



The Cauldron



District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

January 2026



2026 Calendar

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Holidays and common observances (United States)

1 Jan.	New Year's Day	25 May	Memorial Day	12 Oct.	Columbus Day
19 Jan.	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	19 June	Juneteenth	11 Nov.	Veterans Day
16 Feb.	Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day)	4 July	Independence Day	26 Nov.	Thanksgiving Day
5 Apr.	Easter	7 Sept.	Labor Day	25 Dec.	Christmas

From the desk of District Governor Ralph Imbrogno

As we approach the mid year of my Lions district governorship I would like to take the opportunity to present to you an updated status of our District 14B as it pertains to membership. We still and always will need new members and member retention, so we can better serve our communities. Some of our Lions Clubs in our District are signing up new members and retaining membership, however we are losing members because of death and old age. That's why it is really important to refocus on member recruitment.

We do not have a magic wand to recruit new members, but we do have the good old fashioned JUST ASK technique that we all need to be using. If each club in 14B would recruit just 2 members, that would give us 60 new members, which would be fantastic.

But we have to take the initiative to JUST ASK and not just talk about it.

I supplied the Clubs in 14B with signs to use at fundraisers, and I'm asking all the clubs to please use the signs and "prospect cards" as a starting point to help get new potential members. Also, a good way to get people interested in joining is to invite them to your meetings and explain to them what Lionism is all about and review the Lions initiatives outlined on the sign and cards. Another excellent way is to ask each member to bring a friend or a relative to the monthly meetings.

So I'm asking all of you to put the new membership effort at the top of the priority list and let's make our District a "plus" District instead of a negative one.

**ALWAYS REMEMBER TO VOLUNTEER FROM THE HEART!
LET'S HAVE A HAPPY AND PRODUCTIVE NEW YEAR 2021**

Lion Ralph Imbrogno

District Governor

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Lion Maryann Engel

Second Vice District Governor

Fellow Lions,

As the New Year begins, it brings with it a sense of renewal, fresh goals, and the perfect opportunity to invite new members to join our local Lions Club. This is a time when many people are looking for meaningful ways to give back, connect with their community, and make a positive difference—and Lions Clubs offer all of that and more.

Becoming a Lion means joining a global organization dedicated to service, friendship, and leadership. Locally, our club supports projects that directly improve lives, from community events and youth programs to vision care and disaster relief. New members bring new energy, ideas, and skills that help strengthen our impact and ensure our service continues to grow.



The New Year is an ideal moment to reach out to neighbors, friends, and colleagues who share a desire to serve. By welcoming new members, we not only expand our ability to help others, but we also build lasting relationships and a stronger sense of community.

As we look ahead to the year before us, let's resolve to open our doors, share our mission, and invite others to experience the pride and purpose that come with being a Lion. Together, with new members and renewed commitment, we can make this New Year one of our most impactful yet.

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

Yours in Lionism,

Maryann Engel

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



Welcome to our new members to the wonderful world of L Lionism!

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Jim Cerqua	Clairton Lions Club	Lion Chris Tognarine
Justin Gould	Elfinwild Lions Club	Lion Sean Healy
Charles Danford	McKeesport Lions Club	Lion Annette James
Michael Swartz	McKeesport Lions Club	Lion A nnette James
John Delvaux	Pittsburgh Host Lions Club	Lion William Lestitian
Chloe Lestitian	Pittsburgh Host Lions Club	Lion William Lestitian
Anna Mathias	Pittsburgh Host Lions Club	Lion William Lestitian

**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





Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher

"This 'n' That!"

HERE'S OUR LATEST MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS... ANYBODY GETTING CONCERNED?

Since July 1, 2025, here's what our District membership looks like from
LCI Health Assessment Report

July 1st, 587 members added 22 dropped 37 November 30th, 572 members

We are ranked 17th out of the 17 Districts!!



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 world can
Take the place of persistence. The
Greatest mistake is giving up.

In Loving Memory



**Lion Mary Cavataio
Brentwood Lions Club
December 29, 2025**

May they rest in peace





Annual Pennsylvania Lions

Spring Leadership Symposium

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, February 14, 2026 9 AM-2:30 PM

PA Lions State Office

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Lunch available for a \$10.00 donation (Pay at the Door)

OR

Sunday, February 15, 2026 Noon-5 PM

Butler County Association for the Blind

322 N. Cedar Street

Butler, PA 16001

Refreshments will be available

SESSION TOPICS

CANI: Constant and Never-Ending Improvement

Presenter: Lion Dave Husser

Marketing – “On a Budget”

Presenter: Second Vice District Governor Ray Highlands

Service Projects: Connecting with Community

Presenter: Immediate Past District Governor Deb Keeports

Team Building/Partnering: We Serve Together

Presenter: Past District Governor Dick Sware

FREE & OPEN to all MD-14 Lions

WANTED!!!

SERVICE MINDED MEN AND WOMEN
INTERESTED IN

VOLUNTEERRING
LEADING PROJECTS
NETWORKING
HAVING FUN

ALL WHILE HELPING
YOUR COMMUNITY

Rectangular Slip



LOOK OUT 2026...

HERE COME THE LIONS!!

McKeesport Lions Club... The Tradition Continues!

McKeesport Lions Club took part in the 40th annual Festival of Trees, December 4-8, in Renziehausen Park. Everyone in the area looks forward to viewing the trees in the Jacob Woll Main Pavilion that are set up by local business, clubs & organizations. The Recreation Commission sold concessions, and the Semper Fidelis Club sold baked goods. Public Works offered hay wagon rides to the Heritage Center and Garden Club, both located in the park near the Lions Bandshell, where concerts are held in the summer months. Our tree theme this year was Concerts in the Park and featured photos of the concerts that were presented this past season. The tree was designed by Lions Jody Goughnour and Yvonne Parhetta, and the ornaments were hand-made by Yvonne. The outside welcome tree was planted by the club many years ago after serving as a live tree inside for the festival.

Submitted by Lion Annette James, Secretary





FROM THE DESK OF PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

A Personal Note About Giving the Gift of Healing

Greetings from PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp!

We want to tell you about a moment that reminds us *why* Project New Hope matters.

Last spring, during one of our veteran family retreats, a father — a disabled veteran with a prosthetic leg — tried our climbing tower with his children watching. His daughter cheered him on. His son, quiet most of the weekend, suddenly looked up from his phone and joined in. And when that dad made it to the top, his entire family rushed to celebrate him.

Later, his wife told us through tears, *“That’s the first time I’ve seen my family look like a team in two years.”*

That’s what Project New Hope does.

It’s not about recreation. It’s not about a fun weekend away. **It’s about saving families.**

Give the Gift of Healing This Holiday Season

What does your donation really do? It gives a military family a chance to reconnect. To laugh again. To rediscover they’re a team.

- ❖ \$150 = One day of healing
- ❖ \$400 = Meals and lodging
- ❖ \$750 = A full retreat for one veteran family
- ❖ \$1,500 = Two full retreats or one family with higher accessibility needs

EDITORS' NOTE: I emailed all of our District Presidents and Secretaries the complete article on December 14th. If you missed it, I have the link in the email you just opened

As a side note, PDG John Case was District Governor (2013-2014) when this program was just in its infancy.



REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE **RLLI**

District 14-B has three approved candidates who will be attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) in March 2026 in Harrisburg, PA. The District pays for the institute, including instruction, room, and meals. The only responsibility of the candidate is the travel to and from Harrisburg.

Lion Maryann Dayton-Engel - Second Vice District Governor

Lion Jim Engel - Club President, Brentwood Lions Club - Future Second Vice District Governor - 2026 - 2027

Lion Bill Lestitian - First Vice District Governor - Elect

Examples of sessions covered at the RLLI include: Fast and Effective Teams, Keeping Members Engaged, Overcoming Resistance, Public Speaking, and Goal Setting.

If you are interested in attending the RLLI next year, please let DG Ralph or PDDG Mary Ann Belles know. letter

PDG Mary Ann Belles

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"Christmas with the Lions"

Sat. December 6, 2025 – 6:00-9:30pm

The Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties (LDBAW) hosted Christmas with the Lions this year, held at the Palisades in McKeesport. The Pittsburgh Belairs entertained the attendees.

Thank you, DG Ralph Imbrogno, for getting the sponsorship for the Belairs. Thank you to Lion Annette James and Lion Marie Domingo from the McKeesport Lions Club for selling the Basket Raffle tickets. Thank you to SVDG Maryann Engel & Lion Bill Lestitian for managing the registration table. Thank you to DG Amy Thompkins from District 14-E for her invaluable help with the whole evening. Thank you to Lion Dan Carr and the staff at the Palisades for a really special evening. Lion Dan and his crew served up a beautiful appetizer table with cheese and crackers, BBQ meatballs, and vegetables. For dinner they served a separate salad table, with a buffet of stuffed chicken breasts, Roast Beef Au Jus, and Baked Lemon Butter Fish served by their staff.

Lions from both Districts attended along with fans of the Pittsburgh Belairs. We had an attendance of around 120 people. The Lions Clubs from District 14-B that attended are: Monroeville , Whitehall Community , Bridgeville Greater Area , Brentwood , Pittsburgh Host, McKeesport , Pleasant Hills, Mon River Fleet, Clairton, White Oak, Bethel Park. The Lions from District 14-E that attended included Delmont , Level Green, Rostraver Township Sewickley Area , Slick Ville, Trafford, and Youngwood . Wonderful to see so many clubs represented .

The fans of the Pittsburgh Belairs who attended, learned all about how the LDBAW serves our clients/patients by PDG Chris Raynak. District 14-E Governor G Amy Thompkins told all how the Lions in 14-E serve their District, and DG Ralph Imbrogno talked about how the Lions of 14-B serve their District.

Thank you to all who attended . Next year's Christmas With the Lions will be held at the Lamplighter in December 2026. We hope the Pittsburgh Belairs will entertain us again. *Submitted by PDG Mary Ann Belles*



See additional pictures on following page



Whitehall Community Lions Club's Christmas Party...

The Whitehall Community Lions Club had our Christmas Party at the Residence of Whitehall. The Baldwi aires, an Acocella group from Baldwin High School (*See below for more information*), entertained the residents and us. The Club presented the Music Teacher, Kris Tranter, with a check for the Music Department. The residents enjoy hearing the students sing Christmas songs.

Submitted by PDG Mary Ann Belles, President



BHS Students Perform in A Cappella Showcase

On November 2nd, 2024, a select group of Baldwin High School Honor Highlander Choir students performed in The PMEA Region I Contemporary A Cappella Showcase, one of the largest educational a cappella events in the Pittsburgh area, welcoming nearly 300 students from 19 different schools. Students attended master classes with esteemed director Deke Sharon, the music producer of the Pitch Perfect movies. They also engaged with professional a cappella clinicians and teachers from 4 different states, and the headlining group, Vocalight, a professional a cappella group from Dayton, OH. It was truly an educational, fun, and memorable experience. Congratulations to Gavin Barrett, Kelly Campion, Lucas Cormier, Ethan Green, Gianna Harkins, Josie Lang, Brooke Manning, Juliana Morton, Alex Meyers, Ryan Priano, Callie Siefert, and Milana Valente on a successful day and an amazing concert performance!

Pleasant Hills Lions prepare for a Holiday gathering for the Residents of Celebration Villa Senior Living Facility



Lion Jan Hayes is delivering gift bags.

On Saturday, December 13th, the Pleasant Hills Lions Club hosted its annual Holiday gathering for the residents of Celebration Villa Senior Living Facility. To prepare for this event, 89 gift bags were assembled for the residents. These gifts, for the most part, contained various personal care items and other sundries. There was also a Christmas carol sing-along. The facility provided refreshments, which club members served to the residents.

Several club members, as well as friends and family members of club members, participated in making this service project possible. Special thanks to King Lion Bruce Altemus and PDG Marni Letterman, who were in charge of purchasing the gift items. Also, special thanks go to Lions Tom and Laura Gilchrist, Lion Barbara and Irv Letterman, and Lion Janet Hayes for assembling the gift bags at the Letterman's home prior gathering..

Submitted by PDG Geoff Temple, Secretary



Lion Tom Gilchrist, Lion Bella's friend Josh, Lion Bella Stash, and Lion Thea Banjac



Future Lions Ray, Emily, and Rosie who were a great help



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

With all the disasters that occur throughout our country and the world, please consider donating to LCIF. Your individual donation doesn't need to be huge: \$5, \$10, or \$25 from every Lion. A recurring monthly or quarterly donation can be made. Club contributions can be made in any amount, a few hundred dollars up to thousands of dollars, while honoring a member with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. There are so many ways to donate: individuals, a club, by hosting a special fundraising event, monthly recurring gifts, matching gifts from community foundations and groups, the Lions Legacy Program.

When a humanitarian crisis of any magnitude strikes, we as Lions, are ready to help. LCIF approved a \$100,000 MCAT grant to support relief efforts in Texas following the heartbreaking flooding and devastation impacting so many in Kerr County, Texas this past July. This approved MCAT grant is just one example of how LCIF can act swiftly and substantially, thanks to the generosity of donors like you and Lions across the world. Just a few weeks ago, a major typhoon *swept into Western Alaska's Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, producing a storm surge that flooded villages as far as 60 miles up the river. The water pushed homes off their foundations and set some afloat with people inside. There have already been grants requested and granted to help this devastation.*

Giving to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund supports more than one crisis — it strengthens our ability to respond to the next one. That readiness is what sets LCIF apart, and that's the power of *your* Foundation.

District 14-B would like to have a designated LCIF Chairperson in every club. This person can be either elected or appointed. Many clubs around the country name the Immediate past president as the club LCIF chair just as International does. That may be the easiest way for your club. Any way that you decide, please name a chair ASAP. The secretary can record it through the Lions Portal just like officer reporting. I will be in touch with each President to record that person's name and contact info. Thank you for complying with this request. Thank you for your support of LCIF.

It's great to be a LION,

Christopher Raynak

LCIF District Coordinator

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TARENTUM AREA LIONS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY Lion Thomas Cecschini



Over a 170 Lions and guests attended the Tarentum Lions Club's Annual Christmas Charity dinner. There was good food a feeling of fellowship and holiday spirit blessing the Hill Top Country Club that evening.



Tarentum Lion's Club members: from all of us to all of you Merry Christmas. And a Happy, Healthy, and prosperous New Year!



Our lions club taking part in the Tarentum Christmas parade.

BRENTWOOD LIONS CLUB 's Breakfast woth Santa

SUBMITTED BY Lion Maryann Engel, Secretary



The Brentwood Lions Club held their Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6th. Thanks to everyone, (our Club Members and their families, Brentwood School District Students, DG Ralph Imbrogno, PDG/Cabinet Secretary Mary Ann Belles, District Treasurer George Belles), who came out to help make our event a success!?!



White Oak Lions Club had another Busy and Successful Year...

Taken front "The Club Chatter" Newsletter, by Lion Rich Peters, Secretary

I think our Club had a pretty good year this year. We collected socks for the schools, sent in lots of pill bottles to Matthew:25 Ministries, had our eye seal campaign, donated several \$50 money pizzas for various group's fundraisers, had a very successful murder mystery dinner, helped at a blood drive, donated almost 100 items for hygiene bags for the schools, one member helped at the boro clean-up day, donated to lots of charities, goy out own official Facebook page, had a nice 75th Charter celebration, sponsored a camper at Beacon Lodge, got our 5th bench for our plastic collection and working on our 6th, cleaned and donated lots of eyeglasses, proceeds from our pancake breakfast and bake sale going to the proposed Veterans Memorial at Heritage Park, sold lots of brooms, bags and Koeze nuts, donated school supplies to France McClure school, several members volunteer regularly at Sampson's Mills food bank, ongoing donations of paper products to the food bank, donated \$300 for Thanksgiving to the Salvation Army, Hope Ministries and Sampson's Mills Food Bank and the same for Christmas, provided 6 \$50 Giant Eagle gift cards to needy families for Thanksgiving and again for Christmas, ongoing collection of pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and probably several things that I have left out!

Way to go,, White Oak Lions!



McKeesport Lions Club Lends a Hand...

Submitted by Lion Annette Jamesm Secretary

On 12-20-25 McKeesport Lions Club once again took over bell ringing duties for The Salvation Army at the McKeesport Giant Eagle. The club has had this annual tradition for at least the past 10 years, and each year they collect the highest one-day total donations at that location. Club members enjoy interacting with the public on that day, and even help out store workers by collecting and returning carts into the store while ringing the bell for this worthy cause.



The Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club's Annual...

CHILI COOKOFF

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.



THE 2026 ROSE PARADE THEME "THE MAGIC IN TEAMWORK!"

The theme celebrates the sense of accomplishment in knowing that by working together, we can collectively achieve outcomes so much richer than we can ever experience as individuals.

