

DISTRICT 14C NEWSLETTER



November 2020

A Message From the District Governor

Lions, Lioness, and Leos All

October was a busy month for me. I was able to complete official District Governor's visits to eleven clubs. Induct new members, and give out a Melvin Jones award. The clubs that I visited were: Littlestown Lions, Fairfield Lions, Kreutz Creek Lions, Boiling springs Lions, Shrewsbury Area Centennial Lions (virtually), Stewartstown Lions, Plainfield Lions, Jacobus Lions, Shippensburg Lions, Dallastown Lions and New Oxford Lions. I was not able to visit Dover Lions Club or Westshore lions Club due to COVID-19. Each club is different in many ways but all were the same in that they have found ways to continue to uphold the Lions moto of WE SERVE. I have been very impressed with the generosity of our clubs with donations to the District Governor's Project fund. This donated money will all go to serve those in need in our communities and around the world.

Clubs in our District showed their sprite of serving by donations to the Louisiana Hurricane relief project and also by helping a local family dealing with COVID-19 infecting them. It makes me proud to be part of an organization that finds ways to serve or communities and the world when there is a need.



District Governor Tom Jones

Stay Safe and Healthy

Work to make it great to be a Lion

Remember that Kindness Matters

On October 5th the District Cabinet met to plan fund raisers for Beacon Lodge. It was a great meeting and two very good fund raisers were put into planning. We will be having a rubber duck race and a calendar lottery fund raiser. More information for these fund raisers will be forthcoming.

We had a District GAT meeting that was held at the Cross Keys Diner on October 10th. It was a well-attended meeting and I learned of a lot of good being done by our clubs from the Zone Chairs.

I am looking forward to November as it brings more club visits, a district cabinet meeting, a State Council meeting, Thanksgiving, hunting and more. I hope to find all of the clubs that I visit working to continue to serve as we work our way through the covid-19 pandemic.



A Message From 1st VDG Elect/D-GLT Dan Brant

Dear District 14C Lions, Lioness and LEOs,

As we turn the calendar, we realize that we are getting close to Thanksgiving and the beginning of the holiday season. Well, I can't help you with a turkey, but how about a candy bar? For a small candy bar, let me know who said the following: "Lions don't just serve the world, we represent it...., we'll unite clubs and communities around the world because in times of great need, greater good can only be achieved by uniting as one." Send your answers to my email address at anitadan@embargmail.com.

So what again is the Lions motto? Please fill in the blanks. _____!!!! Our International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, says that "your safe service has preserved the health and safety of so many within your local community. The coronavirus pandemic has become the global health focus for the world, but many other health issues remain. And that's where Lions can make a difference." One place we can and are making a difference is with diabetes. November 14th is World Diabetes Day. Dr. Choi goes on to say that "Diabetes affects nearly 10 % of the world's population, and so many more are undiagnosed. That is why diabetes has been one of our five global causes."

So what can we do? I suggest starting with the World Diabetes Day page on LCI's website. It has a variety of virtual activities to promote diabetes awareness, prevention and care. They can be fun, informative and educational. How about putting information on your website to promote diabetes awareness, or sponsoring a local child with diabetes to attend an appropriate camp like Beacon Lodge, or even a Strides Walk?

There is so much we can do to serve! The challenge is to decide on a safe activity that is a good fit for our club. As we approach Thanksgiving, let's think of those in need in our communities and how best to address those needs whether it be diabetes awareness or something entirely different.

I'll see a few of you in our Zone Chair Workshops already underway.

Happy Thanksgiving and I hope you are able to find some safe and quiet time with loved ones.

We Serve

Lion Randy Babcock Holds Bike Fundraiser

Stewartstown Lion Club member Randy Babcock, along with his wife Ginger, rode his bike from Pittsburgh to Washington, DC to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Patrol. Lion Randy sent this report from the road:



As I'm sitting near the falls in one of my favorite towns in western PA, Ohiopyle, I've been thinking a lot about this bike ride. Many folks have asked why Ginger and I are riding 335 miles from PGH to DC? First off, we're making the trip because we both love to bicycle on rail trails, love the outdoors and we both love adventures. The other reason and maybe the more important reason, is to raise awareness of the mission of a great non-profit organization that helps Wounded Warriors and their families. I had no idea there was such a thing until I started volunteering at Ski Roundtop 5 years ago. As soon as I heard about the Wounded Warrior Patrol, I knew I wanted to be a part of what they do. For the last 9 years they have invited 12-15 Wounded Warriors and their families to a 5-day retreat at beautiful 7-Springs mountain resort in western PA.... all expenses paid by the WWP. As you can imagine that can be expensive. However, one cannot put a price on

the benefit that 5 days of Recreation Therapy can have on the Warriors and their families. I've had the privilege to go on the last 4 trips to serve as a Volunteer, lately as a Host to a Wounded Warrior. It truly is amazing to witness the joys, sense of accomplishments and new friendships that are forged as these folks are provided the opportunity to learn something new; skiing or snowboarding at 7-Springs.

Because the annual WWP golf tournament fundraiser was canceled this past June due to COVID, Ginger and I decided to make our September bike ride a fundraiser to benefit the Wounded Warrior Patrol. To our friends who have already contributed, many thanks - you are awesome and we have been extremely touched by your support. If anyone reading this would like to contribute, it is easy to do so by visiting WoundedWarriorPatrol.org

Lions International Peace Poster and Essay Contest

In 1988-89, despite the bombings and the violence engulfing his hometown of Beirut, Lebanon during

the height of the Lebanese Civil War, 13 year old Mustapha El Tawokji had a clear image of peace. He drew a soft and peaceful picture of a dove flying over a bed of roses, winning the first Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest, and although he had probably never laid eyes on such a peaceful scene, he could imagine it. Even in a war-torn country like his was, Mustapha could believe peace was possible. The theme of that first Peace Poster Contest was "Peace Will Help Us Grow." Every year since, LCI has proudly continued the contest with as many as 600,000 children ages 11 to 13 from



75 countries participating. (Courtesy of <u>Lion Magazine</u>) What a beautiful pathway for allowing children worldwide to express their vision of world peace!

The theme for 2020-2021's contest is "Peace Through Service." District Governor Tom Jones and I are looking forward to seeing the awesome peace posters that the children in our district have created. What talent and creativity our children possess! Please remember that the Postmark Deadline for your club to send one winning poster to the District Governor is November 15th. Peace Poster 101 Basics:

- The 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, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.
- One international grand prize winner will receive \$5,000 and a trip to a 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.

If you would like to discuss how to sponsor a Peace Poster Contest for your club, contact Lion Patti Hullmann, Jacobus Lions Club District 14-C Peace Poster Chairperson. For more information, email me at hullmannt@aol.com or call 717-428-3659 or 717-600-7642.

Lion Patti Hullmann

We Serve

LCIF Where There's a Need, There's a Lion

Lions Clubs International Foundation PDG Kerry McKnight
14-C & MD14 LCIF Coordinator

Traditionally when we have photos of Lions in our newsletter, they are District 14-C members. People we may know and serve alongside. The photos included in this issue are the wonderful Lions of the DeRidder, Louisiana area. Their communities are struggling to recover after being struck by 2 tropical storms that brought significant damage to Louisiana.



LCIF is also assisting Lions in DeRidder in a huge way by helping with supplies of food, water, clothing and medical needs. These supplies are available for clubs in the affected area through LCIF Emergency Grants, made possible only because of generous donations to LCIF by clubs and members just like yours.

New Freedom Lions Bob Dickson & Mike Marsicano gather supplies for the Hurricane Relief Project.





Please consider supporting your fellow Lions in need during this trying time for them to save their communities. You may make a donation to LCIF Disaster Relief at LionsClubs.org, or send a check to me made out to LCIF. I am available as a LCIF speaker for your club or event by contacting me at the information below.

PDG Kerry McKnight 717-235-2790 klm52@aol.com

Mechanicsburg Holds Blood Drive

The members of the Mechanicsburg Lions Club were happy to serve our community on October 13th by helping with an American Red Cross Blood Drive. The Red Cross contacted our Club in the summer asking for help during this very difficult time. Our volunteer Lions were quick to respond with individual blood donations as well as serving all day to assist the Red Cross staff. Lion Bob Buhrig donated the use of his new "Gathering Place" facility, located on Main Street in Mechanicsburg, for the entire day! Many thanks to everyone who donated blood, our Lions volunteers, and most importantly, the American Red Cross for the great work they do every day.



Assisting the Red Cross are Lions Rick & Ginger Gines, Bob Buhrig, Shirley Dixon and chair of the Blood Drive Committee, Past District Governor Fred Lamason.

Place Your Club's Activities in this Newsletter!

Submit your items to Newsletter Editor Carl Birkmeyer: carl@cbhypnosis.com

Newville Awards Scholarship

Kailee Shotto, Newville Fair Queen, was presented a Scholarship check at in October. Due to the cancellation of the Fair this year, she has agreed to continue her reign through the 2020-2021 Fiscal year. She s currently attending classes virtually through Penn State, Harrisburg campus.



Pictured (L - R): Kailee Shotto, Lion Bruce Lemmon, Lion Kathy Biscuit, Lion Christine Anderson, and Lion Josh Anderson.

Directory Changes

Last month's newsletter incorrectly reported a change in the email address for Littlestown Lions Club Secretary William Null. His email remains: shortynphyl@yahoo.com

ZONE 4-B LIONS, LIONESS AND LEO CLUBSVIRTUAL GIFT CARD RAFFLE

BENEFITS YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS!

This is your opportunity to win \$100.00 in gift certificates from around Southern York County, PA! Everything from groceries to personal services.

Tickets are only \$10.00 for 1 or \$25.00 for 3!

Purchases need to be made by the end of Saturday, November 7, 2020!

Drawing will be held LIVE via Facebook on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2020, starting at 2:00 p.m.

(You do not have to watch to win!)

THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS SO GET YOURS TODAY!!!

FOR TICKETS

CALL LION THERESA A. CRALEY @ (717) 309-5052

or E-mail to Dartha430@Comcast.net

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