

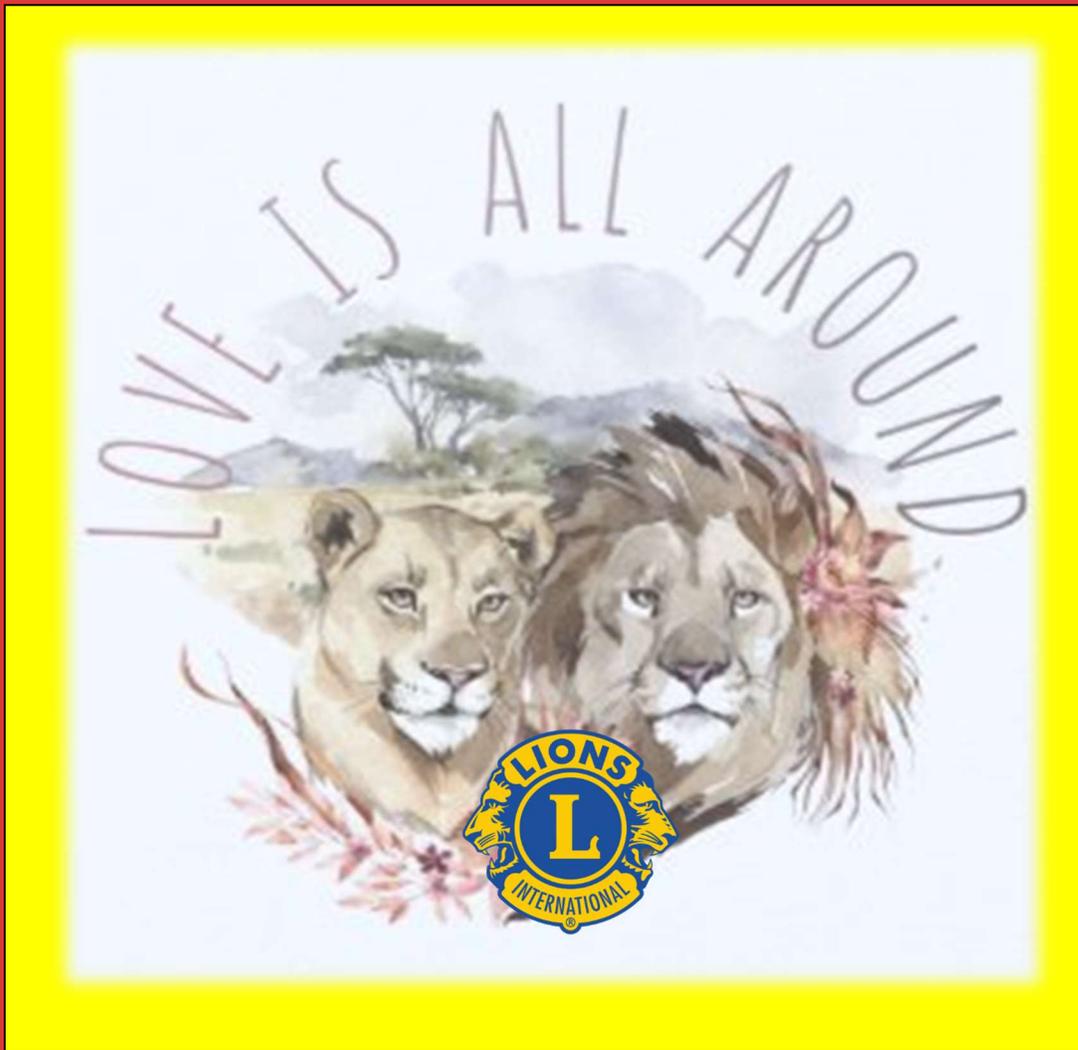


The Cauldron



District 14B's Monthly Newsletter

February 2026



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Remember the good old days when we were in grade school and looked forward to Valentines Day? We spent hours making the box that our Valentines would be kept safe until we got home to see if that special someone gave you a special "Be My Valentine" card. Some memories last a lifetime!



From the desk of District Governor Ralph Imbrogno

Fellow Lions and Leos,

STATUS REPORT ON MY DG JOURNEY

It's hard to believe that my District Governor assignment is half way through. So far, it's been a very pleasant and very rewarding journey. Through my DG visits we had the privilege of meeting many fellow Lions, and we learned a lot from the visits. My wife and partner-in-service, Lion Patty, went with me on the majority of the visits. We shared our Lion stories and they shared their stories, which made for an interesting learning process. At this point in time we will continue to visit the remaining clubs, and we are looking forward to more visits. We found out that all of the clubs have similar goals but with different characteristics. We will keep you posted on the rest of the club visits as we move forward.



I would like to take a little bit of time sharing with you some wise thoughts that I hope will motivate you and help you to be a better Lion. Success can be defined in many ways. In the Lionism world we are touched with a wide variety of real-life topics, including attitude, praise, self-esteem, determination, time management, personal relationships, and many more. I believe that you cannot experience true success until it impacts every area of your life. Only then will you truly become the best that you can be. As Lions we should always be looking forward to the right "pick-me-up" in the midst of our busy days. Always remember in everything that you do keep GOD and family first.

I've become completely convinced over the years that some people in our great country have a picture of themselves that is narrow and shallow that it bears little or no resemblance to who they are and what they can do.

Far too many people have no idea of what they can do because all they have been told is what they can't do. Unfortunately, too many people see how success and the good life would be available for everybody else, but they protest, not me!

Just having ability and intelligence is not the key—it's recognizing that ability, confessing it, appreciating it, and then using it. There are so many potential Lions out there both young and old, and we need to step to the plate and "JUST ASK" them to join us. WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!!

Lion Ralph Imbrogno

District Governor

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**ALWAYS REMEMBER TO SERVE FROM THE HEAT
and my message this month is from MY HEART!**

Lion William E. Lestitian

First Vice District Governor

Fellow Lions and Leos.,

CORRIDORS OF OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Several weeks ago, it was my honor to provide the opening remarks at the Corridors of Opportunity event sponsored by the Pittsburgh Business Times regarding the future of Downtown Pittsburgh. Over 500 persons attended the event at the Pittsburgh Playhouse to hear from a distinguished panel that included Mayor O'Connor, Point Park President Chris Brussalis and experts in real estate and urban development.



Having worked in the Golden Triangle since I was an usher at the Warner Theatre through my career with several major accounting and law firms, I offered a personal perspective on the triumphs and challenges faced by Downtown Pittsburgh in the last 47 years. Of course, this also included highlighting my experience as a member of the Pittsburgh Host Lions Club in the 35 years since I became a member.

My remarks drew a parallel between the challenges faced by our city and the Pittsburgh Host Lions Club through the years, and how the success of both depends to a large degree on a commitment to service of others and the necessity that optimism prevail over skepticism.

My concluding comment was that we all need to work toward making Pittsburgh a place where Dreamers can Build, and Builders can Dream.

We need to bring that same sense of commitment to increasing both the impact and the membership ranks of all of our Clubs in District 14-B and I look forward to working with you to make that a reality.

Yours in Lionism

William Lestitian

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Phone: 412.715.3922 (Work)



Lion Maryann Engel

Second Vice District Governor

Fellow Lions And Leos,

In a world that often feels fast-paced and divided, the simple act of being kind to one another can light the way toward a better tomorrow. Kindness is more than a fleeting gesture; it's a powerful force that unites people, strengthens communities, and fosters a sense of belonging. When we choose to treat others with respect, generosity, and warmth, we not only brighten someone else's day but also inspire a ripple effect of goodwill that can reach far beyond our own circles.

Love is the foundation of lasting relationships and thriving communities. At its core, loving one another means looking out for each other, being patient, and showing understanding—even when it's not easy. Whether it's offering a listening ear, sharing a smile, or extending a helping hand, acts of love strengthen the bonds that hold us together. By embracing love and empathy in our everyday actions, we create a culture where everyone feels valued and supported.



Service to others is one of the highest expressions of kindness and love. There's immense fulfillment in knowing that your efforts—big or small—make a real difference in someone's life. One of the most impactful ways to serve is by helping your local Lions Clubs with their fundraising efforts. Fundraisers are the lifeblood of the club's charitable projects, allowing them to reach more people and expand their positive influence. Volunteering your time, talent, or resources not only strengthens the club but also brings you closer to your neighbors and the causes that matter most.

- Spread Kindness Daily: Small, everyday acts—like holding the door or giving a compliment—go a long way in creating a welcoming environment for everyone.
- Support One Another: Reach out to friends, family, and neighbors who may need a little extra help or encouragement.
- Share Your Talents: Whether you're a great baker, organizer, or have a knack for public speaking, your unique skills can make a big impact at club events and beyond.

Let's challenge ourselves to be kinder, love deeper, and serve more generously. By uplifting each other and supporting organizations like the Lions Clubs, we help create a world where compassion and community spirit thrive. To our acts of kindness and service become the sparks that light up our neighborhoods—and our hearts.

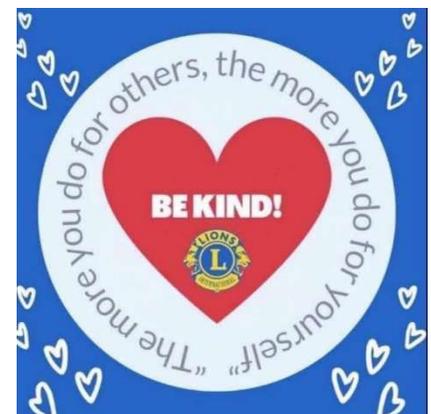
“Remember to *“Just Breathe”* and *“Keep Climbing”*”

Yours in Lionism,

Maryann Engel

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Phone: 919.500.9018





MEMBER

CLUB

SPONSOR

Deborah Phillips
Todd A. Fabian

Mon River Fleet Lions Club
Brentwood Lions Club

Lion James Phillips
Lion Gary Davis



**MULTIPLE DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP ***

14G	1476
14A	1300
14D	1185
14C	1165
14T	1060
14M	975
14N	943
14F	882
14P	848
14U	802
14L	769
14J	697
14K	686
14E	654
14H	607
14W	586
14B	572
TOTAL	15,206

***as of 11/30/2025
Health Assessment
Report**

Defeat may test you; it need not
stop

You. If at first you don't
succeed, try

Another way. For every
obstacle there

Is a solution. Nothing in the



Editor's Corner

By PDG Harold Fletcher
"This 'n' That!"



Since July 1, 2025, here's what our District membership looks like from

LCI Health Assessment Report (12/31/2025)

July 1st, 587 members added 29 dropped 40 December 31st 576 members



Upcoming District Cabinet Meetings

Meetings will be held at 10 am in the Munhall Borough Community
Room - 2nd Floor

Saturday, February 21

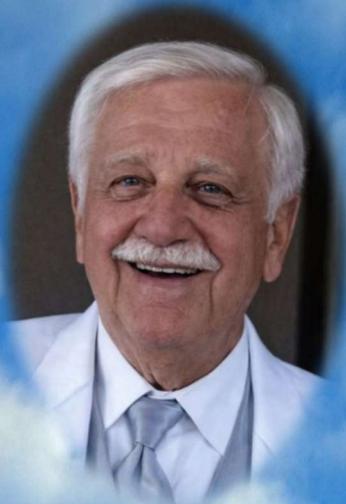
Saturday, May 30

FEBRUARY'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Cheswick-Springdale Lions Club – 81 years
February 10, 1945

McKeesport Lions Club – 104 years
February 27, 1922

In Loving Memory



Lion Jim Glus
Monroeville Lions Club
January 22, 2026



Lion Robert J. McKnight
Bethel Park Lions Club
December 31, 2025

May they rest in peace



The Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club's Annual...

March 14, 2026

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Velum Brewing

2120 James Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15203

**MORE DETAILS TO
FOLLOW IN THE
FEBRUARY
CAULDRON.**



As everyone knows, we are hosting another Chili Cook-Off on March 14th at Velum on the South Side. Parking: There is a parking lot that holds about 25 cars. There is also street parking which is also okay. Better than what we had at the VFW in Lawrenceville.

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who makes chili to participate in the cook-off. It can be meat, vegan, vegetarian, spicy (make sure you mark it as spicy so people aren't caught off guard). Please bring in a crockpot to keep it warm, There will be electricity to plug in the pots.

AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE MAKING CHILI SO I CAN GET AN IDEA OF HOW MANY WE WILL HAVE TO TASTE.

Next, I would like to request donations for raffle baskets.

At least \$50 and no alcoholic beverages in the baskets. Of course, Good Wine and Fine Spirits Gift Cards are always welcome. Again, let me know if you are bringing one so we can make accommodations to showcase them.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

We Are Lions, Let's Show Our Pride!

Lion Barb Rebovich,

Phone 412-431-1116



LIONS INTERNATIONAL ROSE PARADE FLOAT WINSVOLUNTEER AWARD 20226



**POP CORN ! POP CORN! POP CORN!
CET YOUR POP CORN HERE!!**

The Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club will be having a Pittsburgh Popcorn Company Fundraiser starting February 1st until February 28th. Check out the great menu of popcorn flavors on the order form. We will receive 50% of the profits which we will use for multiple nonprofits local, International and the Clean Water Project. You can contact me via email, phone or text with your orders. Be aware that I will need to have money or check before I order the popcorn. It will be up to 2 weeks before the order is filled once I place the order with the Popcorn Company.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR ORDERING INSTRUCTIOSD



2026 Fundraising Menu

Our corn is locally sourced from Lancaster County, PA!

**THE PITTSBURGH
POPCORN
COMPANY**



HAND MADE FROM SCRATCH WITH LOVE

What started as just a tiny popcorn shop in Pittsburgh's historic Serry District has grown into a mini popcorn revolution. Making popcorn here is no joke. Every day our customers visit our stores to find us working hard—popping, drizzling, laughing and cooking in front of their eyes. There is always something new and exciting to sample. "Turkey Stuffing Popcorn anyone?!!!"

Now we are bringing the freshly-made, hand-crafted popcorn of our store's to you. Each bag purchased supports this organization, a local business, and local Pennsylvania farms. We find this popcorn deeply happy-making. We hope you do too.

Re-closable
Bag!



Chocolate Caramel Corn 10oz. GF
Fresh caramel corn drizzled with generous amounts of creamy milk chocolate goodness.



Peanut Butter Cup 8oz. GF
Freshly popped kettle, real creamy peanut butter, light drizzle of milk chocolate.



Caramel with Roasted Peanuts 9oz. GF
Heaps of roasted peanuts mixed into fresh, all-natural, buttery caramel corn.



Caramel Corn 9oz. GF
Freshly popped kernels, brown butter coated, cooled to the perfect temperature to create the perfect crunch.



Pennsylvania Dutch Kettle Corn 3.5oz. GF, V
Corn popped in sweet cane sugar, sprinkled with the right touch of salt.



Chocolate Pretzel Corn 6oz.
Freshly popped kettle corn, thin crispy salty pretzels, creamy milk chocolate drizzle.



Savory Herb 2.5 oz. V
A lighter popcorn coated with a savory blend of herbs and seasonings.



Wisconsin Cheddar 4oz. GF
Freshly popped corn, real Wisconsin cheddar cheese.

GF: Gluten Free
V: Vegan

👉 • No Preservatives • No Trans Fats • GMO-Free Corn • 👈

2026 Fundraising Order Sheet

pghpopcorn.com



Organization:	
Make Checks Payable to:	
Salesperson:	
Order Due Date:	
Delivery Date:	

	Name & Phone Number	Chocolate Caramel \$15	Caramel \$10	Savory Herb \$8.50	Wisconsin Cheddar \$8.50	Kettle Corn \$8.50	Peanut Butter Cup \$11	Chocolate Pretzel \$11	Caramel & Peanut \$11	Total
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Pittsburgh Hill Top Lions or Grand View Lions Clubs' Annual Raffle Ticket

(Found on Facebk)

February 2026 Lottery Calendar are now available. These tickets are one of our fundraisers that helps us fund our charitable causes. You can purchase a ticket from any members of the Pittsburgh Hill Top Lions or Grand View Lions Clubs.

These make great stuffing stockings and at the same time you are supporting the community. If you have any questions about our Lions Clubs please feel free to ask. So, while there is snow on the ground and it's bitter cold In February you'll have 28 chances to win. If you win our treasurer will automatically send you a check.

I accept PayPal and if you live close by you can drop off a check or cash and I'll give you your ticket. For those using PayPal I can mail you your ticket.

Thanking everyone who has supported us these past 40 years. If interested please feel free to private message me.

<https://www.e-district.org/sites/14b/>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>

Pittsburgh Hilltop & Pittsburgh Grandview Lions Club
FEBRUARY 2026 LOTTERY CALENDAR

*To Benefit
 Lions Charities*

Based on the First Drawing of the Pennsylvania Daily Lottery Pick 3 Game at 7:00 pm During the Month of February 2026

Donation: \$10

THANK YOU!

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 \$200	2 \$100	3 \$100	4 \$100	5 \$100	6 \$100	7 \$100
8 \$200	9 \$100	10 \$100	11 \$100	12 \$100	13 \$100	14 \$500
15 \$200	16 \$100	17 \$100	18 \$100	19 \$100	20 \$100	21 \$100
22 \$200	23 \$100	24 \$100	25 \$100	26 \$100	27 \$100	28 \$100

PGH HILLTOP & PGH GRANDVIEW LIONS CLUB MONTHLY RAFFLE
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____
 SELLER _____
 FEBRUARY 2026



**Lions Clubs International
 FOUNDATION**

Lion Kevin Gaughn, from the Hilltop Lions club Reflects Back and Looks Forward...

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

“Hah! - If you think I look bad, you should talk to his taxidermist! “

November 1998, finally being discharged after a devastating automobile accident, sustaining substantial and life-threatening injuries. The odds were clearly against me after given only six hours to live, having twenty seven surgeries and spending four grueling months in the hospital. A testament to the remarkable capabilities of modern medicine and of maintaining my faith.

As I transitioned from my wheelchair and stood in front of the large bear display, preparing to leave the hospital and reunite with my family for the holidays, I was filled with a profound sense of gratitude. This was not just a moment of personal triumph, but a (humbling) realization that many never have a chance to see another New Year, another Thanksgiving or Christmas with their loved ones.

Now, as I look ahead to 2026 and beyond, This experience reminds me that each additional day, each new year, is an immense and precious gift not to be taken for granted. Rather than dwelling on the challenges of growing older, let's be grateful and thankful to continue the journey because many never get the chance.

Bring it on 2026 - I'm ready for you and looking forward to defying the odds!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



1st VDG Bill Lestitian and 2nd VDG Maryann Engel attend the Annual Vice District Governors Retreat

Weekend-January 9-11, 2026

The MD-14 Global Leadership Team put in long hours preparing for a great VDG Retreat weekend filled with interesting information and networking opportunities for the first and second Vice District Governors. As we continue on our journey to becoming a successful District Governor, we received the focused training required to elevate our leadership. On our final day, we were presented with a “Certificate of Achievement” for completing the 3-day course.

Submitted by SVDG

Mary Engel



First Vice District Governor William Lestitian with MD-14 GLT Coordinator, Kerry McKnight



Second Vice District Governor Maryann Engel with MD-14 GLT Coordinator, Kerry McKnight



FVDG class photo



SVDG class photo



District 14B

Save the Date for Our Spring Celebration!

Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, April 26, 2026

at

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

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

Cost is \$36.00 per person

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

Reservations are due by April 14, 2026

(No reservation confirmed without payment!)

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

Name _____

Club _____

Number of Reservations _____ @ \$36.00 Total Due _____

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



HONG KONG 2026

108th Lions International Convention

Dear Lions and Leos,

I am writing to share some important updates to our 2026 international convention in Hong Kong.

As many of you know, we moved the convention to Hong Kong after our planned destination of Atlanta was cancelled by the city of Atlanta due to the FIFA World Cup. Our host Lions and the city of Hong Kong stepped up to help us transition to our new location. As we worked together to support this significant shift, we recently identified schedule adjustments needed to align with our host city's guidelines and maintain the convention's overall structure.

We will be updating our [Convention Schedule webpage](#) on lionscon.org with more details as they are confirmed, but here are some initial updates we'd like to share with you.

- **Convention Dates** – Convention dates **are not changing**, only the convention schedule, so we will still be hosting the convention July 3-7.
- **Plenary Sessions** – Our three plenary sessions will be moved up one day, now scheduled for July 4-6.
- **Parade of Nations** – The parade will be **moved to Tuesday, July 7**, pending finalization of plans.

Please share your questions with us at 2026Convention@lionsclubs.org, and we will continue to provide updates as they become available. If you haven't registered yet, be sure to [register for the convention](#) so you can join us for an unforgettable experience in Hong Kong.

We want to sincerely thank you for your service and your support, and we're looking forward to an incredible convention in Hong Kong.

Lions International

WANTED:

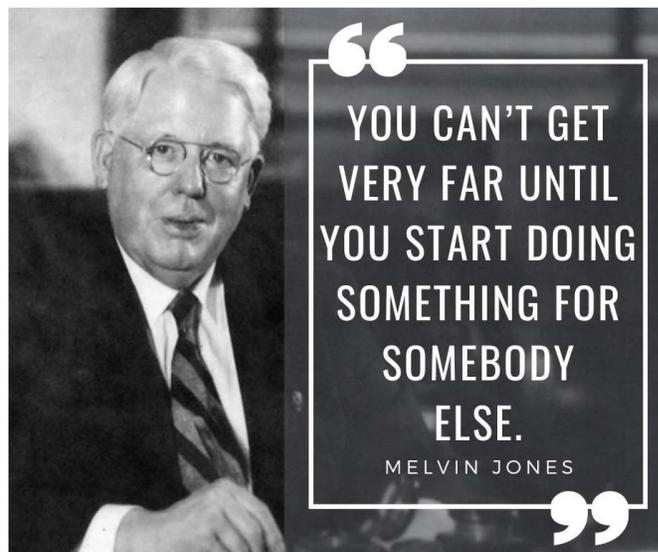
St. Patrick's Day Parade Participants



St. Patrick's Day

Let's get ready tTop of the morning to ya! Lions District 14B has been invited back to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Downtown Pittsburgh on Saturday, March 14. We would love to see many, many Lions participating in the parade to show all of Pittsburgh that we are here and we are ready to serve! The parade not only has many observers along its route, but it is also televised to many viewers. We are planning to have at least two vehicles in the parade, thanks to PDG Mike and Eileen Crossey and the Elfinwild Lions Club. The parade is always a fun time and a great way for Lions to reach out to the local community. If all the district's clubs can send 2-3 Lions to participate, we will greatly increase our numbers from last year. Also, Sean the Lion will be there to entertain the crowd! Please let

Lion Michele Falce (michele.falce@gmail.com or 412-860-7065) know if you are planning to participate.



Monroeville Lions support the Week of Service – Hunger

Submitted by PDG Chris Raynak, Secretary



Pictured above are Lion David Zimmer Monroeville Lions Funds Distribution Chair, Dan Casey Meals on Wheels Manager, Michele Gutman Monroeville Lions IPKL and Meals on Wheels volunteer, PDG Chris Raynak Monroeville Club Secretary.

The Monroeville Lions Club presented a check to the Meals on Wheels program sponsored by PitCare. The program delivers a hot meal along with a bagged lunch to clients in Monroeville, Pitcairn, and Trafford five days a week. Along with the Meals on Wheels program, donations were made to five local food banks as well as the Gateway School District Food Pantry and Backpack Program. In all, donations totaling \$5500.00 were granted. This was in support of Lions International initiative for an impactful week dedicated to creating positive change to support the critical issue of hunger and food insecurity.



McKeesport Lions Club Honor City Veterans

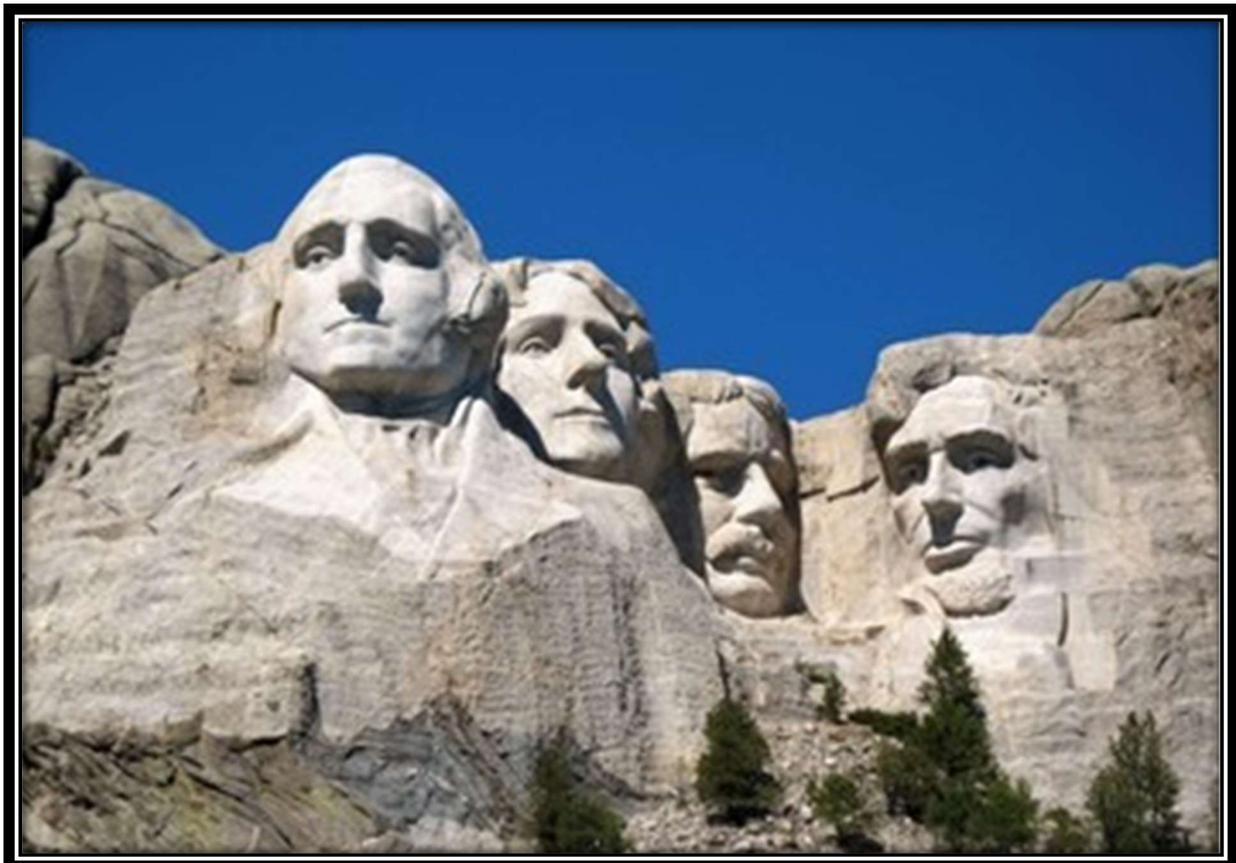
Submitted by Lion Annette James, Secretary

Members of the McKeesport Lions Club cleaned the Military Banners that hang in the City to help preserve them. The banners will be rehung in the spring throughout the City to pay tribute to those who have served in the military from the region. The Military Banner program is headed up by Lion Bobbie Billsborrow, herself a Navy Veteran. Pictured is current Club President Jody Goughnou



PRESIDENTS DAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026



YOU MIGHT RECOGNIZE A FEW OF THESE LIONS...

Famous Lions

Basically, if you are interested in service, you can be a Lion—even if you happen to be famous. Celebrity Lions include Edmund Hillary of the Remuera Lions Club in New Zealand; Amelia Earhart, an honorary member of the New York City Lions Club; Admiral Richard Byrd of the Washington D.C. Lions Club; Jimmy Carter of the Plains Lions Club in Georgia; Gerald Ford of the Grand Rapids Lions Club in Michigan; honorary member Helen Keller; Larry Bird of the French Lick West Baden Lions Club in Indiana; Roberto Clemente of the Carolina Country Club Lions Club in Puerto Rico; Johnny Rutherford of the River Oaks Lions Club in Texas; and Chester Gould of the Woodstock Lions Club in Illinois.



Chester Gould
Creator of Dick Tracy

Larry Bird
N.B.A. Basketball Player

Admiral Richard Byrd
Explorer

Roberto Clemente
Major League Baseball Player

Helen Keller
Blind Activist, Author

Jimmy Carter
38th President of the United States

Gerald Ford
38th President of the United States

Johnny Rutherford
Indy 500 Winner

Edmund Hillary
Mountaineer

Amelia Earhart
Aviator

