



The Cauldron



District 14B's Monthly Newsletter October 2020

Welcome to October fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

October is a time to enjoy the best of autumn, apples, fresh cider, the gorgeous fall foliage, the cool evenings and warm days, and brisk walks through the park. One of the things we cannot enjoy this fall is the annual District Fall Rally. Due to current circumstances we had to forego those plans. That however should not deter us from enjoying one another's company. Continue or restart your meetings. I have been able to attend a number of club visits in September. I thank you for the hospitality and warmth I received at the Northern Allegheny picnic and meetings with Brentwood and Clairton. And the honor of installing the officers of my home club Monroeville.

As Lions we always have something to do. This month is no exception. World Sight Day is October 8 this year. October is the month traditionally set aside for White Cane Day. Do any clubs have plans for White Cane collections? Please remember to report your activity to District White Cane Chair JR Wilson. (See page 17)



On Sunday Oct. 18th the Multiple District has scheduled the Fall Leadership Symposium in Greensburg. The flyer with the particulars can be found here in the Cauldron. Please plan to attend and enjoy a day of fellowship, learning, and reenergizing. (See page 7)

We are continuing the District wide face mask sale. You will notice my picture this month I am wearing the green PA LIONS mask. The district mask is the same except it is blue and signifies District 14B. The first shipment of 3 dozen has been sold, including some sent to other parts of the state. We all need to wear a mask now. Let's show our Lions Pride with one of these masks. Remember that the sale of each one adds money to your clubs' administration fund. Again, an order form is attached to this newsletter on page 5.

The latest project we have been asked to help with is the disaster relief for fellow Lions in Louisiana. This year has been an active hurricane season on the Gulf coast. The Multi District 14 – Pennsylvania – has mobilized a disaster response team to support those in need of supplies to help clean up efforts. Last week an appeal letter was sent out to all club Presidents and Secretaries asking for whatever monetary help can be provided by club and or personal in this effort. Also, if any Lion that may have the resources or connections available to provide any quantity of the supplies needed would be greatly appreciated. We have all heard the saying, "Where there's a need, there's a Lion". Here is the time for that saying to take root. Won't you help? Thank you.

Lastly, the November State Council meeting scheduled for Washington, PA has been canceled. The Council of Governors meeting will be held online via Zoom. During that weekend there was to be a vote taken on two ballot questions to amend the state Constitution and Bylaws. Question 1 concerns the replacement of a Council Chair if the current Chair could not fulfill their duties. Question 2 modifies the distribution of the state per capita dues. It does not change the amount of the

dues, just the allocation amounts. The Governors have decided that a vote will be taken on Sunday Nov. 8 albeit electronic. All Clubs across the state will have eligible delegates to vote only if ALL DUES ARE PAID! That includes LCI, State and District. All clubs should have dues paid by this time. Those that do not, ask your treasurer to pay them now! Please have your club dues paid by Oct. 15, 2020 to be eligible to vote in this important election

It's great to be a Lion!

Chris Raynak

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Vice District Governor Lion Mary Ann Belles

Greetings Lions, Lionesses, Leos, and guests,

Fall is in the air! We have typical Pittsburgh weather, cold in the morning, warm in the afternoon and cool in the evening. My kind of weather! I'm looking forward to the trees turning their beautiful hues of orange, red and yellow. The snow can wait!

I found a very interesting article about Braille and I wanted to share some of the highlights with you. First of all, do you know what Braille is? It is a tactile reading and writing system used by blind and visually impaired people who cannot access print materials. This is quite timely because the second week in October is when we celebrate National Braille Week in 2020. It coincides with World Sight Day on October 87, 2020.

Braille was developed by Louis Braille in the early 19th century. He developed Braille after using Captain Charles Barbier's "night writing" which was a code of dots and dashes into thick paper. These impressions could be interpreted by the touch of a finger and letting soldiers communicate on the battlefield without needing to speak or have light. The Captain's system was a little too complicated, but Braille was inspired to come up with a system of his own. By the time Braille was 15 years old, he had trimmed Barbier's 12 dots into six and had found 63 ways to use a six-dot cell in an area no larger than a fingertip. Braille published his own system in 1829 and added symbols for mathematics and music.

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The braille code has undergone continuous modification over the years, particularly through the addition of contractions for words which appear frequently in English.

Braille is written in either uncontracted braille or contracted braille. Uncontracted braille is every letter of every word is expressed in braille. Contracted braille is used for reproducing textbooks and publications. Cells are used individually or in combination with others to form a variety of contractions and whole words. For example, in uncontracted braille the phrase "you like him" requires twelve cell spaces. If it were written in contracted braille, this same phrase would use only six cell spaces.

Embossed Braille is usually produced using a Perkins Brailier which has only six keys and a space bar. Computers provide and continue to expand additional avenues of literacy for braille users. Technology has provided gadgets like the Dot Braille Smartwatch. See the article below for more information.

<https://www.wearable-technologies.com/2018/10/the-dot-braille-smartwatch-lets-the-visually-impaired-people-see-the-world-from-a-different-angle/>

In District 14B, we are fortunate to have an organization that helps the visually impaired right here in Pittsburgh. The Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services (BVRs) on Locust Street has a variety of services available to the visually impaired, for anyone who is experiencing a loss of vision and is in need of services. Our District 14B Chairperson for BVRs is Lion Michael Zaken. If you have any questions about BVRs contact Mike at 412-655-1234 or via email at Michael.zaken@verizon.net.

Drug companies include braille on OTC product packaging in Europe but not so much here in the United States. Some of the big chains like CVS, Walgreens and Rite Aid make braille instructions available to the visually impaired but very few OTC medications participate. Sounds like a cause to start a movement to correct here in the states.

Let's soar into Service!

Mary Ann Belles

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phone 412-833-3450 or 412-983-



Editor's Corner



By PDG Harold Fletcher



"This 'n' That!"

There are 33 Lions clubs in our District and I was wondering if all 33 clubs have a Lions gong for their meetings? I have a couple gongs from clubs that are no longer in existence. If your club does not have one, please let me know and you may claim one. It may need a little elbow grease and Brasso to make it nice and shiny! Please email me at pdgharold@zoominternet.net or call me at 412-877-5273.



Does anyone still have one of these T-shirts?

My wife just happened to come across this while going through some old boxes. These t-shirts were made to promote our fundraiser with the Pittsburgh Maulers back in March 1984.

We had purchased 500 shirts anticipating that we would sell them for \$5 each and add those proceeds to our net profit from the sale of tickets for the game. Unfortunately, the temperature that game day was 30°... Needless to say, we had a terrible sale. I think we sold maybe two dozen. And for the next two years, we tried selling them for \$1 each at cabinet meetings, Region Rallies and Zone Meetings. Thank goodness, the proceeds received from the Maulers netted our District a little over \$32,000!

OCTOBER'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

**Monroeville Lions Club – 68 years
October 2, 1952**

**Pittsburgh Hilltop Lions Club – 35 years
October 7, 1985**

**Robinson Lions Club – 65 years
October 10, 1955**

**Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club – 26 years
October 24, 1994**

**Homestead District Lions Club - 73 years
October 30, 1947**





DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

2020-2021

September 2020

1st – Tarentum Area
9th – Northern Allegheny
10th – Cheswick – Springdale
15th – Clairton
16th – Brentwood

October 2020

5 – Homestead District
8th – Elfinwild
20th – Pitcairn
27th – Pittsburgh North Side
28th – Whitehall Community

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 (afternoon)
14th – Pittsburgh Hilltop
19th – Bethel Park
20th – Forest Hills
26th – McKeesport
27th – Monroeville

February 2021

1st – White Oak
2nd – Bloomfield-Lawrenceville
15th – Pleasant Hills
19th – Mon River Fleet

March 2021

9th – Pittsburgh Deaf Blind
10th – Glassport (evening)

To Be Scheduled

Pittsburgh Shadyside-Squirrel
University of Pittsburgh
Sto-Ken-Rox

Please review the District Governor's schedule to make sure there are no conflicts with the dates. If there are any concerns, please contact DG Chris at : cpr14b2021@outlook.com



LIONS LOGO FACE MASKS

3 Ply construction, moisture management polyester, anti-chafe ear loops, holds shape and fit wash after wash. Designed according to CDC guidelines

NAME

CLUB

CONTACT PHONE EMAIL



| | | PRICE | QUANTITY | TOTAL |
|-------|---------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------|
| ADULT | SMALL/MEDIUM | \$7.00 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| ADULT | LARGE/X LARGE | \$7.00 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

IMPRINTED: DISTRICT 14-B WITH LIONS LOGO IN WHITE



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IMPRINTED: PA LIONS MD-14 WITH LIONS LOGO IN WHITE

TOTAL ORDER

PAYMENT REQUIRED WITH ORDER

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT 14-B
SUBMIT ORDERS/PAYMENT TO DISTRICT COORDINATOR:

MARY RAYNAK.
1006 HARVARD RD
MONROEVILLE, PA 15146

This is not a medical grade mask. And is not intended as a replacement for medical grade equipment.

- 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).

CHILDHOOD CANCER



BY
THE
NUMBERS

A LOOK AT THE FACTS AND FIGURES
BEHIND THE DEVASTATING DISEASE



EVERY YEAR,
AN ESTIMATED
250,000+
NEW CASES OF CANCER
AFFECT CHILDREN UNDER
THE AGE OF 20 WORLDWIDE.
**THAT'S ALMOST
700**
NEW KIDS
AFFECTED
EVERY DAY

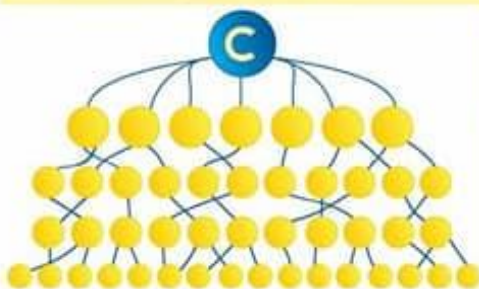
Source: The Lancet Oncology, 2013; 14(3): e95-e102.

EVERY DAY, APPROXIMATELY
250 KIDS AROUND
THE WORLD DIE
FROM CANCER



91,250
91,250 KIDS LOSE THEIR LIFE
TO CANCER EVERY YEAR

Source: The Lancet Oncology, 2013; 14(3): e125-e135.



CHILDHOOD CANCER IS NOT JUST ONE DISEASE.
IT IS MADE UP OF A DOZEN TYPES AND COUNTLESS SUBTYPES.

Source: Cancer Facts & Figures 2014, American Cancer Society.
<http://www.cancer.org/research/cancerfactsstatistics/cancerfactsfigures2014/>

CHILDHOOD CANCER OCCURS REGULARLY, RANDOMLY AND SPARES
NO ETHNIC GROUP, SOCIOECONOMIC CLASS, OR GEOGRAPHIC REGION.
IN THE UNITED STATES, THE INCIDENCE OF CANCER AMONG
ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS IS INCREASING AT A GREATER
RATE THAN ANY OTHER AGE GROUP, EXCEPT THOSE OVER 65 YEARS.

Source: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Sites-Types/Childhood>

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CHILDHOOD CANCER IS THE
LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH BY
DISEASE IN CHILDREN UNDER
THE AGE OF 15 IN THE U.S.

Source: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Sites-Types/Childhood>

THE CAUSES OF MOST CHILDHOOD CANCERS ARE
UNKNOWN AND ARE NOT STRONGLY LINKED
TO LIFESTYLE OR ENVIRONMENTAL RISK
FACTORS, UNLIKE MANY ADULT CANCERS.



Source: National Cancer Institute: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Sites-Types/Childhood>

DESPITE THESE
FACTS, CHILDHOOD
CANCER RESEARCH
IS VASTLY AND
CONSISTENTLY
UNDERFUNDED



TWO-THIRDS OF CHILDHOOD CANCER
PATIENTS WILL HAVE LONG LASTING
CHRONIC CONDITIONS FROM TREATMENT.

Source: Journal of American Medical Association, 2013; 309(22): 2373-2381

ONE IN 285 CHILDREN
IN THE U.S. WILL BE
DIAGNOSED WITH
CANCER BY THE TIME
THEY ARE 20 YEARS OLD



Source: Cancer Facts & Figures 2014, American Cancer Society.
<http://www.cancer.org/research/cancerfactsstatistics/cancerfactsfigures2014/>



FOUNDATION FOR
CHILDHOOD CANCER

AlexsLemonade.org



MONROEVILLE LIONS CLUB

VIRTUAL 4K Run4Sight™ and Walk (1 or 2 mile)



- Check out: <http://RunForSight.org/>
Proceeds benefit the visually impaired

DATES: October 9 through October 30, 2020

Where: Anywhere you wish, but we have a recommended route:
Westmoreland Heritage Trail from 19 ¼ marker to 18 mile
and back across from Saunders Station Lot.

Online Registration at RunSignUp.com/race/pa/Monroeville/Run4SightLions

REGISTRATION Fees: Runners and Walkers: \$ 20.00

Get your time, take pictures, and submit via RunSignUp

Compare performances at the website after 10/30/20

No performance awards, but all registrants will be eligible for door prizes.

Mail -in-Registrations Accepted: Tom Leax
304 Shalimar Ct,
Monroeville, 15146
or e-mail: monroevillelion@gmail.com

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Waiver

I certify that I am physically fit and have trained for this event. I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, waive and release any and all claims for damages that may accrue against all sponsors, agents, and all municipalities, individuals and organizations involved in the race from any and all claims for damages of any kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen. I will assume my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of any accident, incapacity, or injury resulting from my participation. I also release any photos of this event for any purpose. I know entry fees are not refundable for any reason.

Name _____ **Age** _____ **SEX** **M** **F**

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

4K Run ____ **Walk** ____ **Checks payable to: Monroeville Lions Foundation**

Phone No. (____) _____ **T-Shirt Size** N/A

Optional: email address for notification of future races _____

Join Us For a Day of
Fellowship and Learning!



Let Us Know You Are
Coming!

2020 Multiple District 14 Fall Leadership Symposium

The Lions of PA are cordially invited to attend
the Multiple District Fall Leadership Symposium

When: Saturday October 17, 2020 from 9 am –3 pm
or

Sunday October 18, 2020 from 1–6 pm

Where:

PA Lions State Office—Saturday

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Alwine Civic Center—Sunday

538 Old State Route 66., Greensburg, PA 15601

*Saturday Lunch will be provided. A \$6.00 donation
will be collected. Snacks provided on Sunday.*

To Register Email

kburkholder@dejazzd.com

with the number attending so we can plan for lunch. Seating in Harrisburg is limited so register early!

Questions???

Email to the above
address or call

PDG Deb Burkholder
717-484-4892

All Lions are Encouraged to Attend!

- Club Members
- Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers
- District Cabinet members
- District GLT, GMT, GST Coordinators
- Past District Governors
- Zone Chairs, Region Chairs
- District Governors, VDGs

Topics for Lions at all levels of Lionism

Come out and Re-Energize your

Lion's Spirit!





Welcome



One new member to welcome to the Wonderful World of Lionism!

(July 1, 2020 through September 30st as reported on the MyLCI website)

| <u>Member</u> | <u>Club</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Carol A. Bray | Mon River Fleet Lions Club | Monica Hancharik |



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

July 1st **761** Members added **7** dropped **22** September 30st **746** Members

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



In Memoriam



Lion Robert
Bartram
N. Allegheny
Lions Club
August 18, 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



Roarin' down the Highway!



PR project puts membership message into action

In an effort to debunk the well-accepted concept "Lions Clubs are the best kept secret in their communities," the Lions of MD-14 are putting the rubber to the road and taking the message to the people.

Roarin' Down the Highway is a rolling billboard campaign designed to drive home the message that, as Lions, "We Serve" our communities and state, while also hoping to slow the steady decline in our membership by attracting additional and enthusiastic members.

The campaign consists of three 3-foot trailers wrapped in vinyl bearing vibrant colors featuring the purple and gold of Lionism that will travel throughout the Commonwealth as part of everyday commerce and travel.

The campaign will literally be driven by the staff and management of A&S Kinard Trucking and Logistics of York and carry vinyl wraps produced by Total Identity Solutions of Spring Grove.

"We cannot thank Ken Kennedy and the staff of A&S Kinard and Randy Tucker and his staff at Total Identity Solutions for agreeing to be partners in this project," MD-14 State Administrator Bob McComas said. "They helped us go above and beyond what we might have hoped for when the project first started."

Funding for the campaign was provided by \$23,000 in grants from the Lions Clubs International Public Relations Committee, the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation and the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation.

"PA Lions owe those organizations a huge debt of gratitude," McComas said. "They said 'Yes' to an idea that had never been attempted."

The impetus for the *Roarin' Down the Highway* project came from Lion Jim Groff, the MD's Disaster Relief Coordinator and a member of the Christiana Lions Club in District 14-D.

Groff, in his quest to line up needed resources if and when his committee was called upon for assistance in the wake of a disaster in the Commonwealth or an adjacent area, dreamed about having a tractor trailer wrapped in a vinyl shell bearing the Lions' colors of purple and gold and emblazoned with the words "Disaster Relief."

The proposal got unanimous support from the members of the 2018-2019 MD-14 Council of Governors, who approved the allocation of \$2,000 for the project.

"When we began to put the plan into action, we realized it needed adjusted," McComas said. "We talked best- and worst-case scenarios. For example: If we don't need this trailer for Disaster Relief, does it just set idle and unused in a garage or along a highway? What message would it deliver if a trailer bearing the Lions Club logo and the words 'Disaster Relief' was instead used to make normal every-day deliveries by the trucking company with which we have partnered? So we shifted gears and looked at 'getting the best bang for our buck and thought 'Why can't we use this trailer as a public relations and marketing tool?'"



The revised plan was presented to the 2019-2020 Council of Governors for their approval and gained its overwhelmingly support. Soon thereafter, as all the pieces fell into place – additional funding became available and project partners came onboard.

In the end, Groff's dream will come true – if and when resources are needed for Disaster Relief. The transportation partners have agreed to provide the tractor trailers for the transport of materials as needed to deliver recovery materials to impacted areas.

In the meantime, a strong visual message will be delivered: As Lions of Multiple District 14 Pennsylvania, *We Serve* our communities and residents.

Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lion Club's 1st Zoom Meeting:



Pictured top, left to right: Interpreter Jessica Mock, Lion Barb, King Lion Rich McGann with interpreter, Daniel. Bottom, left to right: Lion Antonella and her mom, Anita, PDG Dennis and Pug, Bindi, present but not shown Lion Ben and Lion Joy. GLT Lion Kamal

Tuesday, [September 8th](#) was a very unusual meeting for the Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club. Just like most clubs we had to meet virtually. This may seem ordinary for all other clubs, but the DeafBlind Club is unique because several members are deaf, deafblind, hearing impaired and have low vision. With the help of our regular interpreter, Jessica and a student interpreter, Daniel from CCAC, we were able to have a successful Zoom meeting. We also want to recognize GLT, Lion Kamal Gella for letting us use his Zoom account so we could have this meeting.

There were a few hiccups, but Lion Kamal was able to fix them. 1 of the highlights of our meeting was having Lion Antonella and her mother, Anita, join us. Before the end of 2019-2020, Lion Antonella accepted a position at Harvard University and moved to Boston. She made the decision to resign from our club. At the meeting on [Tuesday](#) she asked if she could be reinstated as a member of the club again. We welcome her with open arms. She was a great member in the past even though the miles separate us, she can still be an asset to the club.

The meeting adjourned with a new Zoom meeting to be scheduled for October 13th.

*Submitted by
Lion Barb Rebovich
Secretary PDBLC*



VDG Mary Ann's Lapel Pin Challenge

Continues with the following Lions proudly wearing their pins while out in public, promoting Lionism to its fullest!

Submit your pictures to VDG Mary Ann and we'll highlight your Lions Pride!



PDG Harold with DG Chris
at a luncheon in Penn Hills



VDG MaryAnn with DG Chris



DG Chris met with Lion
George Belles to give him his
Treasurer's lapel pin



DG Chris and wife, Lion Mary

SPOTLIGHTING LION RICHARD McGANN

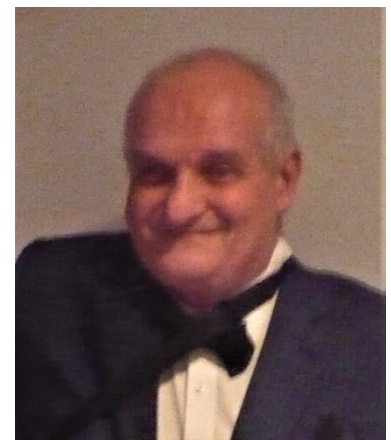
The following letter compiled by Lion Rich McGann, Charter President (October 24, 1994) and current President of the Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club, was sent to me by mistake. Lion Rich doesn't know how my name was added to the letter, but I'm glad that I was a recipient.

I was first introduced to Lion Rich and his now deceased wife Karen when the first Deaf and Blind Lions Club that met in Swissvale. PDG Tony DeJulius was the founding Lion for the club back then.

I was amazed with Lion Rich's communication skills 30 some years ago and I'm still amazed! Amazed. . This letter was produced using a braille machine with his desktop computer and mini braille machine he carries around with his iPhone.

I cannot imagine how anyone can be educated who is not only deaf, but also blind. It's beyond me how anyone can be taught to form the letters and then put them together without hearing what each letter sounds like. Very impressive. And that is why I have Lion Rich's permission to include his letter to show his ability to communicate. Lion Rich, you are an inspiration to all!

His letter on the following page is reprinted just as I received it, in order to show his skill in typing and communicating...



to all,

i am sharing with you all. i want to let you know that i got an email from joyce gallagher, sweet daughter of theona chioccioli who was deafblind herself from johnstown.

i want to tell you my fondest memory of theona as i really enjoy friendship with her. she was very perky and excited person. she never ran out of energy. she loved to have lot of party times, loved to go out as she never **sat** still. she loved to keep herself going out to make her life enlightened.

each time theona came with our group going to american association of deafblind convention/conference. she was fun-loving. person. my late wife, karen and i were wondering to find when theona asked us to help finding ssp for her. i asked one of my dear college students nancy hall. nancy was all excited to become theona's ssp. we had great time at aadb convention. somehow, nancy came to karen and me saying she couldn't find theona. oops! i forgot to warn nancy. my fault. i told nancy to relax as theona would come back just fine. during dinner time, theona popped up with big smiles. i did approach theona and said, did you have fun? she said yes. said good. and clapped. she laughed. i said to theona, your ssp is worried about you. you are naughty girl. theona smiled and said she had fun.

after theona moved to columbus colony, the next aadb conference, showed up in baltimore in 2006, theona was so excited to see me. i hugged her. theona introduced me to her staff for columbus colony. i told them that it was so pleased to meet them. two asked me to see me. that is why theona looked for you and theona wants you to tell us as joyce told us about you. i giggled. i said of course, you better be careful as theona could be in disappearing act soon. the staffers said oh no. i giggled. they were having tight look on her. i had evil grin.

now, let's make special prayers. i want to thank theona for giving me her special inspiring time as she is ready to sneak out from columbus colony and is ready to start new journey. theona, you are so blessed and we love you so much. we think of you so much. i bet you will be excited to see karen. i know karen would be thrilled to see you. and when it is time for me, i know karen would join you to sneak out for me. hahahaha. god bless you, theona.





As a result of the Mon River Fleet Lions' year-end distributions, President Jim Phillips and Club Secretary Laura Bosnak Thompson recently presented \$600 in Giant Eagle and Wal-Mart Gift Cards to each of the site directors of the McKeesport, Duquesne, and Clairton Family Centers. Shown with the President and Secretary are Jan Gooden from the Duquesne site and Jawanna Warren from the Clairton site. Each site will be able to purchase food and school supplies for families enrolled in their programs.

September 18 MRF Lions General Meeting

The Mon River Fleet Lions held its general membership meeting at Pavilion No. 2 in Renzie Park. What a meeting it was when project leader Lion Donna Maguire brought over 200 Snuggle Babies that were donated to Jamie's Dream Team. Jamie's Dream Team is a non-profit, dedicated public charity whose mission is to lift the spirits of those suffering from serious illness, injury, disability, or trauma. The Snuggle Babies project is part of the Mon River Fleet Lions' Club program to comfort pediatric cancer patients. The Lions are proposing another Snuggle Babies project in cooperation with Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh close to Christmas



Shown center-stage is Project Coordinator Lion Donna Maguire with Jamie Ward from Jamie's Dream Team as President Jim Phillips overlooks all the Snuggle Babies made from the Lions' love and hearts. From left to right, Lions Secretary Laura Bosnak Thompson, Tail-twister Marci Morales, board member Kathy Yurik, Lion Tamer Tim Roelf, board members Janet Kulis and Helen Stratigos, Rev. Arlene Walker, and Patrick Fisher are pictured above as they present the Snuggle Babies to Jamie.

*Submitted by:
Michele Matuch
Communications Chair*

Photo by 1st Vice President Yvonne Parhetta

Pleasant Hills Lions Club Meets for the First Time Since March

On September 14, 2020, the Pleasant Hills Lions Club met in person for the first time since early March. The meeting took place at a shelter at Mowery Park in Pleasant Hills. In normal times we hold a steak fry at this location to kick off the new Lions year. However, to be safe in light of the Covid19 situation, we opted for pizza.



The highlight of the evening was a visit from PID Cindy Gregg and her husband PDG Tom. PID Cindy had a very good reason for the visit. She was representing Lions International President Jung – Yul Choi, in presenting Lion Michael Zaken with the International President's Leadership Award. This is the third highest award in Lionism. Lion Mike has been a Lion since 2009. He has shown leadership at the club, serving as president three times, and leadership at the District level as chairman for Blind and Vision Services since 2011. Lion Mike is a true *Knight of the Blind* as he has held and still holds many leadership positions in several blind and visually impaired



organizations locally and throughout the state. He does all this without letting the fact that he is blind himself get in his way.

PID Cindy also presented the Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Counsellors Award to Lion Janet Hayes. Lion Janet has been a Lion since 2006. She has been an extremely active member having held several leadership positions including club president twice. She also takes a very active role in all service and fund-raising activities including being the perennial co-chair of the Spaghetti Dinner. At the district level she has served as Diabetes Awareness Chairman and District Chaplain.



To help round out the evening PDG Geoff Temple presented IPDG Marni Latterman with a Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation Fellowship. IPDG Marni in just five years of being a Lion has been club president twice, zone chair, first VDG, and District Governor. In her role as IPDG she now serves as chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee. IPDG Marni is also focused on providing service to the community by introducing various service activities to the club.



All in all, it was great to see these outstanding members be recognized for all their dedicated service. It was also nice to get to see my fellow club members in person for the first time in six months.



Respectfully submitted,
Lion Geoff Temple, PDG
Secretary – Pleasant Hills Lions Club



Bridgeville Greater Area Lions Club serving South Fayette,
Heidelberg, Collier and Bridgeville **4th annual**

Pasta Take Out Dinner



Thursday November 4th from 4 to 7

Where: **Crafty Jackalope**

608 Washington Ave., Bridgeville, PA



Menu

Rigatoni pasta

Meatballs

Salad

Garlic Bread

Dessert

Raffle Basket Auction

Silent Auction Items

50/50 Raffle

Dinners
\$12.00

Tickets and chances for the Raffle baskets, silent auction and 50/50 are available by going to the Bridgeville Greater Lions Facebook page. [Bridgeville Greater Area Lions](#) or buy them at the **Crafty Jackalope** when you pick up your dinner.



On October 15, White Cane Safety Day is observed around the world.

In the United States, it is a national observance, which was first celebrated in 1964, after the proclamation by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

White Cane Safety Day celebrates the achievements of blind or visually impaired people. A white cane is an important mobility tool for such people as well as the symbol of their independence. Canes have been used by blind people for centuries, but the white cane was introduced in the early 20th century. Canes were painted white to be more easily visible.

In the United States, white canes were introduced and promoted by Lion Clubs International. There are different types of the white cane such as long cane (also known as Hoover cane), guide cane, identification cane (symbol cane), support cane, and kiddie cane. Not all of them are used as a mobility device. For instance, the ID cane alerts others as to its bearer's visual impairment but is of no help as a mobility tool. The white cane is one of the symbols of a blind person's independence as it ensures their ability to come and go on their own. In 2011, President Barack Obama also referred to White Cane Safety Day as Blind Americans Equality Day.

On White Cane Awareness Day, and throughout Meet the Blind Month, members of the National Federation of the Blind conduct activities in their local communities such as white cane walks, film screenings, and social events. To get involved and show support contact them directly for more information.

Editor's Note: There is no easier way of raising much needed funds than to co conduct a White Cane Day. Stickers are available from Lions International



LIONS WHITE CANE TAGS

Lions everywhere have successfully engaged in White Cane Tag Day fund raising campaigns. These white cane tags are given to contributors during the campaign. Stick-on paper stickers. Contributors may put on clothing, car, etc. Minimum 1000 stickers.

\$235 \$24.95

If and when your Lions Club does have a White Cane Day (or Days!) please make sure you contact our District White Cane Day Chairman, Lion J.R. Wilson so he can tally up the total funds that were collected. He may be contacted at 412.303.4268 and leave a message on his voice mail.

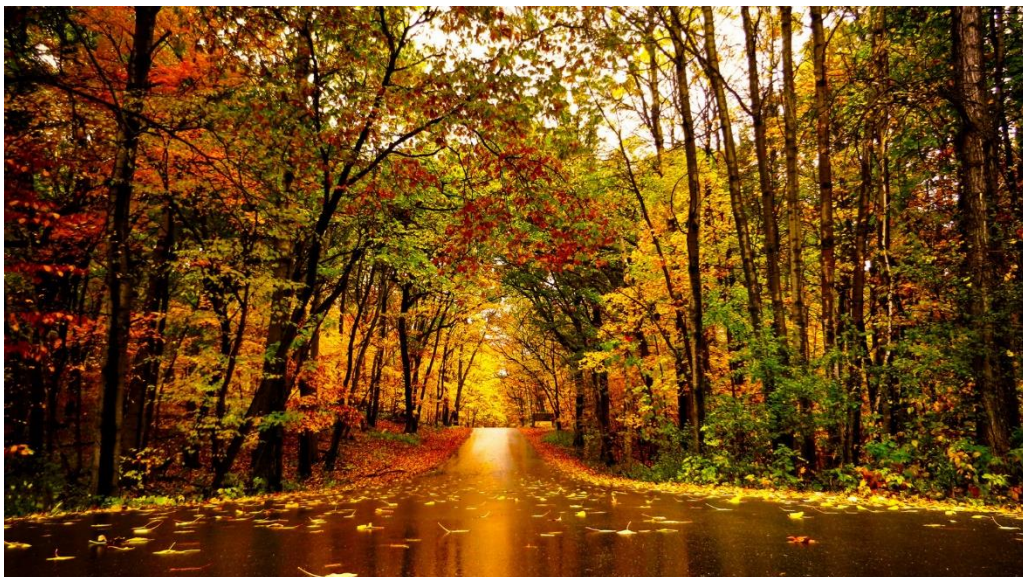


**"I am only one;
but still I am one.**

**I cannot do
everything,
but still
I can do something.**

**I will not refuse
to do something
I can do."**

- Helen Keller



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La Pinta



La Niña



Santa Maria



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Introducing your District LCIF Chairperson...

I'm Annette James from McKeesport Lions Club, your 2020/2021 LCIF District Coordinator for District 14B. I am honored that District Governor Chris Raynak asked me to be the LCIF District Coordinator during his tenure. LCIF was founded in 1968 with the mission of supporting the efforts of Lions Clubs not only locally, but globally. The foundation has five Global Causes that I'm sure all of you are aware of by now: Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment and Childhood Cancer. It's important to support not only these causes, but also the Focus Areas of Youth, Disaster Relief and Humanity. All of these make up the reason that LCIF exists, to help others. After all, isn't that what being a Lion is all about? Let's just explore these causes a bit:

1. **Diabetes** – More than 422 million people live with diabetes, and it's the 8th leading cause of death in the world. We have a terrific resource to help us right in our area, the Lions Diabetes Center located at UPMC McKeesport Hospital. The folks there can help you with any questions, or even help you set up a diabetes-friendly diet.
2. **Vision** – Whether collecting used eyeglasses for recycling or donating to such causes as Leader Dog or Sight First, you can make a big impact on others' lives. Your club can sponsor a Leader Dog puppy for only \$500 or give to Sight First to help them deliver eye care services to underserved populations.
3. **Hunger** – One in 9 people in the world don't have enough to eat on a daily basis. The LCIF Hunger Grant Program supports food banks, school-based feeding programs, and community soup kitchens.
4. **Environment** – 80% of the world's population will live in a water-stressed area within five years. LCIF grants can help people in underdeveloped countries by drilling wells. We can help make a difference in our neighborhoods by just picking up litter.
5. **Childhood Cancer** – Lions have helped those in low and middle-income countries by funding the development of infrastructure at Global HOPE centers, which helps improve care for children with cancer.
6. **Youth** – We can help improve access to quality education, vital health services and positive youth development by giving to LCIF.
7. **Disaster Relief** – Grants available include Emergency Relief, Community Recovery and Disaster Preparedness. In times like these, our support is more important than ever.
8. **Humanity** – Grants available include Matching Grants and Grants to help end Measles. In developing countries, measles is a major cause of childhood deaths.

Giving to LCIF is easy! Donations can be made online at www.lcif.org/donate with a credit card or through PayPal, mailed to LCIF headquarters, or through the easiest way yet, when online shopping! If you shop online at Amazon, please consider signing up with Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to LCIF. All you have to do is remember to sign-in through Amazon Smile! When voting on where to donate this year, keep LCIF at the top of your list, and remember all the good it does not only in our little part of the world, but world-wide.

Lion Annette James

District LCIF Chair

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DIABETES



ENVIRONMENT



HUNGER



VISION



CHILDHOOD CANCER



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***“What we have done for ourselves
alone dies with us; what we have done
for others remains and is immortal.”***

- Albert Pike.



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PA State Council of Lions Clubs Special Election.

Date: September 28, 2020

The Special Election, due at the November State Council Meeting on November 6 thru 8, 2020 will still take place.

The necessity of this Special Election is to complete the two outstanding Ballot Questions, originally scheduled for a vote at the May 2020 State Convention.

The Council of Governors, at a Zoom Meeting on Sunday, September 20th approved the Multiple District hold an Electronic Election and selected Election Runner as the application of choice.

This letter will now serve as the official notice of the manner and timing of an Electronic Special Election, using electionrunner.com to be conducted by the MD14 Lions of Pennsylvania on **Sunday, November 8, 2020 – between the hours of 12 noon and 8pm.**

An election packet will be mailed to each District Governor in time for inclusion in their Newsletters and for distribution by their District Secretary/Certification Chair to Club Presidents and Secretaries containing the following documentation to guide them through the process:

1. **Election Process** - sets forth the steps and timing of the election to ensure its successful completion.
2. **Delegate Collection Spreadsheet** – an excel spreadsheet to enter the Delegate names, member numbers (for certification purposes only) and email addresses to be uploaded to electionrunner.com.
3. **Official Delegate Certification Form** - each Club Secretary and/or President must complete and return this and the **Delegate Collection Spreadsheet** to the State Office, preferably by email, by **Friday October 23, 2020.**
4. **Sample Letter to Clubs including the Potential Delegate Count** - showing simplified process and the number of delegates that each club in each District is entitled to.
5. **Ballot Questions** – copies of the two Ballot Questions.
6. **Unpaid Dues Schedule** - Dues must be paid to Lions Clubs International no later than **Monday October 14, 2020** for a club to be entitled to have their nominated delegates to vote in this election. (Each District receives their own District Recap Report to be included in this packet).

It is very important that all delegates have a correct email address as the election will be conducted electronically (no paper ballots will be sent.)

It is especially important that the timeframes set forth in the Election Process document are adhered to for the election to be completed and it is imperative that Clubs notify their delegates of this process, so they know what to expect.

Once all delegates have been certified by the Districts and sent to the State Office, 17 sub elections will be set up and delegate information uploaded into electionrunner.com.

On **Sunday, November 8, 2020** an Invitation to Vote will be issued to every certified delegate from ***electionrunner.com*** and will contain:

- a link to access the system to record your vote
- a Unique Voter ID and Voter Key. The use of these ensures the ballots remain secret.

Voting must be completed no later than **Sunday November 8, 2020 at 8pm.**

Any questions regarding this process can be directed to:

CC Marilyn Wagner - marilynwagner23@gmail.com or 484-557-8168.

SA Bob McComas – bobmccomas@palions.org

Sincerely,

Marilyn Wagner
Council Chairperson
Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs



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Ballot Question 1

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CONCERNS AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS MULTIPLE DISTRICT-14 (PENNSYLVANIA) CONSTITUTION. TO BE ADOPTED, THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE CERTIFIED DELEGATES CASTING A VOTE.

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4, COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.

THE RESOLUTION ADDS LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY : 1) THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON; 2) THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTING A REPLACEMENT IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON POSITION; AND 3) THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON ROTATION.

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2021, Article VII, Section 4, will read as follows:

"Section 4: COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON. The Chairperson of the State Council shall be the Immediate Past District Governor who had served in the capacity of Vice-Chairperson during the preceding year, who for the year 2020-2021 shall be from Sub-District P. The Council Chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

In the event, either before or after becoming the Chairperson, if unable or refuses to serve, or having accepted, resigns or dies, then the District Governor of that sub-district shall appoint a Past-District Governor who is resident in and a member in good standing of a Lions Club in that sub-district to serve out the term of office. If no Past District Governor from the sub-district is willing to serve, then the sitting Council of Governors will appoint a Past District Governor from the two preceding State Councils who is a resident in and member in good standing of a Lions Club in Pennsylvania to serve the remaining term of office. The normal Council Chairperson rotation will resume when the replacement Council Chairperson's term of office is completed.

SHALL THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? YES NO



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Ballot Question 2

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CONCERNS AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS MULTIPLE DISTRICT-14 (PENNSYLVANIA) BY-LAWS. TO BE ADOPTED, THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE MAJORITY OF THE CERTIFIED DELEGATES CASTING A VOTE.

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

THE RESOLUTION MODIFIES THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CURRENT \$16 PER-CAPITA DUES AS FOLLOWS, STARTING JULY 1 2021:

- ELIMINATES THE "PROMOTION FUND" OF \$0.35
- INCREASES THE "STATE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND" FROM \$8.50 TO \$9.60
- INCREASES THE "SUB-DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FUND" FROM \$2.50 TO \$3.00
- REPLACES THE "PENNSYLVANIA NEWS PUBLICATION FUND" WITH THE "COMMUNICATION/WEB/PRIDE FUND" AND REDUCES THE ALLOCATION FROM \$1.50 TO \$0.25

THE RESOLUTION **DOES NOT** INCREASE OR DECREASE THE CURRENT OVERALL DUES

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2021, Article VI, Section 2, will read as follows:

Section 2. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. The funds so collected shall be used, distributed, and credited as follows:

- a. State Convention Administrative fund - \$0.45
- b. International Convention Fund - \$0.85
- c. District Governors International Convention Expense Fund - \$0.35
- d. State Council Administrative Fund - \$9.60
- e. Sub-Districts Administrative Fund - \$3.00
- f. Communication/Web/PRIDE Fund - \$0.25
- g. All-State Band - \$1.50

SHALL THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? YES NO



Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs Special Election OFFICIAL DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM

Online Voting via electionrunner.com: Sunday November 8, 2020

Please type or print neatly

Completed forms must be received at the District Secretary/Certification Chair by Friday,
October 23, 2020.

Club Name: _____

District: _____

DELEGATES: based on 7/01/2020 membership count – 1 delegate for every 10 members or major fraction thereof.

| Name and Member # | E-Mail |
|-------------------|--------|
| 1. | |
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| 10. | |

DISTRICT GOVERNORS/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS/PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS – these delegates are in addition to your Club's LCI defined delegate quota

| Name and Member # | Email: |
|-------------------|--------|
| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| 4. | |
| 5. | |

I, the President or Secretary of the aforementioned Pennsylvania Lions Club, certify that the above named Lions have been selected as our Club's delegates to vote in the MD14 November 8, 2020 Special Election

Signature

Title

Date