

From the desk of **District Governor Mike Crossey**

Fellow Lions and Leos,

It's February. Happy Valentine's Day.

While I'm tempted to write about love and relationships, I'm not.

It's February, and we're halfway through our lions' year. At this point, many have given up on their New Year's resolutions, if they even wrote any.

I ask you. What are your lions' goals for the year. They're yours. Are you committed to them? I can't tell you what your goals should be, but, I hope they include growing your club, keeping and growing your membership, and increasing your service to your particular community.



OK: with these goals in mind, I give you a Success Formula to follow:

1. know your outcome. -your goal.

What is it, specifically, that you want to accomplish?

Know what you want.

2. Know your Why.

Why you want something is the most important step. Your WHY determines your resolve and your motivation. Here's an example:

You come home from the store. You pull up to the house. You have a moat and an electric fence. You have a thing about security. You realize your house is on fire. Your spouse tells you the jewelry is on the bed and it will be lost. Will you rush in to save it? I doubt it.

But, what if you realize, your child is asleep in the upstairs bedroom?

Now you have Why. I bet you'd be unstoppable. You'd find a way to cross the moat-scale fence. You'd risk your life to save your child. That's a WHY.

3. Take massive action.

4. Measure what you're getting.

5. Adjust your approach.

It's February. Today is the first day of the rest of the year. I ask you to decide, commit, and resolve to let the LION in you roar, serve, and grow.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Michael J. Crossey

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Phone: 412-983-8387

LION RALPH IMBROGNO

First Vice District Governor



Something I wanted to share with you that I ran across last week!

A YEAR OF TIME

As we look into 2025, we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchase it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life. The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person.

Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak, every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day. Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on. And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone.

Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead of a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good Lions we can invest in it in our communities. The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, we will be passing time out the window, or you will make every minute count.

Dear fellow Lions, may this new year be filled with all the things that are truly good and important to us as worldwide service organization members.

In this new year, let us continue to help those most in need and have the humility and openness to accept help from others.

***AS ALWAYS, LET US SERVE OTHERS FROM THE HEART
and CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER!!***

Lion Ralph Imbrogno

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Phone: 412-751-2039



Come on Guys and Gals We need 1^s and 2nd Vice District Governors!

Where would you like to be sworn in as
DISTRICT GOVERNOR?

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Future Lions Club International Conventions

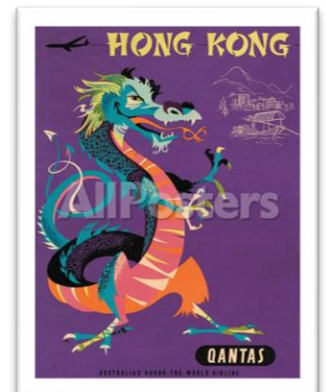


2026 Hong Kong – Jul 3-7

2027 Washington DC – July 2-6

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PDG Rich Keller at rkeller5@verizon.net

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

District 14B Lions have been invited back to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15! Join us to show the Pittsburgh area that Lions are on the move and ready to serve! We will have two vehicles in the parade, Lion Mike Quinn's 1951 Ford F1 pickup truck and DG Mike Crossey's Audi convertible for those who are unable to walk in the parade. We had a great time last year and are planning for a bigger presence and an even better time this year. Line-up time (in the Strip District) is typically 8:30am for vehicles and 9:00am for walkers with the parade getting started promptly at 10:00am. Since there are so many parade entries, it does take some time for the parade to get moving along, so dress in warm layers as it might be colder than you would expect! Please contact District Publicity Chair, Rob Falce, if you plan to march (rob.falce@verizon.net or 412-302-1075) and we can send you the full details when received. Help us show Pittsburgh that all Lions can be Irish for a Day!

Submitted by Lion Michele Falce, Coordinator of District Activities





LDBAW NCAA BASKETBALL



FUNDRAISER

1. Entries for the tournament are \$10 each and monies are due to me by Thursday, March 20th. Brackets will be done online and must be completed by NOON March 18th.
2. Winner will receive 1/2 of the proceeds and the entry with the least points will get their entry fee back. Ties not settled by the tie-breaker on the online form will be determined by a drawing following the conclusion of the final game. The remaining funds will go into the LDBAW general fund.
3. We encourage clubs to enter each of their members as a service project. We thank the clubs who did this last year.
4. When entering the contest, please send a copy of your bracket (s) in case of a breakdown of the online center.



LDBAW Basketball Entry Form

NAME: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Number of Entries: _____ Paid: \$ _____ (# entries X \$10) Make checks payable to **LDBAW**

Return entries and a copy of each bracket to : PDG Tom Gregg
Email: tomgregg1@verizon.net 1130 Willowbrook Road
Cell #: 412 576-0708 Rostraver Township, PA 15012

The link to enter the contest will be made available when Yahoo has started the Bracket Challenge.
The link and a QR code will be sent out and also posted on my Facebook page.



In Loving Memory...



Lion Ernest R. OTNEAL
McKeesport Lions Club
January 12, 2025

May he rest in peace



McKeesport Lions Club recently welcomed three new members: Patricia Topolnak, Angela Hart, and Theresa Frankiewicz. Welcome to the world of Lionism!

Pictured are: Patricia Topolnak, Chuck Jarrell (sponsor), Angela Hart, Jody Goughnour (sponsor), Marie Domingo (club president), Theresa Frankiewicz, Tony Ura (sponsor substitute) *Submitted by Lion Annette James*





NAME	CLUB	SPONSOR
Sean Healy	Elfinwild Lions Club	Lion Mike Daninhirsch
Hilda M. Valdespino	Elfin wild Lions Club	Lion Michael Quinn
Theresa Frankiewicz	McKeesport Lions Club	Lion Daniel Carr
Angela Hart	McKeesport Lions Club	Lion Jody Goughnour
Anna Lisa Haughwout	McKeesport Lions Club	Lion Yvonne Parhetta
Patricia Topolnak	McKeesport Lions Club	Lion Chuck Jarrell
Elizabeth A. Dalton	Oakmont Lions Club	Lion Gary Rogers
Chris Buda	Pittsburgh Host Lions Club	Lion William Lestitian

Since July 1, 2024, here's what our District membership looks like from the Lion Portal...
July 1st 636 Members added 18 dropped 79 December 31 575
We are ranked 16th out of the 17 Districts with District 14W beneath us.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP *	
14G	1482
14A	1249
14D	1194
14C	1164
14T	1132
14M	993
14N	927
14F	907
14P	889
14U	839
14L	799
14K	733
14J	700
14E	686
14H	624
14B	575
14W	573
TOTAL	15,466
*as of 12/31/2024 Health Assessment Report	

There are a lot of membership plans out there but the best one is it ill just to...



NEW DISTRICT PROJECT...

Here is the information you've been waiting for!



My eyesight isn't what it used to be... I'm worried... What can I do?

District Governor Mike Crossey has adopted a project that he hopes will enthusiastically receive the support of all thirty clubs in the District by raising funds to bring this project to fruition

The UPMC McKeesport Internal Medicine clinic serves as a vital safety net for the underserved population of McKeesport. It provides essential healthcare services to a diverse population, including many individuals with diabetes. Diabetic retinopathy, a serious eye complication that can lead to irreversible vision loss and blindness, is a significant concern for this patient population. Early detection and treatment of diabetic retinopathy are crucial to preserving vision.

The Importance of Diabetic Retinopathy Screening

Diabetic retinopathy occurs when high blood sugar levels damage the tiny blood vessels in the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. Over time, this damage can lead to vision loss and even blindness. The good news is that early detection and treatment can significantly reduce the risk of vision loss. Regular eye exams are essential for people with diabetes to identify and manage diabetic retinopathy.

The Need for a New Screening Camer

Ten years ago, the Lions Club generously donated a diabetic retinopathy screening camera to the McKeesport Internal Medicine clinic. This camera has provided invaluable service to our community, enabling early detection and treatment of diabetic retinopathy for nearly 1000 patients. Unfortunately, due to technological advancements and the wear and tear of constant use, the camera is now obsolete and malfunctioning.

The Proposed Solution

To continue providing high-quality eye care to our community, we are requesting the Lions Club's support in funding a new, state-of-the-art diabetic retinopathy screening camera. This investment will:

- **Improve patient care:** A new camera will enable earlier and more accurate diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy, leading to timely treatment and better patient outcomes.
- **Enhance efficiency:** Modern cameras are faster and more efficient, allowing for more screenings to be performed in less time.
- **Strengthen community health:** By preventing vision loss, we can improve the overall health and well-being of our community members.

Conclusion

We believe that a new diabetic retinopathy screening camera is a worthwhile investment that will directly benefit the health of our community. We are grateful for the Lions Club's past support and hope that you will consider this request for future funding.



Evan L. Waxman, MD, PHD

Professor of Ophthalmology,
Mercy Eye Institute of
Pittsburgh

See the following page to see additional information...

HOW WE WILL ACCOMPLISH THE RETINA SCREENING CAMERA PROJECT...

The financial goal for the camera plus accessories is \$22,000.

With the support of all thirsty Lions clubs, we will not have a problem raising the funds.

If each club could have a minimum of \$300, we would have \$ 9,000. Our District has already donated \$2,000. That would give us \$11,000. We will contact the Lions of Pennsylvania or LCIF to apply for a matching grant.

WE CAN DO THIS!

To Make your donation, please send it to:

Lion George Belles
District Treasurer
37 McMurray Road, Suite LL7
Pittsburgh, PA 15241-1601



Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the

School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult, she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included [sight programs](#) aimed at preventable blindness



Homestead Lions Bid Farewell After 77 Years. “It’s been a GREAT RIDE!”

HOMESTEAD DISTRICT LIONS CLUB was chartered February 12, 1948 and sponsored by the Swissvale Lions Club. It received its charter from District Governor Boyd S. Sharp of the Washington Lions Club. The first President was Harold T. Whetstone, Secretary was Stephen B. Nagy, and Treasurer was James Allison. Many Lions from this Club have been active in the District including Lion Martin A. Yuhasz who was District Governor in 1959-60, Lion Richard P. Mader who was District Governor 1979-80, Albert R. Bugel, Morton J. Keisler, Randall Williams Val J. Muha, and John Lang. The Club has sponsored four other Lions Clubs: Lincoln Place in 1948, West Mifflin in 1953, Whitaker-Munhall Gardens in 1954, and Hazelwood in 1957. A local citizen was so impressed with the work of the Lions that she bequeathed a house to them in her will. The Club has distributed an estimated \$250,000 (as of 1989) to various Lions charities and to the less fortunate in the community (as of 1989). The Club’s top membership occurred in 1950-51 with 52 members. *(The aforementioned details are from PDG Malcolm F. Lovejoy’s history that he accumulated through 1989.)*

Since 1989, another Club member who gave freely of his time to serve on the District Cabinet several times is Lion Andy Zavinski who was ever-present at numerous Lions State Conventions with the Club’s Lion cage, manned by a costumed Lion and tossing candy to parade spectators.. Although he never served on the District Cabinet, Lion Darrell Hess Chaired the Club’s Annual Golf Tournament for a number of years. This event produced thousands of dollars for the Club. No further information is available.

So sorry to see you go!



HOMESTEAD FROM THE PITTSBURGH SIDE OF THE MONONGAHELA

Photo by Emil J. Klier



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Thank you! We sincerely appreciate the unwavering support and sales from all of you in 2024. Thanks to your commitment, we achieved remarkable broom sales exceeding \$24,500 from Lions Clubs. These sales have provided meaningful employment to 16 individuals who have disabilities and empowered our Industries Division to support the essential programs of VisAbility Pittsburgh (formerly Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services). As we move into 2025, we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to place pre-orders for your spring and summer broom needs. This proactive approach will enable us to plan our inventory effectively and ensure that the brooms you require are readily available. In 2024, many of you submitted pre-orders and estimates that significantly improved our planning, and we are grateful for your participation. For your convenience, our current broom prices are listed below. To place your order, please reach out to Cindy Smith at 412-368-4400 x2208 or csmith@visability.org. Sincerely, Leslie & Cindy

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Tarentum Area Lions Welcome DG Mike



On a cold and snowy evening the Tarentum Lions Club was honored by a visit from District Governor Mike Crossey. A warm exchange of information took place as DG Mike informed the club of the service project the district was currently involved in. We told DG Mike about all the exciting projects we had going .

Submitted by Lion Tom Ceschini



Monroeville Lions Unveil New Drop Box for Used Eyeglasses

The Monroeville Lions Club thanks **America's Best Eyeglasses Manager Ashley** and her team for designing this donation box for collecting eyeglasses. The box was placed near the front of the store and has patients donating more eyeglasses than ever to the Lions!!

A reminder that America's Best has a National Vision Cares program. The recipients you help to identify will receive a complimentary eye exam and a complimentary pair of glasses! Contact your local America's Best Eyeglasses for details.

Submitted by Lion Mary Raynak Eyeglasses Recycling Chairperson



Presidents Day, February 17

UNITED STATES PRESIDENTS

1 st GEORGE WASHINGTON (1789-1797) Party: No Party	2 nd JOHN ADAMS (1797-1801) Party: Federalist	3 rd THOMAS JEFFERSON (1801-1809) Party: Democratic-Republican	4 th JAMES MADISON (1809-1817) Party: Democratic-Republican	5 th JAMES MONROE (1817-1825) Party: Democratic-Republican	6 th JOHN QUINCY ADAMS (1825-1829) Party: Democratic-Republican	7 th ANDREW JACKSON (1829-1837) Party: Democrat	8 th MARTIN VAN BUREN (1837-1841) Party: Democrat
9 th WILLIAM H. HARRISON (1841) Party: Whig	10 th JOHN TYLER (1841-1845) Party: Whig	11 th JAMES K. POLK (1845-1849) Party: Democrat	12 th ZACHARY TAYLOR (1849-1850) Party: Whig	13 th MILLARD FILLMORE (1850-1853) Party: Whig	14 th FRANKLIN PIERCE (1853-1857) Party: Democrat	15 th JAMES BUCHANAN (1857-1861) Party: Democrat	16 th ABRAHAM LINCOLN (1861-1865) Party: Republican
17 th ANDREW JOHNSON (1865-1869) Party: Republican	18 th ULYSSES S. GRANT (1869-1877) Party: Republican	19 th RUTHERFORD B. HAYES (1877-1881) Party: Republican	20 th JAMES A. GARFIELD (1881) Party: Republican	21 th CHESTER A. ARTHUR (1881-1885) Party: Republican	22 th BENJAMIN HARRISON (1889-1893) Party: Republican	23 rd GROVER CLEVELAND (1893-1897) Party: Democrat	
24 th WILLIAM MCKINLEY (1897-1901) Party: Republican	25 th THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1901-1909) Party: Republican	26 th WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT (1909-1913) Party: Republican	27 th WOODROW WILSON (1913-1921) Party: Democrat	28 th WARREN G. HARDING (1921-1923) Party: Republican	29 th CALVIN COOLIDGE (1923-1929) Party: Republican	30 th HERBERT HOOVER (1929-1933) Party: Republican	31 st FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (1933-1945) Party: Democrat
32 nd TRUMAN (1945-1953) Party: Democrat	33 rd EISENHOWER (1953-1961) Party: Republican	34 th JOHN F. KENNEDY (1961-1963) Party: Democrat	35 th LYNDON B. JOHNSON (1963-1969) Party: Democrat	36 th RICHARD NIXON (1969-1974) Party: Republican	37 th JIMMY CARTER (1977-1981) Party: Democrat	38 th RONALD REAGAN (1981-1989) Party: Republican	
39 th GEORGE W. BUSH (1989-1993) Party: Republican	40 th BILL CLINTON (1993-2001) Party: Democrat	41 st GEORGE W. BUSH (2001-2009) Party: Republican	42 nd BARACK OBAMA (2009-2017) Party: Democrat	43 rd DONALD TRUMP (2017-2021) Party: Republican	44 th JOE BIDEN (2021-2025) Party: Democrat	45 th DONALD TRUMP (2025-) Party: Republican	