



The Cauldron

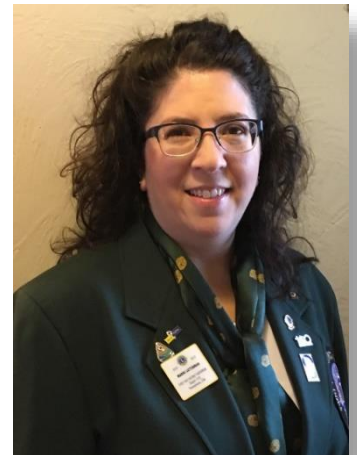
District 14B 's Monthly Newsletter

February 2020



Greetings,

I hope this message finds you all settling into the new year and that 2020 has been kind to you and your loved ones. As our Lions year 2019-2020 is moving along, I find that our conversations often focus on two things – membership and service (including the reporting of said service). While I realize it takes membership to actually perform service, I find myself wondering if some have forgotten a key element in our endeavors – kindness. Unconditional Kindness. I believe that the more kindness we receive or see around us, the more likely we ourselves are to be kind. My home club's Lion Tamer, Lion Bernie, carried a theme throughout his Lion Tamer service last year which revolved around a song that many of you will recognize, *This Little Light of Mine*. He asked that we all let our light shine on those around us and in doing so we are performing acts of unconditional kindness everywhere, every day. I hope you enjoy this story which can be found in *Chicken Soup for the Grandparent's Soul* – The Red Mahogany Piano by Joe Edwards.



Many years ago, when I was a young man I worked as a salesman for a St. Louis piano company. We sold our pianos all over the state by advertising in small-town newspapers and then when we had received sufficient replies, we would load our little trucks, drive into the area and sell the pianos to those who replied. Every time we would advertise in the cotton country of Southeast Missouri, we would receive a reply on a postcard that said in effect, "Please bring me a new piano for my little granddaughter. It must be red mahogany. I can pay ten dollars a month with my egg money." Of course, we could not sell a new piano for \$10 a month. No finance company would carry a contract with payments that small, so we ignored her postcards.

One day, however, I happened to be in that area calling on other replies, and out of curiosity I decided to look the old lady up. I found pretty much what I expected; the old lady lived in a one-room sharecropper's cabin in the middle of a cotton field. The cabin had a dirt floor and there were chickens in the house. She could not have qualified to purchase anything on credit – no car, no phone, no real job, nothing but a roof over her head and not a very good one at that. Her little granddaughter was about ten, barefoot and wearing a feed-sack dress.

I explained to the old lady that we could not sell a new piano for \$10 a month and that she should stop writing to us every time she saw our ad. I drove away heartsick, but my advice had no effect – she still sent us the same postcard every six weeks. Always wanting a new piano, red mahogany, please, and swearing she would never miss a \$10 payment. It was sad.

A couple of years later, I owned my own piano company, and when I advertised in that area, the postcards started coming to me. For months, I ignored them- what else could I do?

But then, one day when I was in the area something came over me. I had a red mahogany piano on my little truck. Despite knowing that I was about to make a terrible business decision, I delivered the piano to her and told her I would carry the contract myself at \$10 per month with no interest and that would mean 52 payments. I took the new piano in the house and placed it where I thought the roof would be least likely to leak

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on it. I admonished her and the little girl to try to keep the chickens off of it, and I left- sure I had just thrown away a new piano.

But the payments came in, all 52 of them as agreed – sometimes with coins taped to a 3x5 inch card in the envelope. It was incredible!

So, I put the incident out of my mind for twenty years. Then one day I was in Memphis on other business, and after dinner at the Holiday Inn on the Levee, I went into the lounge. As I was sitting at the bar having an after-dinner drink, I heard the most beautiful piano music behind me. I looked around, and there was a lovely young woman playing a very nice grand piano.

Being a pianist of some ability myself, I was stunned by her virtuosity, and I picked up my drink and moved to a table beside her where I could listen and watch. She smiled at me, asked for requests, and when she took a break she sat down at my table.

“Aren’t you the man who sold my grandma a piano a long time ago?”

It didn’t ring a bell, so I asked her to explain. She started to tell me, and I suddenly remembered. It was her! It was the little barefoot girl in the feed-sack dress! She told me her name was Elise and that since her grandmother couldn’t afford to pay for lessons, she had learned to play by listening to the radio. She said she started to play in church and then in school where she had won many awards and a music scholarship. She had married an attorney in Memphis, and he had bought her that beautiful grand piano she was playing. Something else entered my mind. “Elise, it’s a little dark in here. What color is that piano?”

“It’s red mahogany,” she said. “Why?” I couldn’t speak. Did she understand the significance of the red mahogany? The unbelievable audacity of her grandmother insisting on a red mahogany piano when no one in their right mind would have sold her a piano of any kind? I don’t know. And then the marvelous accomplishment of that beautiful, terribly underprivileged child in the feed-sack dress? No, perhaps she didn’t understand that, either. But I did and my throat tightened. Finally, I found my voice. “I just wondered,” I said. “I’m proud of you, but I have to go to my room” And I did have to go to my room, because men don’t like to be seen crying in public.

While it may have taken many years for this man to allow himself to give the red mahogany piano to the grandmother without expecting to be repaid, he eventually showed unconditional kindness in fulfilling her request. After 52 months he may have felt the receiving payment in full was unbelievable, but the true reward was to come some 20 years later. My wish for 2020 is that each of us finds ways to let our kindness help others.

Please read through all of the information gathered in the Cauldron – all Lions are welcome to attend our upcoming District 14-B Cabinet meeting on Saturday, February 22nd. Also please consider sending a representative from your club to the MD-14 GAT Spring Symposium in Johnstown on Sunday, February 23rd. More details will be forthcoming about this year’s Springtime event scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. Please be sure to report your service on MyLion – we are getting closer to our goals, but we need everyone to report. If you are having trouble, please reach out to me and I will gladly help you out with the program.

Together in friendship – We Serve!

DG Marni Latterman

email: lionmarni14b@gmail.com

phone: 412-519-8771 cell



♥ happy ♥
Valentine's
♥ day ♥



1st Vice District Governor Lion Chris Raynak

Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Ahh...February. The month of Love. I LOVE being a Lion. How about you, what is it about being a Lion that you love? Is it the feeling of accomplishment we have after a fundraiser is completed and we did well? Is it the camaraderie we feel with each other as we get together at our meetings? Is it the sense of achievement we feel when we stand with a new member we sponsored? Is it the service we provide to those who are in need? Is it the realization we have done well as a leader, as a chairman, or officer in our club? Is it ALL of these things? If not, maybe it is time to push reset.

Let's reestablish our goals. Let's refocus our position toward service. Let's go beyond our self and ask another to join us in our club. Let's shoot for that sensation of success and volunteer to take a position of leadership in our club. Let's step out of our comfort zone and join the District in a leadership position. We want and need new perspectives. Let's talk.

February also brings another phenomenon. Every four years we are blessed with a LEAP DAY! 2020 is that year. What are we going to do with that extra Day in our life?

- Sit on the couch and read a book.
- Sit and post on Facebook.
- Go and see the newest movie.
- Binge watch Netflix.

- Read a book to the youngsters at the preschool.
- Help out at the soup kitchen.
- Volunteer at the food bank.
- Visit your elderly neighbor for coffee and a chat.

Match them up. Many options. Your choice.

Refocus. How can I serve better, lead better, improve my club, my community, my district?

I LOVE being a Lion.

It's great to be a Lion!

Chris Raynak

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Happy Presidents Day



Did You Know?

President's Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American president. Four chief executives —George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to coincide with Presidents' Day, which is always celebrated on the third Monday of the month.



2nd Vice District Governor Lion Mary Ann Belles

Greetings Fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

In a couple days all eyes will be on Punxsutawney to see if Phil sees his shadow. Hopefully we'll have a positive prediction of an early spring so we can get back to our outside service projects and helping our communities.

I've had the privilege of visiting a couple clubs recently. I'm so impressed with the Lions and their passion for helping others. Keep up the good work everyone!

I'm taking a break from reviewing the LCI website so we can talk about a few great happenings in the next couple of months.

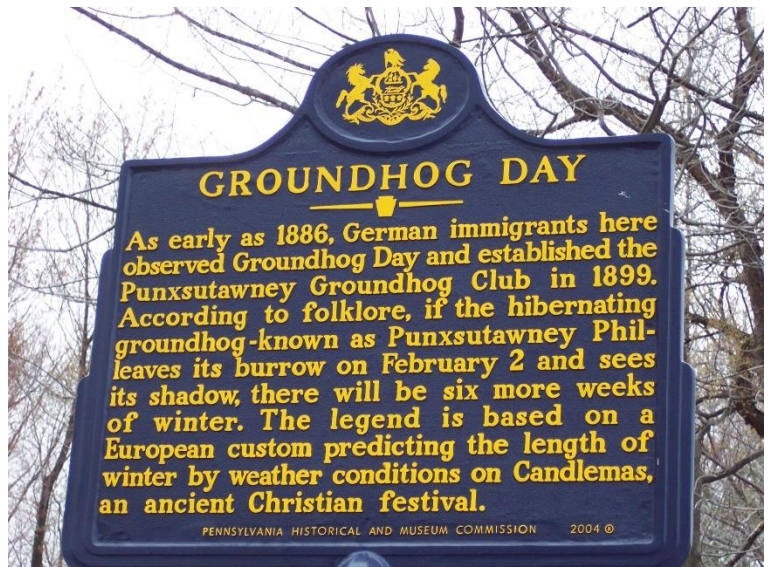
First of all, I'm doing a challenge for the members of District 14B. "The Lapel Pin Challenge"! More information is later in the Cauldron. Make sure you have your elevator speech ready!

On March 13th through March 15th the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) will take place at the Red Lion Harrisburg Hershey Hotel in Harrisburg. The weekend gives you the opportunity to help with your public speaking skills, learn more about Lions, the grant process for the Lions of PA Foundation and LCIF, member motivation and time management skills I know myself that when I attended the RLLI the experience opened up my eyes to so much more in Lionism. Our Clubs are the basis of Lions, then our Districts, then our Multiple Districts and then Lions Club International. We all work together to support the Clubs and Lions to fulfill our motto "We Serve." Attending the RLLI gave me the self-confidence and motivation to seek out more and become a better Leader. I met so many great Lions from across the state. You too can attend the RLLI. If you are interested contact District Governor Marni Latterman at lionmarni14b@gmail.com soon as she is looking for interested candidates. The application is later in the Cauldron. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me or contact DG Marni. We have both attended the RLLI and would love to answer any of your questions.

Last of all, all members of District 14B are invited to our Region 3 Zone B Zone Meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:30 pm to be held at Tavern 51 on Route 51 in Whitehall. Sharon Sumansky from Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net will be our guest speaker. Please let me know that you will be attending. More information is later in the Cauldron.

Lion Mary Ann Belles

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2019-2020
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

<u>September 2019</u>	11 th – Northern Allegheny 12 th – Cheswick – Springdale 17 th – Tarentum
<u>October 2019</u>	7 th – Homestead District (afternoon) 7 th – Pleasant Hills (evening) 16 th – Brentwood 24 th – Elfinwild 24 th – University of Pittsburgh (9:00pm)
<u>November 2019</u>	5 th – Sto-Ken-Rox 6 th – West Mifflin 12 th – Pittsburgh Grandview 13 th – Monroeville 19 th – Oakmont 25 th – Mount Lebanon 26 th – South Park
<u>December 2019</u>	2 nd – Central Elizabeth (postponed) 3 rd – Bridgeville Greater Area 13 th – Pittsburgh Host
<u>January 2020</u>	7 th – Robinson Township 8 th – Glassport 14 th – Pittsburgh Deaf Blind 15 th – Forest Hills – needs rescheduled 21 st – Bethel Park
<u>February 2020</u>	4 th – Bloomfield-Lawrenceville 6 th – White Oak 21 st – Mon River Fleet
<u>March 2020</u>	10 th – McKeesport 16 th – Bethel Park Lioness 17 th – Clairton 25 th – Whitehall Community
<u>To Be Scheduled</u>	Pittsburgh Shadyside-Squirrel Hill Pittsburgh North Side Pitcairn Central Elizabeth Pittsburgh Hilltop Forest Hills

Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher



"This 'n' That!"

I just could not pass this up! I had a conversation with our PID Carl Battistone shortly after Christmas day. During our conversation, Carl mentioned that he and Ruth had 56 stockings hanging on their fireplace! I was amazed and asked if he could send me a picture and here it is:

Christmas 2019 for the Battistone family



- 2 - Carl & Ruth
- 12 - 6 children plus spouses
- 29 - 21 grandchildren plus 8 spouses
- 13 - great-grandchildren

56 Total

What a wonderful picture and family!
Undoubtedly, they had a great *Christmas!*

Printed with permission from Carl and Ruth



**VOTE FOR YOUR
FAVORITE
CHRISTMAS SPORT
COAT**

Shown here are two of
District 14-B's finest
PDG's... which one do
you think is the best
looking?

If I get any responses, I will post them
in the March issue of the Cauldron.



PCC/PDG Dr. Jay Wells,
III, from the Bethel Park
Lions Club



PDG Dr. Dennis
McCarthy from the Pgh.
DeafBlind Lions Club



Lions Clubs International

300 W 21ND STREET - OAK BROOK ILLINOIS 60421-8842 USA - (800) 571-5168

Dear International Board of Directors,

Lions Clubs International delivers support to our clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. The international support and work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

Our executive officers undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, we are proposing to increase dues effective July 2021, by \$3, then adjusted annually for U.S. inflation. We propose using a three-year inflation average not to exceed 3.0%, but also not to be lower than 1.5%.

We realize the organization has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years. We have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The option we're proposing will help us cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, we do not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

When we consider a dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff that we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training software and events, club operational support, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as the Learning Management System (LMS), development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and others tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive.

Lions is a way of life and an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see. I hope that you will see this proposal as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions.

Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

Regards,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Let it be known throughout District 14-B, that a call has
been issued for a
Region 3, Zone B Meeting
to be held at

Tavern 51

PLEASE NOTE THE
DATE CHANGE!

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Located at

4604 Clairton Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

on

→ **Wednesday, March 4th** ←

Dinner 6:30 PM

Guest speaker will be Sharon Sumansky from Pittsburgh Mercy's
Operation Safety Net with an update on the program.

Cost? We'll be ordering from the menu so you can set your own price!

PLEASE CONTACT 2ND VDG MARY ANN BELLES TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

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

ZONE B CLUBS

Bethel Park
Bridgeville Greater Area
Mount Lebanon
Pittsburgh Brentwood
Robinson
South Park
Whitehall Community
Bethel Park Lioness

PRESIDENTS, VICE PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES...

Please remember that when you were sworn in, you became an active member of the district governor's advisory committee, and as such, you should be attending the meetings of your zone. Please encourage each of your officers and members to attend.

All Lions are encouraged to attend!



INTERESTED IN ATTENDING? PLEASE GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE...

https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1571673999329&key=GRP&app=resvlink&fbclid=IwAR2HNsQqY_9L-TsR6iRW-se4c2NMOPQAAINta5vln8zYf0si8gYCoRjTPBk



WEST MIFFLIN LIONS ADD 2 NEW MEMBERS

West Mifflin has installed two new members at the annual holiday party. From left – Lion Maria Demko, Secretary/Treasurer; Lion Michele Falce, President; new member Ray Rost; new member Roberta Wages, and her sponsor, Lion Patrice Hlad.



They asked 2 and got 2, and you can do the same



Welcome



To our 14 newest members... Welcome to the Wonderful World of Lionism!

(For the month ending January 31, 2020 as reported on the MyLci website)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Eric Hallam	Grtr. Bridgeville Area Lions Club	Dan Hupp
Ritu Malhur	Grtr. Bridgeville Area Lions Club	Dan Hupp
Ajay Mathur	Grtr. Bridgeville Area Lions Club	Dan Hupp
Jeannine McCutcheon	Cheswick-Springdale Lions Club	Vickie Roof
Nancy B. Leverett	Mt. Lebanon Lions Club	Walter Hentzman
Mara A. Bovo	Pittsburgh Host Lions Club	M. Nadzam
David A. Kraft	Robinson Lions Club	Tim Barefoot
Eric Sparkenbaugh	Robinson Lions Club	Thomas A. Welsh
Emily A. Hauk	University of Pittsburgh Lions Club	Sinead Healy
Delaney B. Hershey	University of Pittsburgh Lions Club	Sinead Healy
Emily E. Saxmon	University of Pittsburgh Lions Club	Isabella Stash
Patrick Berhl Wishon	University of Pittsburgh Lions Club	Sinead Healy
Arman Zarnegar	University of Pittsburgh Lions Club	Isabella Stash
Roberta A. Wages	West Mifflin Lions Club	Patrice Hlad

Current Membership in District 14-B as of January 31, 2020 stands at 779 for the year! Same as the beginning of the year – July 31, 2019.



In Memoriam



Lion Keith L. Davis
Tarentum Area Lions Club
August 31, 2019



Lion Richard Goodall
Charter Member
Hilltop Lions Club
November 23, 2019



Raymond Wolf
Long-Time Member
Glassport Lions Club
January 22, 2020

Join the Lions Lapel Pin Challenge!

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

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



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

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

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

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

Send those pictures to Mary Ann Belles at lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com



Me wearing my pin at work!

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



Congratulations to Lions Tom and Dave!

At the last meeting of the Monroeville Lions Club, two members were added to the ever-growing list of the prestigious list of Melvin Jones Award recipients, Shown are Lions Tom Leax and Dave Zimmer. Congratulations to these two dedicated and hard-working Lions!



Monroeville Lion John Aiken also posted a picture he had taken at the Heinz History Center which shows a display of brooms. "Last year, I took a picture of a B&VRS display at the Heinz History Center - you can see the Lions mentioned just to right of center."



BLOOMFIELD-LAWRENCEVILLE LIONS HOST A “MEET AND GREET” NIGHT



On Thursday, **January 23rd**, the Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Lions Club (BLLC) hosted a Meet and Greet at the Pleasure Bar in Bloomfield. This event was to educate the community about Lions, their continued commitment to support Bloomfield and Lawrenceville and attract potential new members. Although, turnout wasn't as expected, City of Pittsburgh Council Woman, Deborah L. Gross and Abby Rae LaCombe, Chief of Staff (COS) did attend the event.

They were very interested to learn about the Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Lions and contributing support of the surrounding areas by donating to the Food Bank, Cancer Caring Center, etc. and programs they are involved with especially the Peace Poster. Both Council Woman Deb and Abby Rae (COS) left with information about Lions and of course membership forms.

Light refreshments were provided by the Pleasure Bar. The evening turned out to be a great event after all. Getting the word out about Lions and our goals is always rewarding. We truly hope to see Council Woman Deb and Abby Rae (COS) again. Thank you and to all Lions who came, supported and showed enthusiasm for the Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Lions.



Pictured: Back Left. to Right are Lion George Belles, Lion Jordan Botta, Zone Marty Griffith, 1st VDG Chris Raynak, Abby Rae LeCombe (COS), PDG Geoff Temple, IPD Kirby Marchand

Front: Lion Barb Rebovich, Lion (Dr.) Kamal Gella, Lion Barb Jarmell, Council Woman Deb Gross, 2nd VDG Mary Ann Belles, Lion Barb Marchand, Lion Barb Schimmel, DG Marni Latterman.

*Submitted by
Lion Barb Rebovich
Secretary
Pgh. DeafBlind Lions Club*

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
March 13-15, 2020

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION 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 PDG Deb Burkholder
25 James Drive, Denver, PA 17517

Questions to PDG Deb Burkholder at kburkholder@dejazzd.com or 717-484-4892

Application Submission Deadline February 24, 2020.

Please type or print

District Number _____ Member Number _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Current Lion's Title _____ Highest Lions Office Held _____

Email** _____ Preferred Telephone _____

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

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Lions Club Name _____ 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 _____



Turn to other side to complete

District Governor Must Complete and Sign this Form

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

District Governor

Member Number _____

Name of District Governor

Signature of District Governor

Email (please print)

Date

Leadership



2020 Multiple District 14 Winter's End Symposium

The Lions of PA are cordially invited to attend the
Multiple District Spring Fling Symposium

When: Saturday February 22, 2020 from 9 am—3 pm

Or

Sunday February 23, 2020 from 12-5 pm

Where:

PA Lions State Office—Saturday

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Cambria County Assoc. for the Blind—Sunday

211 Central Ave, Johnstown, PA 15902

Topics include:

"Community Needs Assessment ABC'S"

"Extra-Ordinary Efforts"

"The North American Membership Initiative (NAMI)"

"16 Steps to Recruit a New Lion"

"Fundraising and Service, They are Not the Same Thing"



To Register Email kburkholder@dejazzd.com with the number attending so we can plan for lunch. (A \$6.00 donation will be taken for lunch)

Questions???

Email to the above address or call PDG Deb Burkholder 717-484-4892

If you are interested in attending and would like to carpool with our 2nd VDG Mary Ann Belles, please get in touch with her at: lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com or via phone 412-833-3450 or 412-983-8956.

CASH AND PRIZE BASH



Sponsored by

Bethel Park Lions Club



DATE: Saturday, March 7, 2020

TIME: 6:00pm to 10:00pm

PLACE: Bethel Park Community Center
5151 Park Avenue, Bethel Park PA 15102

PRICE: \$55.00 per person. Only 200 tickets are sold.

Ticket price includes: Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, Dessert and Drinks, plus \$2,500 in 20 cash prizes up to \$1,000 each awarded by ticket drawings held at the Bash.

Additional \$25 prizes are awarded each week of the year based on your ticket and the Pennsylvania Lottery Number drawn each Friday evening.

There are also Raffle Baskets, 50-50 Raffle, Door Prize, Double Your Money Game, and Instant Winner Tickets sold at additional cost.

All proceeds are donated to Lions Charities and
Bethel Park Community Organizations.

To reserve your ticket, please contact Sandi Demas at 412-854-2740

Please bring your unwanted eyeglasses to be donated to the needy.





Bethel Park Lions Club



Reservations for 2020-2021 Lions Park located at:
5757 Irishtown Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102 now
available!

The Park is available for use by reservation from
May through September. The hours of use are 10
AM to 10 PM. Included in the donation is use of the
pavilion, ample parking, kids play areas, walking trail
with arboretum, and baseball field. There is a full
kitchen, 2 bathrooms, fireplace, volleyball and bocce
court, and horseshoe pits.

Contact: 412-387-8540 or

bethelparklionsparkrentals@gmail.com



MERCHANDISE PRICES

LIONESS BROOM (CORN BRISTLE): \$12

CHILDS OR HEARTH BROOM: \$6

SNOW/ HEAVY DUTY BROOM: \$12

18" PUSH BROOM: \$12

WHISK BROOM: \$5

GARBAGE BAGS, 33 GALLON ROLL OF 100: \$20

KITCHEN TRASH BAGS, ROLL OF 100: \$15



CONTACT: JUDY WILLISON,
412-835-0718 (OR) 412-418-0627

PENNSYLVANIA ALL STATE BAND

"The Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band provides high school musicians the opportunity to rehearse and perform a wide variety of music in both state-level performances and international tours. This year, the Lions are organizing a band to perform for the Lions State Convention to be held May 15-17, 2020 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center in Erie, PA. Students will meet on Friday May 15th, rehearse that evening, and perform two concerts on Saturday May 16th.

For more information or to apply, please visit www.palionsband.org"



Why Your Generosity Matters



CONFIDENCE & INDEPENDENCE

By learning how to travel with a white cane or guide dog, people regain their sense of independence and confidence. Those who were afraid to walk down the sidewalk alone now travel without limits.



EMPLOYMENT

Whether it is helping to provide our clients with the confidence to go to school or improve their ability to use mass transit to get to a job interview, Leader Dog programs position people to join the workforce or advance their career.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

After completing white cane or guide dog training, it is easier for our clients to live a healthy lifestyle. Their newfound confidence and ability for unlimited travel encourages mental and physical wellbeing.



FAMILY & COMMUNITY

When people who are blind can travel safely and independently, the burden of care lifts from family and friends and peace of mind is restored. People who were isolated are now able to actively participate in their communities.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

You are the reason 300 more people are unstoppable.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE



1,095,000

days of independence.



200

Leader Dogs matched with clients.



100

clients provided with white cane training.

JOIN PAWS 365

Join our monthly giving program, Paws 365, and you will become a member of a steadfast community of donors AND help us save on postage and mailings through your automatic donations. Please call 888.777.5332 or go to LeaderDog.org/Paws365 to join today.



24

teenagers gain leadership and travel skills.



6

clients who are deaf and blind receive customized guide dog training.



\$0

cost passed on to our clients, because we are 100% donor funded.

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

Does your employer offer a Matching Gift Program? If so, ask your human resources office or employer for their **matching gift form**, fill out your portion and mail it in the reply envelope with your donation.

LEGACY GIVING

Include Leader Dog in your estate or bequest to become a recognized member of our Legacy Society. Please contact **Lora Cabarios at 888.777.5332** for more information.

FOLLOW THE LEADER



LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND

ANNUAL JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again, the Bloomfield-Lawrenceville and DeafBlind Lions Clubs celebrated the holiday season with festivities at the Pleasure Bar in Bloomfield on **Tuesday, December 4th**. There was a lot of laughter and it was great to see old friends and fellow Lions. While there PDG Dennis McCarthy presented Lion Barb Rebovich with her Melvin Jones Award. Once again, Lion Barb was very appreciative of the recognition for being rewarded this prestige plaque. Barb said, thank you wasn't enough to express her feelings about this honor. She thought it was significant that PDG Dennis presented the award at the party since the Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Club has continued to support many activities the DeafBlind Club has sponsored in the past. It's like a 2nd home to her.

There was a little mystery gift exchange encouraged by the Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Club. Those who participated had a good laugh at the surprises inside. As usual the food was delicious. Everyone had a great time. We look forward to next year's events and fellowship with them.



PITTSBURGH DEAFBLIND LIONS CLUB'S TOY COLLECTION EFFORTS A HUGE SUCCESS

The Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club partnered with St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church (South Side) and St. John Chrysostom Church (Greenfield) to collect for new toys and books for the Brashear Association on the South Side. There is a large population of disadvantaged children and teens in the areas of South Side, Mount Oliver and Allentown due to poverty and homelessness. We collected 1 stuffed animal, 6 jigsaw puzzles, and coloring books, 8 crayons, paints, sidewalk chalk, pencils, paint brushes, 25 new books, 21 games and toys for ages 1 and up to give to the association. They were so surprised and excited with the toys and books. A spokesperson from the Brashear said they can never have enough toy or books for the community.



Articles and pictures submitted by Lion Barbara Rebovich, Secretary, Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club

Mon River Fleet Lions Club

Service Projects for pediatrics

This is what happens when you get Lions and Leos together for a pediatric service project. These hand made dolls, (Snuggle Babies) bring joy to volunteers who make them and to the families that receive them for their children.

180 Snuggle babies were delivered to The Children's Institute in Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, just in time for the Hope for the Holiday Celebration.



The Fun took place on Jan 17th at McKeesport Hospital on 1 Crawford at 2 PM.



Destiny and Brianna with mounds of stuffing



Snuggle Babies come in different colors and patterns



Gina & Marci doing the final count



Cheyenne, Donna Siya, Hannah & Brianna

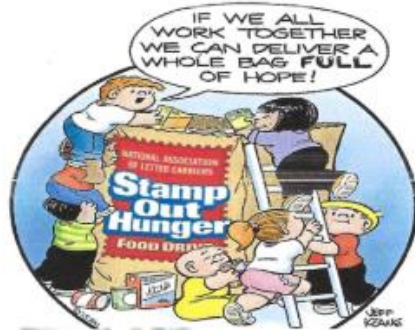


180 Snuggle Babies all ready to go

STAMP OUT HUNGER OLDIES DANCE SERIES

THE PALISADES EVENT CENTER

-THE AREAS LARGEST WOOD DANCE FLOOR-



NEXT DANCE **February 15th** 2020

featuring - D.J. JERRY KOVACH

Future date - March 14th

April 11th will be our Pasta Dinner Dance

7 - 11 p.m. \$8.00 donation at the door

Benefiting The Letter Carriers Food Drive

Sponsored by The MCKEESPORT LIONS

The Club supports "The Bag Program" that delivers advertising bags BEFORE the food drive. Since this bag program has started, food collections have increased 300%

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



There will be two (2) amendments on the ballot at the State Convention this May in Erie to be voted on. Please take time to read both carefully. If you have any questions, please contact District Governor Marni Latterman at lionmarni14b@gmail.com



Ballot Question 1

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CONCERNS AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS MULTIPLE DISTRICT-14 (PENNSYLVANIA) CONSTITUTION. TO BE ADOPTED, THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE CERTIFIED DELEGATES CASTING A VOTE.

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4, COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.

THE RESOLUTION ADDS LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY : 1) THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON; 2) THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTING A REPLACEMENT IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON POSITION; AND 3) THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON ROTATION.

BE IT RESOLVED that effective July 1, 2020, Article VII, Section 4, will read as follows:

“Section 4: COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON. The Chairperson of the State Council shall be the Immediate Past District Governor who had served in the capacity of Vice-Chairperson during the preceding year, who for the year 1978-79 shall be from sub-district H. The Council Chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

In the event, either before or after becoming the Chairperson, if unable or refuses to serve, or having accepted, resigns or dies, then the District Governor of that sub-district shall appoint a Past-District Governor who is resident in and a member in good standing of a Lions Club in that sub-district to serve out the term of office. If no Past District Governor from the sub-district is willing to serve, then the sitting Council of Governors will appoint a Past District Governor from the two preceding State Councils who is a resident in and member in good standing of a Lions Club in Pennsylvania to serve the remaining term of office. The normal Council Chairperson rotation will resume when the replacement Council Chairperson’s term of office is completed.

SHALL THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? YES NO

Ballot Question 2

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CONCERNS AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS MULTIPLE DISTRICT-14 (PENNSYLVANIA) BY-LAWS. TO BE ADOPTED, THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE MAJORITY OF THE CERTIFIED DELEGATES CASTING A VOTE.

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

THE RESOLUTION MODIFIES THE DISTRIBUTION OF PER-CAPITA DUES AS FOLLOWS, STARTING JULY 1, 2021:

- **ELIMINATES THE “PROMOTION FUND” OF \$0.35**
- **INCREASES THE “STATE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND” FROM \$8.50 TO \$10.10**
- **INCREASES THE “SUB-DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FUND” FROM \$2.50 TO \$3.00**
- **REPLACES THE “PENNSYLVANIA NEWS PUBLICATION FUND” WITH THE “COMMUNICATION/WEB/PRIDE FUND” AND REDUCES THE ALLOCATION FROM \$1.50 TO \$0.25**
- **REDUCES THE “ALL STATE BAND” FROM \$1.50 TO \$1.00**

BE IT RESOLVED that effective July 1, 2021, Article VI, Section 2, will read as follows:

Section 2. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. The funds so collected shall be used, distributed, and credited as follows:

- a. **State Convention Administrative fund - \$0.45**
- b. **International Convention Fund - \$0.85**
- c. **District Governors International Convention Expense Fund - \$0.35**
- d. **State Council Administrative Fund - \$10.10**
- e. **Sub-Districts Administrative Fund - \$3.00**
- f. **Communication/Web/PRIDE Fund - \$0.25**
- g. **All State Band - \$1.00**

SHALL THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? YES NO

**DISTRICT 14-B
ELECTIONS,
SERVICE PROJECT,
AND CELEBRATION**



ALLEGHENY COUNTY AIRPORT TERMINAL

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2020

**DUE TO CHANGES AT THE STATE CONVENTION WE
NEED TO ELECT OUR DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR LIONS
YEAR 2020 - 2021**

DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT

WE WILL BE PACKING BAGS FOR SR.CITIZENS

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

CELEBRATION

**WITH A BUFFET LUNCH AND RECONGNITION AWARDS WILL CONCLUDE
OUR DAY.**



100 Ideas to Recruit New Lions

1. Ask someone. Ask One!
2. Bring a guest to meetings
3. Advertise in newspapers & cable TV
4. Have a clear club goal & a strategic plan
5. Letters or personal contact with local businesses
6. Contact with Chamber of Commerce
7. Place customized bookmarks in library books
8. Have public meetings at malls, outdoors, etc.
9. Have a booth at malls, fairs, festivals etc.
10. Place pamphlets in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, etc.
11. Create videos of your events and promote your Club on YouTube
12. Host an Open House
13. Hold a club assembly only on membership
14. Ask former Leos, Effective Speaking Contestants, Lions Quest grads, Vision Screening school contact, etc.
15. Make the membership chair an active Club Officer that reports at each meeting
16. Put together guest information packets (see [Family recruitment Brochure](#) / [Campus Club recruitment brochure](#) / [Standard recruitment brochure](#) / [Club recruitment brochure template](#))
17. Service projects that serve a need in the community
18. Invite family members to join
19. Send letters to people in the news with an invitation to visit the club
20. Print club business cards with club meeting location and time
21. Distribute extra copies of LION magazine and attached information about your club in waiting rooms, etc.
22. Hold high-profile meetings (all candidates meetings, special guests, etc.)
23. Hold wine and cheese receptions for prospective members
24. Ask for help from your Region Chairperson/Zone Chairperson/GMT Coordinator/DG Team
25. Have a special guest day
26. Send club members to a district membership seminar
27. Make prospective members feel important
28. Honour outstanding community members with awards like Melvin Jones, Awards by Club (certificates), etc.
29. Don't take age into consideration
30. Make some meetings social events
31. Build a club web site and a social media presence
32. Use email contacts to promote your club
33. Put posters in public areas (see "[We are Lions](#)" club recruitment poster / look at posters other Lions created [Pinterest page of posters](#) / or be inspired by [Our Global Causes](#))
34. Ask corporations and employers to sponsor or subsidize membership
35. Have a reward/recognition program for those who bring in new members at Club level
36. Create more fun
37. Give a money-back guarantee—if after 3 months a new member does not want to stay, return their fees
38. Invite the media to cover well-known speakers
39. Use word of mouth
40. Network with coworkers, friends, and family
41. Follow up with guests
42. Place a coloured dot on the watch of every member to remind them to bring a guest
43. Lead by example—how many members have you recruited?
44. Have members give talks at other organizations
45. Provide guests with free meals
46. Update your club's satisfaction surveys. Your Club Your Way / Know your Ratings / CQI
47. Look for members in ethnic groups not represented in your club
48. Provide brochures for new employee packets in local companies with approval from HR/owner
49. Advertise at sports events
50. Ask the district for help



51. Hold joint meetings with other groups
52. Share your club experience with others
53. Participate in community events
54. Write letters to the newspaper about the campaigns your club is working on
55. If a prospect can't join because of your meeting day & time, suggest other nearby clubs
56. Publicize club successes, elections, events, in local newspapers
57. Circulate the club newsletter widely
58. Design a club brochure [Club recruitment brochure template](#)
59. Hold recruiting events with two or more clubs
60. Form/join a speakers' bureau or organize a pool of speakers to be available for presentations outside Club
61. Wear your Lions pin at ALL times
62. Mention your club at meetings of other organizations during announcements
63. Send newsletter to guests
64. When asked about your leadership skills or career success, tell them about your club
65. Ask the DG, VDGs, or GMT to attend a board meeting to talk about membership
66. Ask every member to submit 3 prospects to the membership chair
67. Always make it FUN
68. Give every member a club decal or bumper stickers for their car
69. Give testimonials about your club while guests are at the meeting
70. Repeatedly invite prospective members
71. Practice selling your club at Club meetings—have a one minute elevator speech ready
72. Conduct a Membership Satisfaction Survey – see [How Are Your Ratings](#) and the [Member Satisfaction Guide](#)
73. The club president asks three club members as a personal favour to each recruit one new member
74. Bring your boss to a club meeting
75. Make contact with women's business associations
76. Bring your co-workers to a club meeting
77. Bring your subordinates to a club meeting
78. Have new member kits available at every meeting
79. Use books, brochures, videos, posters and other resources from LCI
80. Hand out invitation cards for a "free" lunch (breakfast, dinner)
81. Have members constantly promote and rave about your club
82. Meet at a good location
83. Assign members to five-person recruitment teams—each team brings in a new member every six months
84. Develop a strategic membership plan as a year-round priority – growth needs to be planned
85. Have incentives for recruitment
86. Have a large poster that lists all the members who have sponsored a new member in the past year
87. Select a missing career or other classification in the membership and work on filling it
88. Display a thermometer showing progress towards the club membership goal
89. Feature a member's "benefit of the month" in the club newsletter
90. Induct new members with pizzazz & invite their spouse/partner
91. Develop a welcome letter from the president for all new members
92. Contact all members who have resigned in the past 3 years
93. Use billboards at bus stops and roadside
94. Ask club members to put club ads on their commercial trucks
95. Recognize new members in newsletters
96. Regularly check the LCI website for ideas
97. Visit other Club, District, Multiple District websites and social media for ideas
98. Invite spouses to social functions
99. Ask recipients of your Lions Club service or donations (or LCIF) to speak for Lions or your Club
100. Pass out M & M candy to remind members that "Membership Matters" and that we need "More Members" to provide more service

This information was originally found at <http://greatideastoshore.com/2011/10/11/100-ways-to-recruit-new-members>. It has been modified to include and refer to Lions Clubs International materials.

Comments made in the year 1957

- "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."
- "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it.
- "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$5000 will only buy a used one."
- "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."
- "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"
- "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."
- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."
- "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
- "If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."
- "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
- "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."
- "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."
- "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."
- "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
- "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."
- "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
- "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."
- "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."
- "No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

DISTRICT 14-B LIONS CLUBS THAT ARE NO LONGER WITH US

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Here's a pretty big word search puzzle that contains the areas in District 14-B where we once had a Lions Club. Please see the following page to see the complete list of 46 communities that, at one time, had a viable Lions Club.

It would certainly be in our best interest to see if we might be able to revisit some of these areas to see if we could possibly get them interested in returning to their “good old days!”

BALDWIN	LINCOLN/PLACE
BEECHVIEW	LION
BLAWNOX/OHARA	MON/YOUGH/AREA
BOSTON/GREENOAK/MTVERNON	NORTH/VERSAILLES
BRADDOCK	OAKLAND
BROOKLINE	PENN/HILLS
BURCHFIELD	PERRY/HIGHWAY
CARNEGIE	PORT/VUE
CASTLE/SHANNON	QUAKER/VALLEY
DRAVOSBURG	SCOTT/TOWNSHIP
DUQUESNE	SOUTH/HILLS
EAST/ALLEGHENY	SOUTH/SIDE
ELIZABETH	SOUTHWEST
ETNA	SQUIRREL/HILL
FAIR/OAKS	SUNSET/HILLS
FORWARD	SWISSVALE
FOX/CHAPEL/AREA	TURTLE/CREEK
GREATER/PGH/AIRPORT	UPPER/SAINT/CLAIR
GREEN/TREE	VERSAILLES
HAMPTON/RICHLAND	WEST/ALLEGHENY
HAZELWOOD	WEST/DEER
IMPERIAL	WILKINS/TWP
JEFFERSON/BOROUGH	ASK/ONE
LEETSDALE	WILKINSBURG

If you think you might be able to help make any inroads to going back to any of these communities, please contact our District Governor Marni Latterman at lionmarni14b@gmail.com or phone: 412-519-8771.

Information taken from the District's history, "A Study in Service" by PDG Harold Fletcher