



The Cauldron

District 14B 's Monthly Newsletter

June 2020



Greetings,

I can hardly believe that after nearly two dozen messages to our Lions, this is my last one. It has been quite a year and while the last few months have been challenging for our clubs and district to navigate, I am thrilled with what we all have been able to achieve. Despite the multitude of issues that prevent us from doing business as usual, clubs have found ways to conduct meetings, create fundraisers and most importantly serve our communities during these difficult times. Our clubs have reached out and provided assistance to many of the food distribution programs; they have provided meals to first-responders and healthcare workers; they have assisted students in obtaining the technology they need to continue their studies; they have written notes to nursing home residents to brighten their day; they have lent a helping hand to their neighbors by shopping; and the list could go on. Our clubs have truly shown that “*Where there is a need, there is a Lion!*” Thank you to all for doing your part to help!



I would like to congratulate all of our clubs on their achievements over the past year.

We have maintained our membership level, we have introduced new members to club and district leadership roles, and we have developed new service projects and fundraisers. I am sorry I was not able to visit a few clubs that were on the schedule for dates after early March. It was club visits that I enjoyed most as District Governor. The opportunity to meet members and to share experiences and ideas was truly the most gratifying aspect of being District Governor. I know that DGE Chris and 1VDGE MaryAnn must be excited for their year to begin and I hope they enjoy the experience as much as I have! Best wishes for an incredible year ahead!

My sincerest gratitude to everyone who has helped me over the past few years but special thanks to PDG Geoff Temple, IPDG Kirby Marchand, PDG Rich Keller, District Secretary Lion Eliana Latterman, DGE Chris Raynak, 1VDGE MaryAnn Belles, PDG Harold Fletcher, District Treasurer Lion George Belles, PDG Mary Jane Keller, Lion Barb Rebovich, Lion Barb Marchand, and Lion Barbara Latterman. Thank you to all of my Zone Chair and District Chairpersons for their tireless efforts. To the incredible officers and members of the clubs of District 14-B – THANK YOU!

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer – take care and be well.

Together in friendship – We Serve!

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SUMMER
SOLSTICE



District Governor-Elect Lion Chris Raynak

Hello fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Only 30 days until the end of another Lions Year! How time goes on. It has been a whirlwind year as First Vice District Governor. The learning, the training, the meeting new people. A whirlwind YES, but fun and meaningful also.

That leaves just a few weeks left in the month for finding new members and retaining those that already are members. Give a call to your fellow club members and make sure they are well, make sure they know the club is concerned about them. Please keep looking for quality people you can invite to be Lions with you. And don't forget to record those service hours on MyLion.

Please remember to report on MyLCI your club officers for the upcoming year. This information is imperative to International but also to me so that I can complete the District Directory with all the updated information. Please let me or PDG Harold Fletcher know if you are having any problems inputting the updates.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank DG Marni for her hard and inspirational work this past year. We owe her a debt of gratitude as she will assume the important role of Immediate Past District Governor. I look forward to working with her along with Vice District Governor Elect Mary Ann in serving this District next year. Keep in mind, being the "Past" DG, President, or any other officer, your job is not finished, you are still a Lion. Don't forget the passion that you had when you joined. Ask where you are needed, maybe serve on a committee that you grew to appreciate. Remain an active LION.

Remember that "We Serve" is more than a motto; it's a call to action. It is a call to donate our time, talents, and resources

It's great to be a Lion!

Chris Raynak

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Kindness Matters



As of May 27, 2020
LCIF has awarded
237 grants totaling
\$4,118,981
to Covid-19
Frontline Relief



1ST Vice District Governor-Elect Lion Mary Ann Belles

Greetings Lions, Lionesses, and Leos.

We just celebrated Memorial Day where we remember those who have served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you to the men & women of our Armed Services and to their families. We are grateful that we can lead our lives of service because of your adversity.

Last month, I talked about the Lions Club International Peace Poster. This month, I will continue by talking about Lions Club International Essay Contest. The Essay Contest started in Lions year 2010 – 2011 for visually impaired children – ages 11 – 12 and 13 years old – to give them an opportunity to share their thoughts on world peace in an essay form. The theme for the Essay Contest is the same as the Peace Poster Contest. The Contest winners have generally been from the United States. District 14B has a wonderful relationship with the Allegheny County Intermediate Unit. There are special teachers that work with the students that are visually impaired. When a teacher has a student that is interested in participating in the Essay Contest, that teacher contacts the District 14B Chairperson. The Chairperson will inquire where in the county the student is living to determine what club could sponsor the student and will then contact that club to see if they are interested in sponsoring the student. The essay needs to be 500 words or less double spaced and in English. The theme for Lions year 2020- 2021 is Peace through Service. Historically, District 14B won the Multiple District 14 contest last year for both the Peace Poster Contest and the International Essay Contest. The prize for winning at the Club level depends on that particular Club. At the District Level the winner receives a certificate and a check for \$100.00; at the Pennsylvania Multiple District level the winner receives a plaque and a check for \$250.00 and at the International level the winner receives \$5000.00 and an opportunity to go to the Lions Day in March at the United Nations to read their essay.

Another subject I'd like to talk about this month is service. What does it mean to serve? The definition of serve as a verb is to act as a servant or to work for or useful for. Our faith along with other faiths believe that we were put on this earth to serve our fellow human beings and that we will be better people if we serve our fellow man. Being a Lion gives us an opportunity to serve each other and our communities.

What I want to ask you is why are you a Lion? I know why I am a Lion. I decided I wanted to help anyone who needs help. Children who need help deciding what book to pick out at a Book Bingo, someone who needs help finding their next meal or someone who needs a coat or some nice clothes for a job interview. Each of our Clubs in District 14B has their own unique way of serving their communities. Your club's Global Service Chairperson helps organize your service projects and lets the District Global Service Coordinator know how you are serving your communities. Service is different from Fundraising. We are able to do service because of our fundraising efforts.

I want to thank all of you that voted for me to be your next First Vice District Governor. I promise you I will serve District 14B to the best of my ability this coming Lions year.

Yours in Lionism,

Mary Ann Belles

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Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher

"This 'n' That!"



Liquor not permitted in basket raffles

Please be aware: A popular staple in basket raffles is a "no-no."

After researching the matter with the Executive Director of the PA House of Representatives' Liquor Committee and the PA Liquor Control Board, MD-14 legal counsel Lion Ashley Grimm reported that "liquor is not permitted to be in a basket for purposes of a raffle. This also includes silent auctions.

"This equates to selling liquor without a license," Lion Grimm said. "A wine and spirits gift card is permitted to be included in a raffle basket, though."

Lion Grimm's research supported the opinion expressed by Lawrence County Treasurer Richard Rapone in a recent New Castle News story that had prompted MD-14 State Council Chair Bill Morgan to contact Lion Grimm.

As part of the News story, Capt. Jamie Jones of the LCB Enforcement Bureau said including any type of alcoholic beverage – be it a six pack of beer, a bottle of wine, a bottle of whiskey or the like – is a violation of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code, Title 47, and is an unclassified misdemeanor offense. The fine upon conviction is \$500, levied to the organization sponsoring the fundraiser and not the donor of the basket.

In the News story, Rapone pointed out, under the state's small games of chance law, it is illegal to host basket raffles at fundraising dinners used to benefit someone who is sick.

MD-14 legal counsel Lion Ashley Grimm



District Membership stands at 776, down 3 members since July 1, 2019

JUNE'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Mon River Fleet Lions Club – 9 years
June 17, 2011

Pittsburgh Brentwood Lions Club – 24 years
June 12, 1986

Sto-Ken-Rox Lions Club – 83 years
June 23, 1937

As of 5/31/2020, we still have 16 clubs that have not posted their new officers for the 2020-2021 Lions year. They are: Bethel Park, Central Elizabeth Township, Clairton, Forest Hills, Glassport, Homestead, Pitcairn, Pgh. Shadyside-Squirrel Hill, Brentwood, Hilltop, Robinson, South Park, Sto-Ken-Rox, Tarentum, and the University of Pittsburgh.

PLEASE submit this info to LCI ASAP so DG-Elect Chris Raynak can complete his District Directory.



Rainbow over the city of Pittsburgh by Emmanuel Fine Art Photography



Lion Paul W. Gigler
Oakmont Lions
Club
April 29, 2020



Lion Janine Adams
Charter President
Greater Bridgeville
Area Lions Club
May 25, 2020





Lest We Forget... May You Rest in Peace

Each year at the state convention, A necrology service is held. This acts as the official opening of the convention the deceased Lions members who have passed away during the calendar year 2019 are remembered and a red rise is given to each District Governor for each member who has passed away. The roses are then to be taken home and presented to the families of the deceased Lion.

Since our state convention was cancelled, I thought it would be appropriate to remember them in this newsletter.



Lion Alease Wallace
Paige
Mon River Fleet Lions
Club
February 3, 2019



Lion Bob Conrad
Bloomfield-
Lawrenceville Lions Club
February 16, 2019



Daniel J. McBride, Sr.
South Park Lions Club
March 4, 2019



Lion James G. Kirk
Monroeville Lions Club
March 25, 2019



Lion David J. Funari
Bethel Park Lions Club
December 12, 2018



Lion Jasper Campuzano
Bethel Park Lions Club
February 8, 2019



Lion Francis G. McAtee
Elfinwild Lions Club
March 17, 2019



Lion Dr. Angelo P.
DiPiazza
Monroeville Lions Club
April 2, 2019



Lion Duane E. Turnbull
McKeesport Lions Club
April 14, 2019



Lion Harry Shallenberger
Pleasant Hills Lions Club
May 1, 2019



Lion Blair Wojton
Glasssport Lions Club
April 20, 2019



Lion Richard
"Dick" Paranti
Whitehall Comm.
Lions Club
July 27, 2019



Lion Herman J. Heyl
Whitehall Comm.
Lions Club
July 21, 2019



Lion James E.
Morrow
Beth Park Lions
Club
September 28, 2019



Lion Ed W.
Robinson, Jr.
Bethel Park Lions
Club
October 17, 2019



Lion Vecchio, Orello
S. "Rollo"
Pitcairn Lions Club
September 4, 2019



Lion Michael Gach
McKeesport Lions
Club
November 11, 2019

A Psalm of Life

[Henry Wadsworth Longfellow](#) - 1807-1882

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing
Learn to labor and to wait.



Are you ready to step up to the plate?



WE NEED YOU!

We currently have 33 Lions Clubs in District 14-B with a membership of 781 Lions. There are definitely Lions who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities within their clubs and those Lions who are or have served on the District Cabinet. We need a Lion to step forward to fill the vacancy of 2nd Vice District Governor who will eventually ascend to the position of District Governor in 2022 and will be sworn in at the Lions International convention that will be held July 1 – 5 in New Delhi, India.

Please contact PDG Geoff Temple (412-655-3321) or any Past District Governor for more information

How would you like to see...

- July 1 – 5, 2022: **New Delhi, India**
- July 7 – 11, 2023: **Boston, Massachusetts**
- June 21 – 25, 2024: **Melbourne, Australia**
- July 4 – 8, 2025: **Mexico City, Mexico**
- July 3 – 7, 2026: **Atlanta, Georgia**



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS



Bethel Park Lions Club

May 12 at 1:18 PM · 🌐

The Bethel Park Lions have not skipped a beat!
#WeeklyZoom #BPLions #WeServe

How has your Lions Club been holding their meetings during the coronavirus pandemic? Have you held any meetings? If so, please share your experiences with us in the next issue of the Cauldron.



(Editor's note: The picture of PCC/PDG Jay wells is a little fuzzy... nothing unusual!)



Bethel Park Lions “Tidying up” for Spring!

Lions Sandi Demas, Dave Lovejoy, and David Richie weeded and planted flowers at the club sponsored Trolley Beautification Flower Garden on Brightwood Road.

Retrieved from Facebook

Comments are Always Welcome !

Unfortunately, I really didn't see any Lions I recognized but Arlene Stevenson and Ellen Flatley, from Eye and Ear, I knew very well. I was a nursing assistant (not a CNA as they are called now) at Eye and Ear. 1979 was the 1st year I worked. I worked with Arlene and Ellen was 1 of my mother's bosses at E & E. After I graduated as a RN I worked at E & E until 1984. The weird thing when I returned from the Philly area in 1991, I again met up with Arlene and worked with her off and on again for about 12 more years. It was so wild seeing them in the newsletter from 1979. So many memories flooded back. Thank you for this happy feeling. Lion Barb Rebovich, Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club.



Oakmont Lions Club

I'm past the deadline but wanted to report what the Oakmont Lions are doing:

- donated \$1,000 to our 2 local food banks
- donated needed items and Giant Eagle gift cards to those food banks
- volunteered to hang banners on our main street to honor the seniors in the Riverview class of 2020
- offered to donate funds to the Riverview School District to purchase computers for students in need of one.

Lion Diane Harrell, President Oakmont Lions Club



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, August 22, 2020

22nd Annual
MONROEVILLE LIONS
DR. ANGELO P. DIPIAZZA
MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING

Manor Valley
Golf Course
Evan, PA

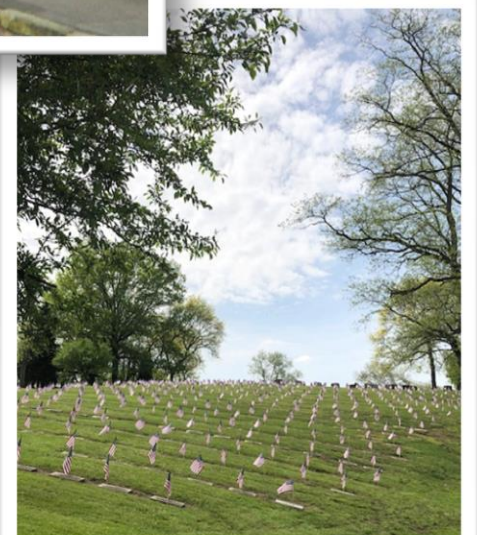
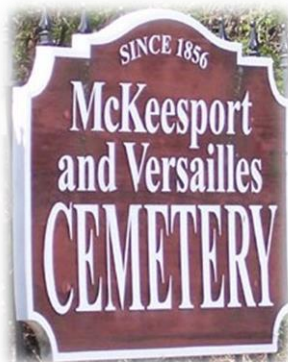
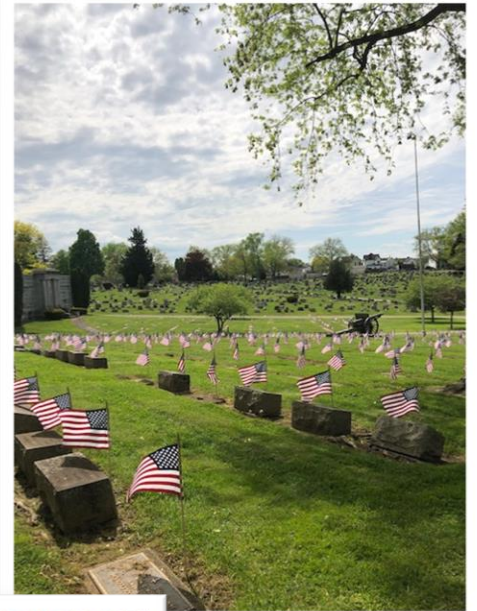
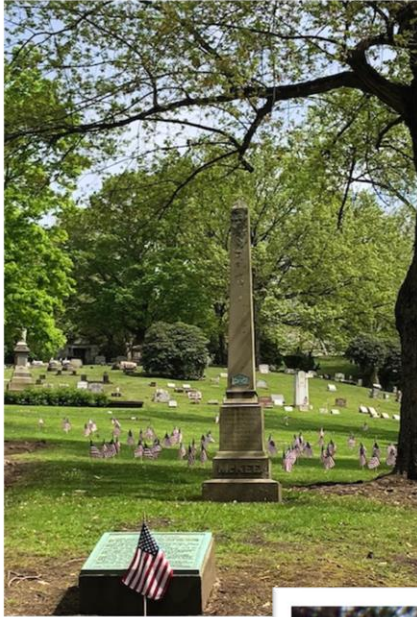
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desserts, reception
and more!



For Participant Registration and Sponsorship information, contact:
Sean Raymak • (412) 736-9834 • sraymak@gmail.com

McKeesport Lions Help the Amvets with Placing Flags on Veterans Graves

Members of the McKeesport Lions Club assisted members of the Amvets Club Post #8 this year once again to place flags on Veterans graves for Memorial Day in the McKeesport-Versailles Cemetery.



Please Consider these Institutions when Making your Year-end Donations



Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind
% Lion Chris Tognarine, District Chairman
1234 Elm Hollow Road
Jefferson Hills, PA 15025



Blind & Vision Rehabilitation
Services of Pittsburgh
1816 Locust Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219



Leader Dogs for the Blind
1039 S. Rochester Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307



Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation
% PDG Mary Jane Keller
1811 Educational Drive
White Oak, PA 15131



**Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation
and Eye Research Foundation**
% PDG Geoff Temple
156 Dutch Lane
Pleasant Hills, PA 15236



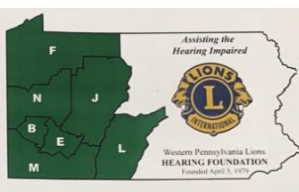
Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation
% PDG Kirby Marchand
3402 Fieldcrest Drive
North Versailles, PA 15137



Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children
201 N. Bellefield Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213



Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf
300 East Swissvale Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15218



Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation
% PDG Geoff Temple
156 Dutch Lane
Pleasant Hills, PA 15236



A Four Diamonds Program Conquering Childhood Cancer

PA Lions Give From Home FTK® Challenge

“Childhood cancer does not stop during a crisis.”

Let's live up to our motto **“We Serve”** by assisting Four Diamonds in their mission to conquer childhood cancer! The **CHALLENGE** is to receive as many donations as possible between **now and June 15, 2020**. We encourage EVERY club and member to participate **For The Kids™!**

HERE'S HOW:

1. Make a donation!
 - a. Online at www.FourDiamonds.org/PALions
 - b. By mail: Four Diamonds – PO Box 852, Hershey, PA 17033
2. Set-up a recurring monthly gift at www.FourDiamonds.org/PALions
3. SHARE this challenge with others via email and social media.

INCENTIVES:

Setup your recurring monthly gift by June 15, 2020 and receive:

- ◆ A special PA Lions “Care – For The Kids™” pin
- ◆ Four Diamonds swag item

Top Fundraising Club and Top Fundraising District will receive:

- ◆ PA Lions “Care – For The Kids™” Certificate
- ◆ social media shout-outs
- ◆ Four Diamonds newsletter mention
- ◆ The Pride of Pennsylvania mention

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

FourDiamonds.org/PALions



Join in Lions Districts 14-B and 14-E

"Go Diabetes Golf Outing"

Saturday, August 29, 2020

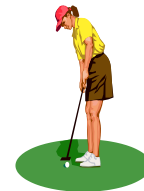
Butler's Golf Course, Elizabeth, PA
Shotgun: 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. registration)
Cost: \$90 Per Golfer

Diabetes Sponsorship Levels

Type 1 - \$1,000
(includes Foursome and Tee Sign)

Type 2 - \$500
(includes Twosome and Tee Sign)

Beverage Cart - \$250
Tee or Green - \$100 (sign)
Dinner Only - \$25



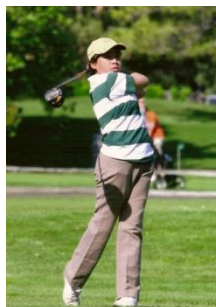
Please

make checks

**payable: Lions Diabetes Fund
McKeesport Hospital Foundation**

Mail Check to:

PDG Joe Donkin (14B)
615 Elizabeth Avenue
Elizabeth, PA 15037
pdg92932@aol.com



Mail Check to:

PDG Jim Lewis (14E)
3041 Harley Drive
White Oak, PA 15131
jamesjl1946@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

Type 1 - \$1,000

(includes Foursome and Tee Sign)

Golfer 1 _____

Golfer 2 _____

Golfer 3 _____

Golfer 4 _____

Name on Tee Sign: _____

Type 2 - \$500

(includes Twosome and Tee Sign)

Golfer 1 _____

Golfer 2 _____

Name on Tee Sign: _____

Individual Golfer _____

Beverage Cart Sponsor _____

Tee or Green Sponsor _____

MONROEVILLE LIONS OPEN UP THEIR FARMERS MARKET



Thank you! What an amazing opening day farmers market! Wow, is really all we can say about how today turned out with our new "Allegheny County and Monroeville Lions Rules." Everyone respected the parking for the handicap, which there was plenty of and the rest of the parking went overly smoothly too! We understand it "looked" empty, but we had 13 vendors today spread out with plenty of social distance for everyone's safety. This is going to be one of the best Farmers Market seasons yet! See everyone next Saturday at 9:00!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW !



**Louisville
Kentucky**

September 17-19, 2020

AS WE ANTICIPATE THE EXCITEMENT OF HOLDING THE SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2020 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM IN LOUISVILLE, THE FORUM PLANNING COMMITTEE IS EVALUATING THE SITUATION ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS. THE COMMITTEE WILL ISSUE A DECISION IN MID-JUNE 2020 AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF HOLDING THE FORUM. SHOULD THE DECISION BE MADE TO CANCEL THE FORUM, ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED WILL BE GIVEN THE OPTION OF A FULL REFUND OR ROLLING OVER THEIR REGISTRATION TO THE 2021 DES MOINES FORUM. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU IN LOUISVILLE.

Flag Day

140th

1777-
1917
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The
Birthday
of the
Stars and
Stripes
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June
14th
1917

"T'is the
Star
Spangled
Banner,
Oh, long
may it
wave,
O'er the
Land of the
Free and
the Home
of the
Brave!"
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