



The Cauldron

May 2022

District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

June 2022



Happy Father's Day



The Origins of Flag Day



This was the resolution adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The resolution was made following the report of a special committee which had been assigned to suggest the flag's design.

A flag of this design was first carried into battle on September 11, 1777, in the Battle of the Brandywine. The American flag was first saluted by foreign naval vessels on February 14, 1778, when the *Ranger*, bearing the Stars and Stripes and under the command of Captain Paul Jones, arrived in a French port. The flag first flew over a foreign territory in early 1778 at Nassau, Bahama Islands, where Americans captured a British fort.

Observance of the adoption of the flag was not soon in coming, however. Although there are many claims to the first official observance of Flag Day, all but one took place more than an entire century after the flag's adoption in 1777. The first claim was from a Hartford, Conn., celebration during the first summer of 1861. In the late 1800s, schools all over the United States held Flag Day programs to contribute to the Americanization of immigrant children, and the observance caught on with individual communities.

The Origins of Flag Day That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation.

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

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

What a year it has been! I can't tell you how proud I am of the Lions in District 14-B. You have been able to bring in new members, serve the residents of Allegheny County and made remarkable donations to our Lions causes. Thank you for all your hard work this year! Now we have to look to the future for District 14-B. I'm working with State GLT Kerry McKnight, ID Larry Edwards, and PID Cindy Gregg to get an information session scheduled for the future leaders of the District. Please seriously consider accepting our invitation when you receive it.



Thank you so much to everyone that attended the PA State Convention in Valley Forge the weekend of May 21st. We all had a great time at the Hospitality Night dancing to the oldies from the 50s and the 60s. The meals were plentiful and the company was great! We were able to watch a presentation from the Lions from PA that went to Kentucky. Thank you to PDG Kirby and Lion Barb Marchand for hosting a hospitality in their room on Thursday evening and then Saturday evening. Lots of fun was had and we were able to catch up from our time apart.

I have truly enjoyed being your District Governor this Lions year. I have met some wonderful people along the way. I have been impressed with the many service projects that the Clubs have done and continue to do. Each of the Clubs have a unique way and serve their communities well. Please continue to keep asking one to add to your memberships.

I am always available for assistance and willing to help with service reporting. Next year I'll be serving as the Global Leadership Team Coordinator for District 14-B. I look forward to working with you.

Keep up the good work Lions! Continue to "Ask One."

Your District Governor,

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

Lion MaryAnn Belles

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District Governor-Elect Lion Dr. Kamal Gella

Yours in Service,

In this month Newsletter, I would like to focus on Service Projects. There is a Lion where there is a NEED. Beacon Lodge is in urgent need of Volunteers at their Summer Camp. You can volunteer for one week. Beacon Lodge will provide free boarding and lodging. They are looking for volunteers for the following dates:

June 15-26; and July 30-August 9th. **You can volunteer for one week.** I appeal to 14B Lions to Volunteer at the camp. <https://www.beaconlodge.org/about-us/family/volunteers/>

I would like to request all Lions Clubs in the District to complete the elections and report it.

Prepare for your role as an officer!

Training is available for the following officers:

- Club Officer
- Zone Chairperson

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.

I would like to congratulate PDG Marni Latterman on receiving recognition from Lions International President at the PA State Convention.

Lion Kamal Gella

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Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher

"This 'n' That!"

District Governor MaryAnn Belles just wrote her last message for the Cauldron as District Governor. That totals 36 consecutive articles that she has written in the past three years! It takes a special person to write 36 articles with everyone of them filled with joy, excitement and ambition to keep District 14-B as one of the truly leaders in trying to establish new ideas. She's tried to make Cabinet Meetings more than just an ordinary meeting. Remember the auction at the first meeting in August? Then in November, she successfully had the back pack program. February's meeting came then she was going to have her final meeting in June with a catered breakfast, which sadly had to be turned into a Zoom meeting due to the rise in COVID cases. Several couples from 14-B were hit with the virus who attended the State Convention. And, let's not forget the Scavenger Hunt for the fourth meeting!

We had our ups and downs this year, but according to DG MaryAnn, we are moving in the right direction. And she says it with her big smile!

Thank you for your enthusiasm and for leading 14-B as an outstanding District Governor.

Sincerely,
PDG Harold speaking for all the Lions in 14-B

JUNE'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

**Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Lions Club – 42 years
June 30, 1980**

**Pittsburgh Brentwood Lions Club – 26 years
June 12, 1986**

**Sto-Ken-Rox Lions Club - 85 years
June 23, 1937**





We have 4 new members to welcome into the Wonderful World of Lionism!

Member

Club

Sponsor

Cynthia J. Raamaswamy
Brittany Bueurley
Cherlyn Dibacco
Linda Davis

Central Elizabeth Lions Club
Robinson Lions Club
Robinson Lions Club
Tarentum Area Lions Club

Lion Linda Bennett
Lion Thomas Welsh
Lion Thomas Welsh
Lion Margaret Hoetzlein

Since July 1, 2021, here's what our District membership looks like from MyLCI...

July 1st 712 Members added **61** dropped **50** May 31st **723 Members.**

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

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP ***

- 14G 1598
- 14A 1431
- 14D 1290
- 14T 1204
- 14C 1169
- 14F 1017
- 14M 1013
- 14P 967
- 14N 967
- 14L 901
- 14U 894
- 14E 792
- 14H 748
- 14J 748
- 14K 732
- 14B 729**
- 14W 629\0

TOTAL 16,820

**(*as of 4/30/2022 Health
Assessment Report)**

We need

YOU!



Pennsylvania Lions 2022 State Convention Highlights



Saturday Luncheon
Sponsor:
Dr. Kamal and Dr. Jyothi Gella Foundation



Hospitality Night - Sock Hop



Cindy and Tom Gregg



George wearing his HS letter jacket



Chris & Mary on the dance floor



PDG Marni Latterman receives the International President's Award



Congratulations

District Governors Class of 2020-2021 Finally Get to Meet Their President

Chris finally got to meet IPIP Dr Choi. He did a photo session with “his” Governors as he called them. Only 7 were available. The PDG’s wore the ties & pins he gave them. He was ecstatic. We thoroughly enjoyed the Pa Lions band. So much talent & great music!! Friday night at the sock hop was a fun night. We dressed for the theme and got lots of kudos. Even took 2nd in the dance contest.

*Submitted by
Lion Mary Raynak*



DeafBlind Lions Club Holds Another Successful Drive--Thru Pasta Dinner

The Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club had the perfect day for the fundraising event. It was nice to see Lions, old and new friends who supported the dinner. We received positive feedback from a lot of people who bought the food.

I want to thank my sister, Bev, who made the sauce and cooked the pasta. Casey McEwen from Vocelli's Pizza for donating all the salad and dressing. The Lion members who volunteered to help sell and package the food orders. A very special thank you to Kristy and her son, Gabriel, for their time volunteering at the event. It was energizing to have a young person to help us out.

We had a profitable outcome which will help us donate to the different organizations locally and Internationally. See you next year.

*Submitted by
Lion Barb Rebovich, Secretary
DeafBlind Lions Club*



Celebrate Your Foundation with LCIFon Virtual Access!

If you're not able to make it to Montréal, you can still join LCIF next month at the 104th Lions Clubs International Convention as we celebrate and build on the success of our historic Campaign 100, recognize our donors, and share stories of Lions' and Leos' compassionate service empowered by LCIF grants. Subscribe to LCIFon Virtual Access and take part in a selection of experiences from the event, including the celebration of LCIF and Campaign 100.

Monroeville Community Annual Cleanup Day

After a 2-year hiatus, the Monroeville Lions Club resumed participation in the Monroeville Municipal cleanup day on April 30, 2022. About 6 members cleaned up trash along a stretch of Old William Penn Hwy near Rt. 48 for about 1.5 hours. As expected, there was much more to pick up than in years past, including dozens of discarded facemasks, and about 20 trash bags were filled. The advantage of many organizations coming out on the same morning is that municipal trucks go around in the afternoon collecting up the trash bags along the roadways.

*Submitted by
Lion John Aiken, Secretary
Monroeville Lions Club*



“The West Mifflin Lions Club presented a \$1,000.00 scholarship to graduating senior, MacKenzie Goonetilleke, for outstanding service and volunteerism in the community and in the school environment. Pictured are Lion members and West Mifflin Area High School teachers John Inglis (left) and Ray Rost (right) with MacKenzie.”

*Submitted by
Lion Maria Demko, Secretary
West Mifflin Lions Club*



MON RIVER FLEET



LIONS CLUB

The Mon River Fleet Lions (MRF) are well-known for their excellent homemade goodies! There are never any complaints when these Lions bake for an event like the Christmas with

the Lions social where everyone had more than their fair share!

The UPMC McKeesport bake sales have become one of the MRF Lions ongoing fundraisers. The employees can't wait until these Lions schedule another bake sale. The monies raised from this recent bake sale will be made part of the MRF Lions yearly funding distributions planned for its June celebration at the White Oak American Legion! The good work they do supports a number of services and programs each year!



Congratulations Sonnie Cherepko, chair, and Lions Helen Stratigos, Monica Hancharik and Janet Kulis on another successful fundraiser!



Bethel Park Giants Sponsored by the Bethel Park Lions Club!



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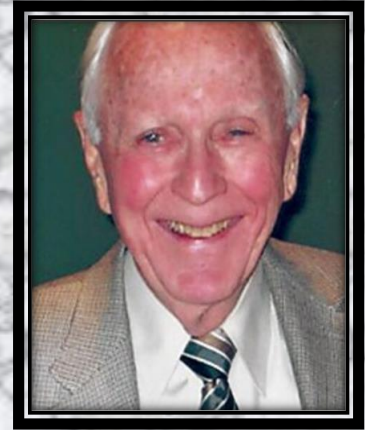
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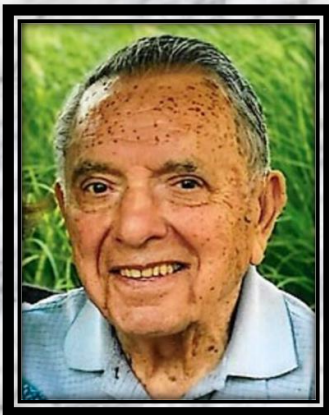
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Mon River Fleet Lions Club
April 3, 2021



Lion Howard Caspar
Homestead Lions Club
April 10, 2022



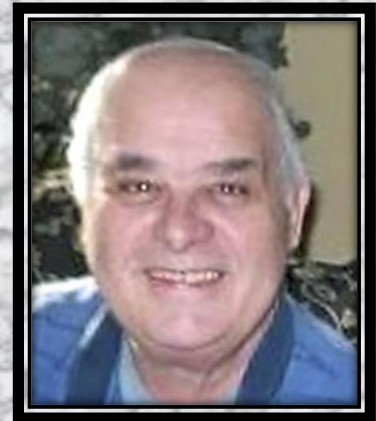
Lion Stephen, Kondis, DMD
Homestead Lions Club
March 24, 2020



Lion Dr. Edward Tirpak
Homestead Lions Club
December 8, 2021

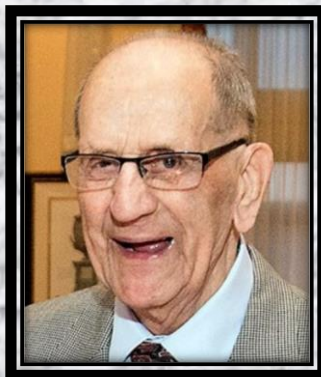


Lion Donna Heathcote
Oakmont Lions Club
March 30, 2022



Lion Armelindo Molinaro
Grandview Lions Club
May 20, 2022

*May they
rest in peace.*



Lion Gutrie "Getto" Taboni
South Park Lions Club
January 22, 2022



Lion Paul L. Varnum
Whitehall Community Lions Club
January 26, 2022





Lions Day at Kennywood

Thursday, July 21, 2022

**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? It's been years since we were there, back when you had to buy tickets to ride! 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 partially relive those good old days and share them with your fellow Lions members.



Lion Bob Sloss has secured a pavilion at the park for our big day. Pavilion #7 is in the grove behind the "Old Mill" (yep, it's still there) and Skyrocket. It's on the right when walking up the path between the two. We have the pavilion from 10:30AM until 10:00PM.

The Slovaks will have a number of pavilions in the same area as ours and oh what a treat for us! You can either buy your food throughout the park or buy the homemade goodies that will be available from their "kitchens." Items homemade stuffed cabbage, pierogies, halushki, keibasa and cheregi, which is a cake donut in the shape of a figure eight. Lion Bob says to be prepared – there will be a line of people. Food will be available starting around noon and sales continue until the food is gone.

Group ticket prices are: Ages 4 – 59 \$29.99 Ages 60 and over \$24.99

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



**BETHEL PARK LIONS CLUB –
\$5 Will Get You 150 Pounds of Meat!**



Please help support the Bethel Park Lions Club by purchasing a Meat Raffle Ticket! Each ticket will be sold for \$5 and the winner will be announced on Saturday, July 23rd via the 7 p.m. 3 digit Pennsylvania Lottery. The winner will receive 150 lbs. of the following meats from Cheplics Packing Inc.:

<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Sold By _____</p> <p align="center">Bethel Park Lions Club Meat Special</p> <p align="center">July 23, 2022</p> <p>No 052</p>	<p>MEAT PACKAGE</p> <p>15 Ribeye Steaks 15 T-Bone Steaks 15 New York Strip Steaks 10 lbs. Ground Chuck 10 lbs. Ground Chuck Patties 10 lbs. Chuck Roasts 10 lbs. Fresh Pork Chops 10 lbs. Smoked Pork Chops 10 lbs. Baby Back Ribs</p> <p>10 lbs. Hot Sausage Links 10 lbs. Fingerlink Sweet Sausage 10 lbs. Cheplic's Kolbassy 10 lbs. Cheplic's Hot Dogs 10 lbs. Smoked Bacon 10 lbs. Boneless Chicken Breasts 10 lbs. American Cheese</p> <p align="center"><i>All meat provided by Cheplics and will be cut, freezer wrapped & frozen ~ No Substitutions! ~</i></p> <hr/> <p>Winning number taken from first number drawn 7 p.m. 3-digit PA Lottery</p> <p align="center">SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022</p> <p align="center">Benefit: Bethel Park Lions Club</p> <p>Not responsible for typographical errors. Void after 30 days.</p> <p>Donation: \$5.00 Sponsored by: Cheplic's Packing Inc 724-348-7094</p> <p align="right">No 052</p>
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Please reach out to any member of the Bethel Park Lions Club to Purchase tickets by contacting Lion Donna Meidenbauer (412) 480-5926 (cell) or dmeidenbauer08@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, August 20, 2022

24th Annual

MONROEVILLE LIONS

DR. ANGELO P. DIPIAZZA

MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING



Manor Valley Golf Course
Export, PA

Hole contests, prizes,
awards, reception
and more!

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



Lions and family members of the Pleasant Hills Lions Club gathered to mark Veterans' graves with flags at Allegheny Cemetery on May 23, 2022.



McKEESPORT LIONS ARE ALWAYS ON THE MOVE!

At the 5-24-22 dinner meeting we welcomed representatives from Beacon Lodge (Lions Chris & Geno Tognarine) and Carnegie Free Library of McKeesport (Vince D'Alesio) so that they could receive annual donation checks for their respective organizations. Annual donation checks made to other charities that the club supports were mailed to them (Western PA School for the Blind, Blind & Vision Rehab Services, Leader Dog for the Blind, Lions Club International Foundation, PA Lions Sight Conservation). Club President Joe Clemente also swore in the in-coming President for the new Lions year, Ernie Oatneal.

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



District 14-B Goals

as of May 24,2022

Campaign 100

52% Clubs Donated – 2 Model Clubs!!!

By June 2022, District 14B will have 60% of the clubs participate in Campaign 100

District 14B Custom Goal

90% of Clubs participating – Achieved!!

By the end of 2021 – 2022 Lions year, 90% of the Clubs in District 14B will make a donation to Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net – Socks – toiletries – monetary - during and after my Club visitations.

District 14B Custom Goal – COMPLETE – THANK YOU!

Club Members of District 14B will participate in an assembly of Give Backpacks for the homeless of Allegheny County. The items in the Backpacks will be either donated by area businesses or purchased using funds applied for from the McKeesport Hospital Foundation and other area Foundations.

Leadership

2% training done – it's a start!

45% of District 14B's Club Officers will complete the Club Officers training courses on the Lions Learning Center, take the Local Training available on LCI – Local Resources, and take the training offered by the GAT Team or watch videos that are available on YouTube by March 31, 2022.

Membership

61 New members, 11 members net growth

By the end of 2021 – 2022 Lions year, District 14B Will achieve a positive membership growth – meet or exceed last year's numbers.

Service

54% of Clubs Reporting – getting close!!

By the end of the 2021 – 2022 Lions year, District 14B will have 60% of the Clubs reporting Service in MyLion.



Lion Mary Ann Belles

District 14B

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46th USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Where: Calgary, Alberta, Canada
When: September 15-17, 2022



Register: lionsforum.org
Early Registration Ends: May 31, 2022
Early Registration: \$285.00

The Forum's mission is "To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International (LCI)."



Join us on our adventure as we
"Stampede to Lead!"

Register: lionsforum.org



When deciding to disburse your Club's year-end funds, please consider the following recipients:

Lions of PA Foundation
949 East Park Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111-2810

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

PA Lions Hearing & Research Foundation
c/o PDG Kirby Marchand
3402 Fieldcrest Drive
North Versailles, PA 15137

PA Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research
c/o PDG Geoff Temple
200 White Hampton Lane, Apt 626
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

LDBAW – Diabetes Center
c/o PDG Chris Raynak
1006 Harvard Road
Monroeville, PA 15146

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

LCIF – Lions Club International Foundation
300 W 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 650523-8842

Leader Dog for the Blind
1039 S Rochester Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation
4401 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15224-1342

Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation
c/o PDG Geoff Temple
200 White Hampton Lane, Apt 626
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

W PA School for Blind Children
201 North Bellefield Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-1499

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

Foundation Fighting Blindness
P.O. Box 45740
Baltimore MD 21297-5740

Pennies from Heaven Fund
P.O. Box 310
Bradford Woods, PA 15015

Pittsburgh Mercy – Operation Safety Net
1200 Reedsdale Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
1 N Linden Street
Duquesne, PA 15110

Pennsylvania Resources Council
828 W North Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

OUR LOST VOCABULARY

Murgatroyd? Do you remember that word? Would you believe the spell-checker did not recognize the word, Mergatroyd? "Heavens to Mergatroyd!"

The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a *Jalopy*; and he looked at her quizzically and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?"

He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old .. But not that old.

Well, I hope you are *Hunky Dory* after you read this and chuckle.

Here are some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included:

Don't touch that dial

Carbon copy

You sound like a broken record

Hung out to dry.

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie.

We'd put on *our best bib and tucker*, to *straighten up and fly right*.

Heavens to Betsy!

Gee whillikers!

Jumping Jehoshaphat!

Holy Moley!

We were *in like Flynn* and *living the life of Riley*.

Even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a *knucklehead*, a *nincompoop* or a *pill*.

Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be *swell*, but when's the last time anything was *swell*?

Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, *"Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!"* Or *"This is a fine kettle of fish!"* We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone.

Where have all those great phrases gone?

Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Why he is only Knee high to a grasshopper!

Well, Fiddlesticks!

Going like sixty.

I'll see you in the funny papers.

Don't take any wooden nickels.

Wake up and smell the roses

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills.

This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!)

Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth.

See ya later, alligator!

Okidoki.

You'll notice they left out "Monkey Business"!!!

WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE FABULOUS 50'S . NO ONE WILL EVER HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY AGAIN ... WE WERE GIVEN ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS: LIVING IN THE PEACEFUL AND COMFORTABLE TIMES, CREATED FOR US BY THE "GREATEST GENERATION!"



Thanks to PDG Mike Vudragovich