



**OUR DISTRICT LEADERS**  
2VDG Leona Houseknecht  
1VDG Steve Myers  
District Governor Kathy Douty

# Make Wishes Come True

Wonderful messages from our district leaders are sent to you this holiday season and every day. From IP Patti Hill to our state leaders, they have shown us the power of working together, hand-in-hand with service to others that puts smiles and a happy heart into all of us.

Charitable contributions to our communities and beyond to International benefits others around the world. Preparing financial assistance to those heavily hit by natural disasters is a forever gift from the heart.

Our state and district Lions leading us into the future in leadership, membership, and service will be a continuation of Lions Clubs International. More hands and more hearts are needed to meet those needs of others.

Celebrations of coming together, sharing our passion, and supporting every person will leave a legacy for future generations. This informative and illuminating notes for guidance will be useful for success.

Revealing the services, donations, and activities displayed by our Lions in 14-G is astounding! Adding up the financial support given, the gifts given, and the love of giving is overwhelming!

Thank you for ALL that you do and will continue to do. Those leaving before us would want us to continue serving others from the heart. Be kind to each other, learn from each other, and relish the guidance you have been given.

"My Christmas list is more than just a way to keep track of The special people God has brought into my life to love. It's like a treasured scrapbook filled with pleasant memories Of all the good times God answered prayer through friends and family. Every name's a touchstone that leads to a place and time, Where God has used another's heart to reach out and touch mine. It may have happened years ago or even yesterday, But every person on my list has changed my life some way; Through simple conversation, a warm hug or a shared meal, Or laugh or love or learn or smile . . . The blessings never end as God allows our paths to cross as family and friends. So please know that this greeting is more than a Christmas wish, a "thank you" card to God for putting on my list. Each and every one whose name I've come to hold so dear . . . Those who've shown me Christmas joy each day of the year."

Blessings of Love,  
Lion Cheryl  
*Taken from Walter Drake Christmas Card.*

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### Reality:

- ◆ 4 Clubs in Financial Suspension
- ◆ 1 Club Closed
- ◆ Average of 15 clubs Never Reporting Service
- ◆ Membership: 53 Dropped
- ◆ Membership: 59 Added
- ◆ Membership: 9 Deceased

New Club Not Yet Approved by LCI: 10 Members Transferred, 11 New Members does not show in the display on the left of this page.



Dear Lion,

You are making such a big difference in people's lives every single day. Now imagine how much more your club could accomplish if everyone in your community knew of all the good, they could do as part of your club.

Let's show our pride in our clubs by shining a light on our service every day. We are the global leader in humanitarian service, and we need to make sure that our communities know how we serve and how they can participate.

Let's use great marketing and communication to show our communities that we are changing lives—and that they can change the world with us by becoming Lions and Leos.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill  
International President



# Show Your Pride Individual Club

Presidential LCIF Supporter program. This initiative aims to recognize and celebrate individuals who have contributed with heart and soul, making a significant impact on our mission.

### Individual Participation

- ◆ Donate \$50
- ◆ Earn MJF credits
- ◆ Form: Enter "Yes" on 3rd Step for pin to be recognized
- ◆ Recognition based on respective levels per year
- ◆ Bronze: \$50-\$99.99
- ◆ Silver: \$100-\$199.99
- ◆ Gold: \$200 and above
- ◆ LEO's: Minimum \$20



Clubs have the opportunity to join a prestigious circle of dedicated supporters. Your contributions make a significant impact on our mission, enabling us to serve our community and beyond. The Presidential Club Giving Award for LCIF is awarded to clubs based on their donation per-member average during the fiscal year.

### Individual Participation

- ◆ Bronze: \$50 per member
- ◆ Silver: \$100 per member
- ◆ Gold: \$200 per member
- ◆ Platinum: \$500 per member
- ◆ Diamond: \$1,000 per member

The LCIF Presidential Award medal celebrates leaders who have made an extraordinary impact on our mission and the communities we serve. Their dedication and achievements inspire others to follow in their footsteps and make a difference.

### District Governors and District Coordinators

- \* Met a personal donation of at least \$50
- \* MD fulfills all award criteria to qualify

### Council Chairs and MD Coordinators

- \* Must make a personal donation of \$50
- \* MD fulfills all award criteria to qualify



Supporting LCIF is Vital to our Continuation of Service

# Governor Kathy Douty

Greetings Lions and Leos,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Cabinet secretary Angie Boncal sent an email out to all clubs in the district to see if there is enough interest in pursuing a float and marching in the Grand Slam Little League parade in August. Please get back to her as this is the time to submit an application to see if they would allow us to be in the parade. The application fee is \$50.00. This parade is seen by thousands of people and what better way to show the world what Lions are all about.

Our next cabinet meeting will be February 11, 2024, in Mansfield at the Partners in Progress building. I will let you know in January what lunch will be and the amount. Preliminary meeting is at 11:00, Lunch noon, and regular cabinet meeting 1:00. Fingers crossed that the weather will cooperate that day. Why do we have the cabinet meeting at different places you ask? We have the largest district in the state and this gives everyone who is closer to one of the venues a shorter distance to travel.

As we are now heading into the holidays, I was reflecting on the diversity of our Lion members around the world. We have many cultures and beliefs but one thing we all have in common is our willingness to serve others. I am thankful for my family and friends and so proud of our Lions family. We are all busy working food banks, providing warm clothing to those in need, purchasing toys and clothing to help make the magic of Christmas come to life for those who many not be able to have a holiday. Sometimes just being a volunteer at a nursing home or hospital can make an impact on someone's life.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy holidays, and good health from my family to yours.

DG Kathy Douty

# 2VDG Leona Houseknecht

Dear Lions and Leos:

What?? December already?? We are half way through this Lions year, and there are still goals to be met, recruiting members, and services to be provided.— all of which run together!

The goals for the District Governor of forming one new club is still in the process of being approved by Lions International. Recruiting 59 New Members compared to last year of 31 New Members at this time; however, we need every club to add just one to our goal Thanks to those clubs already adding more hands to serve!



our clubs is amazing to know. More clubs in our district need to be reporting their activities and services.

The Lion elves are out serving others all over the world. Just think, if it weren't for Lions Clubs in a community there wouldn't be food on the table, or special gifts under a tree or by the fireplace.

Thank you, Lions and Leos, for all you do to put happy faces on others!

2VDG Leona Houseknecht

# 1VDG Steve Myers

With the holiday season approaching, I've been remembering a quote from Dickens' A Christmas Carol as I write. "...A few of us are endeavoring to raise a fund to buy the Poor some meat and drink, and means of warmth. We choose this time, because it is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices." In the context of the story, it is Christmas eve. Scrooge is conversing with two portly men (which indicates they have means) who are soliciting donations for the poor. Ever the miser, Scrooge bluntly tells them, in effect, "It's not my problem", and unceremoniously throws them out of his office.

Dickens was writing in 1843. During this period, Victorian England was just beginning to develop a sense of social awareness, particularly for the plight of the poor. Dickens, himself, was a victim of the system, and he was known to despise it. In 1824, at the age of 12, he watched the imprisonment of his father for a debt of approximately 40 pounds (roughly \$4460 today). This short passage not only show's Scrooge's character. It pointedly criticizes the social conditions of the day (something for which Dickens was known) while showing that charitable men are attempting to help others.

Scrooge's two visitors represented a group that saw, and were meeting, a need. Sound familiar? They served, we Lions serve. It's what we do. All of the fund-raising, all of the meetings comes down to one word: service. However, we have a problem...even though Lions International is the largest, most effective service organization on the planet, many people don't know about us. Why? Well, we Lions are lousy at self-promotion. 49% of the clubs in MD-14, and 14 clubs in 14G have no service reported for the current year. I will not name them, but I know most have completed at least one project. This isn't good, Fellow Lions.

If we don't have the information, we can't get the word out about Lionism. Please report your projects. If you need help, call one of your District 14-G officers; we are always willing to help.

Thank you for all the wonderful things you do as we serve together. Have a blessed holiday.

1VDG Steve



## Technology: Modernistic Alterations to MyLion

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# Get Ready for the Lion Portal

*“We’re updating the digital tools you use as a Lion. To put it simply, we’re taking the functionality you have today with MyLion, MyLCI, Insights and other tools and combining them into one cohesive and consistent experience — the Lion Portal.”* LCI website 9.30.23

*“LCI is combining MyLion, MyLCI and Insights, along with some additional tools and functionality, into a unified experience called the Lion Portal. The new portal will offer the same features and functionality currently available, but with a more consistent and efficient experience.”*



## Like Seasons

Seasons change, and we change. If we make the change gradually, the Lion Portal will be much easier than you have thought. Questions need to be asked early to help with the transition.

- What’s Changing?** Combination of MyLion, MyLCI and Insights = Lion Portal
- When Launching?** Targeting January 2024; details in coming months
- Use my current Lion Account?** Currently, passwords are encrypted, need to update username and password for Lion Portal
- How new Lion Portal differs?** Log-in directly to Lion Portal on main page
- What’s the new platform?** Salesforce, commercially available by over 150,000 organizations, and 40 nonprofits
- “Learn” tool still available?** Accessible through Lion Portal; use new credentials and click on **Learn**
- What else able to do in Lion Portal?** Reporting service; manage club rosters; accessing reports and all others through MyLion, MyLCI and Insights being a centralized location
- What functions will I be able to access in the Lion Portal?** Same as you do now based on any Lions positions you hold
- Able to access the old MYLion, MyLCI, Insights?** No, they will not be available once Lion Portal is live
- Will Lion Portal be mobile-friendly?** Yes!
- Will new system be secure and data safe?** Yes, Salesforce offers Salesforce Shield—extremely powerful and secure data-privacy

## Preparation

- Training available?** Lion Portal will include training
- Where do I get questions answered?** Reach out to Salesforce [salesforcefeedback@lionsclubs.org](mailto:salesforcefeedback@lionsclubs.org)
- How to get to new Lion Portal.** <https://account.lionsclubs.org>
- Why unique email?** Each Lion **MUST** have an individual/**no joint emails**
- Does everyone in a club need a unique email?** Yes, email addresses will serve as your username to access the portal

# UPDATE

### Club Members and Club Secretary:

*“Make sure your Lion Account information is correct and up to date in MyLCI! NEW Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.”*

If you’re a club president, secretary or administrator, updating member information is simple:

- ◆ Log in to the current member portal with your Lion Account credentials
- ◆ Navigate to MyLCI
- ◆ Select “My Lions Club”
- ◆ Select “Members”
- ◆ Click on the member whose information you need to update
- ◆ Select “Edit Member” to enter in their revised email address and other updated information

## Lion Portal

- ◆ **Check your Lion Account information. Make sure your information is correct and up to date in MyLCI. This includes your name, contact information and communication preferences**
- ◆ **Confirm each Lion has a unique email address. A unique email address (not shared with anyone else) is required for the new Lion Portal**
- ◆ **Stay up-to-date. Check for news and resources at [lionsclubs.org/portal-updates](https://lionsclubs.org/portal-updates)**



# Disasters Humanitarian Support Youth



"The snow came from the clouds, but it was assembled in America."

## LCIF has . . .

- ◇ Supported districts interested in partnering with local authorities and other community organizations to plan and prepare for future relief efforts
- ◇ Awarded Disaster Preparedness Grants up to \$10,000
- ◇ From July 2023 to September 2023 LCIF has awarded 92 disaster relief-related grants totaling \$1,656,627



## Lion Jim Groff



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpziQy5wLTY>

Our PA Disaster Relief Chairperson, Lion Jim Groff, has moved mountains while reaching out to those natural disasters happening in the United States. And PA Lions continue to SERVE others in these unfortunate circumstances.

Watch the above video and realize how much \$25 or \$50 a month will aid those in need when disasters strike - natural disasters have no mercy. Thank you, Lion Jim Groff, for spearheading PA Lions! Not enough words to express a thank you!



## Youth



LCIF improves access to quality education, vital health services, and positive youth development, while encouraging youth and young adults to succeed.

Lions Quest. A social emotional learning curriculum to navigate life and prevent bullying and substance abuse. Contact our Chairperson Lion Charlotte Bryan. [ckbryan05@windstream.net](mailto:ckbryan05@windstream.net) or 570-538-1495

# MD-14 State Council Meeting October 2023 Updates

## PID Larry Edwards

### Past International President Joseph Wroblewski

"I wanted to share with you just a couple words of encouragement. I spoke to PIP Joe on my way here and he asked me to share with Council and everyone else his best wishes for the year. Joe is still struggling with his mobility, but his mind is sharp as a tack. He does not forget anything, and he is still involved with the International Organization and the Executive officers. They talk to him on a regular basis. They really respect his wisdom and past experiences. For those of you who do not know Joe, he is an awesome individual and I wish we could get him here, but I am not sure that is going to happen."

### Past International Director LeGrand Perce

"I was going to say something about our good colleague, PID LeGrand, thank you DG Marty for doing that. He was a great individual, and we are missing him out our way and he will always be in our mind. I know PDG Ed mentioned him at the Foundation dinner as being one of the founding fathers of the Foundation. He was a great mentor."

### Importance

- ◇ **Leadership:** Districts not having a 1VDG or 2VDG or both NEED to fill those positions, including any of the GAT positions.
- ◇ **Lions Learning Center:** There are 59 courses, easy to take. Take time to do some.
- ◇ **Service:** ALL Lions need to report SERVICE, it is what is important in our organization.
- ◇ **Membership:** LCIF Grants are available; marketing done previously for billboards and it was great seeing Lions out there.
- ◇ **International Themes:** The last 3 International Presidents themes: PIP Doug Alexander was "Service From the Heart," PIP Brian Sheehan was "Together We Can," and International President Patti Hill is "Changing the World." Putting all 3 together is a great message!

## Special Guest PID E. Cordes



"I would like to say a couple of things. Number one, your structure might be slightly different than my home in MD20 but over the last couple of days I have had many discussions with my fellow Past Directors and the Governors and it showed how similar we really are.

So many of your successes have been mirrored by the Lions in MD20 and our successes but more importantly so many of the challenges that we all face are similar, and we are all working very hard to overcome those challenges and we certainly have the talent here in this room that we can do that.

One of the things I would like to dovetail on PID Larry said is the time is really now to start working because one of the conversations I had yesterday I think with PID Cindy was that our Lions Clubs in our Districts might start their official roles on July 1st but in many cases the clubs do not meet and we really do not get started going until September, which is effectively a whole quarter of opportunity that we have missed.

This meeting you are having is a very strong opportunity to rededicate all of your goals and your hard work to start off the second quarter of Lion's work and really motivate everyone to work hard to meet your goals so that at the end of the year we can look back and be successful.

Thank you very much for the opportunity and I look forward to seeing you the rest of the day."

## State Administrator PDG Deb Burkholder

"District Governors have a formal copy of the 2022-2023 audit report which you also received via email with your preliminary packet. I am very happy to report that there are no irregularities in that audit. Committee Chairs are requested to submit their budgets to the Finance Committee Chair Lion George Belles by November 30, 2023.

A big thank you to 14-H and PDG Dave Barrett for all their hard work this weekend. I think it has been a great Council meeting. I thought hospitality last evening was fantastic and the hotel has been really great to work with so to Dave and 14-H, thank you very much! This concludes my report."

## Finance Committee

"I am in the process of contacting and emailing to all of the Chairpersons the budget request. Please complete the 2024-2025 budget request no later than November 30, 2023, as required by **policy 203**. Any committee not submitting their budget request to me by November 30, 2023 will not receive any reimbursement per policy 203. There is one action item. The Finance Committee reviewed the 2022-2023 audit as prepared by Martin M. Sacks & Associates CPAs dated September 8, 2023. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the audit as completed. **Motion made by DG Mike Schaeffer (14-D), seconded by DG David Rudis (14-H). Motion carried unanimously.** Reported by Lion George Belles (14-B)

**Committee Appointments:** Investment Committee; Youth Camp & Exchange Coordinator - No applicants

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: PDG Jeff Loudermilk, Western Region;

USA/CLLF General Chairperson PID Cindy Gregg, appointed by 3rd Intl. VP Mark Lyon



# Constitution and ByLaws: PCC Karen Brady

## Motions Approved:

### Policy 206 International Convention Committee (MD-14)

**General 4a** and the proposed change states that if Pennsylvania is running a candidate for International Director, all committee members may attend the International Convention no matter where it is being held. If Pennsylvania is not running a candidate for International Director and the International Convention is held within Constitutional areas I or II then the Committee Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson shall attend the International Convention. If the International Convention is held outside of Constitutional areas I or II no Committee members shall attend.

**General 4h** proposed change is that the Committee will recruit Lions, especially current District Governors attending the Convention to assist the Chairperson and the State Administrator as needed per policy 102, Council of Governors. In General 8b it states that each District Governor attending the Convention shall participate in the Convention by serving with the International Convention Committee or anywhere services are needed to qualify for reimbursement from the District Governor's International Convention fund. They shall attend all plenary sessions and other sessions as appropriate.

**General 4i** proposed change is to encourage having a marching band either from the city where the Convention is being held or the Pennsylvania All State Band. Get parade route, staging area and times and if Pennsylvania is running a candidate for International Director make sure there are flags, banners, hats, etc. available for the marchers, pick up arm bands from parade headquarters upon arrival. The committee arrange for Lions to carry the American flag, Pennsylvania State flag and Lion's flag and have two Lions act as end guards. Also have two Lions to carry the MD14 Pennsylvania Lions banner and meet with the All-State Band Director to review the band's itinerary.

## Continued Motions

**General 4m** proposed change is the Chairperson or their designee shall promote attendance at the International Convention by holding information sessions at the fourth State Council meeting and State Convention weekend.

**General 6f (added)** proposed change is to coordinate with the band by registering them for the parade and providing for any assistance the band needs. General 9a the proposed change was only the Chairperson or designee shall be reimbursed for attendance at State Council meetings and the State Convention and only if they are providing reports to the Council of Governors. Reimbursement shall follow the Rules of Audit.

**Motion made by DG Harry Kornprobst (14-J), second by DG Kathy Douty (14-G), for changes in Policy 206. Motion carried unanimously.**

Policies also included some changes to clarify statements or to clean up English grammar. We would like permission to do that on any document we review in the future. These changes would not alter the intent of the document or statement but would make it more easily understood.

**Motion made by DG Marty Zimmerman (14-C), second by DG Chris Raynak (14-B), for corrected grammar. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Article VIII Miscellaneous section 2 Dispute Resolution** in our policy which states: The clubs in the Multiple District shall pursue all complaints, disputes or claims according to the terms and conditions of rules of procedure adopted from time to time by the International Board of Directors. The Committee felt that this was adequate. I listed the documents in this statement that you can look at if you wish to look at them and I also said if you review them and decide that you would like us to write a policy for this Multiple District, let us know and we will do so but we did not feel it was needed.

## Continued Motions

Lioness are no longer recognized by Lions International nor by our Multiple District a scan of our policies and procedures found five places where the word Lionesses or Lioness was found that need to be reviewed. The decision was made yesterday that we would replace Lionesses or Lioness with Lionesses Lions or Lioness Lions. Originally, we had said just drop Lioness but the decision was made yesterday that we would link Lions to Lioness and that is in **policy 201a, State Convention forms, materials and reports, policy 212, The Pride of Pennsylvania and policy 409, the State Merchandise store. Then there is policy 303, Lioness Coordinator and 303a**, which is the application for Multiple District 14 Lioness of the Year award and as there are no longer needed we recommend that they be removed.

**Motion made by DG Harry Kornprobst (14-J), second by DG Maria Loudermilk (14-N), for approval of changes regarding Lioness Lions. Motion carried unanimously.**

*Reported by CB&L Chair PCC Karen Brady*



## PA Lions Hearing Lion Paula Hoffman

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# MD-14 State Council Meeting 2023 Updates

## 2024 State Convention Leadership - Membership - Service Teams

- ◆ Saturday luncheon keynote speaker to be Elva Hurst. She is a chalk talk artist from Lancaster County who will create a picture with chalk as she presents a Lions focused program "Together We Serve"
- ◆ Working to get the eighteenth current Governor of Pennsylvania, Josh Shapiro, to be our keynote speaker for the Friday luncheon and present remarks on the importance of service in Pennsylvania communities.
- ◆ Red Lion Inn, Harrisburg 2024
- ◆ Seminars  
Beacon Lodge  
Mission 1.5  
Leader Dog  
"Meet the Penbrook Leo Club"
- ◆ Guided tours of Vision Resources of Central PA and the Hershey Trolley Company
- ◆ Jared Box Service Project
- ◆ Monte Carlo Hospitality Night
- ◆ Convention Packets in February 2024

### LOPF PDG Ed Tustin

- ◆ 32nd Annual Banquet: 72 in Attendance
- ◆ Disaster Relief Account: \$1454.00
- 5 Grant requests approved.
  - 14-D and the Baron Stiegel Lions Club: \$14,500.00.
  - 14-M and the Fayette City/ Washington Township Lions Club: \$21,200.00.
  - 14-N and the Little Beaver Lions Club: \$11,600.00
  - \*14-P: 3 Vision Screeners: \$9,000
  - 14-T and the West Hanover Lions Club: \$5,300.00.
- Cap of \$3,000.00 to a District and not a club.
- Total distribution: \$61,000.00; balance of \$138,000.00 until June 30, 2024

### Leadership: PDG Kerry McKnight

- +8 of 17 Districts have a full slate of Governors
- +7 with NO 2VDG
- +2 with NO 1VDG +Topics Taught: Beacon Lodge; LOPF; PA Hearing: PA Lions Sight; Mock Council Meeting
- +Preparing for VDG Retreat
- +Preparing for RLLI

### Global Membership Approach & Global Extension Team: PDG Jeff Loudermilk

- +Encourage participation in ZOOM Meetings
- +Take advantage of learning about Lions continually

### Membership: PDG Cheryl Wilbur

- +Goals set by LCI: 19 New Clubs, over 2000 new members
- +July 1, 2023 = 15,859 to November 1, 2023 = 15,896
- +Top 3 Districts: A, G, and T +Theme "Changing the World" - Change was collected in Membership Seminar, totaling \$77.00, which will go towards Bompas House - terminally ill (palliative care) can spend final days of their lives

### Service: PDG Bob Roebuck

- +Reminder for clubs to report service projects

### LCIF Coordinator PDG Evan Punchard

- ⇒ Goal to date 16%
- ⇒ District 14-K: 54%
- ⇒ January 8-13, 2024 is LCIF Week
- ⇒ Create an activity for Melvin Jones on January 15, 2024 to increase contributions
- ⇒ LCIF Telethon 4.0 is June 2, 2024
- ⇒ Model Club Plaques:
  - 14-A: Pottstown-Stowe; Springfield Township
  - 14-B: Northern Allegheny
  - 14-C: New Freedom; Arendtsville; East Prospect
  - 14-D: Myerstown
  - 14-E: Rostraver Township
  - 14-G: Harris Township
  - 14-H: Scranton
  - 14-M: Boswell; Waynesburg
  - 14-P: Avon Grove; Blandon; Coatesville Area
- ⇒ From PIP Alexander Chairperson's Medal: PDG Dick Sware and IPDG Carl Spellman

### Brian McCarl Eye Research

Election of Officers:  
Chairperson Lion Ken Savitski, 14-H  
Treasurer: PID Bob Miller, 14-U  
Secretary: PDG Geoff Temple, 14-B  
Assist. Secretary: PDG Ron Peters, 14-D

Annual Eye Research Seminar, hosted by PSU College of Medicine with 42 in attendance and 7 PA researches providing 20-minute lectures on their research projects.

Donations received:  
\$8,965.25, 14-N (largest donation from Little Beaver Lions Club—\$3176.50; and Rochester-Beaver Lions Club - \$1,733.77

A representative from Central PA Region remains unfilled. Interested in serving in this capacity contact Dr. Ken Savitski.



"Apparently, it's organic."



# "Lions Changing the World"

## Competition Saving Change

Club members are encouraged to donate their change at every club meeting until April 1, 2024. Total the change, send a check for the total amount, and the WINNING CLUB will be announced at the celebration!!!!



Convention Chairperson: PDG Cheryl Wilbur  
Banquet Chairperson: Lion Amy Alexander  
Convention Secretary: Lion Corinna Anskis



## Committee Chairs

- ★ Guest Speaker: PDG Kathy Douty
- Meet and Greet: Lion Nancy Secules
- Registration and Certification: Zone Chair David Stahl
- Welcome Committee: Lion Kathy Lehman
- District Project: Elaine Steward
- New Members & First-Timers: Lion Corinna Anskis
- Basket Raffle: Lion James Houseknecht
- Display and Brag Boards: Lions Carol & Nelson Harris
- 50/50 Raffle: PDG Gary Strauch & Lion Alice Strauch
- State Store Merchandise: Lion Barb Kozlowski
- Necrology: 2VDG Leona Houseknecht
- Tail Twister: Lion Carl Lingle
- Seminars: PDG Cheryl Wilbur
- Business Meeting: PDG Jim Wilbur
- Luncheon Banquet: Lion Amy Alexander
- Entertainment Celebration: PDG Cheryl Wilbur

## Guest Speaker



**Guy Hollander**  
Lions of Kentucky  
Multiple District 43  
Endorsed Candidate  
for  
International Director



### Meet & Greet

All Committee Members have the opportunity to meet, greet, and eat with the guest speaker and their spouse! Held at the Valley Inn, cost \$30 per person: Choice of Chicken Rollatini, Whiskey Rib Eye Steak, or Fresh Broiled Haddock (more information sent in January 2024)

### Registration & Certification

All eligible Lions are requested to have club secretary sign a registration form prior to the convention OR Lions will not be able to vote District Officers at the Business Meeting.

### Refreshments & Welcome

Refreshments will be close to the registration table and Welcome Bags will be dispersed by Lions Kathy Lehman and Joanne Knepp.

### District Project

"Jared Boxes" Providing happy boxes to give to children ages 0-18 who are in the hospital. This is a **FUN** Project for our Lions and Leos!

### New Members & First Timers

Scavenger Hunt for all members! Pick up cards with items that have been hidden in and around the Holiday Inn! Prizes awarded at Convention Celebration!!

### Basket Raffles

District Clubs are encouraged to send \$50 or bring a Raffle Basket to help support the District Convention financially. More details to follow in January.

### Cash Raffle & 50/50 Raffle

More details to follow in January. Cash Raffle information will be mailed to secretaries. 50/50 will be conducted at Convention.

### Seminars for all Learners Auditory, Visual, & Kinetic

"Just-a-Humming!" Hummingbird Presenter  
"What's My Role?" Officer Information  
Tricky Trouble! Handling Club Conflicts  
Bark! Beacon's Here! Leader Dog Puppy Here  
14-G Goes Hollywood: 14-G developing "you tube" videos!

### PA Lions State Store

PA Lion items will be available: Lion shirts, scarves, dress shirts, ties, vests, and miscellaneous items. Credit cards accepted.

### Tail Twister

Purchase "Tail Twister: Insurance

**MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to Our World of Caring Individuals!!**

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# District 14-G's Added



**New  
Lions**

**2023-2024 Clubs Adding New Lions**

**July 2023-September 2023**

- \*Benton: 1
- \*Coudersport & Area: 1
- \*Eagles Mere Laporte: 2
- \*Ferguson Township: 1
- \*Harris Township: 9
- \*Jersey Shore: 2
- \*Lock Haven: 1
- \*Mansfield: 1
- \*Milton: 1
- \*Montgomery: 3
- \*Montoursville: 1
- \*Muncy Area: 1
- \*Northern Tioga: 12
- \*Picture Rocks: 1
- \*Snow Shoe: 2
- \*South Creek: 5
- \*South Williamsport: 3
- \*Towanda: 1
- \*Troy: 1
- \*Turbotville & Area: 2
- \*Watsontown Centennial LL: 3
- \*Wells-Jackson: 1
- \*Williamsport: 2
- \*Wyalusing: 2

**We NEED Each Club to**

**ADD "ONE"  
New Member**



- Bellefonte
- Big Pond
- Canton
- Catawissa Valley
- Centre Hall
- Dushore
- Howard Area
- Jersey Shore Lioness
- Kulpmont Centennial
- Lewisburg
- Loyalsock Township
- Lycoming Creek
- Milesburg
- Mill Hall Area
- Millheim
- Mt. Carmel
- Patton Township
- Pleasant Gap & Area
- Pleasant Gap Area Lioness
- Rauchtown-Nippenose Valley
- Sayre Athens
- Sayre Athens Lioness
- Shamokin Area
- Sugar Valley
- Sylvania
- Warrensville Area
- Watsontown
- Wellsboro
- Williamsport-Newberry
- Williamsport Sight Services

**Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club**

Lion Kathryn W McCorkle, *Sponsor Lion David McCorkle*

**Harris Township Lions Club**

Lion Janice Abelock-Donohue, *Sponsor Lion William Donahue*; Lion Dave Gonzales; *Sponsor Lion Doreen Diehl*; Lion Walter L Knerr; *Sponsor Lion Helen Knerr*; Lion Andrea Joy Murrell, *Sponsor Lion Harvey Manbeck*; Lion Chris Murrell, *Sponsor Lion Harvey Manbeck*; Lion Hannah Wiseman, *Sponsor Lion Harvey Manbeck*; Lion Elizabeth L Ritter, *Sponsor Lion Doreen Diehl*

**Jersey Shore Lions Club**

Lion Michael Dizzine, *Sponsor Lion Cam Kephart*

**Lock Haven**

Lion Duwayne Kunes, *Sponsor Lion Donald Houser*

**Montgomery Lions Club**

Lion Linda Kneedler, *Sponsor Lions Richard Kneedler*; Lion David E. Stine, Jr., *Sponsor Lion Richard Secules*; Lion Pamela A Stine, *Sponsor Lion Richard Secules*

**Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club**

Club Branch:  
Lion Susan Garison *Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht*; Lion Dawn Hitchings, *Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht*; Lion Lori Stewart, *Sponsor Lion AmyJo Vandernick*

**South Creek Lions Club**

Lion Kevin Sullivan, *Sponsor Lion David Rockwell*

**Towanda Lions Club**

Lion Wallace D. Cady, *Sponsor Lion Larry Kacyon*

**Troy Lions Club**

Lion Tanya Seymour, *Sponsor Lion Veronica Seymour*

**Williamsport Lions Club**

Lion Terry Gamble, *Sponsor Lion Mary Kay Gamble*; Lion Christi Liebig, *Sponsor Travis Liebig*

## GMT Chair PDG Jim Doutry

Well here we are in December and hopefully all the clubs have come up with a plan to increase club membership. All the clubs that don't have a plan - then plan to fail. I am here to help and will come to your club with making a plan to increase membership. The best way to increase membership is to ask for their help on a project. If they say NO remember you are the one that is spelling it that way, because they might be saying they don't KNOW enough about what Lions do. Below is a sample of a plan.

- Members supply a name to the Club President - stating the reason

- Form a 3-person Membership Team: 1 as Membership Chair; 2nd Check on local needs; 3rd Check local police or fire company needs
- Team reports of what they found, and club makes decision on plan
- Make contact on potential member and discover their interests

# Planning Guides to Serve Our Causes

WHAT??? You have no idea where to begin planning a new project!!  
 Click on the link below each Global Cause and discover a "Road Map" to assist with no more excuses of you don't know where to look or how to begin! Challenge: Try a New Project and send the results back to the newsletter for all Lions to read about!

GST Coordinator: 1VDG Steve Myers



Young Tree Care

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Survivor Network

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Diabetes Awareness

Type II Risks

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Vision Screening for Children

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And what's YOUR idea for:  
 Disaster Relief?  
 Humanitarian Support?  
 Youth?

Can your club create an event to support the new causes?

Monetary donations to LCIF by every Lion, even if \$10 per month would add up quickly!



Children's Nutritional Breakfast

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# LEADERSHIP: Training, Rebuilding, Recruiting

## Training

ALL LIONS



Vice District Governor Retreat Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg-Hershey Harrisburg, PA	Jan. 5-7, 2024	Required by MD-14 Lions for VDG's
Spring Symposium PA Lions State Headquarters Harrisburg, PA	Feb. 10, 2024	All Lions encouraged to attend, cost of lunch only - \$10.00
Regional Lions Leadership Institute Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg-Hershey Harrisburg, PA	Mar. 8-10, 2024	DG approval - cost \$175 per person (District 14-G paid)

## Rebuilding

### Need to Succeed Clubs

- ✓ [New Member Satisfaction Survey](#) provides feedback from new members with perhaps 6 to 12 months as a Lion.
- ✓ [Lions Year End Opinion](#) is a short survey that could be handed out and returned at the same meeting.
- ✓ ["How Are Your Ratings" questionnaire](#) offers insight into the state of a club, showing its strengths and weaknesses.
- ✓ [Three-Person Membership Committee](#) strengthens a club's membership growth, retention and leadership activities by having a unified team oversee these critical functions. It also spreads the workload from one member to three members, allowing each member to focus on one task.
- ✓ [Lions Community Needs Assessment](#) provides feedback from community leaders as to what they see as an important need in the community

## Recruiting



## Online

- \* **Make the Title Work for You** - Title with a hook to bring potential members in for a closer look
- \* **Keep it Brief** - Use as few words as possible: information to show they would make a difference
- \* **Easy to Understand** - Use words they can relate to: keep sentences short
- \* **Impact Audience** - Focus on what the organization does with clarity
- \* **Visually Appealing** - Be creative and make the graphic stand out
- \* **Provide Direction and Support** - Volunteers need to know they will have direction and support from you. Include words such as training, guidance, helping, etc.
- \* **Make it Visually Appealing** - Pictures says a thousand words. Include graphics demonstrating a warm and welcoming atmosphere
- \* **Remember to Edit** - Spellings and grammatical errors receive significantly fewer responses. Have someone else proofread your posting.

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Taken from Google search VolunteerMatch



"Do you have any ice water? Hot chocolate goes right through me."

14-G GLT: MD-14 GMT:  
PDG Cheryl Wilbur

# Record What You Do and Let Secretary Know for Reporting



Member	Activity & Hrs.	Activity & Hrs.	Activity & Hrs.	Activity & Hrs.	Activity & Hrs.	Activity & Hrs.	Activity & Hrs.	Activity & Hrs.	Activity & Hrs.	Activity & Hrs.	Activity & Hrs.	Activity & Hrs.	Activity & Hrs.
Smiley Benjamin	Collecting Used Eye Glasses, 2 hrs.	Recycling at Home, 4 hrs.	Assisted individual to appointment, 4 hrs.	Hanging posters for Golf Tournament, 6 hrs.	Spoke on Diabetes, 8 hrs.								

# Helping Others NEVER Ends!!

## How We Serve . . .

### Sylvania Lions Donations

Wills Eye Hospital	\$800
Helping Hands	\$300
Diabetes Awareness	\$250
Big Brother/Big Sister	\$400
Rape/Abuse Crisis	\$200
PA Lions Foundation	\$500
LCIF Disaster	\$700
Scott Cole/Lyle Wisel Tournament	\$100
Oscoluwa Engine and Hose Co.	\$700
Art Girio Scholarship Fund	\$500
NEPA Lions Service Foundation	\$300
Endless Mtns. Mission Center	\$550
CHOP: Child Hunger Program	\$400
Children Can't Fight Cancer Alone	\$500
Bradford County Youth Field Day	\$400
Bradford County Dental Health	\$300
Troy Area Food Bank	\$700
Troy Area School Foundation	\$250
Leader Dog	\$700
Natural Disaster/Huamitarian Aid	\$2500
Hearing Research	\$800
Allen F. Pierce Library	\$350
Rainbow Riders	\$349

Sylvania Lions met at the Iron Skillet for a meal, followed by a meeting. The club members discussed providing funds to a family house fire with the amount of \$1200. Members participated in a Coat Drive; collected 52.7 pounds of aluminum tabs at the Old Shoe Football Game in what is called the Annual Tab War when playing football of Troy vs. Canton. This year the total tabs collected was 1200 tabs!! Troy won with 1100+ pounds. The money from the tabs goes to Ronald McDonald House for children battling cancer.

At the Halloween Parade in Troy, the Sylvania Lions served FREE cider and donuts to over 200 individuals. Lions served 75 individuals for breakfast at the Sylvania Community Hall. Some members sorted, bundled, and took recyclable items to Recycling Center every Monday. Members go through the cans and pull the tabs off to collect for the annual Tabs War!

For newborn infants, one Lion knitted baby hats to comfort newborn infants. One member volunteers at the Pregnancy Care Center in Canton to support the life of the unborn, helping young parents with baby needs. One hundred teddy bears were made to comfort children in the hospital. Month of October and November packed 500 bags for children to take home for the weekend to not have to experience hunger when not in school. Another Lion volunteered time at the Heritage museum in Troy.

Officers took care of administrative duties, secretarial and treasurer business. Lion Nancy Pratt, club administrator is developing a club book and supplies have been ordered for 50 notebooks. Many thanks to Lion Nancy Pratt for reporting service, donations, and activities!

## AWESOME! Williamsport Lions Being Rejuvenated!

Williamsport Lions Club is being restored under the guidance of MD-14 GMT Cheryl Wilbur. Meetings were scheduled with club members; however, Lion Frank Pellegrino, has put in hours to assist with rebuilding and bringing back the 100 year old club.

Lion Frank and a few of the members organized and scheduled a 100th Anniversary celebration with the District Governor; 1VDG; and 2VDG. District Governor Kathy Douty presented chevrons to club members.

Installation of Officers and the induction of two new members was held at the request of Lion President Frank Pellegrino with MD-14 GMT PDG Cheryl Wilbur in November. President: Lion Frank Pellegrino; 1VP: Lion Travis Liebig; Secretary: Lion Deb Bernocco; treasurer Lion Marc Hess; asst. treasurer: Lion Pat Bernocco; Lion Tamer Richard Girio; and Tail Twister Lion James Stuchell.

The club has scheduled ringing Salvation Army bell ringing to raise funds to feed others less fortunate. Welcome back!







Centre Daily Times

## New Bleachers

The Bellefonte Lions Club held two dinners meetings in October and in November. Lions done well with the Rib Sales, selling 720 meals and making over \$6500!

Their main focus after the barbeque ribs dinner sale includes replacing the bleachers for the Little League fields to be ready for baseball season 2024.

The club has made the following donations:

- 1) Bellefonte Food Bank \$500
- 2) Children's Christmas \$500
- 3) Bellefonte Fire Police \$250
- 4) Elks Club Dinner \$250
- 5) Vet Day Luncheon \$200
- 6) Victorian Christmas \$200

Thank you, Bellefonte Lions members, for your dedication to your community, your state, and your country. Keep being creative in recruiting new members and planning your next trip as a club! Enjoy! *Thank you for reporting activities!*

## Benton Proud!

It was a great day for cleaning the community hall and the cemetery. In addition, the **Benton Lions** sponsored the local Halloween Parade, which included 18 floats, 2 high school bands, free cider and donuts for the parade goers. Created a 50/50 Raffle for proceeds to go to the Local Police Department.

Several members reported collecting food for the local food bank; worked with the Boy Scouts for a food drive; assisted Boy Scouts to serve a community breakfast; collected aluminum cans for monetary donations towards the Boy Scouts; sorted and delivered clothing to children in need; and recycled newspapers, cardboard, glass, and plastic bottles.

The club is participating in the Tree Fest and will be among 85 trees to be donated to local families in need. Thank you for your generous hearts, Benton Lions.

*Thank you, Lion Fran Smith, for reporting your club's service!*

## Floatin'

Members of the **Canton Lions** prepared a float for the Halloween Parade. Every year the **Canton Lions** donate the funds required to purchase the grand prize trophy. When they win a place in the parade, which they usually do, they donate the prized money back to the Canton Chamber of Commerce which sponsors the parade.

On October 5, 5 club members and 4 volunteers met and peeled seasoned and prepared 48 apple pies to be sold at a booth located at Landon Farm Market during the weekend of the annual Canton Pumpkin Festival. The pies were baked by volunteers and delivered to the booth on 10/7 and 10/8 where 12 members took turns selling the pies. Some members wives also donated homemade pies. The club made \$945!

The **Canton Lions Club** held their first monthly meeting of October and discussed plans for future fund raisers. The Tour Armenia Mountain Motorcycle Ride was discussed and planned and discussed assisting Lion Frank Watson and Lion Dean Vanderpool to man this event. Discussion ensued as to how to improve these activities and make them less work intensive with such few members."

*Thank you, Lion Alan "Pete" and Nancy Shinn for reporting activities!*



## Recycling at its' Finest!



Thirty volunteers help each month at the **Coudersport & Area Lions Club** recycling center.



The **Harris Township Lions Club** has begun to rejuvenate and recruit new members under the Membership chairperson, Lion Susan Edwards. She and her club members hosted an ice cream social for potential new members, which resulted in 5 newly voted in Lions.

The Marketing Committee, under the direction of Lion Frank Carbalan, created a video showing the history of Lions Clubs; various club fundraisers created by the club members; and service projects benefitting the community. Thank you for reporting your services to the community!

# Get Involved in Community - Show Our Service!



## Like an Eagle eye . . .

The **Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club** provided FREE wagon hayride transportation during the Dushore Fall Festival, Saturday, October 7th from 9 to 2! There was a route with stops, to be able to get on and off, where and when needed!

The first meeting of the month speaker was Glenn Vaughn, Sullivan County High School Boys Basketball Coach. Membership chairman Frank Comfort received a metal for sponsoring two or more members... but It's more like 10! Lion Bob Spahr receives a Chevron for 15 years of service.



Lion Tom Gargiulo presented an interesting program on Vietnam for our October 19th club meeting. And the month of November was a "NO SHAVE," with donations going towards cancer. This year \$3250 was raised!!!

*Thank you, Lion Anastacia, for submitting activities and services to MyLion. Pictures taken from Facebook.*



## Picture Rocks

The **Picture Rocks Lions Club** donated \$750 in November to the Son Light House, which is a local food bank.



The month of October and November, the club collected \$340 from collecting and recycling aluminum cans.

The **Picture Rocks Lions Club** recently donated \$1000 to the PRVFC. In the photo are Lion Bill Foresman, Club secretary left and Fire Co Chief, Allan Little.

## Include the Kids



Representatives from Geisinger Gold Medicare Advantage plans spoke to our **Centre Hall Lions Club** about every plan and what's included in each and how you can add onto any plan. There were opportunities to ask questions — and get answers — to figure out the right plan.

The 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.

The club hosted a special bingo event for children in first through sixth grade from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. This event was free of charge and included 10-12 games of bingo with prizes and snacks. Attendees arrived in costume and had a costume parade!

One club member worked at sorting donated clothing that is to be distributed to those in need. Two club members organized and served a spaghetti dinner as part of a historical tour in Penns Valley, and two club members created and delivered fresh floral arrangements for residents celebrating October & November birthdays at two local nursing homes.

Our club will be gathering to socialize with a cookie exchange, music, and festive cheer while decorating our clubhouse for the upcoming holidays.



Thank you for reporting activities, Lion Val!



## Treatin' on the Streets

Conducting bi-monthly meetings, the **Mansfield Lions Club** continues to serve their community. Some club members handed out candy on Halloween night during the community Trunk or Treat. They served approximately 500 individuals!

In celebrating Camp Victory, the club gave a donation of \$300 for their 30th Anniversary to benefit the Endowment Fund. Thanks you, Lion Deb Colegrove for providing your clubs activities!

## Lock Haven



Donating \$250 to the YMCA Backpack Program, the **Lock Haven Lions Club**, is helping to feed the children on the weekends.

Club meetings held bi-monthly. Lion Jack Schmidt participates in choral concerts during the holidays in November and December. Thank you for reporting your club activities!



# Cookin' on the Barbie!



American Legion North Carolina

Serving groups and individuals, the **Ferguson Township Lions Club** reputation for preparing and cooking delicious chicken has not gone unnoticed! Recently, the club prepared, cooked, and served 550 barbecue meals with homemade applesauce!

The Baileyville Grange asked the Ferguson Township Lions Club to prepare and cook chicken for one of their fundraising events. This opportunity has opened doors for the club with partnering or assisting with helping one another within the community for events.

The Ferguson Township Lions Club conducted a Blood Drive, serving 31 volunteers, with 4 Lion members assisting. One lion donates her time to assist an individual with making grocery lists weekly.

The following monetary donations has been provided by the club:

- \$250 Sight Loss Support Group
- \$500 PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation
- \$1000 Meals on wheels
- \$200 NCSS
- \$249 PA Lions Diabetes Research

Seven Lion members received officer training and mentoring from District 14-G Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Cheryl Wilbur. Thank you for reporting your clubs service and training activities!



Eagle examiner

Eight Lions from the **Jersey Shore Lions Club** peeled and diced 100 pounds of potatoes for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, serving 250 individuals.

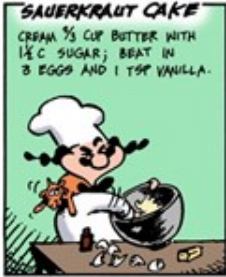
JS Lions helped at the local food pantry. Families are suffering from hunger and are needing assistance. This past month the numbers have increased to 539 meals.

Bi-monthly meetings were held in October and in November. Thanks, Lion Dan for submitting your clubs service to the community.

# Krautin' Time!

The Cartoon Kitchen

by Larry Gonick



POUR INTO 3 GREASED 8" CAKE PANS; BAKE HALF AN HR AT 325°; COOL; MAKE INTO A LAYER CAKE WITH CHOCOLATE FROSTING.



December 11, 12, and 13, the **Montgomery Lions Club** members will be packing sauerkraut. Pre-orders are taken to provide an approximate number of individuals wanting to enjoy the homemade kraut over the new year holiday!

Zone Chair David Stahl, club secretary, reports the club held their semi-monthly food bank for preparation and distribution of food to local residents in the Warrior Run and Watsonstown areas.

Thanks for reporting, Zone Chair Dave!



St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

# Soup Sales

A Corn Maze is conducted during the month of October in our communities. Our club does one weekend selling "Scratch-made" soup. This year the **Jersey Shore Lioness Lions Club** made \$1000.

In honor of Veteran's Day, the **Jersey Shore Lioness Lions Club** donated \$1,000 to the Military Share Program to assist the Jersey Shore American Legion to defray the costs of the foods distributed. The monthly cost to the Legion is usually around \$1,600. In addition, 4 members volunteered to distribute food items at the Jersey Shore American Legion, serving 175 individuals.

Lunch is served Monday through Friday, 11:00-12:30 to anyone in conjunction with the New Love Center Food Pantry. This month 250 were served by 4 Lions Club members.

Club members bought and brought items to the monthly business meeting to send to the Jersey Shore Rehabilitation and Nursing Home. Items were snack items that are used for prizes for bingo and other games for the residents.

Thanks, Lion Angie for reporting!



# Lions Meeting the Needs with Helping Neighbors

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## Patton Township



**A Patton Township** Lion heard of the need for a ramp at the front door of her home for easier access. The club voted to purchase all of the materials and construct the ramp, which was completed in one day. What would our communities do without the caring and compassionate Lions to help in situations such as this?

Club members took orders, assembled hoagies, and delivered them, making \$1200 to give back to the community. Thanks, Lion Michael Walker, for reporting your clubs dedication to supporting others!



## Pleasant Scenes

The **Pleasant Gap Lions** continue to create wooden cut-outs of Nativity sets to sell as fundraisers. This year they made 30 sets for orders. Individual Lions performed sanding and painting.

Some members assisted other service organizations with projects. Thanks, Pleasant Gap Lions, for reporting!

## Community Fun

### Rauchtown-Nippenose

**Valley Lions Club** hosts Trivia Night bi-weekly at the Nippenose Tavern making \$100. Thanks for reporting, Lion Joanne Knepp!



## Snow Shoe



Conducting "Games of Chance" rip off tickets, the **Snow Shoe Lions Club** made nearly \$6,000! Thank you for sharing your activity!



## Howard Area

**Howard Area Lions** will be ringing the bell on December 6th at the WARMART in Mill Hall, PA.

In November the **Howard Area Lions** served 105 food boxes to 215 individuals through the food Bank. The roof at the staging area of the food Bank needs to be replaced. The club voted to absorb the cost of \$1152.00 and will be scheduled soon for the repairs. Lion Dan Greendonner is retiring from overseeing the Food Wagon after 9 years, so the club will be looking for a volunteer to take this position.

Lion Lloyd Rhoades has Weis cards to sell, and the 2024 calendars.

The regular meal count has been changed to 40 minimum at Dinner Meetings. An appreciation dinner will be held for those serving hours to park cars for the week of the Grange Fair. And lion Ethel Kellerman thanked the club for providing the Memorial Service for past Lion Donna Bennett.

The use of the club's medical equipment has been used quite frequently, which is great. December 14 and December 18, the club will be distributing turkeys or turkey breasts to families in need.

Blood Drive is set for December 6, 2023, at the JK Yearick Center from 1:30 TO 6:00 pm. Where help is needed for set-up and take-down. And Toys for Tots service activity is needed; contact lion Ron Davy.

Thanks for the newsletter!

## Annual Chance Auction



### New and Like-New Items

Jewelry, Purses, Table Linens, Stuffed Animals, Household Items

### 50/50 Drawing

Purchase Sloppy Joe, Chips, Soda

Proceeds Benefit Community Projects

Sayre Athens Lioness Lions Club

# Mummers Parade



The Mummers Parade brought in \$141 from a food sale, which supports various organizations throughout the community. The **South Williamsport Lions Club** collected \$420 FOR THE BLIND DURING White Cane Days on October 13 and 14; however, members got rained out on the 14th cutting our funds short for this year.

The **South Williamsport Lions Club** collect cans from the community approximately 6 times per month while serving 3000 individuals.

The club also participates during the Christmas season for the Salvation Army to help the needy during the holidays and throughout the year. Thank you, Lion Bob Coolidge, for reporting service activities!

# Blessed

Sayre Athens

**Lioness Lions Club** members donated \$80 to send to Valley Food Pantry, Waverly, NY.



In addition, the Lions gave \$50 Aldi gift cards to 6 families to purchase Thanksgiving dinner items. Thank you, Lion Mary for reporting!

# Towanda Serves

One member of the **Towanda Lions Club** prepared for and attended the Board of Directors Meeting for Serve, Inc.



# Karaoke a HIT!

Always coming up with new ideas for a community blast, the **South Creek Lions Club** has done it again! For the first event of trying Karaoke, 46 community members came out for a night of fun!

Eight members and guests from our Lions Club were in Horseheads, NY, supporting the American Legion public line dance night with 98 dancers in attendance!

With many activities being served by the **South Creek Lions Club** members have been divided into teams to assist with organizing, cleaning, and setting up for each activity. Team "1" decorated and set place settings of a dinner. Another team member makes sure all dish towels and hot pads are washed, dried and folded after each activity.

An annual blood drive and testing was held at the South Creek Club House. In October the 29th Annual Halloween Party was organized for 186 attendees. Team 1 prepared the hall with decorations and to set the place settings for 88 individuals for a dinner the Lions provided.

Monthly Meeting of Troy Fair Board. 1 member from South Creek Lions was elected Vice President of the fair board. Thank you, Lion Dave Rockwell, for being the spearhead of this very active Lions Club focused on service and community!



# Alperon Park

Past presidents of the **Troy Lions Club** were honored with a dinner and sharing of their accomplishments with others at the Troy Vet Club.

Conducted their Annual Fundraiser Raffle, and continued their devotion to cleaning and maintaining the Alperon Park for future community events

Thanks for reporting!



# Honors

The **Warrensville Area Lions Club** honored "Student of the Month" for October and November.

Thanks you, Lion Joanne Drake, for reporting your club's activities!

# Watsonstown Centennial

The **Watsonstown Centennial Lioness Lions Club** made chocolate covered pretzels as a fundraiser.

A Craft and Vendor Show was scheduled Thanks, Lion Heather, for reporting services.



# Turbotville Heart

A member of the **Turbotville Area Lions Club** spent several days assisting a neighbor who needed surgery. Our Lion drove her neighbor to and from the hospital three times. It was a seven hour round trip each time. In addition, she took the patient for pre-op tests, and waited for her during the surgery to remove a brain tumor. Upon her discharge from the hospital, our Lion stayed with her for two days to care for her.

# Communities Being Served All the Time

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## Miles of Smiles



### Services

- Bingo in October: 13 Lions, served 2709
- Amish Family Transportation to Titan Market; Lion Sara Tressler
- Eyeglasses: 84 collected and recycled
- Serving Coffee at Sheila's Coffee: Lion Ralph Williams
- Knights of Columbus Soup Sale: Lion Terry Neidigh (76 hrs., serving 172)
- Food Donation to 54 Families
- Recycling: Paper; Plastic; Glass; and Metal

### Donations

- BEA Wrestling Team Equipment \$350
- PIAA Broadcasting Events \$400
- Camp Victory Endowment Fund \$300
- Milesburg Museum Car Show \$400
- CH & L Banquet Food \$175
- Christmas Shopping \$250
- Individual Medical Expenses
- BEA Girls Football Cancer Fundraiser

### Meetings

- 2nd District Cabinet: Lion Sara Tressler and PDG Howard Haus
- North Central Service Lions Appreciation Night
- 2 Club Meetings: October 2023 and November 2023



Milesburg Lions Wrapping Presents

Thank you, Lion Sally (Sara) from the **Milesburg Lions Club**, for the awesome reporting of your clubs services and activities!

## Wellsboro Lions

The **Wellsboro Lions Club** held their regular club meeting with food and fellowship. Plans were made for the upcoming "Dickens of a Christmas." The Lions volunteer for parking as a fundraiser.



### Donations

- Summer Camp for Special Needs: \$250
- Care Packages to Deployed Troops: \$250
- Main Street Decorations" \$100
- Eyeglass Purchase: \$200
- Small Fry Football: \$250

Donated \$500 to the financial needs of an individual in the community who is losing his sight and needs special equipment with this lifestyle adjustment.

Thank you for reporting, Lion Tom Auman!

## Love is Significant

The **Wyalusing Lions Club** held their monthly meeting at the Wyalusing Methodist Church with 23 members present. The creator of "Helping Hands" is a member of our club and spends endless hours serving our community. Other members volunteer time to help with the unpacking and distribution of food to community members in need. We served 1,343 individuals in the month of October. Six Lions worked 240 hours in October and 154 in November.

Members volunteered to collect donations for White Cane. Lions were present at the Dandy Mini Mart, Penn Mart and Connie's Market in Wyalusing, PA. A total of 14 Lions, working 37 hours, and serving over 200 individuals.

Wyalusing Lions volunteer their time for school board meetings and Youth Leadership.

Some individuals in the community are visited and assist with personal needs.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
No act of love, big or small, is ever insignificant.

Thanks for reporting your service, Lion Esther Potts!

Facebook: Helping Hands



# Next State Council Meeting . . .

# Hosted by District 14-G Lions



**February 1-February 3, 2024**



**Ramada Inn, State College, PA**



**Hospitality Night Theme:**

**"Tailgate Party" Games and**



**Chairperson: PDG Charlie Poust**

Interested in volunteering?

Call: 814-238-6695 cell; 814-280-3764 home

Email: crp44@comcast.net



# Northern Tioga & Club Branches Tioga Warriors & Allenwood Area

## Northern Tioga

Several members of the NTCLC participated in the Community Halloween party. Two members attended the 2nd State Council Meeting October and November dates in Scranton.

Sherwood Forest Evergreen sales are completed and delivered; club increased funds by approximately \$450. The final fundraiser for the club during the month of November is the Sauerkraut Sales. Two Lions went to Montgomery Lions Club to help make it and will be traveling back to Montgomery on December 11, 12, or 13th to pack and bring back to Tioga area.

Club donated 10 Wreaths Across America for Evergreen Cemetery in Tioga; club donated 10 Wreaths Across America for Powers Cemetery. Scheduled for December 16th.

## Tioga Warriors

Grants were approved in the previous Lions year for vision equipment and a washer and dryer for the R.B. Walter Elementary School.



The **Tioga Warriors Club Branch**, under the guidance of Lion Amyjo Vander-nick, Branch president, visual assessments have been taking place during the school hours.

The washer and dryer get used daily with soiled clothing; helping students with their appearance and sanitary conditions.

The Club Branch recently sold live evergreens from Sherwood Forest to increase funds to support the Teachers Closet.



## Allenwood Area

The **Allenwood Area Club Branch** just received the EIN number from the IRS; emailed on Monday, December 4, 2023. It won't be long and the club will be finalized.

The club branch has organized two successful lunches at food auctions, making over \$1,000 at each event.

Several meetings have been conducted, election of officers, and new members orientated. A Christmas gathering will include a Make-It, Bake-It, and Take-it theme.

Thanks Lion Leona and other members for being active within the community while your club continues to focus on serving others. Funds are now in place to serve the needy.

# Lions Alphabet Soup



And so the script continues making more chowder out of this gumbo! More abbreviations have been added to challenge us to add more files in our brains!

“What does the expression alphabet soup mean? A hodgepodge especially of initials (as of the names of organizations). Dating back to President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s alphabet agencies of the New Deal, it is a metaphor for an abundance of abbreviations or acronyms.”

[www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com](http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com)

According to [www.triviahappy.com](http://www.triviahappy.com), Alphabet soup is 150 years old. A pot of soup simmering on the stove suggest harmony is in the house, even if it’s only in the pot. Disparate parts are being melded into whole. Somebody cares enough to chop, simmer, stir, and wait. Everything slows, including Mom, who is home - really home.”



AA	Acting Administrator	IPIP	Immediate Past International President
ALLI	Advanced Lions Leadership Institute	IPP	Immediate Past President
AHAP	Affordable Hearing Aide Program	ISAAME	India, South Asia, Africa, Middle East
CA	Constitutional Area	IT	Information Technology
CBL	Constitution & Bylaws	KMSA	Kindness Matters Service Award
CC	Council Chairperson	LC	Lions Club
CEP	Club Excellence Program	LCI	Lions Clubs International
CGL	Certified Guiding Lion	LCIF	Lions Club International Foundation
COG	Council of Governors	LCIP	Lions Certified Instructor Program
CQI	Club Quality Initiative	LEHP	Lions Eye Health Program
CS	Cabinet Secretary	LOPAF	Lions of PA Foundation
CSFII	Campaign Sight First II	LP	Lion President
CST	Cabinet Secretary Treasurer	LPE	Lion President Elect
DA	District Administrator	MAR	Monthly Activity Report
DC	District Chairperson or Coordinator	MD	Multiple District
DCC	District Convention Chairperson	MJF	Melvin Jones Fellowship
DG	District Governor	MMR	Monthly Membership Report
DGE	District Governor Elect	MG	Marketing Grant
DS	District Secretary	My LCI	My Lions Club Information
DST	District Secretary Treasurer	NCSS	North Central Sight Services
ELLI	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	OSEAL	Orient & South East Asia Lions
FDI	Faculty Development Institute	PALSF	PA Lions Service Foundation
FVDG	First Vice District Governor	PCC	Past Council Chairperson
F&WS	Family & Women’s Specialist	PDG	Past District Governor
GAT	Global Action Team	PID	Past International Director
GET	Global Extension Team	PIP	Past International President
GLT	Global Leadership Team	PR	Public Relations
GMA	Global Membership Approach	PRC	President’s Retention Campaign
GMT	Global Membership Team	RC	Region Chairperson
GST	Global Service Team	RLLI	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
HCTB	Healthy Club Toolbox	SVDG	Second Vice District Governor
ID	International Director	VDG	Vice District Governor
IP	International President	YEP	Youth Exchange Program
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chairperson	YRG	Year Round Growth Program
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chairperson	ZC	Zone Chairperson
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor		
IPID	Immediate Past International Director		

# The Tale End

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aq4qV7v1xNI>



Dear Friends:

Another year to reminisce and reflect on life's blessings, either for others or for ourselves. Did we show more appreciation and kindness? Were we considerate and compassionate?

Surely, those that volunteer offer their time and heart for the betterment of society. As volunteers we undertake those impossibilities to make possibilities; and not just this time of year, but every day. So, let's have fun with our district Lion members!

As the District Convention Chairperson for 2024, we are encouraging all clubs to participate in this year's event which is being planned for fun and interactive seminars, scavenger hunt, and making short fun-filled videos demonstrating humor with District 14-G Lions! Remember the huge stuffed Lion driving the car? Yes, he just may be in the show! We will have a wonderful speaker talking about Hummingbirds!!! And then we will be packing those Jared Boxes for children in the hospital. Our Lions gift to put smiles on their faces as they face one of the most difficult challenges to just live!

Listening to the video on the left may bring tears to the eyes, but those memories will never be forgotten, especially the loving words from my daughter, **"LIVE!"**

If the newsletter does not make it before the holidays in December and January, may your days be filled with the joy of giving, and the heart to reach out to those who are alone.

Peace Be With You,

*Lion Cheryl*

## Lions Clubs International Code of Ethics

**TO SHOW** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

**TO SEEK** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

**TO REMEMBER** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

**WHENEVER** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position of action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

**TO HOLD** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

**ALWAYS** bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

**TO AID** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

**TO BE CAREFUL** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.



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### Lions' Prayer

**"Our Father, we thank Thee for the gifts of life and love and laughter, for soundness of body and sanity of mind; for keenness of conscience and strength of will; for the power of choice; and the privilege of service. Make us worthy of Thy bounty, and accept of our gratitude for this food, in the name of (Our Lord) Christ."**

#### Memories of Those Lost in Our Lions Year 2023-2024

Deceased Members from 7.1.23 to 6.30.24

Canton Lions Club: Lion Chris Arnold 20 yrs.

Catawissa Valley Lions Club: Lion Dale David Breech 37 yrs.

Dushore Lions Club: Lion William Bohensky, Sr. 58 yrs.

Pleasant Gap Area Lioness Lions: Lion Joann Warefield 2 yrs.

Sayre-Athens Lioness Lions Club: Lion Elizabeth Tolbert 2 yrs.

Sugar Valley Lions Club: Lion Walter C Karchner 7 yrs.

Wells-Jackson Lions Club: PDG Harland Evans 37 yrs.

Wells-Jackson Lions Club: Lion James Ameigh, 15 yrs.