



# The Cauldron

District 14B 's Monthly Newsletter

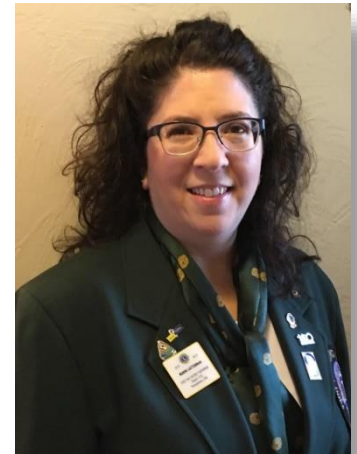
April 2020



Greetings,

March has certainly come in like a Lion and it has gone out like a lamb. Driving to and from work (our family business is deemed essential) the streets are quiet, parking lots empty, and quite often the only activity on neighborhood roads are folks out for a stroll. Peaceful surroundings during this chaotic event.

Like many, I am disappointed that our spring activities and gatherings have been cancelled. I remain optimistic that our spring event, originally scheduled for **April 25th** (or was it **April 26th**!) will still take place when we gather for our 4th and final cabinet meeting in early June.



District elections for our 2020-2021 District Governor and 1st Vice District Governor will take place electronically by way of SurveyMonkey. Club secretaries and Past District Governors will be emailed the link. Secretaries are asked to forward the link to their designated delegates. Remember, clubs must be in good standing to maintain voting rights. Please see the flyer in this month's Cauldron for additional election details.

In addition to election matters our spring event was also planned to feature our much anticipated service project. This project will take place at the June cabinet meeting and we hope you'll still come out and participate!

While we muddle through these crazy days club level tasks still need tended to in order to be prepared for the time when we arrive on the other side of this. Please be sure to complete your club officer elections and submit the results to LCI before the **May 15th** deadline. If you are having trouble navigating how to accomplish this you can reach out to our District Global Leadership Team coordinator, PDG Geoff Temple for his assistance.

Thank you for serving your community by acting prudently to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Check in with your fellow Lions and your neighbors to make sure they are okay and if they need anything. Be an example in your community as a true Lion, serving others. Find ways to support your community's small businesses that will suffer during shutdowns.

Be Kind. We Are All in This Together.

*Together in friendship – We Serve!*

*DG Marni Latterman*

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lion Chris Raynak

Hello fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

We are experiencing some uncertainty and upheaval at this time are we not? When we face a big problem many times, we think we need a big solution. When we have a complex problem, we think we need a complex solution. Very often though, when we have a big problem or complex problem, we should be seeking small solutions. That is what we are being asked to do now. Small solutions to conquer this big problem. We are being asked to stay at home – set apart from our world. Some days that is going to drive us CRAZY. But that is okay. We are being asked to do a small thing for the greater good. But we must make the responsible decisions at this time to protect ourselves and families, fellow members, and those we serve in the community.

We may not be able to conduct our familiar dinner meetings like we have for years. Try something different like a conference call meeting or even by email. Any committee decisions that need to be made can be done through e mail or over Skype, Zoom, or Microsoft Teams. In fact, my club – Monroeville - conducted our March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting over the Microsoft Teams platform thanks to our King Lion Dave Hansen. We had 19 members attend the virtual meeting. That's only a couple shy of our regular number of attendees! Remember all reporting to LCI can be done online. All around us Lions functions have been canceled. Governor Marni has had to cancel our Spring Event, other Districts throughout the state have had to cancel their District fundraiser or conventions. Lions Club International has canceled the Convention in Singapore. Upheaval indeed.



As a reminder, we are all in this together. Be an example in your community, be a true Lion and find ways to serve and help others during these times. Call your neighbors, check on your friends and fellow Lions. Send an e mail or text to your family. I personally have sent a daily email since March 15 to my siblings and their spouses with uplifting stories, fun pictures, songs, stories of what Lion Mary and I or our children and grandson have been up to that day and give them the opportunity to do the same. If you see that someone may be discouraged or losing spirit, give them a jolt of hopefulness.

Thank you all for serving your community by acting to help prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

*It's great to be a Lion!*

**Chris Raynak**

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Lion Mary Ann Belles

Greetings Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and friends,

We are faced with an unprecedented situation that has never happened in our lifetime or even our parent's lifetime. Just remember, this too shall pass, and we will be better Americans, Pennsylvanians and Lions because of it. I hear of so many helping others and being creative about how they are spending their time at home.

Well, we as Lions have such a great opportunity to learn so much more about what it means to be a Lion and how to serve our fellow community members. On the Lions Club International website, once you have logged into MyLion, you can do courses on the Learn page. You can take free online courses, encourage your personal growth and access leadership tools and insights. This is also a good time to get caught up on documenting your service projects. If you have any trouble finding or logging onto the MyLion page, please don't hesitate to call me.

Another great way to learn more about being a Lion is through Lions University on the US Canada Lions Leadership Forum page. These are also free online courses. That page is: [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org). On the blue tool bar on the right side of the screen is Lions University. Click on that and set up an account with a User Name and set up a password. You can complete the Bachelor's Program, then the Master's Program and then on to the Doctorate Program. You can attend the Lions University Graduation Ceremony at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum after you complete each of these Programs. The courses are very interesting and inspiring. I hope you can take some time to learn more about being a Lion and how you can serve.

I want to thank all the Lions and Lionesses that attend the Region 3 Zone B Zone Meeting on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> that was held at Tavern 51 in Whitehall. We had a good time together and learned more from Sharon Sumansky from Operation Safety Net. Later in the Cauldron will be an article with some pictures.

Hang in there everyone. We will be better people and better Lions after this is over.

*Lion Mary Ann Belles*

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**2019-2020**  
**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE**

<b><u>September 2019</u></b>	11 <sup>th</sup> – Northern Allegheny 12 <sup>th</sup> – Cheswick – Springdale 17 <sup>th</sup> – Tarentum
<b><u>October 2019</u></b>	7 <sup>th</sup> – Homestead District (afternoon) 7 <sup>th</sup> – Pleasant Hills (evening) 16 <sup>th</sup> – Brentwood 24 <sup>th</sup> – Elfinwild 24 <sup>th</sup> – University of Pittsburgh (9:00pm)
<b><u>November 2019</u></b>	5 <sup>th</sup> – Sto-Ken-Rox 6 <sup>th</sup> – West Mifflin 12 <sup>th</sup> – Pittsburgh Grandview 13 <sup>th</sup> – Monroeville 19 <sup>th</sup> – Oakmont 25 <sup>th</sup> – Mount Lebanon 26 <sup>th</sup> – South Park
<b><u>December 2019</u></b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Bridgeville Greater Area 13 <sup>th</sup> – Pittsburgh Host
<b><u>January 2020</u></b>	7 <sup>th</sup> – Robinson Township 8 <sup>th</sup> – Glassport 14 <sup>th</sup> – Pittsburgh Deaf Blind 21 <sup>st</sup> – Bethel Park
<b><u>February 2020</u></b>	4 <sup>th</sup> – Bloomfield-Lawrenceville 6 <sup>th</sup> – White Oak 21 <sup>st</sup> – Mon River Fleet
<b><u>March 2020</u></b>	10 <sup>th</sup> – McKeesport <b>12<sup>th</sup> – Pittsburgh Hilltop</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> – Clairton</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> – Bethel Park Lioness</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> – Whitehall Community</b>
<b><u>April 2020</u></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – Forest Hills</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> – Central Elizabeth</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> – Pitcairn</b>
<b><u>To Be Scheduled</u></b>	<b>Pittsburgh Shadyside-Squirrel Hill</b> <b>Pittsburgh North Side</b>

Please note that DG Marni's scheduled visits from March 12<sup>th</sup> through the balance of this year have been cancelled due to the COVID-19. "I truly regret that I did not have the opportunity and pleasure of meeting with you!"

# Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher

*"This 'n' That!"*



Many things are  
cancelled  
but we haven't  
cancelled  
Happiness & Hope.



## **APRIL'S** **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Clairton Lions Club – 98 years  
April 18, 1922

Oakmont Lions Club - 80 years  
April 5, 1940

Shadyside-Squirrel Hill Lions Club – 28 years  
April 27, 1992



# IMPORTANT NOTICE !

**CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION DUE TO CONSTRUCTION  
AT THE COUNTY AIRPORT**

## **DISTRICT 14-B EVENT SERVICE PROJECT & CELEBRATION AND DISTRICT ELECTIONS**



**SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2020  
BANQUETS UNLIMITED**



**200 BRIDGE ST., WILMERDING, PA 15148**

**WE WILL BE PACKING BAGS FOR SR. CITIZENS**

**EACH CLUB THAT PARTICIPATES WILL RECEIVE 10 BAGS TO TAKE BACK TO THEIR  
COMMUNITY**

- **DISTRICT ELECTIONS NOON**  
(Any Lion in good standing from District 14-B may vote)
- **SEVICE PROJECT NOON – 1:00PM**
- **Buffet Luncheon and Celebration 1:00 PM**

**COST \$20 .00**

**Menu:**

**House Salad, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Deviled Eggs,  
Chicken Salad, Ham Salad and Egg Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad, Bread Board,  
Cake, and Beverages.**

***Reservations due by April 18, 2020***

**(No Reservation Confirmed without Payment)**

**Mail to: Coordinator of District Activities, Lion Richard Keller, PDG  
1811 Educational Dr. White Oak, PA 15131**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon @ \$20.00

Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***(Checks payable to District 14-B)***





# Lions Clubs International

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David Kingsbury

SENIOR CORPORATE COUNSEL  
LEGAL DIVISION

Dear Lions Leaders,

As global concerns surrounding the Covid-19 virus ("Coronavirus") expand and world governments take steps to minimize the spread of illness, many districts and multiple districts are inquiring about the obligations and the challenges in holding constitutionally-mandated conventions. LCI understands those concerns, and supports the efforts of districts and multiple districts to ensure the safety of our Lions convention attendees and the community at large.

For districts and multiple districts in areas that are unaffected, and who are able to safely conduct normal business, we recommend that conventions be conducted as planned, but that you continue to monitor the situation in your respective districts.

For those Lions Districts (single, sub- and multiple) that are located in countries where government restrictions are limiting the ability of the district to conduct elections, or where public gatherings are being discouraged in order to protect the safety of citizens and minimize the potential spread of illness, please be advised that alternative methods for conducting the requisite elections, and conducting voting on any resolutions that are not able to be postponed, will be permissible if district conventions cannot be held in-person.

Many of the provisions of your district's constitution and by-laws must still be applied to conducting elections, including the following:

- a. Issue an Official Call detailing the time, date and location of the convention
  - i. If not being held in person, the official call must indicate
    1. the manner in which voting will be conducted,
    2. when outstanding dues must be paid in order to be entitled to delegates,
    3. when elections will end and ballots must be received (or postmarked if by mail) in order to be considered valid
  - ii. District must be able to provide evidence sufficiently demonstrating that all Lions Clubs in the district received the necessary information
- b. Nominating Committee must be named

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)



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- i. Candidates must submit their intention to contest for a respective office, and the nominating committee shall validate candidates as provided in the district's constitution and by-laws
- c. Credentials Committee must be established
  - i. Committee must verify club delegate credentials and ensure that only those clubs entitled to delegates are permitted to vote
  - ii. Committee must ensure that those clubs eligible for delegates receive formal ballots for voting purposes
- d. Elections Committee
  - i. Committee is responsible for establishing the ballot format and other election materials, vote tabulation and resolving all questions concerning the validity of individual ballots
  - ii. Vote tabulation must be conducted in the presence of the full elections committee, including each candidate-appointed observer

We strongly recommend that all districts seek to comply strictly with the International Constitution and By-Laws and mandatory provisions of the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws in order to minimize the likelihood of an election complaint being filed.

However, please note that all actions taken in good faith by a respective district in an effort to ensure a free and fair election will be taken into consideration in the event a formal election complaint is filed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Legal Division at [legal@lionsclubs.org](mailto:legal@lionsclubs.org).

Kindest regards,

David Kingsbury

Senior Corporate Counsel

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# OFFICIAL CALL FOR



## DISTRICT 14-B ELECTION OF OFFICERS

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS CANCELLING THE DISTRICT 14-B EVENT

**THE ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS WILL BE DONE  
ELECTRONICALLY**

I HAVE APPOINTED OUR DISTRICT ELECTION COMMITTEE:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - PDG HAROLD FLETCHER

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE – PDG GEOFF TEMPLE

VOTE TABULATION – PDG RICH KELLER

VOTE TABULATION OBSERVER – PDG MARY JANE KELLER

*(THESE COMMITTEES WILL BE A COMMITTEE OF ONE BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS)*

IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, ALL CLUB SECRETARIES WILL RECEIVE  
AN EMAIL WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE AN  
ATTACHED BALLOT AND RETURN IT TO PDG RICH KELLER.

EACH CLUB WILL HAVE TWO VOTES IF STATE & DISTRICT DUES  
ARE

PAID IN FULL AS OF APRIL 15, 2020.

**ALL PDG'S WILL HAVE ONE VOTE EACH.**

**ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 29, 2020.**

District Governor 14-B

Lion Marni Latterman



# Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

The Board of Directors has voted to cancel the 2020 Lions International Convention due to concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that the next International Convention will be held in 2021 in Montreal, Canada.

After evaluating a variety of different options including moving the convention to a different venue or postponing the convention to a later date, the Board of Directors voted to cancel the 2020 convention. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind.



Canceling the International Convention for 2020 impacts international officer continuity and candidate elections. After review of the International Constitution and By-Laws, this impact is outlined below:

- Executive officers and international directors will continue in their respective positions until the 2021 convention in Montreal. All candidate elections for these positions shall comply with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws for election at the convention in Montreal.
- An international director from the areas of Africa and Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific is permitted only in even-numbered years. As a result, no director from Africa or Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific would be eligible for election until the 2022 convention.
- Barring any district election complaints, district governors, first vice district governors and second vice district governors elected during a convention of their respective districts will be accepted by Lions International. The International Board of Directors intends to authorize commencement of the DG terms beginning **July 1, 2020**.

We are disappointed that we will not be able to move forward with this international event, but we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions we will continue to find new ways to put our kindness in action while safely serving our communities.

Regards,  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President





# Lions Clubs International

The Illinois State government in USA on Friday announced a stay-at-home order starting at 5 p.m. Saturday through at least **April 7**, marking Illinois' most aggressive step yet to try to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The measures included the requirement to cease all non-essential services in the state. Lions Clubs International is identified as non-essential. To comply with the state mandate, the **Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook will be closed at least until April 7, 2020.**



While staff will not physically be in the building, staff teams will be working remotely and available during business hours to respond to the needs of Lions. You may [contact LCI staff](#) or [LCIF staff](#) as needed.

Performance of systems may be impacted due to the increased number of people working remotely, and response time may be affected. Some of our business operations that require physical interaction will likely be limited.

More details will be provided early next week, but here is some preliminary guidance:

- For information on district and multiple district conventions, please check our [coronavirus updates webpage](#) after **March 24**, 2020.
- Regarding payment of outstanding dues, we recommend that districts allow clubs that are able to demonstrate they have sent or submitted payment to participate in voting. This could be via a bank statement, copy of demand draft, etc. Clubs will not be cancelled during this time, based on the challenges related to receiving and processing physical cheques and electronic payments.
- For LCI payments, please utilize online payment options via MyLCI or any other electronic payment method (ACH, SEPA, Boletto, NEFT, etc.) instead of sending checks to the office.
- Please [submit LCIF donations](#) via the website instead of sending checks to the office. Please also note that grant disbursements and recognition will be delayed while the office is closed.
- There will be delays in shipping LCI awards and recognitions, club supplies orders, as well as delays in processing reimbursements.
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We appreciate your patience during these extraordinary times and wish for the health and safety of all our Lions and staff around the world.

In kindness,  
PIP Frank Moore  
Executive Administrator and Secretary



# Are you ready to step up to the plate?



## WE NEED YOU!

We currently have 33 Lions Clubs in District 14-B with a membership of 781 Lions. There are definitely Lions who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities within their clubs and those Lions who are or have served on the District Cabinet. We need a Lion to step forward to fill the vacancy of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor who will eventually ascend to the position of District Governor in 2022 and will be sworn in at the Lions International convention that will be held July 1 – 5 in New Delhi, India.

Please contact PDG Geoff Temple (412-655-3321) or any Past District Governor for more information



### 2021 Tournament of Roses Parade Float

Lions Float Inc. presents the rendering of the 2021 Tournament of Roses Float for the New Year's Day Parade in Pasadena California.



# Join the Lions Lapel Pin Challenge!

Some of you are pin collectors; some of you just have one membership pin. Regardless, this challenge is for you!

People only know we are Lions because they see us at a Lions service activity or fundraiser. They see the logo up front and center wherever Lions congregate, on our hats, vests, shirts or on our lapels. But can someone tell you are part of the world's largest service organization in the world if they saw you at the grocery store, walking in the park, or enjoying a game at the local high school gym? How about at the theater or having dinner with family or friends at a restaurant?



There is nothing in the Lions' manual that says you are not allowed to wear the Lions pin outside of a Lions activity. This is your challenge: Wear your pin to a non-Lion event. Or just ALL THE TIME! Send me a picture of you wearing it with a description of where, when and what was the (non-Lions) occasion. Only pictures where the Lions pin can be seen count!

For extra points, if someone asks you about the pin, send us the story of how that went.

I'll endeavor to publish these photos throughout the year with the accompanying story. The person who sends me the most pictures of himself or herself sporting the Lions pin will get a prize. Not sure what it is yet, but I'll think of something soon!

By the way, Lionesses and Leos can get in on the act too! Thanks, 2VDG Dave Leon from District 14U for the great idea!

Send those pictures to Mary Ann Belles at [lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com](mailto:lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com)



*Me wearing my pin at work!*

***The winner will be announced at the last Cabinet Meeting in June.***



## Here's the First Lion to Respond to "Accept the Pin Challenge!"

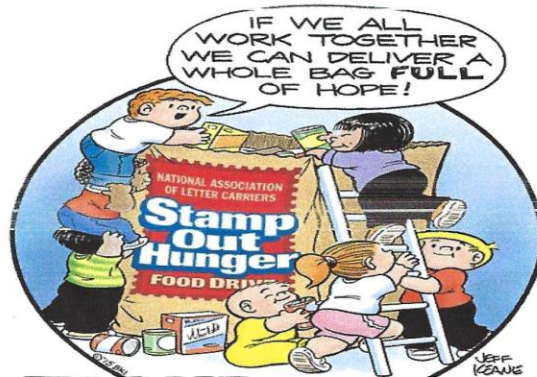
Lion Barb Rebovich wears her Lions lapel pins wherever she goes... Carnegie Health & Wellness center, bowling, clinical exercise study with her friends and shopping at H&M. "SO PROUD TO BE A LION!"

Need to add to this collection. Take a selfie and let's see where you were with your lapel pin!



# STAMP OUT HUNGER PASTA DINNER and DANCE THE PALISADES EVENT CENTER

-THE AREAS LARGEST WOOD DANCE FLOOR-



**APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> 2020 - OLDIES D.J. "Johnny O"**

Doors open at 5 p.m. - Dinner at 6 p.m. - Dance till 11 p.m.

**\$15/PERSON - DINNER SERVED "FAMILY STYLE"**

**\$100.00/TABLE of 8 - WITH ADVANCE RESERVATION**

( DANCE ONLY \$8 at the door AFTER 8 p.m. )

CHINESE AUCTION BASKETS - 50/50 - CASH BAR - DESSERTS and SNACKS AVAILABLE

**Donations benefiting THE LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE**

SPONSORED and TICKETS SOLD BY:

**The MCKEESPORT LIONS and MCKEESPORT KIWANIS**

Our Clubs support "The Bag Program" in our area that delivers advertising bags  
BEFORE the food drive. Since this bag program has started,  
food collections have increased 300%

THE MCKEESPORT PALISADES 100 5<sup>th</sup> AVE. MCKEESPORT PA. 15132  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL DAN CARR (412) 400-9977 cell



# *2020 Peace Poster Grand Prize Winner*



**"We are not afraid to face darkness. The forces of justice will break through darkness and peace will come." Congratulations to the Peace Poster Contest Grand Prize Winner Zhuo Zhang, age 12, sponsored by Shaanxi Datang Lions Club (China) [lionsclubs.org/peace poster](https://lionsclubs.org/peace-poster)**

**For additional information on how to get the schools in your area to participate in the new Peace Poster contest, please contact 2nd VDG Mary Ann Belles at [lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com](mailto:lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com) or via phone a 412-833-3450 or 412-983-8956**



# Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Lions Club's Peace Poster Award Dinner

Once again, the Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Lions Club pulled out all the stops to present awards to the students who participated in this year's Peace Poster Contest. The event was held at the Pleasure Bar on [Tuesday, March 3rd](#). 3 students were treated to dinner while parents, family members, teachers, principals and Lions had their choice from a prepared menu offered for the event.

Once done eating the celebration of the 3 students began. DG Marni, Peace Poster Chair 2nd VDG Mary Ann and club Peace Poster representative Lion Barb Jarnell started the presentation by returning the posters submitted by the students. The theme for this year's poster was a "Journey of Peace". Each students' message was read aloud, and the posters shown to the attendees as the students were given their awards. (Trophies, Monetary awards and certificates of recognition.)

It is always wonderful to celebrate the accomplishments of young people. They show courage, enlightenment and inspiration for our future. Hopefully we can all live up to their vision of the theme, "Journey of Peace".

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge 1VDG Chris Raynak and Lion Mary', Zone Chair Marty Griffith were also at the awards dinner.



Back row: 2VDG Mary Belles (sorry I didn't get a better picture), Lion Barb Jarnell Front Row: 3rd Ricki Patterson from Woolslair \$10, 2nd Samiyah Graham from Sunnyside \$15, 1st Elyse Brennan from St. Maria Goretti \$25 and DG Marni not in photograph:  
4th Bahati Muzhimu from Arsenal \$5 (unable to attend)



Lion Barb Schimmel, 2VDG Mary Ann, Elyse Brennan, Lion Barb Jarnell and DG Marni



We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge 1VDG Chris Raynak and Lion Mary', Zone Chair Marty Griffith were also at the awards dinner.





# *35<sup>TH</sup> Annual Golf Tournament*

Sponsored by the



*Homestead District Lions Club*

## **Westwood Golf Club**

825 Commonwealth Avenue, West Mifflin, PA 15122

**Friday, June 26, 2020**

Registration at 9:00 AM with a continental breakfast and a  
10:00 AM shotgun start

This event is a five man scramble and you will be matched up with a local sports celebrity.  
Your donation of \$125 includes:

- A complimentary ticket for a putting contest  
(held prior to the beginning of the event)
- 18 holes of golf with golf cart
- Beverages on the course
- Lunch at the turn
- Skill prizes on each hole
- Hole-in-one contest - win a two year lease on a Lincoln Continental  
(Provided by Benson Lincoln of Pittsburgh)
- A steak dinner served at the end of the day. Each member or group will receive a plaque  
with a color photo of their group with their celebrity at the end of the day.

Raffle tickets for a Chinese and Silent auctions will be available for you to purchase in  
addition to Share the Wealth chances.

For additional information, please contact Lion Michael Totin at  
[michael0754@comcast.net](mailto:michael0754@comcast.net) or 412-512-0753



## Congratulations McKeesport Lions Club on Celebrating 98 Years of Lionism!

District Governor Marni Latterman visited the McKeesport Lions Club at their regularly scheduled meeting on **March 10**, 2020. She discussed many topics, but the one that interested club members the most was the Trex bench project. Members had discussed the possibility of participating in this project at their **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** meeting, but still had many questions on how to go about collecting and recycling the materials. Thanks to a well-informed District



Governor, the club has decided to start participating in this initiative, with Donna Byrne being the Chairperson. Club members also celebrated the 98<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club with a cake being served.



*Chartered on February 27, 1922*

## The 2020 MD-14 Regional Lions Leadership Institute Graduates



The MD-14'S 2020 RLLI Class. An enthusiastic, receptive and forward-looking group of Lions. We are expecting great things from this group in the near future. Congratulations to Lion Yvonne Parheta from the Mon River Fleet Lions Club for completing the course.

## Region III Zone B Meeting

Thank you to all the Lions, Lionesses and friends that attended the District 14B Region 3 Zone B Zone Meeting on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**, that was held at Tavern 51. The clubs that were represented were the Bethel Park Lions Club, the Bethel Park Lioness Club, the Bridgeville Greater Area Lions Club, the Pittsburgh Brentwood Lions Club, and the Whitehall Community Lions Club. Thank you to District Governor Marni Latterman, District 14B GLT PDG Geoff Temple and Mary Ann Temple, 1VDG Chris Raynak, Lion Mary Raynak, District 14B LCIF Chairperson Mike Crossey for attending. We had an informative presentation from Sharon Sumansky from Operation Safety Net. She discussed how some of the homeless of Allegheny County are transitioning to housing with a great story about a gentleman that many of us of seen in the past on the Northside that is now living in an apartment and doing very well. Lion Mike Crossey talked about the importance of contributing to the Lions Club International Foundation.



*Submitted by  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mary Ann Belles*

## WEST MIFFLIN LIONS PARTICIPATE IN “SAMPLE WEST MIFFLIN 2020”



The West Mifflin Lions Club took part in Sample West Mifflin 2020. This great community event is held at West Mifflin Area High School each February and showcases many local vendors and businesses. King Lion Michele Falce, Secretary/Treasurer Lion Maria Demko, and Lions Rob Falce, Mike Demko, and Ken Demko staffed our table for the evening. Visiting us during the event was State Representative Austin Davis, who is also a proud member of the McKeesport

Lions! We were also visited by Carol Shrieve, Director of the Carnegie Library of Homestead. The West Mifflin Lions purchased two chairs at the Carnegie's soon-to-be renovated Music Hall as part of their community outreach. The event was a good way to get out and meet with those who are not aware of the Lions mission.

*Submitted by  
Lion Michele Falce  
West Mifflin Lions Club*





**PA LIONS BEACON LODGE  
CAMP  
"500 CLUB"**

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Dear Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

This is the time of the year that we ask for your support of the "Beacon Lodge 500 Club". This is an opportunity for each Lion, Lioness and Leo to make a personal contribution to help with repairs and maintenance of the Beacon Lodge Camp.

The "500 Club" is based on \$ 5.00 per year. Since it began in 1992, as the 365 Club, this fundraiser has totaled in excess of \$966,413.46. The Lions, Lioness and Leos in the state of Pennsylvania continue to embrace the Lions Motto "We Serve". We encourage all Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs in this district to consider 100% participation in this great project.

- We ask that you:
1. Make checks payable to Beacon Lodge 500 Club.
  2. Send a copy of your membership roster
  3. Mail checks and roster to:

**Lion Chris Tognarine**  
**1234 Elm Hollow Road**  
**Jefferson Hills, PA 15025**

Enclosed you will find a copy of the 2020 Beacon Lodge Wish List.

Once again we thank the Lions and Lioness of District 14-B for your continued support of PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp: helping to make it one of the Best Special Needs Camps in America.

**District 14-B Board Members:**

**Lion Geno Tognarine Phone 412-673-3848**

**Lion Chris Tognarine Phone 412-901-7057**

Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

UPON REQUEST, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO PRESENT A BEACON LODGE PROGRAM TO YOUR CLUB.

(Most of you are familiar with Beacon Lodge, but newer members also need to be informed. Please call!)

**Please see the next page for a complete list of the items that Beacon Lodge needs – their "Wish List!" Lion Chris and Lion Geno have stated that they would be willing to pick up any of the donations your club might be able to provide! Just give them a call!**





BEACON LODGE  
WISH-LIST  
2020

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Crafts:**

Acrylic paint/Finger Paint

Beads: pony, craft

Felt

Glitter

Hot Glue Sticks (small)

Poster board: all sizes

School glue

Styrofoam shapes

Bingo Prizes

Board games for children

Coloring Books large print

Face Paint

Arrows : no broadheads

Markers

Tie Dye

Med, Lrg, XL, 2XL White T-Shirts

Dress-up Costumes

Christmas Decorations

Easter Decorations

Adult Sleeping Bags

**KITCHEN:**

Plastic Cold Cups: 5 oz & 9 oz

Hot Wax Cups: 9 oz & 10 oz

Chinet Paper Plates: 9" or larger

Napkins: dinner, picnic

Original Dawn Dish Liquid

Foil Wrap: 18" x 500 ft

Plastic Food Wrap: 18" x 2000 ft

Parchment Paper: rolls or sheets

White Bar/Dish Clothes

**HOUSEKEEPING:**

Thick Paper Towels

Clorox

Furniture Polish

Hand Sanitizer

Disinfecting Spray Cleaner

Disinfecting Floor Cleaners

Disinfecting Wipes

Pump Liquid Hand Soap bottles

Bar Soap

Laundry Detergents

Magic Erasers

White Vinegar

13-17 gal. Trash Cans

30-33 gal. Square Trash Cans w/lids

13-16 gal Trash Bags

33 gal Trash Bags

55-56 gal Trash Bags

Toilet Plungers-heavy duty

Toilet Brushes

Zipper Vinyl Pillow Covers (standard size)

Zipper Vinyl Mattress Covers (twin size)

Long Twin Size Blankets - No Wool

Long Extendible Dusters

Industrial Wet Mop Heads

Vinyl Disposable Gloves - Med. Lrg. XLG

Extendible Car Brush

Large Totes with lids

**MAINTENANCE:**

Duracell/Energizer Batteries: AA, AAA, 9V

Bee/Wasp Killer

Long Neck Lightners

Paint Brushes- 2" , 3" , 4"

Nitrile Gloves

Safety Glasses

Lever Style Garden Hose Nozzles

Micro Fiber Cloths

**INFIRMARY**

Baby Wipes

Sunscreen - Cream and Spray

Bug Spray

Bactine Spray

Lanacane Spray

Benadryl Spray

Liquid Benadryl for children

Calamine Lotion

Hydrocortisone Cream

Tylenol: adult & children

Ibuprofen: adult & children

Imodium

Pepto-Bismol

Saline Eye Drops

Cold Relief Medications

Cough Drops

Sanitary Napkins: no depends

Blood Pressure Cuff & Pulse Oximeter

Exam Gloves: all sizes, latex free

Sharps Containers

Single Use Lancets

Graduated Liquid Medicine Dispenser Cups

First Aid Kits

Large Disposable Bed Pads

Shower Chairs

**DONATION INFORMATION:**

**OFFICE SUPPLIES:**

Color Copier Paper

White Copier paper

8x14 white paper

Envelopes: #10, 6x9, 9x12

Bubbled Envelopes 6x9, 8x11

3 prong Pocket Folders

Sharpies - all sizes

Jumbo Paper Clips

Banker Boxes

1" View Binders

Gift Cards - Lowes, ACE hardware

Walmart, Harbor Freight

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District

Club

Name

Address

Phone

Email



The Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community will be held on **Saturday, May 9** at Heinz Field starting at 9 am. The 5K walk and a one-mile fun walk benefits local health and human service nonprofit organizations. Highmark generously underwrites all of the expenses for the Walk, which means that every dollar raised by Pittsburgh Mercy registered walkers, teams, and supporters directly benefit their programs and services. Proceeds will benefit Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net®, a program founded by Dr. Jim Withers to serve individuals experiencing homelessness in Allegheny County. So join your fellow Lions and register **today** at <http://hcf.convio.net/PMRegistration>. To learn more about Operation Safety Net, please go to <https://www.pittsburghmercy.org/homeless-services/pittsburgh-mercys-operation-safety-net/>

Join a team or create your own by going to the Highmark Walk--Pittsburgh Mercy home page at <http://hcf.convio.net/PMRegistration>

**YOU can create a team.** All you need to do is pick a name for your team, assign a team captain, then invite others to join. Anyone can be on your team including, employees, family members, and friends. If you register as an individual but decide that you want to join or create a team, the administrators can help you make that change. (Your team name will show up on the Walk website leader board once you have a donation entered.)

You can help Pittsburgh spread the word and reach additional potential supporters if you “Like” Pittsburgh Mercy on Facebook and share our posts over the next few months at <https://www.facebook.com/PittsburghMercy>.

*Please let me know if you are interested in starting a team.*

*Lion Mary Ann Belles*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor**

email: [lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com](mailto:lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com)

phone **412-833-3450** or **412-983-8956**

**Please be advised that the actual walk is being replaced by a “virtual walk” scheduled for the same day. Please contact Lion Mary Ann Belles for additional details.**



## *Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs*

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*TO: 2019-2020 State Council of Governors, Lions of Pennsylvania International Family, Vice District Governors all, MD-14 Committees and Coordinators and other interested Lions*

Multiple District 14 State Council Chair William H. Morgan has issued a call for the 2019-2020 State Council to convene for its fourth and final meeting at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2020 at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie, Pa.

State Council will meet initially in its role as the State Convention Rules Committee before convening a preliminary State Council meeting at 1:30 p.m. The Regular Council meeting will convene 20 minutes following completion of the Preliminary Meeting, but will not start prior to 2:30 p.m.

All committee chairpersons and/or coordinators who will have an Action Item for State Council to consider at the May 14 meetings must submit that item in written form to the State Office no later than April 27, 2020. Any Action Item received after that date may, at the discretion of the Council of Governors, be tabled until the first 2020-2021 State Council meeting. Committee chairpersons/coordinators with Action Items must be present or have a representative at the preliminary State Council meeting.

Committee chairpersons and/or coordinators who do not have Action Items for State Council to consider are also encouraged to have their written reports submitted to the State Office by April 27. All oral committee reports to State Council should be limited to 3-5 minutes.

The fourth and final 2019-2020 State Council meeting will be held as part of the 97th annual Multiple District state convention, which will run from Friday, May 15, through Sunday, May 17.

Reservations for the discounted state convention sleeping room rate of \$129/night plus tax at the Sheraton or Courtyard by Marriott at Erie's Bayfront Landings must be made by April 20, 2020.

Registration for the state convention may be made in advance or upon arrival at the Bayfront Convention Center. A registration form is included in this packet of information.

A current schedule of state convention meal functions, seminars and meetings is also included in this packet of information. **Please note:** This schedule is subject to change.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

In service and friendship,

*Lion Bob McComas*

MD-14 Administrator

**PLEASE NOTE !**

**We are proceeding with the 2020 State Convention on the premise it will be held as scheduled May 14-17 at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie. Council Chair Bill Morgan has tentatively scheduled a COG conference call for on or about April 13 to revisit the situation.**

**UPDATE!!! Received an email from State Administrator Lion Bob McComas stating that this conference call has been cancelled with no further information.**



## 2020 MD-14 STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Updated 3/13/20

<b>THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020</b>		
TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
8 AM-5 PM	State Convention Office	Room 150
12-5 PM	Basket Raffle	Room 100
12-5 PM	Convention Registration	Room 110
12-5 PM	State Merchandise Store	Room 120
12-5 PM	Vendors and Exhibitors	Concourse
1-2:15 PM	State Council Preliminary Meeting	Grand Ballroom West
1-2:30 PM	Partners in Service Meeting	Room 160 A
2:30-5 PM	State Council Regular Meeting	Grand Ballroom West
6:30-8:30 PM	Victorian Princess Dinner Cruise	Pier: 1 State Street

<b>FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020</b>		
TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
8-5 PM	State Convention Office	Room 150
8-5 PM	Basket Raffle	Room 100
8-5 PM	Convention Registration	Room 110
8-5 PM	State Merchandise Store	Room 120
8-5 PM	Vendors and Exhibitors	Concourse
9-10:15	Diabetes Program: Mary Yochim	Rooms 130 A, B, C
9-10 AM	PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp board	Room 160 A
9-10 AM	PA Lions Eye Research & Sight Conserv.	Room 160 B
9-10 AM	PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation	Room 160 C
9-10 AM	Lions Club International Foundation	Room 170 A
9-10 AM	Committee Meeting (TBA)	Room 170 B
10-11 AM	PA Lions Beacon Lodge seminar	Room 160 A
11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Luncheon featuring ID Larry Edwards	Grand Ballroom West
1:45-2:30 PM	Four Diamonds	Rooms 130 A, B, C
1:45-3:45 PM	Poverty Simulation	Rooms 140 A, B, C
2:00-8:15 PM	All State Band Practice	Great Hall South
2:45-3:45 PM	"2020: Sight Center is Focused"- Linda Moore	Rooms 130 A, B, C
4:30 -5:30 PM	Necrology Service	Grand Ballroom East
6-8:30 PM	Honors/PA Counsellors Banquet	Grand Ballroom West
9-11 PM	Hospitality Night	North Point Lobby and Grand Ballroom West



## SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020

TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
8-5 PM	State Convention Office	Room 150
8-5 PM	Basket Raffle	Room 100
8-5 PM	Convention Registration	Room 110
8-5 PM	State Merchandise Store	Room 120
8-5 PM	Vendors and Exhibitors	Concourse
8-9 AM	Leo Gathering	Room 130 C
8-9 AM	Lions of PA Foundation open meeting	Room 130 A
8-9 AM	District 14-B Caucus	Room 130 B
8-9 AM	A Puppy's Journey to Be a Leader Dog	Rooms 140 A, B, C
8-9 AM	North American Membership Initiative	Room 160 A,B, C
8-9 AM	District 14-F Caucus	Room 170 A
8-10 AM	Global Service Team open meeting	Room 170 B
8:30-10:15 AM	All State Band Practice	Great Hall South
9-10 AM	Harness the Power of Leadership: Beth Slade	Rooms 140 A, B, C
9-10 AM	Fort LeBoeuf Leo Program for Lions	Room 130 C
9-10 AM	Lioness open meeting	Room 130 A
9-10 AM	PA Counsellors meeting	Room 130 B
9-10 AM	Western PA Hearing Foundation meeting	Room 170 A
10-10:45 AM	IP Choi Meets with PA Lions	Rooms 140 A, B, C
10:45-11:45 AM	All State Band Concert #1	Great Hall South
12-2 PM	Luncheon: Lioness of the Year and Line Dancing Demonstration	Grand Ballrooms E & W
2:15-3:30 PM	Sage Vision-Major Sponsor	Great Hall North
2:15-3:45 PM	Strides Walk	Sunset Terrace
2:15-5 PM	All State Band Practice	Rooms 160 A, B, C
3:45-5:15 PM	"I'm No Dummy Productions": David Crone	Great Hall North
6-6:45 PM	All State Band Concert #2	Great Hall South
6-7 PM	Social Hour	North Point Lobby
7-10 PM	International Banquet	Grand Ballrooms E&W

## SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
6-8:45 AM	Convention Registration and Certification	Room 100
6-9 AM	Voting	Room 110
8-9:30 AM	Melvin Jones/Key Member Breakfast	Grand Ballroom West
9:45-11:15 AM	Convention Business Session	Great Hall North
12-1:30 PM	2020-2021 State Council Orientation	Grand Ballroom East
12-1:30 PM	2020-2021 Partners in Service Meeting	Room 160 A

## **2020 Multiple District 14 State Convention at Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, Pa. Certification & Voting**

Certification and Voting at the 2020 state convention will be a one-day, one-stop process held between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Sunday, May 17, 2020 in the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie.

During those hours, delegates will present their credentials for certification at tables located outside Rooms 100 and 110, then step inside the Voting room to cast their ballot.

Each MD-14 club in good standing with Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 14 and their respective sub-district is entitled to one delegate for every 10 club members or major portion thereof as shown on the MyLCI website January 1, 2020. Club officers should make sufficient copies of this form to provide to the appropriate number of delegates.

Each delegate credential form must be signed by the Club President or Club Secretary in order to be valid.

**Note: Please bring valid identification (driver's license or Lions membership card) with you when you come to the Certification area.**

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**Please bring this form to the Certification area at this year's state convention**

### **2020 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 ELECTION CLUB DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM**

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District 14- \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*The undersigned club officer hereby authorizes that the above named individual is an active member and a duly selected Delegate of said Multiple District 14 Lions Club to the Election to be held Sunday, May 17, 2020 as part of the state convention at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie, Pa.*

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

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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In accordance with MD-14 policy, each active MD-14 Past District Governor in good standing with a club in good standing with Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 14 and their respective sub-district is entitled to serve as a delegate at this year's state convention.

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### **2020 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 ELECTION PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR CERTIFICATION FORM**

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District 14- \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*The above Multiple District 14 Past District Governor hereby certifies he/she is a member in good standing with a Multiple District 14 Lions Club in good standing with its district, the Multiple District and Lions Clubs International and, thereby, shall be granted full rights to vote in the Election to be held Sunday, May 17, 2020 as part of the State Convention at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie, Pa.*

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## **PA STATE COUNCIL OF LIONS CLUBS 2019-2020 Fourth State Council Meeting Agenda Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, PA**

**State Convention Rules Committee meeting – 1:00 p.m.**

**Preliminary Meeting – 1:30-2:15 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting – Immediately following preliminary, but not earlier than 2:30 p.m.**

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|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Call to Order                                   | CC William H. Morgan, 14-N  |
| a. National Anthem of Korea                        |                             |
| b. National Anthem of the United States of America |                             |
| c. Pledge of Allegiance                            |                             |
| d. Invocation                                      | DG Rev. Steve Shipman, 14-C |
| 2. Welcome   | DG Bernadette Holzer, 14-F  |
| 3. Establish Rules of the Meeting                  | PID James Cavallaro, 14-A   |
| 4. Roll Call                                       | Lion Bob McComas, 14-T      |
| 5. Establish Protocol                              | CC William H. Morgan, 14-N  |
| 6. Remarks of the State Council Chairperson        | CC William H. Morgan, 14-N  |
| 7. Remarks from the International Family           |                             |
| a. IP Jung-Yul Choi                                |                             |
| b. PIP Joseph L. Wroblewski, 14-W                  |                             |
| c. ID Larry L. Edwards, 14-G                       |                             |
| d. PID Cindy Gregg, 14-E                           |                             |
| e. PID James Cavallaro, 14-A                       |                             |
| f. PID Robert Miller, 14-U                         |                             |
| g. PID Carl Battistone, 14-B                       |                             |
| h. PID Gene Polgar, 14-P                           |                             |
| i. PID LeGrand W. Perce, III, 14-L                 |                             |
| 8. Approve Third 2019-2020 Council Meeting Minutes | CC William H. Morgan, 14-N  |
| 9. Report of the MD-14 Administrator               | Lion Bob McComas, 14-T      |
| 10. Committee Reports                              |                             |
| a. Constitution & By Laws/Policy Committee         | PCC Terri Kodgis, 14-J      |
| b. Diabetes Awareness                              | PDG Don Gibala, 14-N        |
| c. Disaster Relief                                 | Lion Jim Groff, 14-C        |
| d. Finance Committee                               | PDG Don Richardson, 14-A    |
| e. Global Action Team                              | PDG Tom Gregg, 14-E         |
| f. International Convention Committee              | PDG Charles Morton, 14-A    |
| g. Leo Clubs                                       | PDG Kathy Fouse, 14-T       |

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h. PRIDE of Pennsylvania

Lion Betty Lou Ivell, 14-N

11. New Business

12. Unfinished Business

13. Committee Appointments

- i. Building Advisory Committee (3 members, statewide)
- ii. Committee on Committees (Central Region)
- iii. Constitution & By Laws/ Policy Committee (Chair + 1 from each region)
- iv. Diabetes Awareness (statewide)
- v. International Convention Committee (14-T/Central Region)
- vi. KidSight USA Coordinator (statewide)
- vii. Leader Dogs of the Blind Coordinator (statewide)
- viii. PA Sight Conservation & Eye Research Board members
- ix. PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp board members
- x. PRIDE Editor (statewide)
- xi. Protocol Coordinator (statewide)
- xii. Website Coordinator (statewide)
- xiii. Youth Camp & Exchange Coordinator (Statewide)
- xiv. 2022-2023 State Council Meeting #2 Chair (14-N)
- xv. 2022-2023 State Council Meeting #3 Chair (14-D)

14. For the Good of Lionism

15. Benediction

DG Rev. Steve Shipman, 14-C

16. Adjournment

*Updated 03/16/2020*

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# I talked to a man today

I talked with a man [today](#), an 80+ year old man.

I asked him if there was anything, I can get him while this Coronavirus scare was gripping America.

He simply smiled, looked away and said:

"Let me tell you what I need! I need to believe, at some point, this country my generation fought for... I need to believe this nation we handed safely to our children and their children...

I need to know this generation will quit being a bunch of sissies...that they respect what they've been given...that they've earned what others sacrificed for."

I wasn't sure where the conversation was going or if it was going anywhere at all.

So, I [sat](#) there, quietly observing.

"You know, I was a little boy during WWII. Those were scary days.

We didn't know if we were going to be speaking English, German or Japanese at the end of the war.

There was no certainty, no guarantees like Americans enjoy [today](#).

And no home went without sacrifice or loss. Every house, up and down every street, had someone in harm's way.

Maybe their Daddy was a soldier, maybe their son was a sailor, maybe it was an uncle. Sometimes it was the whole damn family...fathers, sons, uncles...

Having someone, you love, sent off to war...it wasn't less frightening than it is [today](#). It was scary as Hell. If anything, it was more frightening.

We didn't have battle front news.

We didn't have email or cellphones. You sent them away and you hoped...you prayed. You may not hear from them for months, if ever.

Sometimes a mother was getting her son's letters the same day Dad was comforting her over their child's death.

And we sacrificed. You couldn't buy things.

Everything was rationed. You were only allowed so much milk per month, only so much bread, toilet paper.

EVERYTHING was restricted for the war effort.

And what you weren't using, what you didn't need, things you threw away, they were saved and sorted for the war effort.

My generation was the original recycling movement in America.

And we had viruses back then...serious viruses. Things like polio, measles, and such.

It was nothing to walk to school and pass a house or two that was quarantined.

We didn't shut down our schools. We didn't shut down our cities. We carried on, without masks, without hand sanitizer.

And do you know what? We persevered. We overcame.

*Continued...*



We didn't attack our President, we came together. We rallied around the flag for the war.

Thick or thin, we were in it to win.

And we would lose more boys in an hour of combat than we lose in entire wars [today](#)."

He slowly looked away again. Maybe I saw a small tear in the corner of his eye. Then he continued:

"[Today](#)'s kids don't know sacrifice.

They think a sacrifice is not having coverage on their phone while they freely drive across the country.

[Today](#)'s kids are selfish and spoiled.

In my generation, we looked out for our elders. We helped out with single moms whose husbands were either at war or dead from war.

[Today](#)'s kids rush the store, buying everything they can...no concern for anyone but themselves.

It's shameful the way Americans behave these days. None of them deserve the sacrifices their granddads made.

So, no I don't need anything. I appreciate your offer but, I know I've been through worse things than this virus.

But maybe I should be asking you, what can I do to help you?

Do you have enough pop to get through this, enough steak?

Will you be able to survive with 113 channels on your tv?"

I smiled, fighting back a tear of my own...now humbled by a man in his 80's.

All I could do was thank him for the history lesson, leave my number for emergency and leave with my ego firmly tucked in my rear.

I talked to a man [today](#). A real man. An American man from an era long gone and forgotten.

We will never understand the sacrifices.

We will never fully earn their sacrifices.

But we should work harder to learn about them. Learn from them...to respect them.

I saw this and it was too good not to share.

I thought you might like this,  
Cindy Gregg, PID

Received this on Facebook and wanted to share it with everyone!

