



# The Cauldron



**District 14B's Monthly Newsletter  
September 2020**

Greetings Fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful weather as the end of summer comes near. Now starts my busy time visiting clubs. I hope you are all meeting in some way. We have clubs meeting online, by telephone, at park pavilions, even in parking lots! Don't lose the continuity of meeting. Be sure to connect with fellow members by writing an email, giving a telephone call, or sending a text. I will be confirming upcoming visits with the Presidents and Secretaries as they were outlined in the Cauldron and the Directory. If there are any conflicts, please let me know. As your club plans a new year of Lions activities, make sure service remains at the forefront of your club's time and energy. Identify new ways to serve others in a meaningful and impactful manner. The health of your club depends on it! There has been concern of what type of service projects can be done with the COVID-19 regulations in place. Well, what about a food drive? Advertise in the community for a contactless food pick up at the local park. Members can pick bags or boxes of food out of the contributor's trunk. The club can drop off the donations at the local foodbank or shelter. Same can go for an outerwear clothing drive. New or gently used hats, gloves, coats, or sweaters can be handled the same way. And of course, one of our District's favorite causes -- Project Safety Net is always in need of the same type clothing as well as warm tube socks or underwear. Plans are just that—plans, not set in stone. So as the adjustments are needed, we will grit our teeth and proceed forward.



Our first Cabinet meeting in August was phenomenal. It was held online through Zoom. It was a good attendance by the cabinet. Many great ideas were discussed. Also, during the month there were training sessions for Zone Chairs, Secretaries, and Treasurers. Thank you to GLT Dr. Kamal Gella and VDG Mary Ann as well as Treasurer George Belles for your work in presenting the training. I want to thank West Mifflin Lions Club for the hospitality shown to me and Lion Mary at their kickoff picnic and Officer Installation. It was good to see you all again. And to Whitehall Community Lions, thank you for the invite and fun during your "ZOOM" installation. That was a first for me. I attended the Monroeville Lions Club Golf outing also during the month. Even with the many COVID restrictions it was an innovative and I hear a successful event.

I want to present an opportunity concerning a district wide project that I feel will generate some excitement as well as some funding to both the clubs as well as to the district treasury. There is a vendor that will sell us protective face masks imprinted with our 14 B name and Lions logo. We all know we are asked to use masks while in public. This is an opportunity to show our LIONS pride to the world as we protect others. The idea is to not only sell them to all Lions, but to sell them as a fundraiser for the clubs. What better way to leverage the need for masks to the public and have a much-needed fundraiser? The proposal is to offer two variations of the mask. One royal blue color with white imprint reading DISTRICT 14-B with the Lions logo. The other green in color with white logo and PA LIONS MD-14. The Green ones can be offered to other districts and state officers. Each mask will cost the club \$7.00. Of that .50¢ designated to the club admin fund; .50¢ to the District admin fund; \$1.00 to the Governor's charitable project or projects. Each club may then sell

the masks for a club determined amount to be used for their own charitable causes. There is no minimum order, they are local so pickup will save on shipping. This project was not designed to just be a fundraiser. It was designed to bring EXCITEMENT back to the district! Something to show our fellow Lions as well as our communities we are still here, and WE SERVE! There is more information available in this newsletter (See page 5). You can always contact me or the Zone Chairs for more details.

***It's great to be a Lion!***

**Chris Raynak**

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## Vice District Governor Lion Mary Ann Belles

Greetings Fellow Lions, Leos, Lionesses, and visitors,

Well, here we are starting September 2020. Students are starting back to school, either online or in person. We sure have had an interesting summer. Events cancelled/postponed to 2021. We as Lions have continued to serve our communities. It is so wonderful to see all the service projects posted on MyLion. Club Secretaries keep up the good work!! If you are having any trouble, please don't hesitate to contact me for help.

I would like to talk about the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. This time about how to sponsor a contest in these days of COVID19. This year's theme is "Peace Through Service."

Find a community page for your area on Facebook. Your Peace Poster Contest Chairperson of your Club can post on the community page promoting the Contest. Give the parents a name, phone number and email address to contact you for questions. Once the parents/students start showing interest in the Contest, your Club is going to have to make some decisions based on how your local school is learning. You can make arrangements for the posters to be dropped off at a local business if the school is not allowing parents into the building.

Once you have the posters for your school, you will need to choose the poster to represent your club. I suggest you take pictures of the posters, then post those pictures on a Facebook page for the members of the community to choose the poster they like the best.

I know this sounds like some extra work. I believe that promoting the Peace Poster Contest to your local communities shows another way Lions are serving. Our Youth are the future of Lions. If you would like more information on how to sponsor a Peace Poster Contest, please call me or email me.

In September 2020, we are planning a Club President Training session via Zoom. Once all the plans have been finalized, PDG Harold Fletcher will pass on the information.

Is there any other training you would be interested in participating in? Please call me or email me so we can talk about it.

I would like to come visit your club. District Governor Chris has a schedule. I do not. Please help me fill my schedule by calling me or emailing me when your club is available for a visit.

*Let's Soar into Service!*

*Mary Ann Belles*

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**AUTUMNAL EQUINOX 2020:  
THE FIRST DAY OF FALL**

**Arrives September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:31 AM EST**

# Editor's Corner

Ask1

By PDG Harold Fletcher

"This 'n' That!"

Ask1

**Post Gazette rates:** Just a personal note to maybe be able to save some money for our Lions Club members. If you currently subscribe to the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, check your latest invoice. If you are paying more than \$32.50 for the 13 week subscription for the 3 days of delivery and 4 days online, you are paying way too much. I sent this out via email several moths ago, but there are always those who might not read their emails. My bill went from \$82.00 for 13 weeks down to \$32.50. Just call the subscription department at the PG and ask for this rate.



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The Middlebury Lions Club was not discouraged when their annual auction was cancelled due to COVID-19. Instead, they held a successful drive-thru chicken barbecue to raise funds for their community.

The Babylon Lions Club held a drive through pancake breakfast to celebrate Father's Day in their community. Breakfast was free for community members - a simple act of kindness from local Lions.

I wear a mask to protect you...  
Could you please wear a mask to  
protect me?

## SEPTEMBER'S CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

West Mifflin Lions Club - 67 years  
September 14, 1953







## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

### 2020-2021

#### September 2020

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

#### October 2020

5 – Homestead District  
8<sup>th</sup> – Elfinwild  
13<sup>th</sup> - University of Pittsburgh  
20<sup>th</sup> – Pitcairn  
27<sup>th</sup> - Pittsburgh North Side  
28<sup>th</sup> – Whitehall Community

#### November 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> – Sto-Ken-Rox  
4<sup>th</sup> – West Mifflin  
10<sup>th</sup> – Pittsburgh Grandview  
17<sup>th</sup> – Oakmont  
18<sup>th</sup> – Bethel Park Lioness  
24<sup>th</sup> – South Park

#### December 2020

1<sup>st</sup> – Bridgeville Greater Area  
7<sup>th</sup> – Central Elizabeth  
11<sup>th</sup> – Pittsburgh Host

#### January 2021

5<sup>th</sup> – Robinson Township  
13<sup>th</sup> – Mount Lebanon (afternoon)  
14<sup>th</sup> – Pittsburgh Hilltop  
19<sup>th</sup> – Bethel Park  
20<sup>th</sup> – Forest Hills  
26<sup>th</sup> – McKeesport  
27<sup>th</sup> – Monroeville

#### February 2021

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

#### March 2021

9<sup>th</sup> – Pittsburgh Deaf Blind  
10<sup>th</sup> – Glassport (evening)

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](mailto: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



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## 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).

# NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE

NAMI has **4** objectives which drive towards  
a single goal:

**Increasing the number of Lions in  
the US & Canada (CA1).**

**1**

Rejuvenate  
Districts with  
New Clubs

## **EXTEND THE SERVICE IMPACT AREA**

This is where Districts will be able to use resources such as Community Needs Assessment, Branch Clubs, the Join Together program and others to build new clubs in areas where there is a need, but no service force

## **INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HANDS DOING SERVICE WORK**

New members in clubs means new ideas and new potential leaders. And of course, remember that for each new member, on average another 70 people can be positively impacted.

Revitalize  
clubs with new  
members

**2**

**3**

Re-motivate  
members

## **LEARN WHAT BRINGS OUT THE PASSION, DO THAT**

Sometimes just mixing things up will bring out the excitement of why members became a Lion in the first place. It comes with engagement, empowerment and making sure members are satisfied with new fellowships and exciting service.

## **EDUCATE MEMBERS ON POSITION IMPORTANCE**

This objective is all about helping members learn about the importance of each position within the Lion Club team and providing training so they are comfortable stepping into that next role, having their voice heard, and being an active member.

Leader  
Support

**4**

## **NONE OF THIS IS POSSIBLE WITH OUT YOU!**

As with anything, success will depend on you. As a member, Lions are the driving force that will help LCI remain the largest service organization for the next 100+ years. To do this, empowered members must affirm to become a part of the growth. With this new initiative, more resources are available to help each of us as members, our clubs and our Districts to be successful. It now more than ever more than just a water-cooler conversation, it is action happening. And we want you to be right there in the middle of it, part of the foundation and part of the building.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NAMI, THE DISTRICT GOALS, ACTIONS  
AND MULTIPLE CLUB AND MEMBER RESOURCES, VISIT:  
[HTTPS://LIONSCLUBS.ORG/EN/NAMI](https://LIONSCLUBS.ORG/EN/NAMI)  
FACEBOOK @LIONS NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP  
INITIATIVE (NAMI)



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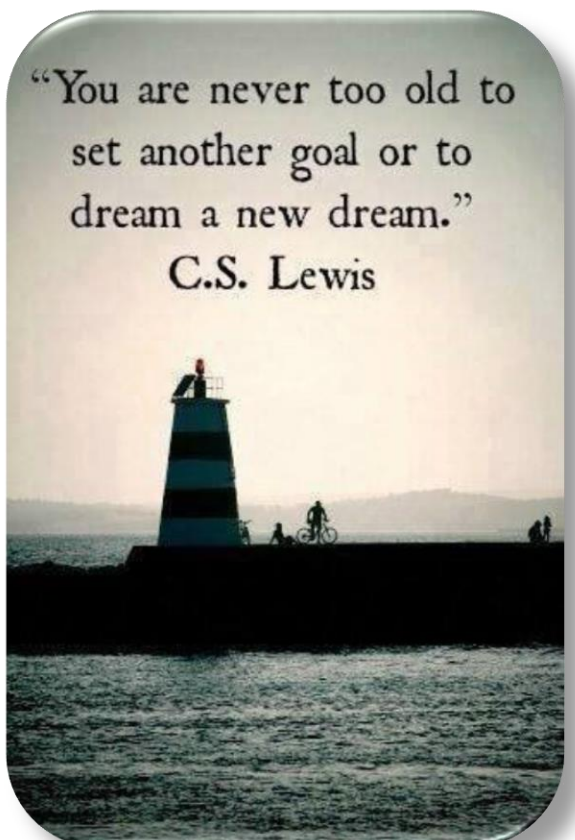
July 1, 2020 – June 20, 2021

# LCI President's Circle

We're proud to recognize and award Lions who focus on strengthening our membership. Please review the following criteria to see how you can qualify for one of these awards.

## Qualifying Criteria:

- Lions listed as a club organizer for at least 3 new clubs qualify to receive an International President's Leadership Award.
- Lions listed as a club organizer for at least 5 new clubs qualify to receive an International President's Award.





INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS  
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

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PDG Thomas L. Gregg, MD 14 Coordinator

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## September is Childhood Cancer Month

Good Morning,

It is time to start planning for Lions International Global Cause of Childhood Cancer. September is Childhood Cancer Month. As you know we are partnered with Four Diamonds from the Penn State Hershey Medical Center's Children's Hospital. We also support many other Childhood Cancer groups.

I am asking you to begin planning what your club and district's will be doing in September to promote awareness of, education for and physical and monetary help in the cause of eliminating Childhood Cancer.

When you have made you plans, I am asking you to do the following 3 things:

1. Put your project into MyLion as a Future Activity. This is so Lions everywhere can see what you are doing.
2. Send me a short message describing your project and the contact information for the project.
3. Please let MD 14 Childhood Cancer Chairperson, PDG Keldeen Stambaugh, know what your plans are as well.

I do not know if you have heard yet but the in person "Thon" at Penn State University has been cancelled this school year because of the pandemic. "Thon" is the major fundraiser for Four Diamonds. Last year "Thon" raised nearly 12 million dollars for Four Diamonds during the weekend. While they are doing a virtual event, no one knows whether it will be as successful as a normal event. We must step up our efforts to try to offset shortfalls as best as we can. One thing every Lion can do is make a recurring monthly donation to Four Diamonds. A \$5 monthly donation from every Pennsylvania Lion would bring in \$1,058,160 to our campaign #PALionsFTK. That would be 1 million more that we donated last year.

Each year over 16,000 children are diagnosed with a form of cancer. Four Diamonds funds over 90 researchers who are looking for safer treatments and cures for cancer. Did you know that one of the first chemo drugs was a derivative of mustard gas? Mustard gas was used as a weapon in World War 1 and killed thousands on both sides. Please be proactive and generous so that no parent need ever hear the words "YOUR CHILD HAS CANCER."

Yours in service,

PDG Tom Gregg

MD 14 GST GST Coordinator



# Welcome



## No new members to welcome to the Wonderful World of Lionism!

(July 1, 2020 through August 31<sup>st</sup> as reported on the MyLCI website)

Member

Club

Sponsor

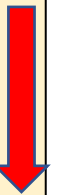
**Sorry – No New Members to report!**



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

July 1<sup>st</sup> **761** Members      added **5**      dropped **16**      August 31<sup>st</sup> **750** Members

***We are ranked 16<sup>th</sup> out of the 17 Districts, with District 14W beneath us.***



### In Memoriam



Lion Milan  
Washowich  
McKeesport Lions  
Club  
August 26, 2020







# Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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Dear Lion,

As we enter a new Lion year, we still have a world of uncertainty. It is easy to focus on the last few months and all of the challenges. They are real and they are serious. However, I started to think about my unique experiences as chairperson this year and quickly found inspiration from Lions throughout the world.

Lions continue to show up, dedicating themselves to bettering their communities. Taking care of neighbors after a disaster. Providing youth with skills to succeed. Ensuring elders have enough to eat.

This show of character has been especially important during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Even though much of the world has social distancing orders, Lions still found a way to serve safely. You worked hard to protect your community in your own way. Some of you donated toward the cause. Some of you received grants from LCIF to serve areas of the world where the virus spread fast and medical workers were overwhelmed.

I cannot thank you enough for the bravery, generosity, and compassion you exemplified. This last year, Lions started more than 300 Facebook fundraisers bringing in US\$64,277. Your clubs have made the commitment to become Model Clubs and you have made personal donations to Campaign 100. These commitments to our Foundation is what allowed us to administer over US\$5.1 million in grant funding just in response to COVID-19. These are the life-altering actions which result in lives forever changed.

Thank you for your dedication, time, and generosity. You are what pushes *good* forward. You are the force that ensures those challenges we have do not win. You are inspiration for myself, our fellow Lions, and non-Lions alike.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

WE CARE. WE SERVE. WE ACCOMPLISH.

# Are you ready to step up to the plate?

**COME ON GUYS AND GALS!  
WE REALLY DO NEED YOU!**



## WE NEED YOU!

We currently have 33 Lions Clubs in District 14-B with a membership of 750 Lions. There are definitely Lions who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities within their clubs and those Lions who are or have served on the District Cabinet. We need a Lion to step forward to fill the vacancy of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor who will eventually ascend to the position of District Governor in 2022 and will be sworn in at the Lions International convention that will be held July 1 – 5 in New Delhi, India.

Please contact PDG Geoff Temple (412-655-3321) or any Past District Governor for more information



## How would you like to see...?



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**



## UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS





# BEACON LODGE'S GREAT ANNUAL DUCK RACE



Board President, Lion Steven de Kramer, gave a wonderful introduction including the following information:

- The Great Duck Race began in 2009 and has been run every year since.
- During this time, over \$112,000 has been raised.
- It is one of Beacon Lodge's premier fundraising events.



**AND, the winners are:**

- 1st Place Duck #1940 - Jessi Casella \$1000
- 2nd Place Duck #1146 - Bill Rasinger \$500
- 3rd Place Duck #1827 - Justine Wiltrout \$250
- 4th Place Duck UNSOLD
- 5th Place Duck #1442 - Avon Grove Lions \$125



**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU from Beacon Lodge!**



## PLEASE SUPPORT THE PENNSYLVANIA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP



Congratulations to the Lions Clubs of District 14-N. 28 of 37 clubs generously sponsored a hole in the Beacon Lodge Annual Golf Outing. This is a major project for all of the clubs in Pennsylvania. It is not too late to let your club be heard. Donate to Beacon Lodge. Every little bit helps.

Since the Lions Appreciation Day was cancelled, Lions should consider donating \$10 to the camp. Instead of the camp showing the Lions Appreciation, let us Lions show the Camp Appreciation. Send \$10. That is my challenge to ALL Lions of Multidistrict 14. SHARE SHARE SHARE!

*Facebook Posting by  
PDG Tom Toland, District 14-N*



## ELFINWILD LIONS CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



Michaela Brinning also of Shaler was awarded the 1st time Robert Reno Scholarship for 1,000. She heading to Pitt and Majoring in History and Political science.

Erica Standfast went to Shaler and won the Samuel Reno scholarship for 1,000. She is going to community college and then plans on transferring to Pitt. She is an Education major.



*Congratulations*



## MONROEVILLE LIONS GOLF OUTING A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Monroeville Lions Club adapted to the Covid-19 restrictions and held their 22nd annual golf outing on 8-22-20. In the photo, event chair Lion Sean Raynak and his son hand out the Chinese auction prizes. Looking on are Lion Harvery Bain and PDG Joe Donkin, two that have golfed at every one of the outings. Over 80 golfers participated this year.

Submitted by  
Lion John Aiken, Secretary  
Monroeville Lions Club



## WEST MIFFLIN LIONS CLUB WELCOMES DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHRIS



Saturday, August 15 was an eventful day for District Governor Chris Raynak. Not only was the cabinet meeting held that morning, Chris (and Lion Mary) attended the West Mifflin Lions Club annual picnic/installation/awards ceremony. The weather was quite pleasant, the food was delicious, and the fellowship of all Lions in attendance was an enjoyable afternoon together.

District Governor Chris performed the installation, or shall we say, re-installation, of officers Mike Demko (President), Maria Demko (Secretary/Treasurer), Patrice Hlad (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) for the 2020-2021 Lion year. These Lions also serve as past presidents.

Past president Michele Falce (2019-2020) and Rob Falce (two terms 2017-2019) received their past president awards for excellent leadership and service.

The West Mifflin Lions wish to extend our very best to all district clubs in this challenging year ahead, and we look forward to it with Governor Raynak at the helm.

Stay safe, stay well, and stay IN SERVICE.

***It's Great to be a Lion!***



Submitted by  
Maria Demko, Secretary/Treasurer  
West Mifflin Lions Club





## **MEMBER SATISFACTION AND RETENTION – STEP BY STEP PROCESS**

### **DR. KAMAL GELLA, GLT DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR**

#### **How to keep members engaged, happy and coming back**

- Research shows that regardless of the length of tenure as a Lion, there are some key needs, listed in order, that most members want to have met to remain a part of your club: 1) Being able to “take pride” in service activities 2) Being confident that they are “making a difference” 3) Being informed of club goals.

#### **Step 1: Define Membership Satisfaction for Your Club**

- Ask your members! Members feel involved when you ask for their opinions. Ask your members: Why is the club here? Do our activities demonstrate this? If a non-Lion looked at one year of our activities, what would they think is important to our club?
- Assess why your members have left in the past. While there are some common themes worldwide, it will help if you contact former members to learn why they left.
- Carefully consider whether your club’s stated objectives, goals and mission statement reflect what your current members want your club to be

#### **Step 2: Create Your Club’s Membership Satisfaction Plan**

- Losing members is an issue for many clubs, and the reason that members leave is often the same. Research has been conducted on dropped members and has found that there are three areas that are most influential on why someone may leave a club.
- Club conflict: This is the number one reason Lions Club members leave their club. Club conflict can look different in different clubs and includes conflict with other members, too many disagreements, personality clashes, drama, cliques, too many politics, and not feeling respected by other members of the club.
- Feeling like they are “Not Making a Difference”. If clubs don’t match members up with activities they want to do, or if they feel as though their voice isn’t heard, then even if the service is great, your members may not feel as though they made a difference.
- Not having a “Sense of Belonging”. If members do not feel like they belong. There are not enough opportunities to serve the community. There are not enough opportunities to serve the community. The tasks I was assigned didn’t match my interests or skills goals and mission statement reflect what your current members want your club to be

#### **Step 3: Implement and Review your Plan**

Communicate your membership satisfaction plan:

- • MyLion – this tool allows you to communicate with members in your club and is available in both a phone app as well as a web version. It also allows you to manage club activities.
- • Email
- • Social Media Networks
- • Social invitation sites for events and activities.

Dealing with Resistance:

- When addressing issues by making changes to your club, you are likely to encounter resistance. To minimize it, use the Why-What-When-How process to implement changes.
- Once the process has begun:
  - • Encourage your members to give feedback on the changes. Respond to the feedback that you receive.
  - • Be flexible to make adjustments in the process if they do not provide the expected results to be.
  - • Make changes over time. Making changes too quickly may be difficult for members to accept, however, if they see success of one change, they may be more likely to accept the next.



## McKEESPORT LIONS CLUB HAS ANOTHER UNIQUE SERVICE PROJECT

McKeesport Lions Club has started a new service project, collecting empty plastic pill bottles to ship to Matthew 25: Ministries. Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies, and for shredding and recycling. Their pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.



Acceptable collection items include:

- Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill Bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant)

Pill bottles that are not appropriate to include with shipments of medical supplies are recycled and may generate revenue that supports Matthew 25: Ministries' programs. Requirements for the programs are:

1. Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid.
2. Sort bottles by color and type.
3. Remove labels, leaving no glue or residue.
4. Wash bottles in very hot water and dish soap.
5. Rinse and dry thoroughly.
6. Replace lids on clean, dried bottles.
7. Place clean, recapped bottles in large Ziplock bags marked "Clean Bottles." These will be blended with medical supplies.

The club hopes to not only help those from developing countries, but also help at home, as most of these bottles are not recyclable according to the City recycling rules.

### Also...

The above program is in addition to our sheet plastic recycling program that we've signed up for with Trex Deck Company. Our goal with the Trex program is to get benches to place along the walking trail in Renziehausen Park. We can earn up to 2 benches per year, and we're now working on our first for this year.

Even though the club isn't meeting during the pandemic, we are still working on service projects and trying to improve not only our community but help others across the globe.



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





## Enhanced Program

# Salute the Heritage... Reward the Effort



Membership Key Awards acknowledge the importance of effective recruitment in membership growth by recognizing the number of new members a Lion has sponsored.

Each of the 17 Membership Keys is designed to reflect the number of new members sponsored. Keys are automatically issued after the new members have remained Lions for a year and a day.

**Does your club have any Key Members? This has not been mentioned for quite some time. All you have to do to be a Key Member is to sponsor 2 members. It would be great if we could get at least 20 new Key Members by**

### Eligibility

1. A new member must remain a Lion for a year and a day before the name may be used as credit toward a key, to be issued the 13th month; except where the sponsored member dies, transfers or moves from the community before the expiration of a year and a day.
2. The name of the new member, with the sponsor's name, member number, and club number, must be reported on the club's Monthly Membership Report or MyLCI. (For existing clubs only.)
3. Charter, transfer, and reinstated members cannot be used as credit for a key.
4. Only one sponsor per new member can receive credit for a key.
5. No sponsor shall receive more than one key of the same type.
6. Requests for sponsor changes must be received by the Membership and New Club Operations Department within 90 days of the new members' join date.

Each key is a lapel pin with a clutch backing. For the Senior Master (recognizing 25 members) and above, the lapel pins are complemented by a distinctive medallion and presentation ribbon.

**For More Information:**  
Membership Operations Department  
Phone: 630-203-3831  
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Over the last few weeks, the first group of dogs to return for formal training since the pandemic have been arriving at Leader Dog. This week they will meet their Guide Dog Mobility Instructors and start bonding with them. Each instructor is assigned a group of dogs that they will work closely with over the next four months of training. These new recruits look pretty happy to meet their new instructor!

Photo description: A square collage of eight dogs — two black Labrador retrievers, four yellow Labrador retrievers, a golden retriever, and a yellow Labrador / golden retriever cross — each sitting down in grass with their mouths open and turned up like a smile, looking directly into the camera. The grass background in each photo is blurred for effect



## WHITE OAK LIONS SUPPORT THEIR E.M.S.

White Oak Lions Club President, Lion Chuck Flink is shown here presenting a check to members of the White Oak Emergency Medical Services for \$500.





# A New Adventure in Learning Join Us!



You can experience the Forum this year in a new way! Join us for the USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience. Although we aren't able to facilitate the 80 wonderful seminars that were planned for Louisville, the Forum Planning Committee is excited to present 19 sessions you can attend virtually. It's easy and affordable.

If you have never attended a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, our Virtual Leadership Experience will give an opportunity to understand what we do for your leadership growth in a scaled down version. Our mission is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. We have created a virtual experience filled with seminars that enhance your leadership skills and knowledge. **The Virtual Leadership Experience is for every Lion.**

Choose from 19 sessions that will educate you on programs and services like a Childhood Cancer Symposium, Faces of Diabetes Innovation, how to approach the younger generation about Lions, projects for women and families, learning more with NAMI and so much more.

## General Sessions Keynotes



**Katherine Greenland**  
Katherine is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.



**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President LCI**  
Dr. Choi will speak on the services and programs of LCI and give us insight on being United with Kindness and Diversity.



**Striker Corbin**  
As a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist, and success coach, Striker Corbin focuses on personal development.

**Complete Event Registration Fee  
3 Days - 2 Hour Sessions**

**\$20**

**Learn More - Register Now!**

<https://members.lionsforum.org/event-3925>



The Mon River Fleet Lions Club held its first face-to-face board meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at the Renzie Senior Center since the beginning of the Covid pandemic earlier this year. Members like Recording Secretary Marsha Turner who was working at the time elected to attend the meeting through Zoom. And what a meeting it was when President Jim Phillips reviewed all past fundraisers and projects shown in our pictures in order to set the direction for this year's schedule of activities.

Some of the projects on the agenda included participation in a virtual Kane Walk in memory of Lion Joan Burns, Alex's Lemonade Million Mile Walk, possible continuation of the Pediatric Cancer Snuggle Babies project in cooperation with the Mon River Fleet Leos, and volunteering at the Meals on Wheels Food Pantries.

These on-the-move Lions are gearing up for community clean-up days later in the year, a tree-planting event in Duquesne, and further participation in the Trex plastic film recycling program. The Club will look into a virtual basket auction sale, a raffle ticket drawing, and a facial mask sale with the MRF Lion logo. Everyone will be participating in a "bring-in-a-new member" drive to up the Club's membership from 42. Good start with two new members and another past member returning already on the waiting list to be inducted!

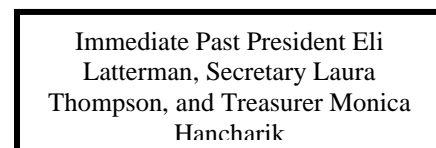
With proceeds donated year-end from the Club, the AIU McKeesport Family Center is putting together back-to-school supplies for children in the Mon River Fleet communities. The board is also excited about starting its own Mon River Fleet Lions Facebook Page.

Off to a great start, the Mon River Fleet Lions will continue on with their spirit and energy in 2020-2021!

(New officers and board members are shown in the following pictures!)



First Vice President Yvonne Parhetta, Board Members Helen Stratigos, Janet Kulis, Dee Connor, Kathy Yurik and Tim



Immediate Past President Eli Latterman, Secretary Laura Thompson, and Treasurer Monica Hancharik



President James Phillips with Third Vice President James Saunders



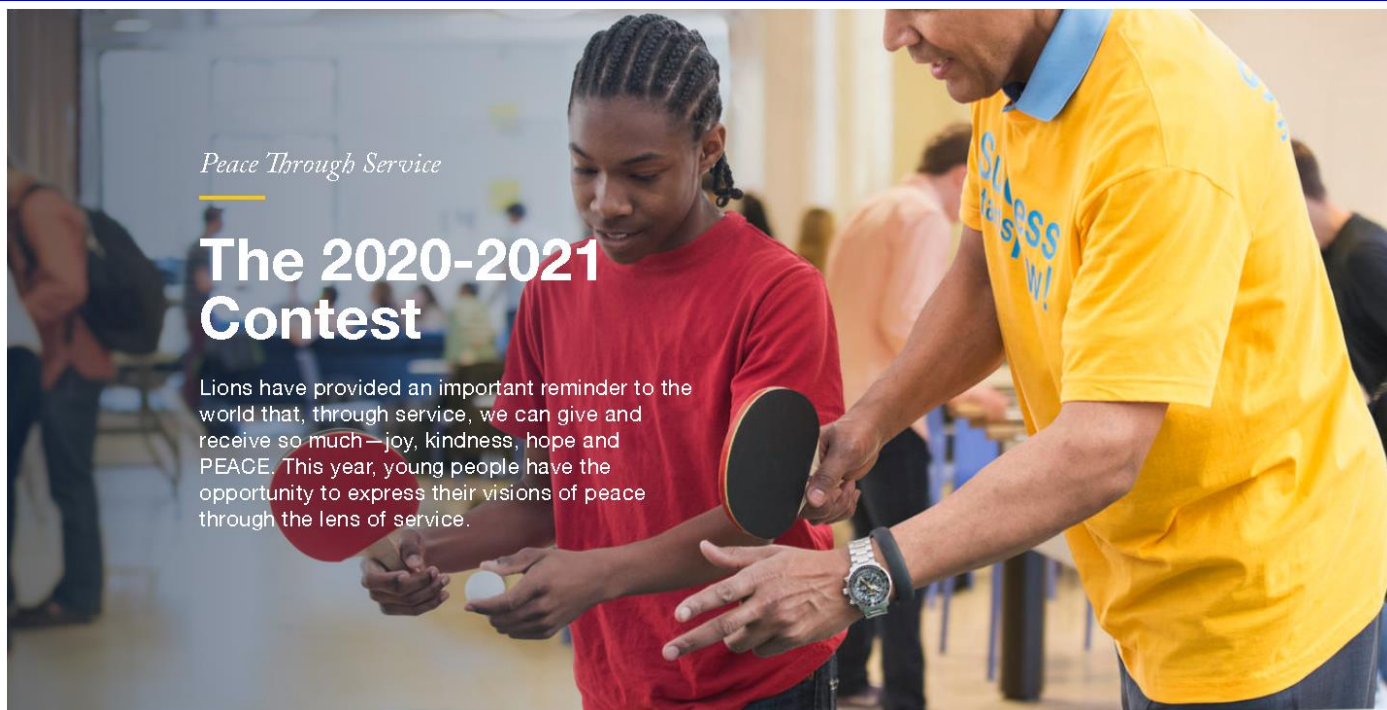
Permanent Board Members PDG Alice Jones and Michele Matuch



Second Vice President Rose Davis

**WE SERVE**





*Peace Through Service*

## The 2020-2021 Contest

Lions have provided an important reminder to the world that, through service, we can give and receive so much—joy, kindness, hope and PEACE. This year, young people have the opportunity to express their visions of peace through the lens of service.

# Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

**PEACE POSTER KIT      #PPK1EN    \$11.95**

Peace Poster Contest kit. Each kit contains all the materials needed to sponsor the contest in a school or youth group, including complete rules, promotional material and recognition certificates for participants. One kit is needed for each entry sponsored. Kits are available in all eleven languages. Kits are sold from January 15th through October 1st.

Orders received after October 1st will be filled based on availability.

***Please contact VDG Mary Ann Belles for additional information - email: [lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com](mailto:lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com)***



## Just a “Feel Good Story” that shows that *Kindness Matters!*





In Chandler, Arizona, Doug is a loyal customer at Arby's restaurant. Actually, he's the most loyal customer they have there. Doug is a 97-year-old World War II veteran and has long loved the famous roast beef sandwiches on which the chain has built its reputation.

Doug comes in every single day to enjoy a meal with his favorite sandwich. He almost always orders a Swiss cheese filled roast beef slider and a Coke with no ice. All the staff members there have memorized that as his “usual.” After quite a while, one of the employees, Travis Coye, wanted to know more about this elderly man, and why he had such a fascination with the food they serve there. So, he asked him why he keeps coming there, why that location? Doug replied, saying: “This is the only place I can get a sandwich or get anything else to eat that doesn't hurt my stomach.” Actually, it may be closer to the truth that he likes the sandwich so much that he stopped looking for alternatives.

Doug lives in a nearby retirement home, but always makes sure to get his daily meal at Arby's. And he has his own favorite table where he enjoys it. The staff there treats him as much like family as possible and staff members go out of their way to make him comfortable. Says the manager there, Christina Gamage: “He comes in with a walker, as soon as we see him come to the doors, we try [to] grab the doors for him. He's gone through a lot being a veteran, coming in, being in a retirement home, but he doesn't have family.” Doug is such a loyal customer and really good guy that one day the staff pitched in and got him a \$200 gift card. He thought at first they were joking, but it was definitely real, and Doug told them: “Thank you. I never know if I'll be here the next day but thank you so much for this.” But what might be even more important than that... at least, more meaningful... is that many of the staffers gave Doug their phone numbers in case he needed anything. And they all offered to bring him his favorite meal to the retirement home in case he could not make it there.

Then, after Doug's story made national news, Arby's gave him another gift... free food for the rest of his life. Now he never has to worry about where his next meal is coming from, giving him more time to make more friendships.

*Source: Daniel Moloney*



kindness is a language  
that the deaf can hear  
and the blind can see  
- Mark Twain



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*Beautiful*  
things in the world cannot be seen  
or even touched. They must be  
felt in the *Heart*  
Helen Keller







### 1910 Ford Model T

Show this to your friends, children and/or grandchildren...

Here are some statistics for the year 1910:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14% of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8% of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The Average U.S. wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year; a dentist \$2,500 per year.

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was three cents a pound.

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas was 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.