

DISTRICT 14-E NEWSLETTER WESTMORELAND COUNTY



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District Governor's Message



Dear Fellow Lions,

I hope you all had a great Christmas and are looking forward to a New Year. The time sure is flying by quickly!

My year as your District Governor is going fast, but like my theme, "Open Up For New Ideas", look at the changes we as Lions have had to overcome. Zoom Meetings, making phone calls, social distancing and wearing masks. Change can be difficult, but as we have all had to make adaptations, I feel we have adapted well. I honestly cannot wait until we can all meet as a group as I know we are all missing the social interaction! Hang in there as I hope we are coming to the end of the COVID-19 era very soon. As Lions, we do not give up nor do we give in. Please do not let the pandemic put out your fire for service others. Consider partnering with other clubs and service organizations; try something new such as online raffles, ticket sales, or even a virtual flea market. Let us all put on our thinking helmets and expand our horizons. Many clubs still took part in the ringing of the Salvation Army Bell, the Toys 4 Tots Program & Holiday Food Distributions!! Job well done—it was done a little differently than normal, but the end result was the same—we were able to Serve those in need!!

I am looking for a few Lions who want to expand their horizons as well as their knowledge base. RLLI (Regional Lions Learning Institute) is coming up soon, and I would like to send at least 2 Lions who want to grow and expand their knowledge of Lions. This is a great learning experience as well as expanding your Lions family! Come and learn more and meet our amazing instructors who can teach you new ways of growing and expanding. If you are interested, please contact me and I will get the ball rolling for you!

Zone Chairs are needed badly for our District! If you are interested in becoming a Zone Chair, please let me know or you can also contact PDG Aaron Slezak. This is another way you can learn more about Lions Club International as well as our District. I know you all have hidden talents, so please do not be afraid to step up and open yourself up to a new challenge!!

As for my year as your District Governor, I want to again thank you all for trying to do your best to accommodate for meetings and service projects. I know I am as many are, missing out on things as a result of the pandemic, but I am not letting that bother me. I am grateful to all of you who have trusted and supported me thus far.

A special thanks to our Newsletter Editor—Lion Lisa Gismondi for a job very well done!! I cannot thank her enough for staying so positive with the newsletter as it is not an easy task to round up all the articles, get them pulled together and then to insert the extra eye catchers!! (Especially when Lions are known to be procrastinators..lol)

Another special thanks to ZC Jeff Jordan as he has taken on additional duties related to the technology aspects of the pandemic by being willing and able to schedule and take part in the Zoom Meetings that are needed for the clubs as well as the District. As he is the scheduler, he must also attend the meeting, so if your club has used the Zoom Meeting, please remember to give ZC Jeff a big thank-you for his time and efforts to let him know he is appreciated!! Due to his obligations, and precautions he must take, he has been the helping hand that we have needed to see us through with this new method of meeting. Thank you ZC Jeff as we could not have done this without you!!

And a big thank-you to all Lions who have remained positive and for trying new things!! You are all amazing!

One reminder....I have the Shave the Stach's Tickets. This is an effort to raise funds for LCIF. For a \$25 contribution, you will receive a ticket. If your ticket is chosen at the end of the campaign, you will receive a Melvin Jones Fellow. There is a goal of \$10,000 to be raised, and if the goal is met, ID Larry Edwards & PID James Cavallaro will be shaving their fuzzy upper lips!! I will go one step further....if the state goal is met & I sell all of my tickets, I will also shave my furry face as well!!! So if you are up to another challenge, please contact me for your ticket!!

Yours in Service,
DG Chuck





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NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE

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

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

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

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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

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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.



IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Fellow Lions,

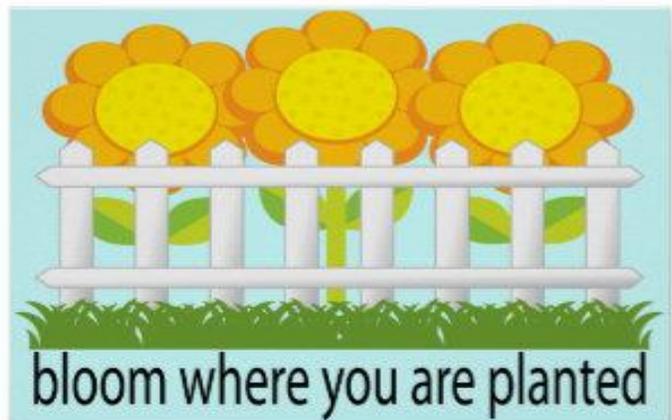
As committee chairs for the Eye Glass Collection for the District, we are respectfully asking that you please hold all donations at this time.

As a result of the pandemic, the research/recycling department at the University of Pittsburgh has placed a hold on accepting donations at this time & the storage facility where we are currently housing the glasses is at capacity. They fully expect to resume accepting donations late summer/early fall.

When this program resumes, it has been requested that cases not be included with donations.

Your understanding & cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Service,
Lions John & Alice Heasley



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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North America Membership Initiative



Club Activity Calendar

You are invited to use this calendar to help plan and share service, fellowship and management activities with your club. All activities below are ideas to consider. Review the resources and edit the ideas to make this organizational tool work for you!

July	August	September
Start your club year with a celebration that includes recognition of incoming and outgoing officers.	August 12 is International Youth Day. Host a social event, like "Lion Day in the Park" with activities for young people.	Involve a local school in Lions' mission to encourage peace. Get started with a Peace Poster kit and Peace Essay rules.
Build your club committees and ensure future Lion leaders are in them.	Identify learning needs and wants in your club. Talk to your district GLT about their training schedule and how best to provide.	Tailor your club meetings to fit your club members. Find a fun exercise to get started in Your Club, Your Way .
October	November	December
October 10 is World Sight Day. Start on our Vision webpage to find service project ideas and planning tools.	November 14 is World Diabetes Day. Visit our Diabetes webpage to learn how your club can help fight this global epidemic.	December 5 is International Leo Day. Partner with your Leo club on a holiday project. Don't have a Leo club? Start one!
Re-engage inactive members by sharing the service activities your club has planned and ways they can contribute.	Involve your whole club in identifying opportunities for improvement through the Club Quality Initiative .	Thank your club leaders on reaching the half-year milestone! Share your club's accomplishments and plans.
January	February	March
January 13 is Melvin Jones' birthday. Honor his legacy with an open forum night to identify community needs for service.	February 15 is Childhood Cancer Day. Show how your club cares for children with a Valentine-themed fundraiser .	March 8 is International Women's Day. Host a Women's Symposium or a meeting topic on growing women Lion leaders.
All club events are great opportunities to get your club known. Our Public Relations Guide has ideas and resources to help.	Lions are people who care. Make sure your fundraiser invites all who attend (and those who don't) to become Lions.	Form your Nomination Committee to begin preparing for club officer elections.
April	May	June
April 22 is Earth Day. Find service ideas to protect and restore the environment through our Environment webpage .	May 28 is World Hunger Day. Start on our Hunger webpage to identify ways to serve in providing access to nutritious foods.	June 7 is Lions Clubs Birthday! Hold a party to appreciate your club members and celebrate your club accomplishments.
Join Lions worldwide in welcoming new members to their clubs. Celebrate Worldwide Induction Day on April 28.	Elect club officers for next year, so they can learn their positions and develop plans for your club's future achievements.	With your club's excellence in service, growth, communications and operations, apply for the Club Excellence Award .

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE
FOUNDER OF LIONS CLUB!**

MELVIN JONES!



1st Vice District Governor Message:

Dear Fellow Lions:

Happy New Year.

I hope all of you had a nice Christmas. It probably was not your traditional celebration, but I do hope you were able to share the holiday in some way with family and friends.

As we begin a new calendar year, we are still under the cloud of Covid. Restrictions abound, and we have not been able to resume normal Lions' activities. Many of you have been innovative with your club's functions. Again this year, Lions assisted with Toys for Tots and bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, collecting food for distribution to those in need, and other permitted service projects. Nursing home visits were not on the agenda this year, and Christmas gatherings were cancelled. Starting off 2021, we are still under prohibitions; however, with the vaccines now available, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Perhaps some of our programs and events will have to remain virtual for awhile, but we must move forward.

Please let me know if I can help with any of your club's functions. If you have any new and innovative ideas, feel free to let me know. They may be of value and use to other clubs in the District.

Thank you for your service. I wish you all a very Happy and healthy New Year.

Yours in Lionism,

Margie Wolff
1st VDG



2nd Vice District Governor Message:

2021! "Who woulda thunk it?" 2020 with its pandemic and unrest was certainly a challenging year and we are all looking ahead to slowly getting back to normal this year. But that begs the question, what is "normal" for Lions? Normal for some lions is having chicken barbecues and despite covid we still had those barbecues. Normal for some Lions is pancake breakfasts and despite covid we still had those breakfasts. Normal for some Lions is spaghetti dinners and once again despite covid we still had those dinners. We just had to be a bit more creative to work through all the restrictions to get the job done.

And that fellow Lions is just what we will continue to do in this new year. Lions get the job done and we get the job done because it is more than just a job, it is the proverbial "Labor of Love." And, in truth, we know our job is never done. We can provide eyeglasses for a million people but we will be looking forward to the million and first. We can screen the vision of a million children and we will be looking for the million and first. We can find hearing aids for a million people and we will still be looking for that million and first. Covid did not stop us last year and whatever challenges we face this year will not stop us.

All we need do is keep the faith, faith in our common mission as Lions and to put it succinctly that mission is to leave the world a little better place than how we found it. We all hope 2021 will be a better year than 2020 but the truth is this year will be exactly what we make it. We will face new challenges as we have always faced them, with confidence, tenacity, and dedication. I do want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy New Year and to ask God's blessings on all that you do in the name of Lionism.

Tony



WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN LIONS

The month of January is full of resolutions and a focus on a happier healthier 2021. Together we have survived the restrictions and guidelines for holiday gatherings during this Pandemic and have hope for the New Year, with a vaccine to keep us safe. Since Lions Club's all over the world champion as the "Knights of the Blind," I thought highlighting National Braille Month and Eye Care Month might be appropriate! Louis Braille was born January 4, 1809 and after suffering a tragic eye accident that occurred while playing with tools in his father's harness shop, he developed sympathetic ophthalmia and total blindness followed. He became interested in a system of writing and at age 15, he worked out an adaptation, written with a simple instrument that met the needs of the sightless. He later took his system, which consists of a six-dot code and adapted it to musical notation. Louis became a notable musician and excelled as an organist. He received a scholarship, went to Paris to attend the National Institute for Blind Children, and from 1826 taught there. (Accessed 12-27-2020) (<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Louis-Braille>)

Technology has advanced in caring for diseases of the eye as well. For instance, cataract surgery has advanced to a same day procedure and vision correcting lens can be implanted to improve one's reading capability. In the New Year, why not make a family project to complete eye screenings for everyone in your family? Remember, the first step is awareness, which is the purpose of this article, while the second is prevention through early detection, medical intervention, or vision correction with glasses.

The Lions continue their important role in saving sight through early detection. With advanced technology (iScreen Vision) and a little bit of training, pre-school children may now be screened easily. The tool is simple to use and training is available to club members. Try to engage your club members to work with schools, community partners or medical professionals to host a vision screening that can be done safely as we recover from this Pandemic. More information may be found on the web: <https://www.iscreenvision.com/faqs/lions-club-vision-screening/>

In closing, there are other family activities you can do to help promote literacy through braille training. Here is the website for activities in introducing the Braille System for sighted children. You never know when your child might help someone in the future. Remember Lions reach out to communities to save sight!

<https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/blog/celebrate-braille-literacy-month#:~:text=January%20is%20Braille%20Literacy%20Month,in%20honor%20of%20his%20legacy.>

Till next time,

Mary Popovich
West Newton Lions





*Help Us Help Others
Join Lions*

Welcome New Members!

East Huntingdon Twp Lions Club
Janet Reid

New Alexandria Lions Club
Darlene Howard
David Howard
Tim Kepple
Charles Piper
Jordon Piper

West Newton Lions Club
David Vint

Steps on how to make
the World a better place:

1. Join a Lions Club.
2. Stay in Lions Club.
3. Get others to join Lions Club.





IN MEMORIAM



THE MEANING
OF
LIFE IS
TO FIND
YOUR GIFT.
THE PURPOSE
OF
LIFE IS TO
GIVE IT AWAY.

From around District 14-E:

Charlotte Fontaine, wife of the late PDG Max Fontaine from Latrobe. Max served the District during the 1984-1985 year.



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Empowering Clubs through the
Power of Action



Global Action Team

Happy New Year, Lions and Leos!

I hope that each of you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. A new year always brings excitement and hope for a better year. Of course, after the challenges of the past nine months, we are ready for improved health, social gatherings, and a return to “normalcy.”

Nevertheless, the challenges that we faced during the past several months forced us to discover new and more meaningful ways to serve our communities. Likewise, many of us learned to use various social platforms to meet with our members. For those who do not have computers, ask us how to schedule free teleconferences to keep everyone “in the loop.” One club president in central Pennsylvania contacts each member throughout the month to check on them. By spreading out the calls, he’s not spending an entire weekend on the phone.

Unfortunately, these difficult times have vastly increased abusive behavior and suicide, even among children. Perhaps, your club can help those who are stressed. Consider hosting a one hour symposium to include representatives from County agencies, health care professionals, and lawmakers to educate everyone on the signs of abuse and to share ways to address these issues, as well as to provide information on the resources that are available,

Furthermore, during these cold months, you may want to offer online orientation for ALL members. Make a game out of it. (If you need suggestions, send me an email.) Of course, don’t advertise it as a ORIENTATION!!! Likewise, ask officers to provide brief summaries of their duties so that members may be more willing to accept these positions when club officer nominations are held in a few weeks.

Continue to determine ways to improve your community. After all, it’s not too early to think about planting a community garden. Consider various locations. Research potential community grants and invite other organizations to partner with you. Establish committees for planting, weeding, watering, picking the crops. Decide what crops would be best and who will reap the benefits from the harvest.

Although COVID has made chartering and retaining members more challenging, we must remember that shortly after Melvin Jones founded the Lions Association in 1917, the Spanish flu broke out. Yet, members used this opportunity to expand and eventually become international. We, too, need to consider ways to attract others to help seniors and shut ins with putting out trash, checking mail, calling to check on them, or sharing a pot of soup/chile. Of course, we cannot forget about our youth. In most cases, they are being deprived of their education and social interaction.

One of my favorite quotations is “Time is not measured by the years we live, but by the deeds that we do and the joy that we give.” Continue to serve meaningfully and consider how you will honor our founder Melvin Jones’ birthday on January 13. Let us work together to bring more “kindness and diversity” to our clubs to make 2021 the best year ever.

Thanks for all that you do.

Yours in Friendship and Service.

Cindy Gregg, Area Global Action Team coordinator for Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia

Melvin Jones

Melvin Jones was a dreamer, a doer and a realist. He was an energetic, extroverted salesman who in private hours would reread Shakespeare. What better man to found the world's largest association of service clubs?

The Lions International Board of Directors officially designated Jones as the founder of Lions Clubs in 1958—more than four decades after Lions Clubs held its first meeting. No matter what his official title, Jones' impact on the Lions has been far-reaching. He provided the leadership, organizational ability, tenacity and the muscle necessary to establish the foundation for Lions Clubs International to become what it is today.

Jones was born on Jan. 13, 1879, at Fort Thomas, Arizona, a remote U.S. Army cavalry post where his father was a scout for the Army. At age 7, Jones' family moved east and settled in Illinois. Gifted with a fine tenor voice, he considered making a career in music. Instead, he became an insurance salesman.

By 1913, Jones had formed his own insurance agency in Chicago. After joining a luncheon club for businessmen in Chicago called the Business Circle, he quickly took the lead in recruiting new members and persuading backsliders to rejoin, but Jones had a larger vision.

"What if these men who are successful because of their drive, intelligence, and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Jones asked. He envisioned a new kind of club with the desire to help others.

As Business Club secretary, Jones, with help from his wife—the championship golfer Rose Amanda Freeman—wrote scores of letters to clubs throughout the United States inviting them to consider a service-centered organization. Interested businessmen interested convened in Chicago, Illinois, and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Later that year, at Lions' inaugural convention in Dallas, Texas, Jones was elected secretary-treasurer, a title he would hold for many years. Eventually, the board bestowed upon Jones, the title of secretary general for life.



Our founder was a prolific writer who could be clear and forceful on occasion, but sentimental the next. His hand can be seen in founding documents like the Lions Clubs Objects and Code of Ethics. His columns in LION Magazine are still quoted today and helped to articulate the organization's principles and values.

Jones gave up the insurance business in 1926 to become Lions' de facto CEO and global goodwill ambassador. He played both roles brilliantly—building and managing an expanding headquarters operation and travelling constantly for club visits and speaking engagements, spreading his philosophy that "You can't get very far until you do something for someone else."



Leadership

This is a personal invitation to each member to **Learn, Lead** and **Grow**! Experiences are how we learn. Yes, sometimes they are hard lessons, but I guaranteed you learned something from it. And sometimes we may say “I will never do that again”, but without experiencing situations good or bad we most certainly do not grow as a person. Our experiences in life can be the most rewarding situations that we cherish. When it is something that is worth fighting for, whether it takes time or not, it is something that helps you become the person you are meant to be.

Continuing to learn as a Lion guarantees your opportunity to continue to serve. It is in our nature to want to serve, isn't that the reason you became a member? Do not get stuck in a stalemate, do not let excuses stop you. Find ways to keep walking along your Lions path. Have you accomplished everything you have wanted to do as a Lion? I honestly feel that there is not one Lion among us who can say “Yes” to that because there are still people in need all around us. We may not see them, but we know they are there.



Projects, committees, officers are just a few leadership experiences waiting for you. When we as Lions take action to become more involved, we make that project come to life, we help that committee continue to improve, and we learn valuable lessons by getting more involved as officers in our clubs to ensure that we continue to learn, continue to grow.

For those members that currently oversee projects, participate in committees, and are officers do not forget about the “WE” in We Serve. Do invite others to help, do permit open conversations and changes to continue to help you along your path.

As with last month's article on directing our focus positively, it is not about finding “your” replacement if something would happen, it is about working together so that that lesson should not be one we as clubs have to learn. Let us all help each other step up, find ways to continue without interruption by learning what works and what may not. Learning to act leads to leadership opportunities that most certainly help us all grow as a person.

Yours in Service,

PDG Aaron Slezak

Membership

I hope you all had a Joyous and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year and you are all safe and in good health.

As we embark on the beginning of the 2nd half of the 2020-2021 Lions Year, we are still experiencing uncertain times which are unprecedented in District 14-E history. Our Club board meetings, dinner meetings, fundraisers, and some of our service projects have, in some cases, been cancelled or postponed. Some of us have become creative and still found ways to safely fundraise, hold meetings and provide services to our communities. "Social Distancing", at least for the time being, has become the "new normal" and the world as we know it has changed.

Our opportunities to gather as a Club and socialize with our fellow Lions have been impacted in some way. Believe it or not, this may be our best chance to increase our membership. With activities being scaled back, the everyday hustle and bustle has slowed and more people are realizing that in tough times like these, the need to help those less fortunate is increasing. Ask your Club members to contact those individuals they have asked to join in the past, but for whatever reason, weren't able to. Do it as a wellness call to check on them, make sure they are okay, and to see if they may need you to do any thing for them. In casual conversation, ask if they have given any further consideration to joining your Club. Use this opportunity to reacquaint them with all the things your Club does in the community.

Who knows, they say "timing is everything" and now may be that time when they agree to join. If nothing else, you've performed a community service project and insured those you had contact with were okay. The impression you made by initiating this contact with them will surely be remembered, Give it a try! What do you have to lose? Nothing at all!

Sincerely,
PDG Dave Stitely
District 14-E GMT Coordinator

MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS!

CAN YOU HELP?

JOIN OTHER LIONS LIKE YOURSELF MAKING A DIFFERENCE
DONATE ONLINE TODAY

FOUR DIAMONDS
Conquering Childhood Cancer

Pennsylvania Lions
CARE
FOR THE KIDS

A Four Diamonds Program Conquering Childhood Cancer

<https://fourdiamonds.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1175>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

\$100 provides immediate relief to four people in the wake of a natural disaster.

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Service

2nd Annual Samuel Grimm Birthday Book Drive

Beginning around the District 14-E Cabinet meeting in November and running through December 4th our District took part in the Samuel Grimm Birthday Book Drive. Samuel is the son of Lions Ashley and Brian Grimm (Ashley is Tom and Cindy Gregg's daughter) who lost his life to pediatric cancer after fighting a brave battle with the disease. To honor his memory and to help make it a little easier for kids that are currently being treated for cancer, Ashley and Brian have held a book drive the last two years for kids undergoing treatment at Penn State's Children's Hospital.

Several Clubs and individuals in our District and across the state took part in the fundraiser and nobody can tell you better about the results than Ashley herself. From an email from Ashley to me, "I wanted to provide you with an update on the books collected during our 2nd Annual Samuel Grimm Birthday Book drive. We were able to donate 1,149 books to the Penn State Children's Hospital in Sam's memory. We would not have been able to help so many kiddos without your help and the support of the Lions of District 14-E. Their support means more than we can express. We are incredibly grateful for all of the support we have received over the past two years. Thank you for continuing to support our family, to celebrate Sam's life, and to help children fighting cancer. Best wishes, Ashley."

Now to make this project even more amazing, on January 1st PDG Tom shared the great news of the birth of Ashley and Brian's daughter Evelyn Rose Grimm. Unknown to many of us Ashley was eight and nine months pregnant while running this successful service project. Congratulations to Ashley and Brian, and big brother Ben and to proud grandparents Tom and Cindy.

Thank you for allowing us to take part in this service project with you.

MyLion

MyLion is the online portal where all Lions can interact with Lions and learn of their service from all over the world. You can plan, share, and invite people to the activities that your Club is doing. This is the place where service is reported by the officers of the Club. This service can then be viewed, and the data reviewed by your Club member or by District and Multiple District Lions.

The intention of MyLion is to provide tools to allow for easier reporting of service. As with any electronic tool that is developed there is work being done for constant improvement. Sometimes things happen that were unintended, and these problems are discovered by us the end users. LCI has technical support that can be contacted to report these issues and provide guidance for how to solve the problems or if it is a problem on a greater scale it can be worked on by the team on their end.

A recent issue has arrived where edits cannot be made to activities entered on MyLion. Good news is that LCI is aware of this issue and has been working on a solution. Try to enter your data and be patient if it is not working correctly.

There are often conflicts with the browser platform being used to enter data as well. So if you are having trouble using one browser maybe try another. Sometimes things are working normal one month and then your computer will do an automatic update and without realizing it changes the way your browser can communicate with programs like MyLion. It is constant growth for both technologies, and we must be open for those changes.

As your District GST I can always be reached out to for help. Earlier this month I talked on the phone with a fellow Lion and we both walked through the LCI website until we found what she was looking for. I was on my computer while she was on hers so that we could work together. I am offering this same level of tech support to anyone that needs some help.

Happy New Year and keep up the hard work finding new ways to Serve in 2021.

Yours in Service, PDG Lance H. Remic - Global Service Team Chairperson, District 14-E



Pittsburgh Professional Sports Teams Raffle

Contents:

Mark Recchi - Pittsburgh Penguins Autographed Jersey
Joe Mullen - Pittsburgh Penguins Autographed Jersey
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Paul Coffey - Pittsburgh Penguins Autographed Puck
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Kris Benson - Pittsburgh Pirates Autographed Baseball
Pittsburgh Pirates Mini Louisville Slugger Bat
Pittsburgh Penguins Sweater Tumbler
Blanket / 6 Pack Cooler / 2 Custom Masks / Steelers Keystrap

(Approx Value: \$1,250)

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THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT! : Did you know there is an LION Magazine App?!?!?!?

Available for either iPhone or Android. (Just search for it in your Apple Store or Google Play)

DON'T FORGET TO TAG YOUR POSTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!!!!!!

Use the following hashtags on Twitter, Instagram (IG), Facebook (FB) or whatever other social media outlet that uses "hashtags". Hashtags are a way of grouping like posts.

#district14eweserve

#district14elions

#14EDGChuck



CLUB SPOTLIGHTS: District Governor Visits & Activities

On December 19, 2020, Wreaths Across America Day, Members of the Bushy Run Lions Club, along with family members, and Girls Troup 1239 and Boys Troup 239, helped place wreaths at the local North Huntingdon/Irwin cemeteries that participate in this event each year. The Club also helped WAA – North Huntingdon with wreath sponsorships. They were able to collect sponsorships for over 100 Wreaths!



Wreaths Across America Day



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Arnold Lions Club Food Distribution Project



Arnold Lions Club Food Distribution Project

“Lions Working Together As One”

Pajamas needed



Sponsored by the

Mount Pleasant Township Lions Club

Sizes newborn to size 10 Male and Female

Pajamas will meet the needs of children in our area and will be distributed by the WIC Program.



We will be collecting until February 2021 but any received by Christmas

would be a blessing.



Pajamas can be given to any Mt. Pleasant Twp. Lion.

For further information or drop off location contact: dtinkey@zoominternet.net

Please keep the children warm with new

Footed pajamas

Wrap them in love this winter



We would like to thank everyone who helped make this project a success in the past.



As Lions, we go above and beyond to serve our communities. We also make it our mission to take care of our fellow Lions if and when the opportunity arises. Operation "Secret Santa" did just that this Christmas with a mission of sending some Holiday Cheer to Lion Jeff Jordan and his mom who have been very cautiously riding out COVID-19 together! Lion Jeff has gone above and beyond for our District over the years and so we thought it would only seem fit to return the favor and offer up a little Holiday Surprise and visit from Santa (socially distanced of course!)



Operation Secret Santa



Surprise! The Operation Secret Santa Target



Operation Secret Santa



Operation Secret Santa – the Goods!



Merry Christmas Lions,

There will be 170 happy children on Christmas morning, thanks to your efforts. We assembled, repaired and inspected 170 bikes, scooters and coaster bikes for the Toys for Tots program. Each bike was ready for riding, including a helmet, for Christmas morning.

The Toys for Tots coordinators appreciate our dedication and thoroughness for this part of their program.

We plan to return and repeat this District project in 2021.

I thank the Lion volunteers from the Delmont, Youngwood, Mount Pleasant and Greensburg- East Hempfield clubs who made this possible. We continue to find ways to serve our communities, and support our motto of "We Serve".

Thank you all. Have a safe and healthy holiday. May the new year bring us closer to sense of normalcy.

Ed McCormick
Greensburg East Hempfield Lions

Here are some pictures of District-14E Santa's Helpers (aka Bike Builders). ENJOY!



Toys for Tots Mt Pleasant Twp: Pictured L to R—
Lion Jim Genard, Lion Ron Tinkey and PDG Sam
Snively



Toys for Tots Youngwood Lions



Toys for Tots



Toys for Tots



Toys for Tots



Toys for Tots



Toys for Tots



Toys for Tots

Bloomin' Where We are Planted!

Lions Clubs Activities

ZONE 1 (Zone Chair: Amy Thompkins)

Chestnut Ridge – 26 members. This month we held one meeting where we voted to deliver Christmas flowers to individuals and members whose spouses are deceased. We also delivered meals to them and additional meals to people in the community that may be shut in or struggling with the outbreak of covid and unable to travel.

Derry – 7 members. No meetings or activities because of Covid restrictions.

Greensburg/East Hempfield – *No report.*

Latrobe – 19 members. Honored Student of the Month, provided Christmas - clothing, toys, and other needs - for a needy family, donated \$200 to Torrance Hospital to provide a Christmas Party for patients.

Mt. Pleasant Twp. – 58 members. Held monthly sub sale. Purchased thirty-six \$75 gift cards for purchases at two local grocery stores during the Christmas season.

New Alexandria – *No report.*

New Florence – 18 members. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Dec. meeting was cancelled.

Seton Hill University – *No report.*

ZONE 2 (Zone Chair: 2VDG Tony Catullo)

Belle Vernon – *No report.*

East Huntingdon Township – *No report.*

Monessen – *No report.*

Rostraver Township – 42 members. Donated to Rostraver food bank, Donated and participated in Rostraver Christmas drive through, still collecting for Trex Bags for Benches.

Scottdale Centennial – *No report.*

Sewickley Area – 12 members. Provided gift certificates for food for several members of the community.

West Newton – *No report.*

Youngwood – 36 members. Raised funds for and provided Christmas Food Baskets for 18 underprivileged families in our area.

Yukon – *No report.*

Lions Clubs Activities cont'd:

ZONE 3 (Zone Chair: TBD)

Allegheny Township – 13 members. Continued with Meals-On-Wheels, did club business via phone and internet, talked and wished every member a great holiday season by phone. Reminded every member that 2021 dues can be paid through the secretary or treasure.

Arnold – 24 members. On December 19, 2020 we passed out 70 Christmas baskets to our needy in the Arnold community.

Delmont – 42 members. 5 club members assembled bikes and sorted toys for the Toys for Tots program. DG Chuck & ZC Amy assisted the Arnold Lions Club distribute food boxes for Christmas for families in need in the Arnold area. 4 members rang the bell for the Delmont Salvation Army. The Club donated an activities basket to the ARK Manor Nursing home residents in lieu of other offering due to pandemic restrictions. Donations from Westmoreland CARES Grant: \$200 to the Westmoreland County Food Bank; \$200 to Beacon Lodge Camp; \$150 to Clelian Heights; \$200 to the Westmoreland County Blind Asso; \$100 to the Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny & Westmoreland Counties; \$150 to the Delmont Volunteer Fire Department; \$200 to Delmont Meals on Wheels; and \$144 to the Delmont Salvation Army.

Lower Burrell – 30 members. Activities suspended due to Covid.

Murrysville – 23 members. No activity due to Covid.

New Kensington – *No report.*

Slickville – 46 members. Club purchased books through Scholastic Books for the Remembering Sam book drive. Instead of holding a holiday party the Club decided to bring joy to members of the community by delivering poinsettias to the community shut-ins. Members rang the bell for the Salvation Army on the Saturday before Christmas at the Delmont Walmart.

Vandergrift – 29 members. Monthly Gun raffle, loaned out hospital equipment, and sold lions brooms. During Covid we are having one meeting a month. Also the 1st weekend in December we had a food drive and monetary donations at the town Christmas festival. All proceeds were donated to the Vandergrift food Bank.

Washington-Bell Township – No report.

ZONE 4 (Zone Chair: Jeff Jordon)

Bushy Run - 41 members. Wreaths Across America December 19, 2020.

Irwin – *No report.*

Jeannette – *No report.*

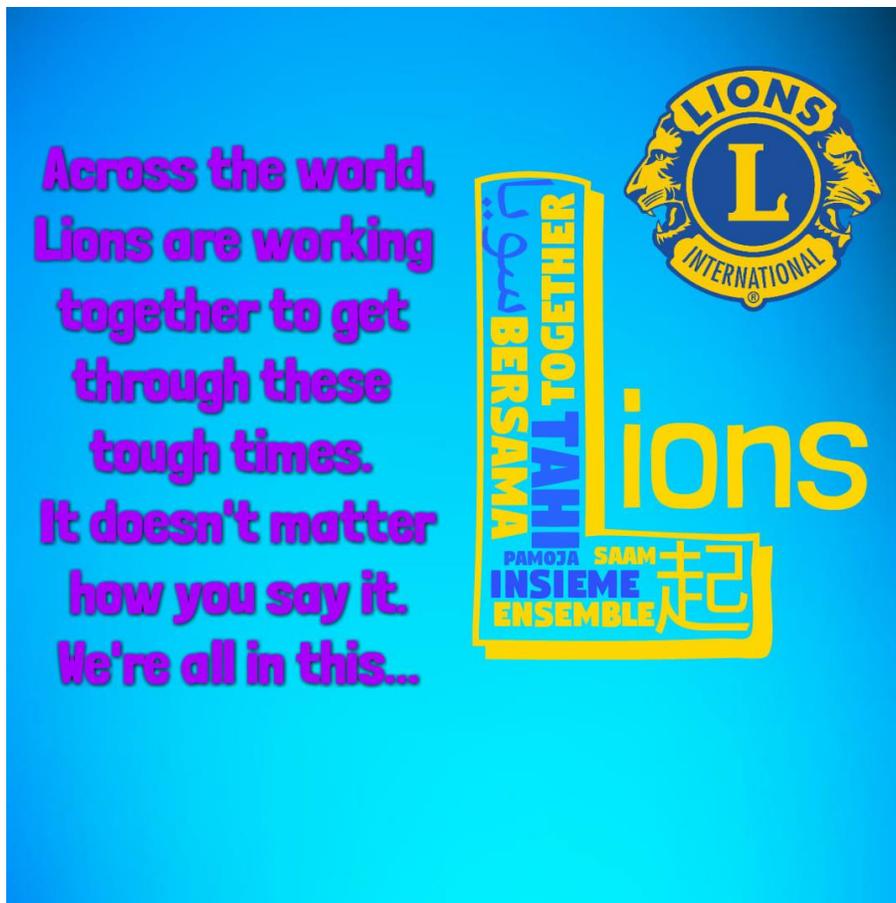
Level Green – 29 members. Koeze Nut sales completed. Website updated with scholarship information. Reaching out to PT High School to get the word out about scholarship. Monthly Strip tickets, collecting aluminum cans for recycling. Service: Meals on Wheels, maintaining outdoor Community Sign.

Manor – 11 members. Adopted a local family and bought over \$300 worth of gifts for 2 children and a \$100 Walmart gift card for the parents.

Norwin – 29 members. Conducted Koeze Nuts fundraiser and raffle ticket sale to go off on New Year's Day.

Stewartsville – 17 members. No activities due to Covid.

Trafford – 4 members. Participated with Leos in Trafford's holiday 'parade' in December.





Pennsylvania Lions District 14-L

2021 State Convention

Presented by Sheetz

“Embracing our Differences to Change the World “

Greetings Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

The 2021 PA Lions State Convention Host Committee has been diligently working to make this year's experience a memorable one. There will be seminars planned along with speakers and entertainment to inspire you and hopefully make your experience while here in Altoona an enjoyable one. We are in the process of arranging an open golf match for those Lions arriving on Thursday morning.

Friday will start you off with some seminars. Then ID Larry Edwards will be our after-lunch feature speaker, followed by a presentation of Hellen Keller and Melvin Jones. Friday evening will be the Necrology services followed by the Counsellors/District Governors Honors banquet. The evening will conclude with the Hospitality night with a Patriot theme and dancing to the Sharptons.

Saturday will open with additional seminars and the Four Diamonds Foundation presentation at the luncheon. Later in the afternoon we will have David Crone presenting "I'm No Dummy," this show is a must see full of fun and laughter. Concluding your day with the International Banquet where we are pleased to have our International President Dr Jung-Yul Choi as the keynote speaker.

We look forward to seeing you at the 98th State Convention in Altoona.

PDG Dennis Clark

Chairman

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14
 2021 STATE CONVENTION
 PRESENTED BY SHEETZ
 CONVENTION SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE REVISED 1-9-2021

THURSDAY MAY 13, 2021

TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
8AM-5PM	State Convention Office	Room 211
12-5PM	Baskets Raffle	Room 204
12-5PM	Convention Registration	Front Hall
12-5PM	State Merchandise Store	Room 201
12-5PM	Vendors and Exhibitors	Exhibit Hall F&H
1-2:15 PM	State Council Preliminary Meeting	Ballroom 1&2
1-2:30PM	Partners in Service Meeting	Room 202
2:30-5PM	State Council Regular Meeting	Ballroom 1&2

FRIDAY MAY 14, 2021

TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
8AM-5PM	State Convention Office	Room 211
8-5PM	Basket Raffle	Room 204
8-5PM	Convention Registration	Front Hall
8-5PM	State Merchandise Store	Room 201
8-5PM	Vendors and Exhibitors	Exhibit Hall F&H
9-10AM	Diabetes Program: Linda Lupo	Rooms 202&203
9-10AM	PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp Board	Rooms 205&206
9-10AM	PA Lions Eye Research & Sight Conservation	Rooms 207&208
10-11AM.	Lions Club International Foundation	Rooms 202&203
10-11AM	PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation	Rooms 207&208
10-11AM	PA Lions Beacon Lodge Seminar	Rooms 205&206
11:30AM-1:30PM	Luncheon featuring ID Larry Edwards Leader Dogs for the Blind "Top Dog" Awards	Ballroom 4
2-3 PM	Helen Keller & Melvin Jones	Ballrooms 1&2
4:30-5:30PM	Necrology	Ballroom 1&2
6-7PM	Social Hour	Main Hall
7-8:30PM	Honors/PA Counsellors Banquet	Ballroom3
9-11PM	Hospitality Night	Ballroom 4

SATURDAY MAY 15, 2021

TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
8-9AM	Lions of PA Foundation Open Meeting	Rooms 205&206
8-9AM	LCIF	Rooms 202&203
9-10AM	LEO Gathering	Rooms 207&208
9-10AM	Global Action Team Meeting	Rooms 202&203
9-10AM	PA Counselors	Rooms 205&206
9-10AM	Western PA Hearing Foundation Meeting	Rooms 207&208
10-10:45 AM	IP Choi Meets with PA Lions	Ballroom 1&2
10:45-11:45 AM	All State Band Concert #1	Exhibit Hall
12-2PM	Luncheon: Four Diamonds Foundation and Lioness of the Year	Ballroom 3
2:15-3:30PM	Stride Walk	Around Complex
2:15-3:30PM	Sage Vision Sponsor	Ballrooms 1&2
3:45-5:15PM	"I'm No Dummy Productions": David Crone	Ballrooms 1&2
6-6:45PM	All State Band Concert #2	Exhibit Hall A&E
6-7PM	Social Hour	Hall
7-10PM	International Banquet	Ballroom 3&4

SUNDAY MAY 16, 2021

TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
6-8:45AM	Convention Registration and Certification	Rooms 205&206
6-9AM	Voting	Rooms 207&208
8-9:30AM	Melvin Jones/Key Member Breakfast	Ballroom 3&4
9:45-11:15AM	Convention Business Session	Ballroom 1&2
12-1:30PM	Council Orientation	Ballroom 1&2
12-1:30PM	Partners in Service Meeting	Room 202&203



**MD-14 State Council of Lions Clubs Convention
98th Annual Convention – May 13 - May 16, 2021
The Blair County Convention Center, Altoona, PA 16602**

Registrant Information: Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Sub District _____ Club Name _____

Name: _____ Title: _____
(Last, First, Preferred Name) (example DG, PDG, Lion)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (Residence) _____ (Cell) Email: _____

First Convention: Yes No Years as a Lion: _____ Highest Office Held: _____ Past Present

Spouse/Partner: _____

Special Needs: *Hearing Challenged* *Visually Challenged* *Physically Challenged*
Let us know how we can help!

Dietary Restrictions:

Hotel Information: ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE Made Directly to one of the below Hotels

Conv. Center Marrot Court Yard	Call (814)-312-1800	\$104.00 Plus Taxes
Holiday Inn Express	Call (814)693-1004	\$112.00 Plus Taxes
Altoona Grand Hotel	Call (814)946-1631	\$ 79.00 Plus Taxes
Hampton Inn	Call (814)941-3500	\$129.00 Plus Taxes

Deadline for Hotel Reservations April 17, 2021

Meal reservations Deadline April 17, 2021 **NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 17, 2021**

REGISTRATION

Convention Registration – **REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES** (No fee for children under 12 or Leos)
Registration category will be determined by the postmark on your envelope!

Early Bird/Regular (January 31st \$10.00) Regular (Feb 1st to April 17th \$12.50) \$ _____
Late (April 18th to on site (\$15.00)) \$ _____

Friday Buffet Luncheon: Chicken Parmesan
Alvera's Meatballs OR Pasta Price: \$22.00 \$ _____

Friday PA Counsellors and District Governor's Honors Banquet:
10 Oz. Pork Chop or Grilled Breast of Chicken Price: \$32.00 \$ _____
Tortellini Price: \$28.00

Name(s) of persons to be seated with: _____

Saturday Buffet Luncheon: Soup and Sandwich Buffet Price: \$20.00 \$ _____

International Banquet: Salmon Fillet Price: \$31.00 \$ _____
12 Oz Delmonico Steak Price: \$31.00 \$ _____
Three Cheese Lasagna Price: \$26.00

Name(s) of persons to be seated with: _____

Melvin Jones Breakfast: Breakfast Buffet Price: \$17.00 \$ _____
2021 State Convention Pin X \$5.00 \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Please visit <http://www.lions14L.org/> for more information on the hotel accommodations and menus

EACH REGISTRANT SHOULD COMPLETE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM!

Make checks payable to: **2021 PA State Convention**

Mail completed forms and payment to: **Lion Kathryn Long, 423 Walnut Street, Lewistown, PA 17044**

Registration committee chair: Lion Kathryn Long, (717)242-2205

email katyel.long@gmail.com



**2021 Pennsylvania Lions
State Convention
Hospitality Night**



**Friday Night
Patriot Theme**



**May 14, 2021 9:00 pm—11:00 pm
Convention Center Ballroom**



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**MD-14 State Council of Lions Clubs
 98th Annual Convention
 The Blair County Convention Center, Altoona, PA
 May 13 - 16, 2021**



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The undersigned authorizes the insertion of their advertisement (enclosed) in the 2021 PA Lions State Convention booklet, published for their convention which takes place May 13-16, 2021.

Club/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Title: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Submission Deadline March 13, 2021

Ad Copy Requirements

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2. Clean, reproducible hard copy will be accepted. (Please do not fold, tape or staple within image area.)
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6. Ads on interior pages will be reproduced in black and white (gray tones).

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Payment Instructions

Make checks payable to: **PA Lions 14-L State Convention**

Mail this form and a copy of your ad to:

**PDG Fred B. McKinley
 690 Dry Valley Rd.
 Lewistown, PA 17044
 (H) 717-248-9903
 (C) 717-994-4392**

Send electronic files or submit questions to:

fbmckinley@verizon.net

Convention Program Booklet Patron Ads

Donation for a single line of text (not to exceed 40 letters/spaces) is \$5.00
 Please type or print very legibly!

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Lions Clubs International®



Chuck Thompkins
District Governor, District 14-E
Pennsylvania, U.S.A. 2019-2020
309 Beechwood Rd
Greensburg, PA 15601
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NOTICE OF THIRD CABINET MEETING

TO: CABINET OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS, CLUB
PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, ALL LIONS, LIONESS, AND LEOS

DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

PLACE: TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP HALL
39 EAST PITTSBURGH STREET, DELMONT, PA 15626

TIME: 9:00 a.m. PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS MEETING (Past District Governors only)
9:30 a.m. PRE-CABINET MEETING (Current District Cabinet only)
10:00 a.m. CABINET MEETING (all Lions members and club representatives)

ATTENTION: Please provide a full written report to DG Chuck Thompkins by Friday, February 5th so that copies can be provided and distributed to clubs. Only summary reports are to be delivered at the cabinet meeting and will be limited to three-minutes. Provide details in the written report to be shared with all clubs.

Please note that masks and social distancing will be required.



MD-14 Campaign 100 Fundraiser



International Director
Larry Edwards

A current International Director and a Past International Director. What is a common feature in both pictures? Yes, a Moustache. Both men have sported a moustache for many years without shaving it off. Be sure to be there when ID Larry and PID Jim remove their own moustaches. All Lions who attend have an opportunity to watch. It all about raising needed money for the LCIF Campaign 100.



Past International Director
Jim Cavallaro

The Shave The Stache's campaign is intended as a fun event with the overall goal of raising funds for Lions Clubs International Foundation CAMPAIGN 100.

When the overall goal of \$10,000.00 is reached both International Director Larry Edwards and Past International Director Jim Cavallaro will relieve their upper lips of the growth that has nestled there for a combined 100 years.

The rules are:

Contribute \$25.00 to LCIF by purchasing a numbered ticket.

With each contribution of \$25.00 your ticket will be eligible for a drawing at the conclusion of the Campaign for either a Melvin Jones Fellowship or a Progressive MJF.

There will be one MJF /PMJ awarded by the Multiple District for each thousand dollars that is sent to LCIF.

The Campaign will be concluded with the Shaving event to be held at the first State Convention when our goal of \$10,000.00 is reached.

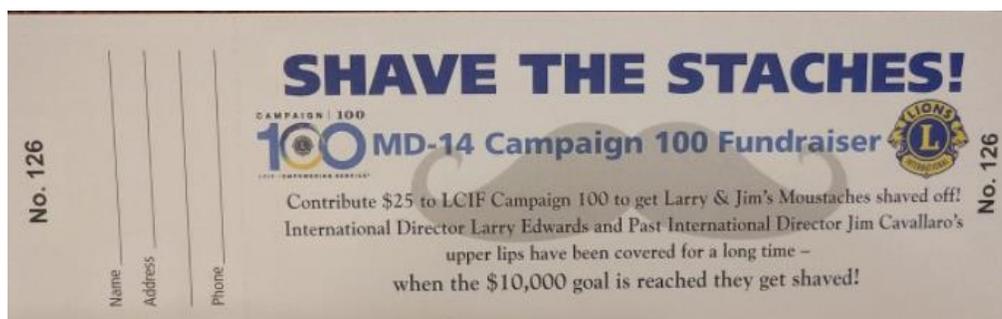
Additional tickets may be obtained and the return of the stubs and money can be sent to:

PDG Kerry McKnight
(717) 880-6617
6 Mulberry Lane
New Freedom, PA. 17349

PDG Evan Punchard
(724) 664-1953
401 W. First Street
Rural Valley, PA. 16249

Your checks should be made payable to Pennsylvania Lions MD 14.

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED THROUGH DG CHUCK!





A Four Diamonds Program Conquering Childhood Cancer

How to set up Your Recurring Gift



Visit our fundraising page

Visit FourDiamonds.org/PALions and scroll down and click "Make a Donation."

MAKE A DONATION



Select your donation amount

Choose "Monthly," enter your Lions Club name, fill out your contact and payment information.

Supporting PA Lions' Care - For The Kids™™

Your Donation

Donation Amount	\$1000	\$500	\$100
	\$50	\$25	\$1000

Monthly One-time

Lions Club Name:

Payment Method: My gift membership option Use the standard payment info on my card



Help conquer childhood cancer

Here are some of the ways your recurring gift can help kids fighting cancer.



\$10/ month funds one day of art therapy.



\$25/ month provides one day of care and support from our chaplain, who helps guide the spiritual needs of patients and their families.



\$100/ month funds one week of child life support for Four Diamonds' outpatient clinic.



\$200/ month funds a private hospital room for a child and their family.

FourDiamonds.org/PALions



GUIDE DOG TRAINING



ORIENTATION & MOBILITY TRAINING



SUMMER EXPERIENCE CAMP

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Hear these puppies ROAR!

These six puppies are currently being raised by volunteer puppy raisers across the country. Some of them are Lions volunteers. Just one more way Lions partner with Leader Dog to serve your local communities.



With your club's sponsorship, you will receive a 5x7 photograph of your sponsored Future Leader Dog and an official sponsorship certificate.

All symbolic sponsorships will receive a matching plush puppy! Be sure to post a picture of your club and your plush puppy on social media to share the joy!

Thank you for helping Leader Dog serve people who are blind, visually impaired and Deaf-Blind in your communities—together we serve!

Sincerely,

Lion Sue Daniels

Lion Sue Daniels
President and CEO

PS: Remember Lake Orion Lions Club President Mike Pikalis and Future Leader Dog Senna last year? Here is Leader Dog Senna (*pictured right with client*) this year—what a difference a year makes! Find out more at LeaderDog.org.



"I'm retired and on my own, so the dog is my world. If I don't get my five miles of walking, hiking or snowshoeing— I don't feel right. It's kind of an existence."

-Randy & LD Senna



Empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel

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Sponsor a hero. Be a hero.



Throughout our history, thousands of amazing donors worldwide have helped us empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel. Now you have the opportunity to show your support in a new way, through a **Symbolic Puppy Sponsorship**. For \$500, you'll receive a picture, a profile and an official certificate of your sponsored Future Leader Dog. But more importantly you'll help make the following possible each year:

- ▶ **1,000,000+**
Days of safe and independent daily travel
- ▶ **200**
Leader Dog teams paired
- ▶ **100**
Clients receive white cane training
- ▶ **6**
Clients who are deaf and blind receive customized guide dog training
- ▶ **24**
Teenagers gain leadership and travel skills
- ▶ **\$0**
Cost to client



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LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND

For more information or to sign up, visit
LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy

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PUPPY SPONSORSHIP

A \$500 donation allows you to choose from a select group of puppies to symbolically sponsor and receive:

- ▶ A portrait of your sponsored Future Leader Dog suitable for framing
- ▶ Four wallet-size photos to share
- ▶ A profile of your Future Leader Dog with fun information such as personality traits, favorite toys and more
- ▶ An official sponsorship certificate
- ▶ **Each sponsorship comes with a matching plush puppy!**



LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND



Sakari
Michigan



Benton
Tennessee



Thea
Wisconsin



Sequoia
Michigan



Papi
Michigan



Harper
Maryland

YES! I would like to sponsor a puppy!

Name (Required) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Email Address _____ Phone (____) _____

Sponsoring (*please circle ONE puppy*) Sakari Benton Thea Sequoia Papi Harper

Please make check payable to "Leader Dogs for the Blind" with "Puppy Sponsorship" in the memo.
Mail to: Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115
You can also sponsor a puppy online at LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy



- Raised by volunteer Lion puppy raisers



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS – May 2020

Old Skills, New Friends – Making Harnesses for Leader Dogs



By Steve Williams,
Leader Dogs for the Blind volunteer
(Pictured right)

After working as an orthotist (a person who makes custom orthopedic devices) for 39 years, my wife and I closed our family business in 2015. Shortly after retiring I started volunteering in the tack room. I was very excited to be part of Leader Dogs for the Blind (LDB) since I grew up nearby and had a family connection.

My daughter worked for several years as a guide dog mobility instructor for English and Spanish-speaking clients. While she worked at LDB, my wife and I had an opportunity to take a tour of the facility. I saw my retirement future as soon as we stepped into the tack shop. This is where the tack shop volunteers assist with assembling and repairing leather harnesses and tie-downs for the dogs. Some of the harnesses are also customized to accommodate a dog or handler's physical stature. When I trained many years ago to become an orthotist, most of the devices were made from leather and metal. Although technology has changed over the years to incorporate more sophisticated materials, I always loved using my old school leather work skills.

For the complete article, please visit LeaderDog.org. Easily share articles and videos with your club!



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CLUB VISITS

Invite Leader Dog to Your Next Virtual Meeting

Meetings are taking on a new look-many from our own living rooms! The Leader Dog Team is available to give virtual presentations.

Want your club, zone, region or district to know more about their impact at Leader Dog? Want to chat with a client about their experiences at Leader Dog? Meet a volunteer puppy raiser? How about inviting a Guide Dog Mobility Instructor (GDMI) demonstrate how they train guide dogs? Give us a call or email and we can help set it up.

Send inquiries to Lion Kathleen Breen at kbreen@Leaderdog.org or call her at (248) 218-6407.



For bits of joy in your day, follow Future Leader Dog Legacy, our 20,000 puppy on Instagram at [fl_d_legacy](https://www.instagram.com/fl_d_legacy) (above)!

COVID-19 Response

For the latest information on Leader Dog's response to COVID-19, please visit our website at LeaderDog.org.



BE OF SERVICE

LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER   

Schedule of Events and District Governor Visits

JANUARY						
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January 2021:

- 1st Happy New Year!
- 7th – 10th VDG Retreat
- 12th Jeannette Lions DG Visit
- 13th Melvin Jones' Birthday
- 26th Lower Burrell Lions DG Visit

February 2021:

- 5th – 6th State Council Meeting, Shippensburg
- 11th New Alexandria Lions DG Visit
- 13th 3rd Cabinet Meeting
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 20th – 21st Spring Fling Symposium – Harrisburg

March 2021:

- 7th District Bowling Tournament Hillview Lanes (tentative, pending COVID)
- 12th - 14th RLLI Training Harrisburg, PA



2020-2021 DISTRICT 14-E PROJECTS DONATION FORM

CLUB _____	DATE _____
Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind	\$ _____
Care-A-Van	\$ _____
Diabetes	\$ _____
Disaster Relief Team Fund	\$ _____
Eye Research	\$ _____
Pediatric Cancer	\$ _____
Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$ _____
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	\$ _____
Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation	\$ _____
PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation	\$ _____
Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation	\$ _____
Westmoreland County Blind Association	\$ _____
Westmoreland County Deaf Services	\$ _____
TOTAL DONATION:	\$ _____

Please note: If your club has not already submitted donations, they must be received by May 1, 2021 to receive credit for 2020-2021. Donation check should be made out to District 14-E Lions and this form should accompany the check. Please mail check to Cabinet Treasurer, PDG Bob Mesher, 441 Gallitin Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 . If necessary, check can be given to District Governor Chuck before the deadline.

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION:

DISTRICT 14-E CABINET – 2020-2021

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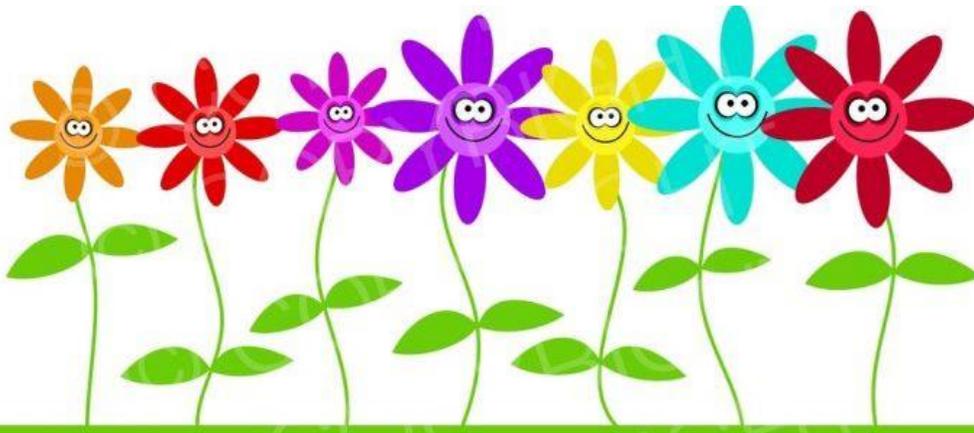
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PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.....www.beaconlodge.com
PA State Council of Lions Clubs.....www.palions.org
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