



# Lions Tale

## Oh, What Fun It is To Help!

## District Convention

### Luncheon Menu

Beef Tips Burgundy with Egg Noodles  
Baked Haddock with Lemon Dill Sauce  
Cheese Tortellini in Pesto Cream Sauce  
Toss Salad  
Peas with pearl onions  
Roasted Red Skin Potatoes  
Carrot Layer Cake Rolls and Butter  
Coffee, Iced Tea and Water  
Cost \$20.00 (First-Timers \$10.00)

Does that phrase sound familiar? Well, we won't be riding in a 'one-horse open sleigh,' to our District Convention in March, but we will be able to participate in two of the five focus areas International has designated - Diabetes Awareness and Pediatric Cancer!

Our goals for this year include providing seminars with learning more about pediatric cancer and the elks in Pennsylvania. With an overwhelming response from the previous year with a luncheon, followed by entertainment, this year we have Woody Wolfe from Heart to Ministry. Woody travels to many children's hospitals and sings to the children.

Our seminars will be scheduled for all Lions to attend each of our activities, which will include Jeff Keiffer and Cindy Hintz from Keystone Elk County talking about elks. The next seminar, Dr. Ramdas, Department Chair of Pediatric Oncology,

from Geisinger Children's Hospital, will be presenting on childhood cancer.

Lions and guests will have the opportunity to walk one block to increase funds for Diabetes; and to pack Pediatric Cancer Care Boxes with the Warrior Run Leo Club.

District Governor Howard "Butch" Haus has arranged for Immediate Past International Director Alan Lundgren from Arizona, as our guest speaker during our luncheon.

Set your calendars and be ready for some fun action on March 30th at our Annual District Convention, Genetti in Williamsport! Last year, we had over 125 Lions attending our condensed convention and we would like that number to increase this year. With over 1700 Lions in our district, we would like to see at least one lion from each club. Watch next month for details.

## DUES

### Presidents/Secretaries

**PLEASE pay the International, State, and District DUES by January 31st!!!!**

## Welcome NEW Lion Members!



*New Lions: Wear your Lions Pin over your heart as the Lion looks to the past and the other Lion looks to the future. Wear it with PRIDE!*

**Bloomsburg Area Lions Club:** Lion Timothy Chamberlain, Sponsored by Lion Paul Reichart; Lion John "Jack" Pollard, Sponsored by Lion Paul Reichart; Lion Janelle Surkin, Sponsored by Lion Paul Reichart; and Lion Dennis Williams, Sponsored by Lion Paul Reichart.

**Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club:** Lion David R. Carson, Sponsored by Lion David Werner.

**Milton Lions Club:** Lion Steven A. Overdorf, Sponsored by Lion Leonard Little.

**Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club:** Lion Dawn Marie Makari, Sponsored by Lion Cheryl Wilbur; Lion Kamara Makari, Sponsored by Lion Cheryl Wilbur.

### District Cabinet

#### Meetings

Step Building

423 Central Avenue

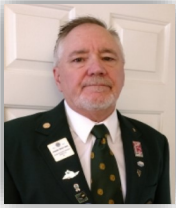
South Williamsport, PA

#### Cabinet Meeting #3:

February 9, 2019

1:00 p.m.

# District Governor Howard "Butch" Haus



Greetings Lions, Lioness and Leos of 14G

During the month of December I had several club visits, Christmas parties and took some time off to go hunting for deer!

Thanks to all who attended our cabinet meeting. I hope everyone learned something new and had an enjoyable time. There have been many events to attend throughout our district: our newest branch club Bald Eagle Valley Lions Club held a craft fair where the kids made crafts and enjoyed cookies and punch; Mifflinburg Lions Club had a successful 3 days of spreading Christmas cheer with their hot dogs and hamburger booth; and the Milesburg Lions Club also had an event at the local high school with Santa and gifts for the children. In addition, I hope all got to enjoy some sauerkraut on New Year's - the competition is keen within the district between Montgomery Lions Club, Picture Rock Lions Club and the Watson town Lions Club with all the clubs making sauerkraut!

Gudrun Yngavaddottir, our International President, has challenged us to go "Beyond the Horizon" this year. Discover a new project your club can do this year in "Service." Take the time now to begin thinking about the remaining 2018-2019 Lions year and begin to plan your events, and be sure to incorporate some fun in your service activities!

Plan on attending our District Convention as we will again have service as a focus. There will be a "Strides Walk" and we will be packing "Lion's Boxes" for the local hospitals for children. Come and have some fun!

International has set a goal of serving 200 million people per year! Since my visiting of clubs and reminding the secretaries to report activities our district has hit record numbers of serving our communities! Remember to give your secretaries a list of the services each of you perform and it will help us reach that goal. YOU are a Lion member, so no matter what you do it makes a difference. We already have more hours reported this year than all of last year. Keep it going strong!

Don't forget to donate to "Campaign 100." Over the next 3 years LCIF will be attempting to raise 300 million dollars. Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is 50 years old; and has awarded 1 billion dollars in grants to date. This may sound impressive, but the need is even greater in the future. LCIF is asking that every member donate to this campaign. You can donate to LCIF by visiting the website and clicking on the donate button. You can begin your journey towards a Melvin Jones Fellow. Clubs can also be looking at applying for grants in their own communities. Put your money to work! If you have any questions about LCIF or you can contact myself at [butch9443@hotmail.com](mailto:butch9443@hotmail.com), phone (814) 933-4601 or our LCIF District coordinator PDG Gary Strauch at [gstrauch@frontiernet.net](mailto:gstrauch@frontiernet.net), phone (570) 204-8003.

Finally, the district will be scheduling training for the MYLION app to make reporting of your service activities faster and easier! Look for this training in the future. Lions, please read and share the NEWSLETTER with all members.

"Building Hope thru Lionism"  
DG Howard "Butch" Haus



## Important Dates

### JANUARY

- Jan. 03 South Williamsport Lions Club
- Jan. 10 Jersey Shore Lions Club
- Jan. 17 Mill Hall Lions Club
- Jan. 23 Ferguson Township Lions Club

## Where Am I?

### FEBRUARY

- Feb. 1-3 State Council #3 Meeting, Altoona
- Feb. 5 Warrensville Area Lions Club
- Feb. 7 Montoursville Lions Club
- Feb. 9 District Cabinet Meet #3, STEP, S Williamsport
- Feb. 11 Mansfield Lions Club
- Feb. 12 Centre Hall Lions Club

Welcome 2019

# First Vice District Governor James Wilbur

I hope your holidays were about making memories with family and friends. I want to thank the clubs that have made their \$10.00 donation towards the Brady Buggy! With our focus on pediatric cancer for our district convention, it would especially be nice to announce the number of buggy's donated by Lions Clubs in our district. As 2VDG, I was able to attend a children's cancer unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital, and these buggies would make any child feel comfortable riding around in a Lion Cart! This project will make memories for children that are not feeling so well.

The first of December I attended the Vice District Governor's Retreat in Harrisburg. We enjoyed the presentations, played "A Minute To Win It," and shared

those meals Lions enjoy!

Speaking of the district convention, there is help still needed to make this a successful day. Please contact District Convention Chairperson Lion Tammy Wolfe with what you could do for our district. We are learning from your observations and suggestions taken from last year's comments, which were greatly appreciated. It makes planning an event to celebrate our year with your ideas!

We have our next cabinet meeting on February 9, 2019, at the STEP Building, South Williamsport. It would be amazing if we could get all presidents and secretaries of our 60 clubs to attend, as it a requirement as leaders of the club. The District Cabinet

meetings are informative and provide awareness of what is transpiring within the district. It could be new programs by International or new programs the District Governor with wanting to inform the clubs.



Hope to see you in February 2019!

*1VDG James "Jim" Wilbur*

## What is a Vice District Governor's Retreat?

The Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Deb Burkholder organized and created a Vice District Governor's Retreat for Lions wanting to take the lead in Lionism. This is a fun networking and gathering or sharing information to be ready for the journey of becoming a District Governor.

All expenses are paid by the GLT's budget. Only requirement—attendance!

### Friday, December 7, 2018 (at Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey)

5:00 – 5:30 pm Registration  
 5:30 - 6:30 pm **Dinner**  
 6:30 – 7:30 pm Opening PDG Deb Burkholder  
 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Working with Your LCIF Coordinator PDG Tom Gregg

### Saturday, December 8, 2018 (at Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey)

8:00 – 10:45 a.m. District Governor Orientation PDG Deb Burkholder  
 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Program Overview (2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs) ACC Bill Morgan  
 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. LCI Forward (2nd VDGs) PDG Kerry McKnight  
 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Meeting Management (2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs) ACC PDG Bill Morgan

### **10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Break**

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Communication Skills  
 PID Cindy Gregg

### **12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch**

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Effective Listening (1<sup>st</sup> VDG's) PDG Cheryl Wilbur  
 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Success Through Teamwork (2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs) PDG Tom Gregg  
 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. Public Speaking (1<sup>st</sup> VDGs) PID Cindy Gregg  
 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. Impromptu Speaking Skills (2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs) PID Jim Cavallaro

### **3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Break**

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Selecting Your Team PDG Deb Burkholder

### **6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Celebration Dinner**

7:30 p.m. until ? Speech Preparation

### Sunday, December 9, 2018 (Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey)

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Public Speaking Presentations (1<sup>st</sup> VDGs) PID Cindy Gregg  
 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Succession Planning (2<sup>nd</sup> VDG's) PID Jim Cavallaro  
 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. New Club Development (2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs) PDG Cheryl Wilbur  
**10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break**  
 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. MD 14 Finance Lion Bob McComas  
 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Constitution and Bylaws Review PCC Larry Edwards  
**12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch**  
 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Closing and Evaluation PDG Deb Burkholder and Other Presenters



Following directions—each own's interpretation!



The First and Second Vice District Governors of PA have completed the last leg of training and are giving a THUMBS UP to say, "We're Ready!"

"What did you just say??"



These 9 Lions completed the RLLI with PID Cindy Gregg, and continued on to become DG's!!



2018-2019 Vice District Governor's Retreat

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# District Staff Administrator: PCC CJ Keener

## ***"Calling Them As I See Them"***

NO insults meant - just the facts!!! And, maybe some motivation !!

Almost THE Final MMR Score for 2018:

Fellow Sub-District 14-G Lions:

This is THE ALMOST Final MMR Score for 2018!

A few days ago, before the major seasonal holiday we just observed that saves the economic fortune of many American Corporations, we still had 20 of our 60 14-G Lions Clubs in default of submitting their final Monthly Membership Report for 2018. As of yesterday we still had six (6) - Can you believe it -SIX - that still haven't gotten the message of "PLEASE log onto MyLCI and click the 'no change this month button' that submits your MMR within the first 5 days of each month."

Then, if there is a death, drop, or "wonder of wonders" - A NEW LION, the secretary or president can make that change later in the month when it occurs. This makes everyone's "Lions Lives" easy and enjoyable for the next 30 days until the next MM Report is due in a similar fashion.

Even after an un-necessary "prompting action" by our GMT IPDG Cheryl Wilbur, as of 7:05 p.m. on Dec 31, 2018, these four 14-G Clubs still have not completed their 2018 MMRs:

Big Pond

Canton

Shamokin Dam

South Creek

These clubs have all submitted their MMRs before so I know it is not a case of lack of knowledge of the skill needed in accomplishing the task!!! In recent *Lions Tales*, I have made the offer to help them - all it takes is a phone call to my number listed in the 2018-19 14-G Directory. It appears that after Dec. 31, 2018 calls from IPDG; 14-G GMT; MD-14 GMT Cher that the

only club as of 8:00 p.m., 12/31/2018, that totally let the 14-G record of "ALL MRRs IN" fall is club #5999 !!!

Shamokin Dam has responded, while Big Pond and South Creek have "promised." HOOO-RAY!!!! (These 2 still have not reported as of 8:37 p.m. ET 12/31/2018).

Why are the December and June MMRs **SO** important. Several of your 14-G Leaders have attempted to explain that since June 30, 2018, what membership is "on the books" as of those "closing dates" is what the International Association of Lions Clubs ("International/ Oak Brook") bills your club for on July 1 and January 1. ***There is no longer a "month's grace period" to "remove and get a credit" as in previous years.***

Also, we have three clubs that since July 1, 2018, have dropped one of four key mandatory reportable officer positions. The Membership Director was absent from Shamokin Dam; (resolved!!!) and both Bloomsburg (resolved) and Mt. Carmel (resolved) were missing treasurers. This is very important -- BECAUSE --- WHO RECEIVES THE DUES BILLS /// The TREASURER !!!!

Some very inspired Club Secretaries also have been taking the time to submit homemade reports to the *Lions Tale* Editor, our 14-G Governor Howard "Butch" Haus, and me. Many Thanks!, But save your typing skills for more important tasks.

But - and, I hope this is not offensive - if your service activities report and your Monthly Membership Report are submitted properly to the International Association of Lions Clubs (LCI), then your job is done!! No further reporting; however, as wonderful it may seem, is needed. If an activity is reported on these "homemade reports" and not submitted to LCI (using MyLCI), It does NOT count - it is as simple as that. The activity reports on MyLCI have

changed drastically in the past 3 three months. In fact, I believe they are actually simpler. Home made reports are therefore just an extra un-needed effort.

If you have paid attention (sorry to alert those clubs you have yet to visit Gov!!) to 14-G Governor Howard "Butch" Haus's presentation, you will have heard about the importance of reporting "ALL Lions connection service happenings."

I realize that many of our Lions are "computer/internet challenged." That is not a sin, but a sign of our maturing membership. Just ask their grand or great grandchildren "how behind is Grandpa, or Grandma??"!!!! Anyone can see the Monthly Club Health Assessments that ranks your own club as to how well YOU are doing in the World of Lionism.

"Click on" -" <https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/Login> ";

On the right hand margin, click on "Membership Reports"

Click on "Parent Directory"

Click on "Club Health Assessment"

Click on "2018-2019"

Click on "2018-11"

Click on "Club Health Assessment"

Then scroll down and click on "District 14 G" and you'll see which club is #5999!!

If you look at other Sub-Districts in Multiple District 14 (PA), you will see the enviable reporting record that your fellow 14-G Lions Clubs have achieved compared to the rest of the Wide World of Lionism.

Many Thanks to All who have done their tasks; a good healthy chunk of Blossburg Coal (it's from 14-G !!! - "Google It" !!!) for those that have not; & Seasons' Greetings and a Happy New Year to ALL!!!!

***C J Keener, Past Council Chair  
14-G District Staff Administrator***

***ATTENTION Club Presidents & Secretaries: You Can Submit Your Members (MMR's) on the 1st of every month—if there are changes during the month, just add a member or drop a member. HUGE***

***THANKS to those secretaries reporting on time!!! "You're on Santa's Favorites List!"***

Welcome 2019

# Still Looking for Candidates for 1VDG and 2VDG!

## Lion Leaders

### What YOU need to KNOW . . .

- We have highly qualified Lions leading our clubs
- 1st Time in District 14-G's history - **WE DO NOT HAVE A** Second Vice District Governor!
- Our District provides monies for required training
- Leading at the next level is heart-warming to meet Lions that are passionate about helping others just like ourselves!

The district governor (DG) is the chief administrative officer of the district and serves as the district governor team leader. The by-laws of the District Constitution and By-laws state a district governor's responsibilities include:

- Administer and promote membership growth and new club development.
- Administer and promote leadership development at the club and district levels.
- Promote impactful service projects, empower and support implementation at the club and district levels.
- Preside, when present, over cabinet, convention and other district meetings.
- Promote harmony among the chartered Lions clubs.
- Ensure that each Lions club in the district be visited by the district governor or other district officer once every year to facilitate successful administration of the club.
- Perform such other functions and acts as shall be required of him/her by the International Board of Directors.

Meeting the requirements is just the beginning of being a CEO of an organization. There are qualities beyond what is written down on paper. As the District Governor, there are individual club reports that need to be submitted to International; mileage charts for reimbursements; computer literacy; enjoy meeting people; comfortable speaking to large audiences; and being a multi-tasker to accomplish many areas of expertise in Lionism.

The training that is required by International will be the support system and where do I go when I need an answer to inquiries. Searching through the District e-Book is a wealth of information for any Lion.

To discover more about becoming a District Governor Visit our [District e-Book](#) for more helpful information. Right click on the blue to Open Hyperlink. There is a world of information regarding all aspects of Lionism.

## Awards and Recognitions

At the conclusion of a District Governor's year, it is evaluated by Lions Clubs International. Recognition of the District Governor's goals that were achieved or exceeded; recognition by the Past District Governor's—the Counsellors; or by the seated International President during that governor's year.

Lions of District 14-G, our district has been recognized because of you and your dedication to reach for more hands for more service, while the team leading your district was building new clubs in areas of need—including rebuilding or entering another location with no Lion services.

My philosophy has always been for us to serve as a TEAM. Our District Team in 2017-2018 consisted of Immediate Past District Governor James Crawley, First Vice District Governor Howard "Butch" Haus,

Second Vice District Governor James Wilbur, Zone Chair Harry Ward, and District Administrator Past Council Chair Charles "Jim" Keener.

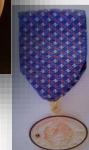
Each team member will receive a medal from the Immediate International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, which will be presented at the Cabinet Meeting by the IPDG.

Thanks to all of our district and the team, as we have been honored for reaching beyond our goals!

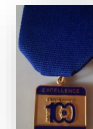
May you all continue to lead with your hearts and help make others smile along the way! Blessings, IPDG Cheryl



Wall clock created by PDG Kerry Drake for the Governor's Year: International Pin and District Governor's Pin.

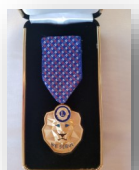


International Leadership Pin from Lions Clubs International.



Excellence Award to the District Governor's Team for meeting goals within the district.

International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal Award Medal for leading District 14-G with exceeding goals defined by the District Governor.



# State Council Meeting #3

Special Elections  
Vote for Changes on Ballots

## Your Vote Counts!

Our District 14-G has continued to be there when you club needs help - whether to assist with a fundraiser, purchase your raffle tickets, attend your events, starting new clubs, or re-establishing the club you didn't want to let go. The leaders of this District are asking for your support of voting for Past Council Chair Larry Edwards.

PCC Lion Larry and his wife, Lion Susan, are members of the Harris Township Lions Club. They participate in the majority of Harris Township events, in addition to attending State Council Meetings, trainings,

seminars, various clubs across the state of Pennsylvania, and campaigning for the position. I was privileged to be under his direction when he was the Council Chair while I was the District Governor. I can attest to his guiding leadership, his integrity, and his forward thinking of the future. He has the ability to pull out the strengths of many people and work as a team.

Many times, club presidents and secretaries are not aware of how important the position of being an officer of a club is to the district, to the state, and to the world.

Lions of Pennsylvania are highly regarded and recognized all over the world. Electing PCC Larry Edwards for International Director assures the state of Pennsylvania to have continued leadership in the world.

If officers are not able to attend the meeting in Altoona, please send a representative from your club. Let the world know how proud we are of our leaders in Lionism is important to us! Your support will be greatly appreciated!

IPDG Cheryl A. Wilbur, Editor

**DG's, PDG's, Lions of MD-14, Please make plans to vote in the MD Special Election on February 2, 2019, 8 AM to 10 AM at the State Council Meeting held at the Altoona Grand Hotel, Altoona, PA**

Club Presidents & Secretaries of District 14G:

I hope that all had a great Christmas and will have a happy New Year as we start into the second half of this Lions year.

I am contacting you to solicit your help. I believe that most of you know that I transferred to 14-G in July with the full intention of entering to race for International Director. Lion Susan and I have been so overwhelmed by how we have been received, we have made it through the District endorsement and the House of Delegate process but now must succeed at the Multiple



District election to be endorsed on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. I do now have competition in PDG John Mallonee of 14-T who was endorsed by his District on 12/22/18. With that we are moving forward, and the mind set and help of many that I will gain the MD-14 endorsement to move us on to the Milan International Convention for election as a Director.

With the current membership in 14-G we will have approximately 25 PDG's and about 165 possible delegates for the election. My goal and request to you is to help us get those individuals out to vote. Consider carpooling,

contacting your neighboring clubs to join in a ride or coming to the Council meeting on Friday and staying over or make it a weekend.

The voting and certification will be on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 from 8 AM to 10 AM at the Altoona Grand Hotel (former Ramada Inn). All secretaries should have received delegate forms for their club. If not, they are available on the State web site [palions.org](http://palions.org) or let me know and I can help.

I am hoping to see many of the 14-G delegates in Altoona and will thank-you in advance for your ongoing support.

Yours in Service,

PCC Larry Edwards

Welcome 2019





## ***Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs***

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# **NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

**Why:** To select a Multiple District 14 Lion as an endorsed candidate for the high office of International Director at the 102nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention July 4-9, 2019, in Milan, Italy.

**When:** Saturday, February 2, 2019

**Where:** Altoona Grand Hotel, 1 Sheraton Drive, Altoona, PA

**Who:** Each Multiple District 14 Lions club in good standing with Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 14 and its respective sub-district as of January 1, 2019, shall be entitled to have one (1) certified delegate per each 10 members listed on MyLCI as of December 31, 2018.

Past District Governors are also each entitled to one delegate credential, which does not count against a club's delegate allocation.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Club delegate credentials, as well as those of Past District Governors who are members of that club, will be denied if a club has an unpaid LCI, MD-14 and/or sub-district per capita dues balance as of January 1, 2019.*

**How:** Certification of delegates and voting for an endorsed candidate for the high office of International Director will be conducted in a one-stop process between the hours of 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at the Altoona Grand Hotel in Altoona, PA.

*Results of the Special Election will be announced during the third 2018-2019 PA State Council of Lions Clubs' Council of Governors regular meeting scheduled to convene at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, February 2, 2019, at the Altoona Grand Hotel.*

# Special Election Form for Club Candidate

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**Please bring the bottom portion of this page with you to the Special Election**

### 2019 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 SPECIAL ELECTION CLUB DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM

District 14-\_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lion's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Lion's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*The undersigned club officer hereby authorizes that the above named individual is an active member and a duly selected Delegate of said Multiple District 14 Lions Club to the Special Election to be held Saturday, February 2, 2019 in Altoona, Pa.*

Signature of Club Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_





# Special Election Form for Past District Governors

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

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### 2019 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 SPECIAL ELECTION PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR CERTIFICATION FORM

Club Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_ District 14- \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lion's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Lion's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*The above Multiple District 14 Past District Governor hereby certifies he/she is a member in good standing with a Multiple District 14 Lions Club in good standing with its district, the Multiple District and Lions Clubs International and, thereby, shall be granted full rights to vote in the Special Election to be held Saturday, February 2, 2019 in Altoona, Pa.*





**MD-14 STATE COUNCIL of LIONS CLUBS CONVENTION**  
**96<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention - May 16 to May 19, 2019**  
**Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, 250 Kalahari Blvd., Pocono Manor, PA 18349**

**Registrant**

Sub-District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ **Lion Lioness Leo Guest**  
 (Circle applicable membership)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last First Initial Title (example, DG, PDG, Lion)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence Business/cell Please print clearly

First State Convention **Yes – No** Years as a Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Office Held \_\_\_\_\_ **Past – Present**  
 (Circle one)

Spouse or Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: Dietary Restrictions, Hearing, Vision, Physically Challenged: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Information: ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE by calling Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Phone Number: 1-877-525-2427, Mention: PA State Lions Convention Rate**

**Hotel address: 250 Kalahari Blvd. Pocono Manor, PA 18346**

**Reservation Code: 90.....: <https://staypa.kalahariresorts.com/pennsylvania#groupSignIn>**

**Room rate: \$159/night plus applicable taxes Deadline for room reservations: April 16, 2019**

**REGISTRATION**

**Convention Registration – REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES (No fee for children under 12 or Leos)**

Early (Until Jan. 31, \$10) Regular (Feb. 1 - Apr. 15, \$12.50) Late (Apr. 16 to on-site reg. \$15) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Luncheon: Turkey on Sourdough \_\_\_\_\_ Portobello Mushroom on Focaccia \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Honey Ham on Sourdough \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday PA Counsellors and District Governors' Honors Banquet:

Roasted Pork Loin \_\_\_\_\_

Pan Seared Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Egg Plant \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) to be seated with \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Luncheon: Honoring Lioness of the Year - Buffet \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday International Banquet:

Beef Tenderloin \_\_\_\_\_ European Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_

Cauliflower Steak \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) to be seated with \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Melvin Jones/Key Member Breakfast Buffet \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2019 State Convention Pin \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 6.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Registration Deadlines: April 27, 2019 (April 16<sup>th</sup> if you wish to sit with someone specific)**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 27, 2019**

**EACH REGISTRANT SHOULD COMPLETE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM!**

**Make check payable to: 2019 Convention Fund**

**Credit Card Payments (secure) may be made at State Council Meetings**

**Mail completed forms and check to: PA Lions 2019 State Convention Committee**

**668 Liberty Court, Hazleton, PA 18201**

**Lions Jerry and Jamie DePalma - Registration Chairpersons**

**Questions may be directed to: PDG Andy Piskel email: [2019paconvention@gmail.com](mailto:2019paconvention@gmail.com) or 570-956-1245**

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# Ballots - May 2019 MD-14 PA Convention

## Ballot Question 1

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CONCERNS THE BY-LAWS. (THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT.)**

**A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AS LISTED IN ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2. ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, e, STATE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND, WILL CHANGE FROM \$8.50 TO \$\_\_\_\_. ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, g, PENNSYLVANIA NEWS PUBLICATION FUND, WILL CHANGE FROM \$1.50 TO \$\_\_\_\_.**

**THIS CHANGE IS TO SHOW A REDUCTION OF \$\_\_\_\_ IN THE PENNSYLVANIA NEWS PUBLICATION FUND, AND AN INCREASE OF \$\_\_\_\_ IN THE STATE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that effective July 1, 2019, Article VI, Section 2.e, will read as follows: State Council Administrative Fund - \$\_\_\_\_ and Article VI, Section 2, g, will read as follows: Pennsylvania News Publication Fund - \$\_\_\_\_.

**SHALL THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? YES NO**

## Ballot Question 2

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CONCERNS THE CONSTITUTION. (THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST TO ADOPT.)**

**A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A REVISION TO THE SELECTION OF THE VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AND THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AS LISTED IN ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 1- COMPOSITION, SECTION 4-COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON, AND SECTION 5- COUNCIL VICE CHAIRPERSON.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that effective July 1, 2019, Article VII, Sections 1, 4, and 5 will read as follows:

**"Section 1. COMPOSITION.** There shall be a State Council composed of all of the District Governors in the Multiple District and the Chairperson of the State Council (who shall be a Past District Governor), who are the voting members.

**Section 4. COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.** The Chairperson of the State Council shall be the Immediate Past District Governor who served in the capacity of Vice Council Chairperson during the preceding year. The Council Chairperson will serve a one- year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. In the event the Chairperson is unable or refuses to serve, or having accepted, resigns or dies, the sitting District Governors shall appoint an Immediate Past District Governor to serve the remaining term of office. If no Immediate Past District Governor is willing to serve, the District Governors may select a qualified Past District Governor to serve the remainder of the term.

**Section 5. VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.** The Vice Council Chairperson for Lions year 2019-2020 shall be the District Governor from District 14 P. The Vice Council Chairperson for Lions year 2020-2021 shall be the District Governor from District 14 T. The Vice Council Chairperson for the Lions year 2021-2022 shall be the District Governor from District 14 U. The Vice Council Chairperson for Lions year 2022-2023 shall be the District Governor from District 14 W. For Lions year 2023-2024 and thereafter, the determination as to who will be the Vice Council Chairperson for a given Council shall be made while that group is serving as Second Vice District Governors. One of the sitting Second Vice District Governors will be selected by the sitting District Governors at the Fourth Council of Governors Meeting. The first selection of a Vice Council Chairperson using this method will occur at the Fourth Council of Governors Meeting of the 2021-2022 Lions year. The Vice Council Chairperson will serve a one-year term (concurrent with the year as District Governor) and then become the Council Chairperson. In the event, either before or after becoming the Vice Council Chairperson, the Lion is unable or refuses to serve, or having accepted, resigns or dies, the sitting District Governors shall appoint a replacement from among the same group of Second Vice District Governors (who may now be First Vice District Governors or District Governors) to serve out the term of office and then serve as the Council Chairperson. If no one in this group is willing to serve, then the sitting District governors may select a qualified Past District governor to serve in the position."

**SHALL THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? YES NO**



## New Way of Thinking About Service

To All District 14-G Lions:

I am attaching a Challenge to our Districts concerning our goal to reach \$100,000 dollars for Four Diamonds. I want to thank DG Keldeen for putting this together. Currently we are at \$7590.47 and I received 3 checks from clubs in 14-L for an addition of \$617.50. This brings the total to \$8207.97. We are 1/3 of the year into the campaign and we have not yet raised 10% of the total. With this challenge, hopefully by the time for the State Convention rolls around, we can show IP Gudrun what the Lions of Pennsylvania can do when they put their hearts into it. Please share the Challenge with **ALL** of your clubs ASAP. In addition, the recognition program remains in effect. It goes like this:

- ⇒ Donations less than \$5.25 per member of a club **CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATE**
- ⇒ Donations equaling \$5.25 per member of a Club **BRONZE BANNER PATCH**
- ⇒ Donations equaling \$10.50 per member of a club **SILVER BANNER PATCH**
- ⇒ Donations equaling \$15.75 per member of a club **GOLD BANNER PATCH**



Devon, Poster Child for "Four Diamonds" is with District Governor Keldeen Stam-baugh, District 14-T.

So that I know which recognition each club is entitled to, I must receive an e-mail or letter from the district or the club showing the amount donated. Please do this on an ongoing basis so that I have time to get the certificates printed and the correct patch for each club.

Thank you for all that you do and keep up the good work. May you and your families have a very Happy and Blessed "Holidays."

Yours in Service,

PDG Tom Gregg

MD 14 GST Coordinator

## Your Donations to LCIF HELP Others

### Tsunami Strikes Coastal Regions of Indonesia

A disaster has once again struck the coastal region of western Indonesia. A tsunami, triggered by a volcanic eruption, struck the area at approximately 9:30pm local time Saturday, December 22, killing over 350 people, wiping out hundreds of homes and businesses, and leaving many people homeless.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has approved US\$50,000 in designated disaster funding to assist local Lions of district A1 and B1 in providing much needed early response relief.

We know Lions everywhere join us in sending their thoughts and prayers to the people

affected by this recent disaster as they not only mourn the loss of loved ones, but also struggle to obtain adequate housing, fresh water, and food.



Disasters strike without notice. We encourage all Lions to consider making a donation to Campaign 100 so we can answer the call to provide much-needed funding when and where it is needed (taken from Michael Scott's Face Book page for the Lions Club Help and Support Group—December 24, 2018)

<https://bit.ly/2rTSZoS> #Campaign100

If you want to make a personal or a club donation to LCIF make it for Disaster Relief NOT a specific disaster. Any questions, call PDG Gary Strauch or PCC Keener.

# Lion President Jimmy Carter - 65 Chevron!



Lions Christmas Party at Plains Ga, District 18-O Governor Georgia Taylor presented President Jimmy Carter with his Chevron Pin for 65 years of service as a Lions Club Member.

**Jimmy Carter (James Earl Carter, Jr.)** 39th President of the United States and Founder of



The Carter Center

Former U.S. President (*and Past District Governor*) Jimmy Carter, an active Lions Clubs member, said, "Fighting blinding diseases has profound significance, not just for me as an interested observer, but for the child who will never go blind and for his parents and grandparents, who now have hope their lives can improve.



When people receive Mestiza, it is often the only time they experience such hope. The distribution of more than 50 million treatments is an incredible achievement."

## Milan, Italy - Place of 2019 International Convention

December 28, 2018



[thesavvybackpacker.com](http://thesavvybackpacker.com)

Hello Fellow Lions;

Today am writing to you about the Lions International Convention in Milan, Italy. Some information has come to my attention that I feel needs to be presented to anyone who has any intention of attending the international convention. The following will require your attention; please review as timing may be an important factor.

- \*Passport – Must be current and valid for six (6) months after your return
- \*Health insurance – Medicare does not cover you out of the country; check your supplement insurance for coverage
- \*Travel Insurance – Check with your travel agent to see if they recommend this coverage; estimated cost \$100 or more per person (Death benefits are important here)
- \*Visa – Not required, if you are a United States citizen
- \*Currency – Italy uses the Euro which can be obtained state side from various agencies, such as AAA (for a fee)

The committee hopes that this will be helpful information for you to make your experience an enjoyable one at the International Convention, if more information is needed - please contact me. (H) 570.368.2098 (Cell) 570.447.4472 Email [dunezy@verizon.net](mailto:dunezy@verizon.net)

Together in Lionism,

PDG Bob Dunne

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# VOLUNTEER IN RETIREMENT . . . Why?

Credit is given to Michael Scott with sharing a link to the group: Lions Clubs Help and Support Group.

According to a study done by the Corporation for National and Community Services, volunteering may lower the risk of health problems in seniors, such as dementia and depression. It gives many seniors a sense of purpose and greater satisfaction in life. It keeps the brain and body active. For many people once they stop working, they lose many social connections. The study indicates that about 85 percent of people who volunteer after retiring develop new friendships through their volunteer activities. And especially for those who live in a rural area, volunteering keeps them from becoming isolated.

Michelle Kaufman retired in 2015 from the New York Police Department where she worked for 35 years, most as an associate investigator. She now volunteers with the American Red Cross in Charlotte, N.C. though she has deployed several times

to volunteer at disasters around the country. In addition to volunteering for disaster response, Kaufman volunteers as a driver transporting life-saving blood products to hospitals within the region, a volunteer position she wishes more people would do. She says that volunteering with the Red Cross keeps her young, her mind occupied, and her life full of surprises. "Could today be the day I'll get a fire call or to be deployed," said Kaufman.

In a Nov. 15, 2015, U.S. News & World Report column, author Tom Sightings says that many volunteers feel that giving back to society means they make a difference in the lives of others, with 70 percent of retirees also saying being generous provides them a significant source of happiness. With this, Kaufman agrees wholeheartedly. While she finds it difficult to put into words exactly what she gets out of volunteering, she says that to get a huge hug from a client she has helped makes volunteering worthwhile.

## 7 Reasons to Volunteer in Retirement

by Tom Sightings, Contributor, 11.16.15 U.S. News (internet 12.16.18)

"1. Retirees have the best opportunity. . . They account for 45 percent of all volunteering hours, Merrill Lynch found."

"2. They have the most money. . . This explains why retirees account for 42 percent of the money donated to charity, according to Merrill Lynch."

"3. They find it fulfilling. . . Retirees who are active in charities also have a stronger sense of purpose and higher self-esteem. They have lower rates of depression as well as lower blood pressure and lower mortality rates."

"4. It's a way to make social connections. . . Volunteering helps retirees meet people with similar interests and values."

"5. Where does the money go? . . . About a third donate to relieve poverty, a quarter provide disaster aid and roughly 20 percent give to educational institutions."

"6. Giving to family. . . A number of retirees also say it's more important to help put family members in times of need instead of accumulating an estate for their children."

"7. Women versus men. . . They are more likely to give money and more likely to volunteer. Today, about a third of charitable bequests are made by married couples. But almost half are by women alone."

## Global Membership Chairperson

With looking at our total membership for our District 14-G, we are now at 1,681. We have added 59 new members, but have dropped 92. I am sure the majority of this is due to clubs cleaning up the rosters in their clubs, such as removing members that have not paid dues nor participated within the last year. Clubs should not be paying for members that have no interest in helping others or not being able to make a commitment at this time. It is not the responsibility of clubs to pay absent members dues.

This will make us ready to move forward and conduct Membership Drives in your communities; however, this means help from club members to form a team to increase more hands for more service.

Currently, we are working on forming a club, Bald Eagle Valley Lions Club

Branch in Region 4. There are 12 members at this time and the club sponsoring them is the Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club. I will be the Guiding Lion, as well with the guidance of District Governor "Butch" Haus. They have already held a fundraiser that was very successful, so we have high hopes of this club forming this Lions calendar year!

We are also working with the Bloomsburg Lions Club. Due to this club floundering during this past year, it is considered a "Priority Club." To learn more about a "Priority Club" read the next page of this newsletter. We have met with the club in December, removed members that have not shown nor paid in a year, added 4 new members, and elected new officers. It will only take a phone call to the DG to help your club be successful and get ready for the next century of Lionism. **DG at 814.355.9443.**



2018 District Convention: Packing 550 Food Boxes to feed Senior Citizens.



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## Priority Club Designation

Every club is important to the association and to the community it serves. Priority designation gives the district the ability to focus on strengthening clubs that need additional assistance so they continue to serve far into the future. Priority club designation allows members of the District Governor Team (the district governor, first vice district governor or second vice district governor) to make up to two additional club visits to the club funded by the existing district governor budget. This designation does not change the status of the club nor change the clubs rights or obligations and is designed to provide support to clubs that need additional attention.

Priority clubs automatically include all clubs that have been chartered over the previous 24 months, clubs in status quo or financial suspension and clubs that have been cancelled over the previous 12 months that could be reinstated.

The district governor may request priority designation for five additional clubs. To request priority designation for clubs that are not newly formed, recently cancelled, in status quo or financial suspension as noted above, the district governor must indicate why additional support is necessary, provide a plan outlining the needed activities and assign a Guiding Lion to the club. The plan must be approved by the club, the district governor, and the first vice district governor and then submitted to the District and Club Administration Division. These clubs must continue to pay dues and fulfill the responsibilities of a Lions Club or may risk being placed in financial suspension and cancelled. If measurable progress is not made within six months, these clubs may lose their priority designation. A club is considered to have achieved success when it has reached the goals set by the club when priority designation was granted. More than five additional clubs may be given a priority designation with the approval of the District and Club Service Committee.

A priority club is considered an active club with all the rights and responsibilities of a chartered Lions club and should:

- a. Approve the assignment of a Guiding Lion to the club for two years and work closely with the district leadership toward rebuilding the club. The Guiding Lion must have the approval of both the club and the DG Team.
- b. Hold meetings to discuss ways to improve club management, develop leadership and increase membership.
- c. Report the progress toward regaining the designation of good standing to the district leadership and the District and Club Administration Division.
- d. Conduct service activities and fund-raising activities.
- e. Participate in district, multiple district, or international functions or seminars, including voting and endorsing or nominating a candidate for district, multiple district and international office, sponsor a Lions club, or organize a Leo club.
- f. Submit the Monthly Membership Report and other report forms.

Priority clubs must continue to pay dues and fulfill their responsibilities of a Lions Club or may risk being placed in financial suspension and cancelled. A club is considered to have achieved success when it has reached the goals set by the club when priority designation was granted. For more information, contact the English language Department via email at [clubstatus@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubstatus@lionsclubs.org), via phone 630-468-6890 or via fax at 630-706-9245.

### New Policy Effective October 17, 2018!

*It is no longer a requirement to have served as club president in order to serve as a Guiding Lion. We encourage Lions to become Certified by successfully passing the Certified Guiding Lion Course prior to appointment.*

### Designed for New, Existing and Priority Designated Clubs

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or determined as priority designation. Guiding Lions are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president. Guiding Lions are limited to serving no more than two new clubs at any point in time.

Guiding Lions assist a club to:

- Be successful in its first two years of operation
- Orient and train club officers and members
- Motivate and support club growth and development
- Locate resources available to assist the club

The application process is completed by the District Governor.

Questions include:

“What are the goals to achieve while in Priority Designation?”

“How does the district plan to help the club achieve the goals?”

In addition, 3 Guiding Lions need to be assigned and the approval of the club president, District Governor, and First Vice District Governor. International will notify the District Governor of the approval.

# Women in Lions



## Women in Leadership Matters

Lions International has provided us with some interesting statistics about women in leadership in our districts all over the world. [Take a look](#) at these reports today. We encourage all leaders not to overlook talented women as they consider their appointments for the upcoming year. (Right CLICK on [Take a look](#), open Hyperlink)



At the April 2018 LCI International Board of Directors Meeting in Miami, Florida, USA, the decision was made to encourage all current Lioness clubs to join the Lions family by extending the [Join Together](#) program effective until June 2021. Following are some frequently asked questions about the Lioness initiative under the [Join Together](#) Program. What is the Join Together Program? [Join Together](#) is a special program that was created to grow the capabilities of Lions Clubs International by encouraging other service minded organizations to join us on this journey of hope. We know that every caring man and woman matters in our mission of service. That's why we're inviting Lionesses to become active members and join our global force for good. The [Join Together](#) invitation has been tailored to recognize and honor Lionesses' service efforts prior to their decision to accept membership. [Are there special incentives for a Lioness club to become a Lions club?](#) Yes. We would love to have Lionesses serving with us as Lions. That's why we are offering existing Lioness clubs with special incentives to become Lions clubs, including:   
*• No minimum number of members required • Charter fee for existing clubs will be waived • The years as a Lioness carry over to Lions membership*

**How can a Lioness Club become a Lions Club?** Lioness Clubs that want to join our global force would need to provide the following information:

- Letter from a sponsoring club verifying the club's years of service emailed to [newclubs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:newclubs@lionsclubs.org).
- Join Together Charter Application Worksheet to collect club information that will be submitted online via MyLCI. Please indicate in the "Comments" section that the new club is part of the Join Together Program and is a Lioness Club affiliated with the (Sponsoring Club Name) Club. The Join Together Worksheet does not need to be submitted to MyLCI.
- Report of Charter Membership Worksheet to collect all member information to be submitted to MyLCI. The Membership Worksheet does not need to be submitted to MyLCI. · Lioness Conversion Historical Record for each Lioness to ensure recognition of their past service

**Can an individual Lioness become a Lion?** Yes. The member would simply need to pay the entrance fee and international dues, as well as any other local dues. This would entitle the new member to the full benefits of being a member of our international association. For those Lionesses who have a family member that is a Lion, they would potentially be eligible to join the same club as a "family member," which would entitle them to discounted international dues.

**What are the advantages of being a Lion?** There are so many great benefits of being a member of Lions International. Members get to vote, attend convention and hold leadership positions that give them a greater voice in Lions. Members receive the support of Lions International, which provides service planning resources, professional development opportunities, and other critical benefits like insurance, legal counsel and advocacy so that members can serve with confidence. Plus, they receive the LION Magazine and access to great technology like the MyLion mobile app and the [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) website and its resource center. And they get the pride of being an official member of the largest service organization in the world.

**Who can I contact with specific questions about the Lioness initiative or Join Together Program?** For questions other than chartering a Lioness club into a Lions club, please email any questions that were not answered above to [membershipdev@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membershipdev@lionsclubs.org).

**Can a Lioness Club still keep their identity as Lioness in their Lion's Club naming convention?** Yes. When you are chartering your club as part of the Join Together Program, we request that you use the naming convention of Municipality (city, town, village, prefecture, county, etc.) and then a "distinguishing designation" if desired, which could include the word Lioness. For example, a Lioness club in Hyderabad, India could be named as: Lions Club of "Hyderabad Lioness" Additional club name rules can be found in Chapter X of Board Policy. Clubs that do not utilize this naming convention will require special approval from the Membership Development Committee.

# Looking for Club Photos



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## Danville Centennial Lions Club

Under the guidance of Guiding Lion PDG James Crawley, this newly formed club has been very successful in meeting and exceeding goals! Just see the enthusiasm on their faces! District Governor "Butch" Haus visited with them in December.



## Montgomery Lions Club

Was presented a check from Weis Markets for \$500 to assist with the community needs in the Montgomery area!!! Lion Sil Mancini was at the store to receive the monies.



## Mt Carmel Lions Club

It has been exciting to see the Mt. Carmel Lions inputting their activities for the last two months –we knew they were a very active club!

Do you know how important it is for clubs to input their hours and activities? There are corporations out there looking for organizations like Lions Clubs to donate monies in their missions of helping others. Bill and Melinda Gates were one of those philanthropists, and donated over 40 million dollars for Measles Vaccines.

With new members in this club and in all our clubs, we will be able to connect to more services and help those in need. Guiding the new Lions and accepting their suggestions or ideas can turn a club around with excitement, fun, and camaraderie!



The club makes Christmas very special for the community!



Mt. Carmel Lions Club sets up the borough's Christmas Tree!



New Year's Day Meals on Wheels ready for delivery!!



New members inducted and chevrons were awarded by District Governor "Butch" Haus.



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### Bloomsburg Lions Club

#### Is Bouncing Back With New Officers!!!!

Lion President Paul Reinhart, Secretary (New) Lion Janelle Surkin; Treasurer (New) Mishelle Wawroski; Tail Twister (New) Dennis Williams, (New) Lion Tamer Tim Chamberlain, and (New) Lion John "Jack" Pollard. As a "Priority Club," 18 members were dropped for non-payment, 4 New members added, and new officers elected. The Guiding Lions will be PDG Gary Strauch, Lion Alice Strauch, and Global Membership Chair PDG Cheryl Wilbur.

## Rauchtown-Nippenose Valley Lions Club



Built a ramp  
for a family  
in Rauchtown!

THANK YOU  
Rauchtown-  
Nippenose  
Valley Lions

for your BIG HEARTS!



### GO Troy Lions Club!

They collected food, gifts,  
and monetary donations to  
300 families!!!!!!

**FANTASTIC!!!!!!!!!!**

## Coudersport & Area Lions Club



Christmas House is a local organization that collects new toys and donates items year round to distribute to needy families. Our Lions club asks all members to bring a wrapped toy marked girl or boy to the December Christmas Dinner Meeting. This year it was held December 3. Many items were donated and were presented to the representative, Billy Haskins, wife of a Lions member, to be taken to Christmas House and distributed to needy children.

**Thank you Coudersport Lions for ALL YOU DO! You're  
AWESOME!**

## VOLUNTEERS

are just ordinary people with

*extraordinary*  
**HEARTS.**

They offer the gift of their time

to teach, to listen, to help,  
to inspire, to build, to grow, to learn.

They expect no pay,

yet the **VALUE** of their work knows  
no limit...

They've known the *unexpected joy*  
of a simple hug.

They've planted the tiny

seeds of love in countless lives.

**VOLUNTEERS**

are just ordinary people who reach out  
and take a hand  
and together

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

that lasts a *LIFETIME.*

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## Dates of Interest

### January

#### **Hunger Awareness Month**

- **January 4**  
**Deadline for hotel and meal RSVP's for 2018-2019 State Council Meeting #3**
- **January 6-12**  
**LCIF Week**
- **January 13**  
**Melvin Jones Birthday**

### February

- **February 1-3**  
**2018-2019 State Council Meeting #3, Hosted by District 14 I, Altoona**
- **February 12-14**  
**First Vice District Governor-elect Seminar, St. Charles, IL**
- **February 22-24**  
**Regional Lions Leadership Institute, York**

## **Don't Miss the Centennial Close-out Sale!**

As the Lions Centennial celebration has drawn to a close, and we begin our next century of service, you can keep the first 100 years of Lions history alive with these special commemorative items. But order today! They're only available for a limited time, while supplies last!

### **Pleasant Gap Lioness Christmas Party 2018**



### **A Very Happy Productive Club!**

### **Howard Lions Club January 2019 Activities**

- Food Bank - Jan. 7 & 21
- Bingo - Jan. 10 & 24
- Meetings - Jan. 8 & 22



Image by St. John Parish Google

The "Jared Box" project was started in 2001 by the children at Our Lady of Victory School in State College, PA, to honor their classmate and friend, Jared. He was a brave little boy who battled cancer with courage and faith that continues to inspire us all. Jared was diagnosed with an incurable brainstem tumor in 1999. At just 5 years old, he demonstrated faith, wisdom, and compassion for others.

Jared maintained his sense of humor and the joys of childhood through play. He carried a backpack full of toys and games to all appointments and questioned why the other children didn't bring toys to their exam rooms. Jared's battle ended on November 12, 2000, while listening to his favorite song, "You'll Be In My Heart."

Jared's Mom, Ruth, shares these thoughts: "Think of one of your happiest childhood moments. Chances are it involved play—whether it was a favorite vacation, special toy, or time spent with family and friends. A Jared Box is the gift of play to chronically ill children. Play is important, and a life threatening illness shouldn't interfere with the need to play."

A "Jared Box" is a plastic storage box filled with gifts, toys, games, and activities. Boxes are given to children in the hospital to lift their spirits. *Photo and story Submitted by Lioness Gail Lucas, Pleasant Gap Lioness Club Secretary*



Holding sign: Jan Smith; Bonnie Bower, Connie Holt, Helen Bair. Row 2: Joann Warefield; Gail Lucas; Mary Jane Fisher; Helen Williams; Lori Taylor; Maria Musselman. Row 3: Linda Kern; Marilyn Baltosser, Sue Tressler; Georgiana Walton; Deb Putt; Dawn Barr.

# Club MMR's and Service Activities

**Belleville** - 36 Members: Administrative requirements; Club meetings; Second mailbox preparation and will be ready for placement; Purchased a mobile gas rotisserie cooker for our "Rib Dinner" sales—a few members will make the trip to Iowa to pick it up in January; Held the Annual Christmas Party for members and spouses at the Belleville Elks Club. Postal mailboxes for sale at \$500 each. Board Meeting.

**Benton** - 40 Members: Participated in the Community Winter Fest selling brooms, holy moly cloths, and candy bars with the monies used towards purchasing eye glasses for those in need; Donated 5 cases of cans of food items to the local food bank; Donated \$100.00 to the Central Pa Food Bank; Two of our members also helped at the Food Bank and handed out reading glasses; Baked cookies for local church to be given out at luncheon for the needy; Sold candy bars to increase funds for scholarships; Worked traveling Library Book Sale; Prepared gift boxes for Good Samaritan donations; Prepared and served lunch to the elderly; Arranging meals for funeral; Members driving senior citizen to and from appointments; Donated a decorated tree for a family in need; Members collected money to purchase toys for the Marines "Toys for Tots;" Sorted food and bagged for local food bank and Harvest Home Food Drive; Helped preparing and serving a community dinner.

**Berwick** - 21 Members: Leftover food items and drinks from Bloomsburg River Fest was donated to the Berwick Women's Shelter; Assisted the Berwick Salvation Army Red Kettle Collection; Donated \$10 to District 14G to assist in purchase the Lion Brady Buggy for the Children's Hospital at Geisinger; Donated \$100 to the Bloomsburg Veterans Memorial Fund, which covers all Columbia County; Purchased two pair of new eye glasses, on request pending; Held the 2nd of 7 drawings for the 200 Club Fund Raiser Club; Building was used by local Relay for Life Teams and the Centre County Farm Bureau for monthly meetings; Administrative and club meetings.

**Big Pond - Members:** Club held a community thank you party for our annual Christmas party inviting all people from the community who have supported and volunteers to help at the Big Pond Lions Club fund raisers throughout the year with over 50 people attending at the event held at "Old Mill Woods;" Club met and approved donations as follows; \$500 donated to the local parents Christmas Helpers which provides Christmas gifts for local families in need; \$300 toward local family in need; Fruit baskets to several community members who just had health care issues including hospitalizations.

**Bloomsburg Area** - 11 Members: Conducted Broom Sales to increase funds; Revitalizing club—"Priority Club" with removing members resigning and recruiting 4 new members; New officers were selected to continue on with the club.

**Canton - Members:** Held a Christmas Party with White elephant auction for monies towards local food bank; Club meetings.

**Catawissa Valley** - 15 Members: Sold brooms on Main Street in Catawissa with Montgomery Lions selling their sauerkraut; Club meetings; Planning a Slip 'N Slide; Held a regular meeting with District Governor and his wife.

**Centre Hall** - 37 Members: Quilts of Valor used the building to cut, sew and quilt material for quilts for local veterans.; Christmas food baskets were packed and given to local widows, widowers, and shut-ins of the area for the Christmas season - Baskets included a frozen chicken, fresh vegetables (potatoes, onion, celery), canned vegetables, bread, cookies and misc. items)

**Coudersport & Area** - 24 Members: "Christmas House" is a local organization that collects new toys and donated items year and distributes them to needy families.; Club asks all members to bring a wrapped toy marked girl or boy to the December Christmas Dinner Meeting, which was held December 3. Many items were donated and were presented to the representative, Billy Haskins, wife of a Lions member, to be taken to Christmas House and distributed to needy families.

**Danville Centennial** - 14 Members: Salvation Army Bell Ringer; Picked up more brooms to sell for fundraiser; Hosted a young people's players Christmas Pageant at Jane Delong Memorial Hall; Placed wreaths on graves in remembrance of loved ones lost this year; Recycling; Donations to "KidsPeace" for foster family Christmas Party.

**Dushore** - 37 Members: 143 adults and 118 children enjoyed breakfast and spending time with Santa. Event sponsored by Bonnie Bennet; Purchased new AMERICAN Flag for a monument; Sponsored with DABA Christmas Parade; Sponsored Bloodmobile and their canteen.

**Eagles Mere LaPorte** - 48 Members: Donation was given towards the Holiday Party for foster children, children in need and their families; Sponsored the Sullivan County High School boys basketball game on Friday, December 14th in Laporte PA. 50-50 cash drawing was done at half time; Members sold roughly 6000 Hunter Raffle Tickets from September to December at various locations in Sullivan County-Drawing was Dec 7th at the Barn Tavern in Eagles Mere: Winners: 1st prize Joann Wise, 2nd Dorothy Fisher, 3rd Bob Snively, 4th Jeff Hamilton.

**Ferguson Township** - 37 Members: Administrative duties; Recycling; Led Bible Study with a group; Assisted visually impaired with shopping for Christmas, wrapping the gifts, and delivering the presents; Led child cleanness program; Delivered "Lions Tale" Newsletters to those without computers; Made favors for Lions and church; Hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive; Helped fire victims; Prepared and served refreshments at a church function; Rang the bell for Salvation Army "Red Kettle Bells;" Helped church deliver to shut-ins; Sponsored Boy Scout Troop 44; One member called upon for American Red Cross Disaster; Checked fire extinguishers at the club; Read to a blind person; Helped with Community Sing; Led a Bible Study for Senior Citizens; Recycling bins for collections; Club meeting and Christmas Banquet Party; Collected gifts to give to Beacon Lodge; One members recorded minutes for Cabinet Meeting; Visited Sugar Valley Lions Club; Delivered 6 cases of Apple Butter to sell at Meyer Dairy; Working on a Cancer Fundraiser; One member attended Lions Convention Meeting.

**Harris Township** - 43 Members: Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at the community tree lighting via a fire truck; Club provides hot chocolate and light snacks; Breakfast with Santa (A community event for families. A member and his wife filled the role of Santa and Mrs. Claus); Club provides coloring books and crayons; Members, spouses and guests attended a holiday dinner with Santa and Mrs. Claus; Donation to the California Fires; Entertainment of a local men's choral group.

**Herndon** - 13 Members: Helped to serve dinner at Rhonda's Angels; Drove a lady with special needs Christmas shopping to the mall.

**Howard Area** - 112 Members: Reinstated a member back into the club; BINGO at Beech Creek Social Hall; Gave out food to the needy in Clinton County; Held our Annual Christmas Dinner and gave out gifts to the children in our area; Donated Food to Clinton County.

**Jersey Shore** - 48 Members: A Jersey Shore football player suffered a serious brain injury during fall football camp. Caleb has been in Geisinger and Hershey Medical Centers since August. The Jersey Shore Lions Club bought materials and installed a handicap ramp so that he may return home for Christmas.

**Kulpmont Centennial** - 14 Members: Volunteer for church activities.

**Lewisburg** - 10 Members:

**Lock Haven** - 21 Members:

**Loyalsock Township** - 16 Members: Sold funnel cakes; Held a party for students kindergarten through second grade, including cookies and a treat bag for each student.

**Lycoming Creek** - 20 Members: Sold Texas oranges and ruby Red Grapefruit.

**Mansfield** - 37 Members: Applications are reviewed for vision testing and eyeglasses purchases from residents of Mansfield and the immediate area; Vision screening is done for youngsters in the area with a portable vision screening machine; Items and money are collected at regular Lions Club Meetings to support the Mansfield Area Food Pantry; Each month members assist in unloading a food truck at the pantry; Regular club meeting with 54% attendance; Sponsors solicited to help fund *The Isaacs Concert*, a well-known gospel bluegrass band, in July at Smythe Park, Mansfield, PA to provide quality entertainment and a community outing; 4 sponsors were Ward Manufacturing, VFW Mansfield, Hillside Rod and Gun Club, and Morris Run American Legion; Raffle Tickets sold on several occasions to provide funds for club benefactors.



**Milesburg** - 45 Members: Regular club monthly meetings; BINGO at Milesburg Community Center serving food.

**Mill Hall Area** - 12 Members: Volunteered at school wrestling match selling foods and tickets; Provide food for school students on weekends; Provided meal boxes for 6 families in need; Provided gifts for children.

**Millheim** - 48 Members: Old Gregg School Community Center and had a booth for 8 hours for a Craft Show; Hope Fund for Penns Valley; Donated 11 hours to Penns Valley Museum; St. James United Methodist Church serving soup; Board of Directors Meeting; Made soup for winter craft show.

**Millmont West Union** - 13 Members: Administrative duties of president, secretary and treasurer; Making and selling food and drink to the public attending the Christkindl Market.

**Millville** - 19 Members: Regular monthly meetings; Donated \$300 to a fund run by the local newspaper that strive to make Christmas brighter for many needy people in our area; Donated \$300 to Central Susquehanna Sight Services; Maintain an aluminum can depository for the community with money generated going to Camp Victory; \$600 donation to help fund program at the local elementary school that provides a new gift and a new article of clothing to needy students; Aluminum can recycling with monies towards Camp Victory,

**Milton** - 30 Members: Purchasing gifts for needy children whose names were supplied to us by the Milton Area School District.

**Montgomery** - 29 Members: Held our regular monthly meeting at the Lions Hall; Set committees and final schedule for packing and selling sauerkraut; Placed labels on the containers for sauerkraut; Held our monthly board of directors meeting and conducted monthly business; Made final plans for packing and selling sauerkraut; Sponsored the annual Montgomery Christmas parade; Had three members in the parade; Gave out hot dogs, hot chocolate and coffee after the parade.

**Montoursville** - 11 Members: Working three Mondays of December ringing bell for Salvation Army in from of local Walmart; Collected aluminum cans from community with the use of our recycle trailer.

**Mt. Carmel** - 27 Members: The Club brings the Christmas spirit to Mount Carmel through various holiday programs including the Santa Claus Parade; Members of the Club join in fellowship at Lion Kevin Jones' home to prepare for the parade & help Santa look his best for the children of the area; Sponsors the parade in cooperation with the MCDI (Mount Carmel Downtown, Inc). Lion Kevin Jones is the Chairman of this project. The Mount Carmel Lions Club continues their tradition of supplying and setting up the borough's Christmas tree at Oak and Seventh Streets. The Lions Club would especially like to thank Charlie McAndrew's Auto Sales for the use of the lot, Family Medical, Inc. & Frank Zaleski for supplying the lights. Members of the committee are Lions Mike Magennis, Frank Zaleski, Tony Candelora, Dave Berezovske and J. Kevin Jones. Mount Carmel Lions join for an evening of fellowship and Christmas Carols and some frivolity. Roasting of members for bloopers from the past year is to be expected. Lion Kevin Jones is Master of Ceremony. District Governor Howard Haus and his wife were also in attendance. A new member was inducted at this Christmas Party.

**Muncy Area** - 21 Members: Collect aluminum cans, process, and use derived funds for community projects; Box in town for used eyeglasses collection.

**New Berlin** - 11 Members: No meetings for the month of December.

**Northern Tioga County Centennial** - 32 Members: Local Box Factory donated 8 counter-sized boxes to collect used eyeglasses around three communities Winter clothing and coat to a 14 year old girl; 1VDG Jim Wilbur attended a retreat for 3 days; IPDG Cheryl Wilbur presented 2 seminars ; Club meeting.

**Northumberland** - 4 Members:

**Patton Township** - 20 Members: Lions and family assembled to make and deliver fruit baskets for elderly

and shut-ins in the area; Held one meeting.

**Picture Rocks** - 18 Members: Held the Annual Christmas Party and sold sauerkraut, which is the primary fundraiser for the club.

**Pleasant Gap & Area** - 32 Members: Christmas dinner for club members.

**Rauchtown-Nippenose Valley** - 23 Members: Donated 34—\$50 Weis gift cards to families in need in the Nippenose Valley area; Built a ramp for a family in Rauchtown.

**Sayre Athens** - 13 Members: Gave \$300 to Christmas for Kids; Donated \$299 Sayre Public Library; \$200

to Athens Library to purchase large print books and books on tape.

**Shamokin Area** - 22 Members: Community Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

**Shamokin Dam** - 6 Members: Donated \$5000 to Central Susquehanna Sight Services to help with those in need.

**Snow Shoe** - 33 Members: Donated \$200.00 to Central Susquehanna Sight Services.

**South Creek - Members:**

**South Williamsport** - 50 Members: Aluminum can recycling.

**Sugar Valley** - 39 Members: Families picked up food boxes; Held month meeting with a dinner and guests including entertainment for the holiday season; Held a photo session with Santa, receiving a treat and a gift with snacks being provided.

**Sunbury** - 8 Members: Manned the recycling center in Northumberland.

**Sylvania** - 34 Members: Donated \$750 to 10 families for Christmas; Donated \$450 to 9 individuals for Christmas; Donated \$100 to Snack and Pack Program; Donated \$500 to Troy Vets Club; Donated \$750 to 3 needy families.

**Towanda** - 22 Members: Had a Christmas Party at the Country Club on December 11th; Santa made the trip from the North Pole and entertained the children by reading "Night Before Christmas" to them, then had a picture with each child as he gave them a wrapped present, a gold Bell, and a stuffed toy to the younger children; Assembled 80 Fruit Baskets: 35 to Legion Post - 45 to community members that lost a loved one, had a serious injury, fire, or accident— which is done yearly; Lions volunteered hours totaled 106.20 hours from coaching youth basketball; ringing the bell for Salvation Army; Visiting Nursing facilities; Hezekiah's Hands with building ramps.

**Troy** - 67 Members: Collected food, gifts, and monetary donations to create large baskets of food to local families in need for over 300 families and residents at senior centers; Donation to Troy Sale Barn of \$600 while the Troy Lions will receive plaques on 4 chairs in the new Sale Barn auditorium; Sponsoring a basketball/softball team for the 2019 season with Troy Community Little League.

**Turbotville & Area** - 54 Members: Purchased, wrapped, and delivered presents for 32 children; Food baskets were purchased and delivered to 17 families; Worked with Neighbors Helping Neighbors while visiting the sick, assisting the elderly, working at church; Donated \$500 to a family recently losing house due to fire a week before Christmas

**Warrensville Area** - 20 Members: Several members of the Warrensville Area Lions Club attended a Christmas party with other clubs in the region.

**Watsonstown** - 23 Members: Selling sauerkraut to increase funds; Held Annual Christmas Party for members and their families with entertainment having a local jazz guitarist.

**Watsonstown Centennial Lioness Lions Club** - 22 Members: Christmas Dinner for members; Wrapped gifts for Watsonstown needy families; Christmas Party for Danville State Hospital playing games and presenting prizes; Held BINGO at local nursing home having cookies.

**Wellsboro** - 37 Members: Donated to the Chamber of Commerce to help with Christmas decorations on the Main Street boulevard; Donated to the PA State Scholarship Program; Parked cars for visitors at the Annual "Dickens of a Christmas" event as a Club Fundraiser; Aluminum can recycling.

**Wells-Jackson** - 34 Members: Celebrate Recovery Program support; Firehall assistance to help with the operations; Blood donations by members; Volunteered at local hospital giving patients directions to various departments; Keeping Message Community Board up to date; Administrative duties of president, secretary and treasurer for the club; Donated gloves, mittens, and books to "Helping Hands" project; Celebrate recovery Program; Members attending club meetings; Participated in a Back Pack Program; Fundraisers to assist with community funds; Local road clean-up; Eyeglass recycling; Monthly recycling efforts.

**Williamsport** - 13 Members: Club meeting

**Williamsport Newberry** - 22 Members: 3 Lions Clubs: Warrensville Area, Lycoming Creek, Williamsport Newberry and our club held our annual Christmas Party; Donated \$600 to families in need for Christmas



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## From the Editor's Computer



To My Lion Reader Friends:

I want to take this opportunity to say to the Lions of District 14-G that read our newsletters, THANK YOU! Many hours go into providing information that I think you would like to know or would like to learn about. Lionism has a wealth of information that is not shared in advertisements by International. Some say it is a "well-kept secret."

## PA LIONS CARE FOR THE KIDS

2018-2019 MD 14 Fundraising Plan

November 15, 2018 to May 15, 2019

Lions of Pennsylvania Goal: \$90,000

MD 14's goal to raise \$15,000 per month from

November 15, 2018- May 15, 2019, in support of Four Diamonds.

If each of the 17 districts in Pennsylvania, collect a **total per district for the year 2018-2019, of \$5,300 we will reach our goal!**

Approximately \$882 in donations, per month for 6 months, divided by an average of 40 clubs in each district = \$132.50 per club TOTAL!

**Now, let's round it up. . .**

How does **your club** raise **\$140** for the kids by May 15?

- ⇒ Start by sharing the goal with your club members
- ⇒ Collect a \$20 donation from 7 people
- ⇒ Collect a \$5.00 donation from 28 people
- ⇒ Collect \$1.00, \$2.00, or \$3.00 from 75-85 people
- ⇒ Or, have a carwash, sell subs, or host a dance, etc.—Use YOUR Imagination!

*The Lions of Pennsylvania are standing up to our motto: "We Serve," by assisting **Four Diamonds** in its mission to conquer childhood cancer. "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion."*

*In the U.S., more children die from cancer than any other disease, with 16,000 kids diagnosed every year. We are working to change this by partnering with Four Diamonds to conquer child-hood cancer through world-class care, transformative philanthropy and life-saving research. Four Diamonds supports more than 80 pediatric oncology research professionals at Penn State College of Medicine who conduct the full spectrum of cancer research. The Four Diamonds Pediatric Cancer Research Center is not only benefiting children at Penn State Children's Hospital, but also children and families around the world.*

*Learn more about Four Diamonds at [www.FourDiamonds.org](http://www.FourDiamonds.org).*

**How many clubs will take the challenge to work together in the fight against childhood cancer?**

## ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

I am asking you, dear fiends, to spread "our secret" while sharing the enjoyment you get by helping others. It is the most rewarding time of your lives. From the bottom of my heart, you have no idea how much I appreciate the gifts you give to others. And THANK YOU for taking the time to read our "Lion's Tale."

*Many Blessings,*

*PDG Cheryl Wilbur*

Welcome 2019