



The Cauldron

District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

January 2022



2022

2022 Calendar

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Holidays and common observances (United States)

1 Jan. New Year's Day
 17 Jan. Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
 21 Feb. Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day)
 17 Apr. Easter

30 May Memorial Day
 4 July Independence Day
 5 Sept. Labor Day
 10 Oct. Columbus Day

11 Nov. Veterans Day
 24 Nov. Thanksgiving Day
 25 Dec. Christmas

From the desk of **District Governor MaryAnn Belles**

Greetings Fellow Lions, Leos & Guests of District 14-B,

Happy New Year! I hope your Holidays were enjoyable. Being with family & friends can be both relaxing and difficult. I hope your visits were pleasant. George & I entertained all of our families on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day and then we visited with my sister in Ligonier on Sunday after Christmas. On Christmas Day my family had a wonderful Zoom call that we were able to connect, talk over each other and get to see each other even though we were in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Djibouti. It was just wonderful.



We were very blessed to be able to connect and have fun with our families. We have families in the mid-west that lost everything a few weeks ago. They have asked us to help them. Lion Jim Groff is organizing supplies to be collected for the families of Kentucky. Lion Jordan Botta, the District 14-B Disaster Relief/Preparedness Chairperson has sent a list to all the Club Secretaries asking the Clubs to collect and donate for the families in Kentucky. There is a worksheet you can tell Jordan what your Club wants to collect or donate.

If your Club decides to donate funds instead, please mail the check payable to District 14-B and mail it to the District Treasurer Lion George Belles. The collection points across Pennsylvania are yet to be determined but, in the meantime, Jordan will keep in touch with all the Clubs. We are also organizing a fundraising workshop to help the Clubs collect the items needed. Jordan will be in touch in the near future. We appreciate any help you can provide for the families of Kentucky.

We are now in the second half of our Lions year. I'm so excited to announce that our Global Membership Approach Champion, Lion Yvonne Parhetta & I are planning Membership events to help the Clubs find more members. She will be in touch with your Club to schedule your Membership Event.

I have visitations scheduled this month, in February and in March. Please let me know if there are any conflicts with the date on my visitation schedule. I look forward to visiting with Club Members and hearing all about how your Clubs are serving your communities.

Now that it's January 2022, Lions Club International (LCI), the State – Multiple District 14, and the District will be sending out the second half of the year dues notices. Each Club will receive three different invoices, some via the mail and some via email. Club Treasurers, please pay these invoices as soon as possible. If you have any questions concerning your invoices, please don't hesitate to contact the District Treasurer, Lion George Belles. He should be able to answer your questions or be able to point you in the right direction.

It's wonderful to see that we are still in the positive in membership growth for District 14B. We have a net growth of 15 new members. Lions Clubs International has continued to waive the new member registration fee of \$35.00 until June 30, 2022. Please continue to recruit new members to your Clubs. Our Membership events should be of assistance to you.

Service from the Heart & Let's Soar into Service!

Lion MaryAnn Belles

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phone 412-833-3450 or 412-983-8956





Vice District Governor Lion Dr. Kamal Gella

Dear Fellow Lions

In this month's newsletter, I would like to focus on the LCIF Disaster relief fund. Tornadoes caused devastation in Southern and Midwestern United States. Lions help when a humanitarian crisis occurs to assist the communities. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions global foundation awarded Emergency grant funding to allow Lions in the affected communities to respond to urgent needs of the victims. I urge you to consider donating to LCIF disaster relief fund.

You can help. Your generous donation to LCIF's disaster relief fund will help deliver further funds to families impacted by the disaster.

I am working on recruiting people for the Lions District 14B cabinet for 2022-23. Please contact me directly if you are interested in serving the district in leadership role.

Wishing you a Happy New Year,

Yours in Service

Lion Kamal Gella

email: gellak@yahoo.com

phone 814-659-6424



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE 2022

January 2022

4th – Robinson Township
10th - Pittsburgh Hilltop
12th – Mount Lebanon (lunch)
12th – Monroeville (dinner)
14th – Pittsburgh Host
19th – Bridgeville Greater Area
25th – McKeesport
27th – Elfinwild

February 2022

1st – Bloomfield-Lawrenceville
7th – Pleasant Hills
15th – White Oak
17th – Mon River Fleet
22nd –South Park

March 2022

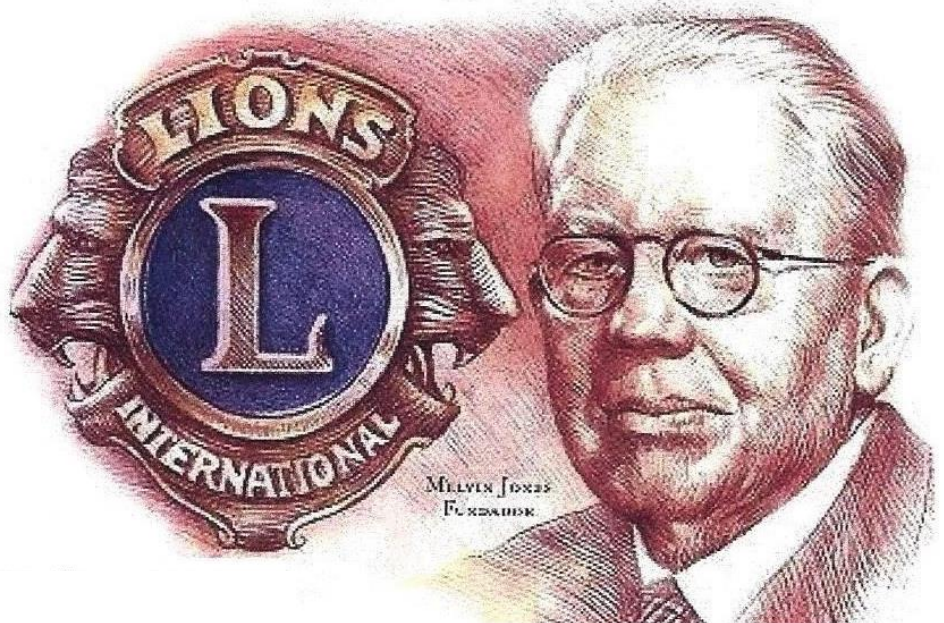
1st – Bethel Park
9th – Pittsburgh Deaf-Blind

To Be Scheduled via Zoom

Pittsburgh Shadyside-Squirrel Hill

Happy Birthday!

Melvin Jones was born on Jan. 13, 1879, at Fort Thomas, Arizona, a remote U.S. Army cavalry post where his father was a scout for the Army.





Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher

"This 'n' That!"

Lions Clubs International's Float for the 2022 Rose Bowl Parade



HAPPY NEW YEAR



To our 4 newest members.... Welcome to the Wonderful World of Lionism!

<u>Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Tracey Kniess	Robinson Lions Club	Lion Gregory Leininger
Helen Leunert	Robinson Lions Club	None Reported
Beth Randall	Robinson Lions Club	Lion Judy Kutchman
Vivian Branch	West Mifflin Lions Club	Lion Michele Falce

Since July 31, 2021, here's what our District membership looks like from MyLCI...

July 1st 712 Members added 40 dropped 24 December 31 728 Members.

We are ranked 16th out of the 17 Districts, with District 14W beneath us.

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP ***

14G	1612
14A	1451
14D	1254
14T	1239
14C	1178
14M	1026
14F	1024
14P	982
14N	965
14L	930
14U	922
14E	796
14H	763
14J	740
14K	730
14B	726
14W	627

TOTAL 16,965

(*as of 11/31/2021 Health
Assessment Report)

**WE NEED NEW
MEMBERS**

***AND ONLY YOU
CAN HELP!***

*Make a New Years
resolution to bring in
at least one new
member!*





GAT District Funding

2021-2022

BASIC INFORMATION

Storytelling is the best way to share and celebrate success while receiving funds to support your district.

What: US\$500 per district

Where: Apply Online

Who: All districts

When: No later than May 1, 2022

Submissions must be made by the district governor, district GLT, GMT, GST coordinator or cabinet secretary on record with Lions International to be eligible for funding.

REQUIREMENTS

To receive district funding, the submitted story must:

- Be in *your own words*
- Involve the *Global Action Team*
- Be a minimum of *350 words* in length
- Have occurred within the *past 3 years*
- Describe the *results or outcome* of the story
- Show an *impact, inspire* someone, or allow the audience to *learn* something

THE BEST STORIES WILL...

MAKE A CONNECTION

- Make the audience care/worry about the outcome
- Show how the story changed you or your club
- Describe events in detail to help us visualize it
- Share your opinions/perspective on the story's events

STAY FOCUSED

- Focus on one topic or event
- Keep lists, statistics, and recognition to a minimum
- Avoid including projects or events not related to your story
- Keep the information flowing and relevant to the story

SHOWCASE

100 of the best stories received will be featured in an Action=Impact Showcase on the GAT webpage.

Images and videos are strongly encouraged to supplement submissions



Lions Clubs International



MD-14 Global Action Team Spring Leadership Symposium

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, February 12, 9AM-3PM

PA Lions State Office
949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111
Lunch available for a \$7.00 donation

OR

Sunday, February 13, Noon-5PM

Butler County Association for the Blind
322 N. Cedar St, Butler, PA 16001
Snacks will be available

FREE & OPEN TO ALL LIONS!

ATTEND EITHER LOCATION!

Register to Attend:

**Email PDG Kerry at klm52@aol.com
or call (717)235-2790**

**Also MD-14 Lions Food Donation Competition
Between Harrisburg & Butler Locations**





*Thank you &
Merry Christmas!*

November 22, 2021

Mrs. MaryAnn Belles
District 14B District Governor
International Association of Lions Club
District 14B Allegheny County
1274 Old Meadow Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Dear Mrs. Belles:

MaryAnn

Thank you for the Lions contribution of 300 backpacks which included \$300 in McDonald's gift cards, individually wrapped toilet paper, hand warmers, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, emery board, soap, washcloth, comb, hairbrush, lip gloss, hand held sire/flashlight, water bottle, plastic cups, underwear, t-shirt, wet wipes, disposable silverware, winter gloves, shampoo, conditioner, applesauce, granola bar, gum, pen, first aid kits, and feminine products for women for Operation Safety Net®, and donating the extra supplies of the items . Operation Safety Net touches the lives of hundreds of men and women living on the streets in Pittsburgh annually by providing them with access to health care, hope, and dignity. Today, we are recognized as one of nation's first, targeted, full-time street medicine programs. Programs include teams that walk the streets and river banks, a medically equipped van, a winter weather shelter, drop-in day services, case management, legal assistance, and housing. We continue to set the standard for this unique form of health care and have become a best practice model for other homeless programs nationally and internationally.

In 2020, we have provided services to 3,842 homeless individuals and transitioned nearly 637 off the streets and into housing. We have placed more than 2,000 hard-core chronic homeless individuals in permanent and transitional housing facilities over the past ten years.

We are able to continue our ministry because of the thoughtful generosity of supporters like you. By including Pittsburgh Mercy in your giving this year, you have truly made a difference in the lives of our region's most vulnerable individuals.

Thank you for your support and for continuing the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy who brought compassionate care to Southwestern Pennsylvania in 1843.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mooney
Michelle Mooney
Donor Relations Specialist, Development
Pittsburgh Mercy

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THE BRENTWOOD LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

Breakfast With Santa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 9:00 AM – NOON



The Brentwood Lions had another successful event for the community. A hearty thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make it such a success!



McKeesport Lions Club

took part in the annual Festival of Trees in Renziehausen Park in McKeesport. They sponsored the welcome banner and tree and entered a tree.

Photo 1 – Welcome Banner & Tree

Photo 2 – Local Cub Scouts at the Welcome Tree Lighting

Photo 3 – (L) Lion (and Mayor) Mike Cherepko (Mck Lions Club), (C) Santa (a/k/a Tom Maglicco) Mon River Fleet Lions Club

Photo 4 – Welcome Tree Lighting Ceremony

Photo 5– McKeesport Lions Club entry

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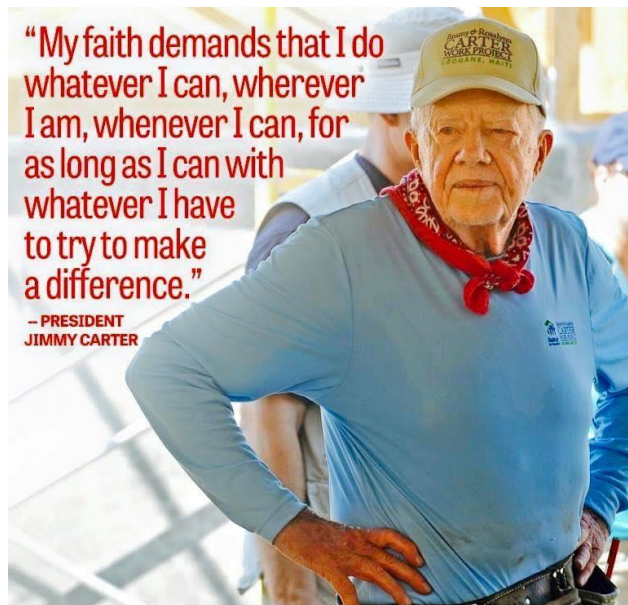


Bethel Park Lion's Christmas Party

Bethel Park Lions Club members celebrated this year's accomplishments and fellowship last night (December 14th) at the Crowne Plaza for their annual Holiday Party. A huge thanks to Nancy Pfluegar and Donna Meidenbauer planning the spectacular



A Few Words of Wisdom from Past District Governor Jimmy Carter (1968-69)



District Governor Jimmy Carter pays a visit to a Lions club in Georgia.

Photo courtesy of the Jimmy Carter Library

My involvement with the Lions began a wonderful new chapter in the late 1990s. After leaving the White House, Rosalynn and I founded The Carter Center in 1982 to advance human rights and alleviate suffering across the globe. The Carter Center eventually began to counter two blinding diseases, trachoma and river blindness, and in 1999 Rosalynn and I travelled to Mali with Lions International President Jim Ervin of Georgia to formally launch our trachoma program.

Among the world's most successful sight initiatives, the various Lions-Carter Center SightFirst programs significantly impacted the lives of millions. From 1994-2015, the partnership led to the distribution of more than 187 million treatments for river blindness and over 127 million treatments for trachoma. More than 538,000 sight-saving trichiasis surgeries were performed, and nearly 3-1/2 million latrines were built.

I meet regularly with the international Lions leaders. Rosalynn and I have enjoyed hosting them for visits to our home in Plains and The Carter Center in Atlanta. Just a few months ago, 2015-16 International President Jitsuhiro Yamada came to visit me in Plains with 22 other Lions leaders from around the world.

As a Lion for more than 60 years, I am amazed at what Lions from all walks of life have accomplished. The service of Lions is even more important today than when the association was founded in 1917. With the accomplishments of the first 100 years as a foundation, the next 100 years of service will be life-changing for millions of our world's citizens.

Thank you, Lions.



In addition to the Mon River Fleet Lions having a strong presence at the annual Christmas Around the World with the Lions event on December 17 with three tables of Lions represented, sponsorship of the beautiful centerpieces designed by Lion Sonnie Cherepko, and the wine and glasses donated by the Mon River Fleet Clairton and Duquesne Community Partnerships, 1st Vice President Yvonne and her husband Lion Tamer Frank Parhetta decorated a beautiful Lion Christmas Tree for the annual City of McKeesport Festival of Trees. What charisma!

Additionally...

But that's not all! The Mon River Fleet Lions, through board member Janet Kulis, funded several Christmas Trees to brighten Kane Regional Center's patient holidays! Kane patients are confined in this long-term facility in McKeesport during the holidays, many without family or friends. Mon River Fleet board members like Janet also serve other organizations helping to strengthen community collaborations! Great job, Janet!





MONTREAL 2022

104th Lions Clubs International Convention



HERE WE COME!

Based on your responses to our survey earlier this year, District 14-C is offering a bus trip to Montreal, Canada, for the 2022 Lions Clubs International Convention. The trip will begin on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 and end on Wednesday June 29, 2022. Here is our itinerary ...

Wednesday, June 22

- Depart Wednesday, June 22nd - multiple pick-up locations
- Drive to Alexandria Bay, NY, with several stops along the way to stretch, eat, and use the restroom (lunch is not included in the package)
- Check into our Alexandria Bay hotel (Riveredge Resort)
- Dinner together at a local restaurant

Thursday, June 23

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Shuttle boat to Heart Island and tour Bolt Castle
- Return to Alexandria Bay, board bus, and drive to Montreal Thursday afternoon
- Check into our Montreal hotel (Hotel Delta by Marriott) and pick up convention materials Thursday afternoon/evening

Friday June 24 through Tuesday June 28

Enjoy all of the activities the LCI Convention has to offer

Guided bus tour of Montreal (date and time to be determined depending on the convention schedule)

Wednesday, June 29

Board our bus and drive home, making restroom, stretch, and lunch stops along the way (lunch is not included in the package)

The cost of the trip, PER PERSON, varies depending on the number of people sharing a hotel room:

- 1 person - \$1,190
- 2 people - \$993 per person
- 3 people - \$941 per person
- 4 people - \$882 per person

THESE PRICES INCLUDE all transportation costs to and from Montreal, lodging in Alexandria Bay, dinner and breakfast in Alexandria Bay, shuttle boat to Heart Island, tour of Bolt Castle, room deposit for your Montreal hotel room, LCI Convention registration, guided bus tour of Montreal, driver's lodging in Montreal, parking fees for the bus, and driver gratuities. **THESE PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE** lodging in Montreal (other than your room deposit) or any meals other than dinner and breakfast in Alexandria Bay. You may subtract \$225 from the prices listed above for individuals who will not register for the LCI Convention. PLEASE NOTE - At least one registered convention attendee must occupy each room we reserve in our Montreal Hotel.

A deposit must be paid for each person registering for this trip. The deposit, PER PERSON, varies depending on the number of people sharing a room, as shown below. The deposit covers the following costs: deposit for Wolf's Bus Lines, Montreal hotel room deposit, and LCI Convention registration:

- 1 person - \$475
- 2 people - \$375 pp (\$150 if not registering for LCI convention)
- 3 people - \$342 pp (\$117 if not registering for LCI Convention)

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- 4 people - \$325 pp (\$100 if not registering for LCI Convention)
- Half of the remaining balance must be paid by April 1, 2022, and the remaining balance must be paid by May 1, 2022.

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The nightly rate at Hotel Delta by Marriott is \$167. With taxes, the rate is just under \$200 per night. The room deposit included in your trip deposit will be credited to your hotel account. Each party will need to present a credit card at check-in, which will be used to pay for the remaining balance on your account upon check-out.

All participants on this trip will need a VALID PASSPORT to cross the border. THE PASSPORT MUST HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE AFTER SEPTEMBER 29, 2022. Under current guidelines, anybody crossing the border into Canada MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED, SHOW THEIR VACCINATION CARD, and PROVIDE PROOF OF A NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST within 72 hours of entry. We will continue to monitor these rules and provide updates.



We MUST HAVE at least 30 people register for the trip by JANUARY 20, 2022, to cover the deposit for Wolf's Bus Lines, which will hold our bus and our hotel rooms in Alexandria Bay. We MUST HAVE at least 40 people register by FEBRUARY 28, 2022, to confirm the trip. If we do not have 40 registered by that date, those who have registered will decide if they are willing to pay an additional fee for the trip.

If we can get 40 people to sign up for the trip by JANUARY 7, 2022, those who are registering for the LCI Convention will get a \$50 discount in their registration fee. If we have 50 or more people sign up by February 28, 2022, everyone will receive a \$50 discount on the price of the trip.

Nobody will be registered for the LCI Convention until we have at least 40 people signed up for the trip or until a group of less than 40 decides to move forward with the trip for an additional fee.

Trip Insurance is available through Wolf's Bus Lines. Insurance must be purchased within 14 days of registering for the trip in order to cover cancellation due to a pre-existing health condition. This insurance will cover cancellation due to COVID -19. Participants are advised to include the cost of their hotel room in Montreal in the amount of insurance coverage they purchase. Call Wolf's Bus Lines for more information: 717-528-4125 or 800-692-7804. Dial extension 211 and ask for Kristen.

This trip is open to Lions from other districts. We will be traveling along Interstate 81 from Harrisburg, PA, to Collins Landing, NY. If interested, we invite Lions who live close to Interstate 81 to contact us about the possibility of joining us on our trip to Montreal.

For answers to questions, contact either
 PDG John Griffie, jgriffiejr47@gmail.com, 717-870-6678
 or
 PDG Dennis Cope, dennis.cope@icoud.com, 717-357-3142

Go to the [District 14-C Website](#), Alerts and Notices, to access the following documents ...

Bus Trip Information
Per Person Cost Breakdown
Bus Trip and Convention Registration Form
[LCI Convention Website](#)

Christmas Around the World



Lions clubs celebrate Christmas and successful diabetes efforts

The annual "Christmas Around the World" event returned after being canceled in 2020.

By **JEFF STITT**
jstitt@yourmvl.com

Lions from clubs across Westmoreland and Allegheny counties celebrated Christmas a little early Friday night.

The Lions Diabetes Board

of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties held its annual "Christmas Around the World with the Lions" event at the recently remodeled Valor Room of White Oak American Legion Post 701.

And while it was a Christmastime extravaganza, the purpose of the event, according to LDBAW Board Chairwoman Michele Matuch, is for local Lions to get together, network and to celebrate the successes

of the board and its diabetes programming at UPMC McKeesport and Excelsa Health Westmoreland Hospital in Greensburg.

In remarks Friday, LDBAW Vice Chair Cindy Gregg explained that in 1993, the Lions of Allegheny District 14-B and Westmoreland District 14-E created the UPMC McKeesport (then McKeesport Hospital) Lions Diabetes Center. The program still operates and

recently expanded through the Lions of the two districts to include services at Westmoreland Hospital.

The centers provide education about diabetes as well as medication to those who can not afford the necessary care, Gregg said.

"We are extremely happy and proud to have both of these wonderful partnerships," she said.

The Christmas Around the

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World with The Lions event, which has been going strong for more than 25 years, had to be mixed last year as a result of COVID-19 pandemic precautions.

It was well attended this year, with Lions coming from places such as McKeesport, White Oak, Rostraver Township, Delmont, Youngwood and more.

Lions at Friday's event said they were having a good time and were proud of another year's work supporting the diabetes programming.

"We have a lot to offer," said LDBAW Board Member David Long. "This affair is big in the community and helps people with their diabetic medications and their supplies and everything.

"The work of these clubs directly affects diabetes care

and people's concerns."

Matuch said Friday was all about celebrating local Lions and the hard work they do to make an impact on local communities and individuals. She's proud of the work the Lions do and said it's a privilege to serve as a board director.

"For the past two years, I have been honored to be the chair and actually pull Allegheny and Westmoreland together, servicing the diabetes patients of both counties at two hospitals," she said.

Guests enjoyed food prepared by Woody's Catering and a cookie table that featured sweet treats from nearly 30 donors.

Guests also participated in raffles and danced the night away with music from Boogie Down Entertainment.

"I think it's beautiful," District 14-B Governor Mary Ann Belles said of the event. "It's so wonderful to see everyone and spend some time together."

The event was sponsored by the Mon Yough Chamber Foundation, UPMC McKeesport, Excelsa Health, the *Mon Valley Independent*, Mon River Fleet Lions, Lion Sonnie Cherepko of McKeesport, Clairton Community Partnership and Lions clubs across the two counties.

The Lions also said a prayer, led by First Vice District Governor Pastor Anthony Catullo, for Lions who have passed away recently and those who are currently battling illness.

Catullo also offered the invocation and benediction.

Here's what's left at the famous "Cookie table!"



Nice crowd!



Marla DeJesus, a certified diabetic care and education specialist from the Lions Diabetes Center at UPMC McKeesport, poses with Dr. Gianni Mon, UPMC McKeesport's chief endocrinologist.



Mon River Fleet Lion Alice Jones had help selling 50/50 tickets from Rostraver Township Lion and past District 14-E governor Tom Gregg, Rostraver Lion Bob Mesher and Delmont Lion Chuck Thompkins.



Amy Thompkins, second vice district governor of District 14-E, and Tony Catullo, first vice district governor of 14-E, pose at the raffle basket table during "Christmas Around the World with The Lions" at White Oak American Legion's Valor Room Friday.



Condra and David Long, Lions from the Youngwood Lions Club, enjoyed the event. David is a member of the LBDAW board.

Photos by Jeff Stitt
Mon Valley Independent



Mon River Fleet Lion Patrick Fisher and Lions District 14-E Governor Margie Wolff had a blast volunteering at the event.



Lions Guy and Gayla Norelli of Glassport enjoyed celebrating the holidays Friday with other local Lions.



The Mon Valley Independent was one of the sponsors of the event. Joe and Jennie Galis of the MVI are seen with Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties Chairwoman Michele Latuch and McKeesport Mayor's Assistant Jennifer Vertullo.



Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties Vice Chairwoman Cindy Gregg, the event's hostess, speaks during the event Friday.



Christmas Around the
World with the Lions



There is no stopping the Mon River Fleet Lions (MRF)! Recently, members of the Club - President Jim Phillips, Secretary Laura Thompson, 1st Vice President Yvonne and Lion Tamer Frank Parhetta, (centered) Tail-twister Patrick Fisher, and board members Janet Kulis and Louise Phillips - joined Lion Helen Stratigos and Thad Merriman from the McKeesport Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program to fill needed “Blizzard Bags” for elderly residents who are shut-ins and who rely on daily deliveries of their meals. The “Blizzard Bags” come in handy for those days that deliveries cannot be made because of the inclement weather.

Just look at these MRF Lions who can’t wait to assist those in need! Our elderly residents never have to wait for their meals with these Lions being very proactive in the community!

And Just Look at What Else We Did

What a perfect match to have the Mon River Fleet (MRF) Lions and the Mon River Fleet SHIPs partner on hosting a fantastic “Breakfast with Santa” on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at the Main Pavilion in Renzie Park.

Who other than Santa (Lion from the City of McKeesport Tom Maglicco) joined in with the children in activities where they made hand-made ornaments and decorated their own cookies!



Over 100 children and parents attended this year’s event where pancakes, sausage, orange juice, chocolate milk, and coffee for the adults were served by MRF Lions.



Just can’t believe those Mon River Fleet Lions who have been more than busy every day serving the needy in our communities. Just look at the smiles on these Lion hosts and hostesses as President Jim Phillips, his mom Louise Phillips, Janet Kulis, Helen Stratigos, Pat Bluett and Treasurer Monica Hancharik surround MRF Lion Tail-twister Patrick Fish

We're rallyin' the troops at Valley Forge!

99th Annual PA Lions State Convention

May 19-22, 2022 ■ Hosted by District 14-A
Radisson Valley Forge Hotel at Valley Forge Casino Resort



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
Immediate Past International President

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Tentative Schedule

Thursday, May 19

- 2021-2022 Council of Governors Meeting #4

Friday, May 20

- State Committee and Foundation Meetings
- Luncheon featuring Leader Dogs for the Blind "Top Dawg Award" presentations
- PA Counsellors/District Governors Honors Banquet sponsored by Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation
 - Necrology Service
- Hospitality Night event hosted by District 14-A

Saturday, May 21

- State Committee and Foundation meetings
- Luncheon featuring ID Larry L. Edwards
- International Banquet featuring keynote speaker IPIP Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Sunday, May 22

- Melvin Jones Fellow/Key Member Breakfast featuring PID James Cavallaro
 - Business Session
- 2022-2023 Council of Governors Orientation
- 2022-2023 Partners in Service Orientation



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COMING SOON:

Convention registration and program advertising reservation forms.

Watch for emails and mailings and visit the MD-14 Lions (www.palions.org) and district websites

McKEESPORT LIONS MAN THE KETTLES

Members of the McKeesport Lions Club rang the bell and collected donations for The Salvation Army once again this year. This is just one of the many ways that McKeesport Lions give back to the community all year long. They have kept up this annual tradition for the past five years to help out neighbors in need. Our club collected \$475.32 for the Salvation Army at the bell ringing this past weekend!

*Submitted by
Lion Annette James, Secretary
McKeesport Lions Club*



Lions Day with the United Nations

Lions Clubs International will celebrate 76 years of partnership with the United Nations during Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN). This event commemorates our long-standing relationship as a consultative NGO to the UN dating back to 1945, when Lion leaders were asked to help develop the NGO charter for the UN.



Be a Part of Our Global Partnership

Join Lions, Leos, UN diplomats, dignitaries and other guests in the global conversation about this year's theme, "NGO Impact on Global Health." #LDUN



A Look Back at LDUN 2021

With a theme of "Connected Through Service," Lions Day with the United Nations was held virtually for the first time ever. It was the largest LDUN ever, with 5,620 Lions, Leos and guests from 140 countries attended.

If you missed the LDUN 2021 virtual event, you can view it online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Lkkug8ppj0>

