



LIONS TALE NEWSLETTER



What's the **HOT TOPIC?**

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New Lions

in September

Centre Hall Lions: Lion Lynnette J Breon, Sponsor Lion Kurt Breon

Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions: Lion Anthony Hauck, Sponsor Lion Cheryl Wilbur; Lion Norma Hauck, Sponsor Lion Cheryl Wilbur

Greetings Fellow 14G Lions:

As I have been making my way around the district visiting clubs can you guess what topic is brought up at every single visit? It is MEMBERSHIP!!! Our numbers across PA and the District have been continually declining and many clubs have fewer members than in the past and the average age of the members they do have is much older sometimes limiting the activities in which they can participate.

Everyone asks what do we do? There are several options none of which is a cure all but if we all work consistently together, I am confident that we can meet the challenge and reverse the trend.

First of all, TAKE ACTION! That means we need to stop talking about how it would be nice to have more members to help and actually take planned steps to acquire them. I suggest that your club stay active with service activities. Let your communities see you out and about performing service. Do some PR. Make sure that you as Lions are seen on social media, in the newspaper and participating at local events and festivals. Wear your Lions gear! It's catching!

Make Membership Growth a project! Treat it just like other projects. You have a chairperson and team for your Chicken BBQ. Why not do the

same for Membership? Organize it. Conduct a Membership Drive. Set goals. Challenge every existing member to bring someone to a meeting to see what Lions are about. Better yet bring someone to help with a service project. People like to participate and serve. It's a win-win situation. They enjoy helping others. I've found this to be especially true with the younger generation. They are all about physically helping with service projects. Attending meetings maybe not so much. Make an effort to appeal to what attracts those members. Every Lion has a niche which is how they serve and each one is unique.

Secondly, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR RESOURCES!

We are very fortunate here in 14G to have some very talented and highly trained volunteers that make up your District Global Leadership Team. Namely, Leona Houseknecht is your Membership Chair; Dawn Wright is your Service Chair; and Cheryl Wilbur is your Leadership Chair and coordinates this entire Global Leadership Team. Contact myself or your team. We would love to help your club put together a Membership Project, be it a drive, special service activity whatever. You only need to



ASK and your team will work with you.

Finally, a word on The Global Membership Approach. This approach developed by LCI has the following objectives: 1) Rejuvenate districts with new clubs, 2) Revitalize clubs with new members, 3) Re-motivate members with new fellowship opportunities and exciting service, 4) Provide training and support to our Lions leaders, 5) Finish each year with a positive membership net growth. So, you can see that this approach has covered all the bases: Membership, Service and Leadership! You don't have to reinvent the wheel this proven approach is already in place.

In closing, I encourage all of you to make the effort to consistently work at membership within your clubs and by requesting the assistance of your district Global Leadership Team. And don't forget sometimes it's as simple as asking, "Have you ever considered becoming a Lion?" Make it fun! In the words of our International President Brian Sheehan, "Together we Can!!"

Clay Steward
District Governor
"Score With Service!"



International President Brian Sheehan



Our service changes the world by uniting it with a shared vision of hope. Watch a [special video message](#) from President Sheehan about how our work brings together people from all walks of life to serve local needs and global causes.

Service Spotlight: Diabetes



One of the biggest ways we make a difference is by serving our global cause of diabetes. It only takes small steps to prevent millions from developing type 2 diabetes, and that's where Lions can be the difference.

Visit our [diabetes cause page](#) to learn more about this disease and download the resources your club needs to educate your community and raise awareness. You can also download our diabetes project planners to help you make an even bigger impact in your community.

And with World Diabetes Day on November 14, there's no better time to start planning a great project. And don't forget to share your story using the hashtags #WeServe and #LCIF Lions.

- ◆ Learn about our [Global Causes](#) and how Lions and Leos around the world have been working together to make a difference.
- ◆ Discover your club's strengths and passions with our [Service Toolkit](#) and make a greater impact in your community.
- ◆ Act to fulfill your service vision by using the [Service Launchpad](#) to help you identify your next big project.
- ◆ Celebrate your incredible work and [report your service](#) to help us inspire our community and share your stories.

Dear Lion,

One of the best parts of being a Lion is that every day you can see how your service changes lives right outside your door. But that's only the beginning. Because whether your focus is local or global, your impact goes far beyond your community. Especially when we serve our global causes.

Our global causes unite the talents and innovation of every Lion and Leo in the world. So, if you're looking to take on an ambitious new service project, consider one of our global causes. And no matter how you serve, keep it up because Together We Can starts with you.

Make great day,

Brian Sheehan, International President

Page taken from IP Sheehan's message to Lions on 9.15.22



Whether your club is looking to expand a signature service project or take a on a new cause, [Service Journey](#) makes it easy to make a bigger impact in your community today.

We're all working to change our communities and our world for the better. And with the Service Journey and Global Causes, together we will.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

IPIP Douglas Alexander, Chairperson



Taken From IPIP Email Message September 2022

Hurricane Fiona caused widespread, devastating flooding and landslides in **Puerto Rico**, and recently hit the Dominican Republic and other island regions. Reportedly, more than 3 million residents in Puerto Rico went into a blackout on the island from the catastrophic winds and rainfall. Puerto Rico’s power grid remains fragile after Hurricane Maria in September 2017 that caused the largest blackout in U.S. history, killing more than 3,000 people.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant for Lions in Puerto Rico to recover and rebuild their island, as well as additional grant funding to support other areas impacted by this devastating hurricane. Your generous donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve!



Your donation can make a difference.



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To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit lionsclubs.org/disaster-grants



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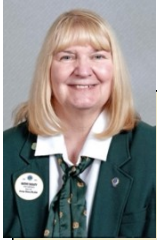


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District Officers Leading 14-G



First Vice District Governor Kathy Douty

Greetings fellow Lions,

As much as I hate to see summer leave, it is refreshing to have fall begin. The cooler weather, football games, and the leaves changing color. What a blessing that the majority of us can see these changes.



I missed the first cabinet meeting because I was at **Leader Dog** in Michigan with other 1st VDG's in the United States. As our colleagues arrived at the hotel, our group from Pennsylvania would greet them with a cheer and asked if they would like to join us!

This was so much fun getting to know what other Lions are doing in different states. We took a bus over to **Leader Dog** the next day and saw the facility. Did you know that **Leader Dog** was founded by Lions? We had the opportunity to walk blindfolded with a **Leader Dog** as well as a white cane.

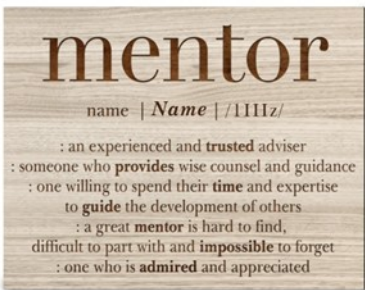
The guided tour of the grounds and facility was amazing! We were fortunate enough to see several dogs with their trainers going through their exercises. I asked if a district could come and tour the facility, and they of course said yes. This is something to think about for the future if there is enough interest in the district

The cost of training the dogs and clients is covered 100% by **Leader Dog**. This is only made possible by our donations and grants. Please keep this in mind when you are doing your allocations. Until next time, safe travels and stay healthy **WE Are Lions** - spread the news!

Second Vice District Governor Steve Myers



Hello, Lions of 14-G!



www.ohcanvas.com

I'm 2VDG Steve Myers from Watsontown. I'm excited to be working with DG Clay and VDG Kathy this year. I've already attended several training sessions, and my first PA State Council meeting. There is so much to learn and so much fun to have while doing it. If you haven't attended State Council meeting, I recommend it; it's an excellent way to learn how Lions function on a State, National, and International level.

As I begin my journey as a 2VDG, I'd like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, and prayers after the loss of my father. I also wish to pay tribute to my father-in-law, Lion Marlin K. Troutman, who passed away on August 12, 2022. Lion Marlin was a member of the Watsontown Lions for 56 years and a Melvin Jones Fellow. He served one term as President, and several terms as a Director. He sponsored my application 22 years ago, and was always first in line to help with a project, until his health began to fail.

He was my friend, and mentor in Lionism. Whether I was serving as Club President, or a District Officer, he was always available to listen, offer sound advice, encouragement, and a lot of Lions history. More importantly, he never failed to tell me if he thought I was wrong, or if there was a better way. It was he who encouraged me to apply for the office of 2VDG, and he was so proud when I was elected.

District Treasurer

District Treasurer Lion Beth Cooley

How does the District go about collecting the dues? Lion Beth sends out the dues every six months by viewing the number of members on the club roster in MyLCI. Surely the members are paying their dues, but is the district receiving those monies from the club treasurer? The list in gold are the clubs of which no monies for dues has been received since July 1, 2022. Two months late, and these monies are what is used to purchase supplies needed in the district, monies for guiding Lions in their officer positions and orientations for new members. Any suggestions with how to collect the dues would be appreciated.

“Membership dues are the biggest provider of revenue for organizations. They’re also fairly predictable if you can use data to track and monitor membership numbers and retention rate.

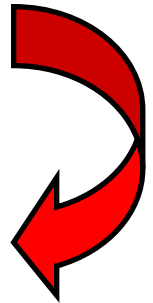
These dues are what give you the ability to purchase software, pay your staff, plan conferences, offer member events, build benefits packages and create an environment your team and members love.

While you may feel bad charging members a fee, dues are very important if you want to be able to build a great organization with true value.” (www.memberclicks.com)

Membership Dues

Kulpmont Centennial Lions Club	\$20.00
Lycoming Creek	\$17.50
South Creek Lions Club	\$55.00
South Williamsport Lions Club	\$110.00
Sugar Valley Lions Club	\$65.00

Overdue



Duties of Club Treasurer

Right click to open the e-Book [Club Treasurer e-Book](#)

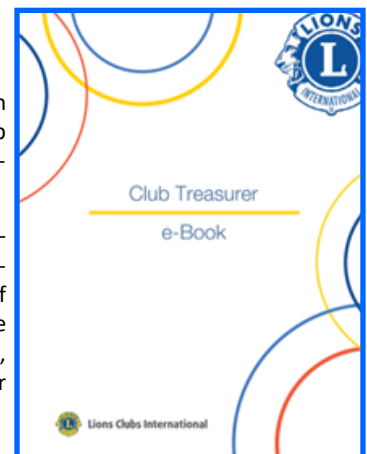


As treasurer, you are the financial officer of the club. You are **responsible for all financial matters pertaining to the club**. You manage all of the financial operations of the club; including invoicing and **payment of dues**, recording and processing receipts and payments for both the administrative and public service accounts.

Club Treasurer e-Book provides a fast logical link to the information you need. Whether invoicing member dues, paying international dues online or ordering club supplies, the e-Book makes it easier to access the information, tools and resources you use most often to help you stay on top of your busy schedule.

The club treasurer serves as the main bookkeeper for the club’s financial accounts; both administrative and public funds (service activities). This includes the administration of membership dues invoicing and collection, making deposits and recording expense receipts. The treasurer prepares, distributes and retains all financial reports and records.

When the club president, club secretary, and club treasurer receives an email from the District Treasurer Lion Beth Colley, please be mindful to read the email so bills are paid in a timely manner. The secretary needs to keep the roster current because the fees are based on the number of Lions listed in MyLion. As with paying personal bills, there is a specific timeframe for those fees to be paid. If the dues were paid to the district within 30 days, allowing for the clubs to meet and approve, it would be greatly appreciated. The monies are needed for the operation of the district. Thanks for your cooperation, treasurers!



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District Disaster

PA LIONS Trailer leaves for Kentucky the week of October 17th

District Disaster Chairperson IPDG James Wilbur

DISTRICT DISASTER TEAM

Region I	Lion John Getty	570-376-2143
Region II	Lion Richard Secules	570-547-2595
Region III	Laura Alderson	570-556-6902
Region IV	PDG Charles Poust	814-280-3764
Region V	Lion Robert Nestlerode	570-502-1050



Greetings Lions of 14-G:

We are keeping Kentuckians in our thoughts and sending supplies that are needed. We have heard FEMA has not shown up yet! Messages from State Disaster Chair Lion Jim Groff has reported from contacts in Kentucky that people are having to go to the rivers and collect water to boil so they have water! Usually, water is one of the first things that arrive during a natural disaster; however, no drinking water has been brought in. PA Lions are on a fast-track to gather supplies to coordinate with the tractor trailers to drive to Kentucky.



Please see the list that has been brought to my attention for immediate assistance to our fellow Americans. Some clubs have already begun to drop off supplies to the North Central Sight Services in Williamsport, or have sent monies to the PA Lions State Office in Harrisburg. If sending money, make check out o Lions of Pa Foundation please make note it is for the Kentucky Flooding 2022.

From Lion Jim Groff

As you are aware, Kentucky was once, again, affected by a devastating disaster. On July 28, 2022, the following towns in District 43Y in Eastern Kentucky were hit with destructive flooding: Hazard, Jackson, Garrett, Salyersville, Booneville, Whitesburg and the rest of Perry County. Other counties with the heaviest flooding include Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, Martin, Owsley, Wolfe, Pike and Magoffin.

We, as Lions, are called on, once again, to serve those in dire need to recover from the destructive storms. Consequently, the PA Lion's Disaster Relief Team has been working with Lion leaders in the various districts in eastern Kentucky to develop a plan to get the necessary items to help in their recovery efforts. After many conversations and zoom meetings with the Lions leadership, the following is a list of items that was recommended to help in this effort.

As in previous disasters, we ask that all items be "NEW."

Thank you for all that you do to serve from the heart.

"Together We Can" Make a Huge Difference

Yours in Service,

Lion Jim Groff, Lions Disaster Relief Coordinator

Lion Ed Baylor, MD-14 Assistant Disaster Relief Coordinator



Monetary Donations

Checks to:

Lions of PA Foundation

Memo Line: **KY Flood**
 Mail to: PA Lions State Office, 949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

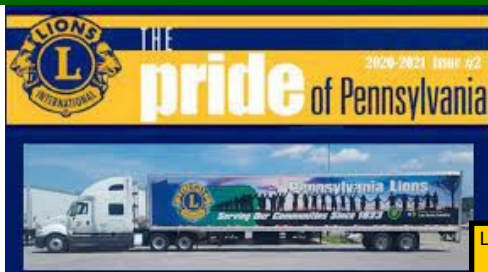


- Baby Items: Enfamil, Childproof electrical outlets
- Boots, Coats, Gloves, Hats
- Towels & Washcloths
- Laundry Detergent & Fabric Softener
- Storage Totes
- Sleeping Bags, Air Mattresses & Tents
- 4-mil Plastic rolls & Tarps
- Buddy Heaters
- Generators
- Dehumidifiers
- Gas Cans
- Small Charcoal Grills & Charcoal
- Water Hoses
- Large Jugs for Water
- 2-gallon Sprayers & Mold Mitigation (Concrobium)
- Extension Cords
- Flashlights
- School Supplies
- Dog Food
- Tools:

- Hammers
- Screwdrivers
- Pliers
- Duct Tape
- Electrical Tape
- Drywall Screws

Gift Cards:

- Wal-Mart
- Lowe's
- Gas



Let's Get This Truck On The Road!

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

14-G Coordinator PDG Cheryl Wilbur

Membership Classes on October 9th

Training
Cancelled

As the Leadership Coordinator and the MD-14 Global Membership Chairperson, I will continue to serve all of our Lions in the district and in the state. I enjoy the challenges of discovering what works to guide Lions on their journeys or to guide Lions desiring to in a leadership position. Those leadership positions begin at the club level.

We cannot continue to do as we have always done, or we will always be in the same position of not adding new members or guiding Lions in a newly elected positions. With attending Lions Clubs last month, there is a need to assist Leaders in their positions. Every Lion can get on www.lionsclubs.org and take a 30 minute video on any position in Lionism. I encourage our leaders and Lions to do just that.

Scheduling 3 sessions in 3 of the Regions in our District 14-G to guide over 100 new Lions, sadly, only 6 Lions attended. These informative sessions are looking at the bigger picture outside of your club. When others ask about Lions, a Lions usual response is, "We are the largest volunteer organization in the world in over 200 countries." Or the Lion will explain the fundraising the club does to generate monies to give back. Attending an Orientation will provide you with facts to share with others. Why not ask that person to attend a meeting or event and expose them to the world of volunteering.

I will continue to serve and not give-up on our Lions. I will be planning another avenue of reaching out to our Lions because each Lion is deserving of respect and honor for the time given to help others. My heart will never stop giving. I hope to see all of you during this Lions year while under the leadership of District Governor Clay Steward.

MD-14 Global Action Team's Fall Symposium



"Bridging Lions Together"

Open to ALL Lions in Pennsylvania

Serving in "2" Locations

- 1) PA Lions State Office, 949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA
(Saturday, October 15th) 9:00 am to 3:00 pm - Lunch \$7.00
- 2) Cambria County Association for the Blind, 211 Central Avenue, Johnstown, PA
(Sunday, October 16th) 12 noon to 5:00 pm - Snacks Provided

Contact PDG Kerry
to reserve your
seat!
klm52@aol.com
Call 717-235-2790

Presenters: Leadership: PDG Kerry McKnight
Membership: PDG Cheryl Wilbur
Service: PDG Bob Roebuck (Harrisburg) PCC Terri Kodgis (Johnstown)
Technology: PDG Jon Mallonee

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH

MD-14 Coordinator PDG Cheryl Wilbur

Extension of Global Action Team

Global Membership Approach

- Rejuvenate Districts: New Clubs
- Revitalize Clubs: New Members
- Remotivate Members: Fellowship and Extended Service

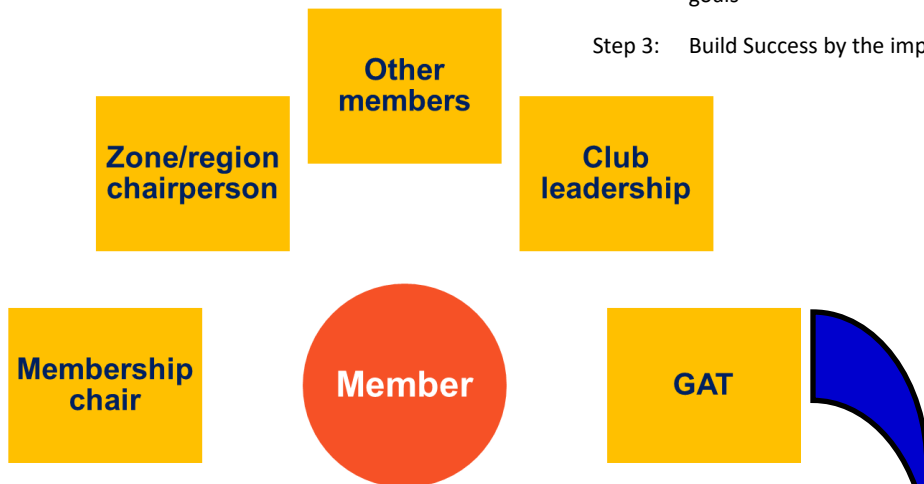
GMA is the process designed to support districts worldwide against the global membership decline.

TIMELINE OF GMA

2018-2019	North American Membership Initiative
2019-2020	9 CA 1 & 2 Pilot Districts
2020-2021	Districts Opted In
2021-2022	All districts piloted
2022-2023	All districts worldwide

Who can be on the team?

- Step 1: District decides to participate: Build a Team by selecting a team motivated to support the district's membership growth.
- Step 2: Build a Vision by identifying the needs of their district and set realistic goals
- Step 3: Build Success by the importance of accountability and communication



The Strategic Plan Includes:

- ⇒ Service activities
- ⇒ Membership Development
- ⇒ Leadership Development
- ⇒ LCIF

District 14-G will be meeting this month.

Details will be kept up-to-date monthly in our newsletter.

Clubs are also encouraged to follow along.

This PLAN is AMAZING!

Re-Work for Building a Vision:

[District Strategic Plan Workbook](#)

In Lions Learning Center: Take

- Effective Teams
- Effective Listening
- Introduction to SWOT
- Goal Setting



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taken from GMA website 8.10.12 caw

MD-14 GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

MD-14 GMT Coordinator PDG Cheryl

The MD-14 Five-Star Team will begin to implement Goals and Schedule Events by September 2022

***Action Item Council
#2 Grant for PR

*Annouce Time
Frames**

Family & Women
PDG Linda Gibala
14-N
Butler Lions Club

GOALS

- *Women Symposium January - District 14-N
- *Women Symposium March - District 14-G - Centre Hall Lions Club
- *Specific Fundraisers for Families and Women

***2nd Meeting 10.4.22
*Waiting on contracts
with radio stations

*PP Ready for Sharing
on Orientation**

Awards Presented to Top Three Governors

Marketing Chairperson
IPDG Jeff Loudermilk
14-N
Riverside Area Lions Club

GOALS

- *Radio Stations Announc-
ing Lions Clubs
- *MD-14 Make Line Item
for Marketing
- *Apply for PR Grant for
Radio Advertising
- *Encouraging Districts to
Budget for Marketing



Orientation I
PDG Dick Sware
14-D
Willow Street Lions Club

GOALS

- *Enjoyable Interactive
Power Point Presentations
- *Basic Mentoring Program
Presentations to PA
Districts
- *Advanced Mentoring
Program Presentations to
PA Districts

Rebuilding & Club Development
PDG Tom Vasek
14-A
Feasterville-Treose Lions Club

GOALS

- *Assist with 5 NEW Clubs in MD-14 –working “1”
- *Approach Veterans to Form New Clubs
- *District 14-P Requested Assistance in Forming New
Club

THANK YOU

5 STAR TEAM

For YOUR ENERGY in
Planning and Actions

Retention
Lion Amy Alexander
14-G
Williamsport Sight Services Lions Club

GOALS

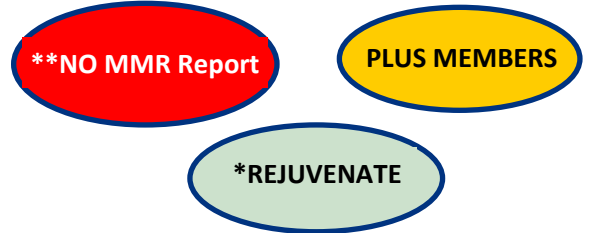
- *Preventing Problems
- *Managing Conflicts
- *Fun Adult Events for Communities
- *Club Meeting Short-Cuts

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP TEAM

GMT & ZC Leona Houseknecht, Watsontown Centennial Lioness

District Governor Clay Steward needs YOU to add one new member to your club roster to meet the Membership Goal.

Need Help: Call 607-738-6909



Clubs Entered MMR's in August

- **August 1st:** Centre Hall; Ferguson Township; Harris Township
- **August 2nd:** Wells-Jackson
- **August 3rd:** Benton; Big Pond; Milesburg; Montgomery; Northern Tioga County Centennial; Turbotville & Area
- **August 4th:** Eagles Mere Laporte; Pleasant Gap & Area; Sugar Valley; Troy
- **August 5th:** Jersey Shore

DISTRICT 14-G CLUBS	LIONS	ADD	LOSS	D.
Bellefonte	41			
Benton	34			
Berwick	19		3	
*Big Pond Rejuvenate	9			
Canton				
Catawissa Valley	23			
Centre Hall	30	1		
Coudersport & Area	19			
Danville Centennial				
Dushore	41	1		
Eagles Mere Laporte	51	2		
Ferguson Township	31			1
Harris Township	45			1
Howard Area	100			1
Jersey Shore	49	3	2	
Jersey Shore Area Lioness	32			
*Kulpmont Centennial Rejuvenate	8			
*Lewisburg Rejuvenate				
Lock Haven	20			
Loyalsock Township				
*Lycoming Creek Rejuvenate				
Mansfield	40			
Milesburg	52	1		
Mill Hall Area	12			
Millheim	32			
*Millmont West Union-Rejuvenate	1			
Millville				
Milton	28	1		
Montgomery	32			
Montoursville				
Mt. Carmel				
Muncy Area				
N. Tioga County Centennial	28	3	4	1
Patton Township	16		1	
Picture Rocks	20	3		
Pleasant Gap & Area	28	1	1	
Pleasant Gap Area Lioness				
Rauchtown-Nippenose Valley	25			


DISTRICT 14-G CLUBS	LIONS	+	-	D.
Sayre Athens	12			
Sayre Athens Lioness	17			
Shamokin Area	12		1	
Snow Shoe	26			
South Creek	22			
South Williamsport			2	
Sugar Valley	26			
Sylvania	35			1
Towanda	16			1
Troy	69			
Turbotville & Area	61			
Warrensville Area	17			
Watsontown				1
Watsontown Centennial Lioness	26		3	
Wellsboro	24			1
Wells-Jackson			2	
Williamsport				
Williamsport Newberry				
Williamsport Sight Services	12	1	6	
Wyalusing				
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	?	?	?	?

Needing ALL Clubs to Report MMR's—PLESASE REPORT IN OCTOBER

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

GST Lion Dawn Wright, Wells-Jackson Lions Club

Why White Cane?



OCTOBER 15TH

White Cane:

- *Signifies pedestrian is blind or visually impaired
- *Alerts motorists to exercise caution and provide user right-of-way
- *Symbolizes independence, confidence, skills of person

Where White Cane Began



History:

- 1921 James Briggs, a photographer from Bristol, England, became blind following an accident; used a cane and painted it white
- 1930 President Lion George Bonham, Peoria (IL) Lions Club, introduced the idea of using a white can with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility
- 1931 In France, Guilly D’Herbemont recognized the danger to blind people and launched a “white stick movement” for blind people, donating 5,000 white canes to people in Paris
- 1964 US Congress approved a resolution authorizing the U.S. President to annually issue a proclamation designating October 15th as “National White Cane Safety Day”
- 1969 International Federation of the Blind adopted October

Health & Children’s Services Department
programs@lionsclubs.org

The White Cane Stickers can be ordered on lionsclubs.org under supplies



Certificate of Insurance

Lions Clubs may submit forms for certificates of insurance using one of the methods listed below.

- [2021-2022 US Certificate of Insurance Printable ONLINE](#) (Added 8/19/2021)
- [US Certificate of Insurance Request Form](#) (Revised 4/15)

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

GST Lion Dawn Wright, Wells-Jackson Lions Club

What is service?



Lions and Leos serve in many ways, including:

Service activities: Hands-on service activities, such as tree planting, vision screening, rebuilding homes after disaster strikes or serving meals to those in need.

Advocacy: Raising awareness of the causes that are important to Lions, educating our communities on issues that impact them and working with others to bring about positive change. Some examples include hosting a Strides walk for diabetes awareness or visiting a local lawmaker to discuss the needs of the blind or visually impaired.

Donations: Making charitable donations to individuals or organizations, including Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Funds donated to LCIF are tracked by the foundation and need not be reported as a service activity.

Fundraising: Raising funds to enable our service.

Service support activities: This encompasses four broad categories:

- Holding meetings to strengthen your club, educate and train members, or plan other service activities.
- Fulfilling administrative tasks, such as running errands, maintaining club records, or reporting.
- Attending Lions events such as conventions and forums.
- Engaging in fellowship and fun, together with other Lions.

These activities contribute to Lions' positive impact in various ways, including attracting new members to clubs, helping clubs retain members by providing a positive experience, preparing Lions to serve, or directly benefitting the people we serve.

What is not reportable service?

Many Lions and Leos serve their communities individually, outside of the activities planned by their clubs, districts or multiple districts. Some examples include bringing a meal to a neighbor, driving a parent to a medical appointment, or volunteering at their place of worship. This type of work is important and commendable; however, it should not be reported as a Lions' service activity.

Metrics that are currently collected by Lions International include:

Number of activities: Each activity reported by a club, district or multiple district is counted as one activity.

Number of people served: These are the direct beneficiaries of Lions service. Sometimes the number of people served can be counted precisely, and sometimes it must be estimated.

Number of volunteers: The number of people who participate in the planning or implementation of a service project. As Lions often invite friends to join their service activities, the number of volunteers can include both Lions and non-Lions.

Number of volunteer hours: The number of hours spent planning and implementing a service project.

Funds raised: The amount of money collected to fund service activities or charitable donations. This can be from Lions making personal contributions, or funds raised from non-Lions during a fundraising event.

Funds donated: The amount of charitable funds given to an individual or organization. Funds donated to LCIF are tracked by the foundation and need not be reported as a service activity, but if an event was held to raise those funds, that event can be reported as a fundraising activity.

Taken from LCI 9.2.22 "Measuring Service Impact for Lions"

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

GST Lion Dawn Wright, Wells-Jackson Lions Club

Thank You, PA Lions, for Supporting "Care for the Kids" \$32,110.85

PA LIONS - Care for the Kids

Thanks to your efforts, Four Diamonds provides world-class care
and life-saving research to kids fighting cancer.

Lions Year 07.01.2021 to 06.30.2022



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918 hours of music therapy for patients to play instruments, sing, and listen to or create music to alleviate pain and express feelings (\$35/hour)



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214 hours of Child Life services to help children cope with their treatment through play therapy and distraction techniques (\$150/hour)



together.stjude.org

161 days for a clinical nutritionist to provide information and resources to help keep a child as healthy as possible and help reduce side effects of therapy (\$200/day)



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32 days for a team of dedicated social workers to support families with the adjustments from diagnosis, through treatment and into survivorship (\$1,000/day)



Blog.crownbio.org

30 hours of ongoing research, which focuses on finding better, safer treatments and cures for childhood cancer (\$1,080/hour)

7 months to maintain essential research equipment at the Four Diamonds Pediatric Cancer Research Center (\$4,500/month at PSU or Penn State Hershey)

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Taken from FOUR DIAMONDS—Conquering Childhood Cancer flier

Main Focus: Vision



Swing for Sight was a huge success this year!!! With 94 golfers (our biggest field to date) and perfect weather, a good time was had by all. A BIG thank you to all that played, volunteered, sponsored, donated to the success of this year's tournament! We netted over \$18,000 this year!

[Swing for Sight photo gallery](#) [Swing for Sight photo gallery](#)



Low-cost Eye Wear



No vision insurance? Call Central Susquehanna Sight Services for information about the low-cost eye wear program. For the rest of September, CSSS is waiving the income guidelines for anyone without vision insurance.

A current eyeglass prescription along with the application is required. (Contact lenses are not available.)

For more information, please call 570.286.1471.

[Eye Care Application](#)

Taken from CSSS 9.22.22 Newsletter—Shelley Stroble, Director

Get Your "New Ride!"



With October just around the corner, leaves will be falling and...broom season will be here!

Get your "new ride" at Central Susquehanna Sight Services! Call 570.286.1471 for availability.

Appreciation



For the 37th Year North Central Sight Services, Incorporated invited District 14-G Lions to attend an appreciation dinner led by Lion Amy Alexander. With over 50 guests, the evening was enjoyable to meet and greet with other Lions. Led by Lion Amy Alexander, Williamsport Sight Services Lions Club) pledge by Lion David Stahl (Montgomery Lions Club); and Board Spokesperson Tina Helm-Bittenbender (not a Lion) (photo top right), followed by a dinner and Guest Speaker Lion Sierra Diggin (Jersey Shore Lions). Tina addressed her vision challenges and serve on the Board of Directors. Lion Sierra has been employed since 2009 at NCSS. She previously worked for Blast Intermediate Unit 17 and was secretary for the Williamsport Sight Services Lions Club when it formed.



Loyalsock Lions Rita Marzocco and Bruce Pratt attended the dinner.

The evening concluded with an appeal for donations to NCSS allowing the organization to continue serving others in the counties they serve. NCSS records the amount of donations from each club, organization, or an individual. Third Place: Montgomery Lions Club \$1,700.00; Second Place: South Williamsport Lions Club \$2,000.00; and First Place: Picture Rocks Lions Club \$2,223.00.



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What is BlaST stand for in education assistance: B (Bradford); L (Lycoming); a (and) S (Sullivan) T (Tioga)

Lions Tale: Informed Lions

571 Members in 14-G Reading the News

DISTRICT 14-G CLUBS	MEMBERS	MEMBERS READ
Bellefonte	41	15
Benton	34	13
Berwick	22	5
Big Pond	9	2
Blossburg Area		8
Canton	29	9
Catawissa Valley	23	4
Centre Hall	28	13
Coudersport & Area	19	7
Danville Centennial	10	0
Dushore	41	11
Eagles Mere Laporte	51	22
Ferguson Township	31	18
Harris Township	45	28
Howard Area	100	25
Jersey Shore	49	21
Jersey Shore Area Lioness	32	18
Kulpmont Centennial	8	3
Lewisburg Rejuvenate	9	2
Lock Haven	20	8
Loyalsock Township	11	3
Lycoming Creek Rejuvenate	7	0
Mansfield	40	25
Milesburg	52	17
Mill Hall Area	12	4
Millheim	32	6
Millmont West Union-Rejuvenate	1	1
Millville	15	5
Milton	28	13
Montgomery	32	12
Montoursville	17	5
Mt. Carmel	29	11
Muncy Area	18	7
N. Tioga County Centennial	30	18
Patton Township	16	4
Picture Rocks	15	9
Pleasant Gap & Area	28	5
Pleasant Gap Area Lioness	20	8
Rauchtown-Nippenose Valley	25	2

DISTRICT 14-G CLUBS	MEMBERS	MEMBER READ
Sayre Athens	12	1
Sayre Athens Lioness	17	8
Shamokin Area	12	4
Snow Shoe	26	4
South Creek	22	1
South Williamsport	42	17
Sugar Valley	26	6
Sylvania	35	9
Towanda	16	6
Troy	69	32
Turbotville & Area	61	25
Warrensville Area	17	8
Watsontown	16	5
Watsontown Centennial Lioness	29	10
Wellsboro	24	10
Wells-Jackson	27	14
Williamsport	11	5
Williamsport Newberry	19	5
Williamsport Sight Services	12	5
Wyalusing	33	9
TOTAL MEMBERS READ	1554	571

MD-14 Lions Reading Across PENNSYLVANIA



Art Pecht; Ashley Grimm; Betty Ivell; Carl Spellman;
 Cathy Baker; Cathy Metschulat; Chip Campbell; Chrissy Smaltz;
 Chris Raynak; Dan Brandt; David Barrett; Dave Hollern; David Leon;
 avid Rudis; Deb Burkholder; Denise Shaffer; Dick Sware; Fran Stepkovich;
 Galen George; Gary Bender; Gaylene Toland; Harry Kornprobst;
 Herman Rush; PID James Cavallaro; James Freso; Jeff Loudermilk;
 Kamal Gabala; Kathy Duelly; Kathy Fouse; Keith Schoff; Larry Frankenfield;
 Linda Gibala; Linda Lupro; Linda Zaneski; Lisa Griffie; Lisa Leon;
 Lorraine Brown; Maria Loudermilk; Jonathan Carver; Kamal Gella;
 Karen Brady; Matthew Uroskie; Matthew Hensinger; Mike Schaeffer;
 Mark Ellsworth; Marty Zimmerman; Mary Ann Belles; Norma Evangelista;
 Patricia Ohler; Peggy Hummel; PID Bob Miller; PID Cindy Gregg;
 Rita Swesey; Sam Wagner; Thomas Kobusky; Tom Jones; Tom Vasek

Thank You For Reading!

Clubs Events

Annual Chance Auction



SAYRE-ATHENS LIONESSE LIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

VFW 932 W. Lockhart St. SAYRE

(Behind Williams Toyota & Kennedy Pools)



Doors Open 1:00PM

Drawing Tickets 2:00PM

Want to know more about a Chance Auction?



Bring Your Friends!

Browse through New & Like New Items

\$5.00 Donation Includes:

- ⇒ 10 BID CHIPS
- ⇒ Door Prize Ticket
- ⇒ Dessert & Beverage

Drawing will be drawn for EACH ITEM

GET A JUMP ON HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

New & collector dolls, games, table linens, gift baskets, jewelry, purses, holiday items, decorating & household items, plus many other selections

Additional Envelopes with 10 BID CHIPS @ \$1.00

Soda, Water, and snacks available for purchase!

Watsonstown Centennial Lioness Lions

Where?



Turbotville Community Hall
41 Church Street
Turbotville, PA

BASKET

BINGO



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October 8th

Doors Open 11:30 a.m.

50/50 Raffle

Tear-Off Tickets

Beverages

Foods



In Advance

\$30 At the Door



Young LEO's Are Our SHINING STARS

Adventure for Berwick Leo's



Photos supplied by Advisor Patrick Hill

What a fantastic way for the working Leo's to reward themselves on a service to their communities and celebrate "WELL DONE" Berwick Scouters!! This was not funded or sponsored in any way by the Lions Club. We received donations at a service project in the spring and families paid the rest of their way. This was a celebration the LEOs planned during the pandemic to celebrate all we have accomplished and took advantage of having the event as the pandemic started to lift a bit this summer.

Young Hearts-Mature Actions

So very PROUD of our young Lions!! Thank you Leo's Kayla; Carly; Brenna; Melissa; Billy; Victoria; Preston; Casey; Zaiden; Bobbi; Katie; Troy; Madison; Kylie; Ella; Bill; and Colin! Your Advisor, Patrick Hill, is teaching you life skills you will never forget. Giving back your gifts to others is the most precious gift of seeing smiles on faces of others you don't even know. It will make your heart happy. Keep spreading the word of your good deeds. Many blessings to all of you! *Lion Cheryl Wilbur*



(Front left to right): Kayla Vencloski (VP), Carly Hill (President), Brenna Fester, Melissa Ridolfi, Billy Marszalek, Victoria Marszalek (Treasurer), Preston Nodes, Casey Cooper.

(Back row left to right): Zaiden Temple, Bobbi Sorber, Katie Spongenberg, Troy Sisock, Connor Vencloski, Madison Sisock, Kylie Sisock, Ella Aquilina, Bill Marszalek, Patrick Hill (Advisor) and Colin Hill.



Calling All LEO's



Share how you are making a bigger impact in your communities, while being exposed to valuable leadership and life skills from Lions and your foundation, LCIF. Your peers are waiting to hear your LCIF story of pride filled with inspiration, impact, and kindness.

District 14 LEO's, please right click on "Share Your Story" and tell us what you have gained in knowledge with helping others.

SHARE YOUR STORY

YOUR Voice

Matters! (taken from IPIP Alexander, August 2022)



Club Events

Rib Sale in Bellefonte

The **Bellefonte Lions Club** will be selling barbeque pork rib dinners on October 15th. Tickets are being sold in advance and will sell some walk-up dinners. Dinners are \$15.00 each. Dinner includes 1/2 rack of baby back ribs, baked potato, baked beans, dinner roll and butter. Held first dinner meeting in September, and conducted the "Meat Raffle" Fund Raiser Drawing.

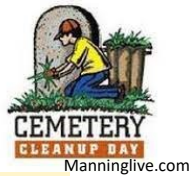


At the monthly board meeting, the club voted to donate \$200 to the upcoming Bellefonte Victorian Christmas. The club members also voted to donate \$400.00 to the Bellefonte Elks Club to help with needed repairs to their building.

Thank you, Lion Jerrold May, for reporting your clubs activities!

Serving Others in Community

Three **Benton Lions Club** members volunteered 54 hours of sorting clothing and household items for approximately 100 families in need. The Lions collected food items totaling \$100 and presented to the local Food Bank.



Two Lions mowed, trimmed the weeds, and dispersed the debris. Held two club meetings in September, two members arranged flowers for display, cleaned the church, and sang in the church choir. Collected recyclables to be taken to the Recycling Center: newspapers, glass, and plastic items. Thank you, Lion Fran for reporting your club activities!

Invited Speaker

Canton Lions Club invited Troy Alwine from the Wellsboro Branch of Trucklite. Troy presented an informative description of the processes and manufacturing done in the Wellsboro facility. The officers conducted two club meetings this month and are working on their event calendars.



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Bloomsburg Fair

Berwick Lions set-up trailer to sell food for a week at the Bloomsburg Fair. Lions also participated at the Beach Haven Carnival Grounds in Berwick for fire victim families in Nescopeck.



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Helping Families Preparing for Winter

Two Lions in the **Big Pond Lions Club** worked 100 hours cutting down trees to make firewood available for families to heat their homes this winter. During club meetings, the members voted to make donations for eye research and diabetes. Thank you for reporting your service activities!

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Sharing Our Clubs Activities

Shouting BINGO in Centre Hall

The weekly BINGO is a hit at the **Centre Hall Lions Clubhouse**! It's that time of year when the sun goes down earlier and earlier and instead of thinking it is time to go to bed, BINGO lovers head to the places of activity!

Members continue to take flower arrangements to facilities to bring a smile to the faces of those who just need to feel loved. Thank you, Centre Hall Lions for making a lasting impression of Lions!



Proud of Shore's Lioness Lions



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When community groups receive donations from our annual allocations they are invited to dinner with us at our monthly business meeting and are presented with their checks. This year, we are distributing almost \$10,000!

The latest events have been a Lioness Lions Yard Sale and a Corn Maze with Chicken Corn Chowder Soup! One of the seed companies in the area started a corn maze last year. It was a huge success. It is each weekend in October. Our club will be selling chicken corn soup the first weekend of the maze. Doing this creates awareness of our club and all profits will be used for next year's allocations. We will also have literature about our club and will sell our cookbooks.

Our annual tea is to do a little "something extra" to honor women in our community with a "real" tea party and entertainment. This year's speaker is Meg Geffen portraying Eleanor Roosevelt. There is a fee.

How special these ladies are in their activeness within their community! Thank you, Secretary Lion Angie Boncal for reporting your **Jersey Shore Lioness Lions Club** activities!



"Lock Haven's Workin' It!"

The **Lock Haven Lions Club** manned the entrance and collected over \$800 at the Tractor Show with 14 volunteers! Ready for clean highways? Club members picked up trash along State Route 120 north of Lock Haven. The club conducted their monthly meetings and are preparing for November and December activities.

Thank you, Lion Craig for reporting your service activities!



Sharing Our Clubs Activities

Milesburg Always ACTIVE!

Serving 228 Bingo players, the **Milesburg Lions Club** cooked and served 228 bingo players, went grocery shopping, made sloppy joe sauce and changed oil in fryers.



The club is still collecting used eye-glasses and recently packed 79 pairs to be recycled.

Zone Chair Lion Sally Tressler, Lion Corinna Anskis, Lion Mechel Houser, Lion Pat Erb from Milesburg, and Lion Ernest Greene from Howard Lions Club attended the New Member Orientation held at the JK Rearick Community building in Howard.

The club held two monthly meetings and PDG Butch Haus and his wife, Lion Joan attended the North Central Sight Services Appreciation Dinner in September. Thanks, Lion Sally Tressler and PDG Butch Haus for keeping up with reporting service activities!

Supporting Hunger Efforts

The **Montgomery Lions Club** participated in the Elimsport Fall Festival, making over \$600.00. The club received a thank-you note from the Washington Township Fire Company for their participation.

The club held their bi-monthly food packing and distribution for residents in the Watsontown area. Conducted a Board Meeting and a club meeting.



The club is planning for making sauerkraut. Lion Elmer is the chairperson and is looking for help with making and packing the kraut when it is ready. The club may be thinking of purchasing a trailer to collect aluminum cans.

There will be a Halloween Parade on October 31st. The club will continue with their Thanksgiving Dinner tradition. Free meal to any community member.

Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club



A school discipline program was presented by SAM (Service Access Management). To the Lions Club and to Community Members. In a relaxed atmosphere, the presenters Mary Wood and Brock Scarborough. With an open-ended question and answer session, much was learned on how the program works. The group was asked to return in the spring to inform us of the results of this program.

The **Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club** will be working in conjunction with Lion Tammy Frank for the upcoming Tioga Lights Parade and Christmas. Lions Bill & Colleen Kriner portray Mr. & Mrs. Claus; they will be distributing one present per child at this event. Dignitaries will be invited, PDG Jim Crawley (South Williamsport Lion) will be making 2 "Santa Stop" signs to help designate where children and families can line the streets to greet and wave at Santa. The parade will conclude at the Tioga Fire Hall. The Tioga Fire Company will light the tree and the Tioga Old Home Days Committee will be setting off fireworks. There will be beverages and cookies for this event.

Two Lions are members of the Tioga American Legion. They have done cleaning of the building, purchasing and preparing food for Pool Tournaments every Wednesday night from September to March.

Lions are taking the KidSight course to earn credentials to be screeners. Lion Jim Wilbur has completed the course and received a pin to wear during screening.



September a BUSY Month!

- Helping to make sauerkraut with Montgomery Lions
- Selling Live Evergreens
- Planning for an Appreciation Dinner on October 23 for community volunteers
- Supporting Tioga with a Christmas Celebration, including a Light Parade and fireworks

Sayre Athens Lioness Lions

Off from the summer months and returning to club meetings. The Sayre-Athens Lioness Lions Club donated to the local Food Bank, and now planning items for the Kentucky flooding. Thanks, Lion Mary, for reporting service activities for the **Sayre Athens Lioness Lions!**



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Sharing Our Clubs Activities



Picture Rocks Lions

Three Lions attended a New Member Orientation at Picture Rocks: District Treasurer Lion Beth Cooley, Lion Ronald Robenolt, and Lion Carl Lingle.

In August, 2022 the Picture Rocks Lions Club held one regular meeting and its annual guest night picnic meeting. We donated \$750 to the Picture Rocks Vo. Fire Co. and \$500 to the Hughesville Vol Fire Co. (both are in our service area. We operated our sandwich and drink stand at the Eagles Mere Craft fair. Note that in the past two months the Picture Rocks Lions Club has welcomed three--count 'em--new members! We continue to collect and recycle aluminum cans- a secondary fund raiser for us.

In September, 2022 the **Picture Rocks Lions Club** donated \$100 to the Hughesville Public Library (the only library in our service area) and \$500 to the East Lycoming Recreation Authority to support the local park. We continue to collect and recycle aluminum cans (a profitable secondary fund raiser for us) and we made our sauerkraut which we will sell in December (our primary fund raiser), reports Lion William Foreman.

South is Packing!

The **South Williamsport Lions Club** is reporting the collection of aluminum cans and supporting the Backpacking Program for 90 students. The Chicken Barbecue continues to do well financially. With 25 volunteers and 223 hours, serving 600 chickens keeps the club busy with the long lines of cars waiting to grab-and-go!

Thanks for reporting, South Williamsport Lions!



WEEKEND BACKPACKS

Hunger doesn't take the weekend off
weekendbackpacks.org

Sylvania Lions Club



Some club members continue knitting baby hats for the newborns at the local hospital. Members work at the Pregnancy Care Center helping mothers and worked at a booth at the Fair, providing informational materials.

Supporting remodeling the church where their club meetings are held. Helped with mowing and weeding flowerbeds for the community church. Conducted a chicken barbecue; held annual summer picnic; making teddy bears for children with illnesses. Thanks for all you do **Sylvania Lions!** "A club in the valley with a HUGE HEART!" Bless you for sharing how you provide for others!

Towanda is Flipping 'Cakes!

The **Towanda Lions Club** purchased eyeglasses for an individual. Helping with cutting wood for heating homes the Lions in this club continue to roar out to the community with giving back funds to support the Pinecroft Junior Golf Tournament—donated \$200; donations to the Diabetes Foundation and the Heritage Foundation.

The Pancake Days Fundraiser was a success and all left with full-bellies! Thanks, Towanda for reporting your service activities!!



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Sharing Our Clubs Activities

Wyalusing Lions Club Rolling Into Fall

The **Wyalusing Lions Club** helped with the Wine Festival that was held on September 17, 2022. This is our big fund raiser to help with expenses throughout the year. The Wine Festival is sponsored by the Wyalusing Museum. Volunteers helped with Winefest setup and working at the Wyalusing Carnival. Thanks for reporting!

Club meetings and donations to Helping Hands Food Pantry.



Wellsboro Lions Club

Supported high school sports by making a donation to the Wellsboro High School Sports Booster Club. Continuing to collect aluminum cans to provide funds to give back to the community. The **Wellsboro Lions Club** made a donation to Camp Victory.

The Lions repainted the collection bin for recycling aluminum cans.

Donated \$1,000 to Pa State Lions for the organized aid program to help flood disaster victims in Kentucky. Thanks, Secretary Lion Tom Auman for reporting your clubs activities!



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Warrensville Area



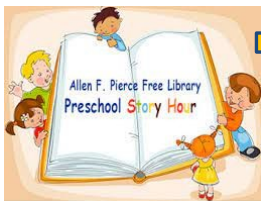
Guess what **Warrensville Lions** are doing? Yep, frying up a storm and flipping FAMOUS fries!!

You're too late if you are reading this now . . . They were at the Kiwanis Fall Festival; eagles Mere Craft Show; and Our Lady of Lourdes Festival!

Sorry you missed it, try next year—same time, same place, different day!
Thanks, Lion Shirley for reporting!



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Troy Lions

The **Troy Lions Club** helped an individual with an eye exam and then purchased eyeglasses for them. The members also made donations to Leader

Dog, The Children's House for playing golf, and the Pierce Museum.



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Tail End: Editorial



District Governor Clay Steward's Club Visits

Month	Day	Lions Club/Event
October	03	Coudersport & Area
	05	Lock Haven
	06	Shamokin Area
	12	Ferguson Township
	13	Muncy Area
	18	Milesburg
	20	Bellefonte
	22	Lycoming Creek
	24	Harris Township
	25	Centre Hall
	28-30	State Council Meeting – Pittsburgh
November	01	Big Pond
	03	Troy
	08	Watson town Lioness Lions
	10	Mount Carmel
	15	Howard Area
	16	Cabinet Meeting- Mansfield, PIP building, South Main Street, Mansfield
	17	Mill Hall Area
	21	Lewisburg

Dear Lions and Leos:

Thank you, Lions, for spending your dash with helping others. Your contributions of your time is very much appreciated.

Focus on the Lions Mission with how you can influence and impact the lives of others. Your actions are what will be remembered.

Listen to your heart and assist with passion of the legacy your dash will leave behind. All positive actions are possible with determination to put your words into appraisal.

Be kind to each other and remove the personal anger when working together on our common goal of helping others. Find the good in everyone while providing a positive comment to ease the tensions amongst our club members.

As you have heard me say many times, I have learned to **LIVE**, I have learned to 'suck-it-up-buttercup,' and we all know where those words have come from and to mean so much to me and my living between the dash.

Until I see my dear daughter Ciara in Heaven, I will **LIVE** and work on being the best person I can be because . . .

"Living is a blessing. Giving back is a blessing."

Blessings of love to all,

Lion Cheryl



Lions Lost:

Millheim Lions Club

Lion David G Grazier, 7 years of Lionism



I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
From the beginning...to the end

He noted that first came the date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years

For that dash represents all the time
That they spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved them
Know what that little line is worth

For it matters not, how much we own,
The cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
And more often wear a smile,
Remembering this special dash
Might only last a little while

So, when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent **YOUR** dash?

The Dash Poem by Linda Ellis