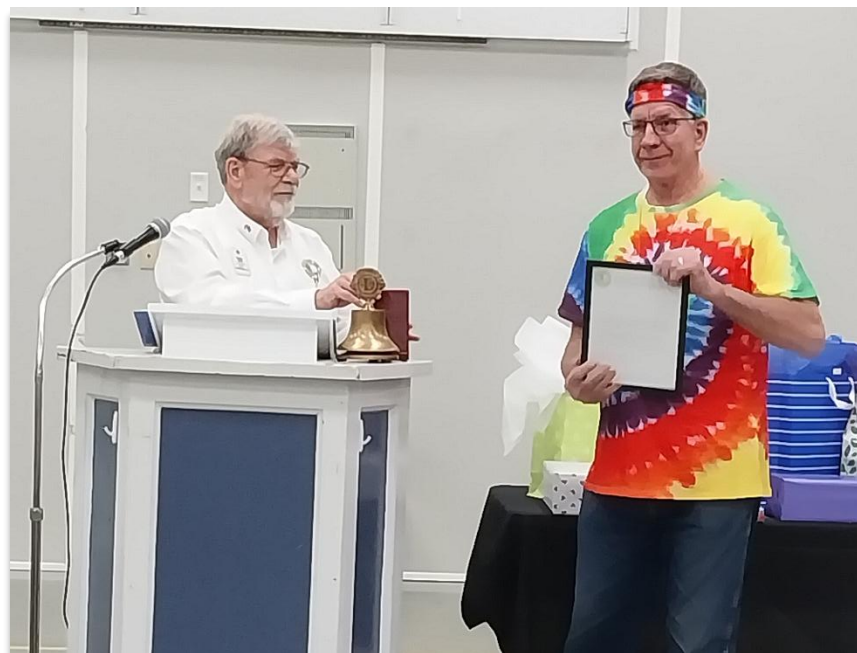


*FVDG Patti Wurzbacher, Lions Tina Vest & Denise Varteresian brought the flower power!*

At the Zone 4B Social, Zone Chair Don Weaver presented Lion Patti Hullman with a Carl Shoemaker Award for her dedicated service to Lions, the Peace Poster Program, and service to the community and the world, making dresses, hats, and blankets for those in need!



PDG Tom Jones presented Lion Wayne Wurzbacher with a Carl Shoemaker Award for his dedication and service to Lions PA Beacon Lodge for coordinating projects for the camp.



## District Governor Doug Visits Clubs



*Newville Lions Club President Bruce Lemmon presents DG Doug Nace a check for the District Governor's Fund at their February meeting.*



*(L to R) PDG Keith Shoff, DG Doug Nace, Windsor Lion Secretary Brenda Dietz receiving her Melvin Jones Fellowship*



*(L to R) PDG Keith Shoff, DG Doug Nace, Windsor Lion Ian Shoff receiving his Melvin Jones Fellowship*

## **Hanover Members Also Receive Major Awards**



*Lion Pat Senft poses with PDG Lisa Griffie who presented him with a Melvin Jones Fellowship*



*Lion Ken Zinn (right) receives a Melvin Jones Fellowship from his brother, John.*



*L to R: Lion Don Dorr is congratulated by Zone 1A Chair Todd Boller for his half-century of service with the club. Don has been active through the years serving in a number of positions with the club, including President and Tail Twister.*

# District Disaster Relief Program

## April's Readiness Focus

Pennsylvania has an extensive network of 86,000 miles of rivers and streams. While localized flooding occurs annually, larger events follow a distinct pattern.

**PENNSYLVANIA IS ONE OF THE MOST FLOOD-PRONE STATES**

### **DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?**

- **Statewide Major Floods:** Notable floods of significant severity and magnitude for the entire state occur roughly **once every 8 years**.
- **Annual Frequency:** Localized flooding is expected at least **once in most years**; for example, the river at Pittsburgh exceeds flood stage an average of 1.3 times per year.
- **Major River Basins:** The main stem of the Susquehanna River experiences major flooding approximately **every 15 years** on average.
- **Seasonal Peaks:** Flooding is most frequent in **March and April** due to heavy spring rains combined with snowmelt and ice jams.
- **Recent Trends:** Major weather/climate disasters (including flooding and severe storms) have increased significantly, rising from a long-term average of 2.5 events per year to **8.2 events per year** between 2020 and 2024.

Significant flooding events in Central Pennsylvania!

- The **St. Patrick's Day Flood** (March 1936): Heavy rain and snowmelt caused massive flooding, and New Cumberland was described as becoming a river.
- **Tropical Storm Agnes** (June 1972): This remains the most destructive flood in these regions' history with a Susquehanna River crest of 33.27 feet.
- **Flooding and Ice Jams of 1996:** Catastrophic mid-winter flooding caused by high temperatures, high winds, heavy rain that melted a deep snowpack, causing a statewide "flash flood" on major rivers. Ice Jams caused rapid raising rivers and streams. All 67 Pennsylvania counties were declared federal disaster area.
- **Tropical Storm Lee** (September 2011): This is the fourth largest flood on record for the area with record crest on the Swatara Creek near Hershey, PA of 26.80 feet.



Flooding - Agnes 1972



Roadway damage - Lee 2011

Learn more about flooding and what to do at  
<https://www.ready.gov/floods>.

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).



**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**

## Susquehanna Celebrates Ladies Night



The Susquehanna Club held their annual Ladies Night Dinner on February 12th at the Manchester Union Firehall. Lion Matt Waltz and his staff served the membership and their wives an amazing incredibly tender roast beef dinner with delicious stuffing, baked corn, mashed potatoes and gravy plus a table full of homemade pies for dessert. Lion Past President Stan Ferree and his wife Susie and their staff organized the affair and they welcomed all the ladies to the hall. And after dinner, the membership and their guests enjoyed a wonderful selection of their musical favorites performed by Tony & Karen Heath.



# The ABCS of LCIF

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PDG Keith Shoff

Spring is **FINALLY** here ... the flowers will soon be springing up and trees will be displaying their glory with bountiful blossoms .. New life will take over what just weeks ago were gloomy and drab surroundings.



*"What you leave as a legacy is not what is etched in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."*

Every single day when we wake up, we should be more and more proud to be a Lion than ever before because we see the wonderful things that Lions do. Being a Lion has allowed you and me to make change in our communities and around the world on a scale we could never have achieved alone. It's through the generosity of donors to LCIF that we are able to meet the humanitarian needs of the world. So, I was thinking about how can I continue that long after I'm gone? So, let's talk about the Legacy Society,

"This is a great opportunity." - The Lions Legacy Society, is not an elite group, it's just Lions that really care about wanting to help others for generations to come. Even those of us of modest means will be able to donate and allow a legacy to continue long after we've gone. Making a decision, to join the Legacy Society does not force you into a permanent unchangeable commitment. You can change your mind by withdrawing from the Society, or changing the method that you want to use to complete your commitment, or by adding (or reducing) the amount of your commitment.

The Lions Legacy Society has grown to 470 members across 7 of 8 constitutional areas since its launch in 2020. The program primarily receives gifts through wills, living trusts, and beneficiary designations. If you really believe in what we do as Lions and you see the power of LCIF supporting those projects, you may want to consider becoming a part of the Legacy Program to make sure that we're there for generations to come. Each of us make a significant contribution to our community and ultimately to our world. Imagine extending that service well into the future by becoming a Legacy Society member. Plan for tomorrow, today. Please consider joining the many Lions and friends who have committed to improving and enriching lives worldwide by creating your personal legacy with LCIF. For more information, contact me or go to [www. https://lcif.myplannedgift.org](https://lcif.myplannedgift.org)

### **District Update**

Currently District 14C donations stand at **\$19,089** with the LCIF goal for us being \$39,584 which means we are at 48.2% of goal. You should be proud of your accomplishments this far. Remember, your donation today will qualify for LCIF recognition, including limited-edition Presidential LCIF Supporter recognition, and I have the pins in my possession, to present immediately.

Remember - Together, we bring possibilities to life and continue to build a brighter future for communities here at home and around the world. Join me in this vital mission. When making a donation 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!!!

## Clubs Honor Scholarship

The Newville Club recognized 9 students of the month from the Big Spring School High School at their February meeting. Each student received a monetary award and a certificate and as honored for outstanding scholarship.



*L to R: Dr Michael Carnes, Anna Trez, Haley Staver, Victoria Bechtold, Aleah Wickard, Leila Moore, Zoey Zimmerman, Rhys Griffith, Cord Hetrick, Malia Ocker, Dr. Nicholas Guarente, Lion Bob Markley*

Meah Kolberg was recently honored as the Plainfield Lions Club's Student of the Month. Meah is a senior at Big Spring High School. Meah plans to attend Lebanon Valley College, where she will major in English and Communications.



*Plainfield President Scott Leidigh presents Meah with her award.*

## Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Spring Tree Plantings

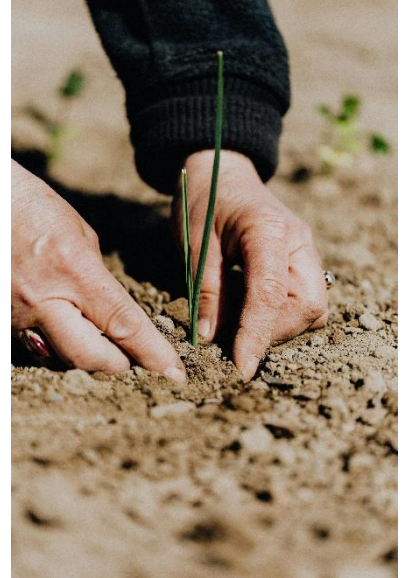
Two years ago, District 14-C began promoting tree plantings sponsored by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. Planting trees is a great way for your club to gain “Environment” service hours to report to Lions International. This spring, the Alliance has three tree plantings scheduled for communities in District 14-C

The first of these tree plantings is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2026, in Seven Valleys. This event is part of the Alliance’s 24-hour tree planting marathon called “Treelay.” This leg of the Treelay will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 20 volunteers are needed to plant 200 trees. Use the following link to sign up for this event: [Plant trees in SEVEN VALLEYS](#)

On Saturday, April 4, 2026, the Alliance will be planting trees just north of Littlestown. Lions clubs in Region 1 are sponsoring lunch for volunteers who show up to help plant trees at this event. The hours are 10:00 a.m to Noon, and they are looking for 35 volunteers to plant 325 trees. If you are interested, click on the following link to get to the sign-up page: [Plant trees in LITTLESTOWN](#)

The third event will be on Saturday, April 11, 2026. This is also the date of the District Convention, however, it would be possible to plant trees that morning and still attend the convention in the afternoon. This tree planting will be in the Hanover area from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. 25 volunteers are needed to plant 250 trees. Here is the link for the Hanover event: [Plant trees in HANOVER](#)

If you have never helped at an event like this, it is an enjoyable activity with tasks most everyone can do. If you can’t dig, you can tie protective sleeves to posts or put protective netting over the top of the sleeves. Please consider recruiting a group of volunteers from your club to help at one of these events.





**Western Cumberland County  
Lions Project**  
will host their  
**10th Annual Golf Outing  
June 20, 2026**

**Eagles Crossing Golf Club**  
501 Conodoguinet Ave., Carlisle, PA 17013

**The Lions ask for your help!**  
**Sponsors and Golfers are needed.**  
Cost per golfer is \$100/\$400 per foursome.  
Lunch served and prizes awarded after play has ended.

**What is WCCLP?** The Western Cumberland County Lions are 7 local Clubs: Boiling Springs, Carlisle, Jacksonville, MT. Holly Springs, Newville, Plainfield, and Shippensburg. They came together in 2016 to create a stronger support organization. There are, unfortunately always individuals and organizations in our community that need a helping hand. The WCCLP provide assistance, support, and financial aid to those who can benefit from our service. Awards are paid directly to service providers. Since 2016, 128 grants have been distributed to individuals and other service organizations totaling \$156,112.

**Your support is the only way we can continue our mission--to  
extend a helping hand to those less fortunate.**

For a Sponsorship Form. Player's application, or more information,  
contact: Lion Pete Shultzabarger at [petbshultb@comcast.net](mailto:petbshultb@comcast.net).

**Lions's Motto: WE SERVE**

## Clubs Celebrate Romance

“Sweet Life” (Matt and Carol Frigm) recently entertained the Dover Club at their annual Valentines Banquet.



The Hanover Club held a Sweethart Social to celebrate Valentine's Day.



*44 Year member and two-time Club President Dwain Smith enjoys sharing a special moment in special attire with his valentine, Susan.*

# York Springs Lions Club Food Events – mid-2026

**SAT/SUN ONLY April 25-26, 10AM-5PM, Spring Event**  
at Peters Fruit Stand, 10540 Carlisle PK, Gardners  
(just outside of York Springs) – NEW in 2026



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**June 5, 12-5PM & June 6-7, 10AM-5PM, Strawberry**  
at Peters Fruit Stand, 10540 Carlisle PK, Gardners  
(just outside of York Springs)



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**June 13, 10AM-3PM, Antique Auto Show**  
at Latimore Valley Fairgrounds,  
314 Latimore Valley RD, York Springs, PA  
(off RT 15 North outside York Springs)



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**July 10, 12-5PM & July 11-12, 10AM-5PM, Blueberry**  
at Peters Fruit Stand, 10540 Carlisle PK, Gardners  
(just outside of York Springs)



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**Aug. 28, 12-5PM, & Aug. 29-30, 10AM-5PM, Peach**  
at Peters Fruit Stand, 10540 Carlisle PK, Gardners  
(just outside of York Springs)



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**SAT/SUN ONLY Oct. 3-4, 10AM-5PM, Apple**  
at Peters Fruit Stand, 10540 Carlisle PK, Gardners  
(just outside of York Springs)



## Susquehanna Holds Successful White Elephant Sale



The Susquehanna club held their Annual White Elephant Sale at The Manchester Union Fire Hall on February 26th. The membership brought a huge assortment of goods to be auctioned off to the members eager to purchase goodies presented membership. Guest auctioneer, Nevin Rentzel, did his usual fantastic job of entertaining as he worked the highest bids out of the crowd. The funds raised by the club at this event go directly into its Administration account.

# **Pit Beef Sandwich Sale**

**BENEFITS  
TOM ROBINSON FAMILY**

**Saturday, April 25, 2026  
11 am-1:00 pm**

**Craley Firehall • \$10.00**  
Includes Sandwich, Applesauce, Chips  
*(1/4 lb. Beef)*



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# DEADLINE

## Items for the May issue are due by April 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

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

Carl Birkmeyer

Newsletter Editor



# Welcome New Members

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Ronald Blauch	Camp Hill	James Gates
Doug Peck	Dillsburg	Debra Wiley
Charles Stroda	Hanover	Robert Massaroni
Nathan Brown	Littlestown	Darrin Brown
William Buckingham	Mason+Dixon	Donald Howard
Patricia Jordan	New Freedom	Denise Varteresian
Krystal Pinto	New Freedom	Patti Wurzbaucher
Kami Krantz	Red Lion	John Krantz
Wes Bumgardner	Shrewsbury Area Centennial	Paul Sipe
Carole Sutch	Shippensburg	Lisa Kemp



*L to R: Lion Ann Snyder welcomes Lion Chuck Stroda, who was inducted as a new member by PDG Lisa Griffie.*



*FVDG Patti Wurzbacher inducted two new members on March 3rd into the New Freedom Lions Club. L to R: Lion Krystal Pinto with her sponsor FVDG Patti Wurzbacher and Lion Cheri Thompson with her sponsor Lion Lindy Sweeney.*



*The TEMPUS LEO Club of the Big Spring High School inducted 7 new members this past Tuesday. The Tempus LEO Club is sponsored by the three Lions Clubs in the Big Spring School District: Jacksonville, Plainfield and Newville. The ceremony took place at the February meeting of the Newville Lons Club. L to R: Wyatt Brosius, Elizabeth Eckenrode, Wyatt Zary, Cash Perreault, Charlie Lehman, Allison Bear, Lillian Franklin.*

# IN LOVING Memory

With sadness and gratitude for their service, we report the following recently deceased Lions.

<b>Deceased Member</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
James Weaver	Jacobus	31
G. Lynn Golden	York Springs	69

# 2025 – 2026 District 14-C Directory Changes

## No New Changes

### 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 Lions Club Secretary email address to: [MasonDixonLionsClubSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:MasonDixonLionsClubSecretary@gmail.com)

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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**Thursday, May 14 through Sunday, May 17, 2026**  
**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  
WEAR YOUR  
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**

LETTER OF INTENT TO RUN FOR DISTRICT OFFICE

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as notice of my intent to run for the office of Second Vice District Governor of District 14-C for Lions year 2026-2027 at the next District Convention. I have received the necessary endorsements and served in the necessary positions, as documented below, to qualify as a candidate for this position.

Candidate Name: Ronald E. Gorman Member Number: 5324275
Club Name: Plainfield Lions Club Club Number: 005830

Verification of Qualifications

- Candidate is an active member in good standing of the above named club (Yes) No
Above named club is a chartered Lions Club in Good Standing (Yes) No
Board of Directors of the above-named club, by a majority vote, has endorsed this candidate for the above-named office (Yes) No
Candidate has served in the following positions at least 6 months and 1 day:
Club President (Yes) No
Club Board of Directors for at least 2 years (Yes) No
District Cabinet as Zone Chairperson, District GAT Coordinator (GST, GLT, GMT, GET), District LCIF Coordinator Cabinet Secretary and/or District Treasurer (Yes) No
First Vice District Governor Yes (No)
Second Vice District Governor Yes (No)
None of the above positions have been served concurrently (Yes) No

I hereby attest to the accuracy of the responses circled for the above list of qualifications.

Scott C. Ledwith / SCOTT LEDWITH
Club President Signature
Ronald E. Gorman
Candidate Signature

Charles L. Holby Jr. / Charles L. Holby Jr.
Club Secretary Signature
3 March 2026
Date

Please attach a copy of the minutes from the Board meeting at which the candidate was endorsed by the Club Board of Directors. Mail the minutes along with this form to the District Governor.



**We Serve**

**6th Annual  
Mechanicsburg Lions "We Serve"  
Golf Tournament**

**Friday, July 10, 2026**



**Tee Off: 8:00am Shotgun Start**

*Use the QR Code or URL below to visit us on our  
Tournament Website to Register & Pay:*



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

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