



The Cauldron

May 2022



District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

May 2025



MEMORIAL DAY – REMEMBERING...



Memorial Day

*Never Forget
Ever Honor*



MEMORIAL DAY

From the desk of **District Governor Mike Crossey**

Fellow Lions and Leos,

The Light we Share.

Spring. Welcome to spring. This is the season of new beginnings and hope. As Lions, hope is what we offer. Hope is what we deliver.

Have you ever noticed how a single kind word can change the entire course of someone's day? A compliment isn't just a polite gesture. It's a spark. It's something said out loud- often, in a world that sometimes feels heavy, uncertain, and overwhelming. Offering hope to others- it's one of the most powerful things we can do.

Hope is the light we give to others. It is how we brighten the path moving forward. We often say- "Where there's a need, there's a Lion". We offer hope, and hope is not just a distant dream. Hope lives in the present. It's a compliment that breathes in the way we speak to each other, and how we choose to lift one another up. It shows up in our senses.

Hope sounds like someone saying- I believe in you. It's like saying -Join me.

It looks like a smile that affirms- YOU matter.

It feels like a reassuring hand on your shoulder when you're unsure.

It smells like fresh rain on dry, earth-like soil after a drought.

And yes, it even tastes like the sweetness of celebration, after a long struggle.

When we compliment others, authentically, sincerely, we offer them a window into how we see their light. "You're doing a great job." "I admire your strength." "Your kindness is contagious." These are small sayings, but they have a big impact. They become the anchors for someone else's hope. And the beautiful thing is, when we give it to others, we nourish ourselves.

The quote I love by Carl Sagan: "Somewhere, Something Incredible is waiting to be known".

That's hope in motion. That's helping others move in our light. It reminds them, and ourselves, that the future holds something worth moving toward.

So today, be generous with your compliments. Let your words be a source of comfort, encouragement, and light. Hope is not just what we feel, it's what we give.

This is what I've learned in my year as District Governor. LIONS GIVE, and LIONS DELIVER.

Be the source of light. Be the source of hope. BE A LION..

In the spirit of Lionism,



Lion Michael J. Crossey

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LION RALPH IMBROGNO

First Vice District Governor



Reflection: KEEP POSITIVE

This reflection is probably appropriate in so many ways for most people in our communities. Those of us who live in the Northern Hemisphere have only to look out of our windows to see the emphasis of winter months with bare trees, increasing darkness, and colder temperatures. This kind of puts us in a mood and makes it easier to realize that we are being challenged, but we are also blessed.

As we become older, we lose many of our family and friends. My childhood home is gone, many of the community structures have been torn down and new structures built in their place in some instances, and change is all around us - thank God, good change in many cases.

All of this that I am reflecting on only makes me stronger and appreciate all that I have in life. I'm happy to be a Lion and help people as much as I can. As Lions, we must accept the good and the bad and keep looking forward positively.

The awareness of our own life struggles often makes us better people and helps us to help others in their struggles. As active Lions, we have the skills to help folks in many ways. Lions Club members have many talents and resources to in fact help out and serve when needed. AFTER ALL - WE SERVE!!

The awareness of life changes is very important. It helps us to appreciate the gift of each day. It gives us a more authentic perspective on people and events. It helps us to keep our priorities straight, which can so easily go out of whack.

The sense of aging tells us that we do not have all the time in the world. Things will not stay the same forever. As Lions, we need to realize that life is beautiful, meaningful, and sometimes mysterious. We became Lions because we care about our fellow man.

**REMEMBER TO SERVE FROM THE HEAR
AND CONTIN**

Lion Ralph Imbrogno

Email: ralphpatty@verizon.net

Phone: 412-751-2039



ALERT

OUR DISTRICT NEEDS A 1ST AND 2ND VICE DISTRICT T GOVERNOR.

As of March 31st, our District has 575 members. There are a number of members who would be great leaders. Please give some serious thought about becoming the next leader for DISTRICT 14B.

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Future Lions Club International Conventions



2026 Hong Kong – Jul 3-7

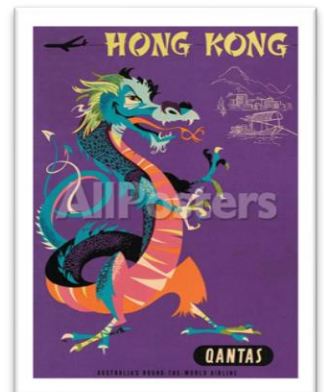
2027 Washington DC – July 2-6

2028 Singapore -June 23-27

2029 Minneapolis, MN

2030 San Antonio TX

2031– Helsinki Finland



To find out details, contact

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Since July 1, 2024, here's what our District membership looks like from the Lion Portal...

July 1st 636 Members added 27 dropped 82 March 31, 581

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

MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP *

14G	1498
14A	1260
14D	1206
14C	1171
14T	1126
14M	1001
14N	944
14F	902
14P	887
14U	834
14L	777
14K	710
14J	695
14E	688
14H	627
14B	581
14W	576

TOTAL 15,484

***as of 1/31/2025**

**Health Assessment
Report**

Ok now... we have tried various membership plans, posted information and pictures on billboards, have been on TV and radio talk shows, had printed signs for clubs to display during their fund raising events and guess what?

The best way to get new members is to just...



In Living Memory



Gail Ann Casturo
McKeesport Lions Club
April 18, 2025

May she rest in peace.

MAY'S **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Pitcairn Lions Club – 46 years
May 9, 1979

South Park Lions Club -65 years
May 18, 1960

NEW DISTRICT PROJECT...

Here is the information you've been waiting for!



HOW WE WILL ACCOMPLISH THE RETINA SCREENING CAMERA PROJECT...

The financial goal for the camera plus accessories is \$22,000.

With the support of all thirsty Lions clubs, we will not have a problem raising the funds.

If each club could have a minimum of \$300, we would have \$ 9,000. Our District has already donated \$2,000. That would give us \$11,000. We will contact the Lions of Pennsylvania or LCIF to apply for a matching grant.

WE CAN DO THIS!

To make your donation, please send it to:

Lion George Belles
District Treasurer
37 McMurray Road, Suite LL7
Pittsburgh, PA 15241-1601



Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the

School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult, she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included [sight programs](#) aimed at preventable blindness.





District 14B

Spring Celebration



Please join us on Saturday afternoon, May 24, 2025
at

The Georgetown Centre

526 E Bruceton Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Guest Speaker: Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice David Wecht

Social starts at
12:30 PM –
Lunch Buffet at
1:00 PM

Prizes, 50/50, and
much more!



Cost is \$36.00 per
person
Reservations are due
by May 9, 2025
(No reservation
confirmed without
payment!)

Please make checks payable to District 14B Lions and mail to:
Coordinator of District Activities, Lion Michele Falce
3505 Trautman Street, Munhall, PA 15120

Name _____ Club _____

Number of Reservations _____ @ \$36.00 Total Due- \$ _____

Please list all attending club members' names on the back of this form or send
an email to michele.falce@gmail.com

The gift of vision: Monroeville Lions, Boy Scouts partner for a cause

**TRIB
LIVE**

Leslie Savisky | Thursday, April 10, 2025 12:22 p.m.



LESLIE SAVISKY | TRIBLIVEMonroeville Lions member Jan Zimmer (left) and Boy Scout Nicholas Hansen clean eyeglasses before they are packaged for redistribution.

When Boy Scouts Troop committee leader Kris Cattau approached the Monroeville Lions about possible service projects, Mary Raynak knew just how they could help.

Raynak has been a member of the Monroeville Lions Club for 6 years and is the eyeglass recycling program chairperson.

“One of our service projects is sorting, cleaning and packing donated, used eyeglasses for the needy,” Raynak said. “We get together usually every three or four months ... It is an ongoing project.”

After collecting all of the glasses from drop off sites, they are sorted by readers, prescriptions, sunglasses and prescription sunglasses. The glasses are cleaned and dried, and then repackaged for the Cranberry-based nonprofit Mission Vision to pick up. Glasses are distributed locally, nationally and internationally.

The Lions and Boy Scouts Troop 184 worked together for the first time in early March, and it was such a success that two groups planned another event for March 22 at PitCare Community Center in Pitcairn to prep 900 pairs of glasses.

Monroeville Lions began the recycling program in August 2022. To date, they have donated 7,374 pairs of eyeglasses.

“The Lions welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the Boy Scouts Troop 184,” President Michele Gutman said. “It has been a great experience.”

The Boy Scouts complete community service projects for rank, service hours and merit badges.

“We really focus on community,” Cattau said. “The Boy Scouts learn about their community and good citizenship.”

“The Scouts first learn about nonprofit organizations and then do research on nonprofits in the community,” Cattau said. “Then they pick a charitable organization as a service project.”

According to Cattau and Assistant Scoutmaster Andrew McWhinney – whose sons Wyatt and Maxwell volunteered – the collaboration has been a positive experience for the troop.

The Lions serve many causes, but their emphasis is on serving the visually impaired. This is done year-round through eyeglass recycling, broom sales and seals, as well as the annual Run4Sight 4K in July and Golf Outing in August.

“One hundred percent of all profits we collect go to our charities,” said Lions member David Zimmer.

This year, they are set to donate more than \$20,000 when the fiscal year ends in June.

Donations are dispersed among local food banks, college scholarships for Gateway and Plum students, Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation, VisAbility Pittsburgh and Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties.

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Pasta Event

Hosted by
Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club

When:

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025
11 AM - 3 PM

Where:

St. John the Baptist Byzantine
Catholic Church, 1720 Jane St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Cost:

Ages 16 and up - \$15

Children 8-15 - \$5

Children 8 and under **FREE!**

Menu

Choice of sauces: marinara or Alfredo; 2 meatballs,
salad, bread, butter, dessert, Coffee, tea, cold
drinks, and water.

Vegetarian option, meatballs are not cooked in the
sauce.

Eat-in or takeout. Can preorder dinners for pickup.

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The proceeds were donated to South Side Kids, St.
Mary's Food Pantry on 19th Street, and Haring and
Vision Concerns. For more information, Contact
Lion Barb Rebovich at 412-551-0485



PAPER PRODUCT DRIVE

— BENEFIT —

Mt. Washington Food Bank

➡ WHAT IS NEEDED ⬅
• **PAPER TOWELS** • **NAPKINS**
• **TOILET TISSUE** • **KLEENEX**
• **CASH DONATIONS ALSO ACCEPTED**

SATURDAY, MAY 17th

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

SHOP'N SAVE - Virginia Avenue



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THE WHITE OAK LIONS CLUB
75th Charter Celebration



SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2025

White Oak American Legion

2813 Capitol St., White Oak, PA 15131

Guest Speaker

Leslie Przybylek

Senior Curator Heinz History Center

Social 1:00 PM (cash bar) – Buffet Dinner 1:30 PM

COST \$40.00

Reservation due by May 23, 2025

(No Reservation Confirmed without Payment)

Mail to: PDG Rich Keller

1811 Educational Dr. White Oak, PA 15131

Name _____

Club _____

Number of Reservation _____ @\$40.00 Total \$ _____

(Checks payable to White Oak Lions Club and mail to address above)

LIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Has your Club ever thought about presenting someone in your club or community a

LIONS OF PA FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Here is your chance to win one for only \$10.00

No. XXX

No. XXX

Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation

MATCH THE PA DAILY PICK 3 NUMBER
STRAIGHT 7:00 PM DRAWING ONLY
BONUS NUMBER NOT INCLUDED

SUNDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

JUNE 15 – 21, 2025

SEVEN DAYS & SEVEN WINNERS

For a

Lions of PA Foundation Fellowship Award

Each day

Donation: \$10.00.

Two chances to win on each ticket

All proceeds benefit

Lions of PA Foundation

If you would like to purchase a ticket please complete the form below and return to

PDG Mary Jane Keller, 1811 Educational Dr., White Oak, PA 15131

She will mail you your ticket

NAME: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ District: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ (X \$10) Total: _____

Make check payable to: Lions of PA Foundation

NO TICKET WILL BE MAILED WITHOUT PAYMENT



ELFINWILD LIONS CLUB

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sat. May 3RD

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3200 MT. ROYAL BOULEVARD**

FREE WILL OFFERING

• **Takeouts Available**

Entertainment provided by Lou Gamber.



McKeesport Lion is still at it!

Lion Check Jarrell, a retired postal worker and member of the McKeesport Lions Club, heads up the food drive for the McKeesport area.

If you have any questions, you can contact him at

caj1952@ymail.com or 724-869-4581. Can you put this graphic in the next Cauldron?

Submitted by Lion Annette James



McKeesport Lions “You’ll never know what you might find at your local Goodwill store!”

During a trip to the local Goodwill bins store, Lions Kim & Dan Carr, and Tony Ura noticed that many boxes of eyeglasses and American flags were amongst the bins, so they purchased them. Eyeglasses were then sorted for prescription glasses, readers, and sunglasses. They then proceeded to fold the flags. Arrangements are being made to drop off the eyeglasses at Walmart, and for the flags to be dropped off at the local American Legion for proper retirement.

Submitted by Lion Annette James



On a more solemn note...

Lions Mike Cherepko & Colin Clarke took part in the annual remembrance service for the SS McKeesport, a Merchant Marine vessel that was sunk by a Nazi U-boat during WWII. It was used to transport supplies to allied troops, and all those serving on it were lost.

Submitted by Lion Annette James



Burgers in the Park

The background of the flyer is a vibrant green with a large, light-green circular area in the center. Various park-themed illustrations are scattered around: a tree with two trunks and a green canopy on the left, a wooden bench with three slats on the left, and a detailed burger with a sesame seed bun, tomato slices, cheese, meat, and lettuce on the right. There are also several green leaves floating around the scene.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7th
11am - 3pm Mowry Park Shelter #1

**The Pleasant Hills Lions Club
is serving up burgers or
hot dogs with chips and a
drink for a \$10 donation!**

Dine in or Take Out

Condiments available

**Follow Pleasant Hills
Lions Club on Facebook!**



The Tarentum Area Lions Club hosts their annual Joe Coffman Spring Fling,

April 15, the Tarentum area Lions Club had their annual Joe Coffman Spring Fling, named after the Late Tarentum Lion Joe Coffman, a blind tax collector who championed those with vision disabilities. Our dinner was set up to honor our vision-impaired guest. Each table was set up with a mixture of guests and Lion members. We enjoyed a very relaxing meal with lots of friendly conversation. The Kiski Valley Community Brass Band presented the evening entertainment.

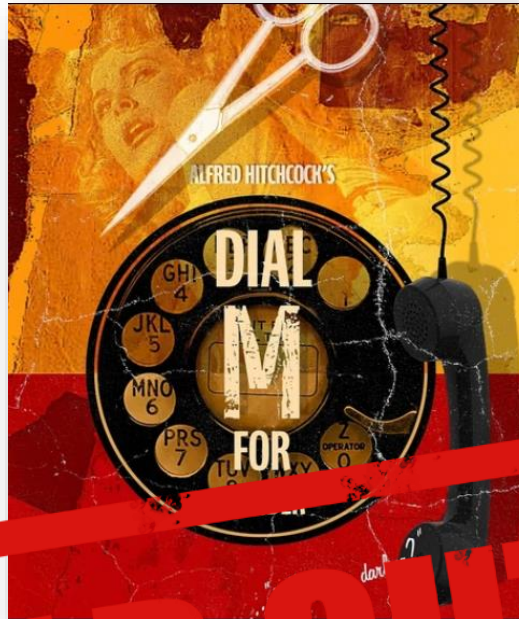
Submitted by Lion Tom Ceschini



The White Oak Lions Club Presents. . .

DIAL "M" MYSTERY DINNER

- Doors open 5 :30 PM.
- Pasta Dinner served at 6:30 PM
- Mystery Dinner Show begins at 7:30 PM



SOLD OUT!

It's like "P. No" with dinner!

Saturday, May 3, 2025
Sampson's Mill Church Hall
1665 Lincoln Way, White Oak, PA
Tickets \$30.00

Come join the fun! We will have a auction basket, and a 50/50 raffle.
Get ready for a great evening!

For tickets, please call your local White Oak Lion Varol Lasch at 412-877-4298 or Rich Pwters at 412-648-3719

Last District Cabinet Meeting for 2024-2025 Sunday, May 18, 2025

A personal invitation from District Governor Mike Crossey...

“As we were discussing all of the activities and the depth of all that Lions do, it came up that our Lions club presidents, officers, and members miss out on so much information by not attending cabinet meetings. So, I want to remind you that each president is expected to attend or send a representative to the cabinet meetings. I attended once when I was a new Lion and was amazed at the reports and information I was able to return to my club. So, please make every effort to attend and participate in district cabinet meetings. Our next, and last, cabinet meeting for this year is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th. Please plan to attend.”

All interested Lions may contact Lion Michele Falce, Coordinator of District Activities at 412-860-7065.

**Sunday, May 18, 2025
Time 2: PM
Munhall Borough Building
1900 West Street
Munhall, PA**

Hope to see you then!

