



# *The Cauldron*



District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

April 2025



*Happy Easter*

## *From the desk of* **District Governor Mike Crossey**

Fellow Lions and Leos,

April is about sowing seeds. As we engage with Spring we start to think about our harvest. I believe the fruit of our success, will be in the sowing of seeds of success.

Service-membership growth-leadership-teamwork.

Our Lion's vitality and lifespan depend on our service and membership growth. Both are Interdependent for our success. Each new member brings fresh perspectives, skills, and energy, enriching our collective service. As Helen Keller once said," Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

To foster membership, we must:

Cultivate an inclusive culture, Embrace diversity, and ensure every member's voice is heard, and valued. Engage actively, and host: events, initiatives, and service projects that serve the community and uplift the members' involvement.

Effective leadership is both a guide and a teacher. A true leader doesn't do it all. They set the direction and inspire others to follow. They step out front when necessary, walk alongside to encourage when appropriate, and push from behind when a team member lags.

We are a team, and no member is more important than another. Remember, leadership is a compound word. A leader must have a ship to steer and deliver. Together, great things happen. Teamwork will amplify our individual strengths, leading to extraordinary success in our service.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our Spring Rally. We have great speakers and a great program. Please attend.

In advance, I thank each club for your contribution to our district project.



*Lion Michael J. Crossey*

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# LION RALPH IMBROGNO

## First Vice District Governor



### SOME THOUGHTS AND CONCEPTS TO BE A BETTER LION

Accept others for who they are and for the choices they've made even if you have difficulty understanding their beliefs, motives, or actions. Create a family of Lions with whom you can share your hopes, dreams, sorrows, and contentment.

Decide that you'll be successful and happy, come whatever may, and good things will find you. The roadblocks are only minor obstacles along the way. Explore and experiment. The world has much to offer, and you have much to give. And every time you try something new, you'll learn more about yourself.

Lions and good citizens alike, we all make mistakes. Let's soar above them and inspire those whom we intend to serve. Hope for the best, and never forget that anything is possible as long as you remain dedicated to the task.

Ignore the negative voice inside your head. Focus instead on your goals and remember your accomplishments. Your past success is only a small inkling of what the future holds. Look for new ideas to promote Lionism by remaining open-minded. Try to learn something new every day, and you will grow.

Manage your time and focus on the important things so you may become a better Lion, thus being able to serve the community that you live in. Offer your service to the needy and always be kind and understanding. Never forget to have fun along the way. Success means nothing without happiness.

Refuse to let worry and stress rule your life, and remember that things usually have a way of working out in the end. Share your talents, skills, and knowledge with other Lions Club members. Everything that you invest in others will return to you many times over.

Use your gifts to your best ability. Talent that's wasted has no value. The talent that's used will bring unexpected rewards to your Lions club. Value your friends and Club members who have supported you, and be there for them.

Dear Fellow Lions, life is a miracle; don't let it slip away; open your heart to others and give of yourself each day. Look for the beauty in everyone. Never forget that we, as Lions, rise by lifting others.

*emember to serve from the HEART and continue to volunteer!!!*

*Lion Ralph Imbrogno*

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Phone: 412-751-2039

Happy  
Easter

**I have included it here just in case you missed DG Mike's email from March 12th regarding our District Project, among other important items....**

**March 12, 2025**

**Dear Presidents, Secretaries, Members All,**

**Several items came up at our last cabinet meeting that I want to bring to your attention.**

**1<sup>st</sup>. As we were discussing all of the activities and the depth of all that lions do, it came up that our Lions club presidents, officers, and members miss out on so much information by not attending cabinet meetings. So, I want to remind you that each president is expected to attend or send a representative to the cabinet meetings. I attended once when I was a new lion and was amazed at the reports and information I was able to return to my club. So please make every effort to attend and participate in district cabinet meetings. Our next, and last, cabinet meeting for this lion year is scheduled for Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>. We need your club's help with our "District Project". While we are reaching out to foundations, they want to see that we have raised in-house money. This allows us to seek matching funds. As a reminder, our District Project this year is to replace the retinopathy camera at McKeesport UPMC hospital. This camera has the potential to prevent/slow blindness for individuals with vision problems. The cabinet/I am asking each club to contribute \$300 to \$500. Any questions, don't hesitate to reach out personally.**

**3<sup>rd</sup>. A. I need your participation. This coming Saturday our lions are marching in the Saint Patrick's Day parade. If interested, and able, please reach out to Michele Falce to get the details.**

**B. On Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, the district is sponsoring our spring Rally. It's an afternoon event, and I need your attendance. Bring your banner. Celebrate your club with us. We have two outstanding speakers: 1<sup>st</sup>, Supreme Court Justice David Wecht. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Past International Director Lion Cindy Gregg. Bring your members. I'm hoping for each club to have a table. I guarantee you won't be disappointed. Registration details are in the Cauldron.**

**4<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for information regarding the election of First Vice District Governor Ralph Imbrogno to District Governor. Due to scheduling difficulties, we were not able to get the Spring Rally in April, so we will be doing a vote by e-mail. Details will be out soon.**

**Yours in Lionism,**

**Mike Crossey, District Governor  
412-983-8387**



# ALERT

## OUR DISTRICT NEEDS A 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT T GOVERNOR.

As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, our District has 575 members. There are a number of members who would be great leaders. Please give some serious thought about becoming the next leader for DISTRICT 14B.

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### *Future Lions Club International Conventions*



2026 Hong Kong – Jul 3-7

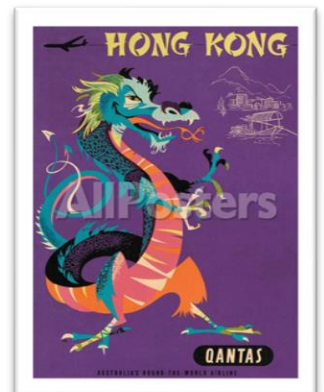
2027 Washington DC – July 2-6

2028 Singapore -June 23-27

2029 Minneapolis, MN

2030 San Antonio TX

2031– Helsinki Finland



***To find out details, contact***

***PDG Rich Keller@[rkeller5@verizon.net](mailto:rkeller5@verizon.net)***



NAME	CLUB	SPONSOR
Rose Sipe Pula Breter	McKeesport Lions Club Robinson Lions Club	Lion Anna Lisa Haughwout Lion Cheryl DiBacco

Since July 1, 2024, here's what our District membership looks like from the Lion Portal...

**July 1<sup>st</sup> 636 Members      added 25      dropped 81      February 28      575**

*We are ranked 16<sup>th</sup> out of the 17 Districts, with District 14W beneath us.*

**MULTIPLE  
DISTRICT  
MEMBERSHIP \***

14G	1482
14A	1249
14D	1194
14C	1164
14T	1132
14M	993
14N	927
14F	907
14P	889
14U	839
14L	799
14K	733
14J	700
14E	686
14H	624
14B	575
14W	573

**TOTAL      15,466**

**\*as of 1/31/2025  
Health Assessment  
Report**

**There are a lot of  
membership plans out  
there but the best one is  
it ill just to...**



# **NEW DISTRICT PROJECT...**

## **Here is the information you've been waiting for!**



# HOW WE WILL ACCOMPLISH THE RETINA SCREENING CAMERA PROJECT...

The financial goal for the camera plus accessories is \$22,000.

With the support of all thirsty Lions clubs, we will not have a problem raising the funds.

If each club could have a minimum of \$300, we would have \$ 9,000. Our District has already donated \$2,000. That would give us \$11,000. We will contact the Lions of Pennsylvania or LCIF to apply for a matching grant.

## WE CAN DO THIS!

To make your donation, please send it to:

**Lion George Belles**  
**District Treasurer**  
**37 McMurray Road, Suite LL7**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15241-1601**



Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the

School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult, she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included [sight programs](#) aimed at preventable blindness





## PDG Geoff Temple received the following letter and wanted al Lions to be able to read it...

*“Attached you will find a thank you letter I received from someone who recently received a hearing aid through the Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation. Sometimes it is nice to get positive validation for the work we all do as Lions. I ask that you please include this in the next edition of the Cauldron.” Thanks  
Geoff*

March 8, 2025

Lion Geoff Temple  
200 White Hampton Lane Apt. 626  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Dear Western Pennsylvania Lions,

I want to personally thank the **Lions Club** for the hearing aids. I picked them up yesterday. What a difference they have made in my life and to those around me! I can hear clearly now and am able to process things much quicker. My life has been greatly improved and for that I will be forever grateful. Not only can I hear conversations much easier; but all those small sounds of life all around in general. (Example: I can hear my turn signals again.) It's a whole new lease on life!

The Lion's Club has made this possible. At this time in my life I probably would not of purchased these devises, thus missing out on so much.

I hope this note of appreciation will be of encouragement to you. Thank you again for the great work your group are doing. What a blessing you are to those in need!

God Bless you all,



# On a Personal Note . . .

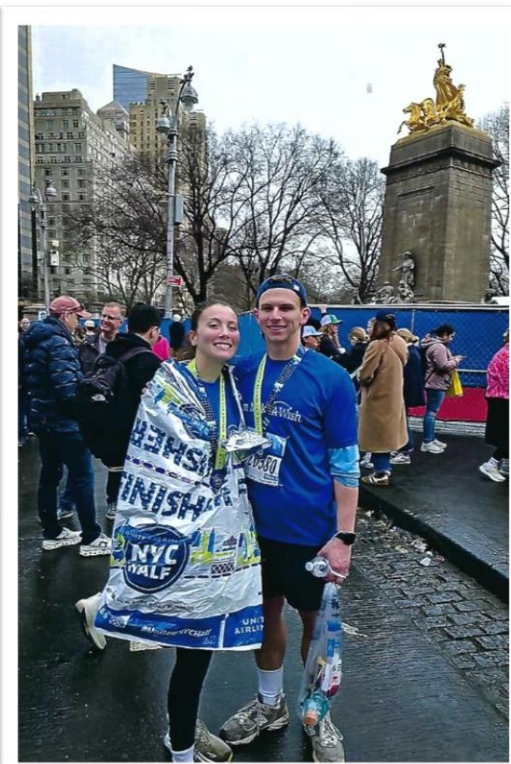
All grandparents take pride in sharing their grandchildren's accomplishments, and we are proud to be the grandparents of Rowen Fletcher, the son of Lion Todd Fletcher from the White Oak Lions Club..

Rowen graduated from the University of Arizona and liked the area so much that he decided to make Scottsdale his permanent residence.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, he and his girlfriend, Bridgette, flew to New York to participate in the United Airlines Annual Half Marathon. They both completed the run in 2 hours and 28 minutes, and for their efforts, they raised \$4,300 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. They were among the 28,000 participants.

Great job, Rowen and Bridgette!

Love yinz! Grandma & Grandmapap



## **McKeesport Lions - – Interested in Writing and/or Photography?**

The McKeesport Lions Club held a meeting on March 11 and welcomed guest speaker Martha Rial. Martha won the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for Spot News Photography

for her photographs of Rwandan & Burundian refugees. She spoke about a project that she is now working on with the McKeesport Community Newsroom, which meets at Carnegie Free Library in McKeesport. She is currently recruiting community members to be trained as writers and photographers. If you are interested in exploring either of these, please contact the library at 412-672-0625 for the date of their next meeting.

*Submitted by Lion Annette James*





## District 14 B Lions Participate in Pittsburgh's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Under cloudy and sometimes rainy skies, the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade got underway, with District 14B Lions among the many participating parade groups. DG Mike Crossey and Lion Eileen brought their convertible and Lion Mike Quinn brought his fancy antique car to the parade, with Lions from the White Hall, West Mifflin, and Elfinwild Lions clubs marching alongside. Lion Sean Healy from the Elfinwild club (in costume) was wonderful at entertaining both children and adults along the parade route. Among the other parade participants were Miss Smiling Irish Eyes and her court, bagpipers, various dog breed clubs, local celebrities, bands, dance troupes, and more. Even though we got a little wet, it was a fun and exciting day spent at the parade

Lions participating: DG Mike and Eileen Crossey (Bridgeville), PDG Mary Ann and Lion George Belles (Whitehall), Lions Mike and Antoinette Quinn, Mike Daninhirsch, Sean Healy (Elfinwild), and Lions Rob and Michele Falce and Burt Comensky (West Mifflin).

*Submitted by Lion Michele Falce*





## St.. Patrick's Day Parade continued...







District 14B



## Spring Celebration

Please join us on Saturday afternoon, May 24, 2025  
at

**The Georgetown Centre**

526 E Bruceton Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

**Guest Speaker: Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice David Wecht**

Social starts at  
12:30 PM –  
Lunch Buffet at  
1:00 PM

Prizes, 50/50, and  
much more!



Cost is \$36.00 per  
person  
Reservations are due  
by May 9, 2025  
(No reservation  
confirmed without  
payment!)

Please make checks payable to District 14B Lions and mail to:  
Coordinator of District Activities, Lion Michele Falce  
3505 Trautman Street, Munhall, PA 15120

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

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$36.00      Total Due- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all attending club members' names on the back of this form or send  
an email to [michele.falce@gmail.com](mailto:michele.falce@gmail.com)

# LIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Has your Club ever thought about presenting someone in your club or community a  
**LIONS OF PA FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP AWARD**

Here is your chance to win one for only \$10.00

No. XXX

No. XXX

## Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation

MATCH THE PA DAILY PICK 3 NUMBER  
STRAIGHT 7:00 PM DRAWING ONLY  
BONUS NUMBER NOT INCLUDED  
**SUNDAY THROUGH SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 15 – 21, 2025**  
SEVEN DAYS & SEVEN WINNERS

For a

Lions of PA Foundation Fellowship Award  
Each day

**Donation: \$10.00.**

Two chances to win on each ticket

All proceeds benefit  
Lions of PA Foundation

If you would like to purchase a ticket please complete the form below and return to  
PDG Mary Jane Keller, 1811 Educational Dr., White Oak, PA 15131  
She will mail you your ticket

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ (X \$10) Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: Lions of PA Foundation**  
**NO TICKET WILL BE MAILED WITHOUT PAYMENT**



# THE WHITE OAK LIONS CLUB

## 75th Charter Celebration



**SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2025**

White Oak American Legion

2813 Capitol St., White Oak, PA 15131

**Guest Speaker**

**Leslie Przybylek**

**Senior Curator Heinz History Center**

**Social 1:00 PM (cash bar) – Buffet Dinner 1:30 PM**

**COST \$40.00**

**Reservation due by May 23, 2025**

**(No Reservation Confirmed without Payment)**

Mail to: PDG Rich Keller

1811 Educational Dr. White Oak, PA 15131

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservation \_\_\_\_\_ @\$40.00 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks payable to White Oak Lions Club and mail to address above)



# Tarentum Area Lions Keep Rolling on



The Tarentum Lion's Club February 18th meeting welcomed officers from the Harrison Twp Police Department. The Police Officers did a very informative presentation on skimmers and scammers. Very helpful to know in this digital age.



1) Representatives of the Tarentum Lion's Club were invited to attend Highlands High School's Future community service program. Club President Jody Shumaker and Lion Deb Turner Talked about our academic scholarship grant for seniors. In the picture Lion Jody Shumaker and Lion Deb Turner display our club's charter. 2) The Tarentum Lion's Club is proud to welcome our newest member Emily Strzeleski. We are the little club that attracts younger members. ( picture) Lion Rich Ring, Lion Erik Frantz, Club President Jody Shumaker, our newest lion Emily Strzesiesk. *Submitted by Lion Tom Ceschini*



# White Oak Lions Receive Recognition



At the Volunteer Award Ceremony at the McKeesport Salvation Army on February 23, 2025, several White Oak Lions were presented with a certificate for their time helping the Salvation Army during the past year. We helped by serving lunches, ringing the bells, and counting money from the kettles. We had a nice dinner and enjoyed the program that was presented. Pictured are Lions Joanna Stettmier, Rich Peters, Carol Lasch, Sarah Lapaix, Dorothy Kuharski and Roger Lasch.

*Submitted by Lion Carol Lasch*



Won't you please come and join us for our

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

# Pancake Breakfast



Sponsored by

THE PITTSBURGH DEAF/BLIND LIONS CLUB

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

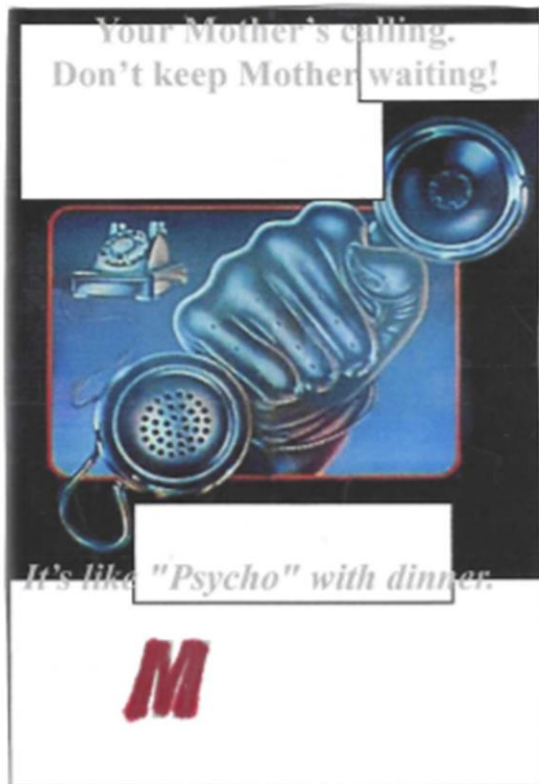
**SAVE THE DATE**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL APPEAR IN THE MAY  
ISSUE OF THE CAULDRON.

ALL PROCEED TO BENEFIT  
LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL LIONS CHARITIES

# **THE WHITE OAK LIONS PRESENTS "M"**

**It's like "Psycho" with dinner!**



**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

**Tickets are \$30.**

**Sampson's Mills Church Hall**

**1665 Lincoln Way, White Oak**

- **Doors open at 5:30 P.M.**
- **Pasta dinner served at 6:30 P.M.**
- **Mystery show begins at 7:30 P.M.**

**Come join the fun! We will have auction baskets and 50/50 available. Get ready for a great evening!!!**

**For tickets, please call your local White Oak Lion, Carol Lasch 412-877-4298 or**

**Rich Peters 412-678-3719**



# Happy Easter

