



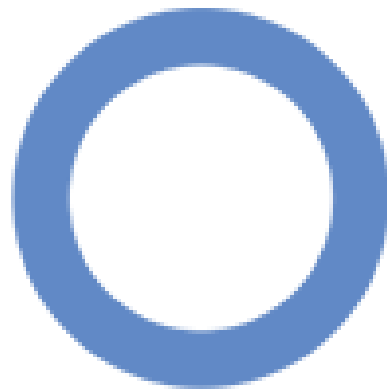
The Cauldron

District 14-B's Monthly Newsletter

November 2020



Happy Thanksgiving!



world diabetes day

14 November

[See page 23 for more information](#)



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

Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos,

November—a time to give Thanks! Let me start...

THANK YOU to the clubs that I visited with in October. Homestead, Elfinwild, Pitcairn, and Whitehall Community. Thanks for the hospitality and camaraderie of your members. Thank you for continuing to meet and serve. Thank you for the ideas of service and fundraisers that you are working on.

THANK YOU to those clubs and individuals that answered the appeal for hurricane relief for Louisiana victims. The District sent an accumulated donation of \$1925.00 to the PA Lions Foundation for distribution to the Lions of Louisiana to help in their efforts. Did you happen to see the media coverage story on WPXI? Many Lions from the Western Region met in Cranberry to load the truck with supplies.

THANK YOU to those clubs that named delegates for the State special election being held Nov. 8th and having them reported on time.

THANK YOU to those Lions who have ordered District Logo masks to help protect our community and bring recognition to Lions Club here in 14-B.

THANK YOU to our Veterans for your sacrifice and commitment to our country.

THANK YOU to all Lions for everything you do every day to help others in need.

Though we may be able to enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday with our family and express our gratitude for our blessings, we may forget there are people in our communities that will not enjoy their holidays for a lot of reasons. Will your club be donating to food banks, preparing food baskets, or preparing meals, or maybe give of your time in these endeavors so that they may enjoy?

Just a reminder of another busy month in the District and State. You will notice that there have been some changes made to my Visitation schedule due to clubs unable to meet at the assigned place or time. If your club is scheduled in the next two months and you have not confirmed with me that there needs to be a change, PLEASE contact me as soon as possible.

Nov. 7 is the second State Council of Governors meeting scheduled via Zoom. The state election will be conducted by email on the following day Nov. 8. All delegates will receive an email to notify you to cast your vote. It is self-explanatory, quick, and very important. Also, the District cabinet meeting will be conducted via Zoom on the 14th of November at 9am. All district Lions are welcome to attend these meetings, just let me or District Secretary Elli know so we can send an invitation link.

All clubs have received invoices for dues from Lions International, State of Pennsylvania Lions, and District 14 B Lions. Some clubs have received reminders of amounts due. Those invoice amounts are to be paid on a timely basis. Please check with your club officers to be sure all amounts have been paid.

Lion Mary and I would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

It's great to be a Lion!

Chris Raynak

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Vice District Governor Lion Mary Ann Belles

Greetings Lions, Leos, Lionesses, & Guests.

We just gained an hour sleep when we turned the clock back on Sunday, November 1st. We participated in various Halloween activities and now looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year is going to be different for some families and friends, so please be sensitive to those that are still nervous to venture out with family and friends. Call them and ask them if they need or want anything to help them not feel so isolated and lost. We serve.

Lion George and I had a busy month, but we were able to attend the Global Action Team's Fall Symposium in Greensburg on October 18, 2020 with District Governor Chris Raynak and his partner in service, Lion Mary Raynak. This was the first Multiple District gathering since March, so it was great to see Lions from all over Western Pennsylvania. I highly recommend all Lions to attend the Spring GAT Symposium on Sunday, February 21, 2021. The location is yet to be determined but the information you will receive is definitely worth the trip. We also were able to attend the District 14-N Fall Rally in Prospect, PA at the Atrium. District Governor Chip Campbell had a great turnout from numerous clubs in his district. We visited with the Clairton Lions Club. I look forward to visiting the Northern Allegheny Lions, the Sto-Ken-Rox Lions Club, and the Pitcairn Lions Club this month.

November is the month we focus on Diabetes Awareness. One of Lions Global Causes is Diabetes. Saturday, November 14th is World Diabetes Day (See page 22). This year's campaign focus is on promoting the role of nurses in the prevention and management of diabetes. A great service project for the day would be to honor health care providers. Lions Club International has many ways to help Lions Clubs decide what service projects your club would like to do for your communities. Here is the link to the service project planner page for all the Lions Global Causes.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/service-journey/service-project-planners>

Click on the idea you want to plan. These will help with how-to's, budgets and who you need to contact for a successful service project.

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful. Thank the grocery store worker, the worker at your local Sheetz, and thank your fellow Lions. We Serve with kindness and diversity.

Lion George and I wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving.

It's great to be a Lion!

Mary Ann Belles

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Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher

"This 'n' That!"



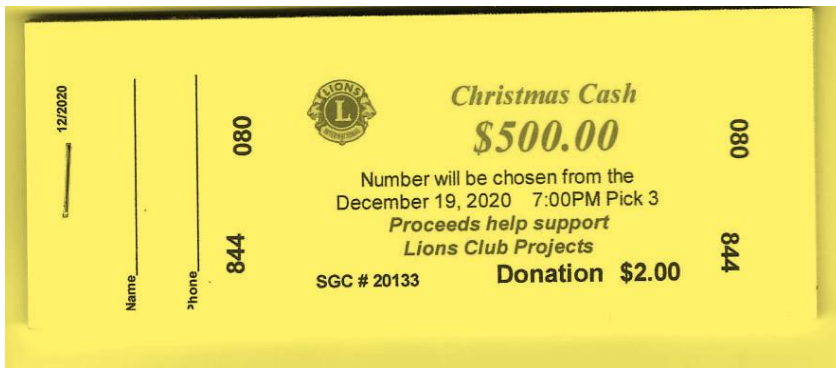
Another District 14B Cabinet Meeting by way of...

Zoom

Saturday, November 14th, 9AM



Stay tuned for additional information on how to connect to Zoom. ALL Lions are invited to attend!
A separate email will be sent out with all the details on how to connect.



Unique Fundraiser by the Apollo Lions Club

The Apollo Lions Club in District 14N has a unique fundraiser going on right now. It's an online raffle ticket (pictured). It is posted on Facebook with instructions if you'd like a ticket, please send him a private message indicating how many tickets you want. He responds with a message with his address and

lets you know that he will email you a copy of your ticket (or tickets). Pretty neat ide and so simple! Food for thought for those clubs looking for alternate ways of raising funds.



NOVEMBER'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Bridgeville Lions Club – 4 years
November 11, 2016

Pittsburgh Host Lions Club – 100 years
November 27, 1920

University of Pittsburgh Lions Club – 8 years
November 16, 2012

A Centennial Celebration !

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY, Pittsburgh Host Lions Club

The Pittsburgh Host Lions Club was the first Lions Club organized east of Ohio and, of course, was the first Lions Club in Pennsylvania. About three years after Lions International was formed, a group of friendly-spirited men of various professions and trades in Pittsburgh joined together to form the Pittsburgh Lions Club. The first meeting was held in November 1920, at which time the club was organized by A.P. Shaw with William A. Royston, Jr., the prime instigator of the movement, being named its first President, serving until the middle of 1922. J.C. Crookston was named Secretary, and P.C. Harper was the first Treasurer. Charter Night was celebrated February 25, 1921 at the Duquesne Club with Lion Melvin Jones, Secretary-Treasurer and Founder of Lions International, as the principal speaker.

The first meetings were held at the General Forbes Hotel then moved to the famous Norse Room of the old Fort Pitt Hotel. The club remained there for a long time, where a very good lunch, with a greater variety than today, was served for 85 cents! Yes, and newspapers were 2 cents, a haircut was 50 cents, postage was 2 cents, and the "hard stuff" was 75 cents to \$1.25 for a full quart. (*Editor's Note: If you had a bootlegger, the Lions who wrote this in 1970 forgot that we had Prohibition in 1921!*)

With the decline of the Fort Pitt Hotel, the club moved to the Mayfair Hotel and later to the Roosevelt Hotel. Much hard work went into the building of the club during the early years under the leadership of Lions Royston, Coll, Murdoch, Milholland, Lindsay, Gerber, Mustin, Weiblinger, Miksch and Freyermuth. Then along came the Depression and the membership fell to a low, low. As the saying goes, you could count them on your two hands. The 1939 International Convention was brought to Pittsburgh to help bolster the club.

The Pittsburgh Lions Quartet was formed in 1922 or 1923 with Chauncey Parsons, Fred Newman, Ed "Kid" Hicks and Burt Mustin. In 1923 they attended their first International Convention at Heinz Pier in Atlantic City. Along with the Quartet were Ollie Riehl, pianist, Don Stitt on the banjo and Frank Naggio on the saxophone. A prize was offered for the best "stunt" put on by a Lions Club came away with the prize. The Quartet went to Omaha in 1924 and made such a hit that Lions International initiated the "Quartet Contest" at Cedar Rapids in 1925, and the Pittsburgh group became Quartet Champs. After that, they competed fourteen times in twenty years, winning four championships, five second places and five thirds. When Fred Newman died and Bob Parsons and Ollie Riehl moved away, Mal Thompson sang top tenor, Doc Kirk was baritone and Jim Meanor accompanist and director. Pittsburgh was the longest competing Quartet in Lions history, and went to Conventions in San Francisco, Miami, St. Louis, New Orleans, Louisville, Grand Rapids, Providence, Chicago, Toronto, and Philadelphia. Lion Burt Mustin, who was the last surviving Charter Member for a number of years, went on to Hollywood where he appeared in a number of movies and television shows, and was a regular visitor (when he was in his nineties) on the Johnny Carson show, and sang with a quartet there a number of times.

On April 28, 1928, the first coast-to-coast radio broadcast out of Pittsburgh was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Lions Club in conjunction with Lions International. It was broadcast from the Syria Mosque over the NBC radio network, covering 37 stations on the air from 10 to 11 PM. The purpose of the broadcast was stated to be "To give an entertainment of distinction to the blind people of America, numbering in the hundreds of thousands. To focus public attention upon the welfare of the blind people, and especially the needy ones. To awaken public consciousness to the Inestimable value of eyesight and the necessity of preventing unnecessary blindness." Many prominent artists of the time took part, including John B. Kennedy, Director of Colliers Radio Hour, who was Master of Ceremonies, Irving L. Camp, President of Lions International, who extended greetings, Harold Baur, pianist, Anne Case, the "Aristocrat of Concert Sopranos" Edwin Grasse, a blind concert violinist, and Milton Gross, great humorist and cartoonist. This broadcast had cost \$11,040 and had a live audience at the Syria Mosque, while 1,300 Lions and blind guests listened.

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The Pittsburgh Club has participated in many State Conventions, particularly those held in Pittsburgh. Best remembered is the 1955 conclave of which Lion Clare Clark was General Chairman. He, of course, called on many of the fellow members to participate. About 3,000 Lions from the state gathered for this three-day meeting, attending the sessions and enjoying the parade, the Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show, the golf tournament and banquet, the District Governors' Banquet, the District Governors' Ball, and the big shows at the Nixon theater, which featured some fine New York talent. The Twenty-Fifth "Silver Jubilee" convention was held in Pittsburgh in 1946 with Past President L.J. Casswells as General Chairman. State Conventions were also held in Pittsburgh in 1966, 1978, 1996 and 2014.

The club's concern had always been for the blind, which for many years expressed itself in individual services, such as paying for eyeglasses, guide dogs, and entertaining blind persons. In the beginning of the 1950's the club's interest began to focus on the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children. After trying other means of raising money such as the Variety Show at Schenley High School during Lion President Barney McCrorey's term, the Christmas Tree Sale became the greatest annual project. Several locations were tried including downtown but soon the accepted place to hold the sale was the parking area in the rear of the school. The first project financed at the school was a retail training room in honor of Lion Howard Leonard. Since then, the club has paid for equipment for classrooms, a reception room, and the kitchen, four station wagons, a pick-up truck, an electronic organ, band instruments, books, and numerous other smaller items, totaling some \$50,000 in value.

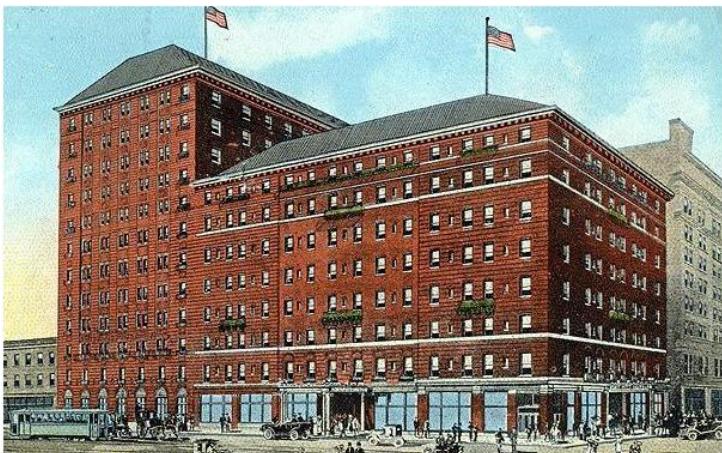
The Pittsburgh Club has broadened its work with sight problems by actively supporting Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind, where Lion Paul Cass was District Representative for many years, and served on the Board of Directors.

The Pittsburgh Club sponsored or co-sponsored many of the clubs in the District including Wilkinsburg, Clairton, McKeesport, McKees Rocks, North Boroughs, Bloomfield, East Liberty, Oakland, Southwest, and Squirrel Hill. Lion Easton Poorbaugh served as District Governor during the year 1948-49 and many other Lions have been Cabinet Members including Paul G. Cass, Simon Pascal, Frank Coho, Richard E. Zimmer, Major John T. Hansen, Charles H. Teckmeyer, Robert M. Cass, Dr. David Rosenbloom, William King, Fr. Gary Patriquin, Dan Hupp, and Michael Vudragovich as District Governor 2001-02.

In 1996, the Club elected Bridget T. Bryant Fonze as its 69th President. She was the first woman to be elected as our Club's leader. Not only did she become the first woman but also was the seventh president to serve two years in a row. In 1998, the members voted to discontinue meeting every week and changed their meeting days to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. This ended a 78-year-old tradition of meetings every Wednesday. Through the year 2000, the Club's donations to the School for the Blind have exceeded \$250,000.

There were 115 Charter Members of the Club. The high-water mark for membership was in 1939 with a total of 138. It's interesting to note that there was no sponsoring Club back then according to Lions International (5/8/2015). They did send a copy of the 115 Charter members with their addresses and professions – 4 pages!

From "A Study in Service" by PDG Harold Fletcher, Author and District Historian.



The Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburgh 1920 and the Norse Room where the Lions meetings were held.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

2020-2021

November 2020

4th – West Mifflin
10th – Pittsburgh Grandview
17th – Oakmont
18th – Bethel Park Lioness
24th – South Park

December 2020

1st – Bridgeville Greater Area
7th – Central Elizabeth
11th – Pittsburgh Host

January 2021

5th – Robinson Township
13th – Mount Lebanon
14th – Pittsburgh Hilltop
19th – Bethel Park
20th – Forest Hills
26th – McKeesport
27th – Monroeville

February 2021

1st – Pleasant Hills
2nd – Bloomfield-Lawrenceville
16th – White Oak
19th – Mon River Fleet

March 2021

2nd – Sto-Ken-Rox
9th – Pittsburgh Deaf Blind
10th – Glassport

To Be Rescheduled

Pittsburgh Shadyside-Squirrel Hill
Tarentum Area
Cheswick – Springdale
Pittsburgh North Side



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- CDC recommends that people wear masks in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Masks may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others.
- Masks are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings
- Masks should NOT be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- Masks with exhalation valves or vents should NOT be worn to help prevent the person wearing the mask from spreading COVID-19 to others (source control).



The Mon River Fleet Lions Club continues to concentrate on membership development. At its most recent dinner meeting on October 15 at Max & Odi's in Glassport, PDG Alice Jones inducted the Club's newest member, Carol Bray. Carol is the new instructor for the McKeesport High School Allied Health Apprenticeship Program. Carol will be working with her sponsor, the Club's Treasurer Monica Hancharik, on coordinating projects with the Mon River Fleet Leo Club. Welcome aboard Carol!



See! It really does work!



Congratulations Lion Leona!

Lion Leona Wells of the Bethel Park Lions Club was the recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellow award last night at our Board of Directors meeting.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of the Lions Club International foundation. It is presented to those who donate US\$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others, it's a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of our founder, Melvin Jones. Past State Council Chairman and PDG Dr. Jay Wells, III is shown "pinning" his wife with her new lapel pin!



1st Annual Membership Connections



\$5 per 10 tickets

7 Baskets

Sponsored by PA State Lions
Council of Governors for the
Global Membership Team

Seminars

Between
The Lions



We can only accept 70 Lions at
this time; 23 per session with 3
sessions running at one time
frame, separate rooms!!!!
CALL EARLY TO GET A SEAT!!

Saturday, November 21, 2020 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Wyndham Garden State College Mountain View Country Club, 310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA

Cost: Lunch Only \$10.00

Seminar Reservations: cawilbur65@gmail.com or 607-738-6909

Topics of Interest

Members: A, B, C Acronyms New members arrive with heads turning and twirling in all directions: what to do, what does that mean, what did she/he just say? *PID Cindy Gregg* will put a spin on those initials for better understanding!

Members: Boosting Satisfaction Additional ways to encourage Lions to step-up; keeping seasoned members active; and handling conflicts with resolutions. *International Director Larry Edwards* will guide us to the future in Lionism.

Members: Fun(ds) Raising: FUN & Games Bored with same 'ole, same 'ole? Creating ways to add enjoyment and excitement to the traditional meetings. Co-Instructors *Lions Dorothy Daugherty and Debra Bieber* will entertain new ideas.

Members: Grants: Funding Awards An alternative to gaining access to funds to keep serving those in need. *IPDG Jim Wilbur* will provide Guidance with access and applications to assist with providing members and clubs more financial opportunities.

Members: Membership: Panel of Young Lions What do they want to do; how can they add energy to your club; and they will answer your questions, with steps to recruiting and enticing the next generation. *Lions representing the Mansfield Lions Club*

Members: Service: More Opportunities Lions are always looking for new ways to provide service to those in need. With the leadership of our Multiple District *PDG GST Tom Gregg*, you will need to bring a book to make a list!

Members: Technology: Taking It Forward The pandemic has us adapting ways to meet, conducting services, and fund-raising. *PDG John Mallonee*, LCI Certified Instructor, will show new tools assisting our members with new applications in technology.

Rooms are available the night before, November 20, 2020, at the cost of \$76 + room tax.

(Code: Lions2020) for Reservations Call: 814-466-6260 State you are a PA Lion, attending the Membership Seminars.

History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect



In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the [first "Veterans Day Proclamation"](#) which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose.

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Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. From left: Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nation, Edward Rees, Richard L. Trombla, Howard W. Watts

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent [a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs \(VA\)](#), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.


In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968 and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good



 Department of Veterans Affairs

Honoring All Who Served



VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2020



BETHEL PARK LIONS CLUB

PID Carl L. Battistone, Ret. Colonel, USMC
Dominick Battistone, US Army
PCC Dr. Jay Wells, Captain, USAF
Jim Drew, USMC
Jim Manion, US Navy
Irving Weinberger, Captain, USAF

GREATER BRIDGEVILLE LIONS CLUB

Frank DeLuca, E5, US Navy
Jim Adams, SSgt., US Marines
Dale Livingston, PO3, US Coast Guard
Bill Wensyel, Lt.Col., US Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard

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Robert Bennett, E5, US Army

CHESWICK-SPRINGDALE LIONS CLUB

PDG Ken Lloyd, Sgt., USMC

CLAIRTON LIONS CLUB

Larry Carra, Private, US Army Reserves
Ralph Imbrogno, Specialist 5, US Army
Richard Ford, A3C, US Air Force
William McCormely, A1C, US Air Force
Dennis Nagy, Staff Sgt., US Army
Richard Stock, Staff Sgt., US Army
Eugene Tognarine, Master Sgt., USAF
Peter Schepis, PFC, US Army
Robert J. Vavra, E3, USMC

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John Varoscak, Cpl., US Army
Frank Sabino, US Army Reserves

GLASSPORT LIONS CLUB

Elmer Kruzek, Spec4, US Arm
John Palmiero, (EMP1), US Navy

HOMESTEAD LIONS CLUB

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Howard Caspar, SSgt, US Air Force
David Hahner, Spec 4, US Army
James Lebeda, ASM2, US Navy
Fred Smith, Petty Officer 2nd Cl, US Navy
Edward Tirpak, Cpl., US Army



In an ongoing effort to recognize our Lions Club members who have served in the United States Armed Forces, we asked every Lions Club to submit the names of all veterans along with the branch in which each served and their rank. This is an ongoing effort of the Cauldron It's our way of saying

"Thank you for your service!"

HILLTOP LIONS CLUB

Richard W. Goodall, Sr., 3rd Class Electrician Mate, US Navy
Keith Winter, E6, US Navy
Kevin Gaughan, , Cpl., USMC
Anthony Mosesso, SSgt., Air Nat'l. Guard

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Annie Washowich, 3rd Class Petty Officer, US Navy
Colin Clarke, Sgt., U.S. Air Force
Duane E. Turnbull, Ret. Major, USAF
R.L. Billsborrow, Chief Petty Officer, US Navy
Shawn Potts, LCpl., US Marines

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John Aiken, Captain, US Army Reserve
Alex Kondrich III, Sgt., USAF
Ben Sandberg, US Navy
Angelo DiPiazza, 1st Lt., US Army
Harvey Bain, Sgt., US Army Reserve
Gary Elder, 1st Lt., US Army

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Gary Roberson, US Army

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Jeffrey Kline, Sp5, US Amy
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Glenn Ride, Lt., US Navy
Fred Shields, Cpl., USMC
William Taylor, Cpl., US Army
Dominic Lio, Sgt., US Army
Matthew Wimer, Cpl., USMC

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Dennis Lang, Seaman, US Navy
James Cepec, Sgt.E5, US Army
Samuel D. Shearer, Spec E5, US Army
Rollo Vecchio, SSgt. E6, US Air Force
Rick Kemerer, Sgt. E-4, US Air Force

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Herm Cohen, PFC, US Army
Mike Christner, 1st Lt., US Army
Wayne Severson, Spec4, US Army
Chuck Snyder, T4, US Army
Bill Henze, US Army
Ed Weingart, US Army
Tom Hurrell, 3rd Class, US Navy
Lawrence Shock, SSgt, US Air Force



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Paul Stinner, US Army

TARENTUM LIONS CLUB

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John R. Adams, US Army
Daniel Cinpinski, CWO4, US Army Res.
Richard Ring, E-3, US Naval Reserve

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Thomas Hartley, 1st Lt., US Army
Dan McBride, Captain, US Air Force
Joseph Pelan, SSgt., US Army/PA
National Guard
Walter Piemme, Spec.4, US Army

WEST MIFFLIN LIONS CLUB

Richard Fialkovich, PFC, US Army
Clarence Fred Dean, E5, US Army
Roger Hruby, E7, USMC/USAF/US Army
Enzo Colantoni, Cpl., US Army
Edward A. Manfredi, PFC, US Army
Joseph Falce, SFC, US Navy
James W. Leerberg, Captain, US Army
James Stone, MM2, US Navy
Robert G. Moses, Cpl., US Army

ELFINWILD LIONS CLUB

Michael Quinn, SP/4th class, US Army

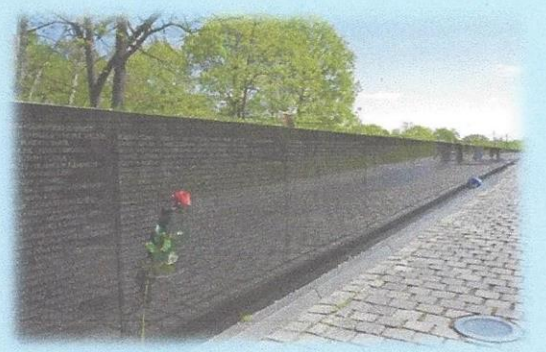
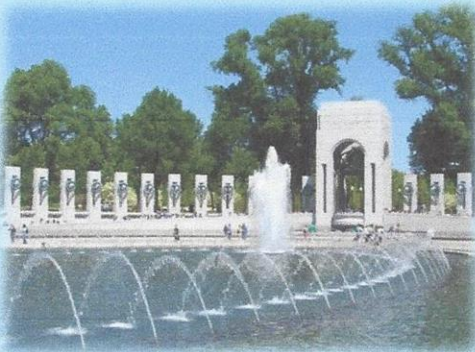
WHITEHALL COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB

PDG William F. Gazica, Cpl., US Army
Harold "Hal" Berkoben, 2nd Class Petty
Officer, US Navy

WHITE OAK LIONS CLUB

PDG Richard D. Keller, E6, US Navy
PDG Harold Fletcher, Sgt., USAF
PDG Charles B. Halt, Cpl. USMC
Chuck Flink, A1C, USAF
Rich Peters, SP5, US Army
Thaddeus (Ted) Kuharski, PFC, US
Army

**Names appearing in red
are Lions who have passed
away during the past six
Lions years.**



West Mifflin Lions Add Another Member!

The West Mifflin Lions has installed our newest member, Nick Pisciotano, at our October meeting. Pictured from left to right are longtime Lion Bill Scharritter, sponsor Ray Rost, and Nick Pisciotano. Welcome to Lionism, Nick!



Lion Ray Asked One and look what happened!



*Submitted by
Lion Maria Denko, Secretary/Treasurer
West Mifflin Lions Club*



One of the Mon River Fleet Lions Clubs initiatives is addressing the environment. A group of MRF Lions are dedicated to planting trees in the McKeesport Community Garden and other Mon River Fleet communities. On October 25, 2020, President Jim Phillips, board member Kathy Yurik and Lion Tamer Tim Roolf (shown in our photo) planted a Barlett Pear Tree in the garden. Other Lions taking part in this garden initiative include Lion Tail-twister Marci Morales, Secretary Laura Bosnak Thompson, and Treasurer Monica Hancharik. Can't wait to see the tree bear fruit! Congratulations, on a job well-done!

*Submitted by
Lion Michele Matuch
Communications Chair
Mon River Fleet Lions Club*





Welcome



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

(July 1, 2020 through October 31st as reported on the MyLCI website)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Patrick A. Fisher	Mon River Fleet Lions Club	Michele Matuch
Gladys Hunt-Mason	Mon River Fleet Lions Club	Dee Conner
Mohannad Kusti	Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club	Antonella Marrocco
Anna Marie McCandless	White Oak Lions Club	Richard Kubant

Since July 31, 2020, here's what our District membership looks like ...

July 1st **761** Members added **11** dropped **31** September 30st **741** Members

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



In Memoriam



Lion Charles "Chaz"
Casturo
McKeesport Lions
Club
October 23, 2020



★ WANTED ★

**Energetic Lion to step forward to serve the
Lions in District 14B as
Second Vice District Governor.**



- **FREE TRIP** to New Delhi, India July 1-5, 2022
- **Make new friends** locally, state-wide, and internationally
- **Make an impact** on the future of how the State (MD14) operates
- **Visit Leader Dog School** in Rochester, Michigan
- **Visit PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp**

***For more information, please contact
Past District Governor Geoff Temple at 412-956-5723***

***FREE TRIP TO NEW DELHI, INDIA OR HOW ABOUT
TO ANY ONE OF THESE OTHER UPCOMING
INTERANTIONAL CONVENTIONS?***

*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*



Form 990 Due by Nov. 15

Lion Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers,

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts, and multiple districts that have annual gross receipts of less than US\$50,000 and do not have to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). **If your Lions club, district, or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.**

All filers must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS.

Please refer to the following chart regarding annual filing requirements:

2019-2020 Tax Year*	Form to File
Gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less	990-N
Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000, and total assets less than \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts \$200,000 or greater or total assets \$500,000 or greater	990

The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1-June 30, and the e-Postcard is due by November 15 each year. Please note that an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N.

If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. A club may apply for reinstatement of its tax exemption even if it originally fell under a group exemption.

Every club and/or district (single, sub- and multiple) must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service. To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS4 and its instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an EIN online, by telephone (1-800- 829-4933) or by fax (fax number at the location accepting applications from your state). It is important that clubs and districts use the correct EIN for their annual filing.

For frequently asked questions about tax issues and regulations affecting Lions clubs and leadership, visit the Lions Tax FAQ. Visit www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and to sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, EO Update, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

Legal Division Lions Clubs International





These six puppies are more than just cute faces. Right now, they are learning from their volunteer puppy raisers, gaining the skills and behavior they'll need to become a guide dog one day. You can be part of the future of these incredible puppies and every dog who graduates to change the life of someone who is blind. With your \$500 donation, [you can symbolically sponsor](#) one of these puppies today.



Benton



Harper



Papi



Sakari



Sequoia



Thea

Your sponsorship includes: a 5x7 photograph of your sponsored Future Leader Dog suitable for framing, four wallet-size photos to share, a profile of your Future Leader Dog, an official sponsorship certificate and a plush puppy!

Whether you [sponsor a puppy](#) yourself or give a sponsorship as a gift, you support both the puppies growing up to become heroes and their future partners.

FOLLOW THE LEADER



Looking for a great Service Project? Look no farther...

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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What is Diabetes and LDBAW?

World Diabetes Day – November 14, 2020

Did you know that there are more than 34 million US residents who have diabetes and that another 84% of the more than 88 million US adults who have pre-diabetes don't know they have this chronic illness, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)? Even more alarming is that 1.4 million of those with diabetes reside in Pennsylvania, according to the American Diabetes Association (ADA).

So, what is diabetes and how can you get immediate support to get started with your medications? The CDC defines diabetes as a long-lasting health condition that occurs when your blood sugar or glucose is too high. This glucose is your main source of energy that is generated from the food you eat that produces energy. When your blood sugar goes up, it signals your pancreas to release insulin that is key to transitioning your blood sugar into your body's cells for use as energy. If you have diabetes, your body either doesn't make enough insulin or can't use the insulin it makes as well as it should.

For years since 1993 when the Lions Diabetes Center opened at UPMC McKeesport, the Lions Diabetes Board has sponsored a fund to provide immediate medication assistance for those who fall within identified income application guidelines. This fund was initially financed by both Lions Clubs in Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties, Lions Clubs International Foundation and the UPMC McKeesport annual Invitational. In 2018 and 2019 alone that medication relief for those seeking initial, immediate assistance amounted to \$29,113.08 and \$26,477.38, respectively.

So, how has the Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties (LDBAW) continued to replenish these funds year-after-year? Diabetes funds are generated each year from a number of annual fundraising events, some of which you may have attended; donations from Lions Clubs in both counties; individual donors; UPMC McKeesport; and now Westmoreland Hospital.

Some of our board members you may know or have worked with on other community projects. They are our Vice Chair Past International Director Cindy Gregg, Secretary Lion Chris Tognarine, District Governors Chris Raynak and Chuck Thompkins, Vice District Governors Mary Ann Belles, Margie Wolff and Anthony Catullo, Diabetes Chairs David J. Zimmer and Ron Somers, permanent board member PDG Joseph Donkin, and three-year Lion board members Marty Griffith, PDG Mary Jane Keller, Dee Conner, Lisa Gismondi, Dave Long and Zack Mesher. Hospital presidents, diabetes program directors and physicians from both hospitals are requested to provide medication updates at the board's quarterly meetings.

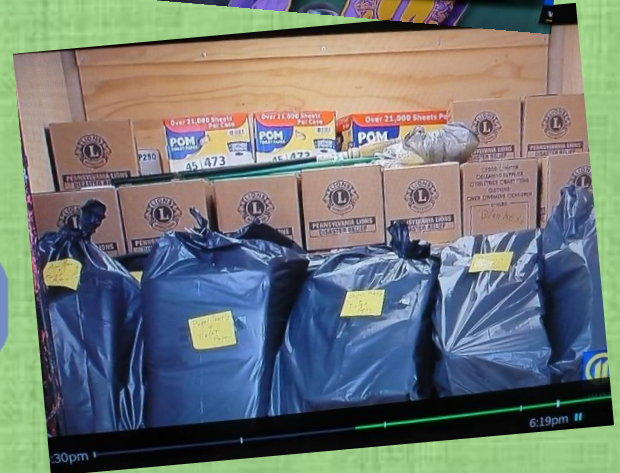
I, personally, as one of the original founders along with PDGs Joe Donkin, Bob Mesher and Jim Lewis of the Lions Diabetes Fund, now serving as chair of LDBAW, am requesting your support of this important funding program for those patients who struggle with diabetes and who have difficulty paying for their initial medications. In most cases, long-term medication support may be provided by diabetes pharmaceutical companies through their prescribing physicians.

Your contributions will be warmly accepted and put to good use. Your donation should be made payable to: *The Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties, c/o Lion Treasurer Lisa Gismondi at 130 Long Drive, Irwin, PA 15642.* You can email Lisa at lsgis67@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for supporting our diabetes patients in Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties!

*Submitted by
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Mon River Fleet Lions Club*

Editor's Note: This article published in Friday's edition of the [Mon Valley Independent](#) newspaper (October 16th) and is included in District 14-E's monthly newsletter

PA Lions Relief Effort for Louisiana Flood Victims



PA Lions Clubs providing relief efforts to Louisiana flood victims; loading up the items in Westmoreland County. This effort started off in Harrisburg and made a stop in Westmoreland County to load items from the 6 Districts that make up the Western Region for PA Lions - Districts 14B, 14E, 14F, 14 J, 14M, and 14N.



Presents A "Gift Card" Framing Raffle

**Benefits PA Lions Hearing Foundation
and Other Lion Programs**

**Valued at \$500 and climbing
Ticket Cost: 3 for \$5**



Previous Winners: Belinda O'Keson, Ralph Imbrogno

\$100 Home Depot
\$50 Marshall's (2 \$25)
\$25 Giant Eagle
\$25 Target
\$25 T J Maxx
\$25 DSW, \$25 Kohls
\$25 Happy Moments
\$25 Dick's
\$25 Amazon, \$25 Visa
\$50 Pizza Hut (2 \$25)
\$25 Gift Card
\$50 Gift Card

Alice, Rev. Walker, Mickey, James, Rhonda
Sharon Blacka, Kathy Yurik
Helen Stratigos
Janet Kulis
Kathy Yurik
Tim Roof
Monica Hancharik
President Jim Phillips
Michele Matuch, Rob Baich
Yvonne Parhetta, Josephine Chappell
Rula Shezas
PurePenn

***Drawing at the MRF Lions General Membership
Meeting on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020
Announcement on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020***

CONTACT YVONNE PARHETTA AT: yvonneparhetta@gmail.com

or call Yvonne at: 412-916-5762

Alphabet for seniors will make you laugh

A is for apple and B is for boat, that used to be right but now it won't float! Age before beauty is what we say but let's be a bit more realistic instead
The alphabet for seniors:

- ⇒ **A's** for **arthritis**,
- ⇒ **B's** for **bad back**,
- ⇒ **C's** for **chest pains**, perhaps **cardiac**?
- ⇒ **D** is for **dental decay** and **decline**,
- ⇒ **E** is for **eyesight**, can't read that top line!
- ⇒ **F** is for **fissures** and **fluid retention**,
- ⇒ **G** is for **gas** which we'd rather not mention.
- ⇒ **H** is for **high blood pressure**;
- ⇒ **I** for **incisions** with scars you can show.
- ⇒ **J** is for **joints**, out of socket, won't mend,
- ⇒ **K** is for **knees** that crack when they bend.
- ⇒ **L's** for **lots of love**
- ⇒ **M** is for **memory**, I

forget what comes next.

- ⇒ **N** is **neuralgia**, in **nerves** way down low;
- ⇒ **O** is for **osteo**, bones that don't grow!
- ⇒ **P's** for **prescriptions**, I have quite a few, just give me a **pill** and I'll be good as new!
- ⇒ **Q** is for **queasy**, is it fatal or flu?
- ⇒ **R** is for **reflux**, one meal turns to two.
- ⇒ **S** is for **sleepless nights**, counting my fears,
- ⇒ **T** is for **Tinnitus**, bells in my ears!

⇒ **U** is for **urinary**, troubles with flow,

⇒ **V** for **vertigo**, that's 'dizzy,' you know.

⇒ **W** for **worry**, now what's going 'round?

⇒ **X** is for **X ray** and what might be found.

⇒ **Y** for another **year** I'm left here behind,

⇒ **Z** is for **zest** I still have - in my mind!

