

District 14-G "Lions Tale"

"Always There, Always Ready

District Governor James "Jim" Douty

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Welcome To Our Group!

LIONS of Multiple District 14 Welcomes YOU!

Well here we are halfway through another Lions year and at the close of a very controversial 2020. At the beginning of 2020 there were many of us that had no idea what COVID-19 was. When someone said that we were going to have a zoom meeting most of us thought we were going to meet at a Mazda dealership for a test drive. Well, now all that has changed.

We all know what COVID-19 is and what zoom meetings mean. We also have found out how resilient Lions and Lioness are, that when things get tough Lions step up to get the job done. Throughout our great district of 14 G our 58 Lions and 4 Lioness clubs have found ways to continue with helping the less fortunate. Having food distribution in the form of prepared meals, food supplies, clothing distribution, and supplies for first responders.

The district now has a grant writing committee which so far has obtain funding for two trailers, one to be used by North Central Sight Service committee. So if your club is looking to do a project, check with our grant writing committee to see if there might be funds available. The newly formed Grant Committee is chaired by Immediate PDG Jim Wilbur.

By the way, IPDG Jim is also our first vice district governor, and Lion



Clayton Steward from the Montgomery Lions Club will be our second vice district governor.

You will see that our great district has not been sitting idly by allowing a bug to hold us back, but instead has inspired us to find new ways to help our fellow man.

I am looking forward to the second half of our Lions year to just see how much we can get done in our district. In closing, I just want to wish everyone a very Merry and safe Christmas and have a Happy New Year!



Big Pond: Lion Eric T Millard, Sponsor Lion LaRue Austin

Eagles Mere Laporte: Lion Edward C Kassab, Sponsor Lion Richard Liebert

Montgomery: Lion Nicole R Stepp, *Sponsor Lion C. Roger McRae;* Lion Stacey L Wheeler, *Sponsor Lion C Roger McRae*

Northern Tioga County Centennial: Lion Ronda Henrich, *Sponsor Lion Michelle Bousquet*

Snow Shoe: Lion Patrick L Shive, Sponsor Lion Dan Shive



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From International President

Dr. Yung-Yul Choi

"Today's challenges are great and only magnified by our global pandemic. YOU are powerful, too. Thank you for honoring your commitment to lead your fellow Lions by sharing informative and inspiring information. Your leadership encourages campaign donations that empower Lions life-changing service."



Want to DONATE? Click on Campaign 100









What is LCIF's value to me, my club, Lions across the globe, and those in need?

"Lions Clubs International Foundation is the primary funding source for Lions projects worldwide. Through the more than US\$1 billion grants it has provided since 1968, LCIF has enabled Lions and clubs to exponentially expand their service and carry put more life-altering missions globally.

Recent research reveals fewer than 10% of Lions make direct donations to LCIF. Did you know that in many parts of the world, LCIF provides more in grants than it receives in donations from Lions and clubs there?"



What is Campaign 100, and why should my

club and I participate in it?

"Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service is a comprehensive capital campaign raising money to expand Lions' ability to help those in need today and for the next 100 years. While the campaign's financial goal is US\$300 million, the ultimate goal is Lions' ability to serve hundreds of millions of people by:

- Increasing our impact in vision, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts
- Fighting the global epidemic of diabetes
- Expanding efforts in childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment"

"As we reflect on decades of SightFirst accomplishments, we must remember that funds from previous campaigns are what have enabled historic progress in restoring and improving vision for millions. Campaign 100 supporters will continue the Sight-First legacy and help millions more. Thank you for inspiring Lions to create history by supporting Campaign 100. Share a new video commemorating progress made possible by SightFirst grants."





International Director Larry Edwards

Greetings Lions of 14-G,

Well, by now everyone should have had a sufficient amount of turkey and filling. I hope that those less fortunate than many of us also had a filling Thanksgiving dinner. Here is one way that many of our Lions clubs around the US are serving. Helping with food, delivering meals, and serving those in need. As we continue through the holiday season, please consider how you as a Lion and your Club can be of service to others. Remember, it is the Season.

I want to congratulate several Lions for stepping up into leadership positions. PDG Jim Wilbur has agreed to serve again as 1^{st} Vice District Governor and Lion Clayton Steward has also agreed to serve in the 2^{nd} Vice District Governor position. Great! That again fills all the chain of command for the District. Thank you both for agreeing to step up. Let us not stop here. We should be looking for the next 2^{nd} VDG for the District Convention in the spring.

Let me mention membership. I realize that we are in a significant pandemic. We can still invite new members to join us in service and get prepared for when the COVID-19 slows to be ready to serve. Don't stop working on membership. As of today, 14-G has a plus 37 members and is #2 in the Multiple District. Being second is good, but first is better. Currently 22 clubs have added at least one member. That is 38% of the District Clubs. Lot's of room for improvement. Need help? Talk with our own PDG Cheryl Wilbur. I know that she will head you in the correct direction.

Keep you eyes open for a flier to be out soon for a fun way to raise money for LCIF Campaign 100. PID Jim Cavallaro and I have joined forces with a fun contest while setting a goal of at least \$10,000 for the Multiple District. Meet the goal and we will both shave our moustaches at the MD Convention. We have had them for many years. Mine since 1969. Join in the fun and an opportunity to receive a Melvin Jones or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In closing, Lion Susan and I wish all Lions and families the very Merriest of Christmas'. Please celebrate safely and don't forget to check on your own club members while helping those in need.



ID Larry



Messages from International First Vice President, Douglas Alexander International Second Vice President Brian Sheehan, and International Second Vice President Patti Hill

> North American Membership Initiative

"It's been two years since the International Board of Directors authorized the North American Membership Initiative as a pilot program. Increasing our membership was considered a challenge then, and the fallout from the fallout from the coronavirus (COVID-19) has made it even more difficult. Here's an update on how Lions are rising to meet this challenge."

Membership Growth:

- Began with 9 Pilot Districts
- 2 Goals—achieve membership growth and develop a process to follow
- Established a Young Lions Task Force with enthusiastic and dedicated young Lions to help start campus clubs and others with young Lions
- Materials and resources at lionsclubs.org/nami
- Engage Zone Chairs and Clubs

Participation:

- All districts in Constitutional Areas 1 & 2
- Those opted-in: 92% with 64% of the Multiple Districts
- Notable increase in communication and enthusiasm with exchanging ides and learning from each other

"We cannot give enough thanks to the leaders of our pilot districts and pilot zones, the members of the Young Lions Task Force and our Global Action Team, who took on the support role for the membership initiative this year."

Lessons Learned:

#WeServ

- Take Action QUICKLY
- 2019-2020: 6 Clubs chartered in North America during July and August
- 2020-2021: 26 clubs, spite COVID-19
- BETTER engage Zone Chairpersons and Clubs
- It will take years to turn membership around in Constitutional Areas 1 & 2
- World needs Lions to serve more than ever in these difficult time





"The Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation is pleased to report that nearly \$40,000 has been awarded to nine clubs this Lions year to date. Since our last report in September, two patient care grants (Districts C and D) and one community project grant (District H) were approved."

Despite Pandemic Challenges

Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs:

- \Rightarrow STILL Very Active
- \Rightarrow Accepting Applications for:

Patient Care Equipment Community Project Grants Projects Worthy of Sponsoring Application Access: www.nepalsf.org, GRANTS Tab, or contact District's Board Members at grants@nepalsf.org

Recognition

"PCC Lowell Hawk, Board Member

has been instrumental in the success through the transition from the Eye Bank and as Vice President of the Board. He will now serve as an advisory member for the board.

<u>PDG Don Mills, Treasurer</u> a charter member, <u>r</u>ecently passed. PDG Mills leadership, generosity of spirit, and integrity will be sorely missed."



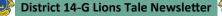
PRETREAT

- Vision Resources of Central PA
- Learning Luncheon at February State Council Meeting (Barring COVID Restrictions)
- ♦ Send Responses to PO Box 415, Macungie, PA 18062
- Submitted by Lion Vicky Dougherty, Secretary





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District Administrator

MAKING A LIST

Checking it Twice

In the Spirit of Merry

Christmas! This saying can also apply to checking your membership list. Wanting to know how to delete a member or can't find the easy steps, call 630-571-5466. Put this on your list this year prior to December 15, 2020.

Precaution: Double-check rosters prior to December 15th and June 15th, so your club will NOT be charged for Lions NOT paying their dues!

> Lions Clubs International is no longer forgiving of "I forgot to remove the member" or "the member just resigned." Your club will be billed for Lions on the roster of 12/31 or 6/30. Guaranteed, and no excuses.

Secretary

Responsibilities:

- Maintain records; MMR by 5th of every month \Rightarrow
- Log on monthly to keep information up-to-date \Rightarrow
- Protecting club's "Good Standing" \Rightarrow
- \Rightarrow Ensuring members that are no longer in the club are not billed
- \Rightarrow Safeguarding members receive all the benefits of being a Lion
- ⇒ Help with accessing MyLCI mylci@lionsclubs.org or by phone at (630) 468-6900
- \Rightarrow Officer support phone at (630) 468-7084 or (630) 468-6890 or email us at cluboffiers@lionsclubs.org

District Cabinet Meeting

Called to order by DG Jim Douty; established rules of meeting by IPDG Jim Wilbur; Invocation by ZC Rev. Allen Goss, Sylvania; Pledge of Allegiance; Secretary Report by Lion Joe Dunleavy with minutes approved; and Treasurer Report by Lion Beth Cooley.

Art Girio Scholarship:

21 - \$1,000 scholarships were awarded Scholarship Funds moved to Lions of PA Foundation by IPDG Jim Wilbur, ZC Clayton

Peace Poster: Lion Beth Cooley reports no

Steward

DT Lion Beth Cooley will handle the transfer Beacon Lodge:

Lion Luther Musser gave updated report on maintenance **Camp Victory:** No report

- C&BL:
- IPDG Jim Wilbur gave brief report on proposed changes

submissions this year 20-21 White Cane:

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made to nominate **IPDG Jim Wilbur for the First**

VDG position for 20-21, seconded by ZC Clayton Steward. Election held per Lions District C&BL Article 2, Section 6

DG Jim Douty formed a new "Grant Committee" appointing IPDG Jim Wilbur, and Lion Amy Alexander as a member

Guiding Lion Certification presented to PDG Cheryl Wilbur

Traveling Bell awarded to the Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club

Global Action Team Report

✓ Leadership

10 clubs participated in Orientations or Club Officer Training; ZC Training - applied for a \$500 grant

- ✓ Membership Opening Balance - 1,608 Added Members - 76 **Dropped Members - 40** Closing Balance - 1,644
- ✓ Service

July-November 2020 -363 reports from 34 of 58 clubs Service Hours - 7,976 People Served - 70,054 Funds Donated - \$20,977 PA MD People Served - 500,000

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1.40M

3.03%

49.137

Total Clubs

363.679

90.69M

25.83M

273,258

Taken from: INSIGHTS

\$20,337,873

Total Donations in FY

Total People Served LCI

Total People Served in LCIF

Participants in Learning Events

Summary of November 20, 2020

Total Membership

Membership Growth in FY

Where We Are Wernationally

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District 14-G Global Leadership Chair Cheryl Wilbur

Future

District Governors



1st Vice District Governor James Wilbur, IPDG Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club 14-G Grant Committee **Club President** Zone Chair

Appointed by District Governor Jim Douty, IPDG Wilbur was selected. With the COVID-19 pandemic, IPDG Jim was unable to visit 2/3 of our clubs, continue with cabinet meetings, hold a District Convention, and with recognizing Lions for their leadership.

This is the first time in District 14-G history we have had to repeat a District Governor. We are in hopes of working with Lions with an interest in leading our district. Qualifications are: Lion in good standing, served as a club president and as a Zone Chair while possessing necessary skills for the position.

DG Douty will be conducting a Cabinet meeting in February for the appointment of the 2nd Vice District Governor.

Candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor

Clayton Steward Montgomery Lions Club Past Club President Zone Chair **Club Administrator**



2021

January 7-10 **Vice District Governors Retreat** 5:00 p.m. to Sunday 2:00 p.m. Harrisburg

February 20 **GAT Spring Symposium** 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg

February 21 **GAT Spring Symposium** TBA

March 12-14 **Regional Lions Leadership** Institute TBA

May 2

Membership Connections Seminars tentatively rescheduled Boalsburg



What is the Protocol for District Governors visitation?



When is the date and place of the 2021 State Convention?



You may want to brush up on your Lion skills, DG "Jim" Douty is having a contest!!!

Be the FIRST: Send your answers to cawilbur@npacc.net













Central Susquehanna Sight Services

Shelly Stroble, President and CEO reports in need for **DRIVERS** to help getting visually impaired and visually blind to assist with appointments or medical transportation.

BENEFITS:

- \Diamond Make new friends for a life-time
- \diamond Pick your own schedule
- \Diamond Provides Sighted Guide Training
- \Diamond Reimbursed for mileage

Contact: Shelly at 570-286-1471 or wwwcsight.org



- Make an impact on the future of the state
- Visit Leader Dog School in Rochester, Michigan
- **Visit PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp** .
- **FREE Trip to International Convention**

Contact PDG Cheryl Wilbur 570-537-2643

Credit to PDG Harold Fletcher

Year

Upcoming in the 2021

January is **HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH**

January 11-18 Lions Club International Foundation Week

January 13 Melvin Jones' Birthday

January 15 Peace Posters go on Sale

February is childhood cancer awareness month

February 15 International Childhood Cancer Day ΜΑΚΕ **PLANS**

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Membership

Being a SUCCESSFUL Club Membership Chairperson

www.lionsclubs.org

Club Membership Chairperson

1-year elected position as a club officer and member of the board of directors.

"As the Club Membership Chairperson, you will bring Melvin Jones' dream to life- that every need can be met by a Lion or Leo. By bringing new members into your club, not only will you develop new friendships, but you will ensure your club will have stronger foundation to serve your community and the world. The service of your members will impact lives!

The information below is organized to help you achieve the best results and is broken down into the major responsibilities of your job. The tools and resource found below will help your club achieve success now and into the future."

Recommended Qualifications

- Passionate about Lions and is invested in the club's future
- Leads by example, actively sponsoring new members
- Strong project management, public speaking, and presentable skills
- Able to use technology (email, Microsoft Office, MyLCI, LCI website, social media, secretary e-book)



- Collaborate with District Global Action Team, participate in zone & district events
- Develop a membership committee to implement action
- Encourage all members to participate in recruiting
- Include surveys to * members for satisfaction
- Engage new members immediately



District Governor Advisory

- **Club Presidents**
- **Club 1st Vice Presidents**
- **Club Secretaries**

- Understand different membership types
- Ensure new members get an orientation
- Conduct at least one membership drive
- Set goal to increase membership during a Lions year
- Attend District Governor Advisory Committee
- Retain 100% membership

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Monthly Membership Report (MMR)

Remember: No International fee of \$35.00 until January 1, 2021

durchus	MEMBERSHIP	+	-
Bald Eagle Valley	18		
Bellefonte	39		
Benton	35		
Berwick	22		
Big Pond	11	1	
Canton	29		
Catawissa Valley	30		
Centre Hall	35	2	
Coudersport & Area	21		1
Danville Centennial	13		
Dushore	33		
Eagles Mere Laporte	54	4	4
Ferguson Township	35		
Harris Township	45	2	1
Howard Area	102	1	1
Jersey Shore	45	1	1
Jersey Shore Area Lioness	36	36	
Kulpmont Centennial	9		
Lewisburg	11		
Lock Haven	18		
Loyalsock Township	13		
Lycoming Creek	20		
Mansfield	44	2	2
Milesburg	44	1	2
Mill Hall Area	12		
Millheim	41		1
Millmont West Union	8		2
Millville	17		
Milton	31		
Montgomery	31	3	2
Montoursville	11		
Mt. Carmel	31		
Muncy Area	19	1	
Northern Tioga County Centennial	28	7	
Patton Township	19		
Picture Rocks	19	1	1
Pleasant Gap & Area	30		
Rauchtown-Nippenose Valley	20		1
Sayre Athens	10		1
Shamokin Area	15		
Snow Shoe	27	1	
South Creek	27		
South Williamsport	50	1	2

CLUB	MEMBERSHIP	+	-
Sugar Valley	30		3
Sunbury	10		
Sylvania	39	3	
Towanda	19	1	1
Тгоу	70		
Turbotville & Area	60	2	3
Warrensville Area	20		
Watsontown	17		1
Watsontown Centennial Lioness	26	3	2
Wellsboro	31		1
Wells-Jackson	28	1	2
Williamsport	12		
Williamsport Newberry	20		
Williamsport Sight Services	17	1	1
Wyalusing	37		1
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1642	+74	-40

Designates New Club Members in District for Lions Year 2020-2021

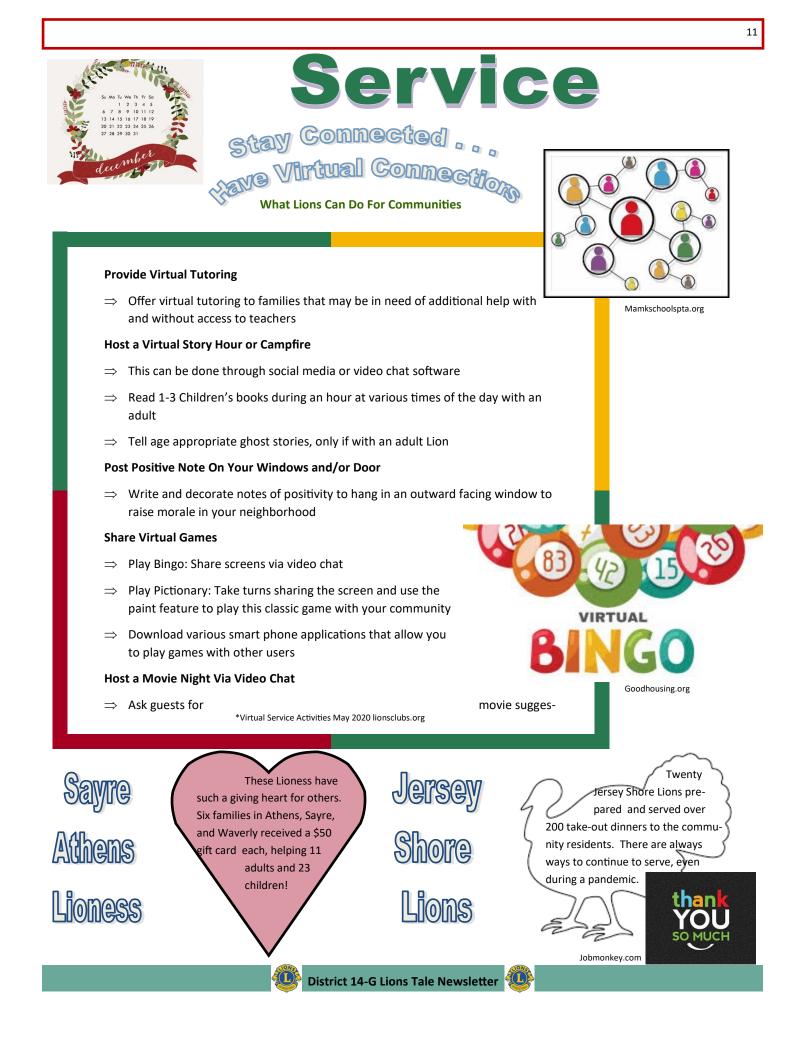
Stay Stay Informed

Harris Township: 22 Troy: 20 South Williamsport: 19 Turbotville & Area: 18 Jersey Shore: 17 Jersey Shore Area Lioness: 16 Mansfield: 15 Eagles Mere Laporte: 15 Howard Area: 13 Milesburg: 11 Northern Tioga County Centennial: 11 Canton: 10 Wyalusing: 10



- MD-14 District Governors Opening <u>Lions Tale</u>:
- A: DG Tom Vasek B: DG Chris Raynak C: DG Tom Jones D: DG Lorraine Brown G: DG Jim Douty J: DG Herman Rush L: DG Jim Foreso N: Chip Campbell P: DG Art Pecht T: DG Cathy Baker U: DG Gary Bender









Berwick is . . . Working It!

One of few clubs "out there" serving, Ber-

wick Lions are

taking advantage of having a food trailer and serving hamburgers, hotdogs, Hot choc-



Streetmeidagroup.com

olate, and coffee to those attending and participating in the AC Racing. AC Racing is competition between remOte controlled cars. This activity has been eventful and is increasing funds to donate back to their communities. A portion of the gross earnings goes back to the Fairgrounds to financially support this huge community event.

In addition, the club has purchased metal signs to recruit new members and it is working! In fact, the new members are working at the Food Trailer. Inviting new Lions to actively participate is the key to retaining new members.

Berwick Lions are collecting used eyeglasses, recycling, sold tickets for Beacon Lodge Duck Race, and meeting their obligations to support their commitments with donations. Keep up the great work, Lions of Berwick!

The Towanda Lions are

inging bells for the Salvation Army, volunteering for United Way, serving on church boards, helping out with Hezekiah Hands the TACO Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, and babysitting.

The club continues to have club meetings; however, they have cancelled their annual Club Christmas Party and are providing gift cards instead of handing out FREE Fruit Baskets.

Towanda is adding new members are they continue to serve others!



Delawaretoday.com



Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club

What a joy to see a huge

Onlinewebfonts.com

smile on the face of a little girl so proud she can now see better! She even had her mom take a picture to send to the Lions! A wonderful way to rejoice in helping those in need!

NTCCLC made a \$500 donation to KARE, Inc. a Tioga County Community Christmas, which has sparked a competition in monetary donations to making a memorable Christmas this year to the less fortunate. Donations were made to the Tioga Community Christmas project, which has netted more monies than ever

before!

The club continues to collect used eyeglasses and sell brooms, Their most recent fundraiser will be selling sauerkraut with the Montgomery Lions Club.

And without the hands to serve those less fortunate during the holiday season, new members join to support our mission for our communities. Last month the Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club added 7 new members!!

Although clubs may not be meeting on a regular basis, there are ways to recruit

more hands to serve. Talk with family, friends, and someone in line to discuss the topic of what

your Lions club is doing for others. That conversation may lead to questions, and questions lead to inviting them to meeting to just listen.

There are creative ways clubs can reach out with their hearts-send a card, drop off a fruit basket, or hang a wreath upon a door. Make others feel special during these difficult times of being with others.



5 New Lions in NTCCLC: Mo Loy, Jean Ward, Ronda Heinrich, Kathie Confer and Julianne Snyder.



Sherwood Forest Live Evergreen Sales: Lion Roberta Jones. Lion Chervl Wilbur. Lion Michelle Bousquet, and Lion Tina King.





We

Count on YOU



Lion Lori Hoffman sent the latest newsletter from the Snow Shoe Lions Club:

- Board & Business Meeting: December 9
- Yearly donations to Camp Victory, Beacon Lodge, LCIF Melvin Jones Fund, PA 14-G Disaster Fund, Snow Shoe

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Food Bank, and Young People Who Care

- Chinese Auction Jan. 23 at Clarence Moose
 - 2021 Snow Shoe Carnival June 22-26, 2021

Clubs Reporting Services

Turkey Heaven at Ferguson Township



The Annual "Turkey Shoot" went off without a hitch-the pandemic didn't stop the poor turkeys! We know most of us look forward to eating turkey and falling asleep on the couch afterwards, BUT this activity does not allow one to

fall asleep! Ferguson Township Lions don't miss a beat when it comes to serving others! Foresight Meetings, donations to many groups, and aa always they are ready to serve their community!

Benton Feeds the Hungry



TURKEY SHOOT

> Donating \$1,000 towards the local food banks is certainly helping families this time of year! And donations of Toys for Tots is always in the donation receiving line for those young kiddos.

For those resting in peace, you can be sure the Benton Lions will be helping with keeping the cemetery in gentle appearance. Thank you, Benton Lions, for continuing to serve your community!

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Acronyms for New Lions

Can Be Simplified Here

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CA	Constitutional Area
CBL	Constitution & Bylaws
ClubA	Club Administrator
СС	Council Chairperson
DA	District Administrator
DCC	District Convention Chairperson
DG	District Governor
DGE	District Governor Elect
DS	District Secretary
DST	District Secretary Treasurer
GAT	Global Action Team
GLT	Global Leadership Team
GMT	Global Membership Team
GST	Global Service Team
ID	International Director
IP	International President
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor
IPIP	Immediate Past International President
LC	Lions Club
LCI	Lions Clubs International
LCIF	Lions Club International Foundation
LOPAF	Lions of PA Foundation
MD	Multiple District
MJF	Melvin Jones Fellow
NAMI	North American Membership Initiative
NCSS	North Central Sight Services
PCC	Past Council Chairperson
PID	Past International Director
PIP	Past International President
PCC	Past Council Chairperson
PU101	Form to Report Yearly Officers
CSSS	Central Susquehanna Sight Services
VDG	Vice District Governor
ZC	Zone Chairperson



No Shaving for **Eagles Mere Lions**



An annual tradition of supporting men to make annual check-ups for testing of prostrate cancer. What a gesture to encourage men to save a life. Thank you, Eagles Mere Laporte Lions for making this an annual event in hopes you will save a life. Blessings.

Read & Ride

Recent-



ly the club, under the

directions of Lion Frank,

run to increase funds for

the upcoming holidays.

Canton Lions send annual donations to their local library in addition to their other commitments.

the club held a motorcycle

thetimesheraldcom



If you live in the Northern Hemi-

sphere, you'll see the least amount of daylight during December. Winter Solstice in

December is the year's shortest day in

terms of daylight hours. That specific day

has over six hours less sunlight than the

longest day that occurs in June.

Mill Hall Area Lions Club conducted a Relay for Life, focusing

on awareness of can-

cer survivors and lighting luminaries to remember those we've lost. Mill Hall Area Lions keeps on walking. Thank you for stepping up in support of research.



Picture **Rocks Lions**

Club held a

Blood Drive on November 25, 2020.



Supporting dad's and mom's with Christmas purchases, Big Pond Lions Club continues to reach out to community members in need. The club recently gained a new member and are looking for new ideas with giving back and with supporting others in need.

Leading Lions of Watsontown Cente



Making over 700 bags of chocolate covered pretzels: white chocolate, dark chocolate, and milk chocolate, these Lions were busy for three days dipping pretzels in melted chocolates with 17 pretzels in each bag! Hours of planning, preparing, and packaging these

delicious favorites. You may just want to contact this club next year and get your order in—their pretzels get more and more popular each year!





huge thank Allrecipes.com you to the Watsontown Lions Club for holding it's Annual Sauerkraut Dinner on November 22,2020, with the Watson Inn. Ninety people either sat down or took out the meals. The club raised \$500 to give back during this holiday season.

> Collected \$4,500 in 3 days at "The Square" for the **Big Pond Lions** Club. 10 Lions with 80 hours of work



Catawissa Valley Lions are making their annual dona-

tions to those in need and at the top of their list if the Food Bank. "Where There Is a Need, There is a Lion."





Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others is good you do yourself. Norman Wesley Brooks

> Want Your Club to be in the Lions Tale Newsletter next month? Send club photos, information, and service projects by the 25th of each month.

14-G LION LEADERS

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May Your Holidays Be Blessed



Dear Lions and Friends:

Unbelievable! But I think I say that every year—where does the time go? We are so busy helping family, helping friends, and supporting others the time just flies by! What a good feeling to remanence with Lions sharing the same feeling of accommodating those needing our help more than ever. This was NOT what I was expecting of 2020! But hindsight will certainly play a role in history.

I feel so blessed to be amongst all of you. So much to be thankful for, as you are also. Instead of looking at the evilness, one must focus on the goodness. Be thankful for the times spent with loved ones no longer with us; be mindful of the ways we speak to each other with our tones; be the positive change in the world before us and make a difference just as you do in Lionism.

As the so-called gift-giving season is upon us, let's not look for material 'things,' but the good in each other. We all have gifts given to us at birth—the gifts that come naturally for you. It can be baking; it can be constructing; it can be healing; but more importantly, it is giving back your gift.

Gifts can include friendships, new friends joining the force of wanting to reach out together in making a difference in the lives of others. I remember when I used to smile at others, in hopes of getting one in return. How does one smile with their eyes, when the mouths are covered with masks of all colors and ways of displaying their support of any such symbol or word? Sometimes I laugh to myself when I see comical coverings and know they have a sense of humor. Talk about wearing your heart on your sleeve—*now it's your face!* (silence can be golden at times!)

At the conclusion of a calendar year, I want to thank the Lions expressing their views on the newsletter. With your questions and guidance, I am able to keep this informative for us all to grow in Lionism. I am pleased to report every Lions Club in our district opened the November 2020 Lions Tale. I am in hopes those reading it are also sharing the information with their club. Did the readers inform the non-readers in your club? If so, what did you do about it? I am sure you are not the only one who wonders what 'such and such is.' Letting me know will keep all of us informed.

May your holiday season be refreshing like the cool crispy air on a tranquil winter morn. Find peace in your hearts, dear friends, that is my gift to you.

Lion Cheryl, Editor



Amazon reminds us of the year in 2020!

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