



The Cauldron



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District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

May 2024



2024 PA State Council of Lions Clubs
STATE CONVENTION

May 16 – 19, 2024



MD 14 PA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Newsletter

May 16-19, 2024

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey

PA Lions Welcome International President Dr. Patti Hill

IP Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta Canada will be our special guest for the convention. She will be attending the full convention with her keynote remarks at Saturday night's International Banquet.



IP Hill's Theme for 2023-24

Changing the World

"Change does not happen all at once. It happens through many small choices. With every act of kindness, we change a life. With every Lions club and Leo club, we change a community. When we change our communities, we change the world."



Friday Luncheon Keynote Speaker Announced

Please plan to join us on Friday May 17th for the luncheon featuring **PA Governor Josh Shapiro** as our keynote speaker. We have invited PA Governor Josh Shapiro to join us to talk to us about the importance of service in our PA communities.

A final confirmation of his attendance will not be known until three to five weeks prior to the convention. Watch the state website for updates.



NEW FOR 2024

In addition to paper registration, online registration and payment are being offered for the MD 14 State Convention for the first time.

You can register online for the convention, order a convention pin, select your meal choices, and sign up for tours.

Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel.

See the enclosed room reservation flyer for more information.

From the desk of **District Governor Chris Raynak**

Fellow Lions, Leos, and friends of District 14-B,

During this year we have all worked hard on our service and fund-raising projects. Hopefully, besides making life a little better for those that we serve, we have raised some money which we now have to decide how best to distribute. Let me tell you about two recent instances where our clubs have helped the community members we serve. One club will pay the tuition for a 10-year-old visually impaired boy to attend sports camp this summer. Another club has purchased a Braille machine to assist an 18-year-old girl in continuing her love for writing by using that Braille. Hats off to those clubs and others like them. Both of these projects came to our attention through our District website. Have you seen it lately? We have someone that is working to update the site so be on the lookout for that news. Also, consider the list of organizations included in this Cauldron for your Club's year-end giving, particularly the Lions Club International Foundation – LCIF. We are currently at less than 50% of last years donations to OUR foundation. Take note of all the listed addresses to send the donations, some may have changed over the years.



Speaking of donations, THANK YOU to all those clubs and individuals who donated to the “Jared Box Project” district fundraiser. We collected \$3000.00 and have sent it to the project to fund the box-building event at the State Convention this month. Another example of how “WE SERVE”. Wonderful job everyone.

Congratulations to all those who have stepped up to leadership positions within their clubs. I would like to remind all club presidents and secretaries that now is the time to report your club officers for Lions Year 2024-2025. These reports are due to Lions Clubs International by May 15. You can make your report by using the new Lions Portal. Have you seen it yet? Go to the website and set up an account. Additionally, take advantage of training online. Visit www.lionsclubs.org for an electronic library with a wealth of information available to all. 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.

Our biggest task to accomplish is membership. You did not get struck by lightning to become a Lion. It came through an ordinary person. Someone asked you. We are inundated by advertising. On TV, on the internet, radio, billboards, even tee shirts. None of those merchandising vehicles are as powerful as the homey words of a friend. You don't have to convince anyone to do anything – just share. Tell them about your love of Lionism. Use the power of “Word of Mouth” to advertise Lions. One of the best ways for us to show someone what it means to be a Lion is to invite them to find out.

I hope to see many of you at the Spring Rally on May 4th. It will be a privilege to present awards to many deserving Lions, honor those fellow Lions who have left before us and share in Lion fellowship with old and new friends.

It's great to be a LION, Changing the World

Chris Raynak

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LION MIKE CROSSEY

First Vice District Governor



Fellow Lions and Leos,

May is the time for new beginnings. As I begin to prepare for my new level of service as our District Governor for 14B, I think about leadership.

International has given us a mission: 1.5 million members.

As we move forward, we must have energy, enthusiasm, and commitment. As I look at our clubs, we have what it takes. We must focus on our goals and move in the right direction. Our fuel is the passion we have for adding value to others.

We will face obstacles and roadblocks, but nothing we can't surmount.

Our times, Our situation requires us to look at leadership differently. We cannot just steer the ship; we are tasked with charting the course.

Leadership recognizes and values experience. The leaders who have come before me have been exemplary. Two that come immediately to mind are Chris Raynak and MaryAnn Belles.

I thank them, and all those who have led the way and built our district. I will lean on their experience and expertise as we move into and during the next year.

Additional membership is key, but if we lead for membership, I believe we will fall short. My approach, and I hope yours, will be to lead through service.

When we serve, we add value to others. Through service, we can build recognition, value, and membership. I believe people in our families, and our neighborhoods are often hurting and looking for ways to get help. We have the vehicle. When we add value to people, we lift them up. If we help them in advance, make them something bigger than themselves, and give them the opportunity, We offer them a chance to become who they were born to be.

Leading means learning to listen to our neighbors, our communities, our own members, to people's stories. Listen to their exasperations, inspirations, and hopes and dreams. If we listen, we will learn. But: we can't just listen with our ears. We must listen with our hearts.

Listen then lead... In my new role, I pledge to listen to you and serve you and your club. Together, our ILons can do so much, and so much more.

Invite me to your meetings and your activities. I want to hear your stories and the stories in your communities.

Together through service, our Lions will roar.

Lion Michael J. Crossey

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LION RALPH IMBROGNO

Second Vice District Governor



THE GIFT OF THOUGHTFULNESS –IS A GIFT GIVEN TO MOST LIONS

Thoughtfulness. A simple enough concept; yet not always easy to practice. Once mastered, however, it is the greatest gift you Lion can give; and not just to friends and loved ones on special occasions and holidays...but to everyone, always. And, as you establish yourself as thoughtful to others, they'll go out of their way to please you back.

Hopefully, this may stimulate some interest in some people you serve to become interested in being a member of the Lions Club. Thoughtfulness is a habit; it becomes a way of life. We need to constantly find new ways to create interest in our Lions Clubs by setting good examples through our actions.

thoughtful people don't wait; they "create" opportunities to make life brighter and more enjoyable for those around them. Simple things like holding a door open for anyone near you. Soon it is automatic and even comes with a smile. When a baby in a restaurant is making a bit more noise than is comfortable, and you see the parent is looking embarrassed, smile and comment how cute the baby is.

A thoughtful person is always quick to pay a compliment (especially to those who don't often receive it), realizing the value it has to them. As you begin to pour your coffee at the local convenience store and spot the next person in line waiting for you To finish, pour the coffee in their cup first. He or she will be amazed and delighted. hey'll have learned something as well, and possibly do the same for another person tomorrow.

A thoughtful person parks a bit further from the entrance to the store or post office, leaving closer spaces for those not as nimble, not covered by handicap status, or really in a hurry. You might ask, "Why should I do that? Nobody will know why I'm doing this."

Two reasons: Number one, it's the right thing to do which makes me feel better about myself, which in turn enhances self-esteem. Number two, by repeating thoughtful acts, they become habitual. Then when it really counts, you'll be doing them naturally.

ot only will you make the world a kinder place to live because of the precedent you've set with people, but they'll go out of their way to make you happy as well. REMEMBER!! Each of us as Lions as well as citizens are responsible for creating a warm and healthy environment in our communities. We need to define a good day not in terms of one in which all things were made right and comfortable for me but rather, as a day in which I have been able to make another person's day more loving and special for them. We must treat each other with dignity. It's truly amazing how being thoughtful works. For the next month, be intentional about finding ways to be thoughtful. I guarantee you'll see a delightful difference in yourself and in the world around you.

Always remember to follow your heart and continue to volunteer!!! My Wife Patty and Myself wish you all a safe and blooming Spring with LOVE!!

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We Serve



PA State Council of Lions Clubs



Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher

"This 'n' That!"

HISTORY OF THE LIONS BAND

The Lions Band prepares for a trip to Taipei, Taiwan in 1987.

The Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band was founded in 1982 to give high school musicians an opportunity to accompany Pennsylvania Lions members to various Lions Club International activities throughout the year. Since its foundation, over 3000 high school students have participated in Lions Club events down the road and across the world. Lions Robert Zellner and George Yerick founded and directed the band at its establishment.

Other directors of the band have included Dr. O. Richard Bundy Jr., Dr. Ned C. Deihl, Stanley F. Michalksi, Jr., and Gary McKeever. Upon Mr. Zellner's retirement in 2012, [Dr. Russell McCutcheon](#) – Director of Bands at the [Sunderman Conservatory at Gettysburg College](#) – assumed the duties as Lions Band Music Director.

Each year, the Lions Band staff (which consists of current and former music educators and professional musicians) comes together to provide students with a one-of-a-kind experience. Musically, high school students are exposed to collegiate level instruction and literature. Socially, life-long friendships are forged during this unique journey. The mixture of challenging rehearsal and travel creates a memorable experience for all students.

The Band travels to a selected Pennsylvania city each May to play during the Lions State Convention. Students meet for this weekend to give several performances during the conference. When the Lions Club International Convention is located in North America, the Lions of Pennsylvania sponsor a ten-day performance tour for the band. Tours usually begin during late June or early July and include a three day mini-camp at Gettysburg College.

The Pennsylvania All-State Lions Band is organized and sponsored by the [Lions Clubs of Pennsylvania](#).

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

- Atlanta
- Honolulu
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- New Orleans
- Boston
- Indianapolis
- Taipei, Taiwan
- Dallas
- Denver
- Detroit
- Philadelphia
- Toronto
- Montreal
- Minneapolis
- Chicago
- Miami
- Phoenix



PENNSYLVANIA LIONS ALL STATE BAND



The band's first parade appearance—the International Parade in Atlanta, Georgia. This is where the band became known as "The Green Wave," since several hundred PA Lions members marched proudly behind the band. This is where President Joseph L. Wroblewski was elected as the Third Vice President of LCI. So many great memories; Lion Jack Schimmel and I spoke at several state caucus meetings. Asking for their support of our candidate

I was fortunate to have been able to march in front of the band when I was elected as District Governor(1983-84). The band was housed and practiced at the University of Hawaii.

Bernadette Namath was the featured baton twirler with the band. The band director for the University was so impressed with her talent that she was offered a full four year scholarship. She was a senior at Steel Valley High School where she was the featured baton twirler! What a great experience!



In San Francisco, our council of governors decided to stand on the sidelines and just watch.

A short story about the doorman at our hotel... He was so enthusiastic to be working during the convention! Our son Todd made friends with him and got him interested in trading pins. By the day of the International parade, the doorman's tuxedo coat was covered with tons of pins. He was having so much fun, that he even marched with the Pennsylvania delegation.

HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY WHITEHALL LIONS CL CLUB

The Whitehall Community Lions Club celebrated our 75th Anniversary Gala Luncheon on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at the South Hills Country Club. We had many Lions from the District help us celebrate. Thank you to all who attended to make the day a special occasion. Many thanks to PID Cindy Gregg, DG Chris Raynak, and FVDG Mike Crossey for your inspiring remarks. Mayor Jim Nowalk also made a few remarks and presented the Club with a Proclamation to make Sunday, April 28, 2024, Whitehall Community Lions Club Day in Whitehall Borough. We look forward to serving Whitehall and the surrounding communities for many years to come.\

Submitted by PDG MaryAnn Belles



More pictures on the next page...

Some more pictures...



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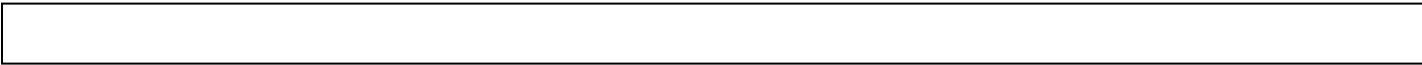
To all who made our anniversary so special !!

It's Great to be a Lion!





Welcome to the new members to the Wonderful World of Lionism!



Sorry, no new members to report this month due to not being able to log in on the new Lion Portal at this time!!

MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP *

14G	1501
14A	1274
14D	1187
14T	1177
14C	1174
14M	1011
14N	941
14F	933
14P	899
14U	879
14L	808
14J	740
14K	732
14E	691
14B	653
14H	652
14W	566
TOTAL	15,818

***as of 3/31/2024 Assessment Report**

Since July 1, 2023, here's what our District membership looks like from MyLci
 July 1st 667 members
 added 44....
 .dropped **58...M**
 March 31st, 653 members

We are ranked 16 out of the 17 Districts with

MAY'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Pitcairn Lions Club – 45years
 May 9, 1979

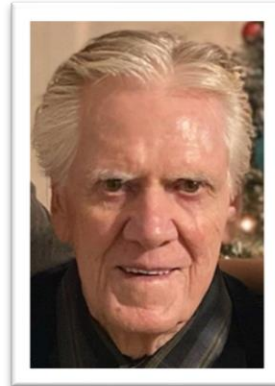
Pgh. North Side Lions Club – 89 years
 May 27, 1935

South Park Lions Club – 64 years
 May 18, 1960

In Memory of...



Lion Samuel D. Shearer
Pitcairn Lions Club
March 8, 2024



Lion Patrick J. Carr
McKeesport Lions Club
April 3, 2024



May they rest in peace

Normajean Wroblewski



It has come to my attention over this past weekend of the passing of Normajean Wroblewski, wife of Past International President Joseph L. Wroblewski. She passed away on December 29, 2023. Our deepest condolences go out to PIP Joe and his family. We spent quite a bit of time with Normajean when she used to attend state conventions and state council meetings. She was a beautiful and caring individual!

Her full obituary can be found at [Normajean G. Wroblewski – Wroblewski Funeral Home](#)

PDG Harold and Sharyn



PILGRIM SPOTLIGHT:
**A Pilgrimage
of Love
and Faith**

**Michael and Judy
Zaken's Italian
Adventure**

BY JENNIFER ANTKOWIAK

From ancient cobblestone streets where saints have walked, to the Vatican, majestic churches and museums filled with works of art bathed in history, Italy stands as a living testament to centuries of devotion to the Catholic faith.

During a November 2023 pilgrimage to Italy, Michael and Judy Zaken experienced these treasures of the faith in ways that most of us cannot imagine: Michael is blind. Judy is deaf and going blind.

Their journey was a belated celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, after the COVID pandemic delayed a previously planned trip. When their pastor, Father Paul Zywan of Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish in Jefferson Hills, announced a pilgrimage, Michael quickly signed up.

“Judy’s eyesight is rapidly deteriorating, and I wanted her to see the sights while she still could,” he said.

Their love story began in the 1960s, at a school for blind students.

“It was love at first hearing,” Michael joked.

Judy was deeply impressed that Michael’s family never treated him as if he had a disability.

“His parents had him do everything,” she said. “He had chores. He did everything the others did. That’s how he became very, very strong. And that was something that appealed to me as soon as I met him.”

Michael, born prematurely with vision loss, and Judy, partially blind from birth,

Michael, born prematurely with vision loss, and Judy, partially blind from birth, married 54 years ago, while in college. She was 19. He was 21. They had three children in five years.

“When you’re that young, the world really is your oyster and you believe that Jesus will lead you everywhere,” Judy said.

They were awed when, soon after the birth of their third child, Judy’s eyesight returned. “It was a miracle when we needed it the most,” Michael said.

She was able to drive for the next 40 years.

Michael had a career in computer technology, adapting to his changing vision with the aid of innovative tools. Judy is passionate about accounting, still doing taxes for some of their family.

After weathering many storms and celebrating decades of milestones, the couple is overwhelmed with gratitude for divine guidance.

“You just never know how God is going to lead

your path,” Judy said.

Their pilgrimage was a celebration of their love and faith.

Italian tour guides and fellow pilgrims became their allies – vividly describing the sights, and making sure speakers used microphones for Judy, who has two cochlear implants. “That support moved our journey from hitch-hiking to using Uber,” Michael said with a little laugh.

“Everybody was very helpful and kind, making you feel at home,” Judy said.

As they’ve done their whole lives, the couple participated in everything everyone else did. From walking Venetian bridges to traversing Italy’s mountains, they gained an appreciation for the sensory richness of Italy. They

savored the scents of candles and incense at Saint Peter’s Basilica and the Sistine Chapel.

“I couldn’t see what was there,” Michael said, “but just by touching and hearing things, I had a good view. Just by listening as people were speaking, I could get an idea of how huge the places were. Walking across the marble floors, and touching the statues and architecture, I had a strong sense of the overwhelming grandeur of the places.”

As they gathered

grandeur of the places

As they gathered with crowds at the Vatican, the couple felt a profound connection with the countless others who shared the same sacred space, and knew that the Catholic faith is alive and vibrant. In an unforgettable moment, they were mere feet from Pope Francis as he rode by in the popemobile.

Michael and Judy loved going to daily Mass at different chapels, where they were inspired by Father Zywan’s homilies.

Their acute sense of smell intensified experiences such as visiting a leather shop, or savoring candles, incense, pizza, espresso, and cappuccino. “The food was wonderful. It reminded me of a traveling cruise because we ate a lot,” Michael chuckled.

In Venice, they enjoyed standing on bridges while gondolas passed below, listening to traffic and sensing changes in roads and landscapes.

They also did a lot of walking, which they prepared for, and Judy loved.

“There was nothing we said we couldn’t do,” Michael said. “We even walked up the Passion Steps on our knees – 27 steps.”

On the pilgrimage and at home, they have always prayed together. They are teaching their four grandsons about the power of staying close to Jesus.

Michael and Judy continue to make every day an adventure. Their two sons live nearby, but their daughter lives in Alaska. They have been there to visit about 15 times. Their next trip will be to Hawaii to visit their oldest grandson, who is stationed there.

No matter where they go, they carry a constant sense of thankfulness.

“If you never have any problems, and everything’s always rosy, then you don’t know when the sun shines,” Judy said. “There’s not a minute that we don’t say, ‘Thank you, God, for all these blessings.’” †



▲ Michael and Judy in Rome

Pasta Event

New and Improved Pasta Event 2024

Hosted by

Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club

When:

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

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 and butter, dessert.

Coffee, tea, cold drinks, and water.

Vegetarian option, Meatballs are not cooked in sauces.

Eat in or takeout! Can pre-order dinners for pick up.

Proceeds donated to area Lions projects, especially hearing/ deaf and vision issues.

For more information?

Contact Lion Barb, a 412-551-0485



THE WHITE OAK LIONS PRESENT

I LOATHE LUCY

Someone has some 'splainin to do when America's redhead turns up dead!

Murder Mystery Dinner

Sampson's Mills Church Hall

1665 Lincoln way, White Oak

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Tickets are \$30.

Doors open at 5:30 P.M. Pasta dinner served at 6:30 P.M, with a mystery show to begin at 7:30 P.M. Come join the fun! We will have auction baskets and 50/50 available. Get ready for a great evening!

For tickets, please call your local White Oak Lion,

Carol Lasch 412-877-4298, or Rich Peters 412-678-3719



THE LOUISVILLE PACESETTER

Louisville 2024
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024

The Latest News & Information for the 2024
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

MARCH 2024

FORUM LEARNING AND EXHIBITS RAMPING UP TO BE BEST EVER

STEVE SHERER, GENERAL FORUM CHAIR

As we anticipate the spring weather and the changes it brings, plans continue to move forward on Louisville.

One of things highlighted in this newsletter is the Lions Speed Learning.

This was a new idea implemented by last year's General Chair Jama Wahl. When it was added to the agenda, we had no idea how it would be received. It was a great success and we had standing room only for last year's event. We anticipate this year's turnout will be just as great, but don't worry. We will be in a larger space and be able to accommodate all who want to attend.



The education committee is working hard and as of my last conversation with them, there are 100 seminars on the tentative schedule. Now becomes the process of recruiting moderators and facilitators for each of those sessions.

We are also working hard to recruit as many exhibitors as possible for the event. Exhibitor Chair Yves Léveillé is talking to Lions and vendors from all over and he is trying to hit a lofty goal. If you know of a vendor or an individual who might be interested in

becoming an exhibitor the exhibitor contract is located on the Forum website.

We are also planning for the auxiliary events that take place during the Forum, including several delegation breakfasts. More details will be released as they are available for each of these events.

We have an outstanding group of keynote speakers. We will begin to highlight each of them in the upcoming newsletters.

REGISTRATION RATE TO INCREASE

One key thing to take note of is the change in registration cost as of March 31. The early bird rate of \$295 runs through March 31. After that date, the registration cost increases to \$325. That will be in effect from April 1-May 31, 2024. If your plans include a trip to Louisville for the Forum, take advantage of the lower rate and register by the end of March.

Registration Rate Through March 31, 2024, \$295.00

Registration Rate April 1, to May 31, 2024, \$325.00

Consider
volunteering
at the Forum

GO TO LIONSFORUM.ORG AND CLICK ON
"VOLUNTEER AT THE FORUM"

United States Marine Corps Support Leader Dog

Taken fom Lion Kevin Gaughan's Facebook page



As many of my friends know I've been a Lions Club member for over 36 years. All Lions Clubs support Leader Dogs for the Blind so it wasn't surprising they'd want to chip in to help this worthy cause too. I wanted to thank Lion Bernice Goodall, Secretary of the Pittsburgh Hill Top Lions Club for attending the Marine Corps League Post 726 meeting and presenting an additional donation

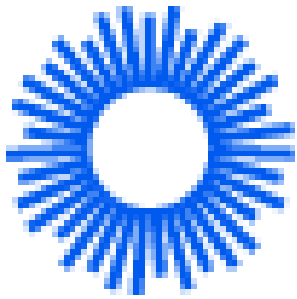
for the Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs. Our Commandant MatPopovich and the Marines of the South Hills Detachment also raised money as well as many other organizations across the Tristate region. Every donation adds up. This donation was made in honor of past Hill Top Lions Club President and Navy veteran Richard Goodall. - This is an important initiative as these Service Dogs literally save veterans' lives.

Many people may not realize this but Pennsylvania has nearly 800,000 veterans living within our communities; this is the fourth largest veterans population in the country. Ultimately after two decades of war and an unprecedented number of deployments, our service members, veterans, and their families are facing the invisible wounds of war. So it's not surprising the Guardian Angels would choose Western Pa to build their 2nd campus in Washington PA. These specialized dogs are trained to work with individuals who suffer Post Traumatic Stress, (PTS) Traumatic Brain Injuries, (TBI), Mobility Assistance, Diabetic Alert and Seizures. You can read about this organization and new facility at <https://www.medicalservicedogs.org>

Together, Unleashing The Power To Heal !

Any Lions Clubs or individuals who wants to donate can follow the link or contact Marine Jack Wagner here in Pittsburgh.

Google: Guardian Angels Heading For Washington, PA



be my
eyes

Have you downloaded the “Be My Eyes” app yet? It’s easy to load from the app store on your mobile phone, and you can help a blind or low-vision individual in just a few minutes. Can’t you spare a few minutes every once in a while? I recently took my tenth Have call, asking for assistance to make lunch. The call only took a few minutes of my time, but I helped someone in another part of the country! We even had a nice little chat during the call. “Be My Eyes” has one goal – to make the world more

accessible. The app was launched in 2015, and currently has almost 624,000 users and almost 7,319,000 volunteers all over the world! It provides assistance in over 180 languages, so no matter where you are or what language you speak, you can be a part of this great community of helpers. Lions are part of the group that Mr. Rogers called “The Helpers”, so be a helper and download the app today!

Submitted by Lion Annette James, Secretary, McKeesport Lions Club



On a similar note to Be MY Eyes, I have an APP on my phone called “SEEING AI”, which is a useful tool for sight-impaired and handicapped individuals. This APP is amazing... it takes a picture of a document, menu, or any printed material and reads it back to you. Ideal for sending and receiving text messages, And the best part is, *it's FREE*. Just GOOGLE “SEEING AI” to learn more

[I use it - PDGHarold](#)



Chevron Milestone Awards West Mifflin Lion

District Governor Chris Raynak paid West Mifflin Lions a visit at our March 27th meeting and presented four members with Chevron awards. A collective 85 years among these four Lions – a very impressive commitment to serve as a Lion.

Pictured with DG Chris are Paul Ludwig (15 years); William Scharritter (45 years); District Coordinator, Michele Falce; and Rob Demko (10 years). Not pictured is Lion Patrice Hlad, who received a 15-year Chevron.

It’s great to be a LION

Submitted by Lion Maria Demko,



Elfunwild Lions Club Remembers those Golden Oldies



Secretary West Mifflin Lions Club The Elfunwild Lions Club held an "*Oldies Dance*" on Saturday, April 13, from 7:30-11:00. It was held at St. Ursula Church in Allison Park, PA. It was well attended with 140 participants. They served sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, macaroni salad, chips, cookies, brownies, and drinks. They had a door prize and a 50/50 raffle. It was a lot of fun and everyone had a great time! They hope to have another one in the future.

Submitted by Lion Lisa Sickles, Swcewraet



**VG Ralph ALWAYS PUSHING
MEMBERSHIP!**

Second VDG Ralph and his wife Lion Patty

Pleasant Hills Lions Club's April Happenings

On April 1, 2024, at the general membership meeting of the Pleasant Hills Lions Club we had the privilege of officially inducting our two newest members Lions Shelby Yurek and Jessica Shincovich. PDG Marni Latterman performed the induction ceremony. The club is very pleased to have these two new members.

Pictured from left to right are Shelby's sponsor Lion Janet Hayes, Lion Shelby Yurek, Lion Jessica Shincovich, and PDG Geoff Temple, Jessica's sponsor.

On April 24, 2024 the club held its third and final session of our speaker series. State Senator Devlin Robinson from the 37th Senatorial District was our guest speaker. He spoke on various topics of concern to those attending. He was very informative and interesting.

At this time, I would like to thank our other speakers who participated in the speaker series. They are Ryan Wisner from Fox Rehabilitation Services, Thea Banjac from Veza Wellness, and Dr. Becky Morrow from Frankie's Friends.

Submitted by PDG Geoff Temple, Secretary



Monroeville Lions Participate in Annual CleanUp DFay



This group of Monroeville Lions, organized by Lion Harvey Bain, was not deterred by damp wet grass from participation in the annual Monroeville Spring Cleanup Day. They picked up numerous bags of trash along both sides of a stretch of Old Wm Penn Highway. Another smaller group cleaned up an area near Monroeville Mall

Submitted by Lion John Aiken, Secretary.



Robinson Lions Club



ANNUAL

Sale

Bags & Brooms

It's spring again and you know what that means! Our annual bags & brooms sale has started for all your spring cleaning needs. Head over to our website for all the purchasing information!

robinsonlions.org



DeafBlind Lions Club Updates...

Visit and presentation with Donlad Mazreku

On Tuesday, April 23rd, Donald Mazreku had a wonderful presentation about the Western PA School for the Deaf (WPSD). We had requested that the presentation be about 15 to 20 minutes. His presentation lasted about 45 minutes due to the interest of the club members who kept asking him questions about the school, students, education, and curriculum they have at the school.

We learned so much more about the Deaf Culture and Community. This was a very exciting and informative presentation.

As he was leaving I gave him a kit for the Peace Poster. Hopefully, this year will be the year they are able to provide a poster and or essay.\

Also...

LAMP Presentation with Zandy Dudiak, Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Not only is Zandy Dudiak a member of the DeafBlind Lions Club she is also an important member and employee of LAMP. The lamp is the Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvania. (In the past it was the Carnegie Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped). Lion Zandy presented our club with a look of the remodeled library and talked about the function, idea, and need for a library that can reach a multitude of visually impaired people of all ages and backgrounds. She introduced us to the new technologies at the library which now also includes a 3D printing process. The library can be accessed by visually impaired, individuals with hearing problems, young and old. They have been and continue to have books, new papers, articles from magazines, and actually anything in print can be recorded and sent out to many of their library members all over Pennsylvania. Thank you Lion Zandy for our great gift bag stuffed with a lot of LAMP goodies. We truly appreciate your time and effort in being a part of our club and LAMP.

PS: PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S WINE-TASTING EVENT ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH.



Submitted by Lion Barb Rebovich



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