



The Cauldron



District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

May 2023



The 1983-1984 State Council of Governors
40y Anniversary

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The 1983 – 1984 Pennsylvania State Council, of Governors and their Wives

Fourth row: Charles Brader (U), James Zeger,(T), Samuel Lucent (M), John Shearer (N),Gus Welz (F), Ken Miller (L), Christopher Kalmanowicz (H)

Third row: Robert Berger (C), Charles Weitzel (D), Stephen Pityk (E), Council Chair Samuel Oesterling (N) Alvan Outland (R), Joseph Allison (G), H. Fred Martin (P)

Second row: Richard Sutton (A), Harold Fletcher (B), Betty Brader (U), Linda Zeger (T), Elaine Lucent(M), Dorothy Outland (R), Linda Miller (L), Bernice Martin (P),Harold Shultz (J), John Kratzer (K)

First row: Helen Sutton (A), Sharyn Fletcher (B), Mary Kay Berger (C), Pat Weitzel (D), Dorothy Pityk (E), Pauline Welz (F), Bert Allison (G), Debbie Kalmanowicz (H), Nellie Schultz (J) Peggy Kratzer (K)

Seems like only yesterday that we met!
So many memories

From the desk of **District Governor Lion Dr. Kamal Gella**

Dear Fellow Lions

We are reaching the end of the Lions Year.

In this month's newsletter, I will be focusing on "Election of DG and 1st VDG", "Service", and "Fellowship"

Election of District Governor and Vice District Governor:

District 14B will conduct an election for the DG and 1st VDG at the Spring Rally. at Wildwood Country Club. Lion Tom Ceschini is the candidate for District Governor and Lion Mike Crossey is the candidate for 1st VDG. Timings 11a.m. to noon. Judge of Election: Lion George Belles.



Service:

We thank the Lions Clubs who have donated to the District Service Project "We Care Kits".

We will be packing kits for 50 Male and 50 Female at the Spring Rally at Wildwood Country Club on May 6th at 11a.m. Join us in this service project.

Canned Food: Bring canned food to the Spring Rally. We will be donating canned food to a local Food Bank.

Spring Rally: Spring Rally will be held on Saturday May 6th at Wildwood Country Club, 2195 Sample Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. Please send your registration form.

Basket Raffle:

Basket Raffle will be held at Spring Rally. Proceeds will go to a Special account for 14B to support Global causes in the community. e

Annual Dog Show May 27, 2023:

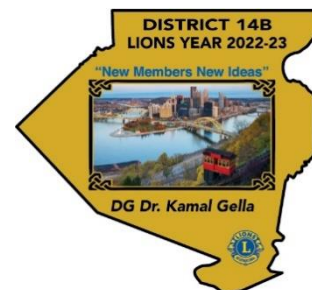
The Annual Dog Show will be held on May 27, 2023 at **Droopy's Bar and Grill** 620 Boston Hollow Road Elizabeth, PA 15037. We hope that this will attract Pet lovers to consider joining Lions Club. Registration will be \$20 per dog, and each registration will include a ticket to Droopy's buffet for one person. There are a lot of Pet lovers in Lions District 14B. An Annual Dog Show would attract new people to join our Lions Club. Spread the word to fellow Lions and Pet lovers and make this a success. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the local Pet Shelter.

Yours in Service,

DG Dr. Kamal Gella

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phone 814-659-6424



LION THOMAS D. CESCHINI

First Vice District Governor



SPRING FLOWERS

The May flowers are out the birds have returned from their journey south and the leaves are sprouting on the trees. .

The dreaded lawnmower season is about to begin for our Lion homeowners. Trying to wake up our trusted lawn equipment for the season a head can give most of us nightmares.

Take heart my hard working Lions the MD14 state conversion on May 18-21 in Indiana ,Pa Here you can have some fun and forget about that stubborn lawnmower..

I would like to take a moment to thank Lions Club President Jody Shumaker and the hard working Lions of the Tarentum Area Lions Club for a very successful service project called the Spring Fling dinner for the visually impaired on April 18 th that I was invited to.

Lion Tom Ceschini

Email tceschini@comcast.net

Phone: 724-224/063



LION MIKE CROSSEY

Second Vice District Governor



Lions

Welcome to spring.

Even though the weather is undecided, signs of spring assure us, that spring is here.

When, I think of spring. I think about everything turning green: the flowers; the sun shining; everything brighter; and just better.

I think spring applies to the Lions also. What we do everyday matters, but it's the seeds we plant that will create so many future "SPRINGS" for others.

Lions make the sunshine brighter when our communities need help, when our children need glasses or hearing research, or Cancer Support or Diabetes Support.

There are so many ways we help. We are there when disaster strikes.

SOME AVAILABLE RESOURCES:

Disaster Preparedness Grant- emergency grants- community recovery grants.

Last year alone Lions Club International Foundation mobilized \$6 million for Lion service in the wake of natural disasters.

Please learn more. Please give more .

Yours in service.

Lion Michael J. Crossey

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Editor's Corner



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

This month I am strolling down memory lane and sharing my thoughts about my year as District Governor.

Forty years ago this month the 1983-1984 Council of Governors elect began a lifelong friendship. We were strangers when we arrived in Wilks-Barre for the PA Lions 60th State Convention. Each district had a hospitality room in the OLD Sterling Hotel and we all spent hours cleaning our spaces and decorating to welcome the convention attendees. There was live music, cheese and meat trays, homemade cookies and liquid refreshments. The rooms were manned by district members who traveled to the convention to support their candidates. It was a blast of an evening!!

The International Convention was held in Hawaii-- need I say more! During our year we traveled across PA when the International President Dr. Fowler visited Erie and Carlisle and of course we sang the President's Theme song.

We all visited our own District Clubs—In 14B I made official visits to 68 Lions Clubs, 5 Lioness Clubs and formed our first Leo Club. We also attended State Council Meetings where we shared our views on a lot of issues. There were also Club anniversaries, Fall Rallies and numerous Fundraising events. It was a very busy time and we enjoyed every minute. The best part was we were able to meet so many wonderful hard working PA Lions. Our year as Governor ended with the International Convention in San Francisco .

Our Council had a 10 year Reunion in Williamsport – we invited Dr. Fowler and his wife . He flew his private plane from his home in Arkansas to join “ His Governors”!

There are only 5 Governors from our Council still with us but we will always remember them and our experiences and dedication to the Lions of Pa.

Certainly I don't want to forget our wives who were always at our side.

PDG Harold and Sharyn

MAY'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Pitcairn Lions Club – 44 years
May 9, 1979

Pgh. North Side Lions Club – 88 years
May 27, 1935

Park Lions Club - 63 years
May 18, 1960





MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Janet O'Brien	Bethel Park Lions Club	Lion Donna Meidenbauer
Michael David Copeland	Central Eliz. Twp. Lions Club	Lion Cheryl Copeland
Nikki Csorba	Central Eliz. Twp. Lions Club	Michael Copeland
Gregory J. Smith	Pittsburgh Deaf Blind Lions Club	Romeo Kihumbu

Since July 1, 2022, here's what our District membership looks like from MyLCl...

July 1st 721 Members added 29 dropped 59 March 31st **691**

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

MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP *

14G	1556
14A	1321
14D	1210
14C	1187
14T	1168
14M	1022
14F	974
14P	947
14N	947
14U	868
14L	847
14J	773
14E	735
14K	722
14B	693
14H	695
14W	555
TOTAL	16,222

***as of 03/31/2023 Assessment Report**

**HELP
WANTED
PLEASE**

**GET OUT THERE,
IN YOUR COMMUNIT
TO gGET NEW
ME, NERS!**



STATE CONVENTION BALLOT

BALLOT QUESTION #1

THE RESOLUTION ADDS LANGUAGE WAIVING ANNUAL MULTIPLE DISTRICT DUES (\$16) FOR LEO TO LION MEMBERS THROUGH AGE THIRTY-FIVE.

BE IT RESOLVED that effective July 1, 2023, By-Laws Article VI, Section 1 will read as follows:

Section 1: Multiple District Revenue – To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of this Multiple District and of each Sub-District hereof and a Multiple Convention Fund, annual per capita dues of \$16.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the Multiple District. The dues are waived for Lions Club student members as defined by Lions Clubs International and for Leo to Lion members through age thirty-five.

ALL THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

YES

NO

(Circle One)

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BALLOT QUESTION #2

THE RESOLUTION UPDATES LANGUAGE FROM 51% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE CLUBS TO SIMPLE MAJORITY.





BE IT RESOLVED that effective May 21, 2023, By-Laws Article IX, Section 1(a)(b) AMENDING PROCEDURE will read as follows:


The By-Laws may be amended only at the multiple district convention by amendment reported by the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws at such annual meeting and adopted by the affirmative vote of the majority of the certified delegates voting at such meeting. No amendment shall be reported to a convention for vote unless it shall first secure approval in one of the following two methods:

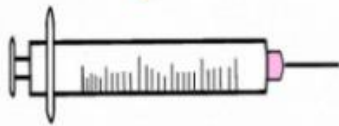
Section 1(a): Have been approved by the Council of Governors

Section 1(b): Have been approved by resolution of convention of a sub-district representing no less than the majority of the total number of members for the clubs of the sub-districts as of July 1 of the fiscal year in which the amendment is submitted to the Council of Governors for ballot placement.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK – MAY 6-12, 2023

I am a **Nurse**. A trained **Professional**.
I will care for you to the **Best** Of my
Abilities and **skills**. YOUR **NEEDS** WILL BE
Met **before** my own. I am **educated**,
Therefore, will **teach** you what you

You need to know while under **my** care.
As my **patient**, you will be **treated** with
Respect and **dignity** at all times.



The Pittsburgh Lions Visit the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children

The Pittsburgh Lions Club visited the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children. Dr. Heidi Ondek gave the Club a tour of the school and in addition to learning more about the mission of the school, members got to see the store that the students run. Horticulture Therapist Debbie Frank showed us airplants and succulents that the children made (even the pottery!) as well as seed bombs. Members were also able to watch some of the school talent show. In the past, the Pittsburgh Lions held a Christmas tree sale to benefit the school and the plan is to look for new ways to partner with and support the School.

*Submitted by
Lion Anne Parys*



SPAGHETTI DINNER



**Elfinwild Lions Club's
Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, May 13, 2023
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

FREE WILL OFFERING

Takeouts Available



**Lion Lou Gamber will be strolling through the tables
entertaining everyone with his accordion music.**

All proceeds benefit various Lions Club charities.





Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club

Dine-in or Take-out Pasta Dinner

Saturday, May 13, 20223

Serving from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM

**Meals will be \$15.00 each and can be ordered ahead of time
or at the door**

**Pasta marinara or meat sauce, meatballs, salad with dressing,
bread and butter, dessert included
(Can provide meatless dinner)**

Pre-order call Barb at 412-551-0485

**St. John Baptist, 1720 Jane Street 15203 (South Side)
Pick up food on Harcum Way
between the fire station and the back off the church**

Benefits Vision and Hearing impaired and local charities,



Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club

The Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions are pleased to present our newest member of the club.

At the March meeting, we inducted Greg Smith. Greg is already an active member helping us with our Hot Metal Bridge dinners. Unfortunately, with good news sometimes comes bad news.

Our dear friend and wonderful interpreter, Jessica Mock, is leaving us to help support her mother and embark on a new job career. She has been involved with our club for so many years, providing her services free of charge. We celebrated our new Lion Greg and Jessica with refreshments and a cake.



Hot Metal Bridge Dinner:



Thursday, March 23rd found the PDBLC at the Hot Metal Bridge Ministries providing a wonderful hot meal to homeless and surrounding area seniors. Lions Greg and Romeo met several days prior to smoke chicken and make sweet potatoes. King Lion Irene provided the mac and cheese and green beans. Lion Kristy and her son Gabe brought cookies for dessert. There were several other non Lion participants, children and a chaperone from another local church, and several volunteers from Hot Metal that helped to serve and clean up afterwards. It was a great night of comradery and reflection of how to support those in need.



Pleasant Hills Lions Club Donates Bench Pleasant Hills Arboretum

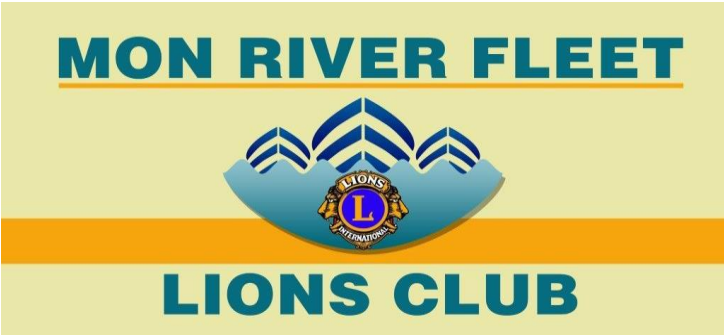
The Pleasant Hills Lions Club has been actively involved in the recycling of plastic bags and packaging materials. Thanks to the participation of many of our members, we were able to collect the 500 pounds of plastic every six months to qualify for a bench. Finding a place to put the bench was an issue. Finally, after approaching the Pleasant Hills Arboretum Committee, we found a home for a bench. We hope to continue working with them on this project as they are looking to replace many of their benches.

The Pleasant Hills Arboretum is a 16-acre preserved wooded area in Pleasant Hills. It was created in 1950 by A. W. Robertson, a local resident. In 1954 a team of scientists from the Carnegie Museum toured it and designated it as "Living Museum ". It contains trees of many different species along with several walking trails. It is a great source of pride for the residents of Pleasant Hills. For over 30 years my wife, Mary Ann, and I got to enjoy it daily as our backyard bordered the Arboretum.

The young man in the picture lounging on the bench is Ray Gilchrist who is the son of Lions Tom and Laura Gilchrist. Tom and Laura are co-chairs for this on-going service project. Ray and his younger sister, Rosie, have become an integral part of our club as they have helped with many of our events.

*Submitted by
PDG Geoff Temple, Secretary*





MRF Lions Trex Collection Continues...



Wow! Can you believe it? Young Jovani Hancharik can't believe his eyes with the amount of plastic bags that surround him that the Mon River Fleet Lions have collected for the Trex program. Because of the amount of work done by MRF Lion Treasurer Monica Hancharik and her husband Bob, 130 lbs of plastic were recently dropped off at the White Oak Giant Eagle earning the Club its 3rd bench. The Mon River Fleet Lions plan to place a bench in each of the four MRF SHIP communities beginning with a formal dedication sometime in May in Clairton in memory of MRF Lion Past District Governor Alice Jones. MRF Club President Jim Phillips (who is awaiting the plaque for the Clairton bench from MRF Lions Guy and Gayla Norelli) is currently putting together bench number 2 for McKeesport in memory of Lion Dee Connor. The third bench will be placed in a playground in Duquesne, with the fourth bench still yet to come for the Braddock community. Remarkable isn't it! Congratulations on a very successful project where these Mon Yough communities will remember the Mon River Fleet Lions forever!

"The Best Bakers in the Mon Valley"



On March 31st, the Mon River Fleet Lions held a bake sale at UPMC McKeesport! Each year, employees and those visiting the hospital look forward to a number of delicious home-made goodies baked by our Lion members. Shown in the photo is MRF Lion Board Member Janet Kulis with her specialty poppy-seed cake. It doesn't look like she had to convince MARS EMT Dan Barnhart how good it is! In fact, baked goods remaining after the sale were donated to for their continued support! What a fantastic job done by MRF Lion bake-sale co-chairs Janet and Helen Stratigos and MRF Lion fundraising chair Sonnie Cherepko in the photo! Yummy, Yummy!



MON RIVER FLEET



LIONS CLUB

“Mon River Fleet Leos in Action”

Directing MRF Leos enrolled in the MASD Allied Health Program – Kimara Brooks, Davonna Thomas, Gabrielle Donnelly, and Mulania Muhammad – on April 14th Mon River Fleet Coordinator Donna Maguire guides the group in stuffing and hand-sewing the “Snuggle Babies” made by Joyful Bloomers Garden Club of McKeesport that are shown below will be donated to Jamie’s Dream Team. Others may be donated to Children who are hospitalized for them to caress and snuggle during their stay in the hospital. The “Snuggle Babies” are hand-made by the MRF Leos whose “Snuggle Baby” goal is 84 with 5 more sessions planned, one in April and 4 in May. What an outstanding project that touches our young children during their time of need and comfort. Our MRF Leos are amazing!



“Caring goes a long way when thinking and comforting others!”





SAVE THE DATE!

FIRST ANNUAL DISTRICT 14-B LIONS DOG SHOW

Saturday, May 27, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Droopy's Blaine Hill Barbecue, 620 Boston Hollow Rd, Elizabeth, PA 15037
Free admission! Food and refreshments available for purchase.

All dogs on leashes and their people are welcome! Registration is \$20 per competing dog and includes a treat bag plus a coupon for one free buffet lunch! Online registration will open soon.

Check-in starts at 10:00 a.m. for competitions. Prizes to be awarded in different categories: small, medium, and large dogs, plus additional overall judging. Competitions include:

- Smallest dog
- Largest dog
- Oldest dog
- Best behaved dog
- Dog that looks most like its owner
- Dog that can do the best trick
- Most unique looking dog
- Best dressed dog

The planning committee is seeking volunteers to help on the day of the Dog Show. Please contact Lion Ralph Imbrogno at 412-719-4595 or Lion Michele Falce at 412-860-7065 if you can help.

We are also seeking donations of raffle baskets and any help in securing sponsors from local businesses. If you know of a veterinarian, groomer, rescue, or other dog-related business that may want to either sponsor the show or be an onsite vendor, please let Ralph or Michele know as soon as possible.



McKEESPORT LIONS CLUB... TALK ABOUT STAYING BUSY!

McKeesport Lions Club has had a busy month in April 2023! Multiple boxes of RX bottles were sent to Matthew 25 Ministries for distribution at their health clinics in developing countries. Members helped out at the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Renziehausen Park, club members helped in cleaning out and planting at the Community Garden, a clean-up and refurbishment of Gergely Park next to the marina was headed up by member David Stephens. Members attended the fundraiser for McKeesport Little Theater, Lion Colin Clarke helped cook and serve at the pancake breakfast for Christy Park United Methodist Church, some members helped plant trees for Earth Day, and we also collected and turned in multiple pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.

Don't forget that our Summer Concert Series at the Lions Bandshell in Renziehausen Park begins 6/18 at 7:00PM!

Submitted by Lion Annette James, Secretary





Oakmont Lions Club Annual Father's Day Car Show



Oakmont Lions Father's Day Car Show
Oakmont Riverside Park
Sunday, June 18, 2023 9am to 3pm

- This will be a Judged Show
- Show & Shine, Dash Plaques and Swag Bags
- Food Trucks and DJ On-hand for Refreshments
- Proceeds benefit Oakmont Lions Club to help in their local, national, and international charitable giving
- Limit 250 Entries, Pre-register at
 - oakmontlionsclub80@gmail.com
 - https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/oakmont_pa/
 - <https://www.facebook.com/OakmontLions/>





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



Friday, 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



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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: _____