



Lions Tale Newsletter

DG Steve Myers
WatsonTown Lions Club



On Track For Service

August-September 2024



Hands and Hearts to Serve



The encouraging side of **MEMBERSHIP**: having many members means each has a unique function in an organization. We are members because we sincerely care about others. Having various perspectives (due to different backgrounds of members) on ideas of a particular topic at hand are certain to make affirmative decisions for our actions. Allow those ideas to provide an upbeat addition while making constructive feedback.

Our diversity of membership in Lionism has made for an honorable and respectable organization while meeting the needs of others. Lions International identifies the 8 global causes: Childhood Cancer; Diabetes Awareness; Disaster Relief; Environment; Humanitarian Efforts; Hunger; Vision; and Youth. **Proud of our Lions in PA!!**

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- ### DG Steve's Club Visits
- September**
- 7th: Sylvania Lions Club
 - 9th: Harris Township Lions Club
 - 16th: Wellsboro Lions Club
 - 18th: Canton Lions Club
 - 26th: Muncy Lions Club
- October**
- 2nd: Lycoming Creek Lions Club
 - 7th: Coudersport & Area Lions Club
 - 8th: Williamsport Newberry Lions Club
 - 21st: South Creek Lions Club
 - 22nd: Wells-Jackson Lions Club
 - 24th: Loyalsock Township Lions Club
- November**
- 4th: Northern Tioga Centennial Lions Club
 - 7th: Troy Lions Club
 - 11th: Sugar Valley Lions Club
 - 12th: Wyalusing Lions Club
 - 13th: Ferguson Township Lions Club
 - 18th: Sayre Athens Lioness Lions Club
 - 20th: WatsonTown Lions Club
 - 21st: South Williamsport Lions Club
 - 26th: Milton Lions Club

Sometimes Words are Not Enough

Many thanks to those Lions, Lions Clubs, and organizations for the monetary donations, relief, and supplies sent on behalf of the recent Tropical Storm Debby which devastated the northern tier towns in PA. The repairs and rebuilding of homes for others to be able to return home is ongoing. State disaster Chair Lion Jim Groff has recently offered cabinetry and arrangements are being made to get those to the north. District Disaster Chair PDG Jim Wilbur is locating a facility to store them until the items are needed. A church group has offered to install and assist with the rebuilding.

"Lions International"

As you know, changes ae a constant in our life journeys. And the most recent change from our Board of Directors: drop CLUBS from the title of our organization.

KEEP on TRACK for District Governor Steve Myers!

Make Your Mark

Stay Informed



September Updates:

Club Quality Initiative Program

The [Club Quality Initiative](#) is a strategic planning tool that helps clubs pinpoint opportunities for improvement so they are better prepared to grow and serve, so be sure to promote it on your club visits.

GLT coordinators

Ensure your GLT coordinator provides training and learning resources to new club officers and reports the completed club officer training in Learn in the [Lion Portal](#).

World Diabetes Day (November 14)

Promote our global causes and support diabetes prevention by organizing service projects using our new [Diabetes Service Program Overview](#) resource.

Peace poster and essay contests

[Purchase your contest kit](#) by October 1. This year's theme is "Peace Without Limits," so encourage children in your community to share their vision for a peaceful future.

Advocacy awareness

Be sure to [share your advocacy stories](#) with the Global Advocacy Team so others can be inspired by your service and success.

SightFirst program

Around October 1, Lions can apply for the new [Vision Grant Program](#). This program will support major equipment purchases, infrastructure expansion and medical training in low- and middle-income countries.

LCIF grants – Organize a district-wide service project and suggest clubs invite potential members to serve with them. Apply for a grant.

Dear Lion,

Our service is extraordinary, so let's promote it with extraordinary marketing. Every Lion is a club promoter, so you should proudly share with others the life-changing service you and your club are doing.

There are many great resources on the Lion website to help you tailor social media, engage the press and market your service projects in your community.

Let's all make a commitment to grow our great association through encouraging others to join our service by sharing impactful photos, videos and stories and wearing Lion-branded gear whenever and wherever you serve.

At your service,

Fabício Oliveira
International President



Get results with great marketing

Great marketing and public relations can shine a spotlight on your club and your service while encouraging others to join you. So be sure you are using all the marketing and PR resources that Lions International offers:

- [Marketing Matters page](#) – Discover great marketing, branding and promotional tools that can help energize your service.
- [Lions Press Center](#) – Download a media kit and promotional materials, including sample media interview questions, fact sheets and photos.
- [Social media](#) – Make an impact by posting photos of your service on social media.

So increase your visibility—and your impact—with great marketing and PR tools.

What's Your Experience?



Lions are known for their entrepreneurial spirit and innovative solutions. Rather than wait for the call for help, Lions proactively put their service experience, local knowledge and community connections into action.

[Watch this video](#) To learn how successful clubs constantly seek to adapt to their community's changing needs and how you can make your mark as an entrepreneur of service.

"On Track For Service"



FEEDING THE BIRDS

Early each day to the steps of Saint Paul's
The little old bird woman comes
In her own special way to the people
She calls, "Come, buy my bags full of crumbs"

"Come feed the little birds, show them you care
And you'll be glad if you do
Their young ones are hungry, their nests are so bare
All it takes is tuppence from you"

"Feed the birds, tuppence a bag
Tuppence, tuppence, tuppence a bag
Feed the birds", that's what she cries
While overhead, her birds fill the skies

All around the cathedral, the saints and apostles
Look down as she sells her wares
Although you can't see it, you know they are smiling
Each time someone shows that he cares

Though her words are simple and few
"Listen, listen", she's calling to you
"Feed the birds, tuppence a bag
Tuppence, tuppence, tuppence a bag"

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(From *Mary Poppins*, 1964. Words and music by Richard M. and Robert B. Sherman. Copyright 1963 Wonderland Music Co., copyright renewed).

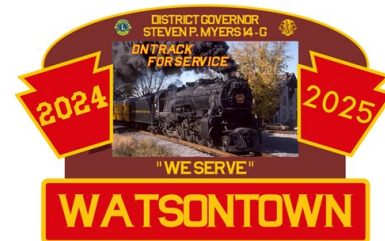
From Governor Steve:

For some of us, those lyrics bring back memories of a somewhat simpler time, watching the great Julie Andrews singing on a large theater screen, while happily munching buttered popcorn. In my own case, it was the old Capitol Theater in Williamsport, which survives as the Community Arts Center.

It's just under 4 minutes in length...a tiny fraction of the film's run time. But to many, including Walt Disney himself, it's the heart of the film. In fact, it became Walt's favorite song. In an interview, Richard M. Sherman stated that he and his brother often went down the hall on Friday afternoons, at the end of the day, and played it for Walt in his office. During one of those sessions, Walt remarked, "That's what it's all about."

What was it about *this* song? Why was Walt Disney, a genius who had produced numerous films, Oscar winning songs, television shows, and theme parks touched so deeply by 170 words? According to Sherman, it was the simple message—it takes very little—in this case only a few cents, to show kindness, charity, and love. Nothing special...nothing big...just simple, everyday acts of kindness.

I think we, as Lions, sometimes lose sight of this fact. Our motto is "We Serve;" we have been serving over 3000 people as a result of the flooding in the Northern Tier. I spent two days in Westfield, and have seen the look of gratitude in their eyes. But, don't forget about the little things: getting the mail for an elderly neighbor, dropping off food at the local food bank or volunteering to help young students with their homework. It doesn't matter how, what, or who we serve...it's the serving and kindness, without rancor, that are the heart of Lionism. Melvin Jones was right: you can't get very far until you start helping someone else.



"Tup-pence: variant form of twopence.
A former United Kingdom silver coin;
United Kingdom bronze decimal coin."
dictionary.com

District Governor Selects District Cabinet



Lions: This is the last time you will see this posted, along with the District Committees. The District Directories are complete and will be mailed this week! The president, secretary, and treasurer of every club will receive a copy.

District Governor's Cabinet 2024-2025

POSITION	LIONS CLUB
District Governor: Steve Myers	Watsontown
First Vice District Governor; Leona Houseknecht	Allenwood Area
Second Vice District Governor: Alfredo Torres	Troy
Cabinet Secretary: David Stahl	Montgomery
Cabinet Treasurer: Beth Cooley	Picture Rocks
Cabinet Assistant Treasurer: James Wilbur	N. Tioga County Centennial
District Administrator: Cheryl Wilbur	N. Tioga County Centennial
Global Leadership Team Coordinator: Cheryl Wilbur	N. Tioga County Centennial
Global Membership Team Coordinator: Kathy Lehman	Rauchtown-Nippenose Valley
Global Service Team Coordinator: Jeff Fetterman	Ferguson Township
Lion Club International Foundation: Tim Wallace	Jersey Shore
Tail Twister: James Houseknecht	Allenwood Area
Immediate Past District Governor: Kathy Douty	Jersey Shore Lioness

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Know Your Zone

Region and Zone	Clubs Within the Zone
Region I Zone A	Coudersport & Area; Mansfield; N. Tioga County Centennial; Wellsboro
Region I Zone B	Big Pond; South Creek; Sylvania; Troy; Wells-Jackson
Region I Zone C	Canton; Sayre-Athens; Sayre Athens Lioness; Towanda; Wyalusing
Region II Zone A	Dushore; Eagles Mere Laporte; Muncy Area; Picture Rocks
Region II Zone B	Lycoming Creek; Montgomery; South Williamsport; Williamsport Newberry
Region II Zone C	Loyalsock Township; Montoursville; Warrensville & Area; Williamsport
Region III Zone A	Kulpmont Centennial; Mt. Carmel; Shamokin Area
Region III Zone B	Benton; Catawissa Valley; Millville
Region IV Zone A	Centre Hall; Ferguson Township; Harris Township; Millheim; Patton Township
Region IV Zone B	Bellefonte; Howard Area; Milesburg; Pleasant Gap & Area; Pleasant Gap Area Lioness; Show Shoe
Region V Zone A	Allenwood Area; Lewisburg; Milton; Turbotville & Area; Watsonstown; Watsonstown Centennial Lioness
Region V Zone B	Jersey Shore; Jersey Shore Lioness; Lock Haven; Mill Hall Area; Rauchtown-Nippenose; Sugar Valley

District Governor Selects District Committees



2024-2025 District Governor Committees

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Art Girio Scholarship Lion member, child/grand child eligible for scholarship fund when clubs participate donor of \$250 yearly	Chair James Wilbur Michael Bridgham Patsy Page	Leo Clubs Ages 12-18 to help others while learning leadership	
Beacon Lodge Camp for children and adults that are blind and visually impaired	Chair Luther Musser George Heiges PDG James Crawley	Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) Charitable organization to provide grant funding	Chair Timothy Wallis
Camp Victory Camp for Special Needs	Dan McCarthy	Lions KidSight Program to ensure children receive eye screenings	Chair Margaret Koons
Childhood Cancer Dedicated to protecting our youth from devastating effects of cancer	Chair Clayton Steward, Jr.	Lions of PA Foundation Grants for sensory impairment, meritorious projects, responding to local disasters	Chair Kerry Drake
Diabetes Awareness Leading and planning diabetes awareness	Chair Nancy Secules	Lions Quest Incorporating positive life skills	Chair Charlotte Bryan
District Convention Manages and coordinates district convention Banquet: Corinna Anskis Secretary: Elaine Steward	Chair Amy Alexander	Marketing & Communication Posting information on social media	Frank Carbalan Cheryl Wilbur
District Disaster Purpose to react to any natural disaster within District 14-G Region I: John Getty Region II: Richard Secules Region III: Frederick Meyers	Chair James Wilbur	Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation Mission to provide resources with sight and impairment	Chair Robert Dunne Diane Dunne
District Disaster Purpose to react to any natural disaster within District 14-G Region I: John Getty Region II: Richard Secules Region III: Frederick Meyers	Chair James Wilbur	Parliamentarian Responsible for creation and maintenance of Constitution and By-Laws.	Chair James Wilbur
District Governor Honorary Past District Governors in good standing and duties promoting harmony	Chair William Bryan	Peace Poster Children ages 11-13 chance to express visions through art and creativity	Chair Andrew Myers
Hearing Research Foundation Only for providing research	PID Bob Miller	Western PA Lion Hearing Foundation Mission to purchase audio devices	Susan Edwards James Wilbur

WELCOME New Members! July 1 2024 to October 1 2024

District Governor Steve and Lions are EXCITED YOU Joined US to SERVE



District 14-G will increase membership by inducting **156** new members by June 20, 2025

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 156 \\
 - 29 \\
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Thank you for helping to serve more community members!

NEW LION	CLUB NAME
Janice Bieber	Allenwood Area Lions Club
Leroy Bieber	Allenwood Area Lions Club
William Gowin	Canton Lions Club
Debra Miller	Catawissa Valley Lions Club
Sarah Roeder	Catawissa Valley Lions Club
Madison Miller	Centre Hall Lions Club
Judy Kilduff	Coudersport & Area Lions Club
Darl Anderson	Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club
Peter Alterio	Howard Area Lions Club
Michael Davy	Howard Area Lions Club
Edwin Seyler	Howard Area Lions Club
Arthur Staddon	Howard Area Lions Club
Axel Welch-Yost	Howard Area Lions Club
Melissa Sentiff	Mansfield Lions Club
Sonja Spencer	Mansfield Lions Club
Donna Miller	Milesburg Lions Club
Robert Miller	Milesburg Lions Club
Deborah Griffin	Patton Township Lions Club
Darcia Bird	Pleasant Gap & Area Lions Club
Robin English	South Williamsport Lions Club
Diane Tawney	South Williamsport Lions Club
Darcia Bird	Sugar Valley Lions Club
Renee Miller	Sugar Valley Lions Club
Aline Rober	Sugar Valley Lions Club
William Hagerman	Turbotville & Area Lions Club
Jayna Brodnicki	Wellsboro Lions Club
Stanford Darroch	Wellsboro Lions Club
Judyth Matalavy	Wyalusing Lions Club
Richard Rogers	Wyalusing Lions Club

Thank You 14-G Members for Sponsoring New Members!!!!!!



**Membership Goal:
156 New Members
On
October 6th = 29
Inducted**



Leona Houseknecht
Neil Nelson
Craig Long
Sharon Kottwicz
Jamie Baszewski
Darla Bortz
Timothy Rickert
Ronald Davy

For Inviting HELP To SERVE

Joseph Berry	James Reid
Larry Shadle	Donna Mills
Kathryn Barrett	Patricia Kasel
Barbara Sargent	Lisa Wilson
Daniel Fisher	Thomas Walrath
Robert Griffin	Esther Potts
David Walker	James Smith
Robert Coolidge	Steven Barnes

Orientation and Mentoring Begin Now

The objective of the Lions Mentoring Program is to **help every member achieve the goal of better serving his or her community**. It does so through a program of personal development that helps members realize the potential that **their unique skills and knowledge offer**. The Lions Mentoring Program prepares them for leadership in clubs, in the association and in their personal lives as well. For Lions Clubs International, this means more hands and better service for the people who need it most.

The importance of new member orientation cannot be emphasized enough. The information presented during orientation provides a foundation for new members. It helps them understand how the club functions, what their role will be and gives the big picture of their district and the association. When new members are properly informed, they are more likely to feel comfortable with the club, become actively involved in club activities and remain in Lions for years. The following materials are available to help conduct Lions New Member Orientation:

- The [New Member Orientation Training Guide \(ME-13\)](#) helps the orientation trainer plan for new member orientation and gives trainer tips along the way to successfully conduct new member orientation.
- New members follow the orientation trainer through the [New Member Orientation Guide \(ME-13a\)](#) during orientation. Members can also use the guide as a reference during their time as a Lion.
- The [New Member Orientation PowerPoint \(ME-13b\)](#) provides the orientation trainer with a presentation template to follow when conducting new member orientation. Trainers should customize the presentation so it is relevant to their club.
- The [Basic Mentoring Guide \(ME-11\)](#) can be used in conjunction with new member orientation to ensure the new member successfully completes both programs.

Need assistance in Orientation or Mentoring?

Contact Lion Cheryl Wilbur cawilbur65@gmail.com or 607-738-6909



District Disaster in 14-G Updates and Photos

Devastation in the Northern Tier

District Disaster Chairperson, PDG Jim Wilbur, continues to focus on the long stages of recovering from a natural disaster. September 20, 2024, the following pictures were taken of the Trout Run area. Currently, the Trout Run Post Office is back in full swing after losing many supplies; the Fire Department lost numerous equipment; residents lost vehicles and their homes were devastated.

Trout Run, PA, Lycoming County

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLqpyJl9mZs>



Left: Roads were completely washed out and back routes had to be used. There are now temporary roads to provide access. Bottom: The Trout Run Post Office was flooded and had to set up other uses to continue operating.



Above: The fire company was able to pull two of the engines out before the water overtook the building—losing many pieces of equipment,



Above: Clean-up after 6 weeks continues to be the main focus, while recovering many lost items. View the recording from a resident taking a video after the storm.



Westfield, PA, Tioga County



<https://www.foxweather.com/weather-news/tracking-debby-northeast-friday-saturday>

Pictures taken by Lion Cheryl Wilbur



THANK YOU PA LIONS!!

Photos From Google With Credits

- **Helicopters help with rescues in Pennsylvania:** Officials received hundreds of calls for help, including several who needed to be rescued by air from dangerous flooding in northern Pennsylvania’s Tioga County, county commissioner Shane Nickerson told CNN. Water rescues were ongoing Friday afternoon, with 80 to 90 people still needing to be evacuated from their homes. Emergency crews have also been caught up in the flooding. Helicopters and boats have been dispatched to assist in flood response efforts, a spokesperson for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency told CNN. The Pennsylvania National Guard has been called in to help, according to Nickerson.
- **Pennsylvania emergency declaration:** Gov. Josh Shapiro took to X Friday evening to [announce a disaster proclamation](#) spanning 21 counties. The response will “make available more resources and cut red tape as we respond to severe storms and flooding from the remnants of Tropical Storm Debby,” Shapiro wrote. By Elizabeth Wolfe, Robert Shackelford, [Mary Gilbert](#) and [Alaa Elassar](#), CNN

Personal Thank you notes are on the way to all those individuals, clubs, and organizations that sent monies to 14-G.

Words are not enough to express the outpouring of support and love to those in desperate need.



Williamsport Sun Gazette: Trout Run Restaurant and Gas Station



WNEP Television Station: Trout Run roads completely gone down river



YouTube: Trout Run Bridge access from in and out of town



Northcentral PA: Route 15 covered and moved



WETM News Reporter Joe Mason: Westfield devastating after Tropical Storm Debby



Westfield Video

<https://youtu.be/Dj5CagsHrVA>

Recovery efforts will continue with building materials identified by FEMA. No household goods will be purchased.



Melvin Jones Fellowship in District 14-G

What is the Melvin Jones Fellowship?

“The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of our foundation. The MJF is presented to those who donate \$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation or people for whom a donation was made by others, it’s a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of our founder, Melvin Jones. Contributions for the MJF can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts. Donations may be in one sum or with installments. Melvin Jones Fellows receive a special lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.”

The Fellowship of Lions

- ◆ There are more than 476,000 Melvin Jones Fellow recipients worldwide
- ◆ There are more than 100,000 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow recipients worldwide
- ◆ 100% of Melvin Jones Foundations are invited to the annual luncheon held at our Annual Pennsylvania State Convention



Support LCIF

Recipients in District 14-G from January to October

RECIPIENT	DATE	CLUB
George M. Moore	June 27, 2024	Bellefonte Lions Club
Thomas W. Shoemaker	June 27, 2024	Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club
Larry L. Edwards (Progressive)	June 12, 2024	Harris Township Lions Club
Susan I. Edwards (Progressive)	June 12, 2024	Harris Township Lions Club
Shane P. Millheim	May 8, 2024	Mansfield Lions Club
Richard Barbier	January 9, 2024	Montgomery Lions Club
Benjamin F. Weller, Jr.	January 9, 2024	Montgomery Lions Club
Larry Grove	January 9, 2024	Montgomery Lions Club
Michael Faustina	June 28, 2024	Patton Township Lions Club
Robert L. Griffin	June 28, 2024	Patton Township Lions Club
Dennis K. Hall	June 28, 2024	Patton Township Lions Club
Sandra P. Hall	June 28, 2024	Patton Township Lions Club
Thomas L. Lewis	June 28, 2024	Patton Township Lions Club
Ronald F. Robenolt	January 31, 2024	Picture Rocks Lions Club
David P. Good	April 26, 2024	Sylvania Lions Club
Robert L. Hunter (Progressive)	April 26, 2024	Sylvania Lions Club
George E. Page III (Progressive)	April 26, 2024	Sylvania Lions Club



What is the Progressive MJF?

“Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) program is a way for donors to extend their commitment to LCIF. There are 54 recognition levels beyond the initial US\$1,000 MJF contribution with a unique pin for each giving level. After contributing US\$100,000, donors become [Humanitarian Partners](#).”

To order replacement pins or to make a PMJF donation, contact Donor Services at 630-203-3836 or DonorAssistance@lionsclubs.org. Prices for pin replacements vary by level

Marketing & Communications

14-G Marketing Chair: Lion Frank Carbalan
Harris Township Lions Club

14-G Communications Chair:
MD-14 GMT Cheryl Wilbur
N. Tioga County Centennial Lions Club



“Club marketing is a great way to recruit new members, spread the word about service activities and increase visibility in the community. And now, your club has the opportunity to gain recognition for its marketing efforts with this exciting new award!”



What You Could Win!

Applications submitted by February 1, 2025

-  **\$2,000 cash award** for winning clubs
-  **Trophy** presented to the club
-  **One** downloadable certificate per club to print for each member
-  **Complimentary** LionsCon registration for two club members plus 2 guests (4 total)

Lions International Marketing Award

TIMELINE

Below is an outline of when each step of the Marketing Award process will begin. Please note that the marketing campaign submitted for award consideration must be **completed between July 1, 2024 and February 1, 2025.**

July 2024-February 2025: Lions and Leo clubs apply

Club marketing chairperson or club president submits the online application by February 1, 2025.

March 2025: Marketing committee selects winners

The marketing committee reviews the finalists and selects the winners, one from each Constitutional Area.

April 2025: Winning clubs notified

Read the [Rules and Regulations](#) to ensure all your marketing materials meet the requirements for consideration.

Review the [Marketing Award FAQ](#). Here, you'll find answers to common questions regarding the award and the application.

Visit the [Marketing Matters](#) webpage to access a wide variety of resources and tools that will help refresh your understanding of what marketing is and help you create your campaign.

Use the following resources to guide and organize your plans. Marketing Campaign Planner — Coming soon!
[Application Worksheet](#)

Communicate, communicate, communicate!

It is the only effective way to accomplish personal and professional goals regarding relationships, business, and in leadership.



So, why is it so difficult in the age of technology? Others not responding to emails, texts, and cell phones? Has society made us unconscious of respect for others?

And then there is the disrespect in responses in emails and texts with the non-encounter of face-to-face reactions to the tones, inclinations, and words. Words are powerful ways of communicating, let alone not addressing visible body language.



As Lions, we need to work more effectively on communication—it relies on the success of moving forward in accomplishing goals for the betterment of self and society. As the above quote states, *'a skill that you can learn.'*

Effective communication includes: non-verbal communication; active listening; direct expression, and feedback. So what are our obstacles in communication?

There are many obstacles or negative consequences, but most importantly misunderstandings and conflicts can occur. "Making mistakes or completing tasks incorrectly, having your feelings hurt, causing arguments, or distancing yourself from others" - we need to work on this skill both for ourselves and for other Lions.

I challenge your communication skills for this month to discover effectively how to meet the needs and expectations of others through communication.

Lion Cheryl

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

What are their functions?

Lions International: To empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

Functions of State Lions: Multiple districts provide district and club leaders in direction and support to help them effectively fulfill their role. MD's often provide leadership training, support ongoing multiple district service projects and encourage overall membership growth.

Functions of Lions Districts: There are several functions: providing leadership; promoting good citizenship; supporting community; setting goals; supporting international needs; guidelines for operation and governance; helping leaders through the dispute resolution process; electing presidents and vice presidents annually; appointing secretaries and treasurers; promoting unified service activities and fundraising campaigns; forming Leo districts when there are six or more Leo clubs

Functions of Lions Club: Formed on traditional club models. Clubs bring together a group of service-minded individuals who want to better their community. To plan and participate in a variety of service projects.



Global Action Team brings together the 3 key areas of Lions: leadership development, membership, and service.

Clubs: Try This

<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Training/Guidance >Unified Team 2024-2025 >Goals & Objectives >Continuity 	<p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Communication: getting messages to ALL Lions >Burn-out from lack of members >Relevancy of Lions (not just glasses) >Procrastination
<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Learn and grow >Inspire >More recognition to >Public, Clubs, District >More guiding/training >Website 	<p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Members willingness to serve at district level >Focus on mission - not personalities >Retention of members >Clubs not serving community - write checks

Suggestions for Club Growth: At district convention provide a Recognition Program for Lions Clubs

GAT Meeting #1
September 15, 2024
Fry's Turkey Ranch

Attendance: DG Steve Myers; 1VDG Leona Houseknecht; 2VDG Alfredo Torres; District Secretary David Stahl; GMT Kathy Lehman; GLT Cheryl Wilbur; James Houseknecht; PDG Jim Wilbur; Cheryl Torres; GST Jeff Fetterman (absent)

DG Steve Myers reported: hot water heaters were delivered to Westfield with those homes being identified by FEMA; new club is requested from the GAT; increase membership with inducting 156 new members; 70% of clubs reporting service in Lions Portal; officer training for leadership to 30%; clubs increase LCIF donations by 10% of previous year

Discussion from Agenda:

- ◆ Goals for 14-G
- ◆ Identified clubs with less than 10 members: Big Pond (8); Kulpmont Centennial (6); Lewisburg (8); Loyalsock Township (8); Lycoming Creek (7)
- ◆ Identified clubs asking for assistance with membership: Wat-sontown; Sayre-Athens; Sugar Valley; Williamsport; Williamsport -Newberry
- ◆ Areas for potential NEW CLUB: Woolrich Area; Westfield Area
- ◆ RLLI for 2025: GMT Kathy Lehman; GST Jeff Fetterman; 2VDG Alfredo Torres
- ◆ Zone Chairs: Report on **SWOT** (clubs **S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities, **T**hreats) at District Cabinet meetings
- ◆ Entered into Lions Portal: Zone Chairs; Trainings; and Club Officers by District Administrator
- ◆ Directories have arrived and will be mailed to club secretaries
- ◆ Monthly meetings will be scheduled through ZOOM

Global Leadership Team Coordinator

District Leadership Goals

- >To reach this goal for our District, plans for 50% of club officers will be provided guidance prior to December 2024.
- >**Allenwood Area Lions Club**, July 17, 2024, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Montgomery American Legion, 185 Broad Street, Montgomery, PA.
- >**Montgomery Lions Club** is also invited to a Member Orientation and Officer Guidance with club secretary attending
- >**South Creek Lions Club**, August 26, 2024, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at 32749 Route 14, Gillett, PA (South Creek Lions Clubhouse).
- >**Troy Lions Club** secretary and president attended the training at South Creek Lions Clubhouse
- >**Williamsport Lions Club** secretary, September, 2024: Guidance in Lions Portal
- >**Catawissa Lions Club** secretary, September 2024: Guidance in Lions Portal
- >**Big Pond Lions Club** secretary for reporting guidance
- >**Canton Lions Club** secretary with logging in and entering service activities
- >**Coudersport & Area Lions Club** for new secretary
- >**Ferguson Township Lions Club** for new secretary
- >**Howard Area Lions Club** for entering services
- >**Mansfield Lions Club** for new secretary
- >**Millheim Lions Club** with assistance for secretary entering service activities and membership
- >**Picture Rocks Lions Club** for secretary
- >**Sayre Athens Lions Club** for new secretary
- >**South Williamsport Lions Club** for secretary
- >**Sugar Valley Lions Club** for new reporting as Club Administrator
- >**Warrensville Area Lions Club** for secretary
- >**Towanda Lions Club** secretary training with the Lions Portal

MD-14 GMT PDG Cheryl Wilbur
N. Tioga County Centennial Lions Club
2024-2025 GLT
Coordinator for
District 14-G



PDG Cheryl Wilbur receiving the graduation diploma from FDI with the instructors and Dawn Mangiarulo, (Learning & Development Programs, LCI) at the podium.



IPCC Linda Zaneski; IPDG Mike Shaffer; and MD-14 GMT Cheryl Wilbur on

FDI Instructor Jackie Williams, my favorite instructor



FDI Group I. There were 40 Lions selected from CA I. We were placed in groups of 10. Loved this group from several areas around the world!!

MD-14 GMT Cheryl Wilbur sitting at the International Presidents desk in Oak brook, Chicago!!



Guided tour by Esther Ancira, (English Language Department), with IPCC Linda Zaneski; IPDG Mike Schaffer; and MD-14 GMT Cheryl Wilbur



Just a Lion . . .

- Faculty Development Institute, Chicago September 2024
- Mission 1.5 Extension Champion Pin 2023-2024
- International President's Pin
- Visited LCI, Chicago



YOU can do this too!

Global Membership Team Coordinator

Leading the District in Membership



Kathy Lehman
Rauchtown-
Nippenose Lions Club
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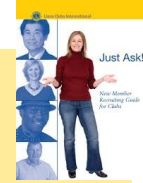
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Suggestions for Forming NEW Clubs

Specialty Club Brainstorming

This list was generated via ChatGPT using the Zoom RecordingnewChat.txt file.

Summary of the Growth Workshop

Community Support & Service

- o Veterans Lions Club – Supporting military veterans and their communities.
- o Youth & Mentorship Club – Focused on mentoring and supporting young people.
- o Seniors Who Serve Club – Engaging senior citizens in volunteer work.
- o Special Olympics/Special Needs Club – Supporting individuals with special needs and organizing inclusive activities.
- o Boys & Girls Clubs – Supporting youth in the community.
- o Caregivers Club – Offering support to those caring for loved ones.

Environment & Sustainability

- o Environment & Sustainability Club – Focused on eco-friendly initiatives and environmental preservation.
- o Outdoor & Adventure Club – Organizing hikes, camping, and conservation activities.
- o Gardening Club – Focused on sustainable gardening and nature conservation.
- o Farmers Club – Supporting agricultural initiatives.
- o Environmental Education Club – Teaching about environmental issues.

Hobbies & Interests

- o Arts & Culture Club – Highlighting local arts, music, theater, and cultural events.
- o Knitting/Quilting Club – For those interested in crafts like knitting, quilting, and sewing.
- o Homebrewing Club – Focusing on the craft of brewing at home.
- o Video Game Club – Connecting gamers to share their passion.

Health & Wellness

- o Health & Wellness Club – Promoting public health, wellness education, and fitness programs.
- o Diabetes Interest Club – Raising awareness and supporting diabetes prevention and management.
- o Walkers Diabetes Club – Promoting physical activity for diabetes management and prevention.
- o Cancer Survivor Club – Providing support for cancer survivors.
- o Sports Enthusiasts Club – Organizing and promoting sports events and physical activities.

Technology Professionals

- o Entrepreneurs Lions Club – Bringing together business owners and startups for community support and networking.
- o Educators Club – Focused on educators and school staff.
- o Electricians Club – For electricians and those in related trades.
- o Nurses/Doctors Club – For healthcare professionals.
- o Firefighters Club – For fire service personnel.
- o Business Networking Club – Focusing on connecting businesses.



Outdoor & Sports Clubs

- o Cycling Club – Promoting cycling and organizing rides.
- o Snowmobile/ATV Club – For enthusiasts of snowmobiling and off-road vehicles.
- o Runners Club – Organizing running events and fitness activities.
- o Biker Club – For motorcycle enthusiasts.
- o Fishing & Hunting Club – Supporting outdoor activities such as fishing and hunting.



MediaPresenter

Global Service Team Coordinator

Be PROUD of Club Service

Reporting our service helps us highlight our global achievements. But it also provides even more value for your club, including:

- Celebrating the impact your club is making
 - Inspiring potential new members to add to your impact
- Providing leaders with insight on outcomes to better guide your service and that's not all. Clubs that report service become eligible for awards and recognition, including the [Kindness Matters Service Award](#) and the [Club Excellence Award](#).

See the other ways reporting service benefits your club in the [Why Report Service](#) resource.



Jeff Fetterman
Ferguson Twp.
Lions Club
2024-2025 GST
Coordinator for
District 14-G



What 14-G Clubs Are Reporting

Service Goal
14-G Clubs will report at least one service activity per month



31 of 55 Clubs Reported in October

Activity	People Served	Volunteer Hours	Clubs Reporting
225	81,429	8629	48%

Showing Impact

Reporting service allows Lions and Leos to share their impact and grow their legacy of humanitarian service.

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Your service is vital to our organization! On the next 12 pages read what our clubs are doing in 14-G—you will be AMAZED! PLEASE report in the Lions Portal as many of the clubs have on the club's Facebook page. Click on this for further information as to why reporting is so very important <https://lionsmd19.org/downloads/why-report-service-hours.pdf>

Tracking Service to Others

Lions in the **Allenwood Area Lions Club** have assisted other individuals with shopping; provided FREE hair cuts by a certified beautician for those in need; with babysitting for neighbors when needed; personal care for an individual at times of need; elderly visits to provide some socialization with shut-ins; mowing grass for a neighbor when needed; and one helped with repairing parking lot in the neighborhood.

In the global causes for Lions, the club made a \$250.00 donation for **Disaster Relief**: Tropical Storm Debby for District 14-G Lion in the loss of 400 homes due to flooding; **Vision**: club is collecting used eyeglasses; **Environment**: collection of plastic for the program of Trex to receive a FREE bench to be placed within the community; **Hunger**: Preparation and distribution of meals to those in need; and **Humanitarian**: participated in Wreaths Across American.

Offers performing duties required for the club and community: club administrator reporting services and tracking individual service hours; District Administrator trained a secretary and a treasurer due to individual assistance. President and 1VDG traveling to club visits; attending state council meetings; trainings on Zoom; trainings within the district for zone chairs and club officers; and traveling to Michigan to participate in Leader Dog with learning how the Lions support those with blindness or visually impaired individuals, **Other Humanitarian Service**.

At the meeting in September, two Lions signed the Charter and the charter will now be placed in a nice frame to be displayed at club meetings. The club has a committee planning the Charter Night celebration with speaker Past International Director Larry Edwards. **Thanks, Lion Angie Yonkin, for reporting!**



Humanitarian Efforts **Hunger** **Childhood Cancer** **Environment**
Youth **Diabetes Awareness** **Vision** **Disaster Relief**

The **Benton Lions Club** reports on the following areas of service:

Environment: members recycle flat plastic to our local drop off point and in return receive benches for in our community through the Trex program and the club has received four (4) benches and will continue to collect 1,000 of plastic per bench, the next bench will be earned by a Boy Scout towards his Eagle Scout Award; **Cancer**: the club purchased materials to make 100 homemade blankets to donate to the pediatric cancer camp through Kelsey's Dream at Camp Victory. The Lions also assisted campers with luggage to and from their cabins; **Hunger**: members collected and donated food to the local food bank and this month the Lions will collect liquid hand soap; **Environment**: Lion members sorted clothing to be given to people in need; and members of the club recycled newspapers, cardboard, glass and plastic bottles. Benton Lions e-clubhouse: <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/bentonpa/page-7.php> **Lion Fran Smith, for reporting!**

Ferguson Township Lions Club: Other Humanitarian Service: one member took 100 pastries around on September 11th to first responders, two police departments, one firehouse, and one ambulance company. This is the 17th year of providing this honor to those protecting others.

Other Humanitarian Service: One member continues to help two area residents with shopping and performing errands.

Other Humanitarian Service: The PA Democratic Agriculture committee hires the Ferguson Township Lions club, which has become a yearly function for our club.

Vision: Members conducted 90 eye screenings in 6 hours for children at the Grange Fair. The clubs involved: **Ferguson Twp Lions Clubs, Centre Hall Lions Club, Milesburg Lions Club, and Snow Shoe Lions Club.**

Lion Art Reede receives a PA Fellow presented by PDG Charlie Poust! Ready to support **Ferguson Township Lions Club** go to the Facebook Page -

<https://www.facebook.com/FergusonTownshipLionsClub/>

Congrats, Lion Art!

Lion Art Reede receives a PA Fellow presented by PDG Charlie Poust! Congrats, Lion Art!

Thanks, Lion Jeff Fetterman, for reporting!



On September 28, 2024, the **Canton Lions** supported **Humanitarian** with the donation of much needed blood for others by holding a blood drive at the Canton Fireman's Bingo Hall.



The purchase of a new tent with our club name has brought new attraction to their services! The **Canton Lions** recently celebrated a past member. The club invited past members and potential new members. At the meeting, the Lions voted to donate \$500 to the Green Free Library-

Other Humanitarian Service. **Thank you for reporting, Lion Bob Barlow!**

What's happening on the Facebook Page? <https://www.facebook.com/CantonPALions/>



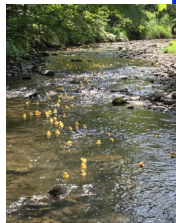
Tracking Service to Others

With Catawissa celebrating the town's 250 Anniversary, the **Catawissa Valley Lions** organized and purchased \$950 for a Fireworks Display. **Disaster Relief:** The club donated \$300 for disaster assistance to our neighbors in the Northern Tier Counties of Tioga, Potter and Lycoming due to catastrophic flood damage from Tropical Storm Debby.



The club held their 4th Annual Duck Race in the Roaring Creek. Community members purchased over 800 tickets to be able to place a duck in the creek, hoping their

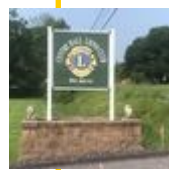
duck would be one of the first ten to cross the line!! The club collected \$2000 and then disbursed to participants as the cash prizes for the first 10 ducks!! WHAT FUN!!!! **Thanks, Lion Craig Long, for reporting!**



Stay tuned to Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/catawissavalleylionsclub/>

The **Centre Hall Lions Club** had four club members performed 30 vision screenings for youth at the Grange Fair-**Vision**. Weekly jackpot bingo: Come and play 32 rounds of bingo, specials, and rip tickets. Food and drinks are available for purchase. All money raised benefits the Centre Hall Lions Club facilities; community service projects; events; and activities with donations sent to charitable contributions to local organizations, projects, fundraisers, etc.

The **Centre Hall Lions Club** joined forces with the local Boy Scout troops, the Centre Hall Progress Grange, and the Centre Hall Women's Club to carry a huge American flag in the Penns Valley High School homecoming parade. Supporting **Hunger**, the Northern Association of the Penn Central Conference of United Church of Christ hosted a meal packaging event at the Centre Hall Lions Clubhouse. Volunteers packaged 15,000 meals through Rise Against Hunger, a global organization that fights to end hunger in developing nations.



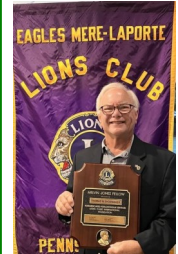
Lion Val Leta, thank you for reporting your club!

Want to learn more about the **Centre Hall Lions Club**, go to their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/centrehallpalions/events>

Bellefonte Lions reported at a club meeting discussion of advertising club donations in local paper and planning for their fall rib dinner sale. Funds generated will benefit others in need.



Taken from the **Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club** Facebook page -



"Congratulations to Thomas Shoemaker on receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship. The fellowship award is one of the Lions International Foundations highest recognition honoring the commitment to humanitarian service! Congratulations Tom!"

Other Humanitarian: Fundraising by selling Sam Wylie Double Headers Raffle Tickets for August winner; however, still selling tickets for the December drawing. PA Bowhunters Festival included parking and a vendor set-up. **Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club** provided cleaning up the **Environment** by working Route 42 Highway from debris. **Humanitarian:** served 100 individuals with their blood donation. Facebook Page for EML Lions Club: https://www.facebook.com/people/Eagles-Mere-Laporte-Lions-Club/100067381695707/?locale=it_IT&paipv=0&eav=AfaxlIgrBmW6E-Ov9MRM_QBz4z6UsziR8nCmXyyNTzWn9c0kOoeVGaUDqIugAEXPsi0&_rdr **Thanks, Anastasia, for reporting!**

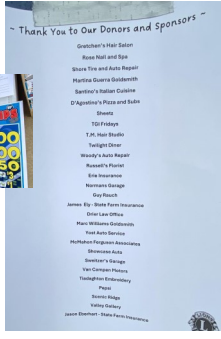
Want to know when **Big Pond Lions Club** has activities happening so all Lions can support this small, but mighty club! Here's the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BPLions>



Rauchtown-Nippenose Valley Lions Club is selling raffle tickets for \$10 as a fundraiser with some great prizes. Tickets are available from any member of the club. The monies will help support community members and others.

The Annual Antique Car Show and Chicken Barbeque on September 28th was a huge success! Monetary prizes were awarded, as well as trophies for the Antique Car Show.

Trivia Night winners shown below. Want to know more about the Rauchtown Nippenose Valley Lions Club? Connect to their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=839636794964392&set=a.422898076638268>



Lion Joanne Knepp, for reporting club services!

Tracking Service to Others

The **Harris Township Lions Club** worked at the Centre County Grange Fair as the pedestrian guards from August 16-24. The club earned \$13,000, matching last years earnings. **Vision:** The club members conducted eye screenings on Saturday, August 24th, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.



At the club meeting on September 9th, District Governor Steve Myers, his wife, Cindy; and 1st vice district governor Leona Houseknecht and her husband, Jim, were guests. The club welcomed a new member, Michquelena Potlunas Ferguson.

The next chicken barbeque is set for October 19th, and homemade applesauce and coleslaw was made earlier in September. A special Open House will be planned in late fall to show off the newly renovated clubhouse in hopes of attracting new members.

Environment: The fall highway clean-up will be held on October 24th, with a rain date of October 25th. In addition, the fall planter will be cleaned out and ready for the winter.

Facebook account: <https://www.facebook.com/HarrisTwpLIONSclub/photos/>

Lion Jeff Fetterman, thanks for reporting club service!

The **Jersey Shore Lioness** distributed food at the Jersey Shore American Legion (**Hunger**).



The **Jersey Shore Lioness** conducted their Annual Tea and conducted a yard sale to increase funds to give back to the community. In addition, the club members filled Jared Boxes to give to children in the hospital (**Childhood Cancer**). Some members from the Jersey Shore Lions assisted with this project. **Thanks, Lion Angie Boncal**

for reporting!



The **Jersey Shore Lions** served for **Vision** by collecting used eye glasses and took them to Brothers

Brother in Pittsburgh, Pa. **Environment:** with recycling aluminum cans, while increasing funds to donate back to the community of \$100.00. And **Environment** with trimming hedges and cleaning side walks at the Historical Society Moss House. Another member mowed lawn for a neighbor.

One member assists with 50+ individuals about their patriot ancestors as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution for **Other Humanitarian Service**.

Thanks, Lion Dan Simmons, for reporting!

Jersey Shore Lions Club on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/JerseyShoreLionsClub/>



Providing **Other Humanitarian Service** the **Lock Haven Lions** manned a Pizza and Hot Sausage Food Booth serving 500 people at the Lock Haven Labor Day Regatta to raise funds for Lions projects throughout the year. For **Environment 4**

club members cleaned up the Route 120 on Saturday, September 14, 2024. **Thank you, Lion Craig, for reporting!**

The **Sayre Athens Lions Club** donated \$250.00 to district disaster for Tropical Storm Debby, **Disaster Relief**. The club purchased \$560 towards eye glasses for 22 individuals, **Vision**. **Thanks, Lion Greg Huey, for reporting!**



All about vision

The following Lions of the **Mansfield Lions Club** were recognized for their years of service at the August meeting of the Mansfield Lions Club. (Left to right) Deb Colegrove, 15 years; Tom O'Neil, 30 years; Paul Plowcha, 40 years; and David Fleisch, 45 years. Thanks for your commitment and service to our community!



Mansfield Lions Club presented Melissa Colton-Underwood, chairman of the Mansfield 4th of July Committee, with a very generous check of \$6,455 to help continue the outstanding annual celebration. Lions and 4th of July committee members, Shane Milheim, Deb Bastian joined in accepting the check with patriotic Lion Barb Sargent **Other Humanitarian Service**.



Natural Disasters the **Mansfield Lions Club** donated clothing to the Westfield area residents in need after the Tropical Storm Debby hit the area in August. **Thanks, Lion Barb Sargent, for reporting!**



Mansfield Lions Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/mansfieldionspa/>

Tracking Service to Others

Milesburg Lions Club officers and committee members sent emails and applications, collecting items for a basket raffle, posting event on social media **Hunger**. Six members attended the district cabinet meeting, which was held at the Milesburg Community building with lunch prepared by the luncheon committee.

Hunger: The club served 50 individuals by collecting food items and distributing at the local food bank. One member assisted an individual. Food is prepared and served at the weekly Community Bingo, serving 800 individuals this month. In **Other Humanitarian Service** members assisted three individuals with shopping, doctors appointments and transportation for work. One member volunteers to assist with set-up and take-down at a local market.



A monetary donation was sent for the Tropical Storm Debby disaster hit by the northern tier in the district **Disasters Relief**.

Thanks for reporting club activities, Lion Secretary!

Super busy two months for the **Montgomery Lions Club!** One committee made final preparations for their fundraiser for Little League parking August 14th -25th, and made \$12,767.00 with this activity, which included 19 volunteers and 12 days of directing the parking of vehicles. **Other Humanitarian Service.** The club sold hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks at the Elmsport Fall Festival on September 21st, generating a profit of \$497.00. Next project: sauerkraut!



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Four members attended the district cabinet meeting in



Milesburg, with one member serving as the district secretary. In another meeting, District Convention wrap-up and planning of the 2025 district convention with the formation of committees, set the seminars; and the contract was signed for the use of the Holiday Inn, Williamsport.

A meeting at Fry's Turkey Ranch with the district GAT to discuss the district goals, club membership and where the district stands in the health assessment; clubs needing guidance with activities and membership; how the team can recruit new members; the areas to start new clubs; officer training within the district and clubs doing service activities. We, as a group, also completed the Zone SWOT Analysis Worksheet. **Vision:** Two members attended the North Central Sight Services Lions Appreciation Dinner and committed a pledge of \$2,000 for operations and \$600 for eye glasses.

Thanks, District Secretary Dave Stahl, for reporting for your club!



During Tioga Old Home Days, Tioga, PA, from August 15-17, 2024, the **Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club** sold raffle tickets for a hand pulled cart filled with groceries and \$100 worth of gift cards to local grocery store, **Hunger**. In turn, the winner, Lion Jean Ward, donated the prize worth over \$400 to Westfield area flood victims.

Some members are soliciting supplies for building materials for 300+ homes to meet inspections for health reasons due to flooding of the homes of residents in the areas of Tropical Storm Debby in August 2024, and are now in the reconstruction phase, **Disasters Relief**.

Club members collected 350 used eyeglasses at Hall's Homes and Lumber, Tioga, PA, through a collection box. **Vision:** At the club meeting Monday, September 9, 2024, 5 Lions sorted the glasses by removing them from the eyeglass cases, throwing away broken or damaged eyeglasses, and boxed them up to be taken to Wal-Mart, Mansfield. Wal-Mart then contacts the collection agency in New Jersey and they come to collect them. Lions in New Jersey then identify the lens and have them packaged for delivery to other countries to be used by individuals.

One member attended the FDI, Faculty Development Institute for Lions Club International, traveling to Chicago and visiting main headquarters with a guided tour of the facilities by Esther Ancira, English Language Department, Participated with the program conclusion of the graduation ceremonies, **Other Humanitarian Service**.

In August, 2024 the **Picture Rocks Lions Club** held its annual guests night picnic. **Youth:** donated money to Megan's Box, a local children's charity; **Humanitarian Service:** a donation was made to the Picture Rocks and Hughesville Vol. Fire Companies; **Vision:** a donation was made to the North Central Sight Services, Inc.; and for **Community Service:** donation to the East Lycoming Recreation Authority.

The **Picture Rocks Lions Club** presented Melvin Jones Fellow plaques to Lions Fred Stackhouse and Bruce Little.



Thanks, Lion Bill Foresman, for reporting!

Tracking Service to Others



The **Sayre Athens Lioness** donated \$100 to "Stuff the Bus" ...a community based project to provide school supplies and backpacks to local school districts **Youth**. The Sayre Athens Lioness delivered \$200 in cleaning products to Trout Run, PA Fire Department to distribute to families with flood damage, **Disaster Relief**.

Hunger: a food donation was provided to the local Food Bank to assist in feeding those in need. **Thanks for reporting, Lion Greg Huey!**

The **Sugar Valley Lions Club** collects food item and storing for distribution to the Local Food Bank every Wednesday **Hunger**. The past two Wednesdays have served 146 individuals.



The club has Medical Equipment and has loaned out 1 wheelchair and 1 shower seat to individuals **Humanitarian Services**.

Weekly grounds maintenance at Recreational Park and Clubhouse for community and youth usage **Environment**.

The Sugar Valley Lions members manned the gates at the Fall Antique Machinery Show with 18 volunteers and serving 1344 people. The club increased their funds by \$800.

The club sponsors American Red Cross Blood drives and has serviced 25 in the past two months **Humanitarian Service**. **Thank you, Lion Donna Mills, for club reporting!**



Serving **Youth**, the **Shamokin Area Lions Club** raised \$14,000 for new uniforms for the Shamokin Area High School. **Thank you, Lion Faith Meyers, for reporting!**

The Daily View

The **South Creek Lions** would like to purchase new mattresses for the hospital beds that get loaned out to the community. Whether our neighbors use them for short-term recovery after a surgery, or long-term comfort care, we want to show them some respect and make sure they are comfortable in their time of need. If you would like to make a donation:
 MAIL: Send a check to South Creek Lions, 31980 Route 14, Gillett, PA 16925
 IN PERSON: Drop off donations at any First Citizens Community Bank location. Just ask the teller to deposit it into the South Creek Lions' fundraiser account **Humanitarian Efforts**.

The 2024 South Creek Lions Golf Tournament was a record setter in terms of having 24 teams participate. We thank all of the teams and the Lions who helped out plus Lion Wayne and Dena for their countless hours in planning. The 2025 Tournament which will be our 10th year is already booked for August 16th. Please mark that down and make plans to join us again at Shepard Hills in Waverly.

Can I have your attention PLEASE!!
 The South Creek Lions are throwing another adult dance party on November 2nd. Costumes are highly encouraged!! Don't have a costume or don't want to dress up? Come anyway! We are just here to have a good time! See the flier on page 25.



A huge Lions "ROAR" goes out to Lions Mike Culver, Wayne Vandergrift, Mindy Sterling and Syrus Evans along with the Probation Crew that worked hard on the property clean up Saturday and especially to Tom Root for the use of his truck to hall the brush away. It's amazing how much can get done when we all pull together **Environment**.



South Creek Lions Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthCreekLions/>

Thanks, Lion Dave Rockwell, for reporting club activities!

Eight Symbols for Causes Lions International



Tracking Service to Others

The **Sylvania Lions Club** painted and maintained an earlier paint job at the Troy Community Swimming Pool. The club held their annual dish-to-pass picnic at Mt. Pisgah County Park, meeting immediately following to discuss business with 31 Lions and guests attending. Officer doing administrative treasurer's work; picked up club mail at the post office; recording volunteer hours; typing minutes of meetings; and emailed members about upcoming dates of events, etc. Some members worked at the Tioga Demo Derby, and met with organizers to work on revising rules and details for the Maple Fest Derby. Sylvania Lions worked at the Heritage Festival in Troy, PA, to demonstrate churning butter, making maple syrup and demonstrating how life was lived in the 1800s. This is a great annual event.

Humanitarian Efforts

- > \$300 to an individual with serious illness going on Hospice care
- > \$300 to a wife with husband having serious health needs
- > \$300 donation to a man with health needs (August)
- > \$300 to a man in the hospital
- > \$300 donation to a lady having to enter Hospice
- > \$300 to an individual in the hospital
- > \$300 to a man with health needs
- > \$2,500 for donation to help victims of recent local flooding 14-G Disaster Fund
- > One member knitted baby hats for local hospitals
- > Memorial service for Lion Don Murray
- > \$300 to family for a tragic death
- > \$300 to couple after wife just being diagnosed with Hodgkinson's Lymphoma
- > Member voluntarily worked in Westfield following flooding to replace ruined water heaters after extensive flooding in the area - over 300 hours
- > \$300 Donation to local man following the death of his wife, voted on via club text messaging



Thanks, Lion Joanne Pratt, for reporting!

Hunger

- > \$300 to a woman with cancer & provided frozen meals
- > unloaded, boxed and readied lots of food items to be handed out at Troy Alparon Park to those in need for CHOP - (Child Hunger Outreach Partners)

Environment

Collect and sort bottles, cans, plastic, cardboard, etc and take to recycle center

Vision:

- > Researched and contacted N. Central Sight Services to assist person's email request for help with eye wear needs
- > \$600 Helped two individuals to purchase eye glasses
- > Recycling eyeglasses
- > One member made two trips to deposit used eyeglasses

The **Troy Lions Club** made the following donations:

- \$500 donation to the Troy Marching Band in memory of Past District Governor George Yearick - **Youth**
- \$150 donation to the WR Croman Elementary School - **Youth**
- \$1,000 to North Central Sight Services, Inc. - **Vision**
- \$250 to the Huck Fund Scholarship in memory of Mike Davison - **Youth**
- \$250 to Kids Can't Fight Cancer Alone (KCFA) in memory of Betty Moore - **Childhood Cancer**
- \$500 to the Allen F. Pierce Library - **Other Humanitarian Service**
- \$500 to Leader Dogs for the Blind - **Vision**
- \$100 to the Troy High School Football Team - **Youth**
- \$150 for a sponsor ad in the Troy High School Football Program - **Youth**

Fifteen Troy Lions served 150 individuals at their monthly community dinner served at the Presbyterian Church. Two Lion officers attended the Officer Training at the South Creek Lions Clubhouse.



Thanks, Lion Natalie, for reporting!

Facebook

The **Warrensville Area Lions Club** has been super busy with making those famous French Fries! The following events and monies generated:

- ◇ "Our Lady of Lourdes" Church Festival - \$1,500
- ◇ Montoursville Fall Festival - \$5,000
- ◇ Eagles Mere Arts Festival—\$3,000

The club made donations to North Central Sight Services, Inc. - **Vision** and the McFall Middle School Life Skills Class - **Youth**. The club may have two potential members after showing an interest in what Lions do. *Thanks, Lion Joanne Drake, for reporting!*

Four members of the **Turbotville Area Lions Club** served food at a car show. \$1,000 was donated to the American Cancer Society - **Childhood Cancer**.

The **Turbotville Area Lions Club** sponsored the annual community yard sale. In addition to encouraging neighbors to set up yard sales, the Turbotville Area Lions Club invited vendors and food trucks to set up at the community grounds. The community supported these small businesses, and enjoyed a weekend of fellowship and community pride - **Other Humanitarian Efforts**.

Thanks, Lion Eileen Povish, for reporting!

Tracking Service to Others

The **Wellsboro Lions Club** supported the Tropical Storm Debby families with a donation to the District Disaster Funds o \$2,000 **Disaster Relief.**



Childhood Cancer and Other Humanitarian Service the club donated \$500 to the local Cancer Society - **Other Humanitarian Service**

For **Vision** the club collects used eyeglasses from the community into the club's drop boxes. Club members sort, box and ship.

In August, the club hosted a picnic meeting for visiting DG Steve Myers. The District Governor updated the latest Lions news, inducted a new member and challenged all to commitment and strong service as Lions on a local and global scale.

Members collected, crushed , bagged and stored for transport approximately 450 lbs. of aluminum cans. This ongoing project raises funds for our public activities account, keeps recyclable materials out of landfills and promotes our Lions Club through advertising and exposure - **Environment.**

In Other Humanitarian Efforts, the club is being guided by Lion, PDG Chery Wilbur, to explore options for conducting a benefit dinner for a local resident who needs a heart transplant - **Other Humanitarian Efforts.**

Thank you, Lion Tom Auman, for reporting!



The **Wyalusing Lions** supported **Other Humanitarian Service** by assisting the locally sponsored

Firemen's Wyalusing Carnival in areas of need to serve.

Hunger: the club served 1031 community individuals with the local food pantry in Wyalusing.

"The **Wyalusing Lions Club** is part of the Lions Clubs International, which supports various health programs focusing on vision correction, diabetes, and hearing loss. The Wyalusing chapter contributes funding to more than a dozen local and national service organizations, as well as sending donations to local fire victims and residents with catastrophic illness or need. Each holiday season the Wyalusing chapter provides support for People Helping People. Because of their interest in our youth, they are sponsors of the Wyalusing Leo Club which has grown to be one of the most active youth volunteer organizations in our area. These civic organizations promote local volunteerism and environmental awareness."

Wyalusing conducted their monthly meeting to discuss upcoming events for the club. The club inducted a new member.

Thank you, Wyalusing Lions, for reporting!

See what the **Wyalusing Lions** are doing:

<https://wyalusingwinefestival.com/wineries-vendors/>



In June, the **Towanda Lions** hosted a guest speaker, Jocelyn Stroud, the 2024 Bradford-Sullivan Counties' Outstanding Young Woman. The Towanda Lions sponsor the program, and enjoyed hearing her describe all of the events and activities she has been involved with this year. She's an fantastic young woman representing the [Bradford-Sullivan Co. OYW](https://www.bradford-sullivan.com/) and we wish her all the best as she begins her next journey at Elmira College **Youth.**

The **Towanda Lions** held their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament in honor of Lion Ed Branish, in August. The cost this year was \$85 a person and included lunch at the turn. If you have any interest in playing, sponsoring, or donating any prizes for the 4th Annual Ed Branish Golf Tournament in 2025, please contact the club officers **Other Humanitarian Service.**



Other Humanitarian Service by the

Towanda Lions was setting up at a local event to encourage others to volunteer and join the Lions Club to serve others.



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Make the MARK?

District 14-G Club Events!

Lions Day at Titan Market

Free Eye Screening for Kids!

Games Music & FUN!

Saturday, October 12, 2024 • 10am-3pm
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For more information, please call 814-404-7422

2024 Ferguson Twp. Lions
Chicken BBQ's
April 26, May 31, June 21,
July 26, Sept. 13, Oct. 11
Pre-order 814-238-6695



Facebook



South Creek Lions Club

Dinner Saturday October 12th

Roast Beef & Ham with Gravy

Dinner includes Real Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Baked Beans, Home Baked Bread and Dessert

Cost is \$17 per person.

Door opens at 4:30pm

Take-Outs are Available.

The South Creek Lions Club is located at 32749 Rt 14,
Gillett, Pa

Find us on Facebook at South Creek Lions Club.

Adult

Costume Dance Party

With DJ Steve

7:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 2nd
South Creek Lions Club
32749 Rt 14,
Gillett, PA 16925

\$10 Per person or \$15 per couple

What amazing community projects or activities have you been involved with in the Lions Club? We'd love to hear your stories and ideas. Submit your activities and show us how you are making a difference in your community.



Facebook

District 14-G Club Events!

Wellness Program Annual Blood Analysis coming to your area!



Sponsored by **SOUTH CREEK LIONS**
Date: November 2m 2024
Time: 6:30 am - 9:00 am
Place: 3648 Rt. 14 S. Gillett, PA 16925
 Specimen Fee \$15.00 (**Appointments Only**)

Call to make your reservation today

1-800-234-8888

Operators are available Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm. Please have your doctor's name and address available when you call. Personal physician authorization is required.

Note: This screening is not covered by Medicare and most other insurance companies. **Check or money order only will be accepted the day of the program and should be made payable to AMBA Wellness Programs.**

Sponsor group may charge a separate handling fee.

PHI forms required for patient copies. Photo ID required.

AMBA Panel

Coronary Disease

Cholesterol
 HDL Cholesterol
 Cholesterol/HDL Ratio
 Triglycerides
 LDL Cholesterol

Diabetes

Glucose

Kidney Disease

Blood Urea Nitrogen
 Creatinine
 BUN/Creatinine-Ratio (GFR)

Anemia

Red Blood Indices (MCV, MCH, MCHC, RDW)
 Hemoglobin
 Hematocrit
 Red Blood Cell Count
 White Blood Cell Count

Liver Disease

Albumin
 Globulin
 Albumin/Globulin Ratio
 AST
 ALT
 Total Bilirubin
 Total Protein
 Alkaline Phosphatase

Other Tests

Calcium
 Chloride
 Potassium
 Sodium
 Carbon Dioxide

AMBA Panel

includes all tests listed above – \$44.00

Optional Tests

Test Code

5363	Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)	\$27.00
899	TSH	\$13.00
17306	Vitamin D - 25	\$26.00
496	Hemoglobin A1C	\$13.00
11290	Insure Colon Rectal Kit	\$22.00

A separate physician order is required for any of the optional tests. Please present a separate physician order at the time of the testing if you elect an optional test. There will be no exceptions at the program.

AMBA FLYER 2/24

Fall Community Event



Want to Share Your *Chili*
to Win the TOP Prize?

Entry Fee: \$10

Chili, Cornbread, Drink
Sr. Citizens FREE

Cost: \$10

Tioga American Legion
18536 Rt-287, Tioga, PA



Cook-Off

Hosted by the
Northern Tioga County
Centennial Lions Club
Call 607-738-6909 to enter!

District 14-G Club Events!

Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club Foundation

And

Our Non-Shaving Lions November Challenge

This will be the 9th year our Lions Club members lay down their razors to raise funds to help our Sullivan County residents fight cancer. All money donate to our Non-Shaving Challenge goes back to our Sullivan County residents to help support the expenses that they may incur. The Eagles Mere-Laporte Lions Club has been able to assist over 65 residents. We need YOUR help to help the Lions Club continue this great giving-back event.

Covering Areas In:

- Forksville**
- Shunk**
- Laporte**
- Dushore**
- Muncy Valley**
- Hillsgrove**
- Lopez**
- Mildred**



**WE SERVE ALL OF SULLIVAN COUNTY
HELP US HELP SOMEONE YOU MAY KNOW**

I (WE) WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE EAGLES MERE-LAPORTE LIONS CLUB FOUNDATION AND THE NON-SHAVING LIONS CHALLENGE.

The Eagles Mere-Laporte Lions Club _____

or our Non-Shaving Lions Club Member _____ Supporter Name _____

\$25.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$100.00 _____ Other \$ _____

We are a 501c(3) organization.

Mail your tax-deductible support to:
Eagles Mere-Laporte Lions Club Foundation
P.O. Box 105
Laporte, PA 18626

Thank you for your support!

Tail End

Let's Focus On "Making Your Mark!"

Dear Lions and Framily: (Friends & Family)

Reflecting on the last few months has refreshed my faith in others and within myself. I have received emails and phone calls from numerous Lions inquiring about my journey. This has provided me a deeper consideration of others.

From devastating situations in others and the immense pressure of just trying to get back to normal. What is normal? Normal defines each of us according to our environment. The most important journey is the response of yourself - learning from negative situations - and the attitude of the outcome.

Listening to news reporters asking those in natural disasters about the devastation, "I'm here to help others, even though I have lost my home, too." That's what we do, we are here to help others.

Many Lions around the world join Lions to help others. It is the likeness we have together in Lionism. Our differences at times focus more on relationships rather than concentrating with efforts towards the betterment of society.

With increasing more hands to serve, there are others observing what we do and how we interact amongst the club relationships.

When inviting a potential member to a club meeting or an event - they are observing, listening, and learning what the Lions Club is all about. It is said, body actions speak louder than words.

Take a moment to reflect on yourself and the happenings in your life's journey. As a Lion, open the **youtube** below to understand the power we each have in our own hands while serving others.

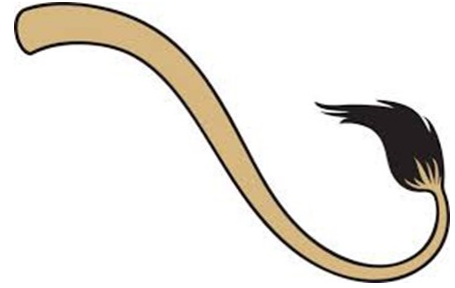
I discovered "The Optimist Creed" amongst the items given to me from Lion Deb Lutz and PCC Charles "Jim" Keener. It fits perfectly for life's journey. Read each line and reflect on the meaning to you.

Blessings in Kindness,

Lion Cheryl Wilbur, Editor

Live!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-wnRDK4VJI>



The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself -

- To be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



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