

Lions Tale Newsletter

"Service is the *Heartbeat* of a Lion"



March - June 2026



Enjoy the Summer!

WHAT'S NEW In Section II



District 14-G Lions Enjoying a Break from Volunteering

Points of Interest:

- Clubs enter your club officers for 2026-2027 in the Lions Portal
- Dues will be due soon for the 2026-2027 Lions Year! Guidance in the first section of the Lions Tale Newsletter for March-June 2026
- **Beacon Lodge Lion Appreciation Day— Sunday, July 19, 2026**
- [Beacon Lodge Camp Portal](#) Right click on this for lots of details! **ALL Lions are encouraged to attend to observe what this camp exemplifies!**

Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp (located in Mount Union, PA) celebrates PA Lions Appreciation Day (PLAD) on **Sunday, July 19, 2026**. The event runs all morning and includes activities, lunch, and a camper talent shop

- **Central Susquehanna Sight Services 20th Annual Golf Tournament**

Friday, July 24, 2026, at Frosty Valley Country Club. Deadline for sponsorship and registration is June 29!! The clock is ticking.

Featuring Sheila Drummond again at the putting green. For \$5, you have the chance to putt against US Blind Golfer, Sheila Drummond, and Tommy Marks. If you beat them, you'll get a ticket for a drawing for half the pot! There will also be basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle. (FYI--baskets are looking amazing!!)



Loyalsock Township Lions

The Loyalsock Township Lions Club awarded two outstanding 2026 graduates of Loyalsock High School with monetary scholarships. Presenting the \$500 checks are Lion Deb Dodson, recipients Jaida Dicks and Zowie Rinehart and Lions Rita Marzacco and Scholarship Chairman Bruce Pratt.

Jaida plans to study Sports Media at Temple and Zowie will major in Marketing at Pitt.



SECTION II

With 3 months of information, this newsletter had 31 pages! MailChimp would not copy the whole newsletter.

Regional Partner: Central Susquehanna

Serving our neighboring communities from Sunbury, CSSS ensures that individuals navigating visual impairments receive the case management and education they need to live safely and independently. **Recent Milestone:** Over the past year, hundreds of local children received early intervention tracking thanks to volunteer screening hours.

Action Item: To refer a client or volunteer for a vision screening event, visit Central Susquehanna Sight Services.

Beacon Lodge Owned and Operated by PA Lions

“Dear Fellow Lions,

A lot of work has gone into the 2026 Beacon Lodge Camp this season — on pricing, on programming, on the story we tell about what this camp is and why it matters. We want to make sure every club has the full picture and the tools to carry it forward in their own communities.

This email brings everything together in one place. Each link below opens in a new tab so you can move through at your own pace and share individual pieces with your club's Beacon Lodge committee, treasurer, or members as needed.”

Where The Money Goes . . .

Camper arrives at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp:

- They bring a suitcase, little nervousness, and quiet hope that this place will be different
- Hoping they will be seen, included, and genuinely cared for



It's the RESULT of:

- Deliberate investment in people, in preparation, and in the kind of infrastructure campers never think about, it simply works

Every Donation to BLC is Invested . . .

Single largest cost at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp is the staff:

- Staffed to specific needs of the campers
- Program serving campers with higher support in counselors per camper
- Counselors receives training to a specific disability
- Every site has an on-site nursing coverage 24-7
- Each counselor at \$1620 per week - covering stipend, meals, and lodging (1 counselor for 3 campers, depending on needs of disability)

Place That Makes It Possible . . .

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp:

- Sits on 583 acres in PA's Appalachia Mountains
- Maintaining 3 meals a day, plus snacks
- Cabins are air-conditioned and private bathrooms
- Daily operational costs of maintenance of cabins, dining facilities, accessible trails, the pool, the climbing tower, and zipline

Sustainability Means . . .

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp:

- For years, BL operated at a significant loss, charging far less than the programs cost to deliver
- Gap has been closed through a combination of pricing coercion and increased donor and sponsor support
- Your donation directly funds the gap between what a family can pay and what a session costs to deliver well
- It funds the counselor whose presence makes a camper feel safe
- Nurse who handles a medical moment at 2 am
- Meals are hot and plentiful and served with care
- 100% donations support program costs, the people, the place, and the experience at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

Beacon Lodge Camp

UPPER CAMP SESSION NAME	SESSION DATES	SESSION APPLICATION CLOSE DATE
Camp Felicity	June 13-18	June 1
Camp Empower	June 20-25	June 8
Camp Felicity	June 24-July 2	June 15
Camp Empower	July 4-9	JUNE 22
Camp Perception	July 11-21	June 29
Camp Felicity (Extended Session)	July 26-30 July 25-August 4	July 13
Camp Liberty	August 1-11	July 20
LOWER CAMP SESSION NAME	SESSION DATES	SESSION APPLICATION CLOSE DATE
Project New Hope	June 13-17	June 1
Camp Unite	June 27-July 2	June 15
Women's PNH Retreat	July 11-15	June 29
Project New Hope	August 8-12	July 27

BEACON LODGE CAMP
<u>Program Pre-Camp Training</u> June 1-12
<u>Campers First Day</u> June 13, 2026
<u>Campers Last Day</u> August 13, 2026
<u>Employee Appreciation Day</u> August 14, 2026
<u>Popeye Fleck Fishing Day</u> TBA
<u>10th Annual Golf Outing</u> August 22, 2026
<u>BLC Fall Work Weekend</u> September 11-13, 2026

This tentative calendar is subject to change. Revised 02/20/26

Honor a Veteran



At the heart of Beacon Lodge Camp's veteran programming area, we are building a permanent 42-foot circular Veterans Memorial Walkway, a sacred gathering space where veterans can reflect, families can find their loved one's name in stone, and our Lions community can honor those who served in a way that endures long after we are gone.

This is not just a memorial. It is a living fundraising initiative that directly supports veteran programming at Beacon Lodge Camp, including Project New Hope, our free healing retreats for Pennsylvania disabled veterans and their families. Every brick reserved is an act of honor and an investment in the veterans we serve.

How We Serve Our Communities

Allenwood Area Lions continue to recycle plastic through TREC to receive a bench to be placed in the community. One Lion shoveled snow from the driveway so they could get out and get groceries.

Now that the weather has changed seasons an **Allenwood Area Lion** helped a neighbor clean up around the outside of the house, getting ready for spring.

Five **Allenwood Lions** worked at another Lions club to support the BINGO activities for the evening

The club is planning their summer activities: Yard Sale; and Hoagie Sale in April.

Six members purchased small gifts to give to Lions and Leos attending the District Convention on April 18th. Approximately 100 boxes were also filled with candies for the convention attendees.

The club received a grant to purchase materials for constructing a ramp for an elderly person to be able to get in and out of the home after returning from rehab.

A hair stylist provides hair cuts to those with low incomes at no charge to the individuals.

The club collected food items to be placed in 30 boxes for the local community group, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and used eyeglasses.

One **Allenwood Area Lion** assists an elderly person with creating a grocery list and shopping for that person; placing them in the cupboard for easy access.

Allenwood Area Lions Club (Union County) Charter 12/07/23

People Served	73891
Volunteers	209
Hours	1848
Donated	\$100.00
Raised	\$600.00



Bellefonte Lions Club (Centre County) Charter 04/01/1949

People Served	3614
Volunteers	579
Hours	1568
Donated	\$7902.00
Raised	\$30767.00



Momentum in Bellefonte Lions

Returning from the cruise, **Bellefonte Lions** came back to PA with enthusiasm for preparing and selling tickets for their famous "Rib Sale Dinner"; voted to supply two bicycles to the Bellefonte Easter Egg Hunt; and voted to donate \$500.00 to the Bellefonte Teener League for infield repairs and a donation for the Easter Egg Hunt.

In addition, a discus-

sion and planning for a golf tournament as a fundraiser. A donation was provided for the Centre Foresight Region Rally for a Raffle Basket filled with \$50 gift cards. \$205 was donated to the Beacon Lodge 500 Club.

A potential member, Dwayne Tull, requested a transfer from Fulton, New York Lions Club.

Purchased one pair

of eyeglasses for a community member. A donation of \$500 for Bellefonte's USA Celebration. Generated \$5,500.00 for Spring Rib Dinner Sale! The club donated \$250 for youth and senior fishing rodeo's held at Three Point Sportsmen's Club. The club voted to cancel their annual golf tournament for this year. Thank you, Lion Jerrold May, for your continued reporting in the Lion Portal!

Canton Lions Support Community

During the March 18, 2026 regular meeting of the **Canton Lions Club**, the Canton Chapter of the FFA attended to present to the members. Tom Hojnowski, the Leader of the chapter and President Fayth Kilbourn and Vice President Ali Morgan gave a 30 minute presentation which covered a huge list of activities and events that the team participates in. A few of the activities and events include: Agricultural Education, Promotion of Leadership, Career Development, Conferences and Conventions, Working in the Community and Various Fundrais-

ing Events. The team members have participated in many events this year including a Kindergarten Field Trip, Soils, Wildlife, Aquatics, Forestry at Mt. Pisgah State Park, Livestock and Horse Judging at some of the local farms, Chicken butchering, Greenland Day, The State Farm Show and much, much more. The **Canton Lions** club is very proud to host and support the local FFA group.

The Canton Lions Club sponsored a blood testing service for the local community. Quest Diagnostic provided the nurses who drew blood.

Club members facilitated the set up and flow of traffic during the blood testing. Coffee and a snack were provided free of charge to anyone who desired.

A total of \$700 was provided for the James C Arnold Scholarship and the Raymond Packard Memorial Scholarship to outstanding students in the Canton Area School District.

April 15th, Girl Scouts kindergarten-grade 3 learned about the Lions Club for a badge and provided an engineering challenge materials placed in a brown bag.

Canton Lions Club (Bradford County) Charter 03/16/1954

People Served	13258
Volunteers	271
Hours	899
Donated	\$15490.00
Raised	\$12830.00

The Lions had as much fun as the troop in solving the challenge!

Thank you, Lion Bob Barlow, for your devotion to reporting in the Lion Portal!!

Feeding Our Children

Centre Hall Lions Club
(Centre County)
Charter 01/22/1942

People Served	8298
Volunteers	400
Hours	2532
Donated	\$500.00
Raised	\$37250.00

There are dozens of local families struggling to pay for their school students' lunch fees. Lunch costs \$2.55 per student per day, and debts continue to accrue month to month. Some families are on deferred payment plans, but that does not avoid the continued accruals. **Centre Hall Lions Club** will be paying \$100 a month from January through May 2026 towards the current student lunch debts to help alleviate this burden for our local families. The monthly donation is to be applied spe-

cifically to the debts of Centre Hall Elementary school students; any leftover funds are to be applied to the middle or high school debts.

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. Thanks for reporting!



Party for Assisted Living

Coudersport & Area Lions Club
(Potter County)
Charter 10/19/1987

Four Lions from the **Coudersport & Area Lions Club** hosted a St. Patrick's Day party for the residents of Cole Manor, a local assisted living facility.

Each Saturday morning, two Lion volunteers collect and sort recycling for the Coudersport Area. The recycling



center is open to the community from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Several **Coudersport & Area Lions** volunteered at the local Historical Society, at a local Historical museum, Daughters of the American Revolution, & preparing for America 250 celebrations.

volunteer weekly at the Alliance Food Bank, one member volunteers monthly at the Roulette Food Bank, one member at the Austin Food Bank and one member volunteers monthly at the Military Food Share & also fulfills an administrative role.

The club members voted to close the club.

People Served	11645
Volunteers	141
Hours	1693
Donated	\$0.00
Raised	\$4269.00

Celebrating YOUTH

Eagles Mere Laporte Lions Club
(Sullivan County)
Charter 04/03/1984

People Served	2729
Volunteers	239
Hours	277
Donated	\$38500.00
Raised	\$63300.00

Monthly dinner meeting was held with Janet Donovan, CEO of PA Girl Scouts. A donation of \$500 was given to the Sullivan County Girl Scouts.

On May 13th, spokespersons for Journey Bank Community Arts Center attended the dinner and learned the inner workings, mission, and reach and impact, the challenges faced in programming and the outlook on the future

of the CAC.

The Golf Outing, May 27, 2026, 1:00 shotgun start, rain date June 10, 2026 at Eagles Mere Country Club.

DG Leona Houseknecht inducted 5 new members on April 15th.

A donation of two lap tops were purchased for the secretary and treasurer of the Eagles Mere Borough Hall.

Thanks for reporting service activities, Lion Anastasia McMahan-Farrell!



Serving the Hungry

Jersey Shore Lions Club
(Lycoming County)
Charter 01/23/1951

People Served	13500
Volunteers	1464
Hours	4122
Donated	\$8612.00
Raised	\$9315.00

The Jersey Shore Lions Club helped distribute to 597 individuals in March; April 591 individuals and in May 750 individuals at the Local Food Pantry.



Memorial Day Community Event serving 400.

Scouting in March

The Mansfield Lions met with the Girl Scouts at one of their club meetings.

Club members help retrieve food from trucks and add items to the shelves for people to get on collection day.

Thanks for reporting, Lion Deb Colegrove.



Mansfield Lions Club
(Tioga County)
Charter 09/04/1940

People Served	7913
Volunteers	211
Hours	123.5
Donated	0
Raised	0

Assisting with Medical Equipment

The Howard Area Lions Club helped at the food distribution center serving 47 people one week, 38 the next week, and in April 119 individuals.

Four new members were inducted at one of the club meetings in March.

Thirty-eight people from the community attended the Bingo Games operated by the club, making \$246.00.

Serving the disabled,

some Howard Area Lions evaluated the medical equipment, disposed of broken items and cleaned the equipment preparing for the next use by community members.

Serving food supplies to 68 individuals. Club members picked up trash on Walnut Street in Howard, PA. Members also attended the Region IV Rally. Howard Area Lions assisted local scout troop as crossing guards. Thanks for reporting!



Howard Area Lions Club
(Centre County)
Charter 05/05/1976

People Served	11869
Volunteers	821
Hours	2241.5
Donated	\$6017.00
Raised	\$5404.00



Ferguson Township Generates \$\$

Ferguson Township Lions Club
(Centre County)
Charter 11/10/1949

People Served	2413
Volunteers	151
Hours	1370
Donated	\$1500.00
Raised	\$11105.37



Ferguson Township had a "Soup Sale" earning \$246.00.

One Lion member assists a blind lady and her husband with creating shopping lists to purchase groceries. And she also serves as secretary for a local senior Citizens Center, arranging speakers for the group.

The club donated wheelchairs and canes to a Catholic Nun to send them to her village in Africa. Plus some medical equipment was sent to another Lions Club for needs.

One member organized a yard sale to increase funds for the Rally for Life Cancer Society, including food sales making \$4200.00!

Four members attended the Region Rally with 114 attending.

Clubhouse kitchen was open on Primary Election Day raising \$221.00!

Donations of \$1000.00 to Beacon Lodge and \$500.00 to Camp Victory which was budgeted for the Lions calendar year 2025-2026.

Huge thanks to a special club that continually volunteers to serve their community and other organizations!



Two new members being inducted by PDG Charlie Poust: Matthew Corl, Sponsor Lion Nevin Corl; Kayla Corl, Sponsor Lion Beverly Corl.

Hunger, Humanitarian, Environment, and Vision

Milesburg Lions

unloaded, stocked shelves and distributed boxes of food to 97 individuals.

Lions are working on preparations for 'Journey for Sight' walk next month.

Donated \$1500.00 for the Milesburg Community Park and Three Point Sportsman Club.

Milesburg has been

collecting pairs of shoes to provide to those in need of 300 individuals! In serving the environment, the club recycles paper, cardboard, plastic and metal.

Thanks for reporting, PDG Butch Haus!



Milesburg Lions Club
(Centre County)
Charter 04/25/1949

People Served	9935
Volunteers	669
Hours	2880
Donated	\$18270.00
Raised	0

Emergency Responder & Recycling

Muncy Area Lions Club
(Lycoming County)
Charter 04/25/1949

People Served	99725
Volunteers	141
Hours	651.5
Donated	\$352.00
Raised	\$4183.00

One member of the **Muncy Area Lions Club** volunteers as an emergency responder for the MCTVF.

The club has two collection containers for the community to dispose of soda cans. Members then clean and deposit to collect funds to give back to the community with needs. In addition, the club

cleaned up around the storage bins and cleaned the club house to prepare for chicken barbeques.

To support Muncy Little League, the Lions club donated a raffle basket and sold sweet sausage and water making \$300.00. Some members volunteer at the local fire hall.

Thanks for reporting,
Lion Ron Shuda!



New Member & Donations

Held our initial chartering and pinning for our newly formed Montgomery High School Leo Club. Leo members signed the original charter document and were pinned by President Nancy Secules of the **Montgomery Lions Club**.

DG Leona Houseknecht was present and inducted the Leo Club officers. Family members of the Leos were in attendance. Social time followed with light refreshments.

Montgomery Lions Club members voted to donate \$550.00 to the Montgomery Little League for sponsoring a team and a sign to be hung at the field.

A donation of \$250.00 was sent to the Art

Giro Scholarship Fund for the district. A donation of \$1500.00 was sent to Leader Dog, Michigan. Camp Victory was sent a check for \$1500.00.

Six hundred dollars was donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation as their annual gift. To PA Lions owners of Beacon Lodge pledged \$2000.00 and \$1000.00 for camperships.

Honoring the those in need at a discounted pledge to North Central Sight Services of \$2000.00 and \$600 towards purchasing eyeglasses for those in need.

Approved a donation for six Montgomery High School girl wrestlers to attend the PA National Freestyle Wrestling Dual Team in Indiana.

Approved our annual

donation to the July 4th community fireworks.

Preparing for the Annual Easter Hunt to be held this year on April 4th at the Montgomery Park.

One new member was inducted. In addition, in the planning stages for a food stand at the 9-1-1 event held at the Clinton Township Fire hall. Held monthly club meeting. Honored Emily Dieffenderfer as student of the month for March from Montgomery High School. Gave her a certificate and check for \$50.00. Had Lauren Strausser, recycling coordinator for Lycoming County as our guest speaker. She presented a video and spoke on the recycling process at the county landfill.

Montgomery Lions Club
(Lycoming County)
Charter 11/08/1955

People Served	15286
Volunteers	620
Hours	2284.5
Donated	\$32994.00
Raised	\$39862.08

Conducted week of service on recycling and taken to local waste management and funds are donated to the annual 4th of July celebration.

One meeting, honored Idalia Castro-Garia as student of the month, and inducted two new members- Kevin and Molly Mittenbender.

Thanks, Lion Dave Stahl for reporting!

COMMUNITIES BEING SERVED FROM THE HEART

Medical Support for Youth

Sayre-Athens Lioness Lions Club
(Bradford County)
Charter 05/24/2021

People Served	647
Volunteers	90
Hours	481
Donated	\$1300.00
Raised	\$2310.00

Members of the Sayre-Athens Lioness Lions donated 175 items hats, gloves, personal care items to My Brother's Keepers (Ugly Quilts Project).

Donated a \$200 Gift Card to help with travel expenses for a child having to be admitted in the ICU at Danville's Geisinger Hospital with

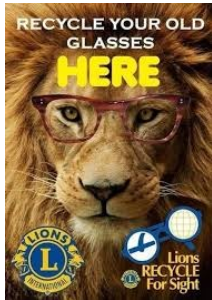
complications from diabetes.

Members took up a collection and donated \$75.00 to the local food bank.

Thanks for reporting, Lion Mary! So PROUD of this club, ladies!



Milton Helps Community



Milton Club members removed and installed a handicap ramp and lift for a community member.

Provided funds for three children for eye exams and purchasing eyeglasses for those with low incomes.

Milton Lions have a storage shed for medical

equipment and keep the equipment cleaned and repaired. The club assisted eight individuals in March.

The club continues to collect used eyeglasses, this month 59 pairs were gathered.

Conducted a Gun Raffle and raised \$3888.00
Thanks for reporting, Jim!

Milton Lions Club
(Columbia County)
Charter 07.25.1983

People Served	3000
Volunteers	20
Hours	1000
Donated	0
Raised	\$3888.00

Sylvania Serving Others

Sylvania Lions Club
(Bradford County)
Charter 01/20/1954

People Served	17667
Volunteers	527
Hours	2300
Donated	\$3290000
Raised	\$31026.25

One Lion from the Sylvania Lions Club continues to make teddy bears for young children when they are in the hospital.

Members planned the painting of the Troy Community Swimming Pool. Also, the club met to plan April's BBQ and the Demo Derby at the Maple Festival. Met with several members of the Derby Team to make plans for April's 2-day event.

One Lion worked at the local Food Bank supporting 200 individuals.

Conducting a Bingo Night at the Sylvania Community Hall as a service event rather than a fundraiser.

Collected 100 pairs of eyeglasses and took to recy-

cling in Sayre, and continues recycling for environment.

Sylvania Lions helped pack food sacks for school kids to take home with them so they have enough to eat. Hours submitted for administrative work for the club. One Lion volunteers at Hopegate Pregnancy Center. Reporting hours for secretary and treasurer. Recycling to preserve the environment.

Two-day Demolition Derby at the annual Maple Festival.

Three attended the District Convention: Lion Nancy Pratt, Lion George Page and Elaine Page.

Thanks, Lion Nancy Pratt for doing a wonderful job with reporting Sylvania's activities and donations!



Donation to death of a mother with 3 children: \$300.00

Supporting Troy Little League: \$400.00

Supporting a woman undergoing treatment for breast cancer: \$300.00

Donation to wife after losing husband to unexpected heart attack:

\$300.00; two boys in FFA at local high



Wellsboro Supports Food Pantry

Wellsboro Lions Club
(Tioga County)
Charter 10/21/1929

Wellsboro Lions Club donated \$1000.00 to the local Food Pantry with a commitment to donate annually in March when their funding is the lowest. Four members worked on the project of collecting aluminum cans with sorting, crushing, and bagging them for recycling.

Highway clean-up was conducted. LCIF donation of \$1000; Art Girio Scholarship Fund \$250.00; shipped 700

eyeglasses.

Held our annual Easter Egg Hunt at a local community park with prizes, hot dogs and hot chocolate provided. Hunt areas were in 4 age groups with a special area for "Kids with Disabilities." One little girl, who was totally blind, enjoyed finding eggs that "CHIRPED." This community event gave us an opportunity to promote

Lionism and our membership recruitment efforts.

Thanks, Lion Tom Auman for your continual submission of your club's activities and donations!

People Served	17356
Volunteers	157
Hours	216.5
Donated	\$7420.00
Raised	\$5972.75

Towanda Lions: Hearts of Love

Towanda Lions Club
(Bradford County)
Charter 08/29/1929

People Served	24423
Volunteers	220
Hours	1301.53
Donated	\$2810.00
Raised	\$11039.12

Three members (one is president) of the **Towanda Lions Club** are on the board of Serve Inc. Serve runs programs for individuals that have physical/mental disabilities. They have a facility that employs individuals that do jobs for local industries. The facility also does programs helping these individuals learn life skills and have a few students that are beyond the local school programs.

Working on the upgrade of the entry to a local church by replacing the entry.

Two members are involved in the local hospice program. They help individuals who are in the end of life.

One Lion member continues to volunteer as assistant coach for the girls varsity and JV basketball.

One Towanda Lion is president and board member of the local food bank and works at distribution of food items.

Our club has two members that are board members and do work for individuals/families who have physical

impairments and require ramps to navigate access to their home. Other small projects are done to help these individuals/families stay in their home.



Making Soup



Turbotville & Area Lions Club
(Northumberland County)
Charter 05/04/1982

People Served	5755
Volunteers	304
Hours	2397
Donated	\$35300.00
Raised	\$3322.00

DID YOU KNOW?
Just 2-3 members can form a Beacon Lodge Committee in your Lions Club and create a lasting local impact.
Grab Your Free Club Committee Starter Kit Today!
BeaconLodge.org/Engage

Turbotville & Area Lions Club worked at the local food bank and helped sort and distribute food.

Three Lions helped cook soup and made sandwiches for others.

The Lions Club donated \$250.00 so a child could attend Beacon Lodge Camp and experience the joy being at the camp.

The club sold Nardone Pizza as a fundraiser to increase funds while assisting individuals and organizations in the community-raised \$792.00!

Thanks Lion Eileen Povish for reporting!

Tremendous Work, Lock Haven Lions!

Lock Haven Lions Club
(Clinton County)
Charter 01/23/1951

People Served	15025
Volunteers	328
Hours	1552
Donated	\$0.00
Raised	\$0.00

Numerous volunteer hours for these Lions that are very much involved within their communities! Great reporting Lion Craig Miller!

Lion Dewayne Kunes assisted in remodeling the Labor Day Regatta Foundation offices. And worked at fund-raising dinner for family that were victims of a residential fire.

Lion Stuart Hall gathered items to be recycled and took to recycling center; provided free legal services to several individuals dealing with several issues; delivered fish dinner to elderly individual; collected trash along the highway; assisted PA Fish & Boat Commission with mentoring a

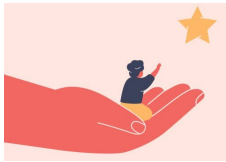
student regarding career options and allowed student to job shadow Attorney Hall and Boy Scouts to stock fish. Lion George McKinney assisted in BINGO fundraising for the Keystone Central School District Foundation and Dunnstown Fire Company; attends Salvation Army Advisory Board meetings; volunteers as a fire-fighter and rescue calls for Dunnstown Fire Company.

Lions Dewayne Kunes, Steve Acquino, Craig Conti and Craig Miller with his grandson to picked up trash on Route 120 for three hours. Lion Jack Schmidt participated in community music groups.

Working in Lions Portal
for Reporting Service
ACTIVITIES

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Wyalusing Reaching Out!



Wyalusing Lions continue to reach out to others in their community: local museum, art gallery, library, local Food Pantry, People Helping People Program, and the pregnancy center in Wyalusing.

Club members attending monthly meetings is increasing. Month of March 21 members attended. Two Lions work with a youth leadership program and the Wyalusing Leo Club members.

Thanks for reporting, Lion Esther Potts! You are doing wonderful on reporting your club members volunteer hours and all the work your club provides to your community! Thank you!

Wyalusing Lions Club
(Bradford County)
Charter 04/30/1974

People Served	15025
Volunteers	328
Hours	1552
Donated	\$0.00
Raised	\$0.00

South Supports Leos & Kiddos!

South Williamsport Lions Club
(Lycoming County)
Charter 03/14/1946

People Served	6543
Volunteers	156
Hours	104
Donated	\$3800.00
Raised	\$17858.74



South Williamsport Leos helping the little ones with collecting eggs.



The South Williamsport Lions are preparing for the **80th Charter Night!** The club continues to collect cans for cash-\$1000.00! Plus they participated in the annual Candy Days enabling opportunities to interact with community members.

A donation of \$100.00 was made to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Sandy Nolan, wife of one of the lion members. Thanks, Lion Nicole English for reporting in March and April.

Members: This is How We Serve

Picture Rocks Lions Club
(Lycoming County)
Charter 10/17/1955

People Served	351
Volunteers	154
Hours	262
Donated	\$7850.00
Raised	\$22736.71

March through May, the **Picture Rocks Lions Club** collected used aluminum beverage cans for recycling (991.38), which serves two purposes: environment clean-up and a fund raiser to increase funds to give back to community. Conducted the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for East Lycoming School District In April. The club donated \$1000.00 to Hughesville High

School for a graduating senior in recognition for community service.

The club donated \$100 to Beacon Lodge, fulfilling pledge to the 500 Club. Picture Rocks Lions Club conducted its Annual Memorial Day Parade and service in Picture Rocks.

A donation of \$150.00 to the Hughesville Trinity Lutheran Church for its

Youth Bicycle Safety Rodeo. Thanks, Lion Bill Foresman, for devotion to reporting your club's activities!



PR Memorial Day Parade

Benton Lions Super Busy!

April 2, 2026, Lions Alice Strauch and Frances Smith received 25-year chevrons and Lion Judith Hafer received the "Roar Award" from PDG Gary Strauch.

Club members worked with an agency to promote awareness to young teens and adults about mental health.

Benton Lions worked at cleaning up a local cemetery.

Members are collecting food items to give to the local Food Bank; boxes were also placed in local businesses. Eye collection boxes were collected, giving 200 pairs to the MGM mission team while donating \$240.00 for shipping containers.

Lion Terri Adams received a Melvin Jones Fellow for her dedication to Lionism. Planning for Blood Drive; the 225 Dinner; and the

"Over 80's Dinner." Benton continues to sell Gertrude Hawk candy bars for the 80's Dinner. Plus members continue to collect and recycle aluminum cans, newspapers, cardboard, glass, and plastic.

Members worked at a community event where clothing and household items are used for those in need. Thanks, Lion Fran Smith for your reporting of activities!

Benton Lions Club
(Columbia County)
Charter 09/21/1983

People Served	9471
Volunteers	294
Hours	782
Donated	\$8215.00
Raised	\$6175.00

Catawissa Valley Thanks, R-N Lions!

Catawissa Valley
Lions Club
(Columbia County)
Charter 03/30/1982

People Served	435
Volunteers	183
Hours	1220
Donated	\$5100.00
Raised	\$14378.00

Catawissa Valley Lions provided 2 scholarships to seniors from the Southern Columbia School District at \$500.00 each. Supporting more youth with a \$300.00 donation to participate in the Special Olympics, State College, PA.

A \$1000.00 donation to Central Sight Services.

At the Cash Bingo Event, the club raised \$9,440.00!!!

Thanks, Lion Craig Long for your reporting in the Lions Portal!

Rauchtown-Nippenose Valley Lions build a ramp for an elderly couple.

The club has assumed the responsibility of performing an annual spring clean up at the Limestone Cemetery. We remove old flowers, wreaths, debris, etc. Basically trying to keep the cemetery in good order as they do not have the funds to pay someone to execute this task.

FREE Dinner to 55+ aged members of the community-Chicken and Biscuit, Performed annual highway clean-up.

Rauchtown-Nippenose
Valley Lions Club
(Clinton County)
Charter 07/20/2001

People Served	964
Volunteers	185
Hours	365
Donated	\$4700.00
Raised	\$6660.00



Harris Township Covers It All

Harris Township
Lions Club
(Centre County)
Charter 03/10/1952

People Served	14841
Volunteers	358
Hours	2424
Donated	\$5900.00
Raised	\$1800.00

A donation of \$5000.00 to Harris Township Community Service Association, owners of the building where the **Harris Township Lions** conduct business.

Members attended the Region 4 Rally. Then a Community Shredding Event was conducted, collecting 10 large trash bins and took glasses to Northcentral Sight Services.

Club members collected trash along the highway, which is done twice a

year.

Night to Shine is a Tim Tebow national event. A prom for special needs individuals. Club members set up the room, filled balloons for the balloon drop and balloon arch. The guests are crowned king and queen at the end of the event. The event has dinner, singing, limo rides and lots of dancing. Each guest is given a photo of them on the red carpet.

2VDG Elect
Robert Hoffman and
Partner-in-Service
Lion Ann Hoffman

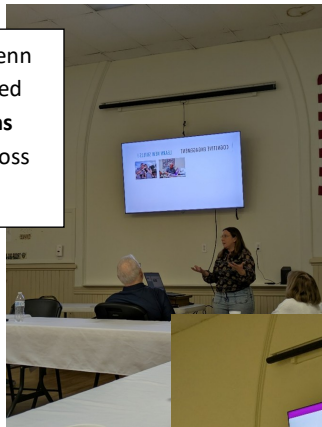


Lion Max Wandel received the 3rd highest International Award Medal at the State Convention. Left to right: Lion Barb Ott, Lion Ann Hoffman, 1VDGE Bob Hoffman, Max Wandel, Lion Susan Edwards



Dr. Fred Carlin addressed our Lion's group about the Community Vision Foundation. How can we work with them to continue supplying glasses to those in need?

Dr. Nancy Dennis from Penn State University addressed the **Harris Township Lions Club** regarding memory loss and aging



Peace Poster Winner, Evelyn Herring and her family. Her poster was submitted under the **Harris Township Lions Club**



The Jana Marie foundation works with mental health issues in our schools. Peter Horn gave a thorough presentation on their program



Small and Mighty Mill Hall Lions

Mill Hall Lions Club
(Clinton County)
Charter 01/07/2010

People Served	47710
Volunteers	467
Hours	1817
Donated	0
Raised	0



Lion Roxanne Embick is a vice president for the non-profit Beyond the Bell for Clinton County. Their mission is to provide up to \$150 scholarships for youth in Clinton County to participate in extra-curricular activities. It can be used for sports, dance, drama, and educational opportunities. They can use it for registration, equipment, or other related fees. As a condition of their receipt of the scholarship, the recipients and a parent must support our fundraising by selling tickets to events, and perform volunteer 5 hours with a local non-profit.

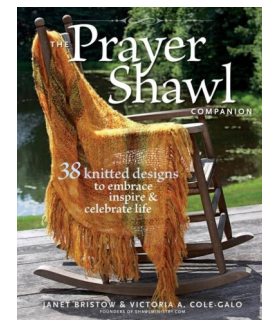
We held a fundraiser in partnership with the Piper Aviation Museum and Addie's Jewelers at an Easter Egg-stravaganza for the community.

Lion Shanan Miller serves on the Ross Library Board of Directors and serves as a mentor to a child in Clinton County. She provides opportunities for activities and even includes the child's siblings in activities and special events. Lion Peg Johnson crochets prayer shawls and lap robes for seniors. She crochets about 2 hours a night.

Mill Hall Lions have a Blessings in a Backpack program at the Mill Hall Elementary School. Providing approximately 60 bags with enough food for 3 meals a day for the weekend, bags go home on Fridays. Lion Roxanne works with Lion Denny Bechdel - Howard Lions Club to get medical equipment for community members in need. Several members recycle weekly for the environment.

Lion Shanan and Lion Roxanne are serving as event leads for the 2026 Clinton County vs Cancer. We will hold multiple fundraisers throughout the year to support the American Cancer Society. We have collected our Daffodil Days orders and we made over \$9000.

Thanks Lion Roxanne Embick for reporting all the activities!



Pleasant Gap Lioness Lions = SPECIAL!



Nine Members of the Pleasant Gap Lioness Lions attended the Region 4 Rally. Several Lions participated at the Elementary Spring Carnival playing games with making a \$200.00 donation.

Serving 100 individuals at a Blood Bank to the canteen area. Participated in a Basket Party to benefit Relay for Life-\$1552.31; made a \$200.00 donation to Journey for Sight;

In April, the club conducted an Easter Egg Hunt and a Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt and raised \$730.00.

On April 18th, 6 Lions attended the District Convention; made a donation to "Think We Not Me" for \$300.00; a \$200.00 donation to the Children's Fair; a \$300.00 donation to Leader Dog; and participated in serving 60 individuals with a Fresh Express Food Drive.

Generated \$10000.00 with the Annual Bingo for increasing funds to help others in need!

Thank you, Lion Gail Lucas for doing a wonderful job of reporting!

Pleasant Gap Lioness Lions Club
(Centre County)
Charter 10/17/1955

People Served	2774
Volunteers	283
Hours	1356.5
Donated	\$6402.31
Raised	\$13361.35



Patton Township Lions Club
(Centre County)
Charter 08/29/1982

People Served	1040
Volunteers	36
Hours	65
Donated	0
Raised	\$5000.00



Lions at Work

Patton Township Lions constructed a ramp for an individual to be able to get into their home. Members cleaned up the local cemetery by cutting down limbs and cutting them up due to them being on the ground. Cleaned up around the stones.

□ Sugar Valley: Huge Hearts

Sugar Valley Lions Club
(Clinton County)
Charter 04/05/1977

People Served	4082
Volunteers	482
Hours	1472
Donated	\$3400.00
Raised	\$7344.00

The local Food Bank served 60 persons in 24 households. Eight **Sugar Valley Lions** worked 24 hours on this project.

Our first Cash Bingo fundraiser of 2026, netting \$3000.00, was decided by Club members to give proceeds to a family that lost one of their 17-month old twin daughters due to complica-

tions from premature birth and continuing constant medical assistance required for care of the remaining twin.

Providing medical equipment to local residents, the **Sugar Valley Lions Club** loaned out two hospital beds and one wheelchair.

Thanks for reporting!



Wonderful Watsontown Centennial Lions!

Lion President Rhonda Luongo has done a wonderful job leading this Lioness Lions club!

Members produced 250+ boxes of PB Melt-aways. We do this project every spring. Members and volunteers prep, make the recipe, package, and complete clean-up. The camaraderie is special and makes the hard work less stressful. Another year, another successful fundraiser!

Watsontown Centennial Lioness held a Special Needs Dance with 32 guests and the interaction was great dancing fun for all!

Club continues to collect used eyeglasses and takes them to Walmart, and several members volunteer each month to prep for food fundraisers, mailing, and help with programs.

Doing great, Lioness Lions! Thanks for reporting!

Watsontown Centennial
Lioness Lions Club
(Northumberland County)
Charter 04/21/2018



FAVPNG.com

People Served	10972
Volunteers	175
Hours	699
Donated	\$6638.00
Raised	\$9300.00



Cincy Shopper

Key Details of MJF

The **Melvin Jones Fellowship** (often called the Melvin Jones Award) is the highest form of recognition bestowed by the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

It honors individuals who demonstrate exemplary humanitarian service, compassion, and a strong commitment to the less fortunate.

Background: Established in 1973, the award is named after Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International.

How it Works: The fellowship is not a traditional competition. Rather, it is awarded to recognize a \$1,000 donation made to the LCIF. These funds support global initiatives. The donation can be made by the individual, their Lions Club, a fellow member or district.

Recognition: Recipients receive a distinctive lapel pin, a personalized wall plaque, and a letter from LCI.



Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF) Recipients 2025-2026

- Brett A Meyer June 12, 2025 Bellefonte Lions Club
- Terri Adams January 14, 2026 Benton Lions Club
- Susan J Campbell August 1, 2025 Feguson Township Lions Club
- William Donahue June 10, 2025 Harris Township Lions Club
- Michael Keegan August 27, 2025 Troy Lions Club
- Danny Miller March 3, 2026 Jersey Shore Lions Club
- Stephen A Acquino June 10, 2025 Lock Haven Lions Club
- David C Stinebeck July 24, 2025 Mansfield Lions Club
- Larry D Livergood June 20, 2025 Lions Club
- Michael Keegan August 27, 2025 Troy Lions Club
- Douglas Ulkins May 1, 2026 Troy Lions Club
- Dean F Kirkendall April 2, 2026 Turbotville & Area Lions Club
- Camilla Zimmerman April 2, 2026 Turbotville & Area Lions Club
- Walter Colton July 31, 2025 Wellsboro Lions Club
- Craig Fields August 1, 2025 Wellsboro Lions Club
- David Krick August 8, 2025 Wellsboro Lions Club

Guidance in Managing the Lion Portal

Technology in this century is taking over in nearly all that we do! Microsoft Publisher has been used by myself for creating newsletters, posters, programs, and brochures since 2004. BUT, the program will be obsolete October 1, 2026, and it has already removed the program from the new laptop the district recently purchased this Lions year! Learning a whole new program, Canva, has been a bit troublesome to say the least.

It's been about a month of working with it and everyday I work on it, I discover something new or I am still searching for simple things—not knowing where to even ask! So, dear Lion friends, I am learning right along with you!

Manage Club Officers

[Create a new assignment](#)

[End officer assignment](#)

Manage Club Members

[Transfer a member](#)

[Add a student member](#)

[Edit a member reinstate member](#)

[Edit member change membership type](#)

[Drop a member](#)

[Edit member data](#)

[Add a club member](#)

[Add a club member family member](#)

Club Actions

[Get membership cards](#)

[Edit club details](#)

[View reports](#)

[Create club branch](#)

Member Actions

[View club officers](#)

Service Activities

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"The computer says I need to upgrade my brain to be compatible with the new software."

- 1) Right click on the blue highlighted topic you want to learn how to do
- 2) Scroll down to Open Link, click on it
- 3) [Create a new assignment](#) refers to putting in next years officers in the Lion Portal, (for example)



Microsoft Publisher

This editor will continue to use 'Publisher' until August 2026, allowing time to work with a new format using Canva.

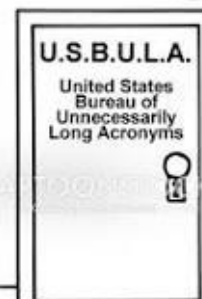
Knowing the Acronyms: No Mumbo-Jumbo!

AA	Acting Administrator
ALLI	Advance Lions Leadership Institute
AHAP	Affordable Hearing Aid Program
CA	Constitutional Area
CBL	Constitution and Bylaws
CC	Council Chairperson
CEP	Club Excellence Program
CGL	Certified Guiding Lion
COG	Council of Governors
CQI	Club Quality Initiative
CS	Cabinet Secretary
CSFII	Campaign Sight First II
CST	Cabinet Secretary Treasurer
CT	Cabinet Treasurer
DA	District Administrator
DC	District 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
FWS	Family and Women 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
IT	Information Technology
KMSA	Kindness Matters Service Award
LC	Lions Club
LCI	Lions Club International
LCIF	Lions Club International Foundation
LCIP	Licensed Certified Instructor Program
LEHP	Lions Eye Health Program
LOTUS	Lions of the United States
LOPAF	Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation
LP	Lion President/Lion Portal
LPE	Lion President Elect
MAR	Monthly Activity Report
MD	Multiple District
MJF	Melvin Jones Fellow
MMR	Monthly Membership Report
MG	Marketing Grant
MYLCI	My Lions Club Information
NCSS	North Central Sight Services
OSEAL	Orient and South East Asian Lions
PALSF	Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation
PCC	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, Ill
RC	Region Chairperson
RLLI	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
SA	State Administrator
SVDG	Second Vice District Governor
VDG	Vice District Governor
WWID	Worldwide Induction Day
YEP	Youth Exchange Program
YRG	Year Round Growth Program
ZC	Zone Chair

TIME TO BRING BACK THE ACRONYMS

Some call it "Alphabet Soup." According to oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com, 'What does the expression alphabet soup mean? A hodgepodge especially of initials. 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.'



Loss of 4 Past District Governors & 23 Lions in 14-G July 1, 2025-May 30, 2026

Canton Lions Club

Lion John Manz: 9 years
Lion Jerome Wynne: 57 years
Lion Gerald Brann: 37 years

Catawissa Valley Lions Club

Lion Ronald Long: 17 years

Ferguson Township Lions Club

Lion Bruce S Berkey: 52 years

Harris Township Lions Club

Lion William D Morgan: 56 years
Lion Richard L Hirsch Jr.: 15 years

Howard Area Lions Club

Lion Jay E Martin: 18 years
Lion Dwayne H Haines: 30 years
Lion William E Thomas: 24 years

Jersey Shore Lions Club

Lion Edward L Hubbell: 14 years

Loyalsock Township Lions Club

Lion Wayne Derrick: 13 years

Mansfield Lions Club

Lion John S Kearns: 55 years

Millheim Lions Club

Lion Eugene B Berkey: 25 years

Milton Lions Club

Lion K Barton Reichard, Jr.: 54 years
PDG Joan Catherman: 25 years

Montgomery Lions Club

Lion Paul William Wertman, 63 years

Mt. Carmel Lions Club

Lion Deno Langis: 21 years

Snow Shoe Lions Club

Lion Russell G Bambarger, 33 years

South Williamsport Lions Club

Lion Clair W Keefer, 56 years

Sugar Valley Lions Club

Lion Ivan B McElwain, 48 years

Sylvania Lions Club

PDG Robert J Hunter: 51 years
Lion Paul Zaleskie, 51 years

Troy Lions Club

Lion Thomas Calkins: 58 years
PDG Gary Machmer: 55 years

Warrensville Area Lions Club

PDG Paul S Schriener: 54 years

Williamsport Lions Club

Lion James Stuchell: 52 years

Dear Friends in Lionism:

Fostering kindness and service within a club builds a strong, inclusive culture. Doing this effectively requires structured opportunities, clear expectations, and regular recognition.

Practical initiatives to implement:

***Kindness Shout-Outs:** dedicate the first five minutes of meetings to praise helpful peers

***Skill-Sharing Workshops:** encourage experienced members to tutor newer members in club-specific skills

***Community Service Days:** organize one local volunteer event each quarter as a group

***Secret Support Systems:** run a "Secret Santa" style event focused on anonymous acts of encouragement

Leadership strategies fostering empathy:

***Model the Behavior:** demonstrate active listening and patience in every interaction

***Set Clear Standards:** include a kindness and respect clause in club bylaws

***Address Conflicts Early:** resolve misunderstandings privately and constructively before they grow

***Rotate Responsibilities:** allow different members to lead projects to build mutual respect

Core pillars of a KIND CLUB: Inclusive onboarding by pairing new members with veteran buddies to prevent isolation; structure service by dedicating roles for community outreach and member support; open communication to establish channels for members to share ideas and concerns; and collaborative goals by focusing on team achievement rather than individual competition.

"Bee Kind" has been the message. Being kind is a benevolent, intentional action motivated by a genuine desire to help and care for others. It goes beyond just being polite or "nice," requiring empathy, consideration, and action-even when it's difficult.

May you discover ideas from this 3-month newsletter, as we continue to work with a new program. "Bee" Patient and "Bee" Kind.

Blessings in Lionism,

Lion Cheryl Wilbur
Editor

Williamsport-Newberry Lions Club

Lion Anthony Dgien: 54 years



We mourn the passing of our friend
And gather now in solemn mood.
We know all things of time must end,
E'vn what to us seem wholly good.

Fellowship we've had in service,
Common problems and belief.
How our hearts are drawn together
By the bond of common grief.

We are thankful for the days
We've had with him who's joined the dead;
But thankful more that we have the hope
For that which for us lies ahead.

Each of us must run his course
Till He who doeth all thing well
Will call us to join our friends
Who now beyond our seeing dwell.

And so for now we say "Farewell,"
And carry on the work below.
Believing that the time will come
When we will once more say, "Hello!"

(ceremony suggested for departed Lions)

Welcome New Members!
May your journey in Lions
be lengthy and full of discovering
how much you are needed in the world!