



DG Steve Myers Watsontown Lions Club

### **On Track For Service**

January 2025

#### "I chose "SEARCH FOR PEACE" as the theme of my year as 18-C District Governor in Georgia in 1968-69. It became a theme of my career as a public servant and as the founder and leader of the Carter Center. My experiences as a Lion for more than 60 years helped shape my life. I witnessed firsthand our humanitarian contributions to communities in Georgia and the power of Lions worldwide."

My father was a charter member of the Plains Lions Club. When I resigned from the Navy in 1953, I became a member myself the first week I was home. I later became Tail Twister, bulletin editor and president of our club from 1957-58. During my term as president, our club built and began operating a community swimming pool for Plains. Our club supported blindness prevention projects through the Georgia Lighthouse Foundation and in Honduras.

Being a Lion gave me a way to engage in public service. It helped me expand my horizons and contributed to my success in both business and politics. Key lessons I learned as a Lions leader helped form my career as a politician and peacemaker. The Lions' commitment to service taught me about caring for others. I served in many roles as a Lion: zone chairman, district governor and then chairman of the Council of Governors in Georgia. As a result of my visible involvement with Lions, I was well known in the 208 clubs throughout the state during my second campaign for Georgia governor in 1970. During my presidential campaign in 1976, my civic involvement as a Lion contributed to my identity as a community leader.

Lions, Did You Know

As president, I had the opportunity to meet with several Lions International presidents in the White House. Whenever I was asked to discuss civic clubs, I always used the Lions as my example.

My involvement with the Lions began a wonderful new chapter in the late 1990s. After leaving the White House, Rosalynn and I founded The Carter Center in 1982 to advance human rights and alleviate suffering across the globe. The Carter Center eventually began to encounter two blinding diseases, trachoma and river blindness, and in 1999 Rosalvnn and I travelled to Mali with Lions International President Jim Ervin of Georgia to formally launch our trachoma program. Among the world's most

successful sight initiatives, the various Lions-Carter Center SightFirst programs significantly impacted the lives of millions. From 1994-2015, the partnership led to the distribution of more than 187 million treatments for river blindness and over 127 million treatments for trachoma. More than 538, sight-saving trichiasis surgeries were performed, and nearly 3 1/2 million latrines were built.

I meet regularly with the International Lions leaders. Rosalynn and I have enjoyed hosting them for visits to our home in Plains and The Carter Center in Atlanta. Just a few months ago, 2015-16 International President Jitsuhiro Yamada came to visit me in Plains with 22 other Lions leaders from around the world.

As a Lion for more than 60 years, I am amazed at what Lions from all walks of life have accomplished. The service of Lions is even more important today than when the association was founded in 1917. with the accomplishments of the first 100 years as a foundation, the next 100 years of service will be lifechanging for millions of our world's citizens.

Thank you, Lions.

President Jimmy Carter (taken from Lions Magazine)

President Jimmy Carter

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#### <u>Tribute to</u>

Lions club member and United States Former ... Right click and Open Hyperlink to hear former President Jimmy Carter tell you how Lions guided his life





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#### 102nd Annual Pennsylvania Lions Clubs State Convention

May 1st - May 4th Hilton Scranton & Conference Center 100 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503

#### Meal Reservations

*Friday Luncheon:* Wrap Buffet with various wraps, coleslaw, tomato cumber salad, potato salad, chips, brownies/cookies, iced tea ......\$25.00 pp

**PA Counsellors/District Governors Honor Banquet-Friday:** Plated Meals with vegetable, starch, dessert, warm rolls, coffee, with choice of: Cedar Salmon Tomato Basil Chicken Vegetarian . \$37.00 pp

#### Saturday Luncheon:

BBQ Pit with pulled pork, BBQ beef, blackened chicken, steak fries, baked beans, smoked corn, cornbread, and desert ........... \$28.00 pp

Saturday International Banquet: Plated Meals with vegetable, starch, dessert, warm rolls, and coffee, with choice of: Bourbon Glazed Pork Chicken Piccata Vegetarian ......\$37.00 pp

Melvin Jones Fellow/Key Member Breakfast Sunday:

Breakfast Buffet with scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, fruit, pastries, coffee, tea, juices ........ \$24.00 pp

February issue will include the actual form for reservations.

Questions: Call PDG Fran Stepkovitch, 107 Krystal Circle, Archbald, PA 18403 fran623@comcast.net or call 570-470-7838

## **Convention Special Guests**

**Friday Lunch:** Matt McGloin, former Penn State University and NFL Quarterback, will be speaking about leading teams through delegation and overcoming obstacles to achieve positive end results.

**Saturday Lunch:** Curt Camoni, former Vice President of Operations for the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders and the current Director of the Lackawanna Visitors Bureau. He will be speaking on the importance of "Sending a Message" to help capture the attention and inspire an audience through communication.

Saturday International Banquet: IP Fabricio Oliveira will share his theme of how we can leave an imprint as you "Make Your Mark" through serving others.

**Sunday Melvin Jones Breakfast:** Mark Kusma, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Past Council Chair will give a message on the Importance of Giving to our organization's foundation.



#### Activities & Seminars

- \*Conference Tour of Scranton Cultural at Masonic Temple Cost \$15 (pre-pay)
- \*Wine & Cheese at Capra Collina Winery \$15.00 (pre-pay)
- \*Beacon Lodge Hired 3 new Directors, booking campers
- \*Leader Dog: learn about FREE Programs
- \*Lion Portal presented by IPDG Lisa Leon



## DG Steve Tracking Our District 14-G

## Count Your Blessings, Count Your Coins

As I sit here writing this month's presentation, my mind is wandering. We've talked about so many different topics, from the Pennsylvania Railroad to the NBC peacock and Charles Dickens.

Today, though, I want to address a very timely issue: donations to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

For those among us that don't know its history, LCIF was created in 1968 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." It is, in short, the international means for charitable work done by Lions throughout the world. Its first grant, of \$5,000 was given in 1972 for flooding in South Dakota. Since then, it has distributed over 13,000 grants which have exceeded one billion dollars. The list of accomplishments is huge: Campaign Sight First, Lions Quest, the Pediatric Cataract Initiative, and Sight for Kids.

From the beginning, much of LCIF's support has been the donations received from individual Lions and Clubs, along with those of corporate partners. Right now, California is still battling uncontained wildfires, while North Carolina and other Mid-Atlantic states are rebuilding after Hurricane Helene. In our own district, Westfield was severely damaged by the remains of tropical storm Debby. Throughout all of this, LCIF has been present, offering aid and emergency grants. In the case of Westfield, an emergency grant of \$10,000 approved and distributed within 5 days. Few organizations in the world can match that efficiency and speed.

Yet, fellow Lions, there is still much work to do; disasters and other needs do not, unfortunately, take holidays (even though I, and all of you, wish they did). So, where do we, as Lions in 14-G, go from here? You are all aware that one of the district's goals is a 10% increase in LCIF donations. But what about each of us as individuals? Well, I have a challenge. Get hold of an empty container; I use a mason jar. *Put your loose pocket change in it, every day, through June 30. On July 1, count the coins and donate the total to LCIF.* I'm betting that together, we can raise a substantial amount and have fun while doing it.

Thank you for what you do; at every club visit I am reminded how generous and caring Lions are. Don't forget about the District Convention in Williamsport on April 5; registration materials will be sent out shortly. I hope to see you there!

In Lionism,

DG Steve















## <u>Your Coins</u> Countl



### Staying on Track with our District Governor

Celebrate endings, for they precede new beginnings.

Dear Lions:

Hope 2025 will be a new beginning even though we are only 7 months into our Lions year 2024-2025! Being a First Vice District Governor

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involves trainings with assignments, but more importantly, it has been fun learning with other Lions in our district, state, and the world!

Rachel Sharpe, dated January 19, 2025, wrote on her blog *"13 Ways to Embrace New Beginnings in 2025,"* 'it's time to reflect on our past and make way for new things and new beginnings. No matter the challenges you've come across in the past, there are ways to forge ahead to a brighter future.' Summarizing her ideas will assist us in moving forward to our future:

**1.** Let go of the past. Before starting a new chapter in life, close the door to the previous one. Realize what's done is done

**2. Know change can be good.** Bad events can lead to good events. It's crucial to change can be good

**3.** Create new goals. Define ideas of knowing what to accomplish for new beginnings. Get fundraisers/events set **4.** Surround yourself with good people. Being around toxic people who fail to help you, you'll never grow or succeed. Surround yourself with happy people, successful people, and supportive people

**5. Practice meditation.** Mental health and wellbeing will play a huge role in new beginnings. Do an act of kindness every day

**6.** Build new habits. Eliminate bad habits; what happened in the past shouldn't be repeated.

7. Tackle new opportunities. Travel, make a new friend, learn a new skill, are all new beginnings

**8.** Create a vision board. Get some supplies and a cork board to visually see your goals; cut items from a magazine; find quotes; fashion; etc. and post

**9. Lean on gratitude.** Create a list of things you are grate ful for; focusing on grateful not what you lack

**10.** Take a break. Hit a pause button in life to recharge your batteries

**11. Refresh your wardrobe or office.** New beginnings aren't complete without a change of scenery. Refresh a room, clothing, lighting, etc.

**12. Find a new coach or mentor.** Find someone to hold you accountable; that someone sending you texting positive messages once in a while

**13.** Celebrate your progress. Track your progress and make tweaks. There will be new mistakes and disappointments; however, charting will help play a role in your success; Celebrate!

Let me know how you tracked your new beginnings in 2025. May we all move in a positive direction and we will celebrate together! 2VDG Alfred



Every New Year is something special, it's a fresh start, a clean slate. Something most of us can truly appreciate. But it is also something many people struggle with, me included. Everyone is setting intentions and resolutions for the new year ahead.

Every January 1, millions of people set intentions to exercise more, spend less, or be kinder—a ritual that feels deeply modern but has surprisingly ancient roots. The tradition of making New Year's resolutions stretches back nearly 4,000 years, originating with civilizations that marked the new year as a time of renewal and reflection. "The desire to start fresh is a human impulse, according to Susan Moss am Ancient History professor at the University of Birmingham.

According to a quick Google search, the tradition of setting New Year's Resolution is nothing new. Centuries ago, The Babylonians were among the first civilizations to celebrate the start of a new year, marking the occasion with festivals and rituals. There is a lot of written documentation about New Year festivals in ancient Babylonia, Syria, and other places in Mesopotamia tied to the notion of the start of the new year.

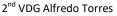
While the Babylonians may have conceived the idea, the Romans viewed January 1<sup>st</sup> as the beginning of the new year. Like the Babylonians, they celebrated with festivals and rituals, but the Romans also incorporated practical elements of renewal, including "supernatural spring cleaning and vows of renewal. These traditions focused on starting the year on the right foot: cleaning homes, stocking the pantry, paying off debts, and returning borrowed items.

There are so many ways to choose New Year resolutions, none of them are wrong, we just must find what works best for each of us, it also depends on how we want to accomplish these resolutions or how soon.

Whatever your New Year's resolution is, it depends on you and what you want to accomplish, one thing is for certain, if you want to reach your objective, you will have to work for it, be disciplined and apply all of your will power to reach this goal.

I personally have stopped setting these resolutions as I have failed miserably at reaching my objective year after year. I do wish all of you luck and success and really hope you reach all of your objectives this

#### year. I wish all Lions a great year!



2VDG Alfredo at Leader Dog in Michigan According to CNN: "2025 is the year of snake as per the Chinese zodiac. Each Chinese New Year is linked to one of the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac, and 2025 marks the Year of the Snake, the 6th animal in the zodiac cycle. Sympolizing:

but it sure is great to

## Don't Miss the FUN at the 14-G District Convention!

## **District Convention Committee**

2025 Convention Chair: Lion Amy Alexander Banquet Chair: Lion Corinna Anskis (2026 Convention Chair) Secretary: Elaine Steward (2027 Convention Chair)

#### District Convention Committee Update

- **O** Speaker: International Director Bert Nelson, Minnesota
- **Friday Meet & Greet for Convention Team**
- **Basket Raffle Chair Lion Irene Morgan, Mansfield Lions**
- Oistrict Project: "Build-A-Bucket" Chair PDG Jim Wilbur
- **Lions Store Chair MD-14 GMT Cheryl Wilbur & Mentor**
- **Cash Raffle Chair PDG Jim Wilbur & Lion Andrew Myers**
- **Necrology Chair 1VDG Leona Houseknecht**
- **Seminars Chair MD-14 GMT Cheryl Wilbur & Mentor**
- **OBUSINESS Meeting Chair District Secretary David Stahl**
- Marketing & Program Chair MD-14 GMT Cheryl Wilbur
- **Welcome & Refreshments Chair GMT Kathy Lehman & Joanne Knepp**
- \$30.00 per person includes registration, welcome bags, snacks, meal, prizes, etc.





MEET & GREET

Preparing Disaster Buckets

Endless Raffle Baskets







### Know Your LION Stuff!

Just for Fun "TRIVIA HUNT!"

Trivia questions will be in the Welcome Bags, and then go hunting for various Lion symbols throughout the Holiday Inn!

Prizes Awarded!

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#### **SEMINARS FOR LIONS**

- "What's My Role?" How Lions work as a team Presenter: PDG William Grager
- Just-A-Hummin'! Facts and stories about red-breasted humming birds and surprises Presenter: Dick Hess
- Gateway to Lions Portal!
  Stress-free roadmap, printed
  charts, and what you need to
  know

Presenter: PDG Cheryl Wilbur

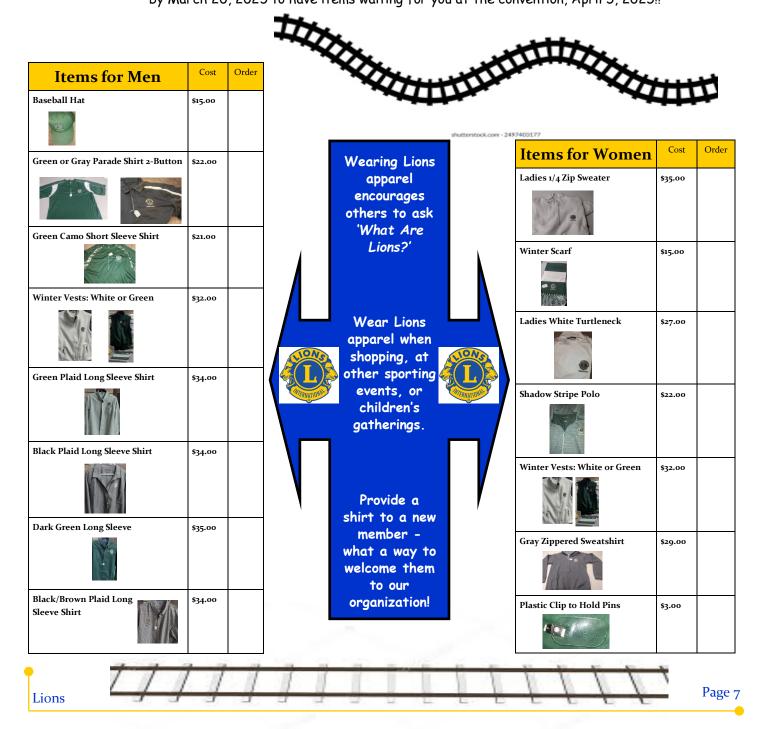
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Portal

## 14-G District Convention Lions Store April 5, 2025

# Get Tracking With Clothing

Requested by Lions, District 14-G is returning with the **2nd Annual Lions Store**! It was a huge success last year for Lions to purchase clothing items! There will also be some Lion items for sale in the Gallery Room, Holiday Inn, 100 Pine Street, Williamsport, 9:00 am-12 noon. Send form and check to PDG Cheryl Wilbur, 19538 Rt. 287, Lawrenceville, PA 16929 by March 20, 2025 to have items waiting for you at the convention, April 5, 2025!!



### PAYING Dues Supports Our State and Our District

**State and District Dues** are *based on the Membership Count from the Health Assessment dated January 1st* and July 1st. If your club drops or adds a Lion after December 31st or June 30th, it does not count towards the dues owed to State or District The dues collected from the members in Pennsylvania (state and district) help balance the budget to pay all expenses incurred by the Lions Clubs of Pennsylvania at the state and district level.

Dues are being sent electronically, via email, which saves on the cost of postage rapidly increasing. PLEASE send in your state dues at the charge of \$8.00/member every six (6) months and district dues at the charge of \$2.50/member every six (6) months:

PA Lions (memo line STATE DUES/Club NAME). Please send to: SA Deb Burkholder, 949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17701

Club-Member CountState/DistrictAllenwood Area-19\$152.00/\$47.50	Club Milton-27	State/District	STATE DUES
Allenwood Area-19 \$152.00/\$47.50	Milton-27		
		\$216.00/\$67.50	Club State/District
Bellefonte-39 \$312.00/\$97.50	Montgomery-29	\$232.00/\$72.50	Watsontown \$120.00/
Benton-32 \$256.00/\$80.00	Montoursville-18	\$144.00/\$45.00	<b>Centennial-15</b> \$37.50
Big Pond-8 \$64.00/\$20.00	Mt. Carmel-28	\$224.00/\$70.00	Wellsboro-21 \$168.00/
<b>Canton-32</b> \$768.00/\$80.00	Muncy Area-20	\$160.00/\$50.00	\$52.50
Catawissa Valley-23 \$184.00/\$57.50	NTC Centennial-13	\$104.00/\$32.50	Wells-Jackson-26 \$208.00/ \$65.00
<b>Centre Hall-33</b> \$264.00/\$82.50	Patton Township-15	\$120.00/\$37.50	Williamsport-12 \$96.00/\$30.00
Coudersport & Area-19 \$152.00/\$47.50	Picture Rocks-20	\$160.00/\$50.00	Williamsport- \$152.00/
Dushore-42 \$336.00/\$105.00	Pleasant Gap & Area-28	\$224.00/\$70.00	<b>Newberry-19</b> \$47.50
Eagles Mere Laporte-57 \$456.00/\$142.50	Pleasant Gap Area Lioness-19	\$152.00/\$47.50	Wyalusing-44 \$352.00/
Ferguson Township-30      \$240.00/\$75.00	Rauchtown-Nippenose Valley-21	\$168.00/\$52.50	\$110.00
Harris Township-56 \$448.00/\$140.00	Sayre Athens-9	\$72.00/\$22.50	2nd Monetary
Howard Area-98 \$784.00/\$245.00	Sayre – Athens Lioness-18	\$144.00/\$45.00	Amount owed to
Jersey Shore-43 \$344.00/\$107.50	Shamokin Area-8	\$64.00/\$20.00	DISTRICT DUES
Jersey Shore Lioness-32 \$256.00/\$80.00	Snow Shoe-28	\$224.00/\$70.00	District Dues are \$2.50/member
Kulpmont Centennial-6 \$48.00/\$15.00	South Creek-31	\$248.00/\$77.50	every six (6) months. Second
Lewisburg-8 \$64.00/\$20.00	South Williamsport-39	\$312.00/\$97.50	(2nd) Monetary Amount owed to <b>District Dues</b>
Lock Haven-19 \$152.00/\$152.00	Sugar Valley-27	\$216.00/\$67.50	
Loyalsock Township-8 \$64.00/\$20.00	Sylvania-30	\$240.00/\$75.00	Please send check made out to: District 14-G Dues (for this
Mansfield-38 \$304.00/\$95.00	Towanda-16	\$128.00/\$40.00	cycle)
Milesburg-52 \$416.00/\$130.00	Troy-69	\$552.00/\$172.50	Send to:
Mill Hall Area-12 \$96.00/\$30.00	Turbotville & Area-62	\$496.00/\$155.00	Lion David Stahl
Millheim-23 \$184.00/\$57.50	Warrensville Area-14	\$112.00/\$35.00	102 Blessing Road
Millville-10 \$80.00/\$25.00	Watsontown-17	\$136.00/\$42.50	Watsontown, PA 17777

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1st Monetary

Lions

## Lining Up Leaders in 14-G

In an effort to generate a list of future leaders in 14-G, a recent Governor Meeting was conducted to provide a schedule of future District Governors for the next several years. The selection of potential leaders in the governor's cabinet is essential to achieve a positive direction while working as a team.

The first meeting included guidance through the District Directory with explanations of each page. It was a round table discussion for allowing a smooth transition from one District Governor to the following District Governor.

The attendees agreed the district must work as a team to be successful. Each candidate spoke of their strengths and ideas focusing on the accomplishment of progressing into the next several years.

The next meeting will be held to reflect on the previous 5 years of the district to create a path to achieve and prosper.

Currently, 4 of these Lions have attended RLLI, symposiums, and taking courses on the Lions Portal. The team focused on the mentoring and the importance of guiding and supporting those Lions interested in progressing in leading the district. Lions Zone Chair Barbara Schmouder and 14-G GMT Coordinator Kathy Lehman will be attending the March 2025 Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Harrisburg.

YEAR	NAME	CLUB
2025-2026	Leona Houseknecht	Allenwood Area Lions
2026-2027	Alfredo Torres	Troy Lions
2027-2028	Robert Hoffman	Harris Township Lions
2028-2029	Barbara Schmouder	Jersey Shore Lions
2029-2030	Nancy Secules	Montgomery Lions
2030-2031	Richard Secules	Montgomery Lions
2031-2032	Richard Secules	Council Chairperson

## Agenda for Next Meeting

- ♦ 5-Year Trend
- Prioritize Needs for District
- Charting 2-month Achievement Goals
- List Rewards for Achievements
- Schedule Guidance for 14-G Lions



## Memberships

Total Membership		Members Added	Net Growth	Growth %
1,483	65	72	7	0.47%

## Service Activities

Overall Activity	Overall People Served	Overall Volunteer Hours	Clubs Reporting
714	202,631	23,114	62%

## Donations

Total Donations Previous Year		Donor Count	Individuals	Non-Individuals	
\$12,502.00	32,268.00	14	\$900.00	\$11,602.00	



#### **District Goals**

Leadersh	•
	50% Officer Training
Member	ship:
	1 New Club
	+156 New Members
Service:	
	Clubs Report Monthly

Clubs Pledge \$50.00

LCIF:

## PROUD of Our New Pride of Lions!!!!

## Welcome to District 14-G Lions!

**NEW LION** Leroy & Janice Bieber John Hollenbach Joseph Hallahan Tim Wilson Elizabeth Stone William Gowin Eric R McKee Debra Miller Sarah Roeder Laura Weaver Hannah Barndt Madison Miller Judy Kilduff Heidi Klutschkowski Bette J Ambs Darl Anderson Matthew J Hoff James Way Michguelena Ferguson Peter B Alterio Curtis & Donna Benner Michael Davy **Bonnie Lilyquist Timothy A Lucas** Edwin M Seyler Brenda L Shaw Arthur P Staddon Kathy Stem Axel T Welch-Yost Melissa Sentiff Sonja Spencer Crystal A Crock Glenn L McWilliams Robert & Donna Miller

**CLUB NAME** Allenwood Area Allenwood Area Bellefonte Bellefonte Benton Canton Catawissa Valley Catawissa Valley Catawissa Valley Catawissa Valley Centre Hall Centre Hall Coudersport & Area Coudersport & Area Dushore Eagles Mere Laporte Eagles Mere Laporte Eagles Mere Laporte Harris Township Howard Area Mansfield Mansfield Milesburg Milesburg Milesburg

**SPONSORING LION** Lion Leona Houseknecht Lion Angela Yonkin Lion Edward Runkle Lion Gary Powers Lion Judith Hafer Lion Neil Nelson Lion Dale Kreischer Lion Craig Long Lion Craig Long Lion Roxanne Lonoconus Lion Jamie Baszewski Lion Jamie Baszewski Lion Sharon Kottwitz Lion Ronald Hallett Lion Mary Guglielmi Lion Darla Bortz Lion Judith Moore Lion Richard Liebert No Sponsor Listed Lion Timothy Rickert Lion Keith Shaw Lion Ronald Davy Lion Keith Shaw Lion Paul Confer Lion Steven Barnes Lion Keith Shaw Lion Joseph Berry Lion Keith Shaw Lion Larry Shadle Lion Kathryn Barrett Lion Barbara Sargent Lion Dana Walters Lion Samantha Walker Lion Daniel Fisher





Kathy Lehman Rauchtown-Nippenose Lions Club GMT Coordinator

CLUB	NEW
Allenwood Area Lions Club	3
Bellefonte Lions Club	2
Benton Lions Club	1
Canton Lions Club	1
Catawissa Valley Lions Club	4
Centre Hall Lions Club	2
Coudersport & Area Lions Club	2
Dushore Lions Club	1
Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club	3
Harris Township	1
Howard Area Lions Club	11
Mansfield Lions Club	2
Milesburg Lions Club	8
Montgomery Lions Club	1
Montoursville Lions Club	1
N. Tioga County Centennial Lions Club	1
Patton Township Lions Club	1

## How Are We Doing This?

Governors, Club Presidents, and Club Members are ASKING!!! Goals were set by club presidents and Lions are getting creative on

## **Membership Drives!**

Rexene Y Robinson	Milesburg	Lion Corinna Anskis	100	
Meg E Waddell	Milesburg	Lion Samantha Walker	1156	
Dana Walters	Milesburg	Lion Mary Walters		<
Mary E Walters	Milesburg	Lion Donna Miller	-7/2	
David Campbell	Montgomery	Lion Douglas Engelman		9
Dennis I Correll	Montoursville	Lion Robert Dunne		
Jessica Barron	Northern Tioga County Centennial	Lion James Wilbur		1
Deborah E Griffin	Patton Township	Lion Robert Griffin		Y
Steven Overdorf	Pleasant Gap & Area	Lion David Walker	DG Steve says, "Fifty-six	
Edie Binkley	Pleasant Gap Area Lioness	Lion Gail Lucas	more Lions needed to	
Kaitlyn Snook	Pleasant Gap Area Lioness	Lion Ariel Rogers	be added to 🛛 🚜 🖁	
Brent Ingerick	Sayre-Athens	Lion Cheryl Wilbur	"Our Pride of 14-G!"	
Sherry Ingerick	Sayre Athens	Lion Cheryl Wilbur	-	
Mary Keene	Sayre-Athens Lioness	Lion Jan Blauvelt	CLUB	NEW
Sharon Kmetz	Sayre-Athens Lioness	Lion Betty Bump		
Chris Kruklitis	Sayre-Athens Lioness	Lion Betty Bump	Pleasant Gap & Area Lions Club	1
Robin English	South Williamsport	Lion Robert Coolidge	Pleasant Gap Area Lioness Club	2
Steven L Smith	South Williamsport	Lion Robert Coolidge	Sayre Athens Lions Club	2
Diane Tawney	South Williamsport	Lion James Reid	Sayre-Athens Lioness Lions Club	3
Darcia L Bird	Sugar Valley	Lion Donna Mills	South Williamsport Lions Club	3
Sarah Emel	Sugar Valley	Lion Matilda Beck	Sugar Valley Lions Club	6
Donald H Mansfield	Sugar Valley	Lion Robert Mills	Turbotville & Area Lions Club	1
Aline R Rober	Sugar Valley	Lion Donna Mills	Watsontown Lions Club	1
Renee L Miller	Sugar Valley	Lion Donna Miller	Watsontown Lioness Lions Club	2
Karen L Mansfield	Sugar Valley	Lion Robert Mills	Wellsboro Lions Club	2
William Hagerman	Turbotville & Area	Lion Patricia Kasel	Wellsboro Lions Club	2
Gary A Heater	Watsontown Lions Club	Lion Don Smith		2
James Fowler	Watsontown Centennial Lioness	Lion Sandra Fowler	Wyalusing Lions Club	
Victoria Maryott	Watsontown Centennial Lioness	Lion Debra Bieber	TOTAL	72
Jayna F Brodnicki	Wellsboro Lions Club	Lion Lisa Wilson		
Stanford Darroch	Wellsboro Lions Club	Lion Thomas Walrath		
Judyth Matalavy	Wyalusing Lions Club	Lion Esther Potts		
Howard Rogers	Wyalusing Lions Club	Lion James Smith		

## GAT Team: Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Leading Expands Understanding

"Having a Lion heart has enabled energy to be shared with all Lions and beyond. The experiences in Lionism and the passion for learning has encouraged appreciation and being supportive of indifferences amongst all peoples. For leaders struggling, keep your eye on your goals - be proud of the position you have been elected to. From your experiences you have gained an understanding of being considerate, thoughtful, and appreciative of others following your position. Agree it's okay to disagree with kindheartedness and be reflective to expand your understanding. Forge ahead and continue to expand your knowledge with helping others." Lion Cheryl



Cheryl Wilbur N Tioga County Centennial Lions Club GLT Coordinator

## Leading . . .

Assist and guide incoming District Governors with the knowledge learned; 'Sharing is caring.'

- 1VDG Leona Houseknecht has completed her District Cabinet, Zone Chairs & Committee Chairs
- Governor pin ready for July 1, 2025
- Club visit schedule nearly completed





Awareness and knowing of identifying steps to be taken while gaining confidence to share knowledge with others.

- May Membership Symposium in Harrisburg on May 17 will open doors of the mind through Lionism. 3 members from 1 club attending, all will get FREE LUNCH (savings of \$30 - use for traveling expenses)
- Lions commitments of paying dues is essential to maintaining our organization. A chart has been published in this Lions Tale Newsletter for your convenience
- Take the Lions Quiz to learn about yourself as a Lion, page 23

## Expanding . .

The importance of growing in knowledge is to continue to lead by example.

- Attend Symposiums, Zooms, Lions Learning Center, and required topics of positions leading
- Beacon Lodge is a LIONS CAMP for special individuals and is unique for our communities.
   PLEASE continue to develop a monthly donation OR this camp may be discontinued. Volunteer to support for future PA Lions
- Support Club officers, Zone Chairs, District officers, and District events to know more about your District

#### May is Membership Month

- \* New Members: Orientation to be scheduled
- \* Membership Symposium: May 17, 2025
- \* Invite and Mentor: New Lions



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"Service reporting creates transparency. The data from reporting helps generate donations because donors can see how their gifts are used to benefit others."

"Service reporting provides insights into club activities. The information collected helps us promote Lions

International and our clubs."

(Lions International)





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

December	10,	2024	Reports	

Activity	People Served	Volunteer Hours	Clubs Reporting
478	154,284	17,415	55%

#### **Showing Impact**

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

#### **Inspiring New Members**

Reported service projects can inspire Lions and Leos to embrace new causes and serve in new ways.

#### Where Are Our 54 Clubs?

31 clubs did NOT report their service hours.

#### **Lion Portal Training?**

## **Clubs Benefit**

>Transfer knowledge and best practices to club's future >Local pride, puts your club on the map in local community >High percentage reporting is a sign of a healthy district >Become eligible for service awards

## **District Benefit**

>Shines light on how and where local clubs make a difference

>Provides tangible evidence of global engagement and impact prospective partners of Lions International

>People want to participate in real, visible change

>Allows clubs to continually engage communities, tell stories, and grow member base

## **People Served**

>Helps understand the needs of communities and how we are serving

 >Your project can become the next global initiative of LCI
 >Data enables International to identify best practices
 >Measurement leads to insight - setting higher goals
 >Shows how Lions around the world are utilizing funds from Lions Clubs International
 Foundation Grants



>Final step in completing a service project >Reporting is considered service itself - clubs and districts that spend time to report service are also volunteer hours and can be reported in the Lion Portal



## Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation

- 501 (c) (3): Providing Grants for Lions and Leos Clubs in North and Central PA www.NEPALSF.org  $\Rightarrow$
- Serving Districts: C D G H K L T U W  $\Rightarrow$
- Mission: To assist Lions and Leo Clubs in their service goals by providing grant funding for  $\Rightarrow$ 
  - \*Community Service: Community Projects; American Disability Act Accommodations
  - \*Education
  - \*Equipment: Persons with disabilities; Vision Screeners
  - \*Patient Care Projects: Cataract Surgery/Corneal Replacement; Hearing Aids/Special Contacts/Glasses; Prosthetics; Speech Therapy; Vision Therapy
- ALL Grant Applications will be considered  $\Rightarrow$
- Donations can be made to NE PA Lions Service Foundation PO Box 415 Macungie, PA 18062

## **Trouble Reading Labels?**



Do you have community residents having trouble reading prescription labels?

How does it work? Pharmacy attached small electronic tag to your prescription container. Place medication on Scrip Talk station Read and hear the label spoken, or download the FREE App for iPhone or Android.

**En-Vision America's Pharmacy Freedom** Program Reader is supplied on loan to patients at no cost.

Contact: North Central Sight Services, Inc. to NATHANs@ncsight.org for information or call 570-916-2371



Lions Clubs International

**Hearing Aid** 

Lions Hearing Aid Red individuals who have limited financial

Recycling

A Ouilt of Valor is a lifetime award for 'service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing.' How do you nominate to be



awarded a Quilt of Valor? Website: https://www.govf.org/ nominations-awards/ and complete the form. Submit and make plans for the presentation.

## **Others: Donate to Limited Rescouces**

Lions partner with participating hearing care professionals who refurbish donated hearing aids to fit the individual needs of the recipient. Contact Programs and Services at Lions International for brochure number IAD-17 ΕN



#### Secure your Red Circle Calendar

Shop now 🔉

Want to keep track of your club's important dates? Then order your customizable Red Circle Calendar and make those dates stand out. These are leaving the Lions Shop after January 31 and are available at 10% off while supplies last. Get yours before they're gone!

This message was sent to the following titles in Constitutional Areas 1 and 2: Club President, Club First Vice President, Club Second Vice President, Club Secretary, Club Administrator, Club Treasurer, Branch President, Branch Secretary, Branch Treasurer, Leo Club President, Leo Club Vice President, Leo Club Secretary, Leo Club Treasurer. Your club members will be sure to track the meetings easily!!



The Bellefonte Lions

held a dinner meeting. Our club received a thank you from LCIF for our \$1,000 donation for disaster relief in southeastern

United States. (Disaster Relief) Planned Lions family bowling night at Bellefonte Lanes for January 23rd.

The club assisted one

individual with the purchase of a pair of eyeglasses for \$88.00. Thanks for reporting, Lion Jerrold May!

#### Lion John

Manz, Canton Lions, and family purchased candy canes for every child in the Canton Elementary school. Lion John has done this for years in the past. He and 8 family members met at the



school just prior to dismissal for the Christmas Holidays and distributed candy canes to every child grades K



through grade 6. (Youth) This was the

annual Christmas Party for the Canton Lions and their guests. A benefit auction was held with members bidding on wrapped Christmas gifts. Funds raised,

\$3200.00, will be divided between local non profits in the Canton Area. . (Youth and Humanitarian Efforts)

Bridget Callahan, the Manager & Entertainment Coordinator at the Rialto Theater in Canton, PA presented to the Canton Lions Club members during the regular meeting January 15, 2025. Bridget explained the origins and history of the 123 year old venue. Bridget explained that the theater does much more than show movies, it offers live performances as well as interactive workshops for all ages. Thank you for reporting, Lion **Bob Barlow!** 

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

#### Humanitarian Efforts Hunger Childhood Cancer Environment

Youth Diabetes Awareness Vision Disaster Relief

If your club name does not appear in this newsletter, please encourage your president, club secretary, service chairperson or club administrator to report your club members volunteer hours with the service conducted. No

Lion Portal Service Activities

reporting from your club means your club is NOT active within your communities. The district would enjoy reading what your club does for others! **District Administrator Cheryl Wilbur** 

The **Benton Lions Club** donated \$500 plus clothing and household items to a Benton area family that lost everything due to house fire. Lion members collected and donated food to local food bank; donated Toys for Tots; and one member donated \$200.00 to the

NC Sight Services	\$150	food bank. (Humanitarian Efforts and Hunger)
SC Sight Services	\$250	Eight mem-
Beacon Lodge	\$750	bers prepared and served a meal to family
Leader Dog	\$750	members at a funeral



#### (Humanitarian Efforts)

Benton Lion members helped install handicapped rails and supports in a home. (Humanitarian Efforts) Twenty-three bags of clothing were collected and dropped off to local clothing drive. (Humanitarian

Efforts) The Lions have been collecting flat plastic and dropping off at local drop boxes and reporting it to the TREX company to earn benches to be placed throughout the community. To date, the club has received 4 benches and are working on the 5th. Lion Ed Laubach and his grandson work together to recycle the plastic. (Environment)

Thanks, Lion Fran Smith, for reporting!





raise monies so that we can make donations at a later time to other organizations. (Hunger) Thanks for reporting your club's activities, Lion Jeff!

Club served a record 600 people at this months Food Pantry. The need for this service is exploding in our area. (Hunger)

> Club members packed 30 clear plastic boxes with toys



and activities to be distributed to children in the emergency room at two local hospitals. (Youth) Thanks,

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Lion Dan, for reporting!



The Jersey Shore Lions

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#### Centre Hall Lions Club 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; and charitable contributions to local organizations, projects, fundraisers, etc. continues with their weekly Jackpot Bingo with 32 rounds of bingo, specials, and rip tickets. Food and drinks are available for purchase. All monies raised benefits the Centre Hall Lions Club facilities; community service projects, events, and activities. This month \$1,200 benefitted the community. (Humanitarian Efforts)

#### Every

month, two Centre Hall Lions Club members create and deliver bouquets of fresh flowers to local nursing home/assisted living residents who



are celebrating birthdays that month. (Humanitarian Efforts) *Thanks, Lion Val Leta, for reporting in the Lion Portal!* 

The Eagles Mere Laporte Lions

monthly board meeting was conducted and board approved on January contributions for Lions International programs as well as community programs. Guest speaker from Camp Vic-

tory spoke at the club meeting.

Thanks, Lion Anastasia, for reporting!



#### Six members of the Coudersport Area Lions

**Club** volunteered their time at the local arboretum, a local senior center, a local veterans group, and the Christmas House. Their activities included serving Veterans, working with seniors, preparing holiday gifts, and taking care of local public areas in December. (*Humanitarian Efforts*) One of our Lions spend twenty hours during the holiday season assisting a local senior in her home and driving her to appointments. (*Humanitarian Efforts*)

The **Coudersport Area** Lions Club donated \$250.00 to our local Senior Center. The check will be presented to the Senior Center on Monday, January 13 at their

Soup and Sandwich fund raising

event. (*Hunger*)



The **Coudersport Area Lions** received a holiday donation from Rep. Cris Dush and team. The Lions decided to regift their donation and give it to the District 14 G Emergency (Disaster Relief) fund. (*Disaster Relief*)

Thank you, Lion Karen Hallett, for reporting your clubs activities!

*Patton Township* held their monthly meeting to discuss services to others in the community. *Thanks for reporting, Lion Michael Walker!* 

Pleasant Gap Area Lioness held an American Red Cross Blood Mobile for the community. Thanks for reporting, Lion Gail Lucas!

## Eagles Mere Laporte

Gearing up for the 40th Annual Golf Tournament on May 28, 2025! Gather those cleats or spike less shoes!!!!

#### District Disaster Update

60 Gas and Electric Hot Water Heatersthat wsere purchased as requested, 16 hot water heaters were delivered to North Carolina—Paying It Forward

PDG's Jim Crawley and Jim Wilbur organized the storage shed with supplies



## Clubs: No Reports in January

Allenwood Area Lions **Big Pond Lions** Catawissa Valley Lions **Dushore Lions** Howard Area Lions Jersey Shore Lioness Lions **Kulpmont Centennial Lions** Lewisburg Lions Lock Haven Lions Loyalsock Township Lions Lycoming Lions CLOSED Mansfield Lions Mill Hall Lions Millheim Lions Millville Lions Milton Lions **Montgomery Lions** Montoursville Lions Mt. Carmel Lions Muncy Area Lions Pleasant Gap & Area Lions Rauchtown/Nippenose Valley Sayre Athens Lions Shamokin Area Lions South Creek Lions Warrensville Area Lions Watsontown Lions Watsontown Centennial Lioness Williamsport Lions Williamsport-Newberry Lions Wyalusing Lions 

### We missed seeing your club activities!

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## *Why A Snake?*



#### "World Health Organization

emblem was chosen by the First World Health Assembly in 1948. The emblem consists of the United Nations symbol surmounted by a staff with a snake coiling round it. The staff with the snake has long been a symbol of medicine and the medical profession. It originates from the story of Asclepius, who was revered by the an-

cient Greeks as a god of healing and whose cult involved the use of snakes. Asclepius, incidentally, was so successful

at saving lives that, the legend goes, Hades the god of the underworld complained about him to the supreme god Zeus who, fearing that the healer might make humans immortal, killed Asclepius with a thunderbolt." (taken from WHO, February 4, 2025)

"There are two versions of this symbol, one with a staff surrounded by two interwoven snakes and a pair of wings, and the other with a single snake coiling around the staff. But why do we associate snakes with medicine when their bites are so deadly? Both snake and staff symbols have roots in ancient Greek mythology but reference different sources. The symbol featuring a snake coiled around a staff come from Asclepius, the ancient Greek god of medicine and healing. Ancient Greeks revered Asclepius for his amazing skills in healing and medicine. According to Greek myth, he could restore health and even bring the dead back to life! Ancient Greeks believed snakes were sacred beings with healing powers, This was because their venom had remedial powers, while their ability to shed their skin seemed like an act of regenerations, rebirth, and renewal." (the collector, dated May 19, 2022, Rosie Les-



One member of the **Milesburg Lions Club** drove a member to a doctor's appointment. *Thanks, Lion* **Butch, for reporting!** 

Two Lions help maintain service to kitchen area of the Tioga American Legion. The **Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club** meets and conducts events at the legion in exchange for assisting with fundraising and helping with maintaining the building. Recently the furnace was not working properly, so repairs needed to be made during the extreme cold weather. One Lion cleans all rooms for rentals, and another Lion keeps a running scheduling of events for the Tioga American Legion, Herbert Lee Webster. (*Humanitarian Efforts*)

The Club President and Treasurer held a meeting; exchanging of controlling of funds for the next two months. The assistant district treasurer has been working on QuickBooks and working with the district treasurer. Dues were sent out to all club presidents, treasurers, and secretaries. (*Humanitarian Efforts*) Submitted by Lion Cheryl Wilbur, Sec-

to:

The Sayre Athens Lioness Lions donated \$100

Camp Victory Beacon Lodge NEPA Lions Service Foundation (*Humanitarian Efforts*)

Eight members purchased 60 items of children's clothing (Leggings/pants/sweatshirts) to donate to The Bridge. The numerous Items were given to local schools to be distributed to children in need. (*Youth*) *Thanks, Lion Mary Sarisky, for reporting your* 

club's service to others!



Troy Lions honor Lion Michael Bridgham with a Melvin Jones Fellow. Left: Lion Casey Dygert and Lion Scott Cummings In January, 2025 the **Picture Rocks Lions Club** donated \$500 to Son Light House ( a local Salvation Army type charitable organization). And \$500 was donated to the Lairdsville Volunteer Fire Department and the Unityville Volunteer Fire Department-both are in our service area. (*Humanitarian Efforts*)

Picture Rocks Lions Club also approved to continue our sponsorship of the



"Lions" team in the East Lycoming Little League for \$400. (*Youth*) We continue to collect and recycle aluminum cans. (*Environment*) *Thanks for reporting, Lion Bill Foresman*!

Members of the **Turbotville Area Lions Club** joined other community members to prepare and serve a community meal to 150 individuals. (*Hunger*) In addition, several members worked at the local food bank. (*Hunger*)

In the month of January, the **Turbotville Area Lions Club** recycled 620 pounds of plastic. This brings their total to 16,000 pounds since beginning this project a few years ago. (*Environment*)

Thanks for reporting, Lion Eileen Povish!



**South Williamsport Lions** provided donations of Christmas gifts to children in need in late December. (Youth)

In addition, the club voted to make a \$1,000 donation to North Central Sight Services for visually impaired or legally blind individuals in need of assistance. (*Vision*)

> To recognize and honor outstanding students, the South Williamsport Lions Club provided scholarships



of \$1,000.00. (Youth) The club also made a donation towards Leader Dog for the training of dogs to lead the blind and visually impaired individuals.

(Vision) Food items were collected to fill children's backpacks on a weekly basis for the weekends and vacations.

(Hunger) District Administrator Cheryl Wilbur reporting for South Williamsport Lions Club



## Super Sylvania Lions

The Sylvania Lions Club sorted and bundled recycled items and took them to the Recycling Center. (*Environment*) One Lion members knits baby hats for infants in the hospital. (*Youth*)

Administrative work involving mail pickup, writing checks for donations, typing minutes of meetings, entering volunteer hours online, and planning events for the club. (*Humanitarian Efforts*) Met at the Sylvania Hall for a meal of pizza and subs, then held meeting to discuss business.

Planned and cooked BBQ chicken in the middle of January. (*Hunger*) Luckily weather was favorable. All chicken was sold from the pit in Troy, and could have sold more instead of half of our normal amount., making \$630.00 towards community funds. Met at the Iron Skillet for a meal and then met at the Sylvania Hall to discuss business.

Packed food for 160 kids in after- school program to prevent hunger. (*Hunger*)

Collected and took eyeglasses to be recycled. (*Vision*) Made teddy bears for love and support of kids in the hospital. (*Youth*)

Thanks for reporting, Lion Nancy Pratt! (Got it right this



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## Always Reaching Out

The *Sugar Valley Lions Club* participates in serving the needs of the community by working and providing foods to the local food bank. (*Hunger*)

Club members scheduled and held a Saturday for community residents to make blood donations. (*Other Humanitarian Efforts*)

Sugar Valley Lions assisted individuals with medical equipment on a loan-as- needed basis. (*Other Humanitarian Efforts*) Thanks for reporting, Lion Donna Mills!





**Sylvania Lions Donations** 

Donated to 11 employees in need at local company	\$550
Donation to Support wife with husband having surgery	\$300
Donation to family whose son was underwater for 90 minutes	\$300
Donation to family who lost son in car accident	\$300
Donation to family who lost daughter in car accident	\$300
Standard donation for man with ongoing health issues	\$300
Donation to family that lost everything in a house fire	\$300
Donation to woman suffering bone cancer	\$300
Donation to Life Skills Sports Program: Bocce for students	\$300
Donation to family through loss of farmer fighting fire	\$300
Donation to family house fire in Mainesburg	\$300
Donation to NC of water heaters and trailers: In His Service	\$600
Donation to low-cost music lessons for community	\$300
Donation to man with health difficulties	\$300

Terrific TOWANDA Lions!

Thank you, Lion Robert Hugo and Towanda Lions, for all you do in the community! Reporting activities is so vital to our organization. Searching for photos, your Facebook had loads of information and pictures. Thank your administrator of Facebook for the excellent display and information about what Lions do for their communities!

Some members of the **Towanda** Lions Cub assisted individuals in hospice. (*Cancer*) The club made a donation to United Way, which supports local agencies providing services within the country. (*Humanitarian Efforts*)

One member of the club is the coach of middle school girls basketball team. (*Youth*) Another member of the Towanda Lions Club is president of the organization, dealing with board meeting, reviewing finances, distributing of food parcels to individuals and families. (*Hunger*)

Serve Inc. is an organization to help train individual with disabilities, trains others in job skills; dealing with others; helps with educational skills. (*Humanitarian Effort*) One member teaches bible study for children; is board member of the church; lector for actual services; and greeter for church services.

Members assist with volunteering at Hezekiah's Hands, which helps individuals and families that have physical problems with entering and exiting home due to physical handicaps. (*Humanitarian Efforts*)

Thank you, Lion Robert Hugo for reporting all you do for your community!

Enjoying the friendships through Lions Clubs.







In November, the club held the 42nd Annual Bronze Helmet Banquet. Two high schools, Towanda and Wyalusing, com-

pete in a competition between the senior football players.



What a hayride on a chilly day with the Towanda Lions!!



The Towanda Lions Club made a generous donation to the local Girl Scout Troop #40795 to enable them to travel to New York City for the day!



For over 20 years we have been assembling fruit baskets to help bring holiday cheer and comfort to local community members. This year we delivered over 75 baskets to those who suffered the loss of a loved one, endured a major illness or had an accident. Thank you to the OYW friends Sophia and Kiarra for assisting us with assembling the baskets!

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# s-Jackson Citizen of the Year

Members of the **Wells**-Jackson Lions Club held a monthly recycling effort in Wells Township. A committee collecting plastic, newspapers, magazines, glass, aluminum, tin, etc. work at sorting and delivering of various plastic products to be sent to Trex for recycling into composite lumber. (*Environment*)



Congratulations to Toni Bourdette for being chosen as the **Wells Jackson Lions Club** 2024 Citizen of the Year! Toni was chosen for her dedicated quilting projects with Quilts of Valor; her group has already made more than 225 quilts so far in 2024. She has also been very active with the Vietnam Moving Wall in this area. Thank you, Toni, for your service and dedication to military veterans and these projects! (*Humanitarian Efforts*)

Thank you, Lion Dawn Wright and Lion Kathleen Millen, for recording the club's activities in the Lion Portal and on the club's Facebook page!



for reporting!

The **Wellsboro** Lions Club donated \$1,000 to Los Angeles fire victims to assist with family losses and community losses. Thanks for reporting, Lion Tom Auman!

Snow Shoe Lions Club made a standard dona-

tion to a local family that experienced a catastrophic

Thank you, Lion Thomas Taylor

house fire. (Humanitarian Efforts)

# Idhood Cancer Month



FACTS (WHO):

>400,000 children diagnosed annually

>9 in 10 diagnosed children live in low– an middleincome countries (LMICs)

<30% of children with cancer in LMICs survive, compared to >80% in high-income countries

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### LCIF grants

Several types of foundation grants are available to support childhood cancer service throughout the world.

#### CHILDHOOD CANCER GRANT

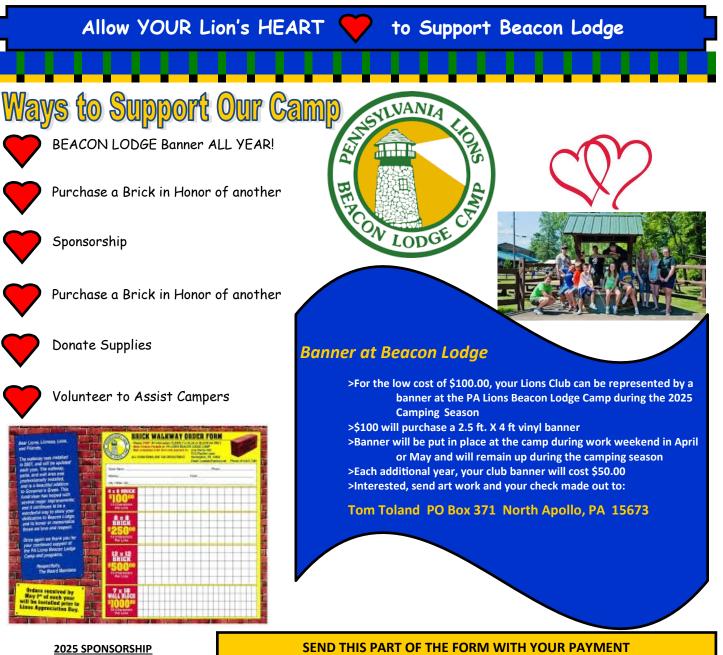
LCIF Childhood Cancer grants empower Lions to improve the quality of life for children receiving treatment and their families.

#### MATCHING GRANT

LCIF Matching grants provide equipment and construction for large-scale projects that address unmet humanitarian needs.

#### DISTRICT & CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT (DCG) GRANT

Through the DCG program, 15% of unifying unrestricted donations are set aside for DCG's, with all projects requiring approval form LCIF. This initiative is available to districts and clubs - multiple districts are not eligible.



Adopt a Counselor	\$475
Camper	\$1,000
Project New Hope	\$1,200
1 Family for 5 Days	\$1,200
additional family members up	to 6 + \$50

Contact:

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PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp 114 State Route 103 South Mount Union, PA 17066

Email: office@beaconlodge.org

Lions Club Name as it will appear on the Ban-

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Contact person	Phone N
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Please attach any artwork you want on your banner to the back of this form. These banners will be in color, You can also send your artwork as a JPEG to ttolanc@windstream.net

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If you do not have any special designs, your banner will be generic with only your club's name and the lions club logo and/or Beacon Lodge Logo appearing on the banner

Your banner order **MUST** be received by March 15, 2025, to have your banner ready in time

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Posted in the "Summer 2024 LIONMAGAZINE.ORG," this guiz provides an insight to your Lions personality. Circle or list the choice from each question. Tally up your answers and find the results on the back page.

In the magazine, you are able to scan and share on your club's Facebook or e-clubhouse site for FUN!

#### Choose your spot in your club meeting? 1.

- A. Middle of room, listening
- B. Front, leading
- C. Toward front, note taking
- D. Wherever I can find a seat, by snacks



- A. Simple Lions T-shirt
- B. Traditional yellow vest
- C. Business casual

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D. Trendy Lions-banded swag

#### 3. It's time to elect club officers, what role are you going for?

- A. None, I just like to serve
- B. Club president
- C. Club secretary
- D. Club membership chair

#### 4. Which activity or events sounds the best for you?

- A. Tree-planting project with another club
- B. Setting up scholarship fund for youth
- C. Fundraiser for a global cause
- D. Working club's booth at market



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5. Your district governor is visiting, what are you excited to share?

#### A. Proud to be a Lion and serve

- B. Number of members inducting next month
- C. Innovative new service project
- D. Photos from last project
- Roaring Back
- 6. What item would be most helpful for your LION role?
  - A. Notebook
  - B. Gavel

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- C. Calendar/planner
- D. Smartphone



- 7. You get to your club's tree-planting service project. What tool do you grab?
  - A. Shovel
  - B. Megaphone
  - C. Clipboard



- 8. You're registered for the upcoming international convention. What are you most excited about?
  - A. Meeting other Lions & Leos
  - B. Hearing speaker, watch world-class entertainment
  - C. Learning something new at seminars
  - D. Collecting all the pins



#### 9. Which color best describes your personality?

- A. Purple
- B. Green
- C. Blue D. Yellow



most fun?

10.

- A. Picnic
- B. Trivia Night
- C. Dance Party
- D. Sporting Event

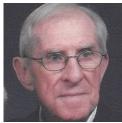




D. Phone to take photos



## Serving Our Youth: Art Girio Scholarship Fund



"For 43 years, *Lion Arthur "Art" Girio* was a faithful member of the Williamsport Lions Club and brought dedication, commitment, and fellowship to its members past and present. Lion Art Girio was a model member for all of us and was committed to the causes of Lionism. Lion Art was a Past District Governor of District 14-G. He was a Pennsylvania Lion Fellow and a Melvin Jones Fellow."

"In 1992 the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation was formed to help fund the Lions Club projects within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This helps the local Lions Clubs carry out the mission of providing services to improve quality of life and meet the needs of Pennsylvania residents. Lion Art was a founding member of the foundation having donated his own money, along with others, to help start the fund. In addition to being named a Lions of

Pennsylvania Foundation Fellow he was a Five-Diamond Progressive Fellow and Past International Joseph Wroblewski Award recipient. He served as the Executive Director of the foundation for over twenty-five years."

"We commit to PDG Art's legacy and deeds that we all do in the name of Service to Humanity. He was a tireless worker continuously raising money for the work of Lions Clubs." (taken from Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation website)

1. Scholarship applicant inclusions criteria:

\*A member of a participating Lions Club in good standing~

- \*The child/grandchild (natural or adopted) of a Lions member in good standing (living or deceased)
- \*A student, who for two (2) years, was a member of a Leo Club in good standing
- 2. Scholarship applicant exclusion criteria:
  - \*A student who has previously received this scholarship is NOT eligible to reapply
- 3. The applicant must submit written proof that he/she has enrolled for their 2nd year onward in a full-time undergraduate or graduate degree program at an accredited, recognized facility for post-secondary or graduate education of the student's choice.
- 4. The applicant must submit written proof that he/she has maintained a minimum point average (GPA) of 2.5 in the immediate prior full year of full-time attendance at their place of post-secondary or graduate education.
- 5. The applicant must submit a short written essay describing how the award would help them fulfill their educational goals. Please submit on a separate sheet of paper (maximum 50 words).
- 6. Application submission:

\*Applications must be submitted by a participating Lion Club in good standing

OR

\*Applications from past Leo members in good standing (member for a minimum of 2 years) can be submitted without sponsorship from a Lion, but must be accompanied by a recommendation from the student's former Leo Club advisor

#### \*Applications are accepted annually between January 1st and March 15th

7. Upon approval of the scholarship, the successful applicant must submit a copy of a paid tuition receipt for the upcoming Fall Semester.

~In good standing refers to a club being in good standing with the District, as well as having contributed the yearly minimum of \$250.00 to the PDG Arthur Girio Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship Committee Members: PDG James Wilbur (jrwilbur09@gmail.com) or (607-738-69690) Lion Patsy Page (patsykpage@gmail.com) or (570-713-4268)

Serving Our Yo	outh: Art Girio Sch	nolarship Fund	
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## Do You Know Your Acronyms?

Acting Administrator

And so the script continues making more chowder out of this gumbo! More abbreviations have been added to challenge us to add more files in our brains! AA

"What does the expression alphabet soup mean? A hodgepodge especially of initials (as of the names of organizations). Dating back to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's alphabet agencies of the New Deal, it is a metaphor for an abundance of abbreviations or acronyms." www.oxfordlearnersdictio naries.com

Jons Alphabet Soup

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



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ALLI	Advanced Lions Leadership Institute
АНАР	Affordable Hearing Aide Program
СА	Constitutional Area
CBL	Constitution & Bylaws
сс	Council Chairperson
СЕР	Club Excellence Program
CGL	Certified Guiding Lion
COG	Council of Governors
CQI	Club Quality Initiative
CS	Cabinet Secretary
CSFII	Campaign Sight First II
СЅТ	Cabinet Secretary Treasurer
ст	Cabinet Treasurer
DA	District Administrator
DC	District Chairperson or Coordinator
DCC	District Convention Chairperson
DG	District Governor
DGE	District Governor Elect
DS	District Secretary
DST	District Secretary Treasurer
ELLI	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute
FDI	Faculty Development Institute
FVDG	First Vice District Governor
F&WS	Family & Women's Specialist
GAT	Global Action Team
GET	Global Extension Team
GLT	Global Leadership Team
GMA	Global Membership Approach
GMT	Global Membership Team
GST	Global Service Team
ID	International Director
IP	International President
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chairperson
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor
IPID	Immediate Past International Director
IPIP	Immediate Past International President

IPP	Immediate Past President
ISAAME	India, South Asia, Africa, Middle East
іт	Information Technology
кмѕа	Kindness Matters Service Award
LC	Lions Club
LCI	Lions Clubs International
LCIF	Lions Club International Foundation
LCIP	Lions Certified Instructor Program
LEHP	Lions Eye Health Program
LOTUS	Lions of the United States
LOPAF	Lions of PA Foundation
LP	Lion President/Lion Portal
LPE	Lion President Elect
MAR	Monthly Activity Report
MD	Multiple District
MJF	Melvin Jones Fellowship
MMR	Monthly Membership Report
MG	Marketing Grant
My LCI	My Lions Club Information
NCSS	North Central Sight Services
OSEAL	Orient & South East Asia Lions
PALSF	PA Lions Service Foundation
РСС	Past Council Chairperson
PDG	Past District Governor
PID	Past International Director
PIP	Past International President
PR	Public Relations
PRC	President's Retention Campaign
Q	Headquarters in Oakbrook, IL
RC	Region Chairperson
RLLI	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
SA	State Administrator
SVDG	Second Vice District Governor
VDG	Vice District Governor
YEP	Youth Exchange Program
YRG	Year Round Growth Program
ZC	Zone Chairperson
	Lion

## Thank You, Lions, for Reading the "Lions Tale!"

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Let's get back to the races!! Lions, open the Lions Tale to increase your club's chances of making the list !!!

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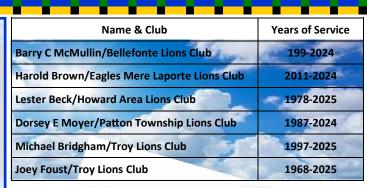
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## Honoring Our Deceased 14-G Lions

Now that your work is finished, we say goodbye with sad yet grateful hearts. We want to thank you for your dedication, and being there from the very start. Words cannot convey our gratitude nor your tremendous contribu-





#### Dear Readers:

Count Your Blessings. With the recent tragedies happening all around the United States and the World, Lions coins and contributions are needed more than ever! If 1,400 Lions from 14-G could donate \$25.00 personally, we would have contributed \$35,000. LCIF recently provided \$10,000 to assist with flood relief efforts in PA. Let's "Pay It Forward."

The same holds true of our Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp for special individuals. Many thanks to those Lions or Clubs that continue to send monetary donations or assistance in supplies; unloading campers with their personal items for a week or less; volunteering for a week or more with campers; for the clubs supporting and assisting with the Lions Appreciation Day; and other areas I may not be aware. Give from your heart.

As Lions, we are to work as a team, not in contradiction of our leaders in the state, in the district, nor in the clubs. Let's work alongside our Lions who have volunteered to lead. We are all unique individuals. It's the motto, 'we agree to disagree,' and not to be hostile towards differences in personalities or in leadership styles. There's only 365 days to adapt or to adjust. We can do this!

Our contributions in Lionism far outweighs the animosity amongst us. Let's stand united in Lions for the sake of the livelihood with Lions International being here in the future of 200 years! Retaining, recruiting, and marketing are the keys to our success. The 2024-2025 Council of PA Governors gave the approval of applying for the LCI Marketing Grant for 2025-2026! We need to get the billboards and advertising back out in the field! I am asking the DG's and DG-E's to brainstorm ideas of marketing and let's get this train rolling down the tracks at a speed that defines PA Lions!

Let's do this together. and "Let No Man Put Asunder." (Adapt those lyrics with Lions)

Be Kind, and Live! Lion Cheryl, Editor Adapting lyrics to "Let No Man Put Asunder". . .

"I'm surprised to see your resignation at the door; Remember the good times, don't you want some more; It's not a perfect world, but I'll defend it; "Cause I believe that's what God intended; We got love too good to throw away; It's not over between you and the Lions; It's not over, don't want to be free. (chorus) What has been joined by God; Let no man put asunder; On no, don't throw it away; I can't hear those words spoken, understood; Making bonds through love, the times are better good; I'm convinced that what is meant to be will be; Even the stars declare that you belong to Lions."

"I got to have Lions everyday in my Lions life' It's not over, no, no, no; It's not over don't leave Lions this way; You know what they call me?; "Energizer Bunny;" You

know what that means?; It means, you don't ever wanna turn Lions Down; That is something, you know what I mean: Not right now; I mean, come on; I don't ever wanna be mad at Lions; You think where I'm coming from; You can have Lions if you want it; We'll make everything alright' hold on tight; Lions will be right by your side."



#### Your LION Style Defined

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		inspiring members to do their best	
	C = 2 points	Coordinator Extraordinaire (16-22) Make things run like clockwork; knack for	Phone: 607-738-6909
		organization, bringing club members together	Email:
	D = 3 points	Proud Promoter (23-30) Passion for Lions is infectious, live out values of your	cawilbur65@gmail.com
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