

The One Cauldron



DISTRICT 14B MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025



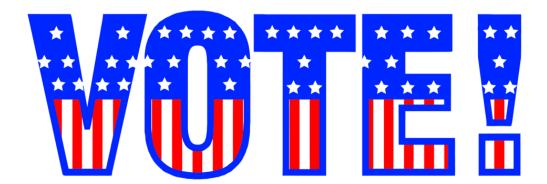
Happy Thanksgiving

HOPE YOU REMEMBERED!





DON'T FORGET TO...



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

From the desk of District Governor Ralph Imbrogno

Dear fellow Lions,

I thank each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District 14-B Governor. During the last few months, I have been taking the initiative to communicate to you the importance of maintaining club membership and recruiting new members.

That's why I want to stress the importance of using your Lions Club signs at all of your fundraisers. I feel that the signs and also the "prospect cards" may act as a way to open up conversation and create interest from people attending the fundraisers and recruiting new members.

We need to always keep in mind that we need to "JUST ASK" and we can get positive results in doing so.



We also need to keep in mind that we are part of an organization much larger than ourselves. We are part of a community, a brotherhood, a sisterhood, that will forever be united by our shared experiences and our love to serve other people in need. We also need to make sure that folks in need of our services are aware that we are here to help them in any way that we can as Lion members.

This month remember that, to the world, you may be one person; but to one person, you may be the world. Never doubt the impact you have on the world around you. Your actions speak louder than your words!

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER! AND SERVE FROM THE HEART!!!

Iion Ralph Imbrogno

District Governor

Email: <u>ralphpatty@verizon.net</u>

Phone: 412-751-2039



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District Governor Ralph Imbrogno has issued a call for the 2025 – 2026 District 14-B to hold its 2nd District Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the Munhall Borough Building in the 2nd Community Room. The address for the Munhall Borough Building is 1 Raymond Bodnar Way, Munhall, PA 15120

All Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Lions, and Leos are invited to attend. Club Secretaries, please forward this Call to the meeting to all your Club Members to invite them to attend.

The agenda and financial reports will be sent out closer to the meeting.

Please contact Lion Michele Falce by Thursday, November 13, 2025. to let her know that you will be attending. Her email is mbaker@sei.cmu.edu

Cabinet Members, please send your written reports to lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com by Thursday, November 13, 2025. Please keep in mind that written reports are still needed even if you give a verbal report at the Cabinet Meeting. Please submit them as soon as possible after the Cabinet Meeting. Thank you.

Lion Mary Ann Belles, PDG

Secretary

Lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com

Cell 412-983-8956

Lion Maryann Engel Second Vice District Governor

Fellow Lions

As the Thanksgiving Holiday approaches, Americans across the country reflect on their blessings and express gratitude for family, friends, and the opportunities they've received.

What are you grateful for? Gratitude is more than a fleeting feeling—it's a transformative practice that enriches our lives and strengthens our communities. By appreciating the good in our lives and expressing thanks for the kindness of others, we foster a positive mindset that encourages generosity, empathy, and action.

Thanksgiving is a cherished holiday rooted in the celebration of abundance and the sharing of harvests. It is a time when people gather around tables to enjoy hearty meals, share stories, and give thanks for the year's gifts. But Thanksgiving is also a call to look beyond our own tables and consider those who are less fortunate. This holiday reminds us that the truest form of gratitude is shown through acts of service—helping neighbors, volunteering in our communities, and sharing our time and resources with others.



The spirit of service is at the heart of Lions Clubs International. Lions understand that gratitude is not just a feeling, but a catalyst for action. By working together, they transform thankfulness into meaningful impact. Their motto, "We Serve," embodies the belief that giving back is a privilege and a responsibility.

This Thanksgiving, let us be inspired by the example of Lions and others who make service a cornerstone of their lives. There are countless ways to express gratitude through action—donating to a local food pantry, volunteering at a shelter, or simply reaching out to someone in need. When we serve others, we honor the true essence of Thanksgiving and help build stronger, more compassionate communities.

As we give thanks this season, may we remember that gratitude is most powerful when it moves us to serve. Whether through the collective efforts of organizations like the Lions Clubs or individual acts of kindness, embracing gratitude and service uplifts us all. Together, we can make every day a celebration of thanks—one act of service at a time.

May you all have a Blessed and Thankful Thanksgiving season!

<u>UPDATE</u>: By the time you receive this article, I will be married to the love of my life, James Engel. Therefore, my last name will be changing from "Dayton" to "Engel."

Remember to "Just Breathe" and "Keep Climbing"

Yours in Lionism,

Maryann Engel

email:maryanndayton@gmail.com

Phone: 919.500.9018



Congratulations to the Newly-weds...

Jim & Mazyann Engel!

October 26, 2025

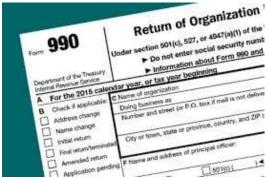


"Today, after 28 years, I married the love of my life and my soulmate! Here's to many more wonderful days with you my love! This wonderful day was spent with family!"

Mrs. Maryann Engel



Has your club filed your federal IRS Form 990 tax form?



Has your club filed its annual FRM 990 with the IRS yet (applies to US clubs only)? The deadline is November 15 for the July 1 to June 30 fiscal year.

To file online, go to https://www.expresstaxexempt.com/e-file-form-990/

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Lion George Belles at:

Cell: 412.608.5881 Home: 412.257.89







Welcome to our new members to the wonderful world of L Lionism!

MEMBER CLUB SPONSOR

Frank L. Leonardo Michael Tell John Sommerville James Welsh Amy West David Bates James E. Fischer Emily Strzesieski Pitcairn Lions Club
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Robinson Lions Club
Robinson Lions Club
Robinson Lions Club
South Park Lions Club
South Park Lions Club
Tarentum Area Lions Club

Lion George Burkhardt
Lion Susan Tell
Lion Thomas Welsh
Lion Thomas Welsh
Lion Jason Sparkenbaugh
Lion Charles Rozzo
Lion Patricia Sable
Lion Erk Frantz

MULTIPLE DISTRICT **MEMBERSHIP*** 14G 1470 14A 1293 14D 1180 14C 1167 1074 14T 983 14M 14N 922 14F 881 14P 841 14U 802 14L 770 697 14J 14K 689 14E 659 14H 613 577 14W 14B 575 TOTAL 15,793 *as of 9/30/2025

Health Assessment





Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher "This 'n' That!"



Me and my Best Buddy...

My wife, Sharyn and I visited with Past International Director Carl a few weeks ago. I keep in touch with Carl on a regular basis and have some great memories to talk about. Not just Lions but exchanging stories about his 30 year career (Ret. Marine Colonel)and my 4 years in the Air Force. I joke with Carl about his flying combat missions in Viet Nan, flying F-4 Phantom jets, and me fixing the F4's at Cam Rahn Bay, I always joke "You flew them – I fixed them!"

Carl lost his wife Ruth (and best friend) a few months ago after celebrating 72 wonderful years of marriage. It goes without saying, her loss has been difficult for him. If you could find a few extra minutes some day, give him a call. I know he would appreciate talking with you, even if it's just to say, I was just thinking about you, Carl, and wanted to wish you a Happy Veterans Day.

Carl's Phone 724-260-212

Since July 1, 202 5, here's what our District membership looks like from LCI Health Assessment Report

July 1st, 587 members added 5 dropped 17^t September 30st, 575 members

We are ranked 17th out of the 17 Districts.









District 14D

FallRally/Passing of the Banner

The 58th annual District 14-B Fall Rally/Pasta Night was celebrated at Yoli's Cucina and Crafthouse in Jefferson Hills by almost 90 Lions and their guests on October 28, 2025. Sixteen Lions clubs were represented with banners proudly displayed around the room. Immediate Past District Governor Mike Crossey, acting as the emcee for the evening, called all Lions to order and started the program. We were happy to have our District Chaplain, Lion David Hansen from Monroeville, present to give the invocation. Deacon Amzi Lightner, a Lion from Clairton, beautifully sang the Lord's Prayer before dinner. We then enjoyed a delicious dinner of meatballs in marinara with penne pasta, chicken parmesan, garlic parmesan potatoes, and salad, with cake for dessert.

Between dinner and dessert, District Tail Twister Laura Bosnak Thompson played a Trick or Treat game that was fun for all! The dining room may have been a bit crowded, but Lions know how to have a good time wherever they are.

After dinner, the District Banner was passed from the Bridgeville Lions Club, represented by King Lion Laura Underwood, to the Clairton Lions Club, home club of DG Ralph. King Lion PDG John Case accepted the district banner and promised to care for it during DG Ralph's reign.

Second Vice District Governor Maryann Dayton-Engel then introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Ravi Kant, who talked about the need for mental health services and how we can help those who are being affected by mental illness as well as ourselves. This was a very timely discussion as Mental Health is a new mission of Lions International.

IPDG Mike formally introduced new District Governor Ralph Imbrogno. DG Ralph thanked those who helped him on his path to becoming the district governor, including his Partner in Service Patty and also PDG Kamal Gella who was present. The program continued with a door prize raffle and the 50/50 drawing, which was graciously donated back by the winner, Lion Dan Carr of McKeesport.

Lion Dave Hansen gave the benediction and DG Ralph played "We Are the Champions" as Lions departed and another Fall Rally came to a close.

Submitted by Lion Michele Falce, Coordinator of District Activities





State Council Chair, PDG Mike Crossey administering the oarh of office to DG Ralph Imbrogno.













LIONS DIABETES BOARD OF ALLEGHENY AND WESTMORELAND COUNTIES

STRIDES WALK 2025

Sunday, November 9 2 - 4 pm MONROEVILLE MALL Route 22, Monroeville

Donation: \$25, cash or check payable to LDBAW

Includes: LDBAW t-shirt and diabetes information kit

Proceeds provide financial assistance to diabetes patients in Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties who can't afford prescription medications. It also provides diabetes awareness education on the negative impacts of diabetes to improve self-management.

REGISTRATION:

Please contact PDG Mary Ann Belles

Lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com

Cell 412-983-8956

A donation of \$25.00 to participate in the walk,

and you will receive a tee shirt.





See next page for the Vendor Application—vendor spots available inside and outside





Vendor Application

Event: Beacon Fall Fest Location: PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

Date of event: November 15, 2025 Hours: 10 am to 3 pm Vendor's name: Business name (Please print) (Please print) Telephone: cell _____ residence ___ (Please print) Email: Table/space cost: \$ 20.00 Pre-payment requested. No shows Nov. 15- No refund (Check one) INSIDE space, 8 foot table provided - OUTSIDE No table Check in/Set up time: 8:00 am Nov 15 Please list venue and items to be sold from table/space (crafts/jewelry, paintings etc.) (No venue changes permitted day of event). Vendor signature ____ Questions: contact Kelly McMullen 814-542-2511 option #2 or Jan Adams 717-732-2291 Please return application and payment on or before November 12, 2025 to: Danny Coons PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp, Rt 114 State Rt. 103 S Mount Union, PA 17066



SAVE THE DATE

Christmas with the Lions

Saturday, December 6, 2025, 6-9:30 pm

The Palisades, 501 Water Street, McKeesport PA 15132

Entertainment - The Bel-Aires

Menu & Flyer will be in the next Cauldron

McKeesport Lions say "Thank You" for Supporting our Blood Drive

On September 17, area clubs banded together to hold a blood drive. White Oak, McKeesport & Mon River Fleet Lions Clubs, along with White Oak Rotary Club held a joint Blood Drive at Sampson's Mills Presbyterian Church in White Oak. This has become an annual tradition with the clubs banding together to help those in the community in need of blood. At this drive 11 units were collected, which means that 33 people were helped in the Pittsburgh area once the blood components were broken down.

Submitted by Lion Annette James















Elfinwild Lions Club's OLDIES DANCE a Huge SUCCESS



On Saturday Oct 11th the Elfinwild Lions had an Oldies Dance at St Ursula's Catholic Church in Allison Park from 7 to 11 PM. There were 80 persons in attendance. The DJ was fabulous. It was a BYOB event. The Lions provided beer, water and soda refreshments. The cost was \$25 per person The Lions also provided snacks which included delicious cold cut sandwiches and salads. All the Lion members donated brownies for deserts, and there were plenty of them. All leftovers went to 'Meals on Wheels' at the Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. There was a Door Prize donated by Narcissi Winery - a Lottery Tree and a 50/50 raffle. The people leaving wanted to know when our next Oldies Dance is scheduled. It was a blast! A real good Fundraiser for our club and it didn't take to much effort at all for our Lions to arrange, set-up or clean-up. You might consider putting together an Oldies Dance for your club.

Submitted by Lion Davd Chavara







WHITE OAK LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST and BAKE SALE

MARY OF NAZARETH SCOOL GYMNASIUM

Sunday November 23, 2025

8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE NEW

WHITE OAK BOROUGH VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Adults \$10.00

Children \$5.00



Leader Dog School Rochester, Michigan

Leader Dogs can provide numerous benefits to visually impaired individuals. A Leader Dog can significantly enhance the independence and mobility of a visually impaired person. These specially trained dogs help their handlers navigate various environments safely, avoiding obstacles and hazards. They can also assist in locating specific objects or places, such as doors, stairs, and seats. Beyond practical assistance, Leader Dogs offer companionship and emotional support, which can greatly improve the handler's overall quality of life. The bond between a Leader Dog and its handler fosters confidence and a sense of security, empowering visually impaired individuals to engage more fully in their communities and pursue their goals with greater ease and assurance.

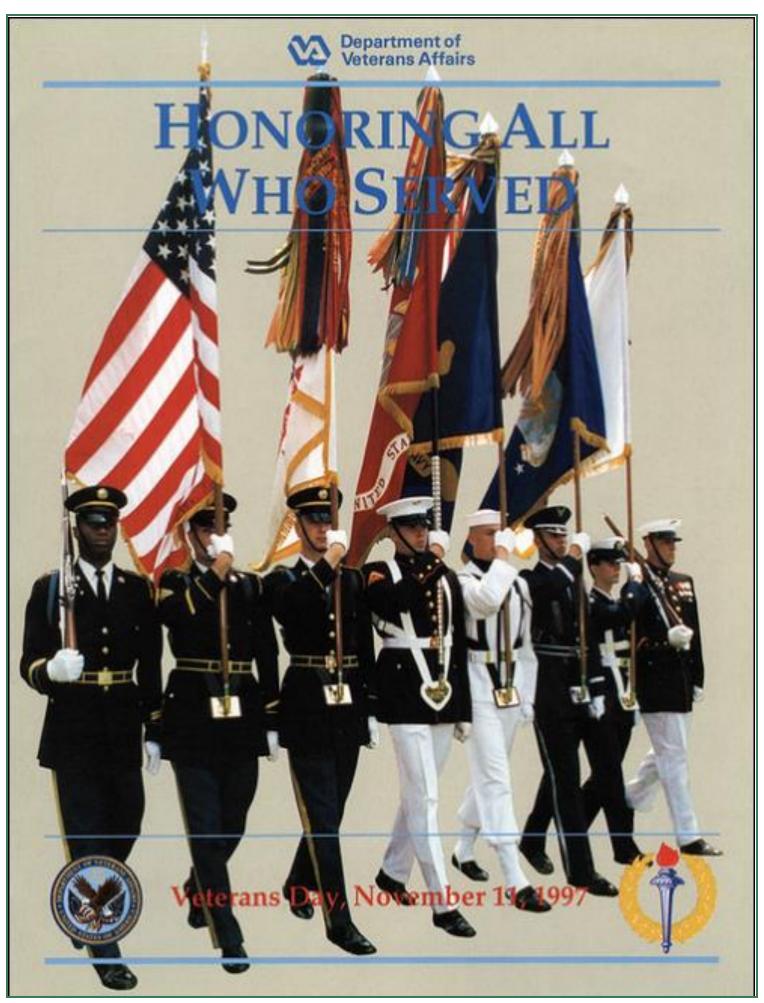
Last year District 14-B donated \$10,510.50 to Leader Dog. We are one of 17 Districts. We came in 8th—17 Clubs gave! Did your Club donate? Why not?? Donations ranged from \$100 to \$2,500. Any amount will help! I am also available to come to your club and speak about Leader Dog.

Submitted by Lion Jim Engel, District Leader Dog Chair (woof!!)



Way to go, DG Ralph!



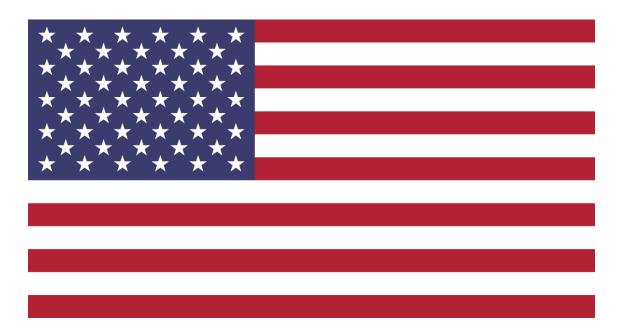


We Salute You!

This issue of the Cauldron is dedicated to the brave men and women who have served their country with special recognition to the members of the Lions Clubs in District 14B. Those members are listed by clubs on pages 13 and 14.

Each of those Lions members proudly raised their right hand and repeated the Enlistment Oath that states...

"I, _______, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."



WE SERVED!

BETHEL PARK LIONS CLUB

PID Carl L. Battistone –
Marines
PCC Dr. Jay Wells, III, Air Force
Jack Boyle – Army
David Lovjoy - Marines
Irvin Weinbergger – Air Force
Charles Pioivich - Army
Kevin Sheahen – Army
Jeff Earley - Army
Dillon Pusateri – Army National
Guard

BRIDGEVILLE LIONS CLUB

Jim Adams – Marne Dale Livingstone - Coast Guard Bill Wensyel - Air Force- ANG

CLAIRT ON LIONS CLUB

Larry Carra - Marine
DG Ralph Imbrogno - Army
Richard Ford - Air Force
Wm McCormley - Air Force
Dennis Nagy - Army
Richard Stock - Army
Eugene Tognarine - Air Force
Peter Schepis - Army
Robert Vavra - Marine

ELFINWILD LIONS CLUB

Elmer Kruzek - Army Micheal Quinn - Army

HILLT OP LIONS CLUB

Keith Winter – Navy Kevin Gaughan – Marine Anthony Mosesso - ANG

McKEESPORT LIONS CLUB

Colin Clark - Air Force R L. Billsborrow - Navy

Armed Forces HONOR ROLL

In an ongoing efforts to recognize our Lions Chib members who have served in the United States Armed Forces, we asked every Lions Chib 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!"

MONROEVILLE LIONS CLUB

Ed Vogeding - Air Force John Allen - Army, Res. Harvey Bain - Army, Res Gary Elder - Army Rodger Cottrell - Air Force

MT. LEBANON LIONS CLUB

Christine James – Army Joe Sufrn – Army

PIT CAIRN LIONS CLUB

PDG Robert Cortese – Army Res. Michael Castagnero – Navy, Marine Dennis Lang – Army James Cepec – Army Samuel Seaman – Army Rick Kemerer – Air Force

PLEASANT HILLS LIONS CLUB

PDG Geoff Temple – Army Herm Cohen – Army Wayne Severson – Army

OAKMONT LIONS CLUB

Robert Coate - Army
William Coates - Army
Paul Gigler - Marine
Jeffrey Kline - Army
Frederick Favo - Air Force
Fred Shields - Marine
William Taylor - Army
Dominic Luio - Army
Matthew Wimer - Marine
Jeffery Kline is good
Ken Crawford - Air Force
David Pingenot - Navy
Matthew Wimer - Air Force



PITTSBURGH HOSTLIONS CLUB

PDG Michael Vudragovich – Army Dr. William Sullivan – Army Richard Kerlin – Navy Richard Riethmiller - Army

ROBINSON LIONS CLUB

Dan Mangine – Navy Paul Stimmer – Army Dave Kraft – Air Force, Res.

SOUTH PARK LIONS CLUB

Robert Sloss - Army
Drummond Beach - Air Force
Pat Papalia - Army
Walter Piemme - Army
Rick Evans - Army
Joe Pelans - Army
Larry Arrigo - Marine
John Atkinson - Air Force++











WEST MIFFLIN LION CLU

Clarence Fred Dean - Army Roger Hruby - Navy and Army Edward Manfredi - Army Joseph False - Navy James Stone - Navy Robert Mozes - Army

WITE OAK LIONS CLUB

PDG Harold Fletcher - Air Force PDG Charles Halt - Marine PDG Richard Keller - Navy Chuck Flink - Air Force Rich Peters - Army Thaddeus Kuharski - Army

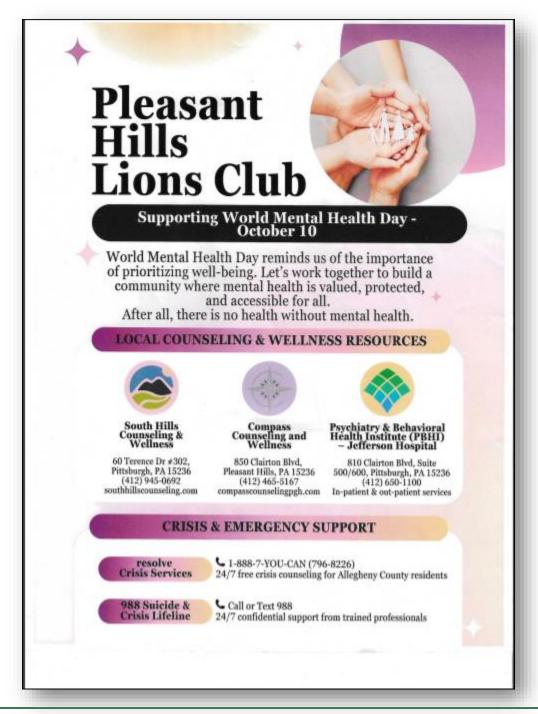
WHITFHALL LIONS CLUB

Linda Book – Army Roger Pergola – Arm Melissa Kondrich-Bougher-USA F

Pleasant Hills Lions Simultaneously Conduct Both a Service and Fundraising Events

Every October, the Pleasant Hills Lions Club conducts a White Cane Collection. This year, the event was scheduled during the LCI Week of Service, focusing on Mental Health and well-Being. One of our members, Lion Thea Banjac, came up with the idea of handing out flyers at the White Cane Collection. She then went to work, getting information on agencies that were related to the Mental Health and Well being initiative. Lion Elli Dragisic designed a beautiful, eye-catching flyer which is included below.

The members who were doing the collection duties handed out the flyers. Besides collecting over \$800 we provided a public service which seemed to be well received. *Submitted by PSG Geoff Temple, Secretary*





Pennsylvania Counsellors

Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Award

The Pennsylvania Counsellors have established an award for presentation to deserving Lions throughout Pennsylvania – <u>The Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Award.</u>

Each sub-district may present two (2) Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Awards annually. The award is limited to one (1) recipient per club per year and a member is only allowed to receive this award once. A list of past recipients can be obtained by contacting PCC Karen Brady. The Immediate Past District Governor and Vice District Governors are not eligible within the current Lions fiscal year.

Recipients must be of good moral and character who is in good standing with their club which is also in good standing to their respected district, multiple district, and Lions Clubs International. Recipient must also be a Lion for at least one (1) year and a day to be eligible. Presentations of each award should be made by the District Governor at a sub-district function.

Applications for the Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Award shall be submitted by the seated District Governor to their districts Immediate Past District Governor to endorse the recommendations. Once signed, applications must be received by the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Counsellors at least two (2) weeks prior to the February State Council meeting.

PA Counsellors Criteria

Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Award

Todays Date:		
Name of Proposed Lion Recipient:		
Address of Proposed Recipient:		
District: 14		
Club:		
Date Joined Organization:		
Briefly explain why this Lion deserves the Pen	nsylvania Counsellors Distinguishe	d Service Award:
Signatures:		
District Governor:		Date:
Immediate Past District Governor:		Date:
PA Counsellors President:		Date:
		Application



Lions Clubs International Purposes and Code of Ethics

Purposes

- To Organize, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- To Coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- To Encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

Code of Ethics

- To Show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the
 end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to
 accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair
 advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down
 another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards
 others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not
 on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship
 demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my
 community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give
 them freely of my time, labor and means.
- To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

Let us give Thanks...



Happy Thanksgiving

