



# The Cauldron



District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

April 2024





**2024** PA State Council of Lions Clubs  
**STATE CONVENTION**

**IT'S ONLY 7 WEEKS AQAY!**

**HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR REGISTRATION  
FORM YET?**

**DO IT NOW WHILE IT'S STILL FRESH IN  
YOUR MIND!**

## *From the desk of* **District Governor Chris Raynak**

Lions, Leos, and Friends of 14-B,

Spring is a time of rejuvenation. What better time to rejuvenate your Lions Club? Encourage a prospective Lion to visit your club and join. If your club honors a student with a scholarship be sure to invite that honoree and the parents to the distribution. They are prospective members. Include them in the celebration and ASK. This is the time of the year when many clubs distribute the funds that they have worked so hard to earn to the charities they support. There will be a list in the May Cauldron of Lions Projects and the addresses to send your donations. Please take note of some addresses that may be different from past years. Include the Lions Club International Foundation – LCIF in that giving. Areas of our country have been hit hard by natural disasters and LCIF has been there to help the victims.



Also, this month your club should be electing officers for the upcoming year. Be open to accepting this new position. 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. **Club Secretaries, it's important for you to enter next year's officers in LCI online by May 15th.** Include meeting days, time, and place changes also. Lions Club International needs the information to send the Club Officers their leadership information. And VDG Mike will need it to complete his directory.

This service 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, fulfilling, great fun. Witness the fun we had at the St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown later in this newsletter. And thank you to those clubs I visited this past month and for learning all that you do to make your corner of the world better. It was wonderful to witness the recognition of the students at Springdale High School by the Cheswick-Springdale Club.

Have you made plans to attend the Spring Rally with guest speaker Roberto Clemente Jr.? We will be conducting voting for the Governor and VDG on May 4 at the Spring Rally. More information will be forthcoming to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries; however, each club must be in "good standing" to qualify to vote. That means that all membership dues need to be paid to the District, the State, and to Lions Club International. Please check to be sure your club has taken the steps to be in good standing as soon as possible. If not, make those payments NOW.

It's great to be a LION  
Changing the World.

*Chris Raynak*

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# LION MIKE CROSSEY

## First Vice District Governor



Fellow Lions and Leos,

Sometimes, I think Spring is my favorite season. The grass is getting greener. Flowers are starting to bloom. The sun seems brighter and warmer, and our days are longer.

Someone once asked me: what my favorite flower was. I said it wasn't a flower but a tree.

A tree reaches up for the sky. But stays grounded with its roots.  
In a storm, a tree may bend but it hardly ever breaks.

A tree has learned to react to the seasons of life. It may shed its leaves, but when the time is ripe, it returns to full blossom.

As a tree matures, it provides food and shelter to countless others, without ever asking for anything in return. Our LIONS clubs are like trees. We are rooted in our community. We change and grow with our communities. We provide food, shelter, and service to our communities.

So, I ask you. Let's become a forest of trees- a forest of clubs. Let's grow our membership, so that we can serve more. Let's create a legacy that provides shade for those we may never meet in the years to come. Let's be as useful as a tree. Give life to others. Give shelter to everyone. Grant fruits to all.

Let's branch out- create new clubs. Sprout leaves- Recruit new members.

*Lion Michael J. Crossey*

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Phone: 412.983.8387

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# LION RALPH IMBROGNO

## Second Vice District Governor



WHEN WRITING THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE, DON'T LET ANYONE ELSE HOLD THE PEN!! Too often we let other people make decisions for us. Fortunately, sometimes they are the right decisions but sometimes they are not; it's a gamble. The point is, it's OK to get advice from people you are surrounded by, but you must make the final decision for yourself and your club.

At a typical monthly Lions Club meeting, I'm sure if you have 20 or so members attending, you will have many different opinions. If you believe in a certain club policy, you need to express yourself and try to promote that certain policy. There are many types of fundraisers. If you have a particular idea for a fundraiser that will help your club, you need to express yourself and promote your idea.

As leaders in the Lions Clubs, we need to hear from all members of our clubs and allow them to present their ideas. This practice will help you to retain your members. Keep all members active in some fashion, and always make an effort to make them feel important and interested in Lionism. We can't afford to lose any more members from our clubs.

In conclusion, what I am saying is when communicating with our fellow Lions keep an open mind. I'm saying that there are high spots in all of our lives and some of them have come through encouragement from someone else. I don't care how great or how famous or successful a man or woman may be, each hunger for applause.

**AND ALWAYS REMEMBER TO FOLLOW YOUR HEART AND CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER!**

*Have a safe and healthy Spring! Lions Patty and Ralph!!*

*Lion Ralph Imbrogno*

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Phone: 412-751-2039



## District Project – The Jared Box

In 2001 The Jared Box Project was implemented to brighten the days of children suffering from pediatric cancer as well as other maladies. Children of Our Lady of Victory School wanted to honor their classmate and friend Jared. The boxes are shoe-box-size plastic containers filled with fun activities for children to while away the time while in the hospital or during treatments. They are filled with items selected for specific age groups such as coloring books and crayons, markers, handheld games, and reading books.

At the State convention this year in Harrisburg, attendees will be working on a service project to put together these boxes. Of course, the many items to complete these boxes need to be funded. That is where District 14-B comes in.

As a District-wide project this year, I am asking each club to donate \$100-\$200 toward this venture. Have the donation sent to:

District Treasurer

Lion George Belles

37 McMurray Rd Suite LL7

Pittsburgh, PA 15241

We will then send one check to the Jared Box Project with a list of all the participating clubs. Be assured there will be patients in area hospitals in western PA that receive these boxes. UPMC is one of the many hospitals statewide as well as across the country that are recipients of this great mission.

Our District has stepped up in the past to help numerous endeavors. I am sure we will all find it in our hearts and treasury to help these little ones and young people that need so much to keep their spirits high in times of need.

It's great to be a LION, Changing the World

PDG Chris Raynak  
District Governor 14-B  
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**For more information, please go to:**



# 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!**



It's not too early to think about having your club's nominating committee to meet and put together a proposed slate of officers for the 2023-2024 Lions year. All new officers must be reported to Lions International by May 15, 2024.



## **APRIL'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Clairton Lions Club – 102 years  
April 18, 1922

Oakmont Lions Club – 84 years  
April 5, 1940

Shadyside-Squirrel Hill Lions Club – 32 years  
April 27, 1992





**Welcome to the 13 new members to the Wonderful World of Lionism!**

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Susan Breitenbach	Bloomfield Lawrenceville Lions Club	Lion Rudolph Milasick
Bill Hughes	Mon River Fleet Lions Club	Lion James Phillips
Liz Hughes	Mon River Fleet Lions Club	Lion James Phillips
Jeffrey Phillip Huber	Pittsburgh Hilltop Lions Club	Lion Michelle Huber
Joseph M. Colosimo	Bridgeville Greater Area Lions Club	Lion Dave Livingston
Mike Daninhirsch	Elfinwild Lions Club	Lion Kathleen Randall
Jessica Shincovich	Pleasant Hills Lions Club	PDG Goeff Temple
Shelby Yurek	Pleasant Hills Lions Club	Lion Janet Hayes
Frank Barry Ferrelli	South Park Lions Club	sponsor not reported
Charles A. Rozzo	South Park Lions Club	Lion Richard Hogya
Dave J. Scandrol	South Park Lions Club	Lion Richard Hogya
Jean M. Colantoni	West Mifflin Lions Club	Lion Florence Davis

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP \***

14G	1488
14A	1284
14D	1177
14C	1174
14T	1172
14M	1005
14N	937
14F	932
14P	904
14U	871
14L	827
14J	742
14K	731
14E	688
14H	665
14B	658
14W	565
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,820</b>

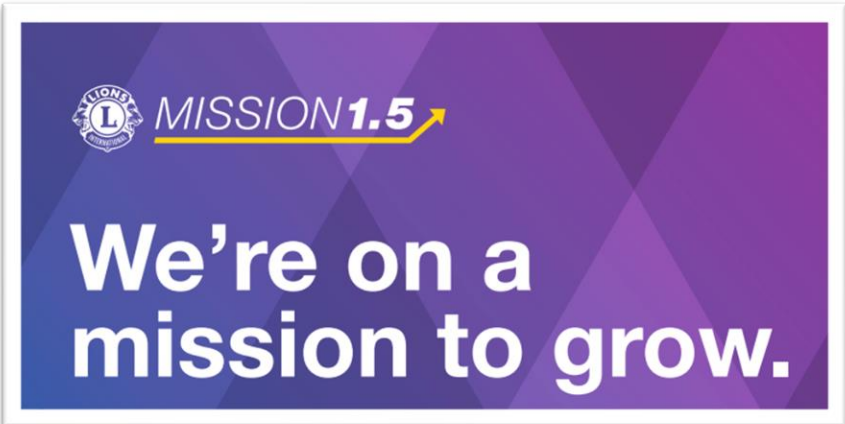
*\*as of 2/29/2024  
Assessment Report*

Since July 1, 2023, here's what our District membership looks like from MyLci

July 1<sup>st</sup> 667 members .....  
 added 44....  
 .dropped 58...M

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 653 members

*We are ranked 16 out of the 17 Districts with*





# *In Memory of...*



David Paul Hahner, Sr.  
Homestead Lions Club  
July 19, 2023



Michael J. Totin, Jr.  
Homestead Lions Club  
June 14, 2022



Edward R. Giese  
Bethel Park Lions Club  
March 6, 2024



Eugene Tutera  
White Oak Lions Club  
March 7, 2024



Joe Clemente  
McKeesport Lions Club  
March 24, 2024

*May they Rest in Peace*



Changing the World!



Club banners are welcome!

# Spring Celebration

Please join us on Saturday afternoon May 4, 2024, at

**Salvatore's Events & Catering**

5001 Curry Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

**Guest Speaker: Roberto Clemente, Jr.  
Co-chair, Roberto Clemente Foundation**



**Social 12:30 PM - Lunch Buffet 1:00 PM**

**Cost \$35.00**

**Reservations are due by April 19, 2024**

**(No Reservation confirmed without payment.)**

**Please mail to: Coordinator of District Activities, Lion Michele Falce  
3505 Trautman Street, Munhall, PA 15120-3135**



**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Reservations** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$ 35.00**      **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please make checks payable to District 14B Lions and mail to address above.)*



THE WHITE OAK LIONS PRESENT

## I LOATHE LUCY

Someone has some 'splainin to do when America's redhead turns up dead!

### Murder Mystery Dinner

Sampson's Mills Church Hall

1665 Lincoln way, White Oak

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Tickets are \$30.

Doors open at 5:30 P.M. Pasta dinner served at 6:30 P.M, with a mystery show to begin at 7:30 P.M. Come join the fun! We will have auction baskets and 50/50 available. Get ready for a great evening!

For tickets, please call your local White Oak Lion,

Carol Lasch 412-877-4298, or Rich Peters 412-678-3719

# DISTRICT 14B LIONSMARCH IN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

District 14-B Lions marched proudly in Pittsburgh's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Although it was a bit chilly, the sun was shining, and we all had a wonderful time. There were many people along the parade route who shouted out to us and also some who asked who we were and what we did. We were happy to tell them and let them read our signs! We are hoping to make this an annual event and looking for more and more Lions to join us next time!

*Submitted by Lion Michele Falce, Coordinator of District Activities*



# Bethel Park Lions Held their Annual Cas Bash And Look at all the Baskets!

Past Council Chairman Dr. Jay Wells Said, “*Holy Tamoly, look at all these baskets! Fatty-three of them we had 53 raffle baskets. That may be a record at Lions events. The party was very successful, I’m guessing that 300 people attended.*”

Submitted by PCC Dr. Jay Wellss



# Pasta Event

*New and Improved Pasta Event 2024*

Hosted by

**Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club**

*When:*

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024**

**11 AM - 3 PM**

*Where:*

**St. John the Baptist Byzantine  
Catholic Church, 1720 Jane St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15203**

*Cost:*

**Ages 16 and up - \$15**

**Children 8-15 - \$5**

**Children 8 and under *FREE!***



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## *Menu*

Choice of sauces: Marinara or Alfredo, 2 meatballs, salad, bread and butter, dessert.

Coffee, tea, cold drinks, and water.

Vegetarian option, Meatballs are not cooked in sauces.

Eat in or takeout! Can pre-order dinners for pick up.

Proceeds donated to area Lions projects, especially hearing/ deaf and vision issues.

For more information?

Contact Lion Barb, a 412-551-0485



# *Pin Traders Club of Pennsylvania*

## 2024 Pin Swap

March 13th and 14th, 2024  
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg / Hershey  
4751 Lindle Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17111  
717-939-7841

Join pin traders from across Pennsylvania, surrounding states and around the world for the PTCP 2024 Pin Swap in Harrisburg, PA.

ONE OF THE LARGEST PIN SWAPS IN THE COUNTRY!

LIONS CLUB PINS and MORE!

**NEW FACES ARE WELCOME!!**

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FOR A SAMPLING OF PINS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TRADE AND PURCHASE



**to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor  
Mike receiving his certificate  
for Graduation from Lions  
Leadership Training at the Q  
Center in Illinois.**



Pleasant Hills  
**LIONS CLUB**

# JOIN US FOR OUR 2024 SPEAKER SERIES

All held at Celebration Villa South Hills  
5300 Clairton Boulevard (Route PA-51), Pittsburgh, PA 15236

## DR. BECKY MORROW

**MARCH 27**  
**7PM**

**President and Medical Director of Frankie's Friends**

Dr. Becky Morrow is a Shelter Veterinarian at Frankie's Friends Cat Rescue and faculty member at Penn State and University of Florida Shelter Medicine Program. She is speaking on "Helping Homeless Pets and Community Cats"

Food donations (Purina Complete) are always appreciated.

## STATE SENATOR DEVLIN ROBINSON

**APRIL 24**  
**7PM**

**Pennsylvania State Senator for the 37th District**

Senator Devlin Robinson will cover current events and topics of local importance that are being considered by the Senate.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**  
**FREE TO ATTEND.**  
**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED.**

Graciously sponsored  
by Pleasant Hills  
Apothecary.





# Lions International

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Dear Lions and Leos,**

Preparation is underway to begin rolling out the new Lion Portal. Here is some important information to prepare you for launch.

### The phased rollout for Lion Account Users

Our target launch window is April 15 – May 13\*. During this time, all current Lion Account users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal\*\*. We're doing this phased rollout to ensure staff are available to provide the best support possible and offer you a positive introductory experience.

- **Now – April 11:** MyLion, MyLCI, and Insights will continue to function as normal.
- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI, and Insights are no longer available.
- **April 15 – May 13:** Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.
- Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data, and other key functions remain the same.
- **May 13 and beyond:** All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal.

\*Dates are subject to change. Our number one goal is to create a positive experience for Lions and Leos. If determined more time is required to ensure the product is in an optimal state, the dates may be adjusted accordingly.

\*\*If you don't see the email in your everyday inbox, please check all spam and junk folders for it first before contacting Member Support.

Note that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.

### Information and resources

Be sure to visit [lionsclubs.org/portal-updates](https://lionsclubs.org/portal-updates) for the latest information and resources, which includes handy how-to videos for help accessing the new portal once you've received your Lion Portal invitation email.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued service as we prepare for the new Lion Portal – together.

# Pitcairn Lions Upcoming Events

## Pitcairn Community Blood Drive

*In Honor of the Monroeville Police Department*

Wednesday, May 1  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Pitcairn Park Building Community Room  
549 Broadway Blvd  
Pitcairn, PA 15140



To schedule an appointment to donate:

- Go to [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and search with Account Code **UC2120038**
- Call 1-877-25VITAL
- Or scan code for a list of all available times

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Sunseri Pepperoni Rolls, Monster or Atomic, \$10



Order before May 20 for Delivery May 30

Call 412-352-0323

## FOLLOW THE LEADER



This month I would like to remind 14 B Lions of the relationship of Lions Clubs to Leader Dog with a brief History.

Leader Dog was founded on April 4, 1939, by Charles A. Nutting, Donald P. Schuur, and S.A. Dodge, members of the Uptown Lions Club of Detroit. Their motivation was a fellow Lion, Dr. Glenn "Doc" Wheeler, who had lost his sight and wanted a guide dog.

The first class graduated in October 1939 at the cost of \$600 per client/dog team. Clients were charged \$150, a practice that was **ended** in 1958 and their services were made **free of charge to clients**, opening the door to everyone in need regardless of ability to pay. All services are still provided free of charge.

Lions have been dedicated ambassadors and loyal supporters of the mission from its conception. Over 4,900 Lions clubs contribute financially to Leader Dog. Lions identify people in their community who could benefit from Leader Dog's services, offer assistance to our clients and widely communicate information about our programs throughout their hometowns and districts. They are puppy raisers, volunteers, breeding hosts and so much more. Many recipients of Leader Dog services have become Lions after experiencing their support and mission firsthand.

To this day, the mission of the Lions, "We serve," perfectly complements the Leader Dog mission of empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

Did you know that

1. Leader Dogs are provided 100% free of charge to people who are blind or visually impaired.
2. Each Leader Dog receives up to 17 months of direct, hands-on training: one year with their puppy raiser, 4 months on the Leader Dog Campus, and another month with their partner who is blind or visually impaired.
3. Leader Dogs typically serve their partners for 8-10 years
4. All of Leader dog funding comes from individual gifts, endowment interest and service organizations like Lions Clubs. Leader dog relies on the generosity and dedication of donors and does not receive any federal funding.

Here are some examples of what your generosity can do:

\$15 can provide new puppy toys

\$50 can help provide puppy vaccinations

\$100 can help pay for a white cane for a new client

\$200 can help pay for a custom harness from Leader Dog

\$300 can help provide veterinary care on campus for pups and dogs

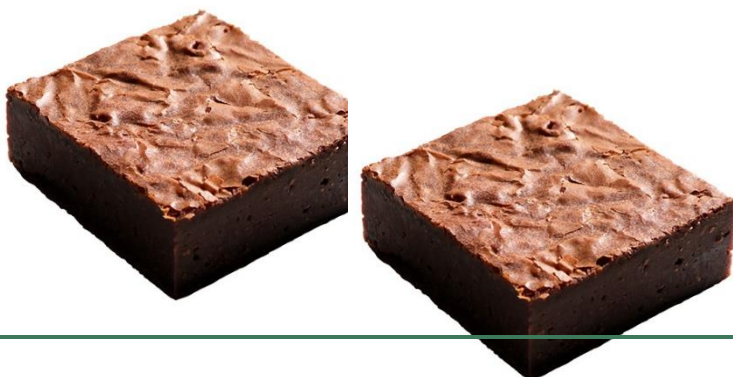
**Consider Leader Dog when distributing your club funds this year.  
In every Leader Dog lies the heart of a Lion.  
Thank you for your generosity!**

*Submitted by Lion Mary Raynak, District Leader Dog Chairperson*

## White Oak Lions Sweeten the pot with their Bake Sale

The White Oak Lions had a bake sale on March 9<sup>th</sup>. We were part of the McKeesport Lions Craft and Vendor Show at the Palisades in McKeesport. The baked goodies we had were too many to list. We had a great time, catching up with some friends and fellow Lions. Leftover desserts were donated to the Salvation Army, and Meals on Wheels of both N. Versailles and N. Huntingdon. Lion Dorothy Kucharski also had a table. She was selling her decorative whisk brooms, and she had a large choice of handmade cloth bag holders, used to hold plastic grocery bags. Her profits always go to Leader Dog School for the Blind..

*Submitted by Lion Carole Lasch, President*



## McKeesport Lion Bobbie Billsborrow continues to Support Childhood Cancer

For the second year in a row, Lion Bobbie Billsborrow is the top fundraiser for St. Baldrick's, a childhood cancer research foundation! Started 25 years ago as a challenge among friends, St. Baldrick's has become the largest volunteer movement to raise money for childhood cancer research. Each year at the event that celebrates fundraising, Bobbie has her head shaved to show solidarity for kids with cancer. To raise funds, she takes pledges for her shave event, and sells popcorn from The Pittsburgh Popcorn Company and also candy.



Nice Going,  
Lion Bobbie!



## Our Mission

*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.*

## McKeesport Lions Inaugural Craft Show a Huge Success

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, the McKeesport Lions Club held their inaugural Spring Craft Show at The Palisades in McKeesport. Over 50 vendors attended the event, and attendees left with quite the assortment of decorations and baked goods.

*Submitted by Lion Annette James, Secretary*

