



The Cauldron

May 2022

District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

May 2022



MEMORIAL DAY - REMEMBERING...



Celebrate National Nurses Week May 6th – 12th

Studies have shown that meaningful recognition has the ability to renew a nurse's commitment to their profession, bestow added pride in their work, and deepen their loyalty to both nursing team and healthcare organization.



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

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

May is here with just two months left of the 2021 - 2022 Lions year! The time has gone so fast! The end of year list starts now. Club Elections – reporting to LCI by Sunday, May 15, 2022- Leadership/Club Officer update/training. The list goes on. Lions Club International needs the reports as soon as your Club Elections are complete. The reporting helps our incoming District Governor complete his Directory and visitation schedule.

On that note, CONGRATULATIONS to DGE Kamal Gella on his new leadership role in District 14-B. Thank you to those that took the time to vote during the District Election. We are in need of a First Vice District Governor and a Second Vice District Governor for the 2022 – 2023 Lions year. If you are interested in serving your fellow Lions of District 14-B in one of the most rewarding positions in Lions, please contact myself or Immediate Past District Governor Chris Raynak. Training is available and is very helpful.



Thank you to everyone that attended the Spring Celebration on Sunday, May 1st. I'm sure there will be lots of pictures in the next Cauldron. We'll have more information then.

The Lions Learning Center is available on the LCI website with training for all Officer positions. If you need help logging into the LCI website, please ask.

Consider the list of organizations included in this Cauldron for your Club's year-end giving particularly including the Lions Club International Foundation – LCIF. Areas of our country have been hit hard by natural disasters and LCIF has been there to help the victims. LCIF is helping the displaced refugees overseas. Your donations can help fund Disaster grants and Community Recovery grants.

I hope you were able to see the billboards on West Liberty Avenue and on McKnight Road. Membership is still at a net growth for the year which was one of our District goals. It's wonderful that the Clubs have added to their memberships this year with some really great new Lions! Keeping looking for new members for your Clubs by Asking One.

My Club visits have tapered off. I still will be visiting with the Central Elizabeth Lions this month and I'm hoping to visit with the Leo Clubs as well. I'm going to try something new for my visit with the Pittsburgh Shadyside-Squirrel Hill Lions Club. I'll let you know how it works out.

Don't forget to participate in the Service Scavenger Hunt for Cabinet Meeting # 4. PDG Marni says she has received a few projects. Let's keep them coming! I look forward to hearing all about the Service Projects that the Clubs have come up with.

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

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

Lion MaryAnn Belles

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Vice District Governor Lion Dr. Kamal Gella

Dear Fellow Lions

In this month Newsletter, I would like to focus on the Membership. Slogan for Lions Year 2022-2023 is “New members New Ideas”. It is imperative that we sustain the existing members and bring in new members. New members will work with existing members on the current service projects and also bring new ideas for new service projects.

Club Membership Chairperson serves in the critical role of facilitating positive membership growth through the addition of quality members to your club. Potential members may be introduced to your club when your fellow club members invite guests to your club events or through club-organized membership drives for larger groups of potential members. More importantly, as a result of local service projects where you will find involved and highly committed fellow citizens, your club has an opportunity to attract new members that share a passion to provide humanitarian service.

I would suggest the Lions Club to form a committee that is led by Club Membership Chairperson. You can prepare a one-page brochure that gives background on your Lions Club, meeting date, meeting location, and time. Drop the brochure at local businesses to send a guest to your meeting. Prepare an Agenda for the meeting and have a productive meeting that will impress your guests. Reach out to your local newspaper, library, council, YMCA to advertise your meeting and invite guests to the meeting.

We need to work on bringing in 100 new members for the district.

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 DG MaryAnn Belles and her team for the excellent Lions Year.

Yours in Service,

Lion Kamal Gella

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Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher

"This 'n' That!"

NEW OFFICERS MUST BE REPORTED TO LCI BY MAY 15TH!

Hopefully by now, your club has already selected and elected the new officers for the 2022-2023 Lion Year! All reporting for the new officers is due by May 15 to Lions Clubs International. The easiest way to report the new officers is by going to the MyLci website. If for any reason you are not comfortable reporting electronically, I will be more than happy to file the report for you. Simply send me an email indicating all the officers' names and their positions. You can send your email to me at pdgharold@zoominternet.net.



PLEASE READ! PLEASE DON'T OVERLOOK!

Reaching out to our 729 members in District 14-B!

We recently held an online election for our new District Governor. He won! Not surprising though, since was unopposed and there were no candidates for the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor positions. It's hard for me to believe that out of 729 members in 31 clubs, that there is no one interested in seeking the office of District Governor.

We have heard all kinds of excuses from those who have been asked from I'm not quite ready yet, I don't have the time, I don't know that much about the Lions in order for me to be a governor. Training is provided at the State level, and it's FREE! All it takes is time and the desire to become a leader.

We are at the point where we can no longer ask a Past District Governor to repeat. Over the past 16 years, these PDG's have served multiple times: Jim Haartman (3 times), Joe Donkin (2 times), Sylvan Lang (2 times), Rich Keller (2 times), and Geoff Temple (2 times). These dedicated Lions picked up the slack for 6 of those 16 years.

Please give some serious thought about becoming a leader in District 14-B. Call any Past District Governor if you would be willing to Lend a Hand.

PDG Harold

1983 – 1984

IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION!

MAY'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Pitcairn Lions Club – 43 years
May 9, 1979

Pgh. North Side Lions Club – 87 years
May 27, 1935

South Park Lions Club -62 years
May 18, 1960



We have 6 new members to welcome into the Wonderful World of Lionism!

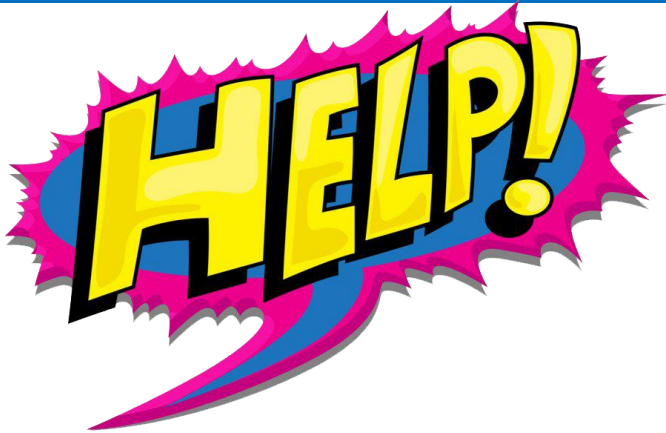
<u>Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Robert Oddo	Bridgeville Lions Club	Lion Joe Meliton
Marlene Fordian	Clairton Lions Club	Lion Chris Tognarine
Amzi Lightne	Clairton Lions Club	Lion Richard Ford
Martin Matelan	Clairton Lions Club	Lion Chris Tognarine
Don Torrens	Robinson Lions Club	Lion Eric Sparkenbaugh
Steven M. Bones	Sto-Ken-Rox Lions Club	Lion Julie Palmer

Since July 1, 2021, here's what our District membership looks like from MyLCI...
July 1st 712 Members added **56** dropped **39** April 30th **729 Members.**
We are ranked 16th out of the 17 Districts, with District 14W beneath us.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP *

14G	1613
14A	1432
14D	1285
14T	1204
14C	1186
14F	1015
14M	1012
14P	967
14N	964
14L	904
14U	903
14E	796
14H	749
14J	741
14K	735
14B	729
14W	629
TOTAL	16,844

(*as of 3/31/2022 Health Assessment Report)



**We need new members
and you are the only one who
can HELP
Just simply by
ASKING ONE !**



Clairton Lions Club celebrates 100 years

By MAX ROBINETTE For the MVI



The Clairton Lions Club celebrated its 100th anniversary Friday at the Georgetown Centre in Pleasant Hills. More than 100 people from across the region came to commemorate the organization and its community service over the last century. Attendees enjoyed a reception, dinner, live music and speeches from community and organizational leaders. Past International Director Cindy Gregg was the keynote speaker

“It was a group effort organizing the event,” club member Ralph Imbrogno said. “It was very nice to see the harmonious effort. We all pitched in. All on the same page.” The Lions Club is an international club dedicated to community service. Starting in 1916, the organization boasts 46,000 local clubs and 1.4 million members across the globe.

Famously, Helen Keller spoke at a Lions Club international convention in 1925. In her address, she charged the organization to work as “Knights of the Blind.” Since then, the organization has advocated for blind and visually impaired people. The Clairton Lions Club is the third oldest club in the region. Throughout its history, the local group has aided Clairton’s Meals on Wheels program, public library, food bank, fire department and multiple athletic programs. It has also helped the greater region by contributing to UPMC McKeesport and the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind.

The group hosts an annual golf outing fundraiser, provides gift cards to families at Christmas and routinely supplies eyeglasses to people in need.

“We’ll do anything we can do to help anybody,” former district governor Harold Fletcher said.

Reflecting on his 47 years with the club, former district governor Joe Donkin acknowledged the unique circumstances that allowed the club to thrive. “After World War II, people came back and got involved in the community. It was a different time,” he said.

Many regional leaders came to show their support for the club, including Clairton Mayor Rich Lattanzi, Munhall Mayor Rob Falce, former Homestead mayor Betty Esper and West Mifflin first lady Denise Kelly.

Former International Director Cindy Gregg, a Rostraver Township native, gave the keynote speech. From 2013-15, Gregg was one of 34 directors who oversaw the organization at the international level. “It’s been wonderful to see how involved and active the Clairton club has been over the years. They represent the Lions well,” Gregg said.

Hosts welcomed attendees with appetizers, refreshments and live music performed by local doo-wop outfit, The Pittsburgh Belairs. They sang classic hits such as “In the Still of the Night” and “Take Me As I Am” while guests mingled.

Former cub member Larry Elder, who now resides in Tennessee, gave a speech memorializing the Lions Club members who have passed away.

“What joy there must have been in heaven when those departed Lions gathered around the Master’s throne, and were asked, ‘What have/you done with the gift of life?’ And they answered, ‘We have served,’” Elder said

Following Elder, Mayor Rich Lattanzi spoke. He praised the club and thanked them for their hard work throughout the years. “We express our gratitude and congratulate the Lions Club on 100 years of service and dedication to the community,” Lattanzi said.

In her keynote speech, Gregg spoke of change over the past 100 years and the club’s continued commitment to service throughout that time. “Just a month after your charter, the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated in Washington. Gas was 25 cents a gallon. A dozen eggs were 35 cents. A new Ford Model-T was \$300,” she said. “However, time is not measured in the years we have, but the deeds we give. You have a legacy because you strive to make the world a better place.” Gregg told a story of an elderly woman who asks to be buried with a fork in her right hand. The story expressed the optimism she holds for the Clairton club and its future. “At fancy ceremonies, like tonight, someone would always lean over to the woman after dinner and say, ‘Hold onto your fork. Something better is on the way.’ The woman took that to heart,” Gregg said. “She never wanted to let go of that fork because she knew better things would come. Clairton Lions, hold onto that fork. Better things are on the way.”

The Clairton Lions accepted three new members following Gregg’s speech. Clairton residents Amzi Lightner, Martin Matelan and Marlene Fordian took the club’s oath together. “I feel really privileged to be a part of the Lions Club,” Lightner said. “I’m going to work a



Additional pictures on next page...

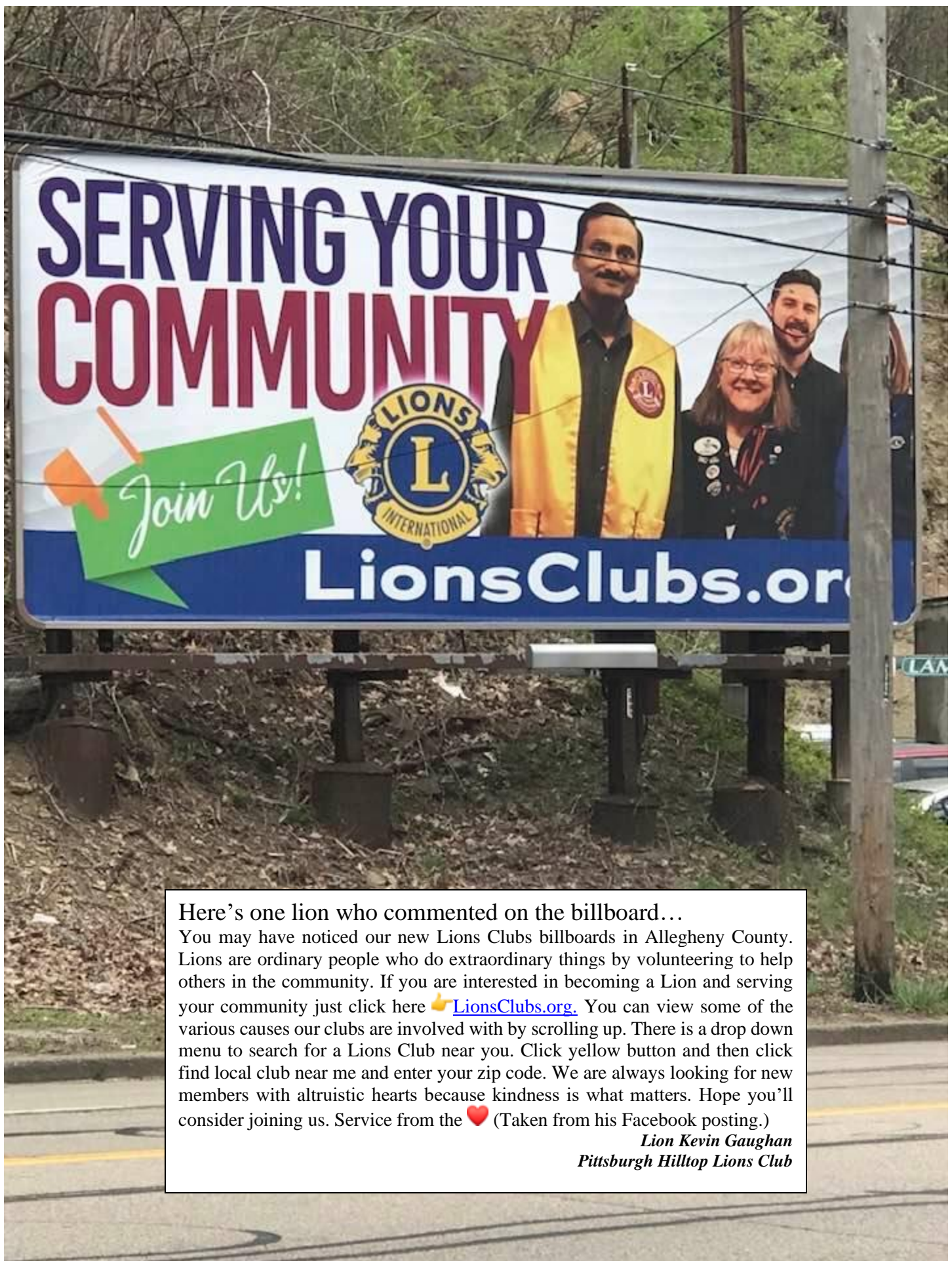


Thanks to PDG Tom Gregg 14E
For acting as our photographer!



Here is the billboard that appeared on McKnight Road. The one on the following page was in the South Hills area





Here's one lion who commented on the billboard...

You may have noticed our new Lions Clubs billboards in Allegheny County. Lions are ordinary people who do extraordinary things by volunteering to help others in the community. If you are interested in becoming a Lion and serving your community just click here [👉 LionsClubs.org](https://www.lionsclubs.org). You can view some of the various causes our clubs are involved with by scrolling up. There is a drop down menu to search for a Lions Club near you. Click yellow button and then click find local club near me and enter your zip code. We are always looking for new members with altruistic hearts because kindness is what matters. Hope you'll consider joining us. Service from the ❤️ (Taken from his Facebook posting.)

*Lion Kevin Gaughan
Pittsburgh Hilltop Lions Club*

Bethel Park Lions Club



EAT IN OR TAKE-OUT

Friday, May 20, 2022

**Location - Lions Park
5757 Irishtown Road, Bethel Park**

- ❖ Serving Lunch from 11:00 AM 'til 1:00 PM
Includes Fish, Fries, Cole Slaw and Drink
and**
- ❖ Serving Dinner from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Includes Fish or Shrimp, Fries or Mac 'n' Cheese,
Cole Slaw and Drink**

**Cost, only \$15.00 per person
(Lunch or Dinner)**

Kids Menu available for \$5.00

*All proceeds are donated to Lions Charities and used for
Maintenance of the Bethel Park Lions Park.*

KINDNESS MATTERS... as evidenced by the Hilltop Lions Club (and a few friendly Marines!)



The picture I sent is in celebration of the completion of a project the Hilltop Club has had in the works for nearly 6 months. A family in the area was living in what can only be described as squalor. 10 persons, infant to Senior aged, in a home filled with trash/garbage. The basement was flooded due to a backed up drain, there was no heat, no hot water, no laundry facilities.

A neighbor of the family contacted her friend, Past President of the Club, Kevin Gaugan, to request help from the Lions. Kevin and the rest of the Club came through with the spirit expected of Lionism. He also engaged the help of other retired Marines who make it their calling to assist others less fortunate. They pitched in to clear the house of trash, a plumber was engaged to clear the drain. Lion Barb Rebovich helped by arranging for the family to get a washing machine and a stove for cooking. Another friend, Dave Berg lent his brains and brawn to assist in the project.

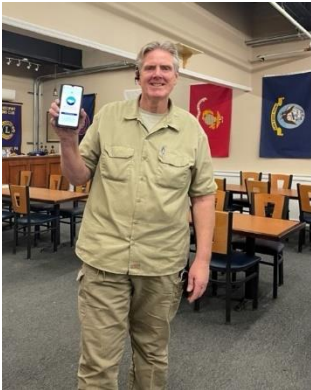
The Family is in a clean livable home, with guidance in place to assist them in maintaining the better living conditions, thanks to Lions and their willingness to be involved. This picture was taken at the 4/25/22 Hilltop Lions Meeting where we celebrated our successful endeavor.

*Submitted by
Lion Bernice Goodall, Secretary
Hilltop Lions Club*

Kindness Matters!

McKEESPORT LIONS CLUB'S SCAVANGER HUNT CIMPLETED!

Members of the McKeesport Lions Club have taken District Governor Mary Anne's Scavenger Hunt Challenge to heart and have challenged themselves to do as many of the activities as possible. Enclosed are photos of members performing some of the challenges.





Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club



Take-out Pasta Dinner

Saturday, May 14, 2022

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,





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



SUMMER ASL PARTY

SATURDAY
July 30, 2022
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.



MOON PARK
Rotary Pavilion
1350 Joe DeNardo Way

FREE FOOD & FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Corn Hole Tournament • Card Games
Splash Pad & Playground • Face Painting
Balloon Animals • Crafts & More!

Lunch provided • Hosted by CCAC

Please contact Lion Barb Rebovich for additional details 2 412-431-1116

District 14-B Goals

as of April 23,2022

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

56 New members, 17 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

49% of Clubs Reporting

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



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

Tip your server.
Pick up a piece of trash.
Let a car into your lane.
Return your shopping cart.
Hold the door for someone.
Small acts can have a ripple effect.
That's how we change the world,
one act of kindness at a time.

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www.DrWiniCurley.com

MEMORIAL DAY

All gave some, some gave all.

