



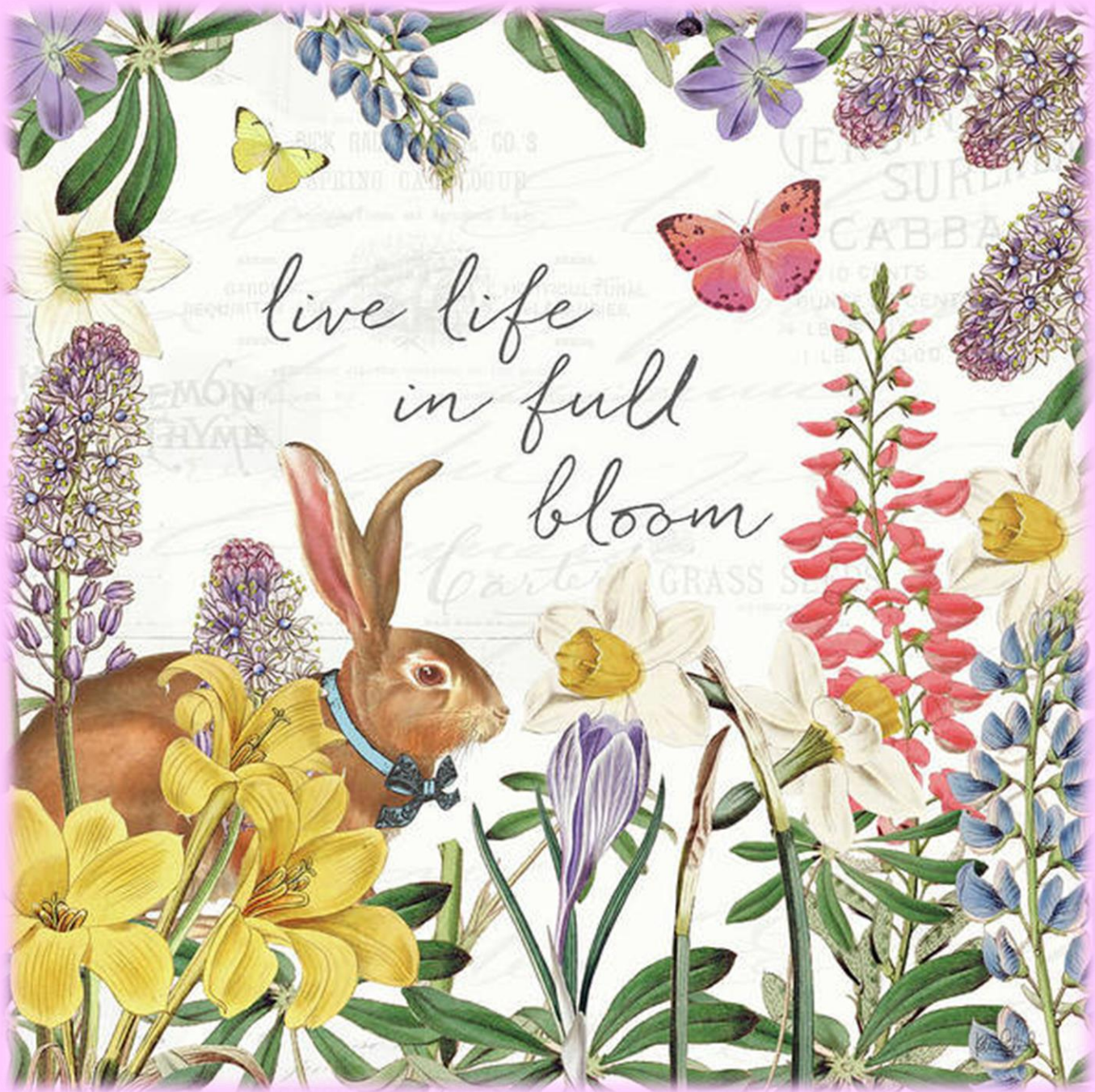
The Cauldron

District 14-B's Monthly Newsletter

April 2021



Happy Easter



From the desk of
District Governor Chris Raynak

Greetings All Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

As we go into April, I truly believe that Winter is over, and Spring has sprung. Spring is a time of rejuvenation. What better time to rejuvenate your Lions Club? People are tired of winter and searching for new things to do. Encourage a prospective Lion to visit your club. This is the time of the year when many clubs distribute the funds they have worked so hard to earn to the charities that they support. I have included in the Cauldron a list of Lions Projects and the addresses to send your donations. Please take note of some addresses that may be different from past years. *See page 25.*



Also, this month your club should be electing officers for the upcoming year. Be open to accepting this new position as a leader of your club. Sometimes we underestimate ourselves. The members of your club don't underestimate you. They would not ask you to serve in a position if they did not believe in you. Accept it. Enjoy it. Lead. That goes for the District level also. If you are asked to fill a post please consider it. It is not a chore! It is serving. It is exciting, great fun, fulfilling. Speaking of elections, the District will be conducting online voting for our new Officers the weekend of April 24-25. More information will be forthcoming to Presidents and Secretaries; however, each club must be in "good standing" to qualify to vote. That means all membership dues need to be paid. Please check to be sure your club has taken the steps to be in good standing.

Keeping in step with Spring and rejuvenation, plan on joining your fellow Lions at our first gathering of this Lions year. It is a Spring Rally! We will be celebrating a well-deserved chance of fellowship, honor our lost Lions, and recognize hard working Lions in a safe outdoor venue. See the announcement later in the newsletter and watch for more details coming soon. Let's work together with multi-club and District service projects and meetings. And most importantly, let's have some fun!

As Lions, WE SERVE in many ways. The various projects of the District, the Multi District-14, and LCIF are only a few of the ways that Lions serve in their local and world communities. We can all be proud of what we do to help others. Lots of good work has been accomplished, but there is always plenty of work waiting to be done. Satisfied members take pride in their clubs and are enthusiastic about being a Lion. That enthusiasm is contagious and attractive to potential new members. Put simply, don't be afraid to try something new and to invite others to join us in our service journey. It's a simple enough challenge, but it calls each of us individually, as well as each club, to think perhaps just a little bit differently. The most important decision each of us ever made in Lionism was to join!

WE SERVE!!

It's great to be a LION
Chris Raynak

District Governor 14-B
Email: cpr14b2021@outlook.com
phone: 412.951.6328





Vice District Governor Lion Mary Ann Belles

Greetings Lions, Lionesses, Leos and guests!

What beautiful weather we have been enjoying! Pittsburghers have been excited watching the Hays nest welcoming our little eaglets! As of this writing we have two new eaglets with a third possibly by the end of the weekend. I am blessed that I can watch the nest on a computer across the room from my desk and watch the Mom and Dad care for their young. Eagles are very tender with their young as Lions are with their cubs. Eagles are survivors and so are Lions! My theme for next year is "Soar into Service!" I'm excited to pass out my District pin as well. PDG Harold Fletcher designed it and he did a great job!

This is the month that Lions Club International wants you to confirm you Club Officers for next year. **Club Secretaries, it's important for you to enter next year's officers starting on May 15th.** I will need the information for the District Directory, Lions Club International needs the information to send the Club Officers their welcome information and the State needs it. I would consider it a great personal favor if you would enter the information as soon as you can.

District 14B is holding an in-person Spring Party/Bash on Sunday, May 23, 2021. I personally invite you to attend. It will be a fun afternoon. More information will be forthcoming.

The Pennsylvania State Convention will be held virtually this year on Sunday, May 16, 2021. When registration is set up, I'm sure PDG Harold will send it out to all the Club Secretaries. Please register as this will give you a perfect opportunity to attend a State Convention.

The Lions Club International Convention will be held virtually as well. Below is the link to register. The cost is only \$50.00. I'm excited to attend. I hear that there are so many great ways to do these virtual conventions, I'm sure LCI's is going to be just as exciting and interesting to attend. **Malala Yousafzai will be the keynote speaker. She is the young lady that was advocating for girl's education in Pakistan. She is the youngest Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.** I encourage you to register. You would be able to watch the District Governors get installed – that would be my installation! Below is the registration link to register for the Lions Club International Convention.

https://lclionclubs.org/?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=DIG_EN_District%20Leader%20Digest_March%202021&utm_medium=email

It's so wonderful to hear that the Clubs in District 14B are still serving their communities. **Please remember to report your Service Projects on MyLion.** If you need help with this, please don't hesitate to call or email me. Please contact me to register for the trainings that start in May. MyLion trainings are available, along with Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers and Zone Chairpersons training.

Keep Soaring into Service!

Lion Mary Ann Belles

email: lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com
phone 412-833-3450 or 412-983-8956



Editor's Corner

Ask1

By PDG Harold Fletcher

Ask1

"This 'n' That!"

EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2021

Together, we have the power to Restore Our Earth.

EARTHDAY.ORG's theme for Earth Day 2021 is Restore Our Earth™, which focuses on natural processes, emerging green technologies, and innovative thinking that can restore the world's ecosystems. In this way, the theme rejects the notion that mitigation or adaptation are the only ways to address climate change. It is up to each and every one of us to Restore Our Earth not just because we care about the natural world, but because we live on it. We all need a healthy Earth to support our jobs, livelihoods, health & survival, and happiness. A healthy planet is not an option — it is a necessity.

More than 1 billion people in 192 countries now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world. Today, we invite you to be a part of Earth Day and to help further climate action across the globe.

On this page, you will find key messaging and resources on Restore Our Earth. The toolkit includes all necessary materials to post on social media, write your own op-ed, or send a note to your network. Please go to <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/> for additional info.



Gather a Team to do a Cleanup!

Whether its two people or ten people, a well-organized cleanup can have a major impact!

- Find the right location (Park, trails, or community streets)Cleanup.



APRIL'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Clairton Lions Club – 99 years
April 18, 1922

Oakmont Lions Club – 81 years
April 5, 1940

Pgh. Shadyside-Squirrel Hill Lions Club -29 years
April 27, 1992



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE 2021

April 2021

6th – Pittsburgh Host
20th – Tarentum
27th - Pittsburgh North Side

May 2021

11th – Pittsburgh Hilltop
18th – Bethel Park

To Be Rescheduled

Pittsburgh Shadyside-Squirrel Hill
Forest Hill
Oakmony



REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLLI)



Aspiring PA Lions leaders participated in the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) on March 12th at the Red Lion Inn in Harrisburg. Here, Lions can prepare to be leaders at the district level. Here you can see them working in an effort to be part of a team. Our Zone 4 Chairman Lion Dr. Kamal Gella was present... easy to find, he's wearing white shirt



Welcome



We have 8 new members to welcome to the Wonderful World of Lionism!

<u>Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Raymond Morgan	Homestead Lions Club	Bridget Virostek
Mary Carey	Mon River Fleet Lions Club	James Phillips
Breanna Dechant	Mon River Fleet Lions Club	James Phillips
Jason Sparkenbaugh	Robinson Lions Club	Eric Sparkenbaugh

Right now, you can help your new members get off to a great start and give them a welcome they'll never forget. Join us on **April 24** for **Worldwide Induction Day** and celebrate kindness as only Lions know how. And don't forget to share your event on social media using #WeServe.

Since July 31, 2020, here's what our District membership looks like ...

July 1st **761** Members added **25** dropped **65** March 31 **721** Members.

We are ranked 16th out of the 17 Districts, with District 14W beneath us.



MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP *

14G	1635
14A	1480
14D	1300
14T	1250
14C	1135
14F	1092
14M	1052
14P	1014
13L	969
14N	937
14U	921
14E	797
14H	771
14K	762
14J	728
14B	718
14W	633

TOTAL 17193

(*as of 2/28/2021
Health Assessment
Report)



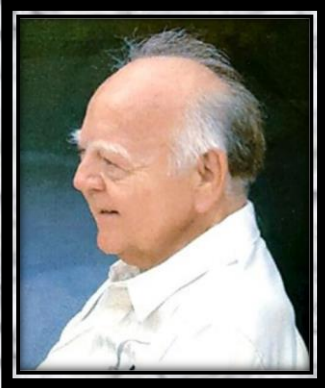
Grow Your Club with Fee Waivers for New Members

One of the best ways for us to show someone what it means to be a Lion is to invite them to find out. And with entrance fee waivers for new members until **June 30, 2021**, this is a great opportunity to invite men and women from your community to join your club.

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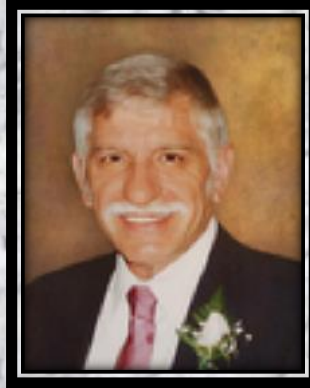
In Memory of...



**Lion Gilbert G.
Whitmer, Sr.**

Bethel Park Lions Club

February 27, 2021



**Lion Enzo
Colantoni**

West Mifflin Lions
Club

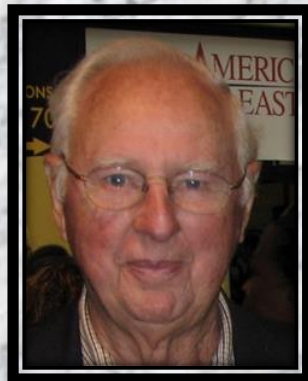
March 2, 2024



**Lion Rich
Fialkovich**

West Mifflin Lions
Club

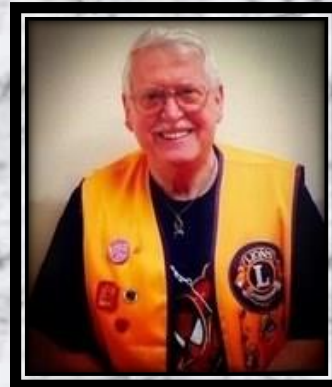
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**Liam Frank
Burchill**

Bloomfield-
Lawrenceville Lions
Club

November 30, 2020



**Lion Jim
"Spiderman"
Emery**

Former Member of
Central Elizabeth
Lions Club

March 3, 2024

May they rest in peace...

★ WANTED ★

Energetic Lions to step forward to serve the
Lions in District 14B as
1st and 2nd Vice District Governors.



- FREE TRIP to New Delhi, India July 1-5, 2022
- Make new friends locally, state-wide, and internationally
- Make an impact on the future of how the State (MD14) operates
- Visit Leader Dog School in Rochester, Michigan
- Visit PALions Beacon Lodge Camp

*For more information, please contact
Past District Governor Geoff Temple at 412-956-5723*

***FREE TRIP TO NEW DELHI, INDIA OR HOW ABOUT TO ANY
ONE OF THESE OTHER UPCOMING INTERANTIONAL
CONVENTIONS?***

July 1 - 5, 2022 New Delhi, India
July 7 - 11, 2023 Boston, Massachusetts
June 21 - 25, 2024 Melbourne, Australia
July 4 - 8, 2025 Mexico City, Mexico
July 3 - 7, 2026 Atlanta, Georgia
*July 2 - 6, 2027 Washington, D.C. *NEW*
*June 23 - 27, 2028 Singapore *NEW*

Being an Organ Donor Can Save a Life!

Seeking the Gift of Life for a Dear Friend... For me, this column is the most difficult to write because it is much more than information about the many who donate monetary gifts, food or clothing, or their time to a needy, deserving organization. People from all over continue to donate these things every day, but there is a much more deep-seated gift from the heart that can save a person's life. For many young people who do not have the ability or means to donate these things, they have so much more to offer others than they realize because they have the most valuable gift of all! They have the gift of life by becoming an organ donor!



Alice Jones

And for one very special person whom we all love and who has given so much of herself to make our communities grow over the years and become more stronger than ever, she just keeps on getting closer to the five-year life expectancy of receiving kidney dialysis. I can't even imagine what it's been like for my dear friend Alice Jones to be receiving dialysis three times a week for four hours at a time no matter what the weather is like - rain, shine, snow, sleet or ice – she just has to be there! I know because I talk to her every chance I can to help her pass the time while she is receiving dialysis.

I want to tell you about our friend Alice! She has served countless families and children through her many years of service at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. But there's much more! Alice is a past district governor serving all the Lions Clubs in Allegheny County; and, more importantly, she was a key player in the establishment of the state-recognized Clairton Healthier Community Partnership (SHIP) and the formation and growth of the now Mon River Fleet Lions Club that serves the Braddock, Clairton, Duquesne and McKeesport communities. Alice has also helped to build her church along with Rev. Arlene Walker. St. John the Baptist Church located in Wilmerding has been blessed and continues to thrive thanks to Alice as a long-time church advocate and property manager.

Who else can say that he/she has worked with local ambulances, fire and police to bring hundreds of influenza vaccines for Clairton and surrounding residents over the years through her leadership in the Clairton state-health improvement plan partnership? The Clairton SHIP has also secured grants to provide for the purchase of laptop computers for children in the schools, food for the community's local food distribution program, and a law enforcement program meant to bring local children and police together.



For most in Alice's situation, family members or elderly friends may not be compatible donors or may have similar health-related issues, such as diabetes. Alice has two daughters who are members of the Mon River Fleet Lions Club. Her daughters, too, have under-lying health concerns and are not compatible donors. What's incredible is that God gave us two kidneys, but it only takes one for a person to keep on living a normal life. So, think about the giving of life to a very special person in need of a kidney transplant, especially one who has given so much of herself to help others.

The Allegheny Health Network Transplant organization has provided information for you to consider the option of the Living Kidney Donation program. Potential living kidney donors in Alice Jones' name can contact *Holly Chapman, RN, BSN at 412-359-4441 or Denise Sommers RN, BSN at 412-359-6251 for a living donor evaluation.* For any questions you may have, you can also access The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network at 1-888-894-6361.

I hope that you will pass my column on to as many others who can help. Just maybe, we will find a matching kidney donor for our friend Alice Jones. Thank you for caring!

*Submitted by Lion Michele Matuch
Mon River Fleet Lions Club
Columnist, Mon Valley Independent*



Sunday, May 23rd



From 1PM to 4PM

**Mark your calendar for an afternoon
with your fellow Lions of
District 14-B**

**Join us
at
Monroeville Park West**



- **FELLOWSHIP**
- **RECOGNITION**
- **NECROLOGY SERVICE**
- **GUEST SPEAKER**
- **AND LUNCH!**

**Face masks, social distancing and
CDC recommendations will be followed.**

Menu and reservation information will be provided soon.

**Let's come together as Lions of District 14-B
for the FIRST Bash of the year!!**

We've missed everyone!



**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

March 30, 2021

NOTICE OF SALES TAX EXEMPTION EXTENSION

PENNSYLVANIA LIONS MULTI DIST 14
949 EAST PARK DR
HARRISBURG PA 17111

Dear Applicant:

This responds to the above organization's request to be granted an extension of sales and use tax exemption.

The Department has received the organization's application, therefore an extension of sales and use tax exemption will be granted. The extension is only intended to assist the organization to continue daily operation without interruption. The extension will expire **JUNE 30 2021**. **You may use this correspondence as your authority to make tax-free purchases with the use of an Exemption Certificate (REV-1220).**

This extension shall not constitute an approval of the organization's status as an "institution of purely public charity".

We appreciate your patience and look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Greider
Tax Examiner Supervisor
Bureau of Registration & Taxpayer Management
(717) 705-2858



1st Annual Membership Connections



\$5 per 10 tickets
7 Baskets

Sponsored by PA State Lions
Council of Governors for the
Global Membership Team

Seminars



We can only accept 70 Lions at this time; 23 per session with 3 sessions running at one time frame, separate rooms!!!!
CALL EARLY TO GET A SEAT!!

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Wyndham Garden State College Mountain View Country Club, 310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA

Cost: Lunch Only \$15.00

Seminar Reservations: cawilbur65@gmail.com or 607-738-6909

Topics of Interest

Members: A, B, C Acronyms New members arrive with heads turning and twirling in all directions: what to do, what does that mean, what did she/he just say? *PID Cindy Gregg* will put a spin on those initials for better understanding!

Members: Boosting Satisfaction Additional ways to encourage Lions to step-up; keeping seasoned members active; and handling conflicts with resolutions. *A Leading Lion* will guide us to the future in Lionism.

Members: Fun(ds) Raising-FUN & Games Bored with same 'ole, same 'ole? Creating ways to add enjoyment and excitement to the traditional meetings. Co-Instructors *Lions Dorothy Daugherty and Debra Bieber* will entertain new ideas.

Members: Grants-Funding Awards An alternative to gaining access to funds to keep serving those in need. *IPDG Jim Wilbur* will provide Guidance with access and applications to assist with providing members and clubs more financial opportunities.

Members: Membership: Panel of Young Lions What do they want to do; how can they add energy to your club; and they will answer your questions, with steps to recruiting and enticing the next generation. *Lions representing the Mansfield Lions Club*

Members: Service: More Opportunities Lions are always looking for new ways to provide service to those in need. With the leadership of our Multiple District *PDG GST Tom Gregg*, you will need to bring a book to make a list!

Members: Technology: Taking It Forward The pandemic has us adapting ways to meet, conducting services, and fundraising. *PDG John Mallonee*, LCI Certified Instructor, will show new tools assisting our members with new applications in technology.

The newly formed Montour Leo Club is Off and Running!

The Robinson Lions Club is very excited to announce the establishment of a Leo Club chapter at Montour High School. The new club's facility sponsor is Cyndi Mancini, a Lions Club member herself. The club welcomed 17 members in the inaugural year. Even in the midst of the of the Covid pandemic and the constantly changing school environment, the new Leo's took off running and started a used eyeglass collection campaign in support of the International Lion's recycling efforts to provide glasses to developing countries. If you have old eyeglasses and would like to donate them to a great cause, donation receptacles can be found at Montour High School, Costco Optical Center in Robinson, Uhler Vision Care in Walmart in North Fayette and at the Sewickley Eye Group Kennedy Township location.



The club also kicked off their first fundraiser and are currently selling soy candles from Chestnut Hill Candle Company. Candles can be purchased at Chestnuthillcandle.com and entering code 6851 and checkout. Club President Bella Magliocco said, "The club members are excited to take on more community service projects and bring on new members once the pandemic is behind us!"

Follow the Montour Leo Club on Instagram @montourleoclub and Twitter @montourleoclub to keep up to date with the latest projects and events.

Submitted by Lion Greg Leiniger, President



Join the fun at our biggest LCICon yet

Are you ready for the biggest Lion event of the year? Online registration is officially open for Virtual LCICon 2021 — and you can save on registration fees when you register before 11:59 p.m. CST on March 31. Find out how we're connecting Lions and Leos from around the world through service and secure your spot for this exciting event!

[Register now](#)

Presenting sponsor:



98th Annual MD-14 Convention

"Embracing our Differences to Change the World"

A Virtual Experience • Hosted by District 14-L

Sunday, May 16, 2021 • Noon to 5:00 PM

FEATURED EVENTS



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
*Lions Clubs
International President*



Joseph L. Wroblewski
*Past International
President*



Larry L. Edwards
International Director

Time	Session
Noon	Welcome by Convention Chair Past Dist. Gov. Dennis Clark Welcome by Host District Governor James Foresa National Anthem of the Republic of Korea National Anthem of the United States of America
12:15 PM	Message from International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
12:30 PM	Message from Past International President Joseph Wroblewski
12:45 PM	Message from International Director Larry Edwards
1:00 PM	Remarks by: State Council Chairperson Marilyn Wagner
1:15 PM	Lion Beth Slade of Leader Dogs for the Blind
1:45 PM	Lion Katie Anderson - PA Lions Care - For the Kids
2:15 PM	Performance by PA Lions All State Band
2:45 PM	"I'm no Dummy" Motivation Presentation by Davis Crone
3:30 PM	Presentation of Lioness of Year Award by Lion Deb McKnight
3:45 PM	Necrology Service
4:30 PM	Presentation of Gifts to IP Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
4:45 PM	Closing remarks by Incoming Council Chair Cathy Baker



Lion Beth Slade
*Leader Dogs for
the Blind*



Lion Katie Anderson
*PA Lions Care -
For the Kids*



David Crone
"I'm No Dummy"



MRF Lions Announce Special Speaker

On Thursday, April 15, 2021, the Mon River Fleet Lions Club
will host a special presentation on:

*“Everything you wanted to know about
diabetes, but didn’t have anyone to ask”*

Carla DeJesus, MS, RD, LDN, CDCES
Diabetes Care & Education Specialist
UPMC McKeesport

Location: UPMCMcKeesport Dr. Ahmad Conference Center
(First Floor Shaw Building – Parking Available in Garage)
Time: 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Lions interested in attending, please contact the Club’s

President Jim Phillips

jphillips@tvc.net

(412) 862-5565 Cell

(Limited Seating)



Lions Day with the United Nations New York

📅 Apr 10, 12:00PM to Apr 10, 2:00PM EDT

👤 2497 people attending



Lions Day with the United Nations

Lions Clubs International will celebrate 75 years of partnership with the United Nations by holding Lions Day with the United Nations on April 10, 2021. This event will commemorate our long-standing relationship as a consultative NGO to the UN dating back to 1945 when Lion leaders were asked to help develop the NGO charter for the UN. Join Lions, Leos, UN diplomats, dignitaries and other guests in the global conversation about this year's theme, "Connected Through Service."

About our Event Chairperson

Albert F. Brandel of Melville, New York, USA, was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 91st International Convention, held in Bangkok, Thailand, June 23 through 27, 2008. A member of the West Hempstead Lions Club since 1975 and an associate member of the Melville Lions Club, Past International President Brandel has held many offices in the association. He is currently the Lions Appointed Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and Department of Global Communications.

This is your chance to attend the first ever virtual Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN)! This year, you can attend LDUN in the comfort of your own home. Lions Day with the United Nations will take place on **Saturday, April 10** at 12 p.m. EDT and will be free to all Lions, Leos and guests to attend.

For additional information, and to register, please visit the following website:
<http://webmail2.armstrongmywire.com/mail#6>



48th Annual District 14-E Knights of the Blind Open



PDG Jason M. Mesher
230 Grant Street
North Huntingdon, PA 15642
(724) 255-3515
mesh_dogg@hotmail.com

Glengarry Golf Links
166 Lentz Road
Latrobe, PA 15650
(724) 423-4653
www.golfglengarry.com

Saturday, July 10, 2021

Registration 1:00 PM

Shotgun Start: 2:00 PM

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE \$10!

Registration must be received by June 29, 2021 and all forms must include payment. No Exceptions and no onsite registration payments will be accepted.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Green Fee and Cart, Snacks, Beer/Soft Drinks, Sandwich at turn, Skill Prizes, Souvenir Gift, and Steak Dinner.

Please note that the amenities included with your registration is subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions or other unforeseen circumstances.

REGISTRATION FORM

\$85.00 per player for registrations post-marked by June 15, 2021.

\$95.00 per player for registrations post-marked between June 16 and June 28, 2021.

Make checks payable to "District 14-E Lions."

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____ EMAIL: _____

TEAM MEMBERS (please indicate if anyone wants their dinner to go):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Submit Registration Form and Checks to:

PDG Jason Mesher

230 Grant Street

North Huntingdon, PA 15642

mesh_dogg@hotmail.com



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SPONSORSHIP FORM

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

PHONE NO.: _____ EMAIL: _____

SPONSORSHIP	BENEFITS	COST	SELECT HERE
Diamond Level	Registration for 4 golfers, tee sign, full-page program ad, signage at pavilion, recognition during dinner, and special keepsake	\$1,000.00	
Gold Level	Registration for 2 golfers, tee sign, full-page program ad, and recognition during dinner	\$500.00	
Silver Level	Tee sign and full-page program ad	\$250.00	
Bronze Level	Tee Sign	\$150.00	
Program Ads:	Full-page Half-Page Quarter-Page Patron	\$100.00 \$75.00 \$50.00 \$2.00 per name	

All sponsorship information and artwork must be turned in by no later than **June 21, 2021**. Make checks payable to "**District 14-E Lions**" and put "**2021 KOTB**" in memo line. Please return this form and forward any artwork to be used on either the signage or in the program ad to:

Lion Zack Mesher
191 Buttermilk Hollow Road
North Huntingdon, PA 15642
zackmesher@gmail.com
(724) 825-8832

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Spring is here, and so are more litters of puppies! We are very thankful that they are healthy and adorable (of course), but that doesn't diminish our need for many new volunteers to step forward **TODAY**.

BONUS: Thanks to our friends at Premier Pet Supply who have stepped forward to help provide \$100 Premier Pet gift cards to the first 50 people to get puppy raising applications approved (pretty much through the end of April)!

How do I get my puppy? Do I get to pick my puppy's name? Who pays for the puppy's vet care? Find out the answers to these questions and more.

[FAQs](#)

I've never trained a dog before. Raising a dog for a year and then giving it back sounds tough. Why do people choose this volunteer opportunity?

[Why Raise a Puppy?](#)

Puppy raisers come from everywhere and from all walks of life to guide a puppy through its first year. If you aren't ready to raise a puppy, share this message with a friend who may want to participate in this unique volunteer experience!

Are you ready to apply right now? [Get started here!](#)

Please go to <https://www.leaderdog.org/volunteer/raise-a-puppy/faqs/se> for additional information



Looking for a Community Project? See What the Apollo Lions Club does in District 14-N!



Cole Rearick cleans tombstones in the Apollo Cemetery for an Eagle Scout project.

After a rallying cry two years ago, the efforts to restore the Apollo Cemetery in Kiski Township have been bolstered by volunteers, donations and the elbow grease of Boy Scouts.

Volunteers and donations are needed for a spring cleanup from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, [March 27](#).

The Apollo Area Lions Club has been responsible for upkeep of the historic cemetery, which is without a viable

The site is the final resting place of a slew of local historical residents, including Samuel McCartney Jackson, a Civil War general whose many battles included Gettysburg, and the Honorable Judge Michael Cochran and his wife, Catharine, parents of renowned journalist Nellie Bly.

The graveyard sits behind Riverview Cemetery at the end of Highland Avenue. It was laid out in 1868; however, residents were buried there decades earlier.

There are 85 Civil War veterans as well as World War I veterans among the estimated 1,200 grave sites.\

A few years ago, old trees were uprooting some tombstones, vandals toppled and defaced others and a number of dead trees needed felled with cost estimates of the tens of thousands of dollars.

But in recent years, dead trees have been cut, a backhoe reset misaligned tombstones, two maintenance sheds were added and Boy Scouts cleaned the sooty buildup on the tombstones of veterans, said William Kerr, the Lions Club chairman of the cemetery committee.

“We’re in better shape, but we can’t let up,” Kerr said. “There’s so much to take care of.” Kerr says the cemetery is an asset to the region. “There’s a peacefulness and tranquility when you walk those grounds and see all of those names,” he said. “It’s like a living history.”

A larger pool of volunteers and donations in the past few years have helped tremendously, he said.

The late Dr. John Kautz, a longtime dentist and Apollo Council president, and his wife, Bonnie, both active with First United Church of Christ, closed the church in 2019 and bequeathed \$4,000 to the cemetery. Then, the First Lutheran Church of Apollo contributed \$4,000 from two years of special Lenten season giving. Many individual donations helped the cause as well.

Major volunteer efforts have included a Kiski Township Boy Scout taking on cleaning the veteran tombstones for his Eagle Scout project. Cole Rearick, 17, of Kiski Township, a Boy Scout with Troop 589, is close to finishing cleaning close to 100 tombstones. He spent many Saturdays last year with other Scouts scrubbing the granite and marble tombstones, according to his mother, Erica. There is still some work left to complete this year.

“If you care about your community and/or care about history, we’re always happy to have another set of hands on deck,” she said.

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