

District Governor
James Wilbur

Lion Tale Newsletter



40th Annual District Convention

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Working diligently on preparing for the come-back in-person Convention, the 40th District Convention Committee is proud to present, **"Service Beyond Club Doors," on April 2, 2022, at the Genetti Hotel, Williamsport!** The theme focuses on the five global causes with knowledgeable presenters to energize the crowd with the spirit of giving and culminating with games of chance! Guest Speaker at the Banquet Luncheon will be **International Director John Youney from Maine**. ID John and his wife, Karol, will be enthused by our Lions accomplishments from viewing the District Disaster Trailer; Assistive Technology Trailer; and a Traveling Food Bus to celebrating Lions for their continued efforts beyond the club doors.

February began with the 3rd State Council Meeting in York, PA. Several changes were updated and approved in the Constitution and By-Laws. This month I visited clubs in Warrensville, Mansfield, Loyalsock, Montgomery, and Milton. It seems good to see Lions faces again, and it began with **Warrensville Area Lions Club** hosting "Student of the Month." The club awards the honored guest with a gift certificate to help with purchasing items for college. Three Lions were presented chevrons for their years of service in Lionism. **Mansfield Lions Club** celebrated Valentine's Day with my presenting awards to several Lions. **Loyalsock Lions Club** visit was enjoyable with presenting chevrons to members. At the **Montgomery Lions Club**, Lion Jerry Ranck was honored with 39-years of perfect attendance as a 40-year member. I asked him, *'what happened the first year, were you goofing off?'* THAT brought a round of laughter from the crowd! Lion Jerry's answer as he shrugged his shoulders, he replied, **'must be!'** Speaking of money, several clubs need to get their dues paid in full and the Delegate Fees (\$7 per every 10 members on the club roster to be eligible to vote at the District Convention) sent to 14-G's District Treasurer Beth Cooley. Concluding with Milton Lions Club, chevrons were also presented from DG Jim Douty's year and my year. Thank you, Lions, for hosting and the thoughtful gifts.

I appreciate the efforts of continuing to ASK others to join our organization. The application fee of \$35 will be waived until June 30, 2022. And for all those NEW LIONS, you are especially invited to our Annual District Convention as newcomers! You will meet Lions from throughout the district to hear what they do for fun activities and events to increase funds. The camaraderie will be memorable with new friends, seminars, and celebrating with FREE hors d'oeuvres while enjoying Cornhole, Crokinole, and Jenga as we end the day. And you can be home before dark!! Of stay around for music and laughter at the "Windows on Fourth" Bar and Restaurant. Hope to see you there! Looking to break the 180 attendance record!

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Montgomery Lions: Lion Harold McEleheny, *Sponsor Lion Roger McCrae*

Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions: Lion Julie Glover, *Sponsor Lion Cheryl Wilbur*

Towanda Lions: Lion Howard Jacla, *Sponsor Lion Edward Branish*

Watson town Centennial Lioness Lions: Lion Shannon Fisher, *Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht*

"Paying your dues isn't always fun but it pays you back 100 times if you do it with a happy heart."



Douglas X. Alexander

Make an Induction Memorable

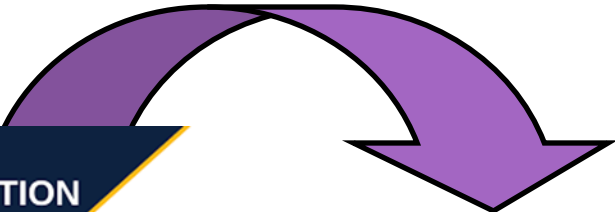
Every new member and new club in our district enhances your ability to achieve your goals and increases the good we can do together. And on Worldwide Induction Day on **April 30**, you can honor your new Lions with a day that they'll remember the rest of their lives.

Start planning your district's induction day celebration and visit the [Worldwide Induction Day](#) website to find a planning guide for your event. Because no one serves like a Lion, and no one celebrates quite like one either. And don't forget to share your special event with the rest of the Lions world by using the hashtag #WeServe on social media.



[Lions Clubs from Pennsylvania, Indiana donate supplies for western Kentucky tornado survivors](#)

Produced by James Priewe and Jason Thomason, January 25 and 26, 2022 from Paducah, Kentucky. "Lions Club International President Douglas Alexander of Brooklyn, New York, made a stop to see the damage from the tornado. Alexander says Lions Clubs will continue to help with humanitarian needs. "When we have disasters, it brings more Lions from more different places. Lions take care of their communities, and we help each other," Alexander says." To view the video above in blue and underlined: [Right Click, \(at the bottom\) click on Open Hyperlink to view video on a local television and the Today Show](#)



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Join International President Douglas X. Alexander on March 18 for a very special Foundation Fridays webinar about how LCIF is empowering districts around the world to take on the biggest challenges facing our communities. Live translation with be available, so [register online](#) to be a part of this event and encourage your Lions to join us.

And remember, your generosity sets the standard for your district, so [make a donation](#) today and inspire your Lions to do the same.

March 2022



International Director

Happy Flight!
ID Larry & Susan

Flying High for Lions!



Dear Lions:

As I am writing this we are sitting in the Philadelphia airport with a canceled flight waiting on standby for another to get to Indiana for a District Convention. Oh the joys of flying. By the way, we don't know where our luggage and clothing is. (This was written prior to all of this was settled!)



On to better topics. District Convention is just around the corner. In person again and a great opportunity to attend, meet those Lions you haven't seen for a while and learn about new ways to serve. I hope to see you there.

Also the registration is out for our Multiple District Convention in Valley Forge. Come out meet and hear Past President Choi, the LCIF Chairperson. Another great opportunity to learn more of Lions and enjoy the facilities at the Valley Forge location.

How is your club doing with membership. Spring is just around the corner and this is the time to be planning those membership events. Ask our GMT PDG Cheryl how to put an effective event together. Just think if every club could add two members. What a plus for the District.

Are your clubs meeting either in person or virtually? Please get back to regular meetings if you are not. By not meeting and keeping our Lions charged up, we are at risk of some straying from the pack. That we can't afford. Keep them active and happy.

For now I will sign off and go back to waiting for my flight.

Remember to serve with "Service from the Heart."

Where's My Luggage?



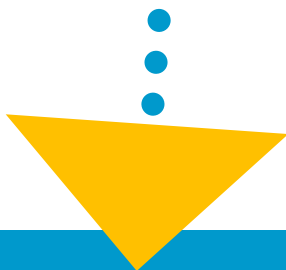
March 2022

District 14-G Convention

"Service Beyond Club Doors"



Saturday, April 2, 2022. 8:00 AM-7:30 PM, Genetti, Williamsport, PA



Seminars

Assistive Technology Lab

(9:00 am-9:45 am Washington Room-2nd Floor)

Presenters: Lion Brandon DeArment & Lion Stephen Floyd
These presenters will be displaying and demonstrating various equipment for the blind and visually impaired.

Traveling Food Trailer

(10:00 am-10:45 am Jefferson Room-2nd Floor)

Presenter: Mel Curtis Representing Moshannon Valley YMCA
"The bus will be able to go into pocketed areas of Centre County to feed children that are unable to get to our 24 sites that we feed in the summer."

District Disaster & Kentucky

(11:00 am-11:45 am Washington Room-2nd Floor)

Presenters; MD-14 Disaster Relief Coordinator Lion Jim Groff & PDG James Crawley
Presenting the efforts of helping those in need beyond the Pennsylvania borders. Slides taken from the Kentucky tornado devastation with first-hand experiences of assisting with clean-up.

8:00 am-11:00 am
Registration
(Little League Room 1st Floor)

8:00 am-3:30 pm
Basket Raffle
(Garden Room 1st Floor)
50/50
(Everywhere! - upstairs & downstairs)

9:00 am-9:45 am
Assistive Technology Lab
(Jefferson Room 2nd Floor)

10:00 am-10:45 am
Traveling Food Trailer
(Washington Room 2nd Floor)

11:00 am-11:45 am
District Disaster & Kentucky
(Washington Room 2nd Floor)

12:30 pm-2:30 pm
Luncheon Banquet
(Grand Ballroom)
Speaker: ID John Youney

(Terrace Room 1st Floor)

3:00 pm-3:30 pm
Necrology
3:30 pm-5:30 pm
Business Meeting & Voting

(Grand Ballroom)
5:45 pm-7:45 pm

Celebration of Lions
"Social Games Gathering"



DIABETES



ENVIRONMENT



HUNGER



VISION



CHILDHOOD CANCER

Diabetes Testing Disaster Clean-Up Back Pack Assistive Devices Brady Buggy

District 14-G Convention



"Service Beyond Club Doors"



Welcome

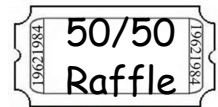
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Seminars:

- ◆ Assistive Technology Lab
- ◆ District Disaster & Kentucky
- ◆ Feeding Others

Celebration:

⇒ "What's Your Game?"



Saturday, April 2, 2022. 8:00 AM, Genetti, Williamsport, PA

Dear Lions, Leos, and Friends in Lions:

You are cordially invited to our Annual District 14-G Convention - "Service Beyond Club Doors." The Convention Committee (elected committee: Chair Lion Deb Bieber, Banquet Chair 2VDG Kathy Douty, and Convention Secretary PDG Cheryl Wilbur) and additional leading Lions in 14-G have been planning an energizing, informative, and finalizing the event of camaraderie with games for enjoyment!

The event takes place on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at the Genetti in Williamsport, PA, from 8:00 am to 7:30 pm. There will be three informative seminars; 50/50 Raffle; Business Meeting for Voting of 2nd Vice District Governor; District Convention Secretary (3 year position: 1st yr. Secretary, 2nd yr. Banquet Chair; 3rd yr. Convention Chair).

We are asking all 59 clubs in the district to consider donating up to \$50 for a Raffle Basket (bring basket to the District Convention by 8:30 am or mail a check (Cheryl Wilbur, addressed to "District 14-G Raffle," 118 Trowbridge Statin Road, Millerton, PA 16936 by March 20, 2022) so the committee can purchase a Raffle Basket for your club. **Clubs purchasing Raffle Tickets (sent to the club secretary;) Raffle Baskets at the convention; and 50/50 Raffle Tickets support the finances for the convention. This will help keep the cost of the convention down.**

The Convention Committee requests clubs to display what activities their club does to share with other clubs to gain ideas on ways to create new fundraisers or donations. We have been remiss on encouraging clubs to participate and it has been missed by many of our Lions. There will be displays from other organizations to view .

Please complete the enclosed forms for Registration and the Luncheon by March 20, 2022. Details of food selections are included on the form. If you would like a room reservation, cost is **\$76.50 Per Room/Per Night**. Call the Genetti Hotel (570-326-6600) stating you are with District 14-G Lions Convention Event on April 2, 2022. The district has blocked rooms April 1, 2022, for Friday night; and April 2, 2022, for Saturday night.

First-Time attendees will be provided a Signature Card to have Past District Governors, District Governors, Council Chairpersons, and Past Council Chairpersons sign. The card will need to be turned in at the District Registration Table and the correct number of signatures collected on the cards will be drawn at the Banquet Luncheon.

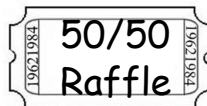
To celebrate the efforts of our Lions members, a "Social Games Gathering" will take place immediately following the convention - approximately time to begin is 5:30 pm to ending at 7:30 pm with **FREE** hors d' oeuvres (beverage bar not included); Cornhole Teams to be formed by Lions themselves; Crokinole Board Game; and Jenga. Stay for the fun and camaraderie!

Blessings in Lionism,
PDG Cheryl Wilbur, Convention Secretary

Further information or clarification call: 570-537-2643

District 14-G Convention

"Service Beyond Club Doors"



Saturday, April 2, 2022. 8:00 AM, Genetti, Williamsport, PA

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

District 14-G Convention
Saturday, April 2, 2022

Genetti Hotel, SureStay Collection by Best Western, 200 W. 4th Street, Williamsport, PA

All attendees must register (**print 1 form per attendee**) - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY (1 sheet per person)

Attendee Names: _____

Club Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: Cell/Home cell _____ phone _____

- Circle Luncheon:
- 1) Roast Turkey
 - 2) Pork Tenderloin
 - 3) Ratatouille

All meals include (Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea, Water) Toss Salad, Roasted Red Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Carrot Cake

Luncheon No. _____ X \$20.00 = _____ Pins: _____ X \$3.00 = _____ Total Due: _____

Mail Checks Payable to:

District 14-G Convention, % Cheryl Wilbur, Secretary, 118 Trowbridge Station Road, Millerton, PA 16936

NO Reservations will be made until the check arrives to Convention Secretary

DEADLINE: March 20, 2022

Not Attending Luncheon _____ Number Attending Celebration "Social Games Gathering" 5:30-7:30 _____

For food planning purposes

District 14-G Convention

"Service Beyond Club Doors"



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- ◆ District Disaster & Kentucky
- ◆ Feeding Others

Celebration:

⇒ "What's Your Game?"

Saturday, April 2, 2022. 8:00 AM, Genetti, Williamsport



CONVENTION VOTER REGISTRATION

Business Meeting, Saturday, April 2, 2022

Dear Club Secretary:

Please forward your list of Delegates and Alternates for the upcoming District 14-G Convention to be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at the **Genetti Hotel, SureStay Collection by Best Western, 200 W. 4th Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.**

As per the Lions Clubs International Constitution, each chartered Lions club in good standing (all dues paid in full to Lions Clubs International, State Dues, and District Dues) shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof (major fraction is 5 or more). Should your club have a PDG as a member, they will receive their PDG Delegate Card directly from the Certifications Committee. ***Please note all delegates and alternates must be a member of Lions for one year and one day in order to qualify.***

Example: Your club has 20 members; your club is entitled to two (2) Delegates/Alternates. Your club has 44 members; your club is entitled to four (4) Delegates/Alternates. Your club has 37 members and a PDG; your club is entitled to four (4) Delegates/Alternates and one (1) PDG Delegate.

The list of Delegates/Alternates need to be emailed (or typed copy via USPS) no later than March 20, 2022, so the Registration Committee can process the credential in time for the District Convention. Credentials will be available for pick up the day of the convention at the Certification Table, Room,

Please call if you have any questions at 570-537-2643 or email cawilbur65@gmail.com.

Blessings in Lionism,

PDG Cheryl Wilbur
Convention Secretary



State Council Meeting

MD-14 Meeting #3

PDG Cheryl Wilbur Reports . . .

Stay "In-The-Know"



YORK, PA February 5, 2022 Motions Approved

Policy 100 & Policy 101

*Council Chairperson & Vice Council Chairperson co-signs with State Administrator for transactions over \$2500.00 (100: General 6 & 19)

*Council Chairperson & Vice Council Chairperson added on financial transactions (101: General 7 & 20)

Added:

*Description of State Council Administrator Position

*Council Chair and Vice Council Chair (Policy 501, Purpose)

*Waive per capita dues for Leos-to-Lions (By-Laws, Article VI, Section 1).

Financials

*Close the Merchant Services, Payroll and Regional Lions Leadership Institute checking accounts at PNC Bank and the Money Market account at M & T Bank

*Transfer funds—Money Market to Bond—in Morgan Stanley portfolio

- Coordinator Assignments**
- Global Leadership Team Coordinator re-appointed PDG Kerry McKnight (14-C)
 - Global Membership Team Coordinator re-appointed PDG Cheryl Wilbur (14-G)
 - Global Service Team Coordinator appointed PDG Robert Roebuck (14-T)



International 1st Vice-President Haynes Townsend,



What Did PA Lions Do at Council Meeting #3?



PA Lions packaging macaroni & cheese to send to local food banks as a service project. Photos by DG Karl Jackson and PA Lions Facebook page.

What a joy to have International Speaker Donna Townsend at our State Council Meeting in February! Her presentation was about kindness and the gifts we have to give back. Her stories brought tears to many faces in the room as she recalled special moments with her husband, International 1st Vice-President Haynes Townsend, who, in 2019 went home to be with the Lord. "Kindness Mattered to the Man with the Bow Tie." (LION magazine article)

DG Dan Brandt presented Lion Donna with gifts from District C and PA Lions.

Entertainment did not include music, but a Board and Game Night, including a Corn Hole Tournament. On the right, 14-C Vice District Governor Mike Schaeffer donated his talents of constructing Cornhole Boards for the PA State Lions Council meeting in February.



On the left is MD-14 GLT PDG Kerry McKnight, doubling as the MD-14 LCIF Coordinator proudly accepts the monies earned for the Raffle—\$3,000.00!!!!

Lions just want to have fun when they gather together! Thanks Lion Donna Townsend for your love of Lions and playing board games with PA! You will never be forgotten!



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March 2022



District Administrator

MD-14

GMT Coordinator

PDG Cheryl Wilbur

District Updates



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Highlights of July 1, 2021 to March 1, 2022

- Cabinet Approved 2VDG Kathy Douty
- Orientations: 144 New Members
- Added Club Administrators: 14 Total
- Officer Training: 10 Clubs
- Available Knowledge:
 1. Fall Symposium - 5 Attended
 2. RLLI - 5 Registered
 3. Spring Symposium - Open
 4. Membership Connections - Open
- Art Girio Scholarship Applications
- LCI Joining Fee of \$35 Fee Waived through June 30, 2022
- Billboards: Nov. to Feb. 1, 2022
- Cowanesque Valley Club disbanded
- Blossburg Area Lions Club Formed
- Signed Memorandum of Understanding with NCSS, Inc. for Storage Trailers
- Joined Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation with Cabinet Approval
- Lions Clubs of: Lewisburg; Lycoming Creek; and Millmont/West Union are being rejuvenated versus cancellation
- Supporting Kentucky after tornadoes



Highlights continued . . .

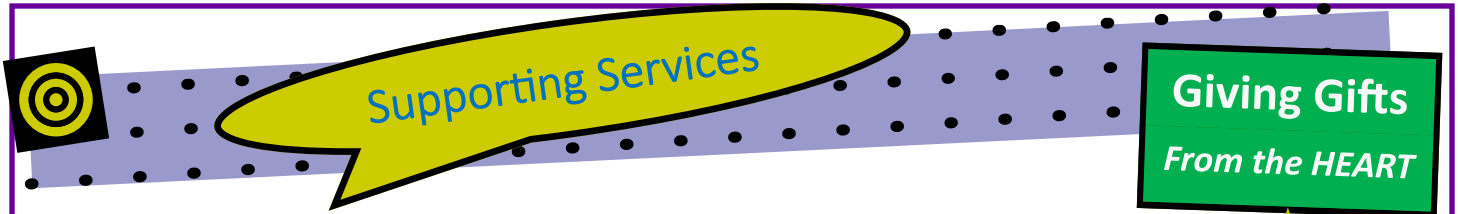
- PA Lions supports Kentucky Disaster with approximately \$200,000
- PA Lions on the "Today Show" with tractor trailer full of supplies for Kentuckians
- PDG James Crawley rides a bus with PA Lions to assist with clean-up in Kentucky for 7 days
- Vice District Governors Clayton Steward and Kathy Douty attend Vice District Governors Retreat in Harrisburg for 3 days
- Leadership Membership Conference conducted at STEP building, S. Williamsport for 12 attendees
- Formed Tioga Warriors Branch Club
- One Lion attended the "Spring Fling"

District Cabinet Meeting

The District Cabinet meeting had to be rescheduled to South Williamsport; rescheduled from South Williamsport to Montgomery with lots of laughter!

The District Convention Committee met immediately following the Cabinet meeting.

March 2022



Where Does Your Giving Heart Lie?



Beacon Lodge - Project New Hope

*"Helping
Pennsylvania
Disabled
Veterans and
Their Families"*

"Project New Hope was founded by caring individuals who understand that for disabled veterans and their families, the wartime experience does not end the day a disabled veteran comes home. The effects are often felt throughout a disabled veteran's entire lifetime and can have an impact on each family members, often in ways that may be quite subtle, or hidden from view.

"Healing and understanding is vital to life success after military service. Each family member will deal with what has happened in their own way. Returning disabled veterans face the challenge of transitioning from military to civilian life. For many, they feel alone and forgotten. Spouses and children may struggle, first with their loved one being gone and then another adjustment after their return.

"No Matter which era a soldier served, ALL PA Disabled Veterans and their families are welcome. There is no charge for PA Disabled Veterans and their families with Project New Hope. Donations are greatly appreciated."

**Giving Gifts
From the HEART**

Make a
Donation for
this worthy
program.

A Weekend Retreat Camping Experience provided FREE of charge to PA Disabled Veterans and Their Families!

Contact or Send Support to:
**PA Beacon Lodge Camp
114 State Route 103S Mount
Union, PA 17066**

Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation

"The Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation (NEPALSF), formerly known as Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank, was created with the primary goal of eliminating corneal blindness. The Foundation has a long history of working to enact change, dating back to when the first Lions Clubs began supporting Pennsylvania communities in 1957. Our goal is to end blindness not just in the 37 counties we serve today, but also nationally and globally. It's an ambitious goal, but with technological and scientific advancements combined with education and access, it's an achievable one."

MISSION "To end eyesight and hearing impairment in our lifetime through education, grants, and partnerships within our communities."

VISION "Our vision is to create a world where preventative blindness no longer exists, communities actively and effectively support the impaired in our society, and all hearing and visually-impaired individuals have access to medical professionals and technology that can help them."

CLICK

On the Blue Below for Grant Applications

Patient care. The Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation helps to pay for treatment and equipment for individuals with vision or hearing needs. Funded treatment and equipment include cataract surgery, cornea transplants, vision therapy, special glasses/contacts, speech therapy for children with hearing loss, hearing aids, baby monitors for parents who are deaf, and talking computer software, among others. All requests must include a signed HIPAA release form witnessed by the physician's office.

Equipment. The Foundation helps to fund the purchase of medical equipment to treat or prevent hearing or vision impairment or loss. Recently, the Foundation provided partial funding for the purchase of a vision screener for children under 5 years of age and a digital imaging camera to diagnose retinopathy in premature infants.

Professional development. The Foundation provides financial assistance to medical professionals, such as occupational and rehabilitation therapists, so they can obtain their visual impairment certification to assist individuals who are visually or hearing impaired. Recipients are expected to serve communities in Central and/or Eastern Pennsylvania Lions districts for a minimum of two years.

Community projects. Community projects must benefit the general public living in Central and/or Eastern Pennsylvania Lions districts. Projects might include vision and hearing loss prevention and rehabilitation; facilities and equipment that improve the vision and hearing welfare of the general public; and public relations campaigns that increase public awareness of the importance of vision and hearing care and available treatment, including tissue and organ donations. The Foundation recently funded enhancements to a braille trail at a Lions park for the visually impaired.

March 2022



Scholarship

**Giving Gifts
From the HEART**

Supporting Youths in Education

Art Girio Scholarship



Make a Donation in support of education.

Serving in the US Army during WW II; Army Reserves 20 years; Attained rank of Sergeant Major

PDG Art Girio, pictured above with 2VDG Kathy Douty and IPDG James Douty, was a man with a "Giving Heart." Always a smile and a gentle, humble spirit, Lion Art was 'the founder and Executive Director for the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation, in addition to the founder and namesake for the Art Girio Scholarship fund. He also served on the board for Camp Victory.' (taken from the account of PDG Kerry Drake)

The parents or grandparents living in District 14-G are eligible for a financial scholarship providing the sponsors club makes annual donations of \$250.00 or more in support of the Art Girio Scholarship. The applicant can be a Lion, Leo, , a Lion's child or grandchild and must be in their second year of college. Applications can be obtained until March and submitted by the 15th and sent to District Treasurer Beth Cooley (address to the right).

For Application and Donation contact:
District Treasurer Beth Cooley
527 South Washington Street
Muncy, PA 17756
bacooley@windstream.net



Guidelines for PDG Art Girio Scholarship Fund



1. Scholarship applicant inclusion criteria:
 - *A member of a participating Lions Club in Good Standing
 - *The child/grandchild (natural or adopted) of a Lions members in good standing (living or deceased)
 - *A student, who for 2 years, was a member of a Leo Club in Good Standing
2. Scholarship applicant exclusion criteria:
 - *A Student who has previously received this award is not eligible to reapply
3. The applicant must submit written proof that he/she has enrolled for their 2nd year onward in a full-time undergraduate or graduate degree program at an accredited, recognized facility for post-secondary or graduate education of the student's choice
4. The applicant must submit written proof that he/she has maintained a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 in the immediate prior full year of full-time attendance at their place of post-secondary or graduate education
5. **The applicant must submit a short written essay describing how the award would help them fulfill their educational goals. Please submit on a separate sheet of paper (maximum 50 words)**
6. Application submission:
 - *Applications must be submitted by a participating Lion or Lioness Club in good standing OR
 - *Applications from past Leo members in good standing (member for a minimum of 2 years) can be submitted without sponsorship from a Lion/Lioness, but must be accompanied by a recommendation from the student's former Leo Club Advisor
 - *Applications are accepted annually between January 1st and March 15th
7. Upon approval of the scholarship, the successful applicant must submit a copy of a paid tuition receipt for the upcoming Fall Semester

Deadline March 15, 2022

March 2022



PDG Arthur Girio Scholarship Application Lions District 14-G



Application must be submitted between February 1 and March 30 for the fall school term.

Student Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Name of College _____ Year in College _____ GPA _____

Have you ever been arrested for a felony, or a drug or alcoholic related crime? Yes _____ No _____

Have you received this scholarship previously? _____ If yes, not eligible.

Student's parents or grandparent's name who is a member of a Lions Club:

Name _____ Relationship to Student _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Name of Club _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Lion Member Signature _____ Date _____

Club President or Leo Club Advisory Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE DO NOT SIGN APPLICATION UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE GUIDELINES

NOTE: The most recent photocopy of the college transcript or grades must accompany this application. The applications should be sent to: DT Beth Cooley, 527 South Washington Street, Muncy, PA 17756. This form may be reproduced. Revised 1/2019

NOTE CLUB PRESIDENTS: Your signature on this application signifies that your club is in good standing with the District 14-G, that your club is a contributor to the District 14-G PDG Arthur Girio Scholarship Fund, and the applicant qualifies for a scholarship (see guidelines).

March 2022



Global Leadership

14-G
GLT Coordinator

PDG Cheryl Wilbur 

Leading Events

To Be in April Lions Tale Newsletter

- ⇒ PA State Convention May 19-22, 2022
- ⇒ International Convention May 24-28, 2022 Montreal, Canada
- ⇒ Lions Appreciation Day July 17, 2022 Beacon Lodge
- ⇒ USA/Canada Forum September 15-17, 2022 Calgary, Alberta Canada

Leadership

THANK YOU, Secretaries, Service Chairpersons, and Club Administrators for reporting service activities! Month after month there are clubs still not reporting any activity, including no club meetings. International views this as a NO-Activity Club!

How can I encourage your responsibilities of submitting your service hours? The clubs you see in the newsletters every month are the only clubs reporting service. And yet, when the District Governor attends the club, he is informed of what the club does in the community. Really? How are we to recognize your members efforts in their volunteer hours, if this is NOT documented?

Due to many secretaries not reporting service, we are reaching out to clubs to add a "Club Administrator" to the roster. I have personally guided 10 Lions and it has been enjoyable to read their continued documentation of what Lions are doing in our district. Thank you, Club Administrators, for your endless efforts on wanting to serve in a capacity of following through with the responsibilities. To the secretaries doing the reporting, it is greatly appreciated!

**In MyLion: 13 Clubs DID NOT REPORT in January
18 Clubs DID NOT REPORT in February**

I will be contacting those clubs and suggesting a Club Administrator be added before April 1, 2022

State February Readers

of the *Lions Tale Newsletter*

International Director Larry Edwards (G)

PID's: Eugene Polgar (K)
James Cavallaro (A)
Cindy Gregg (E)
Bob Miller (U)

CC: Cathy Baker (T)

PDG's: Linda Gibala (N)
Lorraine Brown (D)
Lisa Griffie (C)
Thomas Jones (C)
Sam Wagner (T)
Deb Burkholder (D)

Kathy Fouse (T)
Chip Campbell (N)

DG's: Dave Hollern (F)
Jeff Loudermilk (N)
Mary Ann Belles (B)
Linda Lupro (J)
Deb Lillegard (K)
Daniel Brandt (C)
Gary Hilbert (P)
Richard Sware (D)
Andrew Piskel (W)
(VCC) Dave Leon (U)

VDG's: Keith Shoff (C) Lisa Leon (U)
Mark Ellsworth (M) Chrissy Smaltz (P)
Debra Craft (F) Denise Shaffer (K)
Michael Shaeffer (D)
Kathleen Duellel (K) Kamal Gella (B)
Norma Evangelista (A)
Galen George (J) James Craft (F)

Pride: Betty Ivell (N)

Global Leadership

February 12-13, 2022

Harrisburg & Johnstown

Spring Leadership



MD-14 Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Kerry McKnight orchestrated the spring training session for all PA Lions to gain additional knowledge in Lionism. A 2-hour session was conducted on MyLion to assist in learning the process of recording and reporting service activities. Trainings were conducted at the PA State Lions Office in Harrisburg and in Johnstown, PA.



Membership Connections Seminars



A Day Full of Connecting to Others

- ⇒ *Hands-On Training (bring laptop)*
- ⇒ *What About the Club Constitution & By-Laws?*
- ⇒ *Saying Thank You and Meaning It*
- ⇒ *Know LCIF, Not No LCIF*
- ⇒ *Choose Clues*
- ⇒ *What's Up Lion?*

Saturday
April 10, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ramada Inn
1450 S. Atherton Street, State College, PA

Registrations March 1, 2022 to April 1, 2022

Contact PDG Wilbur: cawilbur65@gmail.com or
 H: 570-537-2643 C: 607.738.6909 to REGISTER

Regional Lions Leadership Institute

The opening ceremony begins on Friday, March 11, 2022, at the Red Lion Harrisburg-Hershey, at 12 noon, under the leadership of PDG Kerry McKnight, MD-14 GLT. The curriculum includes: Working in Teams; Using MyLion in My Club; Orientation for Members; Lions Fundamentals; LCIF and My Club; Public Speaking; Time Management; Motivating Club Members; Diversity; Setting Club Goals; and What is a Zone Chair?

Wanting to learn more about Lions beyond your club doors and envision the bigger picture of Lionism? Attending the RLLI will enlighten your perspective of Lions around the world. We all serve others in over 200 countries, and 48,000 Lions Clubs with 1.4 million members. Think of Lions like yourself serving all 200 countries and geographical locations. Visit www.lionsclubs.org and gather new ideas on serving.

Call 570-537-2643 for more information.

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Monthly Membership



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***NEW CLUB**

**March
2022**



Sent emails to 21 clubs reminding secretaries to submit MMR! Man!!!

Plus MEMBERS

First 10 Clubs Reporting MMR's

Clubs Entered MMR's in February:

February 1st: Harris Township; Ferguson Township; Benton; Sylvania

February 3rd: Catawissa Valley; Howard Area; Millville; Milton; Troy

February 4th: Turbotville & Area

Can Your Club Make This List?

DISTRICT 14-G CLUBS	MEMBERS	ADD	LOSS	D.
Bellefonte	41	2	1	1
Benton	34	1		
Berwick	22		1	
Big Pond	9			
*Blossburg Area Lions Club	23	23		
Canton	29	2	4	
Catawissa Valley	27	2	1	
Centre Hall	29	1	2	2
Coudersport & Area	21	2	4	
Cowanesque Valley			21	
Danville Centennial	8		5	
Dushore	37	5		1
Eagles Mere Laporte	50	2	4	1
Ferguson Township	32			
Harris Township	45	2	1	
Howard Area	98	1	4	
Jersey Shore	48	2	2	1
Jersey Shore Area Lioness	34		1	
Kulpmont Centennial	8			1
Lewisburg	9		1	
Lock Haven	17		1	
Loyalsock Township	11			
Lycoming Creek Rejuvenate	7	4		
Mansfield	44			
Milesburg	48	10		
Mill Hall Area	12			
Millheim	35	1	1	2
Millmont West Union-Rejuvenate	1		6	
Millville	15	1	2	1
Milton	28	1	2	
Montgomery	33	1		
Montoursville	18	3	2	
Mt. Carmel	29	2		4
Muncy Area	18	3	2	1
N. Tioga County Centennial	34	9	2	
Patton Township	18			
Picture Rocks	17	1	2	1
Pleasant Gap & Area	29	2	1	
Pleasant Gap Area Lioness	20		2	
Rauchtown-Nippenose Valley	23	3		

District 14-G CLUBS	Lions	+	-	D.
Sayre Athens	11	1		
Sayre Athens Lioness	18	4		
Shamokin Area	13		2	
Snow Shoe	29			
South Creek	22		2	
South Williamsport	43	4	5	3
Sugar Valley	26	2	2	1
Sylvania	36	1	1	1
Towanda	18	1		1
Troy	74	3		1
Turbotville & Area	62		1	
Warrensville Area	17		2	1
Watsonstown	17			
Watsonstown Centennial Lioness	31	10		1
Wellsboro	25	1	5	
Wells-Jackson	29	3		
Williamsport	11			1
Williamsport Newberry	19	1	1	1
Williamsport Sight Services	16	3	2	
Wyalusing	36	D	2	2
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1617	122	100	29

61% of Clubs Added Members!!

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For Our Members

March
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Protecting Our Members

Phone Scam Alert

State Administrator Lion Bob McComas forwarded an email from PA State Police, Troop H (Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin and Perry Counties) with a Community Service Message.

Preventing Scams

Popular Scams

Phone Scams: Promise winnings or claim a family member is in trouble.

Door to Door Scams: Ask to seal driveway, or fix roof, or claim they are with the power or water company.

Email Scams: Promise winnings or prizes, usually provide a link to click on.



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Ask

How much do I have to pay to get my prize?
Ask the "family member" basic questions about themselves that only they would know the answer to.
Do you have a business card?
May I see your company ID?

Prevent Scams

Screen calls. Let numbers you don't recognize go to voicemail. Scammers rarely leave a message. Ask Questions about the prize or ask basic questions about the family member.

Ask to see a business card. Look to see what vehicle they are driving. Ask for company ID. Call your power or water company to see if they are legitimate.

Never open emails if you do not recognize the sender. Never click on links with-in the emails.



You are asked to send money via gift card or wire transfer.
They ask for user name/password.
They have "extra materials" to do home repairs.
There is a time limit on your response.



Reading Ranks

Thank you, Lions, for reading our "Lions Tale Newsletter" month-after-month! I hear the word is out on being **NUMBER #1** in the Reading Ranks! Don't worry, I double-check if there are couples in a household and there is only one email address because you're being credited with 2! Keep Informed! You just may have to answer trivia questions at your next club meeting!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Club	Reading
Troy	33
Harris Township	24
Turbotville & Area	22
Benton	21
Howard Area	20
Eagles Mere Laporte	19
Ferguson Township & Mansfield	18
Milesburg	15
Bellefonte; Blossburg; Jersey Shore	14
Milton	13
Jersey Shore Lioness	12
Centre Hall; Northern Tioga; Sylvania	11
Wells-Jackson	11
Sayre Athens Lioness; S. Williamsport;	10

Crime Stoppers 1-800-472-8477
www.crimewatchpa.com

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NEW LIONS

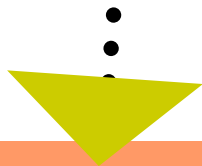
First FIVE years

*One Constitution and By-Laws,
But Each Club is Unique*

Club Officers and Board of Directors

Taken from Lions Club Handbook

Officers of a Lions Club agree to serve their club and fellow members as well as those in need in their communities. The roles and responsibilities for each office are defined in the Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws as well as their responsibilities as members of the Board of Directors. Because all of the officers are members of the Board of Directors, their duties with regard to the Board of Directors are the same. This chapter will cover information for and duties of club officers in general as well as the specific chapters will discuss the roles and responsibilities of individual officers.



- ◇ A **CLUB** consists of a minimum of 20 Lions
 - ◇ A **ZONE** consists of 4 - 8 clubs
 - ◇ A ***REGION** consists of 10-14 clubs
 - ◇ A **DISTRICT** is comprised of at least 35 clubs with 1250 active members
 - ◇ Several districts in a given geographical area comprise a **Multiple District**
 - ◇ Each Lions Club is located in one of seven **Constitutional Areas** which is represented by at least one International Director
- *Optional

Lions have a multitude of resources and support available to them in the form of printed, electronic, and face-to-face interactions with other lions through LCI, their district and through the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. These will be thoroughly described in this Chapter with the information about the contents of the materials and how to access them.

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CA	Constitutional Area
CBL	Constitution & Bylaws
ClubA	Club Administrator
CC	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
GMA	Global Membership Approach
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
NCSS	North Central Sight Services
PCC	Past Council Chairperson
PDG	Past District Governor
PID	Past International Director
PIP	Past International President
PCC	Past Council Chairperson
PU 101	Form to Report Yearly Officers
CSSS	Central Susquehanna Sight Services
VDG	Vice District Governor
ZC	Zone Chairperson

Beacon Bits



PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
 114 PA-103 South Mount
 Union, PA 17066 Phone: 814.542.2511



We are looking for Lions to come help with our Spring Work Weekends. Lions are welcome to come the evening before to get a good night's rest before the start of the work weekend. Lions will be housed in the Adult Camp or Children's Village depending on which weekend you attend. Meals are provided! If you have never attended a work weekend or never been to Beacon Lodge this is a great opportunity to see *your* camp and meet other Lions from the great state of Pennsylvania!

Our work weekends are named after the hosting District. This does **not** mean that only Lions from those Districts can attend. All Lions are welcome! For Lions that are unfamiliar with work weekends, we currently have two each spring and one in the fall. The days are filled with a vast array of projects and the evenings are filled with camaraderie. (We'll provide the ice for your cooler! ☺) This spring we need Lions for carpentry, masonry, electrical, painting, tree cutting/splitting, and groundskeeping work. If you have any applicable tools, we recommend bring them! Our tools are limited in number.



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If you are unable to attend our scheduled work weekends, but would still like to help Beacon Lodge, consider scheduling a work day with your Lions club or a group of clubs! For more information about specific projects, please contact one of your Beacon Lodge Board Representatives or your District Governor (James Wilbur: 607-738-6969).

To sign up, please contact Casey Carver, Director of Operations at 814-542-2511 ext. 145 or dirop@BeaconLodge.org. We hope to see you there!!! (submitted by Casey Carver)



Sign up soon...only 50 spaces per weekend are available!

14-C Work Weekend April 8-10

14-N Work Weekend April 22-24



Jonathan Carver
 Executive Director

Scheduled Events

Leo Rally April 22-24, 2022

Camp Opens June 4, 2022

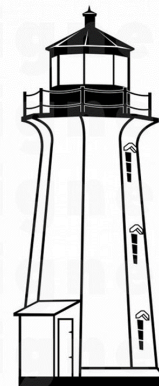
Lions Appreciation July 17, 2022

Camps End August 9, 2022

6th Annual Golf Outing August 27, 2022

Dates	Adult Camp Sessions	Children's Camp Sessions
June 4-9	Transitional Care	Camp Sensational
June 11-16	Assisted Living	Camp Unite
June 18-23	Transitional Care	L.E.A.P.
June 25-30	Assisted Living	Project New Hope
July 2-6	Family Camp	Camp Unite
July 8-14	Assisted Living	Project New Hope
July 16-26	Virtually Impaired	
July 30-August 9	Virtually Impaired	ADHD

Camp Sessions



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Empowering the Blind & Visually Impaired



Posting on Facebook (February 18, 2022), "This year, we're celebrating 65 years of empowering people who are blind or visually impaired and providing services to businesses! We are proud of the impact we we've had and look forward to working hard to change more lives.

Please join us in marking our 65th anniversary by donating \$65! A \$65 donation can provide one of the following support services:

- ⇒ Two pairs of eyeglasses for income-eligible individuals
- ⇒ One complete eye exam with an optometrist for income-eligible individuals
- ⇒ 13 vision screenings for children or adults
- ⇒ Two hours of support services to read mail, balance checkbook or fill out service applications
- ⇒ Two hours of client support group with peer sharing and education
- ⇒ Two individualized assistive technology training sessions



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February Reporting

Active Clubs

So PROUD of OUR Clubs

Club Meeting



Dinner Meetings

Bellefonte Lions Club had two Board Meetings and two dinner meetings.

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Turbotville Area Lions Club reports having a club meeting.

Canning It!



South Williamsport Lions Club continues historically collecting those empty cans in two designated areas, which has proven successful. The club has purchased two trailers to hold the vast donations received daily.



recyclingtoday.com

Monetary Distributions



One of many monetary donations the Wellsboro Lions Club contributes to is the Little League of Wellsboro. The club also added the Western PA Hearing Foundation to assist others with hearing aids.

Picture Rocks - Rocks

In February, 2022, the Picture Rocks Lions Club fulfilled its' pledge of \$2022 to North Central Sight Services, Williamsport, PA. The club also donated \$600 to the Picture Rocks United Methodist Church where the club meets all year long.



Always Adding New

The Watsontown Centennial Lioness Lions Club has added 10 members since July 1, 2021! One club meeting per month, members are asked to bring a guest for a bring-a-dish-to-pass. It happens every time! Nearly every meeting, a new member is inducted. How do they do this? *Just Ask!*



spinalcolumn.com

They are at it again—quick to serve others! The South Creek Lions Club purchased, prepared and served to benefit a family in the community with the loss of a husband and father, raising \$6,500! In addition, the club held a Spaghetti Dinner for the community needs of hunger.

Haven to Kentucky



The Lock Haven Lions Club donated \$500 to Kentucky during their last club dinner meeting.

Jersey Feeds

Members of Jersey Shore Lions Club worked at food distribution in Jersey Shore where 1 out of 5 children go to bed hungry. Lions are helping to make a difference in peoples lives. With 72 hours for the month o February, the Lions served 677 meals.



From helping neighbors in need to community involvement, the Sylvania Lions Club has always been very active since its charter. This month, club administrator Lion Nancy Pratt, reported members shoveled sidewalks for elderly; filled 100 Snack and Sack backpacks for children for the weekends; and collecting recyclables totaling 130 pounds. One member volunteers at Pregnancy Care Center to support life of the unborn and help young mothers with baby needs.

At the club's monthly meetings, the following donations were made to nine (9) areas of need totaling \$2,250. Thank you, Sylvania Lions for all you do in and for your communities you serve!

Love Jared Boxes

The Pleasant Gap Area Lioness Lions enjoy gathering items for children! In February, the club donated 52 Jared boxes for the children in the emergency room of the hospital to take their minds off something scary they are going through.

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Sylvania Rollin'



February Service Reporting

Active Clubs

With an Eagle Eye

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Secretary Lion Anastasia Farrell, **Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club**, reports club members supporting the environment with collecting debris along Route 42 from Laporte to Eagles Mere. The club held their bi-monthly meetings with a meal. **Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club** made a donation to a local Fire Fighter during their monthly business meeting.



Berwick Blasting It!

Those Radio Controlled Car Races are keeping the **Berwick Lions Club** in monies to give back to the community! RC Races—served 200 people, funds raised \$1,241.00, 62 volunteer hours, donated \$235.00.

Donation to AGAPE to serve 200 people towards Weekend Backpacks for nutritionally challenged. The club continues collecting plastic for TREX benches, which can be done every 6 months of receiving 1 FREE bench to be placed in the community after collecting 500 pounds of clear plastic.

Club Meetings continue, while one Lion attended the 3rd, Cabinet Meeting held in Montgomery and the Spring Symposium in Harrisburg.

Canton Lions



Invite FFA Students

Canton Lions Club conducts monthly meetings and invited guests from the Future Farmers of America to talk about their experiences at the PA Farm Show. The Canton High School Chapter students described activities they participated in during the year: Cattle Judging, Leadership Conferences, etc.



Mansfield Lions Club

Lions from the **Mansfield Lions Club** pick up food from local Walmart and delivered it to Mansfield Food Pantry every Monday morning!



Held two club meetings in February; one meeting was the clubs Charter Night. Club president Sarah Colegrove has DG Jim Wilbur on the right and ID Larry Edwards on the left. Awards and recognitions were presented.

Coudersport

The **Coudersport Lions Club** met twice in February and has reported the Recycling Center has served 3000 customers and was manned by three Lions for the month.

The Coudersport Area Lions Club RECYCLING CENTER IS OPEN Saturdays, 9 am - 12 noon
You may bring your RECYCLABLES to the center. Workers ask that you maintain social distance and bring clean, sorted recyclables.

Montgomery Madness



A Charter Night celebration for the **Montgomery Lions Club** was held with DG Jim Wilbur making this his official visit. The event was held at the Clinton Baptist Church in Montgomery. Also had 1VDG Clayton Steward and 2VDG Kathy Douty in attendance along with Zone Chair Dave Stahl. DG Wilbur installed 2 new members and presented chevron awards for years of service. Lion secretary Dave Stahl presented 100% attendance awards to members in attendance.

Five members attended the District Cabinet Meeting and the District Convention Committee Meeting: Lions Dick Secules, Nancy Secules; Zone Chair Dave Stahl, and the 1st Vice District Governor Clay Steward and Lion Club President Elaine Steward.



Serving BINGO

The **Milesburg Lions Club** continues to conduct a concession stand for the weekly BINGO in Milesburg, averaging 11 Lions volunteering with preparing, serving, and organizing the BINGO events. The club meets twice a month to keep ahead of their scheduled activities, such as recycling, and collecting eyeglasses. Some members attended the Foresight Meeting and the District Cabinet Meeting.

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February Service Reporting

Active Clubs



Patton Delivers



Members of the Patton Township Lions Club took orders, assembled, and delivered 294 hoagies with the help of 19 volunteers with over 300 hours while making \$1150 from

Supporting Community



The Danville Centennial Lions Club member Lion Scott Edwards serves on two community boards in Danville: the Danville Iron Heritage Organization and the Bloomsburg Fair. These organizations meet monthly for continual planning purposes.



BINGO Supports

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Centre Hall Lions Club hosts fundraiser bingo every Wednesday evening at the clubhouse. This activity is available to the public. All money raised supports the Club's service projects and activities in and around Centre Hall, PA., as reported by secretary Lion Valerie Leta.

Fire Fighter Training

In May 2022 the Dushore Lions Club will be supporting "the Dushore and Mildred Fire companies, who will be conducting a Live Fire Burn training exercise. A Live Fire Burn exercise involves the controlled burning of a donated structure or house



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that is used to provide realistic training to firefighters in a managed and controlled environment. This training event will be conducted under the supervision and direction of professional Pennsylvania State Certified Fire Instructors. All required permits for the event including proper mitigation of asbestos have been obtained and completed. The total cost to conduct the event is approximately \$5,600.00. This cost includes but is not limited to, permits, asbestos removal, site preparation, cost of instructors time, estimated rehab supplies and refreshments. It has been years since our fire department has conducted a Live Fire Burn training event. This event will provide for multiple fire attack evolutions and practice scenarios during the day long event. This realistic training will provide invaluable experience for our new members and renew the skills of our experienced firefighters." reported by Dushore Lions Club secretary Lion Zach West

Tioga Warriors Branch Club



The Branch Club of the NTCCLC, Tioga Warriors, has not sat still for one moment to increase funds to help in serving students and families in two of the schools in the Northern Tioga School District. This small group of 7 members prepares and sells homemade soups for faculty lunches while preparing for a Taco Bar in March. A "Dress Down Day" had been approved and monies were collected from those faculty members participating. The Tioga Warriors Branch Club is also supporting the NTCCLC with a donation of a \$25 Gift Card.



Northern Tioga Helps Schools



The Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club recently made



donations to the R.B. Walter Elementary School and Williamson High School 2 sets of washers and dryers and shelving for the school store. At the District Cabinet meeting, attendees donated children's clothing to pay for their lunch.



The club continues to sell brooms in 3 locations; collecting plastic for Trex benches to be placed in and around the communities; collecting of eyeglasses; and recycling is done to place monies in the administrative funds.

Chairperson of the Adult Easter Egg Hunt in the Dark, Lion Colleen Kriner, is spearheading our main fundraiser on April 23, 2022, at the Tioga American Legion. The club is hoping to break the previous record of \$3200.00!!

Can't Slow Down Women Lions

In the Sayre Athens Lioness Lions Club! Donations to Beacon Lodge; Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation; North East PA Lions Service Foundation; and Camp Victory. The club supports the Food Pantry in two areas with monetary donations.



For Valentine's Day, the club prepared favors for the Senior Centers.

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The Tail End

14-G
March 2022



WHEN YOU FACE DIFFICULT TIMES,
KNOW THAT CHALLENGES
ARE NOT SENT TO DESTROY YOU.
THEY'RE SENT TO PROMOTE,
INCREASE AND STRENGTHEN YOU.

Spiritual Inspiration



Lion Charles W. Patschke, 63 years of service, Centre Hall Lions Club

Lion James J Dolan, 13 years of service, Sugar Valley Lions Club

Dear Lion Friends:

It's been an emotional roller coaster for the past two months for me, but it has not hindered my spirits to keep up with the responsibilities that comes with volunteering in a worldly organization that continues to reach out to others with more issues than my own.

The difficult times remind me of how precious life is and it's how we respond and move forward that's important. I always ask myself, "What lesson am I to learn from this, Lord?" I may not find the answer right away; however, as I reflect down the road, there is always a bright spot ahead. I see butterflies, dragonflies, and pennies on the ground.

These are sent to promote love and kindness to one another, to increase the understanding of another, which provides strength to be honest, kinder, gentler, and peace in one's self. This lesson from the last two months encourages me to take time for myself inside and outside. Healing and peace come from within before you can give from the heart to others.

Giving from the heart may come from a physical response. More times than not, the sad-looking face of another, just needs a person to smile back or speak a kind word. This does not cost money nor does it require a response back. It's using 5-10 facial muscles to change the world in another's eyes.

As a final note, I want to share this song for all those physically hurting as the three most important women in my life have crossed over, and knowing we all leave this earth with a time frame —it is the course of nature. As my beautiful daughter would say many times, "*Suck it up, Buttercup, you have no idea what pain is!*" So, let's give a smile and be happy you did!



Lion Cheryl