



The Cauldron

District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

October 2023



Happy Halloween!



Halloween Print by Norman Rockwell

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

Welcome to Fall Fellow Lions and Leos.

As the temperatures cool off, Lions activities start to heat up. By this time all our clubs have met and are planning fundraising events and service projects. Let us all know what those events are. The Cauldron is a great way of advertising. Send your announcement or an article about what is happening in your club to PDG Harold so we all can support your service.

We're excited to announce that the Fall Rally/Passing of the Banner/ Rigatoni Night is set for Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at the Pugliano's Italian Grill on Rt 286 Monroeville. Social Hour begins at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. It will be a fun evening with some great fellowship with Lions from all across District 14B Allegheny County. During the Social Hour, meet Lions from the other Clubs in the District. The flyer about the Fall Rally is in this edition of the Cauldron. Let's rekindle this tradition at the same time using it to "Change the World" as is the International President's theme. We look forward to seeing you there!



We all know the importance of membership. We have heard it from day one of our installation into the club. It has not ever been more important than now. We are showing progress in our challenge of increasing. Final numbers are of course not in yet for September, but we are as of this writing 5 members ahead. Keep up the fantastic work. The many ideas that GMT/IPDG Kamal and VDGs Mike Crossey and Ralph Imbrogno have are paying off already. Do you have any ideas? Let them know. Let me know. We are ALWAYS AVAILABLE to talk membership.

I have had little chance this month to visit clubs. I apologize for that. I was very happy to visit with, have dinner with, install officers, and induct 2 new members with Whitehall Community Club late in August. Thank you for your hospitality and kindness to me and Lion Mary. I LOVE to induct members!

So many things to think about and work on for the Lions, right! Plan the meeting. CHECK. Service project. CHECK. Fundraiser. CHECK. Attend Zone meeting. CHECK. Report club service. UHHHHH? Haven't done that yet? Not sure how? Check with District GLT MaryAnn Belles. She can point you in the right direction. The project isn't complete until it is reported.

Let's all join in focusing on the service we Lions provide, the long tradition of Allegheny County Lionism, and healing and

Building the Pride of Lionism. I look forward to seeing you in the months and weeks to come.

It's Great to be a LION!

Changing the World

Chris Raynak

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phone: 412.951.6328



LION MIKE CROSSEY

First Vice District Governor



Fellow Lions,

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” John Maxwell.

These words are important because they give us a direction. As Lion leaders, which includes everyone reading this newsletter. We have the opportunity to show the way in our clubs. In our activities, we know how to build our club, and how to help our communities. We do that with each of our activities. What we need to do is -show the way.

How do we do that? How do we show others the uniqueness, the specialness, of what we have, what we do?

I believe it's all about communication. Most importantly, with ourselves.

Stop thinking “can I?” Start thinking, “How can I?”

“Can I?” is a question that breeds hesitation and doubt. It imposes limitations. It undermines us before we begin. If instead we ask, “How can I?” We have a fighting chance to achieve. “How can I?” assumes there is a way. We just need to define it. Now, it's not a matter of if. Now it's a matter of when and how.

Change the questions you ask, and you change the direction of your life, and the life of your club.

I ask you to have this conversation with yourself and your members and send me your best five ideas on how we grow our membership, how we lead the way. how we show the way.

The last question is. When do we do this?

Mother Teresa observed yesterday is gone. tomorrow has not yet come. We only have today.

Let us begin!

Lion Michael J. Crossey

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Phone: 412.983.8387



LION RALPH IMBROGNO

Second Vice District Governor



Dear Fellow Lions,

In the first few articles in the Lion Cauldron I talked a lot about the membership campaign that we put together to increase our Lions membership. With that being said, I would now like to shift my focus and tell you a little bit of myself, if I may.

As a young man, I always had the urge to be kind to other people and help them as much as I could. That is what motivated me to join the Lions later in life. I began my education in a Catholic school and later in High School attending the Clairton School District. During all of my life I had the desire to work with people as a social worker.

That desire motivated me to attend California University and receive an Honorary Bachelor's Degree in social studies. I also attended the University Of Pittsburgh taking approximately two years of extended college courses. I joined the Military before college and I had the privilege to use the G.I. Bill to help pay for college. After graduating college, I began my career in sales in home improvement. After that I was appointed City Manager in the City Of Clairton and worked in that capacity for ten years before retiring.

I've been a Lion for approximately 10 years and am proud of it. I have served as Club President, Zone Chair, as well as participating in many Lions projects. I'm hoping that together we can increase our Lions membership count and also ignite ourselves to put into place many other projects and fundraisers to continue serving our communities and serve our fellow citizens with their needs. STAY SAFE AND BE HAPPY!

ALWAYS REMEMBER - FOLLOW YOUR HEART AND CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER!!!!

Lion Ralph Imbrogno

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Phone: 412-751-2039

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DISASTER RELIEF	VISION
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Editor's Corner



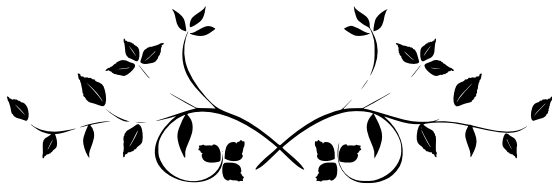
By PDG Harold Fletcher
"This 'n' That!"



LeGrand W. Perce, III, a true statesperson in the history of Pennsylvania Lionism, passed away on September 5, 2023, at the age of 96. Past International Director LeGrande was active in so many organizations - too many to mention here. To see his history of volunteerism, download his obituary below. PID LeGrande will be deeply missed by all who know him.

Rest in peace, my dear friend.

<https://www.berkebilefuneralhome.com/obituary/LeGrand-Perce>



OCTOBER'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Monroeville Lions Club – 71 years
October 2, 1952

Pittsburgh Hilltop Lions Club – 38 years
October 7, 1985

Robinson Lions Club – 68 years
October 10, 1955

Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club – 29 years
October 24, 1994

Homestead District Lions Club - 76 years
October 30, 1947





We have 2 new members to welcome into the Wonderful World of Lionism!

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Paul Siers-Burns Margaret A. Kosmal	Pleasant Hills Lions Club Tarentum Area Lions Club	PDG Marni Latterman Lion Deborah Turner

Since July 1, 2023, here's what our District membership looks like from MyLci
 July 1st 667 members added 18 dropped 13 September 30th 672 members
We are ranked 16 out of the 17 Districts with District 14W beneath us.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP *

14G	1508
14A	1270
14C	1184
14D	1178
14T	1164
14M	1014
14F	937
14N	916
14P	904
14U	868
14L	835
14J	755
14K	721
14E	700
14H	685
14B	671
714W	556
TOTAL	15,866
<i>*as of 8/31/2023</i>	



**NOW, PLEASE GET OUT THERE
 AND ASK JUST ONE PERSON
 TO BECOME A MEMBER**





District 14B

Fall Rally / Passing of the Banner

Please join us on Tuesday evening, **October 24, 2023** at

Pugliano's Italian Grill

1808 Golden Mile Highway, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15239

Don't miss District 14B's 56th annual Rigatoni Night and the Passing of the Banner to incoming DG Chris Raynak's home club, Monroeville!

Social 6:00 PM

Program Begins 6:30 PM

Dinner Buffet 7:00 PM

Cost \$25.00

Reservations are due by October 10, 2023

(No Reservation confirmed without payment.)

Please mail to:

Coordinator of District Activities, Lion Michele Falce

3505 Trautman Street, Munhall, PA 15120-3135

Name _____

Club _____

Number of Reservations _____ @ \$25.00 Total \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to District 14B Lions and mail to address above.

Please list all attending members' names on this form.)

All clubs are encouraged to bring their club banners.

The Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club - with Lion Barb



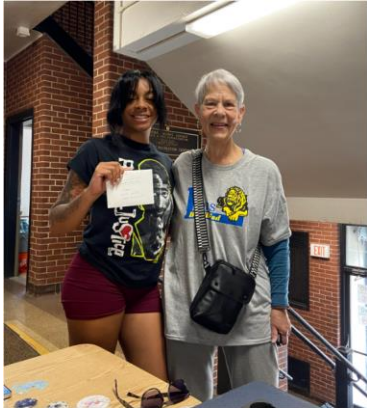
105th International Lion Convention, July 7- July 11, 2023, Boston, Massachusetts. Great time, meeting with PDG Serge Ndayitabi. He has been working with the DeafBlind Lions and Bloomfield-Lawrenceville Lions to get the matching International grant for the Congo Clean Water Project. He was able to find a Host Lions Club in the area where the drilling will start to help with the construction of the wells.

Wine Tasting Event, R Cellar, August 17, 2023, Congo Clean Water Project
What better way to kick off the event than with induction of a new member. PDG Mary Ann Belles inducted Lion Zandy Dudiak into the Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions. Her sponsor Lion Mark Sachon is attaching her pin. Congratulations Lion Zandy. We are happy to have you in our club. Thank you PDG Mary Ann and Lion Mark.



Lions Ben, Romeo and Barb share a moment of success. Lions Ben and Romeo are the inspiration for the District Water Project in the Congo

Lion Barb representing the Pittsburgh DeafBlind at the South Side Kids (South Side Neighborhood). We have been working with the South Side Kids for over a year with donations. This year we are expanding our involvement by participating in community events. This was the back-to-school backpack distribution. Notebooks, pencils, markers, highlighters, etc. were included in the backpacks. A bouncy house, food, water, and a chance to win prizes are all included. The highlight of the day was the firefighters and trucks. Kids loved having pictures taken and climbing in the truck.





**Please Join the Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny
and Westmoreland Counties**

for a

Strides Walk

Sunday, November 12, 2023

2 pm - 4 pm Monroeville Mall

For a \$25 donation, made payable to LDBAW, you will receive a tee shirt with our new logo and a bag of Diabetic information.

The proceeds from this walk will provide financial assistance to patients with diabetes within Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties who cannot afford prescriptions or generic medications. It will also provide diabetes self-awareness education on the negative effects of this illness to help better manage their disease.

REGISTRATION

NAME _____

Phone or Email _____

Shirt Size ___ **Small** ___ **Medium** ___ **Large**

___ **XLarge** ___ **XXLarge** **Amount enclosed** ___

Please include \$25 donation, made payable to LDBAW, and send to:

Cindy Gregg, LDBAW Chairperson

1130 Willowbrook Road

Rostraver Township, PA 15012



The McKeesport Summer Concert Series drew to a close over the Labor Day weekend. The club would like to thank everyone who attended concerts this summer, keeping in mind that without the help & cooperation of the City of McKeesport & RAD, these concerts wouldn't be possible. The city helped us by beautifying the Lions Bandshell this year, and the club purchased and placed a Lion drinking fountain near the bandshell that our club members built way back in 1953! Renziehausen Park consists of 205 acres and is truly an asset to the city. It includes a playground, walking trail, History Center, Rose Garden (2nd largest in the state), basketball courts, tennis courts, dek hockey rinks, pavilions, Lake Emilie, senior center, spray park, and of course the bandshell. The next big project that club members are raising funds for is to build a handicapped accessible viewing platform and paved walkway to the restrooms at the rear of the bandshell, to be dedicated to the memory of our fellow Lion Tom Kearney. Club members look forward to seeing everyone for the fantastic lineup of bands next summer!

Thank You

to McKeesport and all the surrounding communities for your support. Looking forward to seeing all of you in 2024 !



Lions International

Dear Lion Leader,

We are continuing to make progress toward the new Lion Portal, which will provide a streamlined digital experience for Lions and Leos. We are grateful to the dedicated Lion testers who have played a critical role in providing input at every phase of the project, and this includes helping assess our readiness for launch.

Our top priority is ensuring our members have a positive experience with the new Lion Portal. With that priority in mind, we have determined that we need to adjust our projected Q1 launch. Lion testers are key to our success and their testing activities have been delayed to correct an unexpected permission and data access issue.

We have carefully assessed the remaining scope of work and necessary changes to support the resolution passed at the 105th international convention in Boston to determine the revised target launch date. Our next launch opportunity is January 2024. This incorporates the new rules for delegate count and allows midyear membership changes to be processed in a familiar system.

Thank you for your continued support and leadership as we prepare for the new Lion Portal.

Sincerely,

Sue Ben
Chief of Technology
Lions International

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TO SIGN UP:**



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QUESTIONS? CONTACT TIM BAREFOOT
(TIMROBINSONLIONS@YAHOO.COM)

The White Oak Lions Club donates their Third Bench – *WOOF, WOOF!*



The White Oak Lions recently donated a bench to the White Oak Animal Safe Haven. It is the third bench that the Lions have donated locally. This bench has been placed in the dog's play yard at the shelter. It is used by workers and volunteers, and we are told that the dogs enjoy sitting on it, too. In the photo are Lions Roger Lasch, Kirby Marchand, Chuck Flink, Carol Lasch, Dave Pasternak, and employees Sarah Moore and Laura Massie. Sitting on the bench are Lion Adrian Flink and Tula, a current resident at the shelter.

Also...



White Oak Lions Club recently honored King Lion Carol Lasch with the Melvin Jones Fellow award. She has been a very active member of our club, is in her second term as president, and has made two mission trips to Malawi, Africa, and was part of the District's team that traveled to Kentucky to offer assistance after the hurricane. Shown here is PDG Rich Keller presenting the award to King Lion Carol.



The Whitehall Community Lions Club is Always on the Go!

The Whitehall Community Lions Club participated in the Whitehall Borough Community Day on Saturday, August 12, 2023, which was held in Brennan Plaza. We had a game for the children, a waterless duck pond where the kids would pick a duck and then win a prize based on the color painted on the base of the duck. The event was attended by the residents and guests of Whitehall Borough. We sold brooms, collected eyeglasses, and talked to interested residents about joining our Lions Club. We also displayed the military banner for our deceased member, PDG Bill Gazica that the Club voted to purchase.



The Whitehall Community Lions Club had their new Lions year Kick-Off at the Breckenridge Highlands Club House. DG PDG Chris Raynak and Lion Mary Raynak joined us. DG Chris inducted 2 new members and then installed the Club Officers for the new Lions year. Immediate Past Club President Elaine Frombach presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to PDG Mary Ann Belles

The Whitehall Community Lions Club participated in the Whitehall Borough's Touch a Truck at Baldwin High School. We had a game for the children, a waterless duck pond where the kids picked a duck and could win prizes. We talked to residents about our plastic film recycling project, brooms for sale, eyeglasses collection, and about joining our Lions Club.

Lion George Belles & PDG Mary Ann Belles attended the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Anniversary Gala Celebration that was held at the Ramada Conference Center in State College.

Submitted by PDG Mary Ann Belles



Congratulations
PDG Mary Ann !

Environmental - Film Recycling or “Bags to Benches” - Fall, 2023

As you probably saw in recent Cauldrons, several clubs in our district continue to participate in the Trex “Bags to Benches” project for recycling plastic film. Anyone can deposit their film collection and report the approximate weight to a club coordinator.

Here are some clubs in our district participating, and I apologize for any I omitted. Please let the one closest to you know approximately how much you dropped off and where.

Lions Club
Whitehall Comm.
Pleasant Hills
McKeesport
Bridgeville
Mon River Fleet
White Oak

Contact email
lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com
lionmarni14b@gmail.com
promdate1966@verizon.net
crosseymike@gmail.com
bashfive@comcast.net
jostett222@yahoo.com

I commend them all for their efforts!

Please recycle only clean, dry plastic bags and film. Remove receipts or any other items from the bags.

Do NOT include: Degradable/compostable bags or film packaging, Pre-washed salad mix bags, Frozen food bags, Candy bar wrappers, Chip bags, Six-pack rings.

Submitted by Lion John Aiken, District Environmental airman



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Cost \$175.00 (includes Institute, lodging and meals)

Checks should accompany this form and be made out to "PA State Council of Lions Clubs" - Mail to: PDG Kerry McKnight, 6 Mulberry Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349

Questions to PDG Kerry McKnight at klm52@aol.com or 717-235-2790

(Past participants, District Governors, Past District Governors ineligible)

Submission Deadline Date: January 31, 2024 (No refunds after deadline) Maximum 40 attendees

Please type or print

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Committee Positions Held Within Club _____

Why is this institute of interest to you?

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- Participants must arrive at the hotel on the arrival time & date indicated in their acceptance email.
- Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel to and from the institute.
- Participants must stay at the hotel throughout the institute.
- MD-14 GLT will make all hotel reservations. (Do not call the hotel.)
- Participants are required to stay through 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the institute.
- If they depart prior to 3:00 p.m. on the last day, they will not receive acknowledgement or their RLLI participation certificate.
- Participants may bring a laptop for use outside of the classroom.
- Participants are required to complete pre-assignments prior to arrival at the institute.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

District Governor Must also Complete and Sign this Form

In what ways will this candidate benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

District Governor Member Number _____

Name of District Governor _____

Signature of District Governor _____

Email (Please print) _____

Date _____

