



# *The Cauldron*



District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

April 2026



*Happy Easter*

April Showers Bring Spring Flowers



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# From the Desk of District Governor Ralph Imbrogno

## PENNSYLVANIA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP

As I mentioned in last month's Cauldron for the month of March I was going to write about Leader Dog. Then in the April 2026 Cauldron I was going to write about Beacon Lodge, Diabetes in May and Blind/Vision in June. So this month I would like to write about what Beacon Lodge is all about and several characteristics to paint a clear picture of Beacon Lodge and the so much positive effects it has on the summer campers.

Beacon Lodge is located near Mount Union on 583 acres nestled in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains, along the Juniata River. Organized in 1948 to meet the need for a camp for sightless residents of Pennsylvania, Beacon Lodge is a wonderful summer place to go.



The Camp is divided into two main sections; the Adult Camp and the Children's Village. Each camp is run separately, with some of the recreational facilities used by both at separate times. The camp activities include archery, biking, bowling, campfires, crafts, fishing, games, hiking, mini-golf, music, pedal boats, rifle range, rock climbing, swimming, zip line & more. Sessions are based on the level of assistance our campers require. The counselors-to-campers ratio will change each week depending upon camper needs. The counselors are well trained and have background checks. Beacon Lodge's MISSION is to provide all individuals with special needs the opportunity to enjoy a camping experience encompassing recreational, educational, and personal adjustment.

There are many ways that Lions can help. Log on to [LIONSCLUBS.ORG](http://LIONSCLUBS.ORG) and the many ways are listed on the website. Link on to [PROJECT NEW HOPE](http://PROJECTNEWHOPE) which is a weekend camping experience provided FREE of charge to Pennsylvania Disabled Veterans and their families. There is also a Brick Walkway Fundraiser at Beacon Lodge that began in 2007 and is updated annually. Some additional ways that you as Lions can help are as follows: special Fundraising Projects by District Governors and their clubs, the 500 Club - \$5.00 per Lions member each year to defray maintenance costs at the camp, Beacon Lodge challenge -\$100+Per Club, Counselor sponsorship -\$500, Wish List: purchase items for the camp, Duck Race, Golf Tournament, Purchase a Banner, host a Facebook page, and Charitable Giving.

**Lion Ralph Imbrogno**

And finally, the Carl Shoemaker Fellowship was established in 2014 in memory of the founder of Pennsylvania Beacon Lodge Camp, a camp for children and adults with special needs.

**District Governor**

**Email: [ralphpattv@verizon.net](mailto:ralphpattv@verizon.net)**

**SPECIAL NOTE-BEACON LODGE IS OWNED BY THE PA LIONS!!!!**

**Phone: 412-751-2039**

**ALWAYS REMAIN DEDICATED TO LIONISM**

# Lion William Lestitian

## First Vice District Governor

During the course of my legal career, I have had the opportunity to assist many entrepreneurs and established businesses overcome obstacles, meet challenges and achieve success.

In my experience, those companies which were most successful had founders/owners who listened to their customers and employees, recognized and adapted to changing circumstances, and adopted strategies that met the changing landscape. Those companies which did not listen carefully and adapt to change did not thrive and in many cases ultimately failed.

Listening is a skill that has served me well through the years both in business matters and personal pursuits. In anticipation of and preparation for assuming the District Governor responsibilities this July, I have been listening to Lions from throughout District 14-B regarding ways to better serve our communities, improve our clubs, and grow our membership.

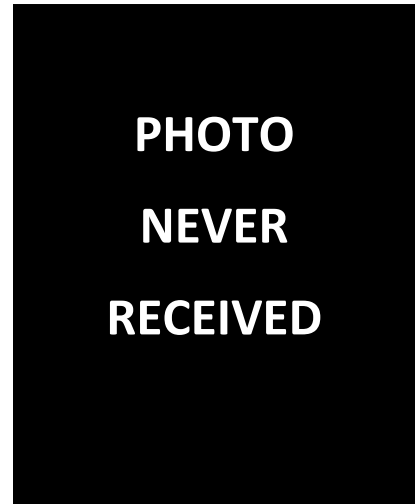
If any member would like to share their experiences, goals, and ideas, I would welcome the chance to listen. Please feel free to contact me at [WELestitian@Gmail.com](mailto:WELestitian@Gmail.com) to set up a time to speak. Thank you.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion William Lestitianen*

email: [WELestitian@Gmail.com](mailto:WELestitian@Gmail.com)

Phone: (412) 921-9960



# DISTRICT 14B CABNET MEETING

Saturday, May 30, 2026 - 10:00 AM

Munhall Borough Building, Munhall, PA

# Lion Maryann Engel

## Second Vice District Governor

Fellow Lions,

*Spring Forward: Let's Grow Together!* 🌱🍀🍀

This April is filled with excitement, from the pranks and laughter of April 1st to the joyful celebrations of Easter. As we cheer on the Pittsburgh Penguins in hopes of a playoff run, we also welcome the signs of spring—flowers blooming and grass greening up all around us. But it's not just nature that grows in April; it's a perfect time to reflect on how we, too, can grow.

How about you? Are you ready to grow? Are our clubs ready to reach new heights? Our Zone Chairs will soon be reaching out to your clubs to launch a district-wide membership drive. Some of you might think, "I've heard this for thirty years!"—and it's true. Years ago, we had 60 clubs and over 2,000 members. Today, we stand at 28 clubs and 577 members. The numbers speak for themselves: growth is not just a goal, it's a necessity.

If we continue on this path, there's a real risk that Lions Clubs in District 14B could disappear altogether. But just like the flowers and grass, we can start to grow—right now! The garden won't flourish unless we begin planting seeds today. We need every club to step up and participate in this drive, because together, we have the power to reach 30 clubs or even 1,000 members.

Let's embrace the spirit of spring and help our district bloom. Reach out, get involved, and be part of the growth. Here's to a vibrant April and a thriving Lions community!

*"Just Breathe and Keep Climbing!"*

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Maryann Engel*

email: [maryanndayton@gmail.com](mailto:maryanndayton@gmail.com)

Phone: 919.500.9018





District 14B

# Save the Date for Our Spring Celebration!

Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, April 26, 2026

at

**Gaetano's Event Center & Catering**  
**1617 Banksville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15216**

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

Cost is \$36.00 per person

**All Club Banners are welcome! Raffle prizes, 50/50, and more!**

**Reservations are due by April 14, 2026**

*(No reservation confirmed without payment!)*

**Please mail to: Coordinator of District Activities, Lion Michele Falce**  
**3505 Trautman Street, Munhall, PA 15120**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

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

*(Please make checks payable to District 14B Lions and mail to address above. Please list all attending club members' names on the back of this form or send email to [michele.falce@gmail.com](mailto:michele.falce@gmail.com))*



MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Jim Cerqua	Clairton Lions Club	Lion Chris Tognarine
Brian W. Pavlack	Clairton Lions Club	DG Ralph Imbrogno
Daniel R. Pavlack	Clairton Lions Club	DG Ralph Imbrogno
John Cornack	Pittsburgh Host Lions Club	Lion Jordan Sheets
Lisa Cornack	Pittsburgh Host Lions Club	Lion Jordan Sheets
Greg Venbrux	Pleasant Hills Lions Club	Lion Paula Siers

MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP *	
14G	1464
14A	1260
14D	1162
14C	1145
14T	1049
14M	945
14N	939
14F	852
14P	844
14U	773
14L	739
14J	683
14K	668
14E	656
14H	597
14W	605
<b>14B</b>	<b>572</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,953</b>

*\*as of 2/28/2026*  
Health Assessment Report



CURRENT	
DISTRICT 14B MEMBERSHIP	
July 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	587
Added.....	33
Dropped .....,.....	<b>45</b>
January 31st .....	572

LCI Health Assessment Report,  
February 28, 2026



# Editor's Corner

By PDG Harold Fletcher

"This 'n' That!"



**April 15<sup>th</sup> is just a little more than 2 weeks away! Don't forget to file!**



## **APRIL'S**

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Clairton Lions Club – 104 years

April 18, 1922

Oakmont Lions Club – 86 years

April 5, 1940

Shadyside-Squirrel Hill Lions Club – 34 years

April 27, 1992



# Pitcairn Lions Blood Drive

May 20, 2026 1:00 to 5:00  
549 Broadway Blvd , Park Building  
PITCAIRN, PA, 15140



Walk ins are welcome  
Or make an appointment at  
[Vitalant.org](https://www.vitalant.org)

Under opportunities in your area  
Change zipcode to 15140  
Click on Donate, then distance  
Scroll to Pitcairn Lions on May 20, 2026

## **District Governor Ralph Imbrogno visits the Pleasant Hills Lions Club**

District Governor Ralph Imbrogno visited the Pleasant Hills Lions Club at our March 2, 2026 meeting. His first order of business was to induct Greg Venbrux as our newest member. His sponsor is Lion Paula Siers-Burns. We are very happy that Lion Greg has joined us. DG Ralph gave his talk which primarily talked about how Lions are organized and the various causes that we support. This was followed by First Lady Lion Patty Imbrogno talking about the Leader Dog Program, Beacon Lodge Camp, and the upcoming State Convention.

*Submitted by PDG Geoff Temple, Secreta*



## **Clairton Lions Club Donate Supplies to School**

The pictures were taken at a service project at the Clairton Elementary School of the mighty State Football champs, the Bad News Bears. The Clairton Lions Club collected the stationery supplies to assist the elementary school teachers when they run low on supplies. We plan to do this project on a yearly basis.



*Submitted by DG Ralph Imbrogno*

MON RIVER FLEET LIONS CLUB



# Fundraiser Gift Card Framing

**April 15th**

**WIN OVER \$600  
WORTH OF GIFT  
CARDS!**

**WINNER WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE  
PA LOTTERY 3 DIGIT EVENING  
NUMBER**

**TICKET PRICE**

**ONE FOR \$10 OR 3 FOR \$20**

**CONTACT SONNIE (412) 303-2887 OR MONICA (412)**

**956-0629 FOR TICKETS**



# Where There's a Need, There's a Lion

*Submitted by Lion Maria Demko, Secretary/Treasurer*



When a West Mifflin Area School District family recently lost their home and belongings in a devastating house fire, the district and the West Mifflin Lions Club came together to offer support. The Lions Club provided a generous cash donation, and teachers across WMASD organized a special fundraiser to present the family with gift cards. This effort was coordinated by the WMAMS Kind Closet group. We are grateful to everyone who came together with compassion and care, helping this family begin to rebuild after such a profound loss. Pictured are members (President Ken Demko & Secretary/Treasurer Maria Demko) of the Lions Club, along with Mrs. Galiyas and middle school student Aubrey, 8<sup>th</sup> grader and coordinator of The Kind Closet.



# Whitehall Community Lions Club get a Helping Hand

The Whitehall Community Lions Club recently held an eyeglasses cleaning event. Two residents, Jake and Kim helped. Thanks, guys!

*Subutex by PDG Mary Ann Belles, President*



## MORE FRPM... Whitehall Community Lions Club



The Whitehall Community Lions recently participated in the Whitehall Committee for Environmental Action Sustainability Fair. PDG Mary Ann Belles did a presentation about the Plastic Film Recycling Project at the Fair. We had an informational booth set up for the attendees.



Also, the Whitehall Community Lions helped at a Whitehall Food Drive. We donated food items to give to the Lord's Pantry at Baldwin Community United Methodist C



**SUN 4/12**  
**11AM-4PM**

**Pleasant Hills**  
**Borough Building**

410 E. Bruceton Road  
Pleasant Hills, PA 15236

***\$15 ticket***

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**PLEASANT HILLS LIONS CLUB**

# ***Grilled Cheese*** ***Fundraiser***

Includes gourmet made-to-order grilled cheese,  
tomato soup, drink and dessert.

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**BENEFITS SENIOR HOLIDAY GIFTS PROJECT. BROOMS AVAILABLE.  
QUESTIONS, CONTACT 412.427.8628**

# Clairton Lions Club Hives Back

Submitted by Lin Cathy Whitem Secretary

The Clairton Lions Club recently had the privilege of supporting the wonderful teachers at Clairton Elementary School by donating classroom supplies. Many of these everyday items—like pencils, tissues, and notebooks—help keep classrooms running smoothly throughout the year. While small, they make a big difference in helping teachers stay focused on what matters most: educating our children. We are proud to stand alongside our educators and support their efforts in shaping the future of our community.

♥ *Together, we serve.*



Members of the Clairton Lions Club



Various school supplies for the elementary students & teachers



# Monroeville Lions Foundation

## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Angelo P. DiPiazza Memorial Charity Golf Outing

Saturday, August 15, 2026  
8AM Shotgun Start

**Entry Fee: \$125 per Golfer**  
(All Proceeds Benefit Blind Charities and Community Programs)

**Manor Valley Golf Course**  
2095 Denmark Manor Rd, Export, PA 15632  
Off Rt. 22 East between Export and Harrison City  
Phone: 724-744-4242      [www.manorvalleygolf.com](http://www.manorvalleygolf.com)

**18 Holes of Golf \* Cart \* Beverages \* Hot Dog Lunch  
Tournament Dinner \* Door Prizes \* Skill Contests \* Raffles**

For More Information Call: Sean Raynak (412) 736-9804 or [sraynak@gmail.com](mailto:sraynak@gmail.com)  
**Complete and Send in Form, with Payment by August 1st**  
(Don't have a foursome? Send in just your name (s), we will match you up)

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_  
Golfer 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Golfer 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Golfer 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or Deliver Entry Fees with Application to:

**Monroeville Lions Club**  
C/O Sean Raynak  
200 Mallard Dr.  
Monroeville, PA 15146





# HONG KONG 2026

## 108th Lions International Convention

**We're turning up the energy on this convention classic.**



### Learn from your fellow Lions

At the Lion presentation stages, you'll have the opportunity to hear Lions from all over the world present topics that will offer you innovative ideas for your club and inspire you to g\

### Shop til you drop at the Lions Shop.

The Lions Shop has all the Lions gear you love — pins, T-shirts, mugs, pens, scarves and more. Stock up on new merch and grab our exclusive convention collectibles while supplies last!



### Get in on the action happening across the exhibit floor.

Stop by these booths for the perfect mix of information and inspiration.

- Host Committee
- Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
- *MISSION 1.5*
- And many mo

# District 14B Lions Step out and March in the St. Patrick's Day Parade

With around 20% of the Pittsburgh metropolitan area identifying as Irish, it's fitting that the Steel City hosts one of the nation's biggest St. Patrick's Day festivities. On Saturday, March 14th, the Lions of 14B joined the vibrant parade on Grant Street, helping the community come together and celebrate Irish pride—especially on a day when everyone feels a little Irish.

*Submitted by SVDG Maryann Engel*



# THE WHITE OAK LIONS PRESENTS

## MONTANA MARIE

MYSTERY'S MOST WANTED  
PITTSBURGH'S #1 DINNER THEATER PRESENTS



**MONTANA MARIE**  
*Gets Gunned Down at Three*

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**

**Tickets are \$30.**

**New Location**

**Mary, Mother of God/St Angela**

**Gym, 2701 Kelly St.,**

**White Oak**

**5:45 PM Doors open**

**6:30 PM Pasta dinner**

**7:30 PM Mystery show**

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

**New this year you can BYOB!**

**For tickets, please call your local White Oak Lion,**

**Carol Lasch 412-877-4298 or**

**Rich Peters 412-678-3719**

## McKeesport Lions Club honors Lion Bobbi Billsborrow



“The St. Baldrick’s Foundation is a volunteer and donor powered charity committed to supporting the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives”. This is the mission of St. Baldrick’s Foundation, and the mission of Lion Bobbie Billsborrow. Even though she doesn’t like the attention, more people need to know about Bobbie and the wonderful things she does. Bobbie has been raising money for St. Baldrick’s for 17 years, and over this span of time has raised \$67,000! You can catch her selling Pittsburgh Popcorn Company popcorn, candy bars and other things all during the year to raise funds leading up to the main event, head shaving! Bobbie has her head shaved each year at the annual gathering. Bobbie doesn’t stop there though – at meetings she can be found standing behind the bar area serving as Sergeant at Arms for the club, handling ticket sales, handling broom & bags sales, and handling the Military Banner program for the City (yes, she is also a retired Navy veteran!) in addition to many other activities. She does all this and more.

**Shout out to Bobbie!**

*Submitted by Lion Annet James, Secretary*





# Mon River Fleet Lions Club 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

Mark your calendars for the **Mon River Fleet Lions Club 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** on Saturday, **June 6, 2026** from **5:00PM to 9:00PM** at the

**Core Event Center**  
100 Colony Drive, Irwin, PA, 15642

Social begins at 5:00PM – Buffet Dinner at 6:00PM  
Cost is \$40.00 per person

**Please make checks payable to Mon River Fleet Lions Club**

*All clubs are welcome!* Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar, DJ, Door Prizes, and more!

**Reservations are due by May 26, 2026**  
*(No reservation confirmed without payment)*

**Please RSVP with Monica Hancharik**  
950 Fawcett St. McKeesport, PA 15132

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please make checks payable to Mon River Fleet Lions Club. Return bottom half of this form along with your payment to Monica. For any questions please contact Jim Phillips at 412-862-5565)**



The Monroeville Lions invite you to tee off at the

**28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DR. ANGELO P. DIPIAZZA  
MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING**

**Saturday, August 15, 2026**

Manor Valley Golf Course  
Export, PA

**Sponsorships available**

For more information and participant registration  
contact **Sean Raynak** at (412) 736-9804 or  
by email at [sraynak@gmail.com](mailto:sraynak@gmail.com)



Hole  
contests,  
prizes,  
awards,  
reception  
and more!



**THE JOE DONKIN MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING**  
**Supporting the Districts 14B & 14E Lions Diabetes Board**

**SUNDAY JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**



**Shotgun start: 2:00pm (1:00pm registration)**  
**Cost: \$125 per golfer (Dinner only \$30)**

**Event Major Sponsor \$2,500**  
(Includes 4 golfers, Souvenir Recognition, Tee Sign)

**Type 1 Sponsor - \$1,500** (includes Foursome and Tee Sign)

**Type 2 Sponsor - \$1,000** (Includes Twosome and Tee sign)

**Beverage Cart Sponsor - \$250**

**Tee or Green Sponsor - \$100**

*Mail Checks Payable to:*

**LDBAW**

c/o Sean Raynak

200 Mallard Drive

Monroeville, PA 15146



## REGISTRATION FORM

### FOURSOME #1

Golfer 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 4 \_\_\_\_\_

### FOURSOME #2

Golfer 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Beverage Cart Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Tee or Green Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Tee Sign: \_\_\_\_\_



