



OUR DISTRICT LEADERS

2VDG Leona Houseknecht
1VDG Steve Myers
District Governor Kathy Douty

District Convention 2024

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February is Lions Clubs International **"Cancer Awareness Month."** What is your club's service project for childhood cancer? Does your club target LCI's recognitions every month? It would be an informational way to keep the public aware of the Lions Club in your area. So, what's your plan???

District 14-G's Convention is April 20, 2024, at the Holiday Inn, 100 Pine Street, Williamsport. The Committee is hoping all of the clubs are collecting loose change for our competition! The monies collected will go to Beacon Lodge! There will be a scavenger hunt, the Jared Box Project, and a speaker on Hummingbirds!

Many pages in this issue due to information on the State Convention and the District Convention. Hope to see you at these events!!



Changing the World April 20, 2024

SEMINARS

- "Just-A-Humming!"
- What's My Role?
- Tricky Trouble
- Bark! Beacon's Here!
- 14-G Goes Hollywood

Scavenger Hunt Jared Box Project
Lunch Buffet 50/50
MD-14 LIONS Store Merchandise
Basket Raffles

"Here it is February and boy have we been busy visiting clubs. Not to fear, as we will be contacting the remainder of the clubs for visitation soon. February 2 -3 is the State Council meeting in State College at the Ramada Inn on Atherton Street. Our District is in charge of the Friday night entertainment. Chairman, Charles Poust and his fabulous committee has put together a tailgating party. What could be better than playing some games, eating good food, and entertainment provided by the 1st & 2nd VDG's.

The District Cabinet meeting will be held Sunday, February 11 at the Partners in Progress 332 S. Main Street, Mansfield, PA. I can hear you say, "Whose bright idea was it to schedule it on Super Bowl Sunday." Our cabinet meetings are always the following week after the council meeting. When this was scheduled, the NFL did not contact us to see if it suited our Lions schedule. The Preliminary meeting will start at 11:00, Noon lunch and the regular meeting at 1:00. Due to several people not being able to attend, a zoom meeting will be available. You are invited to a Zoom meeting: Feb 11, 2024 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZIsdemppj4vE9PzN6kIFzdsK765NiqTqbeb>

We will be mindful of everyone's time by starting promptly at 1:00 pm and will have everyone home in time for the game. Lunch - Mansfield Lions will be serving lunch for \$10.00. Super Bowl Chili, Hot Dogs with all the fixings, salad, desserts, and beverages. Reservations for lunch must be made to DG Kathy by February 5. (kdouty-007@hotmail.com) If you have a report and cannot attend or participate in the zoom meeting, please send your report to Cabinet Secretary Lion Angie Boncal: aboncal@comcast.net

Hope to see everyone at the cabinet meeting and in the meantime stay safe and healthy. Our communities are counting on us!

DG Kathy Douty

Lions Clubs International President Dr. Patti Hill: "Changing the World"

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Dear Lions,

Every journey begins with the first step. Changing the World begins with Lions taking that bold first step together. We have the power to make the world a better place. It's an incredible responsibility, one from which everyone benefits, including us.

I encourage you to take an important step by inviting new members to join us in service. More members mean more service and more ways to serve our communities. Real change is truly possible when we all join together and work toward a better world.

So, let's give others the opportunity to change the world with us as Lions.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President



Tips for Success

- *Continue to prioritize membership growth by encouraging your clubs to invite new members and helping your team charter new clubs
- *During the check-in with the District Governor, identify areas of opportunity on which to focus for the second half of the year
- *Stay in constant contact with your district's zone chairpersons to ensure that targets are on track
- *First VDG have received *MISSION 1.5* targets and will be working on the District Strategic Plan workbook



"When Lions and Leos serve together—and work together—we create new opportunities to learn, to grow as Lions and leaders and to achieve our service goals.

By involving Leos in your service projects in new and meaningful ways, you increase the likelihood that they'll stay involved in your service by becoming Lions.

Find out how you can [increase Lion and Leo collaboration](#) in your club today."

Get Recruiting Tips from Lions Around the World

Put *MISSION 1.5* into action with these proven strategies for inviting new members. Watch Lions share valuable tips that have helped them increase their members, and that can work for you too.

Check out our new [recruitment tips video](#) and start

How to Engage Young People:

- Start a new Leo Club, encouraging all clubs to do the same
- Share success stories about Leos with fellow Lions
- Check LCI website and Leo Facebook page for grants/awards
- Meet with Leo Officers to establish joint calendars for service
- Promote the reporting of Leos in MyLCI
- Extend invitation to all Leos to attend a Lions Club meeting
- Appoint Leos to serve on the Club Lions board or a committee
- Encourage active Leos to run for office; apply to International Leo Club Advisory Panel
- Invite Leos to transition to a Lions club through Leo-Lion membership
- Celebrate Leos for their service through awards and recognition



Taken from IP Patti Hill's emails.

IP Dr. Patti Hill: "Hope you know you are Snow Special!"

Changing the World

"There's an old saying—It's the journey, not the destination."
"Changing the world is a journey. There's no middle and no end.
There is, however, a beginning."

Believe in Yourself

First: Believe Change is Possible!

Be Brave

- ◇ Don't shy away from something that may seem too difficult

Collaborate

- ◇ We do our BEST work as a TEAM
- ◇ Work with Community Leaders, other service organizations, and each other to address the biggest problems facing your communities
- ◇ Change will happen faster



Lead the Way

- ◇ Lions and Leos lead by example
- ◇ Show the world what is possible when people care about their communities
- ◇ Kindness is the goal
- ◇ Lead the way, and others will join you
- ◇ Be the Change

Invest in the Future

- ◇ Young people may be uniquely positioned to help us create change
- ◇ Better to deal with issues facing our communities when they are at the table with us
- ◇ Invite the next generation of global leaders to serve with us as Lions

Taken from Lion Magazine, August 2023

Bringing Out the Best in Others

What You Need to Know:

- ***Makes** it her mission to find the potential in others; creating an environment helping them thrive.
- ***Encourages** others to achieve their dream
- ***Licensed** Psychologist
- ***Business** partner was married to a Lion
- ***District** Lions organized a project to help fund cochlear implants for those in need
- ***Founder** of 'The Heritage School'
- ***School** principal, business, finished her Ph. D.
- ***1990** joined the Edmonton Host Lions Club
- ***LCIF** help, raised \$300,000 to build a specialized operating suite for children needing required surgery

"Change Begins One Step at a Time"

- ◇ Create a greener, cleaner environment: Protecting and improving our environment to engage with our communities
- ◇ Share your story with the world: Marketing skills help tell the world who we are
- ◇ REACH YOUR SERVICE POTENTIAL: Set service goals pushing your capacity, creating opportunities impacting members
- ◇ Empower even greater good: LCIF enables us to think big and undertake projects that can change the world

1VDG Steve Myers

“Not above you, not beneath you, but WITH you.” (Lions Toast)

Hello, fellow Lions.

This month, I’m veering away from the “usual” Lions topics, such as membership, projects, etc. Instead, I want to address an idea that is sorely lacking in much of today’s society: civility.

After reading that sentence, many of you are likely thinking, “Steve, this isn’t Sociology 101--you’re not back at Penn State--what does this have to do with Lions?”

The subject came up during lunch at a recent training event. Several of us were discussing issues concerning individual Lions Clubs. There were several common themes; the handling of disagreements within a club came up several times. As we talked, it became evident that this issue is becoming more frequent, and, sometimes, more difficult to solve. And WITH, the seed for this month’s column was sown.

Civility, paraphrased, might be translated as “How one deals with people.” Some of you might remember that my profession was in corrections, and I retired after 25 years from the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Eleven of those years were at a high security United States Penitentiary. There were numerous inmates, and staff over the years, that I would have preferred to avoid. Permanently. Yet, to perform my job, I had to interact with these folks. To ensure the security and order of the institution, I had to place my personal feelings aside, and interact in a professional manner.

We, as Lions, are not immune to the same situation. For some of us, there may be a Lion, group of Lions, or an officer who rankles us personally. These situations can become intense; members have been lost, and clubs have split or folded, as a result. The challenge, then, is to disagree without being disagreeable, or egotistical. Personality conflicts, grudges, family disputes, business competition, etc. have no place in Lions. They impede progress of the project, Club, or District as a whole. Regardless of our personal feelings, everyone is entitled to basic respect, and (hard as it may be) courtesy as a fellow human being. Our underlying goal must always be the ultimate best outcome for each Lion and Lions Club.

I will close with this thought. Quincy Jones, the famed musician and record producer, was chosen to produce USA for Africa’s mega-hit We Are the World in 1985. The singers and musicians on the record encompassed mega-stars. Many could rightly be considered “A-List Plus,” if such a thing is possible. Jones, knowing the talent involved, had a very simple means of keeping everyone on point. As they entered the studio, a simple, but appropriate, sign read: “Check your ego at the door.” What we accomplish, not who receives the credit, is important.

Civility has everything to do with being a Lion. “To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise. To build up and not destroy.” – Lions Code of Ethics

2VDG Leona Houseknecht

“Kindness Matters”

“The definition of **KINDNESS** according to Oxford Languages, *the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. What is the true meaning of kindness? It’s being selfless, caring, compassionate, and unconditionally kind. Like love, it takes practice to understand and feel it. We share love with others through kind acts such as a smile, a nice word, an unexpected deed, or a planned surprise. The three types of kindness: towards yourself, others, and the world around us.*

I recall our Immediate Past District Governor Clayton Steward repeatedly saying, ‘the greatest power revealed in practice to our enemies and amongst the least of these. Love your neighbor; show kindness to EVERYONE.’

- ♥ Call a friend you haven’t spoken to in a while
- ♥ Give a positive compliment to the cashier
- ♥ Praise a person for doing a good deed
- ♥ Surprise a stranger in need with a dollar bill
- ♥ Smile and say ‘Hi!’ to someone looking sad
- ♥ Knock on neighbors door, leave a fruit basket

Suggestions for Acts of Kindness:

Don’t forget to do a kindness act for a fellow Lion!! As our International President Dr. Patti Hill’s theme, “Changing the World,” can also begin with being kind to everyone. Your kindness light just may encourage others to join our largest organization in the world!



Our District Convention is April 20, 2024. Our Convention Committee is suggesting ALL CLUBS collect loose change at every meeting; send the check to Convention Chair Cheryl Wilbur 19538 Route 287, Lawrenceville, PA 16929; or bring the check from your club with you. ALL MONIES will go to the only PA Lions fully-operated by PA Lions to Beacon Lodge. Beacon Lodge hosts camps for the Veterans ‘Project New Hope,’ and various other groups with disabilities. District 14-G contributions will be a SUPER KIND action supporting efforts encouraging all peoples to wear a smile and be happy at Beacon Lodge while being spoiled with love.

Volunteers are needed every summer to assist the needs of the campers. Be KIND - Volunteer 5-7 days - it will CHANGE YOUR LIFE! Just ask PDG Jim Crawley and his wife, Rose; Lion George Heiges and Lion Kathy Heiges their life-changing experience of just being kind to those less fortunate. Or, are we? There’s a great need in supporting Beacon Lodge. It’s been said - if there are not more donations, the Lodge may not be in existence in 20 years.

Let’s be kinder, let’s give \$10.00 more than the previous donation; create a fund-raiser benefitting Beacon Lodge from a club or from the district.

By the way, your change collection will benefit BEACON LODGE—open your pockets and smile!”

**In Kindness,
Second VDG Leona Houseknecht**

Who Are Your Cabinet Members?

DS Angie Boncal

Good day!

I am Angie Boncal, the District 14G Cabinet Secretary. At the District 14G November Cabinet meeting, I proposed an idea to the Cabinet in order to promote awareness of Lions, what they do, and hopefully, increase membership that will push some a bit beyond their comfort zone, but to try something that has great potential to expand awareness of Lions Clubs programs through mass media and the ultimate goal, to promote membership.

The proposal is—all District 14G clubs would be able to participate in the 2024 Annual Grand Slam Parade for the Little League World Series. The parade will be in August 2024, exact dates not yet announced. In 2023, there were over 3,500 participants and a street audience of over 40,000 people. In addition, the parade is broadcast on several television stations, YouTube, and partial coverage on national television station news programs.

What better way to advertise and promote Lions and the spirit of Lionism! Ideas for entries of Lions projects could include the Disaster Trailer, NCSS truck, Lions walking, or riding on a float. I am sure some clubs have sponsored Little League teams—the list is only limited by your imagination.

There are over 1,500 Lions in District 14G. Wouldn't it be great if Lions from all 14G clubs would walk, ride, whatever, in the parade to show the world that we can be a force that makes a difference? I am sure Lions could find at least 50 or so to walk beside the float and hand out something (candy or something). Lions that are a little unsteady could perhaps have a float or hay wagon to sit on and wave or have signs or something. The more the merrier. Everything is a possibility—that's why there would be, if there is interest in this project, a group of Lions to organize the event.

Timelines for this would be to determine who is interested in the project and have a report ready for the February cabinet meeting. If the application to be in the parade was submitted by March, I feel we would have a better chance to be included rather than wait until July to submit. The fee is \$50 upon application entry.

Whether you choose to "go" with this proposal is entirely up to each club. A club could do as little as having a few members walking/riding in the parade, helping with details, or any other activities the organizing group may need.

I see it as a chance for maximum exposure to the spirit of Lionism, and what better way to display awareness of us than a parade? I figure if Lions International can have a float in the Rose Bowl Parade, why can't we have our own low budget version in the Little League parade?

Remember, if you continue to do what you have always done, you will continue to get what you have always gotten—dare to do something different!

Thank you for your consideration. There will be a sign-up at the District Convention on April 20, 2024!!!

DT Beth Cooley

Lion Secretaries, Treasurers, and Members:

- ◇ Addresses need to be up-to-date in MyLion to send billings
- ◇ Receipts are required to be reimbursed
- ◇ BASKET RAFFLE checks (\$50) for District Convention NEED to be sent to Troy Lions:
Veronica Seymour
342 Elmira Street
Troy, PA 16947

District Cabinet

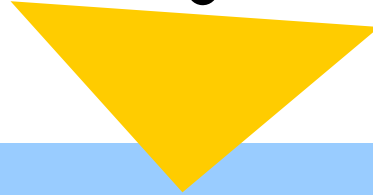
- ◇ Administrator: PDG Jim Douty
- ◇ First VDG: Steve Myers
- ◇ Second VDG: Leona Houseknecht
- ◇ Secretary: Angie Boncal
- ◇ Treasurer: Beth Cooley
- ◇ GLT: MD-14 GMT Cheryl Wilbur
- ◇ GMT: PDG Jim Douty
- ◇ GST: Steve Myers
- ◇ LCIF: Tim Wallace
- ◇ Zone Chairs
- ◇ Club Presidents



Lions Tale Editor
MD-14 GMT
PDG
Cheryl Wilbur

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

Filled with unlimited compassion and tireless support of Lions Service



*Have a
FUN LIONS
Trivia Night!
Create Teams
Raise Funds*

- ⇒ Founded in 1968
- ⇒ 1972: LCIF awards first grant of **\$5,000** for flooding in South Dakota
- ⇒ 1973: **Melvin Jones Fellowship** program created, donors of \$1000 recognized
- ⇒ 1984: **Partners with Quest International**, implement Lions Quest Youth Program
- ⇒ 1985: Awards first Major Catastrophe of **\$50,000 for earthquake relief in Mexico**
- ⇒ 1986: **Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship** program established
- ⇒ 1990: **SightFirst** program begins to prevent serious vision loss
- ⇒ 1999: **Partners with The Carter Center** combating river blindness
- ⇒ 2001: **September 11** Disaster Relief Fund raises \$3 million to help victims
- ⇒ 2004: **\$15 million to South Asian** tsunami relief
- ⇒ 2007: LCIF named **#1 nongovernmental organization in the world**
- ⇒ 2008: LCIF and **Habitat for Humanity** builds **1,000th home**
- ⇒ 2010: **Vision screening to 211,000th** Special Olympics athlete, partnering with Bauch + Lomb
- ⇒ 2011: **\$21 million for Japan relief** efforts following earthquake and tsunami
- ⇒ 2013: Partners with **GAVI Alliance** to fight measles
- ⇒ 2017: Since 1968, LCIF has **supported 13,000 grants**
- ⇒ 2018: **Campaign 100: Empowering Service**
- ⇒ 2019: Grant programs **for Hunger and Childhood Cancer**
- ⇒ 2020: Partnership to treat and improve **diagnosis for children** with cancer and blood disorders



Lions Portal is Gradually Arriving

At the TOP Logging On and Logging In

[About Us](#) [Our Impact](#) [Get Involved](#) [Member Resource Center](#)

Welcome to your New Member Resource Center.

Leaders

Resources to lead at every level

Service

Resources to take to next level

Membership

Tools to grow, engage, and inspire

Marketing & Events

Stories to help promote club, service, and learn

Training

Training opportunities with key skills, strategies

Grants & Awards

Grants to grow membership, increase service

Save Change!



The QUICK LINKS

Are still being developed. No information here as of January 21, 2024

QUICK LINKS

[MISSION 1.5](#) [LCIF grants](#) [Convention](#) [Logos & brand](#)

Trending now

Click on stories to find examples of recruiting, recognition, LCIF, register for LionCon Melbourne, Australia, Seal Beach Lions Club, updates

Plan ahead

- February 1 Marketing Applications due to LCIF (deadline)
- February 7-8 Mission 1.5 Worldwide reporting Day
- February 15 International Childhood Cancer Day
- March 1 46th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations, New York City



Annual Pennsylvania Lions Clubs



STATE CONVENTION

Hello Lions and Leos,

Greetings from Central Pennsylvania and the 2024 State Convention host District 14T. We have been meeting and planning for many months to provide you with a great convention experience. Enclosed are various items that you should review and share with your clubs, so they are aware of what has been planned for the 101st annual convention of Multiple District 14- Pennsylvania, in May.

We have created a new convention newsletter this year to provide you with the full details of the convention all in one place. And we are looking forward to Multiple District 14 welcoming Lions Clubs International President Dr. Patti Hill to Pennsylvania and her theme this year, **Changing the World**.

While we have done much of the planning, the one thing we still need is you. Please take some time to review the newsletter, registration form, room reservation instructions, request for raffle baskets, and advertising contract. The new feature this year is the ability to register and pay online through the MD14 Lions website **palions.org**.

Please note the various deadlines for convention registration, room reservations and program booklet advertisements.

Stop by and see us in February in State College at the third State Council Meeting and watch for 2024 convention information on the state website, in the Pride newsletter and your District newsletters.

Contact the State Office or me with any questions.

We Look forward to seeing you when you "Head to Harrisburg" in May!

PDG Pete R. Van Zandt,
Chairperson 2024 State Con-
vention Committee
petevz@msn.com

101st ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION



Thursday, May 16 through Sunday, May 19, 2024
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg-Hershey
4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111



HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotel has a block of rooms for the PA Lions 101st Convention. Contact the hotel to make a reservation. The discounted rate of **\$130.00/night is in effect until May 1, 2024**.

To make a room reservation call 717-939-7841 and dial "0" for the front desk.

If you would like to make a reservation online the booking code is **Pa State Council Lions Club** and the link is available on the State website.

New Online Convention Registration is Now Available!

To register for the Convention and all meals online go to the State website – **palions.org** and fill out the electronic form with your selections. Pay with a debit or credit card.

Calling All Leos to Attend the 101st State Convention!

Leos and Leo Advisors, please plan on attending the 101st State Convention.

Convention registration is **FREE** for all Leos!

We hope to see you there!

Scheduled Events

Speakers

IP Patti Hill
PA Gov. Shapiro
Elva Hurst
PDG McKnight

Seminars

MISSION 1.5
Beacon Lodge
Penbrook Leo Club
Leader Dog

Service Project

Jared Box

Tours

Hershey Trolley
Vision Resources

Hospitality

Casino Night

Raffle Baskets

\$50 value

2024 Scheduled Speakers

"Change does not happen all at once. It happens through many small choices. With every act of kindness, we change a life. With every Lions Club and Leo Club, we change a community. When we change our communities, we change the world."



IP Dr. Patti Hill, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada will be attending the 4-Day PA State Convention. She will be speaking at the Saturday Night International Banquet.

Friday

Luncheon Speaker



Governor Shapiro will address the importance of service in our communities in Pennsylvania.

Saturday

Luncheon Speaker



Ever heard of **Chalk Talk**? Attend Elva Hurst's performance of drawing in chalk while playing music or listening to a story being told. Elva grew up on a dairy farm in Pennsylvania while attending an Amish-Mennonite school. Lions and Leos, you will **NOT** want to miss this live presentation!

Sunday

Morning Speaker

The Melvin Jones Fellows and Key Member breakfast speaker will speak of his passion for serving others. PDG Kerry McKnight is the LCIF Constitutional Area Vice Leader and MD-14's Global Leadership Team

Service Project



Join in making JOY for children in the hospital by creating shoebox-sized container full of interesting and fun-loving activities to take the minds off the hospital stay to heal. The **Jared Box Project** will feed the soul and make your heart happy!

Scheduled Seminars



Beacon Lodge Camp
Leader Dog
Leo's from Penbrook Leo Club
MISSION 1.5

Activities at PA Lions Convention

Hershey Trolley



Get on Board with the Lions and Leos of PA for a tour of Hershey and learn how the creators of a huge business developed in Milford Hershey and his wife.

Raffle Baskets



Filled with goodies, filled with cash, filled with lottery tickets, and let's have a BASH!!!!

Baskets are needed to help defray the costs of the fun-activities of a Lions State Convention!

Who has more FUN than a Lion?? Lions beat the path to purchase tickets to be drawn as a winner of a basket! Approximately \$50 worth of excitement!

Vision Resources

Celebrating over 100 years of service in Central Pennsylvania to provide a ***"resource for blindness, prevention services, and to maximize opportunities for individuals who are blind and visually impaired to maintain independence."***

Tour the facility and gain more knowledge of our main global causes.



Casino Night



Get ready for a night of laughter, sharing, winning, and losing! One of the highlights of any convention—spending quality time with other Lions in a relaxed atmosphere and getting to know each other outside of the formality and routine of Lions leading the world!



Thank you, District 14-T, for making the 101st Pennsylvania Lions State Convention one to look forward to in May 2024!!!

"Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it covers." Kahill Gibran

PA State Council of Lions Clubs **101st State Convention**

Registrant: Complete SEPARATE Form for EACH Attendee

Last Name	First Name	District
LION LEO Guest (Circle ONE)	ID PIP PDG DG VDG PDG (Circle ONE)	CC PCC
Address		State Zip Code
<input type="radio"/> Home <input type="radio"/> Cell		Email
Club Name		Special Considerations: Dietary Restrictions/Allergies <input type="radio"/> Hearing <input type="radio"/> Vision <input type="radio"/> Physically Challenged <input type="radio"/>

MEAL RESERVATIONS

\$16.00 CONVENTION REGISTRATION _____

\$3.00 State Convention Pin _____

FRIDAY LUNCH BUFFET: **\$25 Per Person** \$ _____
 Mesquite Chicken, Pulled Pork, Salad, Mac ;n Cheese, Brownies, Assorted Cookies

PA COUNSELLOR/DISTRICT GOVERNORS HONORS BANQUET **\$35 Per Person** \$ _____
 Tossed Salad, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots, Carrot Cake
Select ONE: Sliced Roast Beef/Pan Gravy Broiled Herb Buttered Haddock Vegetarian Entrée

SATURDAY LUNCH BUFFET **\$25 Per Person** \$ _____
 Baked Stuffed Chicken with Champagne Sauce, Cheese Ravioli, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls,
 Dutch Apple Crumb Pie, Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie

SATURDAY INTERNATIONAL BANQUET **\$35 Per Person** \$ _____
 Caesar Salad, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Dutch Apple Crumb Pie
Select ONE: Chicken Forestier with Mushroom Sauce Sliced London Broil with Mushroom Sauce
 Vegetarian Entrée

SUNDAY MELVIN JONES FELLOW - KEY MEMBERS BREAKFST BUFFET **\$20 Per Person** \$ _____
 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Sausage Links, Home Fries with Peppers and Onions, French Toast, Assorted Cereals, Fresh Fruit,
 Assorted Pastries, Croissants, Muffins, Coffee Tea, Juice, Milk

AMOUNT DUE FOR MEAL RESERVATIONS \$ _____

EVENTS: Attend Vision Resources Tour (FREE) Attend Hershey Trolley Tour \$18.00 \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: **2024 14-T CONVENTION** **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE** \$ _____

Mail to: PDG Peggy Hummel, PO Box 248, Shermans Dale, PA 17090

Thursday May 16 thru Sunday May 19, 2024

Red Lion Hotel 4751 Lindle Road Harrisburg, PA 17111 Ph: 717-939-7841

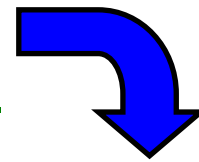
"We Have 2 Options: Step Forward In Growth, Step Back Into Safety."

Training

ALL LIONS



Spring Leadership Symposium PA Lions State Headquarters 949 E. Park Drive Harrisburg, PA	Feb. 10, 2024 9 am to 3 pm Register by calling: 717-759-0711	All Lions encouraged to attend, cost of lunch only - \$7.00
Spring Leadership Symposium Butler County Association for the Blind 322 N. Cedar Street, Butler, PA	Feb. 11, 2024 noon to 5 pm Register by calling: 717-759-0711	Snacks will be available
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)
Membership Workshop 949 E. Park Drive Harrisburg, PA	April 6, 2024	Cost \$10.00—make your own lunch with a diabetic diet plan



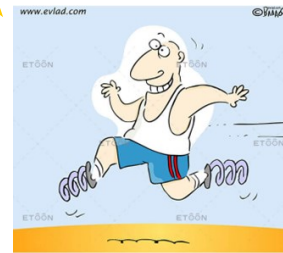
★ *SPRING in Your Steps* ★

Membership 5-STAR Workshop

April 6, 2024

- ◇ *School Districts Covered?*
- ◇ *After the 1st NO . . .*
- ◇ *How About Members Opinions (ages 30-45)*
- ◇ *Branching Out*
- ◇ *Preparing for Diabetes*

(Topics subject to Change)



9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PA State Lions Headquarters
949 E. Park Drive
Harrisburg, PA

Register by May 1, 2024 to
Cawilbur65@gmail.com
or call 607-738-6909

Thank You, Lions, For Asking!



Allenwood Area: Lion Elaine Steward, Sponsor Leona Houseknecht

Benton: Lion Tim W Gross, Sponsor Lion Charles Crusan; Lion Carson W Woodruff, Sponsor Alice Strauch; Lion Jason S Azarewicz, Sponsor Lion Betty Rafalko; Lion Shannon A Regner, Sponsor Lion Betty Rafalko

Centre Hall: Lion James Baszewski, Sponsor Jimmy Leta; Lion Jamie Baszewski, Sponsor Lion Val Leta

Coudersport & Area: Lion Daniel E Holmes; Sponsor Lion Sharon Kottwitz

Eagles Mere Laporte: Lion Hernan Brizeula, Sponsor Lion Richard Tobin; Lion Keri L Little, Sponsor Lion Wendy Hastings; Lion Kathryn W. McCorkle, Sponsor Lion David McCorkle; Lion Arnie Borish; Sponsor Lion Clarence Engel

Ferguson Township: Lion Steven L Swavely, Sponsor PDG Charles Poust

Harris Township: Lion Karen A Brogan-Rotolo, Sponsor Lion Robert Hoffman; Lion Joan M Carbalan, Sponsor Lion Frank Carbalan; Lion Timothy A Damico, Sponsor Lion Kari Reyburn; Lion Janice Abelock Donohue, Sponsor Lion William Donahue;

Lion Jeffrey A Duerr, Sponsor Lion Susan Edwards; Lion Dave Gonzales, Sponsor Lion Doreen Diehl; Lion Charles E Graham, Sponsor Robert Hoffman; Lion Ann S Hoffman, Sponsor Lion David Horner; Lion Walter Knerr, Sponsor Lion Helen Knerr; Lion

Andrea Joy Murrell, Sponsor Lion Harvey Manbeck; Lion Chris Murrell, Sponsor Lion Harvey Manbeck; Lion Elizabeth L Ritter, Sponsor Lion Doreen Diehl; Hannah J Wiseman; Sponsor Lion Harvey Manbeck

Jersey Shore: Lion Joshua Boob, Sponsorship Lion Joseph Dunleavy; Lion Michael L Dizzine, Sponsor Lion Cam Kephart

Lock Haven: Lion Duwayne Kunes, Sponsor Lion Donald Houser

Mansfield: Lion Kathryn G Barrett, Sponsor Lion Sylvia Crossen

Milesburg: Lion Kay F Beck, Sponsor Lion Mabel Swarm

Milton: Lion Joel T Harris, Sponsor Lion V Feigles-Kaar

Montgomery: Lion Linda R Kneidler, Sponsor Lion Richrd Kneidler; Lion David E Stine, Sponsor Lion Richard Secules; Lion Pamela J Stine, Sponsor Lion Richard Secules

Montoursville: Lion Kathleen A Moser; Lion PDG Robert Dunne

Muncy: Lion Jesse Confer, Sponsor Lion Ron Shuda; Lion Robert A Harmon, Sponsor Lion Jesse Confer; Lion Harry S Odell, Jr., Sponsor Lion Ron Shuda

Northern Tioga County Centennial: Lion Steve Bender, Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht; Lion Diane Deremer, Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht; Lion Patricia Doebler, Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht; Lion Susan Garison, Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht;

Lion Dawn Hitchings, Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht; Lion Krista Johnson-Kitchen, Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht; Lion Nathan Johnson-Kitchen, Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht; Lion Patsy K Page, Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht; Lion Russ Rossman, Sponsor Lion

Cheryl Wilbur; Lion Lori Stewart, Sponsor Lion Amy Jo Vandernick; Lion Lori Twigg, Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht; Lion

Marc Yonkin, Sponsor Lion Angela Yonkin

Picture Rocks: Lion Chad A Yerg, Sponsor Lion Rodney Barto

Snow Shoe: Lion Vicki Hefferan, Sponsor Lion Jerry Hefferon ; Lion Anita L McCloskey, Sponsor Lion Jane Price

South Creek: Lion Bethany R Manley, Sponsor Lion Deborah Rockwell; Lion Madeline J Morgan, Sponsor Lion Melinda Sterling; Lion Grace T Oldroyd, Sponsor Lion Melinda Sterling; Lion Joella M Paris, Sponsor Lion David Rockwell; Lion Kevin Sullivan, Sponsor Lion

David Rockwell; Lion Tony P Sterling, Sponsor Lion Abraham Root; Lion Kevin Sullivan, Sponsor Lion David Rockwell

South Williamsport: Lion Kurt S Beattie, Sponsor Lion Fred Harbaugh; Lion Charles W Kuntz, Sponsor Lion Fred Harbaugh; Lion

Patricia A Whelen, Sponsor Lion Chris Tsai

Towanda: Lion Wallace D Cady; Sponsor Lion Larry Kacyon

Troy: Lion Tanya Seymour, Sponsor Lion Veronica Seymour

Turbotville & Area: Lion Robert J Mayshock, Sponsor Lion John Hillard; Lion Susan K Mayshock, Sponsor Lion John Hillard

Watsonville Centennial: Lion Teresa Boatman, Sponsor Lion Rhonda Luongo; Lion Sandra Fowler, Sponsor Lion Debra Bieber; Lion Molly Kline, Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht; Lion Melinda Kline, Sponsor Lion Molly Kline; Lion Dorothy Dougherty, No Sponsor;

Lion Katy Poust, Sponsor Lion Dorothy Dougherty

Wells-Jackson: Lion Kim E Clarkson, Sponsor Lion Kathleen Millen

Williamsport: Lion Terry Gamble, Sponsor Lion Mary Kay Gamble; Lion Christi Liebig, Sponsor Travis Liebig

Wyalusing: Lion David Hitchcock, Sponsor Douglas Eberlin; Lion Susan Hitchcock, Sponsor Lion Amy Eberlin

"All Things Are Difficult Before They Are Easy" Thomas Fuller

14-G Global Membership Chairperson: PDG Jim Douty

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District 14-G's Added 80

We NEED Each Club to ADD "ONE"



Can we BREAK 100, Lions??



2023-2024 Clubs Adding New Lions

July 2023-February 2024

- *Allenwood Area: 2
- *Benton: 4
- *Centre Hall: 2
- *Coudersport & Area: 1
- *Eagles Mere Laporte: 4
- *Ferguson Township: 1
- *Harris Township: 13
- *Jersey Shore: 2
- *Lock Haven: 1
- *Mansfield: 1
- *Milesburg: 1
- *Milton: 1
- *Montgomery: 3
- *Montoursville: 1
- *Muncy Area: 3
- *Northern Tioga: 12
- *Picture Rocks: 1
- *Snow Shoe: 2
- *South Creek: 6
- *South Williamsport: 3
- *Towanda: 1
- *Troy: 1
- *Turbotville & Area: 2
- *Watson Centennial LL: 6
- *Wells-Jackson: 1
- *Williamsport: 2
- *Wyalusing: 2

CLUB	New	Sponsor
Allenwood Area	Elaine Steward	Leona Houseknecht
Benton	Carson Woodruff	Alice Strauch
	Shannon A Regner	Betty Rafalko
	Jason Azarewicz	Betty Rafalko
Centre Hall	James Baszewski	Jimmy Leta
	Jamie Baszewski	Val Leta
Eagles Mere Laporte	Arnie Borish	Clarence Engel
	Keri L Little	Wendy Hastings
Harris Township	Joan Carbalan	Frank Carbalan
	Timothy Damico	Kari Reyburn
Milesburg	Kay F Beck	Mable Swarm
Muncy Area	Harry Odell, Jr.	Ron Shuda
South Creek	Tony Sterling	Abraham Root
Watson Centennial Lioness	Sandra Fowler	Debra Bieber
	Melinda Kline	Molly Kline

- Bellefonte
- Big Pond
- Canton
- Catawissa Valley
- Dushore
- Howard Area
- Jersey Shore Lioness
- Kulpmont Centennial
- Lewisburg
- Loyalsock Township
- 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
- Watson Centennial
- Wellsboro
- Williamsport-Newberry

GMT PDG Jim Douty:

"Here we are in February already only 5 more months of this Lions year left for us all to reach our membership goals. I have always said the easiest way to get new members is to just ask one person to come to one of our events and it doesn't have to be a meeting how about a service activity where you are helping someone in your community or donating to one of the local fire companies. The district has 1485 members currently and if you have ever been in sales you have heard of the 10, 3, 1 rule. If you haven't been in sales here is the rule, for every 10 people you talk to 3 will be interested and out of them 1 will buy. With that in mind, and a little math, if all our members will talk to 1 person every month it will come out to 50 people joining each month, or 600 new members a year. So just remember to talk to one person and it will happen."

Yours in Lions Service, Lion Jim Douty

Club Competition

Save Your Change!



"Change Is Inevitable. Growth Is Optional." John C. Maxwell

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"Lions Changing the World"

Guest Speaker




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

- *Retired Chemist with Kentucky's Natural Resources and environmental Protection Cabinet
- *Numerous contributions recognized by Kentucky's Governor
- *Vast knowledge in computer networking keeping the laboratory running 24/7
- *Past President Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation
- *USA/Canada Forum Host Committee 2020, 2024
- *IP Leadership Medal
- *IP Certificate of Appreciation
- *Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
- *Kentucky Admiral
- *4-H Volunteer of the Year
- *Lawrenceburg Lions Club 28+ years

Guy Hollander
Lions of Kentucky
 Multiple District 43

Endorsed Candidate
 for
International Director



Lion Guy is married to Carol Hollander, who is a retired chemist, Lion, and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. They have two children, Kyle and Allyssa, who are also Lions.

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)

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



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.

A newly chartered club (such as the Allenwood Area Lions Club) will be entitled to one delegate and one alternate until it has been chartered for one year and one day." Legal Resources, Club Delegate Form, LCI.



"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 to Beth Cooley, 527 S. Washington St., Muncy, PA 17756.

The **WINNING CLUB** will be announced at the celebration!!!! Convention Committee has a meeting January 14 and will finalize the change recipient.



Basket Raffles

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

Checks (Dist. 14-G) can be mailed to:
Beth Cooley, District Treasurer
527 S. Washington Street,
Muncy, PA 17756



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!



Seminars for all Learners Auditory, Visual, & Kinetic

- "Just-a-Humming!"** Hummingbird Presenter
Learn all you want to know about 'hummers' from an expert
- "What's My Role?"** Officer Information
15-Minute Wrap on Specific Officers
- Tricky Trouble!** Handling Club Conflicts
Guidance with lessening tension
- Bark! Beacon's Here!** Leader Dog Puppy Caregiver demonstrates being a 'guiding dog'
- 14-G Goes Hollywood** 14-G developing "You Tube" videos!
Clips on social media from Pennsylvania

Tail Twister Insurance



Our District Tail Twister, Lion Carl Lingle, suggests you may want to purchase a Daily Insurance of \$5 to rest assured you won't be "Caught" doing or saying something that would place you in a "FINE" situation!

Cash Raffle & 50/50 Raffle

Cash Raffle Tickets have been mailed to all club secretaries by PDG Jim Douty. 50/50 will be conducted at Convention by PDG Gary and Alice Strauch



PA Lions State Store

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



Scavenger Hunt

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!!



Let's Talk About It!

Volunteer Feedback



We talk about needing more members. But what about our volunteers?

Their feedback depends on the success of our services or projects our organization provides.

Below is an article by Annelise Ferry on *Volunteer Feedback: Sourcing, Analyzing, and Implementing*, dated June 16, 2023.

Article Contents

[The Importance of Volunteer Feedback](#)

Engagement Strategies; Matching Volunteers to their Passion; Recognition

[How to Gather Volunteer Feedback](#)

Promote regular volunteer surveys; Template Available

[How to Analyze and Implement Volunteer Feedback](#)

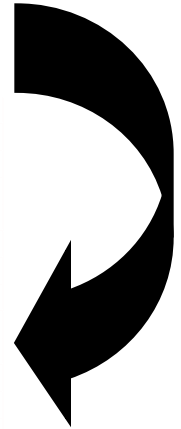
How to Implement the Feedback; Studies show over 40% of Volunteers Aren't Pleased

[Feedback Works Both Ways](#)

Outline Areas of Improvements; Give Results; Communication is a Two-Way Street

[Leveraging Volunteer Feedback for Your Organization](#)

Boost Engagement; Reduce Churn; Increase Productivity



"If You Want To Make Enemies, Try To Change Something." W. Wilson

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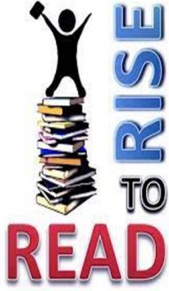
Reminder: Update Emails

Email addresses **CAN ONLY** be used for 1 Lion beginning January 1, 2024. Spouses or others using another's email address is **NOT** allowed. Please correct and update your club rosters, secretaries or club administrators by Dec. 31st.

Chart below represents District 14-G Lions reading or opening the Lions Tale Newsletter. Page 20 lists the Lions Family from other Districts in Pennsylvania. Please continue to share valuable information with your club for Lions not having email addresses.

Club	Members with or without Emails	Lions Tale December Readers	Lions Tale January Readers
Troy	74	40	40
Harris Township	35	22	36
Coudersport & Area		9	27
Eagles Mere Laporte		23	25
Turbotville & Area	59	22	25
Jersey Shore		18	21
Howard Area		15	20
JS Lioness Lions		18	20
South Williamsport		14	20
Ferguson Township		19	19
Mansfield		19	19
Bellefonte		13	18
N. Tioga County Cent		24	18
Wyalusing		16	16
Benton		18	14
Montgomery		14	14
Catawissa Valley		8	12
Centre Hall		13	12
Milesburg		11	12
Watson Lioness		8	12
Wellsboro		13	12
Picture Rocks		6	11
Wells-Jackson		14	11
Dushore		11	10
Towanda		6	10
Milton		9	10

Club	Members with or without Emails	Lions Tale September Readers	Lions Tale December Readers
Mt. Carmel		10	9
Muncy Area		10	9
Canton		6	8
Montoursville		4	8
Pleasant Gap Lioness		8	8
Sylvania		11	8
Watson Lioness		7	8
Allenwood Area			7
Lock Haven	18	11	7
Patton Township		8	7
Sayre Athens Lioness		4	7
Berwick		5	6
Warrensville Area		8	6
Williamsport		6	6
Millheim		5	5
Sugar Valley		6	5
Williamsport Sight		4	5
Mill Hall Area		5	4
Williamsport Newberry		3	4
Pleasant Gap & Area		4	3
Shamokin Area		4	3
Snow Shoe		4	3
Big Pond		4	2
Kulpmont Centennial	8	2	2
Loyalsock Township		2	2
Millville		2	2
Rauchtown-Nippenose		2	2



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Who Receives the Lions Tale Newsletter?

Lions in District 14-G

Leo Advisors in District 14-G

PID's

PCC's

PDG's

State Administrator

Council Chair

Vice Counsel Chairs

District Governors

Vice District Governors

State Committees

Global Action Team Coordinators

GMT's

GLT's

GST's

Lions Family Outside of District 14-G

Readers are on the RISE

Lions Family:

Allan Hetkowski
 Andy Piskell
 Anthony Stefanowicz
 Art Pecht
 Barbara Cassel
 Barry Marteny
 Barry Miller
 Bob Mitchell
 Brian McCarl
 Carl Spellman
 Carmen Gonzalez
 Carol Richardson
 Cassandra Johnston
 Cathy Baker
 Charles Finney
 Charles McGrew
 Charles Morton
 Chip Campbell
 Chris Raynak
 Chris Kalmanowicz
 Chris Sweeney
 Claude Fenstermaker
 Clifford Martin
 Daniel Hummel
 Darrell Miller
 Dave Amacher
 Dave Barrett
 David Hunsberger
 David Lack
 David Leon
 David McCluskey
 David Rudis
 Deb Burkholder
 Deb Craft
 Deborah Keesports
 Denise Shaffer
 Dennis Alleman
 Dennis Bell
 Dennis Butz
 Dennis Clark
 Dennis Cope
 Don Kaufman
 Donald McConnell
 Donna Vasek
 Earl Musselman
 Ed Tustin
 Edward Gursky

Elizabeth Risbon
 Elliott Hilton
 Eugene Hilton
 Evan Punchard
 Fran Stepkovitch
 Fred Folland
 Fred McKinley
 Galen Burkholder
 Galen George
 Gary Bender
 Gayle Padfield
 Gaylene Toland
 Gene Scagliotti
 Geoffrey Temple
 George Reisinger
 George Spatoulas
 Gerald Chapman
 Gerri Towson
 Glen Santee
 Gloria Schmalz
 Grace Karrer
 Herman Rush
 Hunter McVey
 James Brubaker
 James Davis
 James Freso
 James Harrington
 Jamie Cope
 Jamie DePalma
 Jason Radmann
 Jay Wells
 Jeannine McCutcheon
 Jeffrey Smith
 Joan Milligan
 Joanne Williams
 Joe Skinner
 John Frombach
 John Griffie
 John Harker
 John Rudert
 Joseph Donkin
 Julie Patress
 Kamal Gella
 Karlene Laub
 Karroll Shellhammer
 Kathleen Duelly
 Kathy Fouse
 Keith Schoff
 Keldeen Stambaugh

Kent Madere
 Kerry McKnight
 Kevin Kline
 Kirby Marchard
 Krista Callear
 Lee Eisenhard
 Leonard Smith
 Linda Lupro
 Linda Zaneski
 Lisa Griffie
 Mariann McGee
 Mark Ellsworth
 Mark Latterman
 Marsha Johnston
 Marty Zimmerman
 Mary Kathleen Rider
 Marylin Tosh
 Matthew Uroskie
 Michael Hibshman
 Nancy Hockenberry
 PID Cindy Gregg
 Richards Keller
 Richard Padfield
 Rita DiAntonio
 Robert Argot
 Robert Rafail
 Rod Kodgis
 Ronald Althoff
 Roxy Furlong
 Salli Stenzel
 Sam Snively
 Shirley Starner
 Steve Shipman
 Steven Grothey
 Terri Kodgis
 Terry Stamm
 Theresa Craley
 Thomas Deal
 Thomas Kobusky
 Tom Gregg
 Tom Jones
 Tom Vasek
 Willard Stratz
 William Beaty
 William Harkness
 William Morgan
 William Tarby
 William Tuttle



Mailchimp has recorded 989 readers from the December Lions Tale Newsletter!!

With this result, researching and locating topics of interest to all Lions is encouraging to know there are interests in learning more every month about Lions. As the editor, I also, learn more with the research.

Many of the topics come from Lions searching for answers after the search engine creates difficulty in finding the answers. When you have questions, just send me the issues or subjects. Surely there are other Lions looking for the something similar to your question.

This newsletter serves as a resource to make good decisions in your walk with Lionism.

May we all continue to grow in knowledge discovering ways and means with supporting Lions International.

"They Who Sing Through the Summer Must Dance in the Winter."

Bellefonte Bound For...

Punta Cana!! Bellefonte Lions will be hosting the Bi-Annual fund raiser trip. There will be a kickoff party on Wednesday, April 26th, at 6:30 PM at the Undines Fire Dept. Carnival Grounds, in the Lambert Hall building on Blanchard Street, Bellefonte, PA. This is an all-inclusive trip, including airfare. Prices start at \$1,679.00 per person. The first 125 people to sign up will be flying directly from Pittsburgh to Punta Cana. Please join us at the kickoff party to learn more and have your questions answered.



Donations from Benton Lions Club:

- ◆ \$250 District Disaster Fund
- ◆ \$200 Hearing Research Foundation
- ◆ \$50 Clothing for those in need
- ◆ \$250 Art Gario Scholarship Fund

Activities and Services:

- ◇ Held second drawing for 225 Fundraiser
- ◇ Voted in New Member & Inducted
- ◇ Collecting plastic for TREX: 212 lbs. for Jan.
- ◇ Recycling newspapers, cardboard, glass, and plastic bottles
- ◇ Sorted clothing for needy individuals



Donated \$500 in gifts and wrapping paper to a local family in need through "A Christmas Wish."

Bellefonte Lions paid \$125 for one pair of eyeglasses to an individual. The club donated \$1,300 to the Bellefonte Little League to help with relacing the bleacher seats.

During the Board meeting, members worked on final details for the upcoming fundraising trip to the Dominican Republic. The Board discussed helping with the concession stand roof needing a replacement. Motions will be made at the next regular meeting regarding a donation of \$300 to the Juniata Valley Boy Scouts of America, and \$500 to Out of the Cold.

Many thanks for ALL your club does for the community and reporting your services, Secretary Lion Jerrold May!

Canton Proud

The Christmas Auction held in December was so successful the **Canton Lions Club** members voted to donate \$1,000 to each of these organizations:



- \$\$\$ **Canton Food Pantry**
- \$\$\$ **Green Free Library**
- \$\$\$ **Rialto Theater**
- \$\$\$ **Canton Chamber Commerce**



How is the auction done? Every Lion brings a wrapped gift to be auctioned off, and no one knows what is inside! After each purchase, the Lion opens the gift to show the prize!

At the clubs January 17th meeting, Canton Lion Clubs members enjoyed a presentation by local resident, author, and timber rattlesnake expert Curt Brennan. Curt is now retired from the DCNR and has had many years of studying and tracking timber rattlers in their natural habitat.

Thank you, Canton Lions, for supporting your community, and reporting your services!

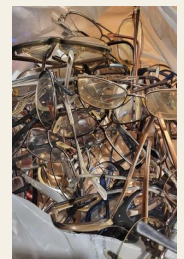
Allenwood Area Lions Club



Members of the **Allenwood Area Lions Club** donated items in an activity called, 'Reverse Advent Calendar.' Every day in the month of December, Lions donated a food item. After the thirty-one days, items were

placed in boxes to be donated to "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." A total of 21 boxes was collected!

In addition, the **Allenwood Area Lions** have collected nearly one hundred used eyeglasses!



Thank you for reporting, Lion Angela Yonkin!

Your Blood Could Have the Antibodies Patients Need



The Pleasant Gap Area Lioness Lions helped with Red Cross Blood

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Wyalusing Lions



Three scholarships were awarded at a recent **Wyalusing Lions Club** dinner on January 2, 2024. L to R: Alex Hunsinger, Emilee Otis, and London Edwards. Presented by club president Jim Smith.

An ambitious Wyalusing Lion puts in over 100 hours a week with helping to keep stock in a pantry filled with loving hands. Many of the Lions assist during the week. THANKS, Wyalusing Lions for reaching out to your community! Appreciate your club reporting the activities! Congratulations to the recipients!

Growing in Membership



“The **Harris Township Lions Club** has had a busy couple of months— from helping to park cars at the Centre Furnace Historical Society with stocking stuffer event to decorating downtown Boalsburg for the holidays to recruiting new members! It has been

an exciting couple of months for the club. We had a wonderful holiday dinner and social in December. In January, we topped things off with a unique and beautiful induction of our new members, which was an informative presentation about the past, present, and future of the **Harris Township Lions Club**.

Thanks to Lion Harvey Manbeck for enlightening us. A special thank you to PID Larry Edwards who inducted the new members with a meaningful ceremony stressing the importance of relying on each other to help the club grow. As always, President Bob Hoffman thanked everyone who helped to make the evening a total success.

WELCOME to all of our new members: Lions Timothy Damico; Joan Carbalan; Charles Bud Graham; Russell Rossman, Jr.; Walter Kerr; Andrea Murrell; Chris Murrell; Jan Ablove Dunahue; Ann Hoffman; Hannah J. Wiseman; Karen Brogan-Rotolo; Jeffrey A. Derr; Elizabeth L. Ritter; and David F. Gonzales!”

Sponsors: be ready to have fun while guiding your new support system for the betterment of society!

South Creek Lions Club



After 25 years, the **South Creek Lions Club** held a Square Dance at their Clubhouse! What excitement in the air in the surrounding communities!

The club members also purchased and prepared food items for the Trivia Night, which continues to grow in attendance.

District Governor Kathy Douty and her PIS DG Jim Douty were invited guests at one of the club meetings in January. DG Kathy Douty inducted 6 new members into the South Creek Lions Club.

Thank you, Lion David Rockwell, for reporting your club activities!



WOW! Can you imagine assembling 364 Hoagies?? Well, the **Patton Township Lions Club** has been doing this for years and the orders continue to climb! This is a fun event which generated a grand total of

\$1,400.00 to provide funds to give back to the community!

Thank you for reporting your activities, Patton Lions!



"Nobody is too old to play in the snow."

Centre of Attention



From the "old" to the "NEW"
A Grant from PA Lions
Foundation



Centre Hall Lions Club received a grant from the Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation for \$10,000 to update the kitchen in the Lions Club-house.

Board member PDG Jim Douty, presented the check to the president of the **Centre Hall Lions**

Club, Lion James Leta.

Members conduct Bingo every Wednesday evening as a fundraiser. All monies raised supports the club's service projects and activities in and around Centre Hall, PA. In addition, two club members create and deliver fresh flower arrangements to a local nursing home for residents celebrating birthdays.



Thank you, Lion Val Leta, for reporting your service activities!



Coudersport Area

Eyeglasses for an individual were paid by the **Coudersport Area Lions Club** with a cooperating physician.

The Lions continue to man a recycling center once a week. Three members assist in handing out food each week to 300 individuals at the Community Food Bank.

Thanks, Lion Steve Erway, for reporting your clubs services every month!

EML Host Commissioner



Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club held their monthly dinner meeting at the Laporte Cafe and Trading Post. Scott Myers, Sullivan County Commissioner, was the guest speaker for the evening.

The club members voted to donate \$1000 to the Sullivan County High School for the Coaches vs Cancer Program, which was held in January 2024.

Thanks, Lion Anastasia, for keeping us informed of your clubs services and activities!



In the North

Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club donated \$200 for a local fundraiser benefitting Ryan Bates.

Lions are busy supporting those in need with personal care and guidance. Two Lions continue to volunteer at the Tioga American Legion preparing food to sell while the Pool League continues to conduct competitions.

Collecting donations for the annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt scheduled in late April, and posting continual updates on the Facebook page by Lion Colleen Kriner.

Tioga Branch: Grant

Tioga Warriors Club Branch received a grant from the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation to support in-school and school activities with purchasing AED's. The Northern Tioga School District supplied the matching funds to purchase 8 to be placed around the school district. Thank you, NTSD and Tioga Branch Lions!



Ferguson Township

Dinner meeting was held for the **Ferguson Township Lions Club** with fourteen members attending.

Activities reported two members assisted a blind individual with grocery list.

Club members continued making plans for the Friday Night hospitality on February 2, 2024, at the Ramada Inn, State College, as the District 14-G hosting the third PA State Council of Lions. Meeting. PDG Charlie Poust and DG Kathy Douty coordinated the event with the theme of a "Tailgating Party."





Serving 200

Some members of the **Turbotville & Area Lions Club** helped with serving 200 at a "Soup Sale."

An average of 85 families, approximately 400 individuals, receive foods from the Neighbors Helping Neighbors every month. Several Lions from the **Turbotville & Area Lions Club** help every month.

Thank you, Lion Eileen Povish, for reporting!

The **South Williamsport Lions Club** fills approximately 156 backpacks with food for the weekend for needy school-aged children in the community.

The collection of aluminum cans taken to recycling assists with increasing community funds to be given back to the community.

Thanks for reporting and for all the efforts your club members do to help others!



WEEKEND BACKPACKS

Hunger doesn't take the weekend off

Rockin' It!

The **Picture Rocks Lions Club** continued to collect aluminum cans and when the weather warms up members will take them to the recycling center for collection of monies.

Celebrating another successful sauerkraut sale--the club's primary fund raiser! We hosted the Dist. 14-G Governor for her visit to our club, reports Lion Bill Foresman.

Watsonstown Lioness

Lion Heather Truckenmiller of the **Watsonstown Centennial Lioness Lions**, reported the club held a regular meeting with a guest speaker. Members voted to donate \$200 to Child Life, which is a semi-annual donation.

The club also donated \$250 towards the purchase of wreaths through Wreaths Across America.

Montgomery Plans

Two guests attending the **Montgomery Lions Club** first meeting of 2024, spoke about restoring their home and all that it entailed.

One member attended our monthly district convention meeting in preparation for our convention coming up in April.

At the Board of Directors meeting two new member applications were submitted and approved. The club is planning their charter night event on February 24, 2024.

Our upcoming events scheduled:

March 30:	Easter Egg Hunt
May 11:	Chicken BBQ

Our second meeting in January had Lion George Heiges speaking on Beacon Lodge.

Thanks, Lion David Stahl, for reporting your club's activities!

Shore Lioness

"Monthly, the **Jersey Shore Lioness Lions**, assist with food distributions to veterans via Jersey Shore American Legion.

District 14G owns a LARGE American flag (takes at least 24 people to carry in a parade) and is available to any club in the district to use in parades and other activities. Our club participates in an annual veteran's appreciation night at a high school varsity basketball game at Jersey Shore High School. Our club members, with the help of both basketball teams, unfurl the flag as we enter the gym and follow the honor guard. The flag fully unfurled is at least half the length of a gymnasium. The ceremonies include presentation of arms, the Star-Spangled Banner, and a brief program (about 2 minutes) honoring veteran. We then exit and with the help of the honor guard, correctly fold the flag so that it is ready for the next activity.

JS Lioness Lions, JS Lions, and many other people volunteer each month to collate and distribute food to underserved families. Although the reported number of people served is 260, that means that many families, --so the total served will be many more."

Reported in MyLion by secretary, Lion Angie Boncal

Pinewood Derby

The **Harris Township Lions Club** hosted the Pinewood Derby on January 20th, for 28 girls and boys ages 5-11. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for competed and runoff race. Additional prizes given: Top Rookie; Best Car Name; Best Paint Job; and Most Creative Care judged by a committee. The Scouts voted on what they thought was the Coolest Car.

Members of Troop 380, parents, volunteers, and spectators attend this special event for Scouts talent and determination in creativity and sportsmanship!

"Some people are worth melting for."

Honoring Deceased

Lock Haven Lions Club



Lock Haven Lions Club made a donation of \$250 to Lock Haven University Gray Eagles in memory of former club President and Zone Chairman Jack Fisher who had recently passed away after relocating to Lewes, Delaware, in retirement. Lion Jack was a former head coach of the Lock Haven University football team and was the Head Coach of the team when LHU won its last championship in 1979. Many of Lion Jack Fisher's former players make up the LHU Gray Eagles, which is a booster organization for LHU football team.

The **Lock Haven Lions Club** held its monthly meeting with 13 lions attending and 11 guests. District Governor Kathy Douty and Past District Governor Jim Douty were present. DG Kathy Douty presented Chevron pins to:



Dave Dale (20 years); Mark Davis (30 years); and Bob Larsen (40 years). DG Kathy Douty also presented Melvin Jones Fellowship awards to Mark Davis and Kline Williams.

Wellsboro Lions Club



Wellsboro Lions Club is mourning the loss of a past president, Lion Terry Bryant, from a tragic vehicle accident on Friday, January 5, 2024. Lion Terry was the owner and broker of Penn Oak Realty, Inc., and a former PennDOT county manager. Lion Terry Bryant was 30-year member and was a strong leader in the Wellsboro community. His wife, Lion Sheila Bryant, is also a member of the Wellsboro Lions Club.

What a wonderful caring gesture! The **Wellsboro Lions Club** donated \$185 to provide financial assistance to a local homeless man who needed new eyeglasses as he pursued a new employment opportunity in trying to get his life back on track.

Serving 2500 community members, the **Wellsboro Lions Club** collected, transported, and processed three truckloads of aluminum cans to be recycled.

Thank you, Lion Tom Auman, for reporting!



Lions Dr. David Steinbeck and Sylvia Crossen present check to History Center, Steve McCloskey.



Mansfield Lions Club

- \$1,000 Mansfield Library
- \$500 Partners-in-Progress Summer Camps
- \$500 Blossburg Library
- \$500 Mansfield Shoe Bank
- \$500 Mansfield History Center
- \$200 Wreaths Across America - Cemetery
 - \$100 Salvation Army

The **Mansfield Lions Club** also sorted aluminum cans for recycling. Thank you, Lion Deb Colegrove, for reporting!!



Save Change!



Jersey Shore Lions



The **Jersey Shore Lions Club** served 563 individuals at the Food Pantry. Twenty percent of the children in our county go to bed hungry.

At a recent monthly meeting, the Jersey Shore Lions Club listened to the status of the local library and the Little League Teams to know their plans for the coming year. Thanks,

Lion Dan Simmons, for reporting!

Miles of Help



A new member was brought in by Lion Mable Swarm, Lion Kay Beck and inducted by PDG Butch Haus III.

Milesburg Lion Club secretary, Lion Sally Tressler, took two neighbor ladies for groceries.

Lion Terry Neidich took a friend to Virginia to pick up a vehicle and bring it back home in PA; Terry Neidich attended the meeting of the Knights of Columbus.

Lion Samantha Walker attended the Citizen's Hook & Ladder Co.#1 meeting; American Legion Auxiliary; and the Spring Creek Watershed Commission meeting representing Milesburg.

Lions Shiela Reed and Tim Wynn cleaned the Milesburg Community Center after Bingo. Lion Charles Fetters transported a friend to the hospital for services and returned home.

Food Pantry served 54 families with dry and frozen foods. And one Lion donated one unit of whole blood.

Thanks, Lions Sally Tressler, for reporting.



Milesburg Lions filling 'Welcome Bags' for 3rd Cabinet Meeting.

Mentoring, Advising, and Leading



The **Mill Hall Lions Club** is ever so busy mentoring, advising, and leading in the community. Lion Shanan Miller serves as a mentor for a young girl in the Reach Out Mentor Program (ROMP). This is a service previously known as Big Brother/Big Sister. She often involves the young girl's siblings, as well, which is not required of the program. Lion Shanan goes above and beyond.

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Lion Peg Johnson crochets prayer shawls and lap robes for seniors. She crochets about 2 hours a night and served 80 individuals.

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Kids at Risk



Primary Clothing

Members of the **Sayre Athens Lioness Lions Club** purchased and donated 120 pieces of clothing (underwear, sweatpants, sweatshirts, etc.) to be donated to the **Kids at Risk** Project. One of the projects of Kids at Risk is to support local school districts by supplying needed clothing for young children.

The following donations for \$100 each:

- Beacon Lodge
- Camp Victory
- Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation

Thank you, **Sayre Athens Lioness Lions**, for your giving hearts to those in need.

Sylvania Lions



Turlock Journal

The **Sylvania Lions Club** members sort, bundle, and take recycled items to a Recycling Center every Monday. The recycled area is checked often as there are times when the shed is on overload.

Club officers recorded hours donated in the administrative, secretarial, treasurer duties and business for the club.

The **Sylvania Lions Club** met at the Iron Skillet in Sylvania, followed by a meeting at the Sylvania Hall to discuss business. Members voted to give \$300 each to 3 individuals in the community with medical needs.

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Do You Know Lions Acronyms?

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.”

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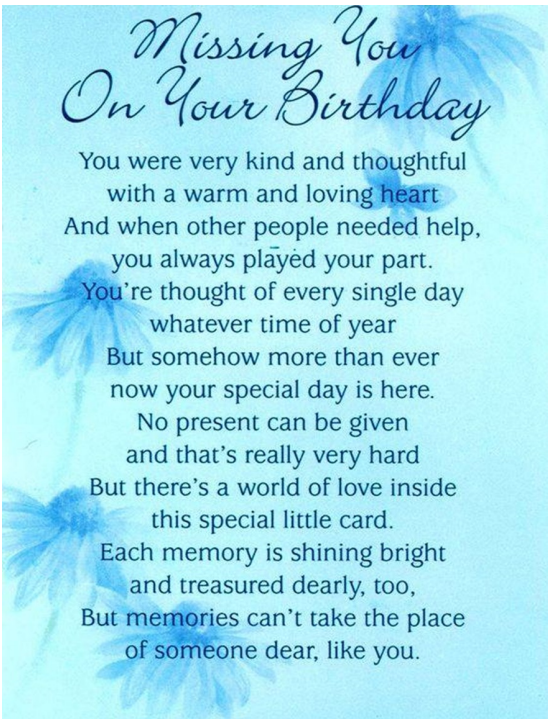
According to www.triviahappy.com, Alphabet soup is 150 years old. A pot of soup simmering on the stove suggest harmony is in the house, even if it’s only in the pot. Disparate parts are being melded into whole. Somebody cares enough to chop, simmer, stir, and wait. Everything slows, including Mom, who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

"With every falling flake, a unique spark of interest falls from heaven." Percy Miller

Editorial Page



Open this link prior to Editorial Message:

[Anna Kendrick - Cups \(Pitch Perfect's "When I'm Gone"\)](#)

Dear Framily (friends and family combined):

Because of my daughter's birthday on January 15th, and her arrival in Heaven on February 10th, I recall the words she would say after a doctor's appointment, **"You're gonna miss me when I'm gone!"** Sometimes it was when she was getting out of my car, slammed the door and would say, 'you're gonna miss me when I'm gone!' and walk away with a beautiful smile!

I chose this video so I could share the song she enjoyed singing along with - while in the car. Revisiting January, I realize how much this video was for her. She loved cooking in the kitchen, she loved being a waitress, and she loved music. The video demonstrates her sense of humor, her attitude, and her loving of being around people. Her sense of humor during the most difficult times in her life's journey. Not only for herself, but others trying to handle that dreaded word **C A N C E R**. While attending treatments at UPMC Williamsport, she was known as the Mayor of Chemoville—delivering small trinkets, and making jokes to keep everyone smiling.

Yes, my dear daughter, I am missing you: your walk, your talk, and your hair! Maladia (your daughter) has your full head of hair, full of body, and she loves styling her hair just like you did. Maladia says everyone who knew her mom says, 'I look like my mom, but I act like my dad!' I wonder if you don't think that from heaven. I can see you now - smiling and proud of your beautiful daughter—she's a spittin image of you! In fact, there are times I call her Ciara. She just looks at me and smiles, 'I know.'

Live every day, be kinder every day, be forgiving every day, and love your family and friends! For those loved ones above, never forget the memories. For the loved ones in your life now, tell them, love them, and hold them close to your heart.

 *Lion Cheryl*

PS: There will be no Lions Tale Newsletter for next month — taking a much needed vacation in the sunny south!

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.

Memories of Those Lost in Our Lions Year 2023-2024

Deceased Members from 7.1.23 to 6.30.24

- Bellefonte Lions Club:** Lion David A. Klinefelter 16 yrs.
- Canton Lions Club:** Lion Chris Arnold 20 yrs.
- Catawissa Valley Lions Club:** Lion Dale David Breech 37 yrs.
- Centre Hall Lions Club:** Lion James Harpster 18 yrs.
- Dushore Lions Club:** Lion William Bohensky, Sr. 58 yrs.
- Eagles Mere LaPorte Lions Club:** Lion Craig Harting 33 yrs.
- Howard Area Lions Club: Lion Club:** Lion Donna Bennett 5 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.
Lion Shirley Snook 16 yrs.
- Wellsboro Lions Club:** Lion Terry Bryant 32 yrs.
- Wells-Jackson Lions Club:** PDG Harland Evans 37 yrs.
Lion James Ameigh 15 yrs.
- Wyalusing Lions Club:** Lion Mary Jane Tompkins 4 yrs.