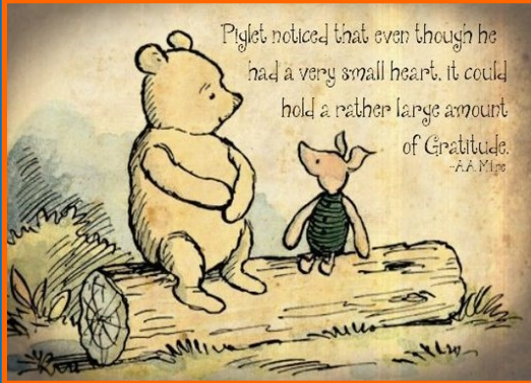




Thankful for . . .



As with Piglet, even the smallest of deeds can lead to bigger and better topics in life. Reflect on a few of the gifts your club has given and think of the results from that small effort of caring. There is a story there to share and Lions International wants to hear those stories.

May you continue to reach out and report your actions for others to read. It's important to keep heading towards the **FINISH LINE!**

Prevent BIG Oops!

- ✓ Drop Lions from rosters **before** December 32nd
- ✓ Set a number on your calendars of days to put in MMR's and Service Activities so it becomes systematic like paying bills in a timely manner
- ✓ Make sure all your Lions are using their own emails; there is **NO SHARING** of emails when the **NEW LIONS PORTAL** arrives
- ✓ Plan during the winter months for your outdoor activities come spring and summer

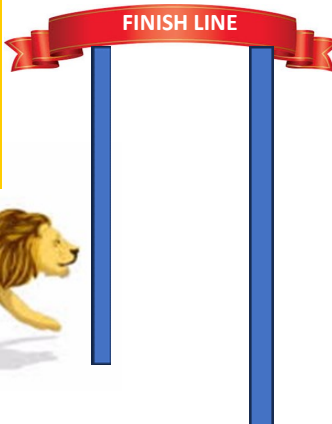
Since 2016, I have been publishing Lions topics to assist in mentoring through conversations, seminars, and articles. Organizing topics in our 5 Regions, training Zone Chairs, and travelling to officers' homes to help with the positions elected, as the Global Leadership Team coordinator for 14-G. I truly love and enjoy sharing knowledge to assist others to be the best they can be as a Lion representing Lions Clubs International and their motto, **"We Serve."**



I wonder just how much is actually heard, practiced, and put into action for the betterment of Lionism. With not calling to remind club officers to submit MMR's and report service activities for October, this is a fact:

The importance of leaders following through with MMR's and service activities is vital with organizations or businesses supporting LCI financially to improve in the following Global Causes: Childhood Cancer; Diabetes; Environment; Hunger; and Vision. Three additional causes were added in 2023: Humanitarian; Natural Disasters; and Youth.

Lions benefit from grants available to advance, progress, and recover for others. Please **MARK** your calendars with a specific date to enter your club's MMR and service activities, which will take you to the **FINISH LINE!** No Lions task is truly completed without being properly reported.



| CLUB | LAST MONTH '23 REPORTED IN MyLCI |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Big Pond | September |
| Canton | |
| Dushore | August |
| Jersey Shore Lioness Lions | September |
| Loyalsock Township | August |
| Lycoming Creek | August |
| Millville | September |
| Montoursville | September |
| Mt. Carmel | September |
| Muncy Area | August |
| Patton Township | September |
| Pleasant Gap Lioness | September |
| Sayre Athens | September |
| Shamokin Area | September |
| Warrensville Area | September |
| Watsonstown Centennial Lioness | September |
| Williamsport-Newberry | March |

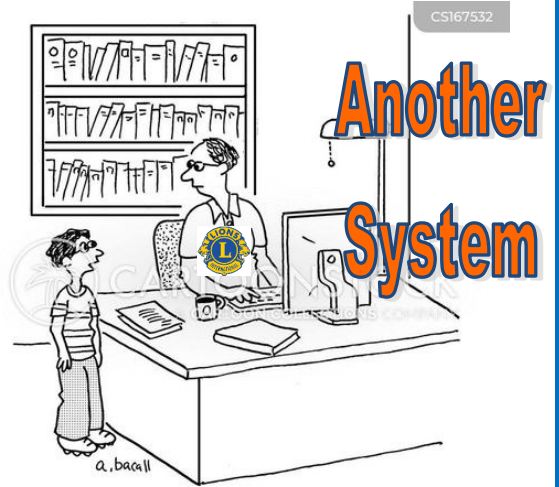


Taking a Break and Being Thankful



Thankful for Lions who have made my life better. The International Family, Council Chairs, Past District Governors, on-line courses, Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, USA/Canada Forums, Seminars, Symposiums, Lions Leadership Forums, and the list is endless of the knowledge I have gained because of being involved with Lions Clubs.

I will continue to provide informational materials, but a break is needed to catch my breath and live until my time is up. To Lions, Leos, and Friends along the path of my life, the past 25 years have been rewarding and I thank you for being a part of my journey. Many times these words are not spoken nor written, and I thought this is my opportunity to do that.



"If you'll give me an advance on my allowance, I'll show you how to get the little circle around the 'a' on all your email addresses."

Preventing the 'oopsies!'

Good conscientious presidents, secretaries, club administrators, and membership chairpersons must work as a well-oiled machine. It is a team effort with reporting MMR's and service activities.

Everyone of these Lion in these positions in a club can be a leader; but if nobody leads it, your club will get a bill for those Lions being dropped. There is no way out of your club being charged when a Lion's name still appears on the roster for whatever reason: resigned in good standing; non-payment of dues; non-attendance; non-attendance and non-payment of dues; transferred in good standing; moved; deceased; other; or reached minimum age for club type.

Be thankful for the Lions in officer positions you've elected to represent your club. Being an officer is a vital responsibility: providing a detailed description of the roles and responsibilities prior to yearly elections for an understanding of expectations from each position.

This will prevent the "oopsies," and demonstrate the dedication to the positions. Hearing, "I'm just a volunteer," does not constitute a way out, it is what was accepted when taking the elected position.

Be mindful of the commitment, and lead with positivity. Our organization, Lions Clubs International, depends on your efforts to be the best you can be. Working together as a TEAM is the only way to move forward. LCI provides the tools and guidance for members of our great organization. Keep focused on being a better Lion!

If a member has not paid their dues, the treasurer needs to contact them to resolve. There may be a legitimate reason.



The new LIONS PORTAL, possibly arriving in January, requires all Lions to have their own email address. Sharing is no longer acceptable in the new program. May I suggest to please create an email address prior to December 15th?

There have been times when the International Portal was not operational for 2-3 days! Plan ahead to prevent another 'oopsy!'

WHAT?



"Tell others what you do, **NOT** what you sell." Surely you have heard this expression.

One of our weakest links in recruitment is the opening statement when communicating with a potential Lion member. Begin by 'telling them what you are going to tell them, tell them, then tell them what you told them.' It is simple, direct and memorable, this Aristotelian "tritych" is a handy method." (by John Baldoni)

Step 1: Explain why you are talking about Lions. For example, "I am interested in your expertise to help discover ways to help others in the community."

Step 2: Now is the time to tell what Lions are about. For example, "Lions are volunteers that help others less fortunate in areas of health, supporting youth, and caring about the environment." Emphasis the benefits for your points, while resonating with the heart. Put people in the position to feel why what you're saying is important and how things will be better when they follow through with your ideas.

Step 3: Tell them what you just told them. Reiterate your salient points. This is the opportunity to give people a reason to believe in your idea and in you."

The Tale End

Editorial Page

New Members

Eagles Mere Laporte: Lion Kathryn W McCorkle,
Sponsor Lion David McCorkle

Harris Township: Lion Janice Abelock-Donahue,
Sponsor Lion William Donahue; Lion Dave Gonzales,
Sponsor Lion Doreen Diehl; Lion Andrea Joy Murrell;
Sponsor Harvey Manbeck; Lion Elizabeth L. Ritter,
Sponsor Lion Doreen Diehl; Lion Hannah J Wiseman,
Sponsor Lion Harvey Manbeck

Lock Haven: Lion Duwayne Kunes, *Sponsor Lion Donald House*

Northern Tioga County Centennial: Lion Susan Garison,
Sponsor Leona Houseknecht; Lion Dawn Hitchings,
Sponsor Lion Leona Houseknecht; Lion Lori Stewart,
Sponsor Lion AmyJo Vandernick

South Creek: Lion Kevin Sullivan, *Sponsor Lion David Rockwell*

Troy: Lion Tanya Seymour, *Sponsor Lion Veronica Seymour*

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

Dear Friends:

Welcome, new Lions, to our great organization! I encourage your sponsor to guide you in your walk through Lionism, while the members of your club support and welcome you with open arms.



Pinterest

Our members first meeting and first impression is what will set the pace on the new members involvement. This is the first step in retention, and many Lions are wanting to know how to retain. It begins at the first meeting with the club. As they say, "The first impressions count the most," so make it comfortable and enjoyable!

The global causes of Lionism: Childhood Cancer; Diabetes; Environment; Humanitarian Effort; Hunger; Natural Disaster; Vision; and Youth. First step: New members, what area are you most interested? Second Step: Get involved in the cause: make suggestions for community involvement; make suggestions on creating a means of generating funds to help with this global cause; and if you are not comfortable leading the cause, form a team effort and work together on your end goal and make it fun!!! AND don't forget to document your service activity and hours for International!

LIVE!

Blessings,

Lion Cheryl, Editor



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.

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 or your personal faith) 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.

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

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

Sugar Valley Lions Club: Lion Walter C Karchner 27yrs.