



Cancer kills more children in the U.S. than any other disease.

Four Diamonds Child Alana



## WHO WE ARE

The Four Diamonds mission is to conquer childhood cancer by assisting children and their families through superior care, comprehensive support and innovative research.

Four Diamonds covers 100 percent of all medical expenses related to cancer care not covered by insurance for eligible Four Diamonds children. Because of the community's steady and generous support, Four Diamonds has assisted 100 percent of the childhood cancer patients who have been treated at <u>Penn</u> <u>State Health Children's Hospital.</u>

Since its creation in 1972, Four Diamonds has helped more than 4,000 children and families and supported a diverse platform

of <u>childhood cancer research</u> at Penn State Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of Medicine, seeking improved treatments and cures to benefit kids around the world.

Penn State Health Children's Hospital was again recognized as one of the top 50 hospitals in the nation for childhood cancer care. The Children's Hospital was also recognized for four other specialties in U.S. News & World Report's 2021-22 rankings.

Meet our Four Diamonds families and join the fight to conquer childhood cancer.

of medical bills are covered for all Four Diamonds patients treated at Penn State Children's Hospital, ensuring families never see a bill.

## From the desk of District Governor MaryAnn Belles

Greetings Fellow Lions, Leos and guests of District 14B,

I want to start out by saying thank you to all who attended the first District 14B Cabinet Meeting on Sunday, August 22, 2021, either in person or via Zoom. We had a great meeting talking about Lions and showing how we are serving our communities in Allegheny County. We need to communicate all that we are doing to the residents of Allegheny County and Lions Club International. We can do that by reporting our service in the Cauldron, on MyLion and by posting our service projects on our community Facebook pages. If you need help with reporting, please don't hesitate to ask. I am just a phone call/email away or you can contact PDG Harold Fletcher or our Global Service Team Coordinator, Lion Annette James.

Each month, I hope to post the monthly progress of our District Goals. This month, I'm happy to see that we have positive growth for membership! Great news! Our Clubs need to be reporting their membership on a monthly basis because I know there are more new members



than are reported. Service Reporting is up I'm happy to see. More Clubs need to report their service projects. PDG Marni Latterman and I are offering one-on-one training for Club Secretaries, Club Presidents, and Zone Chairs. Lion George Belles is offering one-on-one training for Club Treasurers. Please contact each of us for this training.

The Giving Backpacks project is coming together. We are asking each Club to donate items for the backpacks to give to the homeless of Allegheny County. The updated Wish List is included in the Cauldron. We will be assembling the backpacks at our Cabinet Meeting on November 13, 2021 at the Western PA School for Blind Children. Please consider attending the meeting to help. Many hands make light the work!

With all the flooding in Tennessee, the earthquake in Haiti, and other turmoil globally, please consider donating to the Lions Club International Foundation – LCIF. Volunteers from LCIF are usually the first to arrive to help in these crises. Local Lions Clubs are able to get emergency grants, usually within less than 72 hours of the events. Please consider donating personally. 100% of your donation goes to the cause because our dues pay for the administration of LCIF. To donate, send your check to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation Department 4547 Carol Stream, IL 60122 Or by clicking owing link: https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate

Tail Twister Lion Rob Falce held an Auction at the Cabinet Meeting. We had some great items that the members brought to auction off. The proceeds benefited Lions Club International Foundation! We donated \$201.00! Thank you, Cabinet Members and guests!

I look forward to starting our official visitations this month. We are anxious to hear about the ways your Club is making a difference in your communities. Please see the updated visitation schedule in this issue of the Cauldron. Please let me know as soon as possible if there are any conflicts.

Let's Soar into Service!

Lion MaryAnn Belles

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## Vice District Governor Lion Dr. Kamal Gella

Dear Fellow Lions

In this month's newsletter, I would like to focus on Club Projects. A good club project that addresses the community needs will keep members engaged. It also helps in retaining existing members and attract new members.

During the exploration for a new project, ask each member how they want to contribute to the community? Some of the areas that they want to contribute are local library, school, Senior Center, food bank. Form a three-to-five-member committee to explore each project.

The committee is recommended to look at the following:

- How will the project help the community?
- What is the funding required for the project?
- How many Lions are needed for the project?
- Whom can we partner on this project?
- How do we publicize the project?

The committee is recommended to make a presentation at the Lions meeting to get approval to proceed. After receiving approval, it is recommended to set up an execution committee to execute the project.

Good community projects will retain existing members and bring in new members.

Yours in Service,

Lion Kamal Gella

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## 2021-2022 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

<u>September 2021</u>	7 <sup>th</sup> – Tarentum Area 8 <sup>th</sup> – Northern Allegheny 9 <sup>th</sup> – Cheswick – Springdale 15 <sup>th</sup> - Brentwood 21 <sup>st</sup> – Clairton
<u>October 2021</u>	5 <sup>th</sup> – Sto-Ken-Rox 7 <sup>th</sup> – Elfinwild 18 <sup>th</sup> – Homestead District 19 <sup>th</sup> – Pitcairn 26 <sup>th</sup> - Pittsburgh North Side 27 <sup>th</sup> – West Mifflin
<u>November 2021</u>	9 <sup>th</sup> – Pittsburgh Grandview 10 <sup>th</sup> – Whitehall Community 16 <sup>th</sup> – Oakmont
December 2021	6 <sup>th</sup> – Central Elizabeth 7 <sup>th</sup> – Bridgeville Greater Area 10 <sup>th</sup> – Pittsburgh Host
<u>January 2022</u>	4 <sup>th</sup> – Robinson Township 11 <sup>th</sup> – Pittsburgh Hilltop 12 <sup>th</sup> – Mount Lebanon (lunch) 12 <sup>th</sup> – Monroeville (dinner) 19 <sup>th</sup> – Forest Hills 25 <sup>th</sup> – McKeesport
February 2022	1 <sup>st</sup> – Bloomfield-Lawrenceville 7 <sup>th</sup> – Pleasant Hills 15 <sup>th</sup> – White Oak 17 <sup>th</sup> – Mon River Fleet 22 <sup>nd</sup> –South Park
<u>March 2022</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> – Bethel Park 9 <sup>th</sup> – Pittsburgh Deaf-Blind
To Be Scheduled v	via Zoom Pittsburgh Shadyside-Squirrel Hill
Plaze notify	District Governor MaryAnn if ther

# Please notify District Governor MaryAnn if there are any conflicts with her visit to your club ASAP!



**Some things never change!** Just like the lasting friendships over several decades! Sharyn and I had lunch with PDG Bob and Lynn Cortese recently and had an enjoyable visit, basically reminiscing about family and a little bit about Lionism. Between these two Lions, they have a combined total of 102 years in Lionism!



Served as District Governor 1980-1981 (41 years ago)



**TODAY**!





Served as District Governor 1983-1984 (38 years ago)

**TODAY**!

AND, take a look at Past International Director Carl Battistone! He just celebrated his 93<sup>rd</sup> burthday on August 15! Good loookin'

If you take a closer look at his T-shirt. It gives his life history:

LEGEND	Since 1929
HUSBAND	Since 1953
DAD	Since 1956
GRANDPAP	Since 1980

Club Anniversaries September 2021

West Mifflin Lions Club – 68 years September 14, 1953



## **Giving Backpacks Item Wish List**

As of August 20, 2021		
Quality backpack- neutral color – Grant Fu		
Toilet paper individually wrapped – <i>Foster</i>	<u>&amp; Sons &amp; Sunray</u> Razors	
Snacks	Blanket	
Toothbrush	Crossword/Word Search books - Cheswick	
Toothpaste	Gloves	
Bundle of tube socks	Gallon size Ziplock bags	
Nail file	Shampoo – <u>DG MaryAnn</u>	
Nail clipper	Conditioner – <u>DG MaryAnn</u>	
Soap – <u>DG MaryAnn</u>	\$5.00 McDonalds gift cards - Cheswick/Pgh Host	
done		
Washcloth – <u>Pleasant Hills</u>	Non-Perishable Snacks (fruit cups, apple sauce, etc.)	
Hand towel	Feminine products	
Comb	Hats	
Brush	Granola Bars – <u>Cheswick-Springdale</u>	
Beef jerky sticks	Trail mix	
Chapstick – <u>Pleasant Hills</u>	Gum	
Underwear	Water bottle	
Tee shirts	Shaving cream	
Handheld siren - Grant funds	Pens/Pencils	
Hand sanitizer	Flashlight	
Wet wipes		
Clorox wipes		
\$10.00 GetGo gift card		

Please pick an item or items that your club would like to donate and contact DG MaryAnn with your selection.(Contact information on page 3)



## WE NEED YOUR HELP – PLEASE READ!

### We have finally reached a time when we are able to safely gather (and hopefully weather and personal schedules will allow) outside to mobilize my District Governor service project.

During my term as DG (2019-2020) I secured a grant through the McKeesport Hospital Foundation to procure items that would help senior citizens who have mobility and/or vision impairments to perform basic daily tasks. We will be putting together a total of 330 care packages each filled with these items. Each package will consist of: a specially designed spoon and plate; button hook aid, sock aid, 27" reacher, low vision playing cards and a large print puzzle book for fun! The care packages will be in a reusable shopping tote provided by UPMC.

Each club that sends a member to help assemble totes will be given a minimum of 10 to take back to their community. I encourage clubs to reach out to local churches or food programs to find individuals who can best benefit from these packages. Ideally, they should be distributed to individuals who reside in their own homes or apartments rather than in care facilities where these items are most likely readily available.

PROJECT DATE: Saturday, September 11th
TIME: 11:00am
LOCATION: Sunray Electric parking lot at <u>700 Walnut Street</u> in McKeesport 15132
In order to secure your 10 package minimum, you must arrive prior to 11:30am.

After 11:30am packages will be divided up amongst clubs in attendance!

This is a rain or shine event as overhead cover will be available if necessary.

Please text me at 412-519-8771 to let me know you are planning to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

In service and friendship, PDG Marni Latterman



## **Montour Leo Club & Montour Band Combined Efforts to Stuff Backpacks**

On Friday, July 30, student members of the Montour Leo's Club & Montour Band stuffed 48 backpacks with school supplies for students of the Montour & Sto-Rox school districts. The project was done in partnership with the Sto-Ken-Rox and Robinson chapters of the Lions Club. Adult project coordinators were Cyndi Mancini, Advisor to the Montour Leo's Club; Lynn LaMarca, Leo Club mom; Judy Kutchman & Debbie O'Brien of the Robinson Lions Club; and Cindy Dengler, Julie Palmer, & Diane Schmitt of the StoKen-Rox chapter of the Lions



## DISTRICT 14B CABINET MEETING – 1at ONE, FACE-TO-FACE, SINCE FEBRUARY 2019!

Our first District Cabinet meeting was held at the pavilion at Burkett Sports Park on Sunday August 22 at 2:00 PM.

It was so nice being able to meet in person rather than Zoomiing it, although it was available via ZOOM if you couldn't be there in person.





A new twist was added this year, Lion Bob Falce decided to hold an auction toward the end of the meeting. Member were asked to bring something to the meeting for auctioning off. All proceeds were earmarked for LCIF. It was a nice twist and created a lot of fun and friendly bidding!











### We have 6 new members to welcome into the Wonderful World of Lionism!

#### Member

Edwin Gosnell Nancy Pflueger Brian E. Parrish John F. Walsh Romeo M. Kihumbu Nicholas Pisciottano

#### Club

Bethel Park Lions Club Bethel Park Lions Club Bridgeville Lions Club Cheswick-Springdale Lions Club Pgh. DeafBlind Lions Club West Mifflin Lions Club

### Sponsor

Danielle Gosnell Robert Pflueger Dan Hupp James Yanni Benoit Kihumbu

Since July 31, 2021, here's what our District membership looks like from MyLCI...

July 1st 712 Members

added 14 dropped 10

August 31 716 Members.

We are ranked 15<sup>th</sup> out of the 17 Districts, with District 14H and 14W beneath us.

MULTIPLE	DISTRICT	
MEMBE	RSHIP *	
14G	1575	
14A	1334	
14D	1249	
14T	1237	
14C	1134	
14F	1029	
14M	1022	
14P	990	
14N	937	
14L	924	
14U	877	
14E	799	
14K	744	
14J	716	
14B	712	
14H	705	
14W	591	
TOTAL	16,575	
(*as of 6/30/2021 Health		
Assessment Report)		



In Memory of ...

In



Lion "Massie" Carr McKeesport Lions Club

August 20, 2021





"To get up when you are down, to fight more intensely when you are struggling; to put in the extra effort when you are in sheer pain, to comeback when nobody expects you to, and to stand tall when everyone is pulling you down are what make a champion."

**Apoorve Dubey** 

Daniel K. Carr -Director -Summer Concerts Chairman



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## 2021 McKeesport Summer Concert Series

July 4	The Vogues
	followed by Fireworks
July 11	Scott, Rob and Greg of "The Clarks"
July 18	Airbourne with Jeff Jimerson
July 25	Zoot Island Party
August 1	Dancing Queen
August 8	Chain Reaction – Arena Rock Tribute
August 15	Clintones - 90's
August 22	Totally 80's
August 27	The United States Army Field Band and Chorus
	- Friday @ 7:00 p.m.
<u>This will</u>	be The Patriotism Day Celebration with Fireworks!
August 29	The Jaggerz
September 3	Fri. Beatlemania Magic 7:00 p.m.
September 4	Sat. Dozzi Band Nashville
-	4:00 p.m. – Buckwild Country
September 5	Sun. Aftermath – Experience the 60's -7:00 p.m.
September 6	Mon. Judi Figel Band
-	Finale tribute to veterans - performed with Fireworks !

### LIONS BANDSHELL – RENZIE PARK – 7 P.M. START TIME (Rib Festival Bands, Days and Times added)

If together "we serve"... Together we can make a differencel Meeting at McKees Point Cafe 501 Water St. Mckeesport, Pa. 15132 Please let us know if you would like to join The McKeesport Lions Club The City of Clairton, American Legion 75 and VFW 803

Presents

Salute to the Veterans Concert SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 Gates Open 2 P.M. - 9 P.M. Clairton Park @ The Buzzy Weber Pavilion

FEATURING:



Magic Moments Belairs Chuck Corby & Quiet Storm

Skyliners MC Scot Waugaman with Magic Music by Candy & Mike



To Benefit Veterans Programs

## ~NO COOLERS~

(Food and Drinks available for purchase) Tickets: \$20/Advance -or- \$25/Gate

Tickets Donated by: Attorney Deron Gabriel

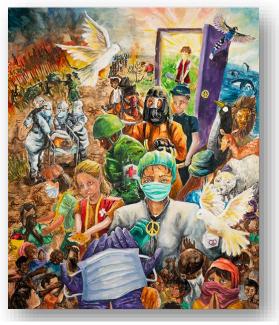
The Clairton Lions Club members will be manning a refreshment stand selling pop and snacks. For additional information and tickets, please contact Lion Ralph Imbrogno at <u>ralphpatty@verizon.net</u>

## **Peace Poster Winners for 2020-2021 Announced**



## 2020-21 Grand Prize Winner

## 2020-21 Merit Award Winners



Pei-YunTsai, 12 years old China Taiwan



Yue Zheng 13 years old China

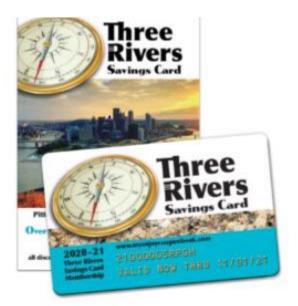
These Merit Winners are just three of the 23 selected. Congratulations to all participants!



Leticia Coelho Vieira, 13 years old Brazil



Jia Qi Qiao, 13 years old China



## White Oak Lions Club's Fundraisers

Like saving money? (Who doesn't!) Here's the perfect answer for you and your budget. Please contact Lion Rich Peters if you'd like to purchase either item at peters248@comcast.net.

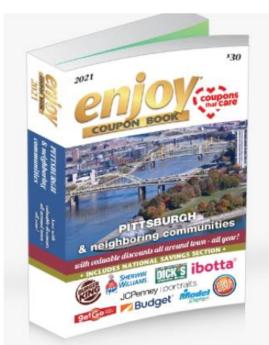
### One Three Rivers Savings Card w/ Dining Guide

\$20.00



NO COUPONS NEEDED Pittsburgh & surrounding communities

Savings on 144 Dinners



## Enjoy books are just \$30 each! Makes great gifts!

## BETHEL PARK LIONS CLUB'S BOOK FAIR A "HUGH SUCCESS'!





The Bethel Park Lions Club would like to thank everyone who donated books, attended the book sale, and all the volunteers who worked the event. The book sale was a huge success!

They also were able to have 4 new members sworn in by DG MaryAnn!



On Tuesday, August 3rd MaryAnn Belles inducted 3 new members to the Bethel Park Lions Club. The Bethel Park Lions Club would like to proudly introduce Joseph Tweel, Nancy Pflueger, & Edwin Gosnell. The new members pledged their service to the Bethel Park community and Lions International.



## **AND EVEN MORE... From the Bethel Park Lions Club!**



PCC/PDG Jay Wells and his wife Leona presented congratulatory certificates of achievement on behalf of the Bethel Park Lions Club to Troop 4 Eagle Scouts, Tyler Lesh and Christian McClaine at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony on July 25, 2021, at St. Louise De Marillac Parish.



The Bethel Park Lions Club would like to congratulate 2021 Bethel Park Graduate Elise Turka for winning the \$5,000 Bethel Park Lions Club George Meyer Scholarship. Ms. Turka not only showed academic achievement in the classroom but she has been a leader among her peers. She is headed off to Virginia Tech in just a few short weeks where she is studying to become an engineer. Congratulations Elise!



## McKeesport Lions Wrap up another year at International Village

Well, another year of International Village is in the books for the McKeesport Lions Club. Did you know that the International Village Committee is made up of McKeesport Lions Club members and a few members from the Mon River Fleet Club? Without the Lions, International Village wouldn't happen. Chairman Keith Soles, Coordinator Dan Carr, Office Manager Kim Carr, Collections Managers Gladys Hunt-Mason and Marie Domingo, Secretary Annette James, Personnel Director Bobbie Billsborrow, Customer Relations Manager Tony Ura, Blue Top Coordinator Colin Clarke, Entertainment Director "Mikey Dee" Dorich, Stage Manager Patrick Fisher, Iced Tea Sales Linda Povrik, and Gate Volunteer Co-Coordinators Sharon Soles & Linda Brewster make up the International Village Committee. Without these talented and hardworking folks, "Village" wouldn't happen each year, and they are all proud Lions! They, along with many other hard workers, make sure that International Village with its food booths, kids' area, informational area, and entertainment are there for residents of not only McKeesport, but surrounding communities and even other parts of the country to enjoy each August. Many who have moved away from the area plan their annual visits around this celebration of cultures from around the world so that they can see old friends and make new ones. If you would like to try foods from different cultures, see dancers and hear music from around the globe, take in a polka party, or just walk around to people watch, mark your calendar for next August 9-11 and come out to Stephen Barry Field in Renziehausen Park (right next to the Lions Bandshell area) to enjoy this annual tradition for the 62<sup>nd</sup> year.





#### MD-14 Global Membership Team Coordinator PDG Cheryl Wilbur

"Leadership is more than service, it is enabling others to be more productive."

## Guiding Lion Certification Course

Designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or are rebuilding—which is recommended as a foundation to steering leading Lions to guide our struggling clubs in a positive direction.

#### **Certified Guiding Lions Course:**

- Understand Your Role as Guiding Lion
- Develop a Plan to Guide Club
- Provide Tools to Help Club Officers
- Establish a System to Track Development

Saturday, September 18, 2021 929 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111-2810 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATE // ACHIEVEME

Themas W. Lazek

Lunch: \$10.00

**RSVP by September 2, 2021** 

Email: cawilbur65@gmail.com

MD-14 Global Membership Team Coordinator

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Just a Phone Call away!

District Governors: Want to SEE a Guiding Lion Course in YOUR District—Let's Schedule!



# MD14 Global Action Team Fall Leadership Symposium

<u>\*2 LOCATIONS\*</u> Saturday, October 16 9AM-3PM

PA Lions State Office 949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111 Lunch available for a \$7.00 donation \*OR\*

Sunday, October 17 Noon-5PM

Cambria County Assn. for the Blind and Handicapped 211 Central Ave, Johnstown, PA 15902 Snacks will be available

> FREE & OPEN TO ALL LIONS! ATTEND EITHER LOCATION!

## PRESENTERS

PID Cindy Gregg, GAT Coordinator PCC Terri Kodgis, MD14 CB&L Chairperson PDG Tom Gregg, Past GST Coordinator PDG Cheryl Wilbur, MD14 GMT Coordinator PDG Kerry McKnight, MD14 GLT Coordinator

Register to Attend: Email PDG Kerry at klm52@aol.com or call (717)235-2790

# WORLD CLEAN UP DAY

HELLO FELLOW LIONS! As your newly crowned Mrs. PA Earth 2021, I am tasked with completing a large environmental project...and who better to help than my fellow lions! Please join me on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> (World Clean Up Day). Get your club together and do a litter clean up in your community. Send me the results: your club, how many volunteers participated, how many bags of trash collected and photos too! I will compile the data and use for my project when I compete on the national stage in January. I can't wait to show everyone how LIONS all over Pennsylvania are helping our Earth through the Global Initiative for the Environment.







Tickets and chances for the Raffle baskets, silent auction and 50/50 are available by going to the Bridgeville Greater Lions Facebook page. <u>Bridgeville Greater Area Lions</u> and purchasing from any Lion or at the door. If you want to takeout, please call ahead to let us know when you want to pick up dinners. Phone 412-551-6436.



# Thank You For a Successful LCICon!

The biggest Lions event of the year wouldn't be possible without you proving that through it all, we are all connected through service. On behalf of Lions Clubs International, we extend our gratitude to all the Lions and Leos who helped make Virtual LCICon 2021 a success!



### Save the date: 104<sup>th</sup> Lions Clubs International Convention Montréal

We look forward to seeing you at our next convention in Montréal, a vibrant city rich with culture. More information about LCICon 2022 will be available at LCICon.lionsclubs.org, so check back often for updates.



# MONTREAL Hear We Come!!

Is MONTREAL, Canada, on your travel "bucket list"? Would a BUS TRIP there be an incentive for you to go? Do you enjoy the company of FELLOW LIONS?

### If you answered YES to each of these questions, then consider this...

The 2022 Lions Clubs International Convention will be held June 24-28, 2022, in Montreal, Canada. If you've attended and International Convention in the past, you know the fun and excitement that awaits us in Montreal. If you have never attended a convention, this is an excellent opportunity to do so for the first time!



District 14-C would like to organize a bus trip to the 2022 Lions Clubs International Convention. However, before we get too far into the planning process, we need to know if there is enough interest to fill a bus, and if so, how those who are interested would like the trip to be structured.

If you are interested in a bus trip to Montreal, whether very interested or just curious, please click on the link below to complete an interest survey, which we will use to guide our next steps. Please complete the survey by Friday, September 10th, so we can keep this process moving forward.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope we receive an overwhelmingly positive response!

PDG John Griffie and PDG Dennis Cope <u>dennis.cope@icloud.com</u> or via phone at Home: 717.677.6283 or Cell: 717.357.3142



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## for September 2021 Cauldron

## Campaign 100

Lion Mary Ann Belles

16 % Clubs donated

By June 2022, District 14B will have 60% of the clubs participate in Campaign 100

### District 14B Custom Goal

By the end of 2021 – 2022 Lions year, 90% of the Clubs in District 14B will donate to Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net – Socks – toiletries – monetary - during and after my Club visitations.

### District 14B Custom Goal

Club Members of District 14B will participate in an assembly of Give Backpacks for the homeless of Allegheny County. The items in the Backpacks will be either donated by area businesses or purchased using funds applied for from the McKeesport Hospital Foundation and other area Foundations.

## Leadership

45% of District 14B's Club Officers will complete the Club Officers training courses on the Lions Learning Center or take the Local Training available on LCI – Local Resources by September 30, 2021.

### Membership

By the end of 2021 – 2022 Lions year, District 14B Will achieve a positive membership growth – meet or exceed last year's numbers.

### Service Reporting

### 35 % Clubs reporting

4 members net growth

By the end of the 2021 – 2022 Lions year, District 14B will have 50% of the Clubs reporting Service in MyLion.

### District 14B Lionmaryannb14b@gmail.com 412-983-8956 412-833-2450

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## 16 % C

10 % of clubs have committed to the project

0% - start visitations in September