



The Cauldron



District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

July 2023





WELCOME TO OU NEWLY ELECTED 2ND VUBE GOVERNOR!

Clairton Lions Club

Serving our community since 1922

May 30, 2023

Dear District Governor Kamal Gella and the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of District 14B:

The Board of Directors and members of the Clairton Lions Club are proud to unanimously endorse Lion Ralph Imbrogno to the office of 2nd Vice District Governor, District 14-B for the Lions Year 2023-2024.

Lion Ralph Imbrogno joined Clairton Lions Club on 2/1/2011. Lion Ralph served as president of the Clairton Lions Club 2015/2016. He is an active member of Lions club participating in service activities which are below:

Veterans Concert:

One of the service activities is the annual Veterans concert that raised thousands of dollars to support local veterans and injured veterans. Ralph, his wife and the committee spent hundreds of hours putting the event together. He brought in members of Clairton Lions Club to work in the booth at the Veterans Concert. Engaging members in service projects that benefit veterans was a win-win strategy to attract new Lions and retain new Lions.

Team Bonding:

Ralph is a team player in the Clairton Lions Club and Lions District 14B. He expanded Lions' reach and impact by bringing together leadership, membership, and service. He improved team bonding by organizing activities that are of interest to the members. Ralph surveyed the members and developed activities that energized the members. Involving members is a strategy for membership retention. He brought together the Lions for effective teamwork. He champions teamwork and cooperation among members. He conducts lessons learned after each service project to improve it and address any gaps.

Global Membership Approach:

Ralph organized a combined meeting with all the clubs and talked about the Global Membership Approach. He guided the Lions clubs in doing SWOT Analysis and helped them think through some of the weaknesses that need to be addressed.

Operational Safety Net - Service to Homeless:

Ralph is the Operational Safety Net chairperson for 14B that provides services to the homeless. Doctors visit homeless camps and treat homeless people.

Lion Ralph is married to Patty who is an active Lion.

The Board of Directors and members of the Clairton Lions Club are honored to unanimously endorse Lion Ralph to the office of 2nd Vice District Governor for the Lions Year 2023..2024.

Eugene Tognarine

Catherine Assenti

LION THOMAS D. CESCHINI

District Governor



Hello Lions & Leos,

By the time you read this, I will probably be in the great city of Boston finishing up my training and attending the 105th Lions Clubs International convention. In Boston, I will be joined by over 700 of my fellow DGEs from all over the world. My fellow DGEs and I will have a hectic first day of training followed by a formal banquet in the evening.

I am deeply honored to be the 14-B 2023-2024 District Governor and look forward to the challenges that lay ahead in this year to come. I would like to thank the veterans of my cabinet for staying on to continue to serve I am sure that your experience and wisdom are greatly needed in this coming year. I also want to thank the new members of my cabinet for stepping up when there was a need to fill a vacant position. Together we will do great things for our community.

One of my long-term goals for this year is to have 0 membership loss other than by death, and a 3 new member gain in every 14-B club. The cabinet is working on some new tools to help each club reach this goal I will discuss this in a future message.

At this time I am calling for all hands on deck from the District Cabinet leaders to the Club presidents and their officers to every Lions club member time to roll up our sleeves for we have work to do. We need to be bold and go out and talk to the people in our community and let them know the Lions Club is here still serving their community with kindness and hope. Maybe we need to ask possible new members what they want to get out of the Lions experience and listen to what they say.

Together we can reach this goal for we are Lions h
Ear
our ROAR !!

Lion Tom Ceschini

Email tceschini@comcast.net

Phone: 724-224/063



LION MIKE CROSSEY

First Vice District Governor



Fellow Lions,

First, let me congratulate Tom on his new role as District Governor, and Ralph on his election as Second Vice District Governor. It will be an honor to serve with them.

I also want to congratulate all of our new and returning club officers. You are the lifeblood of Lions. You are in our communities, and neighborhoods serving daily. I Thank you.

Your district officers are committed to growing and building Lionism. To all former and current officers, we will need your help, guidance, and wisdom, as we assume our new roles. To all club presidents, and secretaries, please add us to your newsletter and e-mail lists. My personal e-mail crossymike@gmail.com. I check it daily. You may also call my cell 412-983-8387

My goal is to build and strengthen Lions in 14B. My hope to visit every club- not to check on what you're doing- but to listen, celebrate, and serve with you.

Together we must grow our membership. We must lead. We must continue to serve our communities in ways that only LIONS can.

As I close, let me thank Kemal for his leadership and commitment this past year. He has set an example that will be hard for us to follow

Thank you.

Lion Michael J. Crossey

Emma: crossetmike@gmail.com

Phone: 412-983-8387



LION RALPH IMBROGNO

Second Vice District Governor



Fellow Lions,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Ralph D. Imbrogno, as 2nd VDG.

I am a proud member of the Clairton Lions Club, having previously served as a Club President, and more recently as a District 14B Zone Chair, as well as other Cabinet positions. I will be working hard in the next three years to create excitement as we perform our Lions duties. THANK YOU!

At the June 11th, 2023 Cabinet Meeting DG Tom Ceschini, 1st VDG Mike Crossey, and myself, 2nd VDG Ralph Imbrogno, formed a Lion Membership Campaign for the next three years. I'm sure that all current Lion Club members realize that we are losing members every year at an alarming rate and that we need a formal organized approach to recruit new members. For starters, we need to engage the Zone Chairs and Club Presidents and Secretaries to begin this membership campaign. We intend to meet with all the Club officers mentioned above. At this meeting we will give the officers tools to work with i.e. signs, membership tickets and applications. The Zone Chairs will distribute these materials to each of their clubs in their zones. We will explain in more detail as we move along in this campaign. The key word in this effort is "ASK" and that's what we intend to do in a much more visual way. In addition, we will be focusing on current membership retention always keeping the principles of Lionism in mind. SO FASTEN YOUR LION SEAT BELTS AND WATCH OUR CLUBS IN DISTRICT 14B increase in membership.

Always remember "follow your heart and continue to volunteer"

Lion Ralph Imbrogno

Email: ralphpatty@verizon.net

Phone: 412-751-2039



Sent from my iPad

The International Association of Lions Clubs
DISTRICT 14B PENNSYLVANIA
ALLEGHENY COUNTY



We Serve

CHILDHOOD CANCER	HUMANITARIAN
DIABETES	HUNGER
DISASTER RELIEF	VISION
ENVIRONMENT	YOUTH

Help Wanted! Sign Up Today!



Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher
"This 'n' That!"

ATTENTION: CLUB PRESIDENTS AND CLUB SECRETARIES

One of the District Administrator's duties is to help the clubs in any way possible. Back in April, I posted in the Cauldron that all clubs were to submit their new officers for the 2023-2024 Lion Year by May 15th. I also stated that I am always available and would be happy to help the club secretaries submit this information.

As of July 1, 2023, there are 9 Clubs that have not submitted this information to Lions International.

**Brentwood Lions Club
Hilltop Lions Club
North Side Lions Club
South Park Lions Club**

**Central Elizabeth Twp. Lions Club
Homestead Lions Club
Shadyside Squirrel Lions Club
Sto-Ken-Rox Lions Club**

It is imperative that the stated Club Secretaries complete and submit this information as soon as possible. If you have difficulty submitting the information please call or email me and I will input the information. Our district is required to be 100% compliant in order to remain in good standing. **WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!**



This is the first day of the 2023-2024 Lions Year- Let's make it successful by increasing our membership and participating in your Clubs' fundraisers. Remember "Where there is a need there is a Lion" **BE THAT LION !!**

LET'S ROAR LIONS...
LET'S ROAR !!!



We have 7 new members to welcome into the Wonderful World of Lionism!

Drew C.Ratti
Carol A. Blier
Sandra L. Dunlap
Bruce Leverett
Abate Kenna
Zandy Dudiak
Michelle Huber

Bethel Park Lions Club
Mt. Lebanon Lions Club
Mt. Lebanon Lions Club
Mt. Lebanon Lions Club
Monroeville Lions Club
Pgh. Deal Blind Lions Club
Pgh. Hilltop Lions Club

Lion Jason Flinn
Lion Walter Heintzleman
Lion R. Graham Dunlap
Lion Nancy Leverett
Lion David Zimmer
Lion Mark Sachon
Lion Marlene Setticase

Since July 1, 2022, here's what our District membership looks like from MyLci
July 1st 721 members added 41 dropped 90 June 3rd 667 members
We are ranked 1 6th out of the 17 Districts with District 14W beneath us.

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP ***

14G	1539
14A	1261
14D	1210
14C	1191
14T	1166
14M	1027
14F	971
14P	942
14N	942
14U	873
14L	838
14J	773
14E	708
14K	722
14H	688
14B	668
714W	553

TOTAL 16,071

***as of**

05/31/2023Health



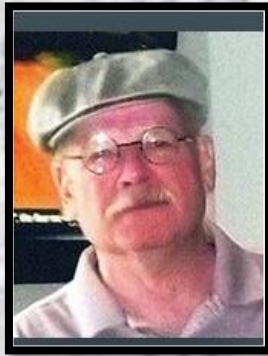
PLEASE

**GET OUT THERE,
IN YOUR COMMUNITY, TO
ENLIST
NEW MEMBERS**





In Memory of...



Lion Mark A. Pracko
Tarentum Lions Club
April 8, 2023



PDG Sylvan Lang
White Oak Lions Club
June 7, 23



Lion Graham Dunlop
Mt. Lebanon Lions Club
July 13, 2022



May they rest in peace

McKeesport Lions Donate a Lions water Fountain at Renzie Pa



Members of the McKeesport Lions Club unveiled their new drinking fountain at the Lions Bandshell in Renziehausen Park just in time for the Summer Concert Series to begin on June 18. Be sure to stop by each Sunday evening through Labor Day to enjoy a free concert courtesy of the City of McKeesport, RAD, and the McKeesport Lions Club.



Daniel K. Carr
-Director
-Summer Concerts Chairman



cell # (412) 400-9977
4dancarr@gmail.com

WWW.MCKEESPORTBANDS.COM

McKeesport Lions Club

2023 McKeesport Summer Concert Series

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| June 18 | The Skyliners |
| June 25 | Dancing Queen |
| July 4 | The Vogues
- Followed by Fireworks |
| July 9 | Pendulum - CCR Tribute Band |
| July 16 | Jeff Jimerson and Airborne |
| July 23 | Lights Out - Frankie Valli and
The Four Seasons Tribute Band |
| July 30 | Let's Groove Tonight - The Ultimate
Earth, Wind and Fire Tribute Band |
| August 6 | The Clintones - Ultimate 90's Band |
| August 13 | Scott, Rob and Greg from "The Clarks" |
| August 20 | Aftermath - 60's Tribute Band |
| August 27 | Dr. Zoot - Motown/Funk Tribute |
| September 1 | Fri. Beatlemania Magic |
| September 2 | Sat. Dozzi - Nashville Country 7:00 p.m.
Sat. The Borstal Boys 4:00 p.m. |
| September 3 | Sun. The Jaggerz |
| September 4 | Mon. The Booze Brothers
- Followed by Fireworks |

LIONS BANDSHELL – RENZIE PARK – 7 P.M. START TIME
(Rib Festival Bands and Times added)

If together "we serve"... Together we can make a difference!
Meeting at McKees Point Cafe 501 Water St. McKeesport, Pa. 15132
Please let us know if you would like to join The McKeesport Lions Club

McKeesport Lions Club Kicks Off its Summer Concert Series

The first concert of the Summer Concert Series was held on Father's Day. The concert featured "The Skylines", and the American flag for the season was dedicated to Officer Sean Sluganski. His fiancée and daughter attended the dedication and will be given the flag at the end of the concert season on Labor Day. As usual, members of the McKeesport Lions Club manned the concession stand, sold 50/50 tickets, prepared tickets for the drawing, and directed cars for parking.

Submitted by Aion Annette Jamesm Secretary



ROBINSON TWP LIONS
PRESENTS THE 4TH ANNUAL



CORN HOLE



TOURNAMENT & STEELERS WATCH PARTY

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
12 PM CHECK IN - 1PM START**



**ROBINSON CLEVER PARK
ROTARY SHELTER**

CLEVER PARK RECREATION & SPORTS COMPLEX
CLEVER ROAD, MCKEES ROCKS, PA 15136

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

\$50 / TEAM
\$10 / NON-PLAYER ATTENDEE
\$5 / CHILD 10+
FREE / CHILDREN UNDER 10

DON'T FEEL LIKE PLAYING?

COME WATCH THE
STEELER GAME &
ENJOY THE SILENT
AUCTIONS, RAFFLE
BASKETS, & MORE!

ADMISSION INCLUDES

HOT DOGS, SIDES, DRAFT
BEER, WATER, SODA
**BYOB - FEEL FREE TO
BRING OTHER
SNACKS/DRINKS**

**FOR MORE INFO &
TO SIGN UP:**



WWW.ROBINSONLIONS.ORG

QUESTIONS? CONTACT TIM BAREFOOT
(TIMROBINSONLIONS@YAHOO.COM)

**Mt. Lebanon Lions Club's Farmers Market-
Still Going Strong after 27 years!**



In June, the Mt Lebanon Lions Club opened its Wednesday Farmers Market for its 33rd consecutive year. To promote the club, the members held their June meeting at the site (975 Washington Road). Held weekly through the end of October from 4 to 7, the Market has been a rallying point for membership and participation.

27 vendors with a wide variety of fresh produce and hot take-home meals, the Market provides a central community point and promotes the Lion's "we serve" motto.





Lions Clubs International



GLOBAL HARMONY CONCERT BOSTON

Monday, July 10th, 5:00 pm

Pennsylvania Lions
All-State Band
Russell McCutcheon, conductor

Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC),
415 Summer St Boston, MA,
Room 160 ABC

INFORMATION, PROGRAM AND TICKETS:

<https://global-harmony-concert.eventbrite.de>



Service Activity by Lions of Massachusetts,
Lions of Pennsylvania,
and Multiple-District 111-Germany



AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT NOT TO BE MISSED!

PROGRAM

Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band

District Governor-Elect

Roland Härdtner, marimba, vibraphone

Russell McCutcheon, conductor

TICKETS

Book your ticket (\$25):

<https://global-harmony-concert.eventbrite.de>

With the proceeds we support music projects for young people in the Boston area.



Celebrate Beacon Lodge's 75th Birthday & PA Lions Appreciation Day

Join us in celebrating our 75th birthday!
On July 16th we will be having a birthday party for Beacon Lodge along with Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day.
We welcome ALL Lions and Leos.

You are most cordially invited to bring your families to Beacon Lodge for this occasion.

We will be having a chicken BBQ and all the fixings. Lunch will be served from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm.

The cost is \$10 per person.

Reservations are required and must be received by June 30, 2023. Please make checks payable to Beacon Lodge with PLAD on the memo line to purchase tickets.

Mail to:

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
114 State Route 103 South Mount Union, Pa 17066

Schedule of Events

Starting at 9:00 AM:

Camp Store

50/50 Raffle Tickets

Basket Raffle

9:00—11:00 Mini Golf

10:00—11:00 Worship Service

11:00—1:30 Pin Traders

11:30 Introduction of IPDG's/
Invocation / Lunch

12:30 The Great Duck Race

1:30 Camper Entertainment

12:30—2:00 Camp Tours

12:30—2:30 Afternoon Activities & Games

3:00 Announcements/ Winners

3:30 End of the day / Benediction

Pin traders are invited! Please contact:

Amos Shatzer


11268 Alexander Ave.

Mount Union, Pa 17066

(814) 542-9654

ashatzer@verizon.net

Clubs planning to attend by bus are urged to give us ample notice so that we may have adequate parking arrangements.



PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
114 State Route 103 South
Mount Union, PA 17066
(814) 542-2511
office@BeaconLodge.org

White Oak Lions Club recycles bags into



Max Robinette / Mon Valley Independent From left, White Oak Lions Club members Anna Marie McCandless, Lion Tamer Dorothy Kuharski, Treasurer John Brown, Roger Lasch, Secretary Rich Peters, Tail Twister Ruth Brown, Joanna Stettmier and President Carol Lasch dedicate a bench outside the Heritage Hill pool. The club also donated a bench to the Carnegie Library White Oak branch.

Community residents will be able to take a seat thanks to a project by the White Oak Lions Club. The White Oak Lions recently dedicated two benches made from recycled plastic to the Heritage Hill pool and Carnegie Library White Oak branch.

The donations are the result of a three-year club project, wherein members collected thousands of plastic bags and donated them to be remade into wood-alternative materials. The group utilized Giant Eagle's partnership with Trex Company Inc., a manufacturer of composite decking, railing and other outdoor items made from recycled materials. The company hosts a sponsorship program for community groups — if they collect a certain amount of plastic within a set period of time, the groups can receive a composite bench.

“We started the project in March 2020,” club President Carol Lasch said. “For each bench, we had to collect 500 pounds of plastic in

sixmonth period. Don't even ask me how many bags that is — I have no clue.” For months, members collected bags, plastic wrap and other thin plastic items, placing bags in bags and weighing each before dropping them off at Giant Eagle. Members then recorded donations and reported them to Trex. Once they tallied 500 pounds, the company sent parts for each bench.

The White Oak Lions ultimately collected 1,500 pounds of plastic for three benches. Member Roger Lasch assembled each bench, saying they chose a color to match the borough. “We went with green for White Oak,” he said. “But collecting all those bags took some work. Filling up a big garbage bag with plastic bags only weighs about 10 pounds.”

The benches feature a small plaque to commemorate the donation and can comfortably seat two people. “They aren't very big,” club Tail Twister Ruth Brown said. “But they are quite comfortable. We hope people enjoy them as much as we do.”

Club members said they're only getting started with the project, as they hope to continue collecting bags for multiple future bench donations. The project comes as part of the multiple community programs the club organizes. The club regularly recycles eyeglasses and helps connect people in need with eye care resources. They also regularly participate in the Lions' broom sales.

Beyond recycling, the club partners with Sampson Mills Presbyterian Church, aiding with food drives and pantry donations. “We're always happy to serve the community,” Carol Lasch said.

In the near future, the club plans to raise a pavilion in Heritage Park, which will be home to the third bench, currently in storage. If you have ever been to Renzie Park and seen the Lions' Pavilion there, that's about what we're looking to do for Heritage Park, Roger Lasch said

Club members also encouraged community members looking to socialize and take part in volunteer work to get involved. We are always looking for new members,” Carol Lasch said. “We're a very welcoming bunch – we love seeing new faces. For more information about the club or about joining, email calasch@yahoo.com



Lions Day at Kennywood

Thursday, July 20, 2023

**Which also happens to be
Slovak Day! Please circle the
date on your calendar now!**

You won't want to miss this!!!

When was the last time you took a stroll down memory lane,, more specifically, a walk through the park, namely Kennywood park? Remember strolling through the Penny Arcade, the Potato Patch, riding the Silver Rockets above the lagoon, watching the stage shows where the Rocket Man was shot from a cannon? Lots of great memories!

Now you have a chance to relive those good old days and share them with your fellow Lions.



July 20 is Slovak Day at Kennywood and Lion Bob Sloss has made arrangement for District 14B Lions to purchase discounted tickets from Kennywood Park for \$33. (Regular price is \$70) This year the District is not getting a pavilion, but the Lions are welcome to purchase food from the Slovak Kitchen in Pavilion #4, behind the Old Mill. Oh what a treat for us; the Slovak Kitchen will have many homemade goodies including stuffed cabbage, pierogies, haluski, keilbasa and cheregi, which is a cake donut in the shape of a figure 8. The kitchen opens at 12:30 pm and stays open until everything is sold out

Mail checks to arrive by July 13 made payable to "Kennywood Park" to:

**Lion Bob Sloss
216 McLay Drive
Elizabeth, PA 15037**

Group ticket prices are: Ages 4 and up \$33

Lion Bob says to make sure you wear your Lions shirt and or vest!





The Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties
a 501 c (3) organization

Strides Walk - Sunday, November 12, 2023, 2 pm - 4 pm Monroeville Mall

Lions throughout the world organize Strides events in their communities to heighten awareness of diabetes and its complications by providing information on ways to prevent and manage this disease. These events promote regular, healthy exercise for all ages.

The Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties (LDBAW), a 501 c(3), was founded to help people who need immediate short-term assistance with the cost of their diabetes medications and supplies.

Please support our efforts to help needy patients in Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties by being a Strides Walk Sponsor:

Gold Sponsor: \$500
Silver Sponsor: \$250
Bronze Sponsor: \$100

Please make checks payable to **LDBAW** and mail to:

Chris Raynak, LDBAW Treasurer 1006 Harvard Rd, Monroeville, PA
15146

17th

August

Starts at 6:0 pm

Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club

WINE

Tasting



Cost - \$48.00 per person

- 4 wines will be sampled 2 white and 2 red wines
- Dinner will include appetizers, salad, dinner and dessert
- Proceeds will be donated to “ The Clean Water Project in the Congo”

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 7, 2023

Make check payable to Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club and mail to:

**Lion Barbara Rebovich
102 So. 11th Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203**

NO CHECK, NO RESERVATION!

Questions? Contact Lion Barb at 412-551-0485

**Cellar on Penn (R. Winery)
Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

In the Strip District

(I have been assured parking on Penn Avenue is plentiful during the week.)



The Monroeville Lions invite you to tee off at the
**25TH ANNUAL DR. ANGELO P. DIPIAZZA
MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING**

Saturday, August 19, 2023

**Manor Valley Golf Course
Export, PA**

Sponsorships available

For more information and participant registration
contact **Sean Raynak at (412) 736-9804** or
by email at **sraynak@gmail.com**





Join us for the LDBAW

“Labor Day Diabetes 14-B and 14-E Districts Golf Challenge”

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE LION DIABETES CENTER

Saturday, September 9, 2023



Butler’s Golf Course, Elizabeth, PA
Shotgun: 9:00am (8:00 am registration)
Cost: \$125.00 per golfer
(Dinner only—\$30)



Event Major Sponsor \$2,500
(Includes 8 golfers, Souvenir Recognition, 4-Dinners, Tee Sign)

Type 1 - \$1,500
(includes Foursome and Tee Sign)

Type 2 - \$1,000
(Includes Twosome and Tee sign)

Beverage Cart - \$250
Tee or Green - \$100 (sign)
Dinner Only - \$30



Mail Check to Chairman:
PDG Joe Donkin (14B)
P.O. Box 184
Elizabeth, PA 15037
pdg92932@aol.com



Mail Check to Co-Chairman:
PDG Tom Gregg (14E)
1130 Willowbrook Road
Rostraver Township, PA
15012

Make Checks Payable to: (LDBAW A501C3)
Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties



REGISTRATION FORM

FOURSOME #1

Golfer 1 _____

Golfer 2 _____

Golfer 3 _____

Golfer 4 _____

FOURSOME #2

Golfer 1 _____

Golfer 2 _____

Golfer 3 _____

Golfer 4 _____

Name on Tee Sign: _____

Beverage Cart Sponsor: _____

Tee or Green Sponsor: _____

The City of Clairton,
American Legion 75 and VFW 803

Presents

6th Annual
Salute to the Veterans Concert
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
Gates Open 1 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Clairton Park
@ The Buzzy Weber Pavilion



FEATURING:



Belairs

Chuck Corby & Entrees

The Vogues

The Jaggerz

+ Bonus Show: Booze Brothers

MC Joe Julian and DJ Johnny O

To Benefit Veterans Programs

~ **NO COOLERS** ~

Food and Drinks available Droopy's Catering

Tickets: \$25/Advance -or- \$30/Gate

Tickets Donated by:

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