



The Cauldron



District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

October 2024



From the Desk of International President Fabricio Oliveira



Dear Lion,

Our service is extraordinary, so let's promote it with extraordinary marketing. Every Lion is a club promoter, so you should proudly share with others the life-changing service you and your club are doing.

There are many great resources on the Lion website to help you tailor social media, engage the press, and market your service projects in your community.

Let's all make a commitment to grow our great association through encouraging others to join our service by sharing impactful photos, videos and stories and wearing Lion-branded gear whenever and wherever you serve.

At your service,

**Fabrício Oliveira
International President**

Get results with great marketing

Great marketing and public relations can shine a spotlight on your club and your service while encouraging others to join you. So be sure you are using all the marketing and PR resources that Lions International offers:

- **Marketing Matters page** – Discover great marketing, branding and promotional tools that can help energize your service.
- **Lions Press Center** – Download a media kit and promotional materials, including sample media interview questions, fact sheets, and photos.
- **Social media** – Make an impact by posting photos of your service on social media.

So increase your visibility—and your impact—with great marketing and PR tools.

From the desk of **District Governor Mike Crossey**

Fellow Lions and Leos,

We have all heard about having a positive mental attitude. I believe we need to have a positive LION attitude. WHY? Because positive thinking- leads to positive believing, and positive believing leads to positive action. Many of us, me included, have talked about why it's so hard to recruit members. Folks say: We are older. People are too busy. People aren't interested like they used to be.

When we ask ourselves why we can't recruit members- our brain automatically comes up with the reasons why we can't recruit, and why we are right.

But, what if, instead of asking why we can't recruit, we asked: How can we recruit better? Why would someone want to join me in the Lions? I believe our brain would also tell us all the reasons why people will join.

We just need to ask the right questions to ourselves 1st, then to our friends, our neighbors, our coworkers, our coffee (or whatever else you drink) buddies.



REASONS why people should join the LIONS:

1. Be part of a team that makes a difference.
2. New friends, New opportunities, New chances to grow.
3. Solve important problems in our community.
4. WORK ON GLOBAL ISSUES: Blindness, hearing loss and impairment, the Diabetes Crisis, Childhood Cancer, Food Insecurity, Environmental, Weather-related emergencies, and our own neighborhood problems

All important, needed, and critical to our society.

THE NUMBER ONE REASON PEOPLE DON'T JOIN!!!

No one ever asked them.

Think about it. Do something about it. ASK someone

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Michael J. Crossey

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Phone: 412-983-8387



LION RALPH IMBROGNO

First Vice District Governor



Fellow Lions and Leos,

OUR VISIT TO LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND VISIT

At the end of August my Partner in Service, Lion Patty, and myself were invited to participate with other First Vice District Governors from across the country in a Leader Dog weekend at their campus in Rochester Hills Michigan.

It was one of the most informative and stimulating Lion experiences ever. We learned about the Leader Dog organization as well as the blind and visually impaired who use the Leader Dog as a guide to create a more normal daily life. When we first arrived at the hotel in Romulus Michigan we participated in a meet and greet social to become acquainted with the other participants. There were First VDG Lions from a dozen states in our group, which was the first of the four invited.

The next morning we took shuttle busses to the Leader Dog facility. When we arrived there, we all gathered in a large meeting room and were greeted by Leader Dog employees. There were speakers for a good bit of the morning, including the Leader Dog's President and CEO. The keynote speaker was a Leader Dog Ambassador who spoke of his experience as a visually impaired person and how Leader Dogs for the Blind changed his life. He now actively lives with his blindness with his Leader Dog named Dove after having led a very active outdoor life and having had a rewarding 20 year career as a paramedic and ambulance operations coordinator.

During the day we toured the facility and got to see first-hand where the Leader Dog recipients are housed and trained for several weeks. We learned that not only are the Leader Dogs trained, but the blind users of the program are trained as well.

We also toured the area where the dogs are bred and housed during training. We also were able to walk blindfolded with a Leader Dog to get a sense of how it feels to be blind and how important it is to have a Leader Dog as a guide. Later at the "Dinner in the Dark" we were again blindfolded, and we ate dinner as a blind person. The entire weekend was designed to give us valuable information about Leader Dog and also to give us a sense of the various challenges that the blind and visually impaired have to deal with.

Since the Leader Dogs and the training are provided at no charge to the recipients, I want to impress upon you how **IMPORTANT** it is for our Clubs to support Leader Dogs for the Blind and possibly increase your donations even more!

Lion Ralph Imbrogno

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***"ALWAYS REMEMBER TO FOLLOW YOUR HEART AND
CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER!"***

In Loving Memory



Pajama Drive

supporting

Children & Youth Services

(Foster Care)

of our PA Counties

What: pajamas of all sizes from newborn through age 18.

The greatest need is for teenage youth.

(Appropriate PJs please, no spaghetti straps or short-shorts.)

When: through October 25th, 2024

Where: give the pajamas to your local **Lions Club**.

The Lions will bring them to our PA Lions Council Meeting at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey on October 25, 2024.

for more information contact LionLisa14U@gmail.com



We Serve





NAME	CLUB	SPONSOR
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**NO NEW MEMBERS TO RPORT...
NEW SECRETARIES TRYING TO FIGUREE OUT THE LION PORTAL!**

Since July 1, 2024, here's what our District membership looks like from the Lion Portal...
July 1st 636 Members added 2 dropped 1 August 31ST 638
We are ranked 15th out of the 17 Districts with Districts 14W beneath us.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP *	
14G	1475
14A	1262
14D	1172
14C	1160
14T	1152
14M	1010
14F	915
14N	930
14P	895
14U	838
14L	838
14K	731
14J	716
14E	688
14B	638
14H	630
14W	575
TOTAL	15,629
*as of 8 /31/2024 Assessment Report	



OCTOBER'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Monroeville Lions Club – 72 years
October 2, 1952

Pittsburgh Hilltop Lions Club – 39 years
October 7, 1985

Robinson Lions Club – 69 years
October 10, 1955

Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club – 30 years
October 24, 1994

Homestead District Lions Club - 77 years
October 30, 1947

NEW DISTRICT PROJECT



Anew District Project was unanimously approved at the August Cabinet meeting . We will be purchasing a retinal camera to replace the one that has been in use for over two decade, at the 9th Street Clinic in McKeesport. WE will be asking each of our thirty Lions clubs to support this project. Additional information will be sent out via email within the next few weeks.



Knights of the Blind

The Mt. Lebanon Lions Club Recognizes Long-Time Service and Membership

At the September business meeting of the Mt Lebanon Lions, a new member, Craig Rossetti, was installed while two long-term volunteers were honored for service through the distinguished Melvin Jones Fellowship award. In addition, long contributing Dan Smith received the Progressive Jones recognition. Thanks for the continuing service of these individuals.



Craig Rossetti receiving his Certificate of Membership, following his induction into the Mt Lebanon Lions Club today, from Sponsor and Club President Sue Lauer

Dan Smith, recipient of the prestigious “Progressive (diamond) Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.” With him are Sue Lauer, Club President and John Brown, Past Club President, and Award Committee Chairperson.



Marshall Waddell (second from left) and Marjorie Kemper (right), recipients of the prestigious “Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.” John Brown, past club president, and award committee chairperson, and Sue Lauer, club president, are with them.



Submitted by John Brown/ Awards Chairperson

TARENTUM AREA LIONS CLUB KICK OFF NEW YEAR

The Tarentum Area Lions Club started off the new year with a steak and corn dinner to celebrate Lions fellowship. At our second meeting of the new year, we inducted two new Lions Cathy Ferrera & Michelle Pracko. Our club over the past few years has been showing positive growth and keeping our current members.

Submitted by Lion Tom Ceschini



9TH ANNUAL GRANDVIEW LION'S CLUB



What is it?

Just like Trick or Treat, but you go
car to car not door to door

where is it?

Shiloh Street

when is it?

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Parade starts at the corner of Grandview Avenue and Shiloh Street at 11:30 am, where children 12 and under will parade down Shiloh to the parking garage to "Trunk or Treat" till 1:00 pm.

*We will begin to line children up at 11:00 am.

Come join the Grandview Lion's Club and your neighbors for an afternoon of food, fun, pumpkins, and candy!

Space is limited, so if you would like to pass out candy, please call Dave D 412-916-7954.



BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH

Meet me at the bridge

425 Bower Hill Road
Bridgeville, PA 15017-2379
Phone: 412.221.6012
Fax: 412-257-8854
www.bridgevilleboro.com

September 9, 2024

Bridgeville Greater Area Lions Club
c/o Mr. Dale Livingston
1252 Cook School Road
Bridgeville, PA 15017

RE: McLaughlin Run Park Meadow Project

Dear Lions,

On behalf of the Borough of Bridgeville, thank you for your support, generosity and dedication to the community with the recent donation of four benches to be placed in the new McLaughlin Run Park Meadow.

This exciting project came about from recent community input that created the 2024 Bridgeville Comprehensive Plan, and it will transform the former McLaughlin Run Park ballfield site into a passive wildflower meadow that will have walking paths cut into it. It is envisioned that this project will enhance this gateway into Bridgeville and give this area of the park a recreational purpose again while enhancing its flood mitigation duties. Work on this project recently began and it is anticipated that it should be planted later this fall. The signage and benches will be installed after the planting has been completed.

We are extremely appreciative of the Bridgeville Great Area Lions Club's service and commitment to our communities. Your membership is truly making a positive difference and impact in Bridgeville. We will keep you posted as this project develops and look forward to having you take part in its grand opening next year.

Respectfully yours,

THE BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE


Betty K. Copeland, Mayor


Bruce Ghelarducci, Vice President


Justine Cimarolli, Councilwoman


Jason Ferri, Councilman


Joseph Verduci, President of Council


William Henderson, Councilman


Jason Sarasnick, Councilman


Shane Franchick, Councilman



Lions Clubs International

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 14B – PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Kirby R. Marchand, PDG
3402 Fieldcrest Drive
North Versailles, PA. 15137

September 1, 2024

Dear District 14-B PDGs, Lions Clubs, and Lions.

As you may be aware, District 14B will host the Friday evening hospitality room at the Multi-District 14 (MD14) State Council Meeting in Harrisburg during the weekend of October 24-26, 2024.

To pay for the hospitality room, we will have a basket raffle with proceeds going for expenses. Therefore, we are asking each District 14B Club to donate a basket valued at approximately \$50. We are also asking each District 14B PDG to donate a basket

Baskets should not contain wine, beer, or liquor, but may contain gift cards or gift certificates for such. Please wrap your basket in clear cellophane and include a card with your club name and basket theme (i.e. "Italian Dinner", "Steeler Basket", etc.).

We would like to pick up all baskets during the weeks of October 6 through October 20. Please call me at 412-370-0555 or Lion Barb Marchand at 412-613-4667 to arrange pick up.

Yours in Friendship and Lionism,

Kirby Marchand, PDG
Lions Clubs International District 14B

OCTOBER COUNCIL BASKET RAFFLE



Looking for basket donations from each club and PDG in District 14B Baskets are also welcome from any individual who would like to donate. Value should be about \$50.

**No alcohol baskets please.
(Gift cards for alcohol are OK)**

Call PDG Kirby at 412-370-0555 for pickup



MISSION OF MERCY PITTSBURGH



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2024 EVENT!

Friday, Nov. 1 & Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024
Set-up will be Oct. 31

A COMMUNITY OF COMPASSION | 2023 EVENT VIDEO



THANK YOU! On October 27 and 28, 2023, clinical and general volunteers joined together at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center to give their time, their talent and their hearts to those in need of dental, vision and hearing care.

Thanks to our compassionate volunteers, every patient received respectful care, had their pain alleviated, their smile returned, their vision corrected, their hearing evaluated and their life improved.

General Volunteers needed for Patient Registration, Patient Ambassador (escort patients in the clinic), Patient Exit Interview, Volunteer Registration, Translator, Patient and Volunteer Hospitality, Set-up, Tear-Down, Technology Support.

For additional information, please go to <https://mompgh.org/>



City of McKeesport - Mayor's Office

August 27 at 10:53 AM · 🌐

What distinguishes McKeesport from other communities? They say, "Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger." To us, this slogan means remaining forever-active in the McKeesport community by supporting small businesses, getting involved in community-based organizations, and visiting the unique assets found within our hometown.

The McKEESPORT SPOTLIGHT series will feature our community's organizations, small businesses, and destinations!

Let's start with the McKEESPORT LIONS CLUB, who will be extra visible in Renziehausen Park this weekend for the Renzie Rib Fest.

For more than a century, the Lions Clubs International have empowered volunteers to improve health and wellbeing, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants. The McKeesport Lions Club – the third oldest in Pennsylvania – is active in community events including the Summer Concert Series, Renzie Rib Fest, and Salute to Santa Parade. Members participate in cleanup days, eyeglasses collections for international charities, pop tab collections for Ronald McDonald House, and broom & garbage bag sales to support club outreach.

To join the McKeesport Lions Club, contact Secretary Annette James at 412-675-5020, ext. 603.

Submitted by Lion Annette James, Secretary

Community Blood Drive Sponsored by the Lions and Rotary Clubs

On September 18, a joint blood drive was held at Sampsons Mills Presbyterian Church that was hosted by Lions & Rotary members! It was great getting together with the different clubs for a common goal, helping others in need. The McKeesport Lions Club, White Oak Lions Club, Mon River Fleet Lions Club and White Oak Rotary Club sponsored the drive. During the drive, while they manned the canteen, discussions among members of the club focused on the club's common goals and all agreed that we should do more joint projects for a greater impact on our area. This isn't the first joint project – the McKeesport Lions and White Oak Rotary banded together a few months ago to beautify an existing planter and install a peace pole at Stephen Barry Field in Renziehausen Park.

+ Submitted by Lion Annette James, Secretary, McKeesport Lions Club



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OLDIES DANCE
(50's, 60's, 70's)

SPONSORED BY ELFINWILD LIONS CLUB

October 12th 7:30-11:30

ST. URSULA'S CHURCH HALL

DUNCAN AVENUE

\$25/Person

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDE LIGHT BUFFET, BEER, POP, WATER

BYOB

CALL FOR TICKETS: 412.487.1888

or visit Shaler Library to purchase tickets



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LEADING THE WAY



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND - LIONS NEWSLETTER

Partner with Leader Dogs for the Blind for Your LCIF DCG Project!

What Are District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCGs)?

- DCGs allow clubs and districts to utilize a portion of the funds they donate to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Clubs that donate at least \$5,000, and districts that donate at least \$10,000 within a fiscal year, qualify to apply for a grant equal to 15% of their total contributions (excluding disaster donations).
- Eligible Projects: DCG funds support specific humanitarian activities that highlight the role of Lions in their communities. The funds cannot be used to pay membership dues or establish reserve funds.

Why Choose Leader Dogs for the Blind as Your Project?

- By choosing Leader Dogs for the Blind as your DCG project, you are directly supporting a nonprofit that serves individuals in your own community who are blind or visually impaired.
- Founded by Lions Club members in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind has a long-standing, deep connection with the Lions Clubs International community. We've partnered with over 4,900 Lions clubs worldwide to serve more than 17,000 clients across the globe, including many in your own neighborhoods.
- Lions are integral to our mission. They identify community members who could benefit from our services, provide direct assistance to clients, and help spread awareness about our programs. Lions contribute as Leader Dog Chairs, puppy raisers, and hosts for breeding stock dogs, while also advocating for the blind and visually impaired in their communities.
- By choosing Leader Dogs for the Blind, your club will help empower people with independence and mobility, fostering stronger, more inclusive communities.

Join Us in Making a Difference!

By selecting Leader Dogs for the Blind as your DCG project, you are contributing to a legacy of service and support that spans across the globe while directly impacting your local community. Together, we can empower individuals with vision loss to live more independent, fulfilling lives.

Contact Us today to learn more about how your club or district can partner with Leader Dogs for the Blind!

SCAN TO LEARN MORE!





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2024 STRIDES WALK

Sunday, November 10, 2-4 pm
Westmoreland Mall
Greensburg, PA 15650

Donation: \$25 per walker (cash or check payable to LDBAW)

Includes: LDBAW t-shirt and diabetes information kit

Proceeds provide financial assistance to patients with diabetes 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.

How to Register:

Contact Us: Email to LionMaryAnnB14b@gmail.com or text message 412-983-8956

Include: Name, phone number, email address, T-shirt size. (Unisex sizes S - 2XL)

Payment: By mail or on-site at the event. Cash or check only, payable to LDBAW.

Mail to: PDG Lion Mary Ann Belles, 1274 Old Meadow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

2024 LDBAW STRIDES WALK Sponsors:



include: name, phone number, email address, T-shirt size (Unisex sizes S - 2XL)



Happy Halloween!