



# The Cauldron



District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

December 2022



*Merry Christmas*

HAPPY  
*Hanukkah*



November 28 - December 6

Happy  
Holidays!

Happy Kwanzaa

The Symbols of Kwanzaa



December 26 – January 1



*Merry Christmas*



December 25



*From the desk of*  
**District Governor Lion Dr. Kamal Gella**

Dear Fellow Lions

Greetings. In this month newsletter, I will be focusing on “Membership” and “Fellowship”

**Membership:** The white cane is the international symbol of independence, mobility and safety for people who are blind or visually impaired. The white cane, the now universal and indispensable aid for the blind, follows that path. It came into wide use beginning in 1930 as two caring problem solvers stood on busy street corners thousands of miles apart—one in Paris, France, and the other in Peoria, Illinois. Lions Clubs around the world do White Cane Day.

Why do White Cane? It helps you to become visible in the community by holding a White Cane and wearing your Lions Service Project. Handing in a Lions Brochure will spike their interest in Lionism. Even if we collect few \$, it is important to get back to doing White Cane Day. During my visit to Mt Lebanon Lions Club, I learnt that they are one of the few clubs who do White Cane Day. I encourage all the clubs in the District to do White Cane Day. I installed a new member during my Visit to Monroeville Club. New members New ideas!!!



**Environment:** As part of the environment, we planted trees in Pittsburgh park on November 6<sup>th</sup>. I thank Lion Rob and Michele Falce for their participation.

**Diabetes:** Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties (LDBAW) under the leadership of PID Cindy Gregg organized **Strides Walk** on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at Westmoreland Mall and **Virtual Diabetes Symposium** on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> that discussed several topics that include but not limited to "Lifestyle Changes to Prevent and Reverse Chronic Diseases," "Difference between Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes" and "Diabetes management". Both the events were well attended.

**Fellowship:** On Christmas Day, when many families joyously come together, there are always some folks who are left alone. I encourage Lions Clubs to do food drive, visit Seniors and nursing homes to share time with them. Share the Holidays with people who are left alone.

Wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Yours in Service

**DG Dr. Kamal Gella**

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phone 814-659-6424

*Merry  
Christmas*

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S  
VISITATION SCHEDULE  
FOR DECEMBER**

**December 6th 11:30 a.m. – Bridgeville Greater Area**

**December 6th 6:30 p.m. – Robinson Township**

**December 15th 6:30 p.m. – White Oak**



**KINDNESS** is the gift



everyone can afford.





# Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher

*"This 'n' That!"*



Ooops! My apologies to Lion Charles "Charlie" Popovich, US Army, 1st Lieutenant Ordnance Corp. 1971-1973 I forgot to list him in the November issue of the Cauldron as a member of the Bethel Park Lions Club. *Thank you for your service!*



*The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.*

Burton Hills



*Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends.*

Margaret Thatche

## DECEMBER'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Bethel Park Lions Club – 80 years  
December 9, 1942

Elfinwild Lions Club – 73 years  
December 14, 1949

Pittsburgh Grandview Lions Club – 74 years  
December 8, 1948

Pleasant Hills Lions Club – 74 years  
December 18, 1948





**We have 2 new members to welcome into the Wonderful World of Lionism!**

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Janice Vogel Roger C. Lasch	Robinson Lions Club White Oak Lions Club	Lion Gregory Leininger's PDG Sylvan Lang

Since July 1, 2022, here's what our District membership looks like from MyLCL...  
 July 1<sup>st</sup> 721 Members added 11 dropped 32 700 Members November 30<sup>th</sup>  
*We are ranked 16<sup>th</sup> out of the 17 Districts, with District 14W beneath us.*

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP \***

14G	1548
14A	13
14D	1248
14C	1202
14T	1172
14F	1005
14M	1009
14P	959
14N	942
14U	877
14L	849
14J	767
14E	758
14H	710
14K	714
<b>14B</b>	<b>700</b>
14W	554
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,379.</b>

(\*as of 10/31/2022 Health Assessment Report)



**WE WANT YOU!**  
**TO GET OUT THERE,**  
**IN YOUR COMMUNITY,**  
**TO ENLIST**  
**NEW MEMBERS!**

# PA LIOMS ALL STATE BAND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2023 BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS JULY 4 - JULY 12



The 2023 All-State Band will travel to Boston for the Lions International Convention. We are excited that you are interested in learning about the band.

This year, our international trip will take us to Boston, with performances and sightseeing along the way. Members of the band will enjoy a superb musical experience, and will make many new friends along the way among music students drawn from across Pennsylvania.

The tour begins with a concentrated rehearsal period in a college environment. Our rehearsals are held at the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College. Their outstanding campus sets the tone for our trip and gives our members a chance to experience college life, if only for a few days.

Following our rehearsals in Gettysburg, we will depart for a 6-day tour to Boston. While there, we will be in the Lions International Parade and give several concerts. All members of the international band are in the concert band and parade band (marching). Some members may also be in the jazz ensemble, percussion ensemble, or other chamber groups.

Performance will take place throughout the city each day.

Selection is based on past participation in the Lions All-State Band, instrumentation needs, experience on your instrument (9th grade and up with older students usually selected first), and participation in other musical events including County, District, Region and All-State Honor Bands. Students whose parents are Lions or who are recommended by a Lions Club will also garner consideration.

A letter of acceptance will be sent after your application is reviewed. ***Please double-check to be sure that if you are accepted you will attend. Check your school and personal calendars for possible conflicts, including concerts and trips with your school band, family events, etc.*** Once you are accepted, we plan for you to be in the band, as well as prepare food and rooming needs. If you apply and are accepted, then drop out, you will have taken a slot that could have gone to someone else.

***For complete details, Google PA Lions All State Band***

## PITTSBURGH HILLTOP LIONS CLUBKEEPS ON ROLLING



Officers are presenting the Brashear Association in Mt. Oliver a check for \$1000 to assist in their program to feed local persons in need.

Current donations are \$500 each to a local family who are overwhelmed by medical bills for treatment of their child with a lie threatening disorder, Cash Bash for Ash, based on the child's name. \$500 is also being donated to Guardian Angel Service Dogs, an organization that provides Service Animals to Veterans in need, either physically or emotionally.

Funds are raised by sale of raffle tickets for the entire month of February, \$10 each to win from \$100 to \$500, and sale of dining out cards. President Kirk Evanov is also fundraising with his social club based on Sports events.

Treasurer Joe Setticase has collected over 1000 pairs of used glasses for those in need, and has provided a local woman with a much needed pair of glasses cast free.

*Submitted by  
Lion Bernice Goodall, Secretary*



What a beautiful city... photo by David DeCello Photography





MONROEVILLE LIONS CLUB  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU  
TO OUR  
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY  
AND  
70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
ON  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022  
AT  
6:30 PM AT MANOR VALLEY GOLF CLUB  
(LOWER LEVEL)

DETAILS:

COST IS \$35.00/PERSON

\$20 GIFT/PERSON FOR GIFT EXCHANGE (optional)

RSVP BY DECEMBER 2:

LION BARBARA BAIN—412-607-6225

bainbh14@gmail.com



# PENNSYLVANIA LIONS ADOPT A SOLDIER PROJECT



The Pennsylvania Lions are hosting collections for soldiers. The boxes will go to service men and women currently deployed overseas. Each box is medium flat rate box from the post office.

Listed below are some of the items we are specifically requesting:

#### Food/Snacks

Hard Candy (no chocolate)  
Gum such as Eclipse or Chidets  
Tic Tacs/Mints  
Beef Jerky  
Slim Jims  
Peanuts, Cashews, etc (travel size)  
Trail Mix  
Sunflower Seeds  
Ramen Noodles  
Individual packets of condiments  
Packs of Crackers

#### Toiletries/Hygiene

Baby Wipes – wash clothes  
Deodorant (travel size, liquid roll- on)  
Hand Lotion (travel size)  
Hand Sanitizer (travel size)  
Q-Tips (travel size)  
Disposable Razors  
Soap, Body Wash, Face Wash (travel size)  
Shampoo (travel size)  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss (travel size)  
Tissues (travel size)  
Tylenol/Advil (travel size)  
Lip Balm  
Foot Powder (travel size)  
Sunscreen (travel size)  
Fingernail Clippers

#### Miscellaneous Items

Any type of Puzzle Books  
Pencils/Pens  
DVD's (new and gently used)  
Handheld Video Games  
Board Games/Deck of Cards  
Baseball Gloves/Baseballs/Frisbees  
Magazines (new and gently used – fairly recent)  
Socks (cushioned, white, calf-high)  
Batteries (AA or AAA)

**NO AEROSOL CANS OR SOLID STICK DEODORANTS**

## **ROBINSON LIONS CLUB WEKCOMES THEIR LEO CLUB**



As part of November's monthly meeting, a few of the officers of our Leo Club came and spoke about some of their recent & upcoming community service projects! Pictured (L-R) is Gia Labrie (Secretary), Mia Arndt (Vice President), Greg Leininger (Lions President), Jimmy Hazard (Treasurer), & Alonzo Labrie (Leo's President)!



## ***CHALLENGE!***

**This club banner was posted on Facebook and it belongs to the Volant Lions Club. Are there any clubs in 14 B whose banner looks that look like this or maybe even better!**

**If so, please forward a picture to the Cauldron for the January issue.**

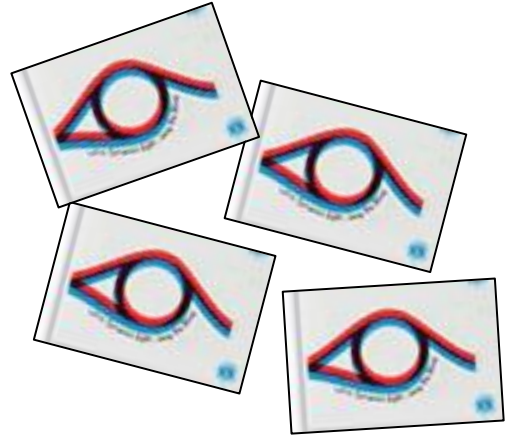
# MONROEVILLE LION ART RATHBUN "SEALS" IT!

Just to be a Lion for over 50 years is exceptional, but to lead the same fundraising project for 51 years and running is truly remarkable! But that is exactly what Lion **Art Rathbun** of the Monroeville (PA) Lions Club has done and continues to do for the club's Sight Seals project. Every year, after the first club meeting in November, he brings out that year's supply of letters, envelopes, seals, return envelopes, pre-addressed labels, and stamps; and then organizes members into his assembly line for stuffing and preparing the envelopes for mailing.

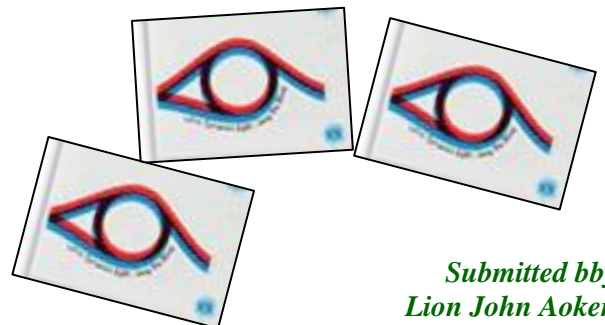
During the pandemic when the club did not meet in person, Art and his wife Narda prepared a reduced number of mailings. Nevertheless, income was nearly the same or better.



Lion Art Rathbun gives instructions to club members JE Aiken 11-13-22



Sometimes, even a visiting District Governor joined the effort.



*Submitted by  
Lion John Aoken  
Secretary*

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"THE MOST IMPORTANT LIONS CLUB MEETING"  
IN YOUR LIFE !***

***Sign Up Today - Space Is Limited!***



# RLLI



**REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**



**March 10-12, 2023**

**Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey**



Contact Your District  
Governor  
Or  
PDG Kerry McKnight  
md14glt-learn@yahoo.com

Space Is Limited!  
\$175 Per Lion  
Meals & Rooms Included

## **SUBJECTS**

- Lions Fundamentals
- Team Work
- Diversity
- Public Speaking
- Time Management
- Personal Mission Statement
- Member Motivation
- Goal Setting

## **INSTRUCTORS**

- IPID Larry Edwards
- PID Jim Cavallaro
- PID Cindy Gregg
- PDG Tom Gregg
- PDG Jason Long
- PDG Deb Burkholder
- PDG Kerry McKnight

**See the following pages  
for additional information  
and registration form.**



# MD-14 REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

MARCH 10-12, 2023 Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg, PA

## CANDIDATE'S REGISTRATION FORM

Cost \$175.00 per Candidate (includes Institute, lodging and meals)

Checks should accompany this form and be made out to "PA State Council of Lions Clubs"

Mail to: Kerry McKnight, 6 Mulberry Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349

Questions to PDG Kerry McKnight at klm52@aol.com or 717-235-2790

(Past participants, District Governors, Past District Governors ineligible)

Application Submission Deadline Date: January 31, 2023- Maximum 40 attendees

Please type or print

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

District Number \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Lions Office Held \_\_\_\_\_ Current Lion's Title \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Will be used for ALL Communication regarding the institute – Please Type or Print CLEARLY!**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_ Month and Year Joined \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held Within Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Positions Held Within Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Why is this institute of interest to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**District Governor Must Complete and Sign this Form**

In what ways will this candidate benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute

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District Governor Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of District Governor \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of District Governor \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





NATIONAL  
PEARL HARBOR  
*Remembrance Day*  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
DECEMBER 7



*"A day which will live in infamy."*



# The McKeesport Lions Show and Dance featuring



*William Dell and*

# WEE JAMS



**Frankie Day,  
Emcee**

**with DJ  
Jerry Kovach**



**Saturday, December 17  
at McKeesport Palisades**  
**Doors open 6:00 • Show starts 7:00**  
**Enjoy after-show dancing until 10 pm!**

**Advance tickets \$12 | \$15 at door**  
**VIP table reservations available (up to 8 guests)**

**FULL BAR SERVICE AND LIONS  
“HOMETOWN” FOOD AVAILABLE!**  
*Stuffed Cabbage • Pierogies  
Haluski • Kielbasa • Hot Dogs*  
*(No outside food or drink permitted)*

**For tickets call 412-592-1453**

# SWAM - SOCKS WITH A MISSION



We presented Audrey Wetterau from Socks With A Mission (SWAM) her Melvin Jones Fellowship from District 14-B. Audrey provided all the women's socks for our Giving Backpacks last year. Socks With A Mission was recently named a Bombas Giving Partner. SWAM will now be included in their nationwide network of giving partners who distribute Bombas socks to the unhoused or those in need. SWAM continues to work with the homeless in Allegheny County through Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net and Light of Life.



Volunteers helped plant trees in a Pittsburgh suburb. Lions Rob and wife Michele Falce along with DG Gella.



## Recognition of Outstanding Community Service

The Robinson Township Lions Club recognizes

# Joey Caliguire

This award is for his efforts to organize Crafton's Haunt Manor fundraiser for the Spirit of Halloween. His outstanding design and leadership of the Haunted Manor raised proceeds to help children facing medical procedures. For these extra efforts, we recognize his efforts to serve local community

**Robinson Township Lions Club**

# McKeesport Lions,, A Small Club that has Endless Energy and Commitment (And they meet every week!)

McKeesport Lions Club held a White Cane Day at Olympia Shop 'n Save on November 5th and collected \$200.56. Many thanks go out to club members who took the time out of their busy Saturday to volunteer their time on such a beautiful day to collect for such a worthy cause.



At the 11-22-22 regular meeting, club members from the McKeesport Lions Club wrote Christmas cards to veterans who are patients at the Pittsburgh VA Hospital, thanking them for their service and wishing them Happy Holidays!





*City of McKeesport  
Christmas Parade*

*Everybody loves a  
parade... especially with  
Santa!*



**HO-HO-HO!**

**Merry  
Christmas**



# VETERANS DAY

McKeesport Lions Club President, Lion Ernie Oatneal served on the planning committee for the annual Veterans Day service in the City of McKeesport. Special guest this year was former Pittsburgh Steeler Rocky Bleier, himself a Vietnam War Veteran. Mr. Bleier dedicated a bench in Memorial Park, attended a luncheon at the local VFW, and visited the memorial for the McKeesport 23, which consists of 23 young men who belonged to the McKeesport Boys Club, who were killed in action during the Vietnam War. The service also included Lions Michael Cherepko and Lion Jim Brewster as speakers. Lion Keith Soles, who also serves as City Councilman also attended the ceremonies.



*All submissions were from Lion Annette James, Secretary of the McKeesport Lions Club.*

HO-HO-HO!  
by Getty Images

*Merry  
Christmas  
to all, and  
to all a  
good night!*

