



# Past District Governor Arthur Girio (1989-2020)

## PDG Kerry Drake 2007-2008

*"Whenever someone passes that I respect, my mind goes to one of my favorite poems, "Footprints in the*



*Sand" by Mary Stevenson. This is especially true of Art. First by the intended meaning of the poem that a believer never walks alone because Jesus is with them. Art was deeply a man of faith. Of the many trips we were together Art always*

*needed to be home for mass. But I like to think even a step beyond the traditional meaning, Art has walked that journey and left us a path to follow, much easier than the virgin sand that he first walked. Art was of that generation called the Greatest Generation. He served his country in World War II in Italy. He came home and started a business that has become the family business that will long serve his family. Art was like we often think of Melvin Jones, a businessman that wanted to give back to the community.*

*PDG Art was a Lions' Lion. He served his club forever. Beyond his club service he became District Governor with all the steps to qualify. He served as a founder and Executive Director for the Lions of Pennsylvania, founder and namesake for the Art Girio Scholarship fund, founder and only person for the District Hearing Aid Program. He served on the board for Camp Victory. Until only recently he went to work every day, but I'm sure most of his time in the office was working on Lions related matters.*



## Special Edition For a Special Lion

Appreciation at Camp Victory 2019.  
Lioness Kathy Douty, 1st Vice District Governor James Douty, and Past District Governor Arthur Girio. "Ben" from Leader Dog sits on the table.



### First Vice District Governor James Douty

"Art always had an infectious laugh. And if you stopped in at his place of work, he would always stop in and help load up. And for the longest time he was the keeper of the district flag. He was a Lion always ready and willing to help. When I was going in as club president, Art was doing the training at the state convention in Philly. At the end of the training he would do a pitch of candy days and passed out samples. He will be missed."

Arthur Girio, 95, of Loyalsock Township and a longtime resident of Williamsport, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2020. His wife of 69 years, "Libby" died April 8, 2016. They had 5 children, 14 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 4 siblings. Preceded him in death: parents, daughter, and 4 siblings.

\*Williamsport High School Graduate

\*Served in US Army: WW II in the European, African and Middle Eastern Theaters; Active duty in US Army Reserves 20 years; Attained the rank of Sergeant Major

\*Lycoming College Graduate

\*Owner of Girio Agency: family-owned real estate brokerage and development company, and insurance agency

\*West Branch Valley Association of Realtors

\*Williamsport Zoning Hearing Board and Williamsport Authority

\*Dedicated worker for the Lions Clubs

\*Williamsport Lions Club Member

\*Past District Governor 1989-1990

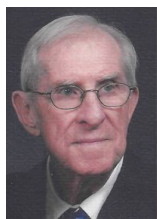
\*Founding Director of Camp Victory

\*Member of American Legion Garrett Cochran Post 1

\*Member of Son and Daughters of Italy Lodge 138

The family respectfully suggests memorial contributions in Arthur's name may be made to Camp Victory, P.O. Box 810, Millville, PA 17846 OR the Girio Family Scholarship Fund at Penn College, 1 College Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701

# MISSING YOU: your happy heart, your welcoming smile, your unique laugh, and your love of reaching out to others



PDG Arthur Girio???? Will the Lions of 2070 (50 years from now) remember our own name then as well as they likely will be remembering PDG Art's??? Likely they will, and not because of the Art Girio Scholarship named in his honor.

*"I appreciated that Art treated me as though he knew me forever, and was always kind."*

PDG Jim Crawley

When I first really "met" PDG Art was when I needed help in delivering my 2012-13 edition of the Sub-District 14-G Directory. It was the second version created using the Microsoft Publisher Program. I know a little bit about using Publisher, but PDG Bud and Lion JoAnn Harris had used it VERY successfully the year before and Lion Roxanne Embick is a Publisher EXPERT & saved my "whatever" and also became the producer of the **Lions Tale**. I wanted to make sure the Directory was "right" (the minute something is printed, it is "WRONG" - I can guarantee that !!) and that took more time than some critics were allowing me.

I finally got the directory printed and now I had a "boatload" to deliver and wanted to head out for the Forum in Tampa, FL!! I mentioned to PDG Art that I was going to the Camp Victory meeting. He said bring the "two close to Williamsport" zones to me and don't worry. Well, I had heard that PDG Art was "slipping," but I had never really met him. If his action then was "slipping," please let us all "slip" that way. Had a challenge - PDG Art solved it!!! Those 2 zone's worth of Directories were "out in speedy time."

It was my privilege to sit with him at the 2019 14-G Convention noon meal. While the volume of his voice had gone soft, his mind had not, and it was a great learning experience for me.

May all of us create the Legacy that PDG Art Girio did with Class, Caring and Humility. In Today's World, friendly smiling faces are getting harder to find. Follow PDG Art's example and be a Beacon of Smiling Hope for ALL. You might be remembered.

Past Council Chair  
Charles "Jim" Keener



**"He was a good fella to work with. He and Libby were very special people. They will surely be missed!"**

PDG Paul and Shirley Schriener



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"My heart breaks when I think of PDG Art of not seeing him at the next Lions event. I truly enjoyed our conversations about Lions. I received an Art Girio Scholarship while I was attending college at Mansfield University, graduating in 2006. Following that I became more involved in Lions and had the opportunity to meet PDG Art in person. I thanked him every time I saw him for that honor of assisting with financial support. Most importantly, whenever we were at the same events, his **BIG SMILE** warmed my heart. I hope my daughter gets to meet him in Heaven. They will have stories to share about Cher."  
MD-14 GMT Coordinator, PDG Cheryl Wilbur