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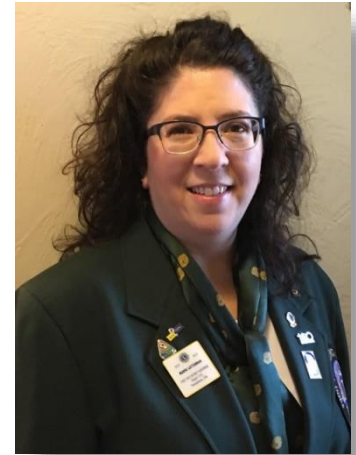
District 14B 's Monthly Newsletter

May 2020



Greetings,

While the last few weeks seem to have brought our world to a near stand-still, my year as District Governor has gone by quite quickly. I, like everyone else, would have never imagined the world we are currently experiencing. Clubs have refocused their efforts and have discovered new ways of conducting business and meetings. We have held our district elections using electronic voting and I can now officially congratulate District Governor Elect Chris Raynak and our incoming 1st Vice District Governor Elect Mary Ann Belles!



I am very proud of the efforts and contributions our Lions have displayed during the pandemic. Throughout our district we have shown what Lions do...We Serve. We have provided support and assistance to our neighbors, our first responders, and our communities. This time of year, our clubs usually begin planning financial distribution of charitable funds and setting the course of the coming year's leadership. I encourage clubs to complete their election of officers for 2020-2021 and be certain to report their names in LCI. Although many clubs have redirected funds towards pandemic related programs such as supporting food banks and providing meals for medical personnel and first responders, it is important to remember the many Lions programs which rely on club support.

MD-14 (Pennsylvania Lions) recognize the following five state level projects, along with five regional projects:

- Beacon Lodge
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- The Eye Research and Sight Conservation Foundation
- Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation
- Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation
- Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services
- PA Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation
- Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation
- Western PA School for Blind Children
- Western PA School for the Deaf

Statewide we also participate in raising funds and awareness of The Four Diamonds Foundation in support of pediatric cancer through our partnership known as the PA Lions Care for Kids initiative. The PA Lions All State Band remains a vital aspect of our organization and is always appreciative of support from our members. A lesser known state level program is the PA Lions for Guide Dogs. They provide grants to individuals who need help with veterinary expenses for certified guide dogs facing life or career threatening illness/injury. I believe they are actually looking to bestow their goodwill to those in need rather than asking for donations...please keep them in mind if you know of anyone who may need such services.

Locally our district supports the Lions' Diabetes Center of UPMC McKeesport Hospital, The Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation and Operation Safety Net. Recently we were educated about a local program called Pennies from Heaven and many clubs help 412 Food Rescue or other community food programs.

Internationally, LCIF has been approving grants to help communities in their fight against the pandemic. I encourage clubs to keep our fellow members in all corners of the world in their thoughts during this time. While Southwestern PA has been fortunate in this global battle, our contributions to LCIF may help to better equip our members throughout the world to win their own battles against this virus.

Knowing that many clubs were unable to hold their annual fundraisers and may have already redirected their monies towards pandemic related needs, I ask that if you are unable to financially help the aforementioned programs that you help raise awareness of their existence and services. While having driveway chats with neighbors or zoom meetings with friends mention these programs...you never know who may need to hear about them!

I look forward to the day we can safely gather together to celebrate our shared vision of service but until then I wish you and your loved ones a very happy and healthy month of May!

Together in friendship – We Serve!

DG Marni Latterman

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HISTORICAL MOMENT ...

For the first time in the history of District 14-B, candidates for the offices of District Governor and Vice District Governor were elected by way of the computer!

Each Club that was current with their District and state dues had two votes and each Past District Governor was given one vote. The deadline for voting was April 30.

THE RESULTS ARE IN:

11 clubs responded by casting 19 votes and

15 Past District Governors cast their votes for a total of 34 votes unanimously electing:

- **Lion Chris Raynak as District Governor**
- **Lion Mary Ann Belles as 1st Vice District Governor**

Congratulations!

***Best wishes for a successful year and
have fun doing it!!***



1st Vice District Governor-Elect Lion Chris Raynak

Hello Fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leos.

Challenges are nothing unusual for Lions. And this current challenge is no different. We just need to face it in a new and different way. It is hard to step back from our regular meetings and events, but we must make the responsible decisions at this time to protect everyone. This is a busy time of the year for Lions. Hopefully, your clubs have been meeting virtually or at least by phone or email. You have held your elections. I would like to remind all club presidents and secretaries that now is the time to report your club officers for Lions Year 2020-2021. These reports are due to Lions Clubs International by May 15. It is imperative that they are reported on time so that I will be able to include the information in the new District Directory.

Congratulations to all those who have stepped up to leadership positions within their clubs. I would encourage all incoming officers to speak with your predecessors, or any Past District Governor. Ask for advice from those who have the knowledge and experience. Additionally, take advantage of training online. Visit www.Lionsclubs.org for an electronic library with a wealth of information available to all. I look forward to working with you and offering support, to increase membership in District 14-B.

Sometimes it takes courage to step outside the safety of our walls. The most important decision each of us ever made in Lionism was to join! I would also encourage anyone willing to take the next step to help at the District level please contact me. There are positions that are available that need your expertise.

Lastly, there are three other important days this Month May 10th – Mother's Day; May 15th – Peace Officers Memorial Day; May 25th – Memorial Day. I ask that you remember them in your own personal way. They too took up our motto of "WE SERVE".

It's great to be a Lion!

Chris Raynak

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2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Lion Mary Ann Belles

Greetings Fellow Lions, Lionesses & Leos,

Here we are, the beginning of May. Spring is just around the corner and a new hope is in the air. Pennsylvania businesses are starting to reopen and life as we knew it will never be the same. Maybe even better. Lions are still serving in their communities. Lions are still the number one service organization in the world. We can make each of our worlds better as we keep looking to the future.

This month I want to talk about the Peace Poster Contest. The idea for the Peace Poster Contest started in 1988 to give children – ages 11 – 12 and 13 years the opportunity to creatively express their feelings for world peace and to share their visions with the world. The first contest was held in the Lions year 1988 – 1989. The first theme was “Peace Will Help Us Grow” and the winner was a 13-year-old from the country of Lebanon sponsored by the Beirut Lions Club.

Approximately 600,000 children from 75 countries participate in the contest annually. The United States has had 5 winners since 1989 with one being from Pennsylvania in 1995 – 1996 sponsored by the Scenery Hill Lions Club.

You can find a list of the previous grand prize winners in the following link:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster/grand-prize-winners>

You can see a list of the current winners and their posters in the following link:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster/current-winners>

The Grand Prize winner receives a trip to an award ceremony where she/he will receive a cash award of \$5000.00 and an award. Two family members (one being the child’s parent or legal guardian) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony. This ceremony generally takes place at the Lions Day at the UN which is held in March. There are 23 merit award winners that each receive a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of achievement. The 24 finalists’ posters are exhibited at the Lions Club International Convention and other national conventions like the USA/Canada Forum. Each of the Multiple Districts awards their winner differently. Pennsylvania Multiple District 14’s winners are as follows: The First-Place winner receives a cash award of \$250.00 along with a plaque, the Second-Place winner receives a cash award of \$150.00 and a plaque, and the Third-Place winner receives a cash award for \$100.00 and a plaque. Multiple District 14 also awards three Honorable Mention Plaques. Each of the Districts in Pennsylvania awards their winners differently. District 14B awards the Peace Poster winner with a check for \$100.00 and a certificate. Each of the Clubs in District 14B awards their winners differently as well. I know my club awards the winner with a \$50.00 check and we treat our winner and their parents to dinner at one of our club meetings or at our charter night.

There is a different theme every year. The theme for Lions year 2020 – 2021 is “Peace through Service”.

I encourage each of the Clubs to sponsor a Peace Poster Contest. The process is quite simple. Appoint a chairperson, contact the local schools, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Churches, and Libraries to generate interest. Then send them information. The contest starts in the spring of every year and concludes in November when your club chooses your winner to present to the District for review. The District then sends their winner to the Multiple District, the Multiple District then sends their winner to Lions Club International. If you have any questions concerning the Peace Poster Contest, please do not hesitate to contact me or Lion Barb Rebovich. I look forward to hearing from you. Next month I will talk about the International Essay Contest



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Editor's Corner

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By PDG Harold Fletcher

"This 'n' That!"

Ask1

Club Elections:

If our club cannot meet, how can we conduct our annual election of club officers?

Unless prohibited under a club's constitution and by-laws, the Standard Club By-Laws permits all Lions clubs to conduct meetings via alternative meeting formats. This allows each Lions club to choose a method of conducting elections that is suitable for those members. This can be via phone, email, a combination of the two, or any other method that is acceptable to the Lions club members.

Once your club has elected your new officers, please log on to the MyLCI website to submit their names and any changes there might be for your meeting place for the coming year. If you are experiencing any problems in inputting the information, please give me a call or send me an email with the new information and I will input the information for you. If any of you are still using the PU101 forms and need a copy of it, please let me know and I will send you a copy.



Faith in Hope for Charity

Comedian Bob Hope accepts the 1971 Lions International Humanitarian Award from International President Robert D. McCullough of Tulsa, Oklahoma, at a Lions banquet in Washington, D.C. Hope was honored for the work on behalf of sight conservation and eye research. The Humanitarian Award is now presented at the International convention, and Stan Brock, the founder of Remote Area Medical, will receive the award in July in Chicago.



**Memorial
Day**
*Never Forget
Ever Honor*

MAY'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Pitcairn Lions Club – 41 years

May 8, 1979

Pgh. North Side Lions Club - 85 years

May 27, 1935

South Park Lions Club – 60 years

May 18, 1960



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

The Illinois State government in the USA announced that its stay-at-home order will be extended until at least **May 30** to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The measures included the requirement to cease all nonessential services in the state. Lions Clubs International is identified as “nonessential.” To comply with the state mandate, the Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook will be closed at least until **May 30, 2020**.



While staff will not physically be in the building, staff teams will be working remotely and available during business hours to respond to the needs of Lions. You may **[contact LCI staff](#)** or **[LCIF staff](#)** as needed.

The performance of systems may be impacted due to the increased number of people working remotely, and response time may be affected. Some of our business operations that require physical interaction will likely be limited.

More details will be provided as the situation evolves, but here is some preliminary guidance:

- For information on district and multiple district conventions, please check our **[coronavirus updates webpage](#)**.
- Regarding payment of outstanding dues, we recommend that districts allow clubs that are able to demonstrate they have sent or submitted payment to participate in voting. This could be via a bank statement, copy of demand draft, etc. Clubs will not be cancelled during this time based on the challenges related to receiving and processing physical checks and electronic payments.
- For Lions International payments, please utilize online payment options via MyLCI or any other electronic payment method (ACH, SEPA, Boletto, NEFT, etc.) instead of sending checks to the office.
- Please **[submit LCIF donations](#)** via the website instead of sending checks to the office. Please also note that grant disbursements and recognition will be delayed while the office is closed.
- There will be delays in shipping awards and recognitions, club supplies orders, as well as delays in processing reimbursements.

We appreciate your patience during these extraordinary times and wish for the health and safety of all our Lions and staff around the world.

In kindness,
PIP Frank Moore
Executive Administrator and Secretary



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TO: 2019-2020 State Council of Governors, Lions of Pennsylvania International Family, Vice District Governors all, MD-14 Committees and Coordinators and other interested Lions

Multiple District 14 State Council Chair William H. Morgan has issued a call for the 2019-2020 State Council to convene for its fourth meeting via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2020.

Please note: The method by which the Council of Governors will meet was changed in the wake of the cancellation of the 2020 MD-14 state convention in Erie.

All committee chairpersons and/or coordinators who have an Action Item for State Council to consider at this meeting **must** submit that item in written form to the State Office no later than April 27, 2020. Any Action Item received after that date may, at the discretion of the Council of Governors, be tabled until the first 2020-2021 State Council meeting in August. **Committee chairpersons/coordinators with Action Items must be present or have a representative on the teleconference.** All oral committee reports to State Council should be limited to 3-5 minutes.

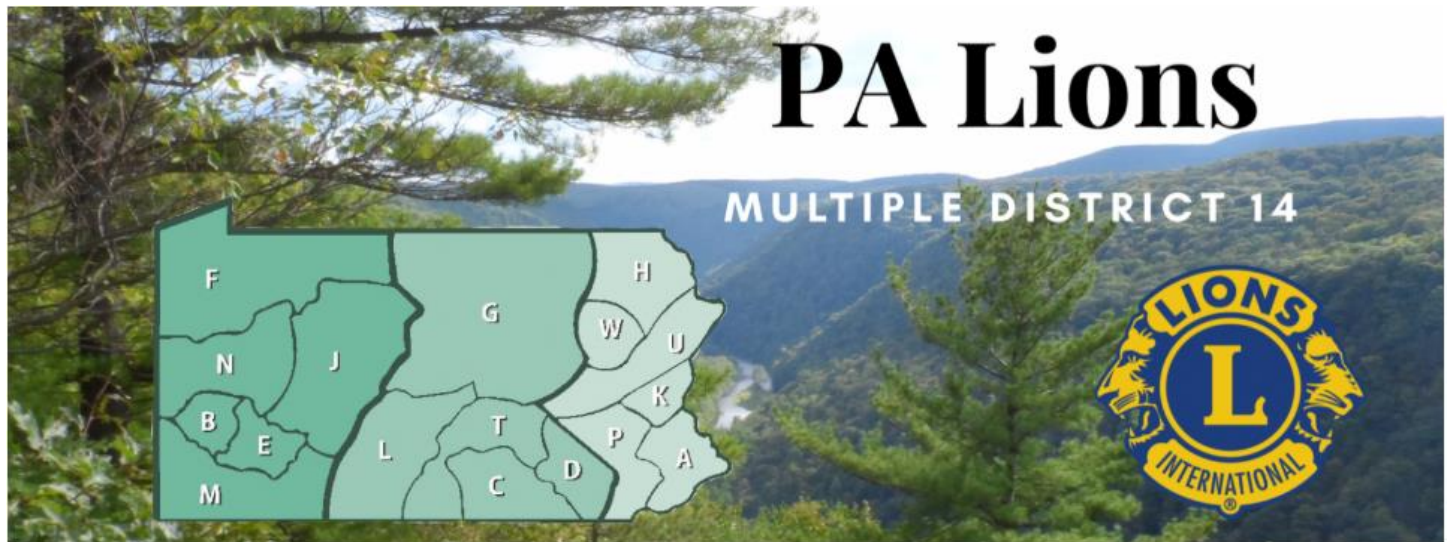
Committee chairpersons and/or coordinators who do not have Action Items for State Council to consider are also encouraged to submit their written reports to the State Office by April 27.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

In Service and Friendship,

Lion Bob McComas

MD-14 Administrator





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Dear Lion,

As the world collectively works to manage the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), communities throughout the world have been greatly affected. Although this pandemic connects us, so does something else- being part of a global community of Lions. We recognize these are challenging times for many. For those who need to take care of their health or the health of loved ones, this is your number one priority. For those who are doing their part by staying close to home through quarantine or social distancing, this can create its own set of challenges.

Take solace knowing that during this time, LCIF is there. LCIF is giving *priority consideration* to support regions with extreme rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases with emergency grants. The focus of these grants is on addressing the needs that exist within local medical and emergency management systems that are coordinating efforts with the World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. LCIF donations for our COVID-19 response are being accepted through LCIF's General Disaster Fund.

With all of this happening in our world, for this edition of my eNewsletter, I wanted to provide you with some respite from all the news stories and bring us together. It is a collection of stories from LCIF that feature people who may have felt helpless or frustrated, having troubles without solutions...like many of us are feeling today. However, as a result of LCIF, *your* foundation, the stories provide one thing: hope. And my hope is that you find these stories as uplifting as I do and they motivate you to serve when it is time.

As chairperson of LCIF, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of you to remain connected with your fellow Lions. Stay safe, and I look forward to connecting again with you and the Lion community through service.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

WE CARE. WE SERVE. WE ACCOMPLISH.

In Times of Darkness, Be the Light



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Sometimes, it's hard to find our way.

In the dawn of 2020, our world has been thrust into a great trial. The past few months have seen countries – including my own – tested to their limits. Many people are facing new realities that challenge their ability to make ends meet and provide enough food and essentials to keep their families safe. And many first responders – doctors, nurses, police officers, grocery store clerks, among the many others – are putting themselves on the line every day to save lives.

It is a dark time. It is easy to give in to fear. But we cannot. This is the time to act.

What that action looks like in the face of lockdowns, quarantines, and social distancing may look very different from service as we've known it. We have to put health and safety first. But now is not the time to shrink away from the new and different. Now is the time to tap into the innovation that Lions are known for so we can find new ways to help.

There is so much uncertainty in the world right now. In these extraordinary times, let's rededicate ourselves to service. Let's become the lights that guide our world through this period of darkness.



We Serve.

In my dark moments – and there have been some for me, too, these past months – I like to imagine every Lion as a candle in a window. I see Lions serving meals to low-income children because schools are closed, making sure they don't miss a meal. I see Lions delivering groceries to elderly neighbors who are most vulnerable to the virus. I see clubs hosting meetings online so they can stay connected and continue to find ways to give back. Every day, I see Lions putting their kindness in action.

And I am lifted.

Now imagine how bright the world would be with all our candles flickering together, shining brightly, helping the world to find its way.

Be the light, Lions. Show the way.

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President, Lions Clubs
International

Like Father Like Son

© Douglas McGuire

Tyler James was just a baby when his daddy died in Nam.
He was raised by a sister and a hard working mom.
He was raised to love his country, and every time he saw the flag.
He thought of his father, and how he gave all that he had.
When Tyler finished high school he found a good job.
He helped his mom and sister, because he knew that times were hard.

Little did they know the world was to change,
Yeah, buildings came down by men in hijacked planes.
Tyler hugged his mom and sister and headed out the door.
His country would respond, he knew there would be war.
He enlisted in the service, they made him a strong man,
after basic training, he was sent to a foreign land.

Oh, he served with the bravest.

They were proud and they stood tall.
Some of them had fathers whose names are on the wall.
After many months of battle Tyler's mother got the call,
Tyler James, her only son, took his final fall.

On a hillside in the country, now lies Tyler James.
And his mother spoke the words, engraved beneath his name.
**HE WAS PROUD OF HIS COUNTRY HE WOULD FIGHT
UNTIL WE WON.**

HE WAS KILLED IN BATTLE, LIKE FATHER LIKE SON.
Tyler James was just a baby, when his daddy died in Nam.



[HELP NOW](#)



*"Lily's the cuddliest, sweetest dog.
She does give me confidence.
She really helps me stay engaged
and active. Those things really
keep me who I am."*

- Wendi

\$50,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

Your gift by May 15
DOUBLES to help train
more Leader Dogs like Lily.

THE LEO CLUB PROGRAM

40 YEARS LATER STRONGER THAN EVER

BY SUE CROSSON-KNUTSON

Forty years ago, Coach Jim Graver started the Leo ball rolling. Chances are, that ball was a baseball.

Back in 1957, Graver was the coach of the Abington High School, Pennsylvania, baseball team. Graver was also an active member of the Glenside, Pennsylvania, Lions Club.

With fellow Lion, William Ernst, Graver talked about starting a service club for high school boys. "The Kiwanians had their Key Clubs and the Rotarians had their Wheel Club (since changed to Interact Clubs)," Ernst is quoted as saying in an October 7, 1976 newspaper article in *The Evening Bulletin*.

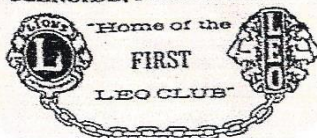
So they asked their fellow Lions for support. Without hesitation, the Glenside Lions agreed that a Lions youth group was a good idea. Graver and Ernst set to work.

"We needed a nucleus, a group of kids to start with," stated Ernst. "So we got Jim's son to come to the first meeting with his whole baseball team." Nine sophomore, junior and senior boys joined the group of 26 baseball players.

Together, the 35 teens formed a club. On December 5, 1957, the Glenside Lions presented a charter to the Abington High School Leo Club.

As the world's first Leo club, the group created the Leo acronym — Leadership, Equality, Opportunity (Equality was later changed to Experience.) And, the group chose maroon and gold — their school colors — to serve as the Leo club colors.

GLENSIDE, PENNSYLVANIA



ORGANIZING ADDITIONAL LEO CLUBS

The Abington Leos were a singular entity until 1963. In that year, a Leo club was formed at the Tamaqua Area High School in Pennsylvania. Shortly thereafter, a former Philadelphia Lion formed a Leo club in New York. By 1964, there were 27 Leo clubs in Pennsylvania and one in New York.

The circle of junior service clubs was expanding. In October 1967, the board of directors of Lions Clubs International adopted the Leo Club

Program as an official program of the association. Open to males and females, the objective of the Leo Club Program was (and still is):

"...to provide the youth of the world (with) an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community."

In 1968, newly formed Leo clubs began sending their requests for club certification to International Headquarters. On October 17, 1969, forms requesting certification for the Abington High School Leo Club reached headquarters. On this date, the world's original Leo club was formally recognized as a part of the international Leo program. Leo John Hebert of Boaderwood, Pennsylvania, served as president of the Abington High School Leo Club.

Soon, Lions all over the world were learning more about the new Leo Club Program. By October 15, 1970, there were 24,000 Leo club members in 918 clubs in 48 countries worldwide.

Today, the Leo Club Program is stronger than ever. Community service remains the cornerstone of the program. Like their Lion counterparts, Leo club members enjoy serving their neighbors and watching positive results unfold.

Another Leo milestone occurred last year. On April 12, 1996, the organization papers for the 5,000th active Leo club reached International Headquarters. This club was the Fomeque Monarca Leo Club of Colombia, of which Leo Ariel Wilfredo Hurtado Rodriguez served as president. His father is a Lion.

As of June 30, 1997, there were 5,315 Leo clubs and 132,875 club members throughout the world. These clubs operate in 138 nations, 606 Lions districts, 140 Leo districts, and 27 Leo multiple districts worldwide.

LEO CLUB MOTTO

Participation in the Leo Club Program enhances the lives of young people. As active community members, Leos learn the true meaning of the Leo club motto — leadership, experience and opportunity.

- **Leadership** — Leos develop skills as organizers, time managers, and motivators of their peers.
- **Experience** — Leos learn the importance of cooperation through the performance of community service.
- **Opportunity** — Membership in a Leo club provides young people with a chance to excel, to develop character traits, and to receive recognition for their contributions to the community.

LEO SERVICE PROJECTS

From New York to New Zealand, Leos serve their communities. Quite frequently, these actions benefit the elderly and children. Common Leo service projects also include healthcare programs, supplying basic necessities, preserving the environment, and literacy and culture projects.

◀ In 1957, the Glenside, Pennsylvania, Lions sponsored the world's first Leo Club, the Abington High School Leo Club. This 1964 photo includes representatives from both clubs standing behind the original 1957 hand-painted Leo club banner.

▲ To this day, the logos of the Glenside Lions and Abington Leo Clubs remain connected.

◀ (far left) In 1975, the Guysborough 2000 Leos, Nova Scotia, Canada, presented a talent show for seniors.



I came across this flier which happens to be 22 years old. All you ever wanted to know about the Leo Club people!

Please contact PDG Mary Jane Keller for more information 412-678-7696

Are you ready to step up to the plate?



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

*Submitted by
Lion Barb Rebovich*



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

Looking for some Volunteers for a White Cane Day

The Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club is doing a White Cane at Sam's Club in West Mifflin on **Saturday, June 6th**, between 9 AM and 5 PM. We have asked Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Lions Club to also share this time. We are a small group and Sam's Club said we need to make sure someone is there for a total of 8 hours or they won't let us return to do a White Cane again.

We decided to ask if any other club beside Bloomfield-Lawrenceville would be interested to let me know so we can set up a time for each club. I'm thinking maybe the clubs could do 2 or 3 hours each with some over lapping. We also decided whatever the club collects would be theirs to keep as a White Cane event. But they must let JR Wilson know what the collected so he can have the information as chairperson. This could be canceled depending on government or Sam's Club.



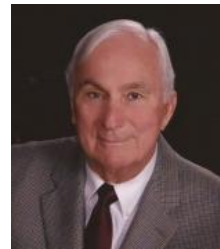
*Submitted by
Lion Barb Rebovich*



In Memoriam



Dr. Thomas E. Vrabec
Member & Past
President of the old
Oakland Lions Club
March 30, 2020



Lion Richard A. Allen
West Mifflin Lions
Club
April 4, 2020



How Our Lions Clubs in District 14-B have Responded to the COVID-19 Virus

Pleasant Hills Lions Club

During this COVID 19 crisis, the Pleasant Hills Lions Club has so far one conference call meeting on April 6th and we have another one scheduled for May 4th. During the April 6th meeting, we voted to donate \$400 to the Cloverleaf Food Bank which is part of the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank and serves our area. Also, the Borough of Pleasant Hills sent a blast email to the residents who subscribe to the service indicating that our club is available to run errands for those who must stay home. So far, we got two requests. One was for a thermometer and one was a small grocery order. DG Marni handled both requests as she is one of the few club members that are not considered high risk due to advanced age. Also, one of our members, Lion Ed Gnoth send me the following email :

Geoff- here is the new service project I have been performing: Monday, Friday, Saturday I am picking up "day old" baked goods @ Shop&Save in Rostraver Twp. and delivering them to the following;1)Monday- Faidley House-Monongahela, Pa (3 hours each day).....2) Friday- Gastonville Elementary School for " back-pack meals for children" (5 hours each day).....3) Saturday- Victoria House, Monessen, Pa.(3 hours each day)...Total of 11 hours every week until the China Virus is over.....any questions please call me.....Thanx, Ed

PDG Geoff Temple

McKeesport Lions Club

Unfortunately, we have quite a few members who don't have computers, so we haven't had any online meetings. Right now, the postal workers food drive is postponed, and that is our large food drive event. Once things have returned to normal, it will be rescheduled. Right now, the food bank is only accepting monetary donations, so a food drive is out of the question, even on a smaller scale such as with just our club members. We're just kind of in a holding pattern now.

Annette James, Secretary

Homestead Lions Club

We at the Homestead District Lions Club have donated \$500.00 to Rainbow Kitchen to help feed the needy. We also donated \$500.00 to our local M.A.P.S. (Munhall Ambulance Service) to purchase needed ppe equipment for their workers . In a couple weeks we will be donating to several more food banks.

We are Lions and ready to serve our community in this time of crisis. Stay safe and healthy everyone !

Rita Slava, Secretary, Homestead District Lions Club

Monroeville Lions Club

Our club has held a couple of meetings with Microsoft TEAM and we have also held our Funds Distribution meetings via Zoom. We have doubled our planned donations to the two Food Banks in our area.

Lion David Zimmer

The Monroeville club recently provided funding for a visually impaired student at a charter school to obtain an iPad he was familiar with so he could participate in remote learning. Also, we have approved larger donations to the Plum and Monroeville food banks and are planning to get checks out real soon. Although not club activities, we have some members who are still volunteering time at the Plum Food bank and Meals on Wheels.

Lion John Aiken, Secretary

Clairton Lions Club

Our club donated \$500 to purchase 2 Chrome notebooks for the students so they could due the assignments at home.

PDG Joe Donkin

Bethel Park Lions Club

The week before Easter, King Lion Bob Pflueger of the Bethel Park Lions Club talked with our Mayor Jack Allen to see how our Club could help. Mayor Allen had met with a group that proposed providing Easter weekend hot meals to those folks who received Meals on Wheels. This would be a special treat inasmuch as MoW does not deliver on weekends. The proprietor of Al's Cafe agreed to prepare 100 dinners at just the cost of the ingredients. Our Club was glad to provide \$500 for this project.



PCC Jay Wells, Secretary of the Bethel Park Lions Club.

Grandview Lions Club

On [Tuesday April 7, 2020](#), the GRANDVIEW LIONS CLUB purchased and distributed 166 dinners to 2 senior high-rise buildings in Mount Washington. 109 to St Justin Plaza and 57 to Sweetbriar Place. All the residents were pleasantly surprised and very thankful!!! We just wanted to help out some way!! Please stay safe and healthy!!!! Wash your hands often and don't touch your face!!!!

David M. Donis, Secretary of the Grandview Lions Club.

Mon River Fleet Lions Club

Our club has made a substantial contribution to the McKeesport Meals on Wheels' daily food delivery program for senior citizens. With the Mon River Fleet Lions' donation comes the intent to help defray the weekly costs for those who are having a difficult time paying for their meals. Our club is sending Well Wishes Note cards to residents at Kane (McKeesport), Riverside Care Center and Senior Care Plaza. Lion Jim Phillips and Lion Laura Thompson wrote out 50 Well Wish Notecards and dropped them off at Senior Care Plaza [April 16th](#).

Lion Michele Matuch and Laura Bosnak Thompson, Mon River Fleet Lions Club

West Mifflin Lions Club

The West Mifflin Lions Club did not hold our regular business meeting in April, but we voted via email to donate \$1,000 to the Walnut Grove Assembly of God Food Pantry, a partner of the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, that serves West Mifflin and surrounding areas. We also donated \$1000 to Operation Safety Net to help where necessary during the COVID crisis. Our Lions are either older or caring for older or coronavirus-susceptible members of their families at this time, so we have not organized any activities outside of our homes. We are hoping to hold a virtual business meeting on [May 6](#).

President Michele Falce, West Mifflin Lions Club

Brentwood Lions Club

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Lion Dave Reinhart

Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club

Our club contributed \$200.00 to the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. So far that's all. Most of our members are older or have health issues and they don't feel comfortable volunteering, but I have been on the lookout for possible events we can help in.

Lion Barb Rebovich, Secretary



Northern Allegheny Lions

Our club has contributed to the Boys & Girls Clubs of W PA to assist in their efforts to provide cleaning and sanitation supplies to families of Club members.

Lion Gary Roberson, President

Robinson Lions Club

We had lunch delivered to the staff at the Heritage Valley Kennedy Emergency Dept. Bobby D's catered it and it was individual boxed lunches for 25 people.



We also had Rockefeller's deliver lunch to the general Hospital nursing staff, also 25 people.



Both Bobby D's and Rockefeller's supported us during our Lions Club fundraiser, and they were thankful for the business during this time. The hospital administrative staff was also very appreciative of the gesture and thought it would brighten the day of the staff for sure.

We purchased cold cut sandwiches from Downey's House (another Robinson Lions Club supporter) for Coraopolis Meals on Wheels for delivery. We provided 2 days' worth of lunches to the 55 people they service. Thanks to Debbie O'Brien for coordinating this and agreeing to pick up the food and deliver to meals on wheels!



Downey's House
about a month ago

We are also going to provide some restaurant gift cards and making a cash donation for needed supplies to Merakey School.

It is truly a pleasure to be able to "pay it forward" during these difficult times. We are reaching out to those who donated to our club in the past and we are able to order food and gift cards from them which is helping their businesses, and then in turn, the food and money is going to people helping our community!

The Robinson Lions Club is always looking to donate and Service our local community. We are continuing to reach out to our community to help all those that we can! Be safe and be strong!

Sincerely, Thomas Welsh, Robinson Lions Club

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The Bridgeville Greater Area Lions Club

We have conducted one virtual meeting with our board using Zoom. It went well with only participant needing to connect through a voice conference call. There is no fee for the first 40 minutes. We intend to hold another call next week to determine methods for giving money and other assistance to first responders, healthcare providers and those who are delivering food to the needy. We are also conducting online voting for our incoming officers. We are using Election Runner. It is a secure elections process that allows us to allow one click access to the ballot and track how many have responded and send reminders to those that have not responded. The fee for the online voting is \$15 for up to 100 voters. We also used Square payment processing to sell raffle tickets online. In the last week, we were able to collect around \$200 using that process. The service provided us with up to \$250 of free processing. After that, the service charges a transaction fee (I believe 30 cents) and 2.75% for processing each transaction. This expense may help with fundraising when you cannot do this through personal connections to donors.

Lion Dan Hupp, Secretary

White Oak Lions Club

Both in March and April, our Club assisted in the distribution of food at Sampson's Mills Food Bank here in White Oak. Rather than having the clients shop through as normal, because of the Virus, food items were boxed and taken to the client's car. 7 Lions helped in February and 4 helped in April. We served an average of 82 families amounting to approximately 150 individuals. Besides our physical help, we also collect paper products for the food bank. The Club also donated \$1000 to the Greater Pgh Community Food Bank, and \$350 to each of the following meal distribution centers: McKeesport Salvation Army, The Intersection (McKeesport) and SonShine Ministries (McKeesport).

Lion Rich Peters, Secretary

Pittsburgh Hilltop Lions Club

Our club had donated \$500 to our favorite charity, the food bank out of St. Mary of the Mount church that operates the Hilltop foodbank in the Allentown/Beltzhoover/Knoxville area.



Lion Bernice Goodall, Secretary

South Park Lions Club

Shortly after the "Stay at Home" order was issued, the South Park Lions became aware of the Library Volunteer Fire Company preparing lunches for those in the community who needed them. They donated lunches also to the Finleyville Food Pantry which were delivered to seniors in that area also. We looked for some way to help this effort and decided to make a monetary donation to their efforts. ***They started their efforts***



on March 16 and have been serving these lunches every weekday since. And they are not your regular lunch – these are meals that seniors say lasts them for two days.



I put an article in the Park News and included a note about donations. The community has pitched in and has supported this effort to help provide meals to those that need them in the current situation. The text of the story is below and the photos are attached.

We have had to reschedule our annual bingo twice now. It was originally scheduled for **March 14**. Then came the order to stay at home starting on **March 16**. We cancelled that date for the safety of the community and rescheduled it for **May 9** assuming we would be ok at the end of April. Needless to say, that

the **May 9** is not viable either because of the size of gatherings restriction. We rescheduled it for **August 22** and if that does not happen, we will just cancel it all together and call this year a bust as far as fundraising goes. But hopefully we will be somewhat back to normal and can gather to hold the bingo. I am sure most clubs have had similar things happen.

Lion Wayne Perry, President

Kudos to the Rostraver Lions Club, District 14E, for their Support during these trying Times



PDG Bob Mesher and PDG Tom Gregg of the Rostraver Lions Club take barbecued chicken off the grill to package it for families in need during a food giveaway Tuesday for people who have been affected financially by the coronavirus crisis. In the background is Tony Catullo, another Lions Club member

Once again on Tuesday, April 21 the Rostraver Township Lions will be providing a 1/2 of a chicken and an applesauce cup to the unemployed of the Rostraver Township, PA area. For a family of 2 you will receive a 1/2 chicken and 2 applesauce cups and for a family of 4, you will receive 2 halves and 4 applesauce cups. The chickens will be given free of charge. We will only have 56 chicken halves for distribution. The chickens will be ready around 2 PM. If you are not unemployed, we would be most appreciative for any donations so that we can continue to serve the members of our community most in need of a hot meal. The distribution takes place at Tom Simon's Howard Hanna Real Estate 1751 Rostraver Road, Rostraver Township, PA 15012.



LESSONS WE LEARNED IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS

1. China won the 3rd world war without firing any missiles.
2. Europeans are not as educated as they appear.
3. Rich people are in fact less immune than the poor.
4. No priest, sheikh, ustadh, or astrologers could save any patient.
5. Health professionals are worth more than football legends.
6. Animals most likely feel the same way in the zoo, as we do in quarantine.
7. The planet regenerates quickly without human interference.
8. Oil is worthless in a society without consumption.
9. Majority of people can comfortably work from home
10. Everyone can survive without junk food.
11. Living a hygienic life is not at all difficult.
12. Men can cook too.
13. Media is full of nonsense.
14. Actors are just entertainers, not heroes.
15. Life is so fragile, handle with care.



Leadership consists of nothing but taking responsibility for everything that goes wrong and giving your subordinates credit for everything that goes well.

— Dwight D. Eisenhower —

AZ QUOTES

History repeats itself. Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic.

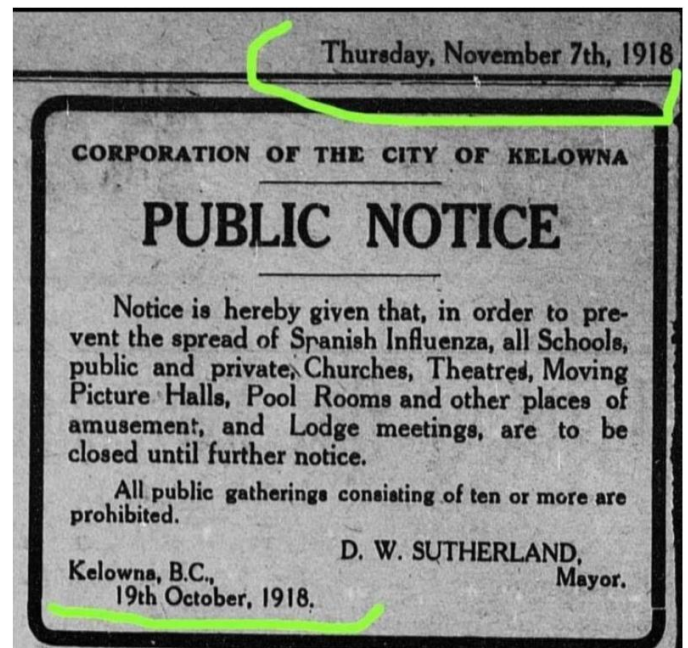
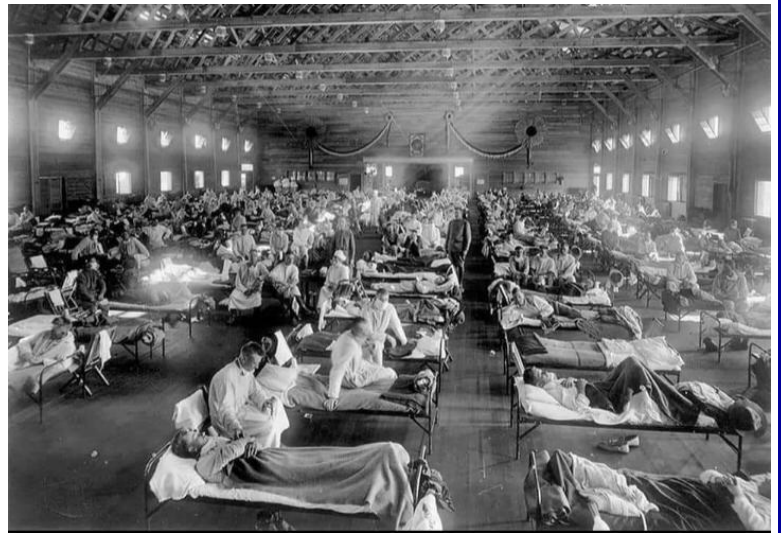


101 years ago
means 1919
now in 2020
same to same



This is Timeless....

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.





Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge 2020 Camp Sessions Cancelled



Please be advised that all 2020 Beacon Lodge Camp Sessions have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis.

A decision concerning PA Lions Appreciation Day (PLAD) scheduled for July 19 is currently being addressed with the possibility of postponing until Fall.

The Fourth Annual Golf Tournament is still scheduled for August 29 and also the Picnic on August 23.

Beacon Lodge Camp will have a challenge funding continued operations of the Camp with severely limited income; however, decisions made are necessary in keeping campers, staff, and PA Lions/Lioness/Leos safe.

Although this is a huge bump in the road for Beacon Lodge, be assured PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp will be back in full swing in 2021 better than ever!

Your understanding and assistance is appreciated.

**Lion Steven de Kramer, President
PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp Board of Directors**

CANCELLED



35TH Annual Golf Tournament

Sponsored by the



Homestead District Lions Club

Westwood Golf Club

825 Commonwealth Avenue, West Mifflin, PA 15122

Friday, June 26, 2020

Registration at 9:00 AM with a continental breakfast and a

10:00 AM shotgun start

This event is a five man scramble and you will be matched up with a local sports celebrity. Your donation of \$125 includes:

- A complimentary ticket for a putting contest
(held prior to the beginning of the event)
- 18 holes of golf with golf cart
- Beverages on the course
- Lunch at the turn
- Skill prizes on each hole
- Hole-in-one contest - win a two year lease on a Lincoln Continental
(Provided by Benson Lincoln of Pittsburgh)
- A steak dinner served at the end of the day. Each member or group will receive a plaque with a color photo of their group with their celebrity at the end of the day.

Raffle tickets for a Chinese and Silent auctions will be available for you to purchase in addition to Share the Wealth chances.

For additional information, please contact Lion Michael Totin at
michael0754@comcast.net or 412-512-0753



HOME LOCATIONS & REGISTRATION ▾ ABOUT US FAQs NONPROFIT APPLICATION

The Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community will be held on **Saturday, May 9** at Heinz Field starting at 9 am. The 5K walk and a one-mile fun walk benefits local health and human service nonprofit organizations. Highmark generously underwrites all of the expenses for the Walk, which means that every dollar raised by Pittsburgh Mercy registered walkers, teams, and supporters directly benefit their programs and services. Proceeds will benefit Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net®, a program founded by Dr. Jim Withers to serve individuals experiencing homelessness in Allegheny County. So join your fellow Lions and register **today** at <http://hcf.convio.net/PMRegistration>. To learn more about Operation Safety Net, please go to <https://www.pittsburghmercy.org/homeless-services/pittsburgh-mercys-operation-safety-net/>

Join a team or create your own by going to the Highmark Walk--Pittsburgh Mercy home page at <http://hcf.convio.net/PMRegistration>

YOU can create a team. All you need to do is pick a name for your team, assign a team captain, then invite others to join. Anyone can be on your team including, employees, family members, and friends. If you register as an individual but decide that you want to join or create a team, the administrators can help you make that change. (Your team name will show up on the Walk website leader board once you have a donation entered.)

You can help Pittsburgh spread the word and reach additional potential supporters if you “Like” Pittsburgh Mercy on Facebook and share our posts over the next few months at <https://www.facebook.com/PittsburghMercy>.

Please let me know if you are interested in starting a team.

Lion Mary Ann Belles

2nd Vice District Governor

email: lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com

phone **412-833-3450** or **412-983-8956**

Please be advised that the actual walk is being replaced by a “virtual walk” scheduled for the same day. Please contact Lion Mary Ann Belles for additional details.

A Letter Home



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I left home at seventeen to fight for King and country,
I signed up to a hero's welcome and proudly marched away,
We departed with pride in our hearts, sure we'd be home by Christmas,
The Hun was an easy catch, at least that's what they told us.
But reality soon set in and brought us down to earth,
And now, here, in a foreign land, I wonder what it's worth.
Finding space among the rats and lice and all the mud and mire,
It's cold out here in winter time, we can't even light a fire.
And the Hun is a formidable foe, not such an easy catch,
Many of us have already expired trying to meet his match.
But tell me, how are things at home? They can't be as bad as this,
Is papa still proud of me? Give mama a kiss.
Tell all the others I love them, and miss them very much,
But for God's sake, John, promise me you won't sign up.
I know you see me as a hero, and want to be like me,
But there's no glory over here, just death and misery.
We go over the top tomorrow on another big push forward,
Pray for me John, pray for my soul, as I fear the worst.
If I should go down tomorrow to a bullet from the Hun,
Remember me forever, remember what I've done.
And if by chance, another war should start while you're still young,
Please promise me you won't sign up, it won't win you anything.
Before I finish off this letter, I have one more thing to say,
If you never hear from me again, you'll know what's happened to me.
Tell mama I still love her, and papa to be proud,
And I will meet you all in heaven, when your turns come around.

