



NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 14-E LIONS

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PA

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District Governor's Message

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." These words come from Helen Keller who famously challenged us Lions at Cedar Point, Ohio back in 1925 to become the Knights of the Blind.

As I have visited clubs around the district over these past months, all I can say is wow. You Lions are pretty incredible, and you do such amazing things. And most importantly, you make such a difference to your communities. It's pretty remarkable that Lions are still such a well-kept secret. Our stories are so powerful. Who wouldn't want to be part of what we do?

But that's the key – the story. Are you telling your story? It's not something we Lions do well. We tend to tell about meetings, pancake breakfasts, chicken barbecues, ticket and broom sales, and vision screenings. But Lions is so much more than that. It's about why we do these things. It's that feeling you get inside when you are helping someone, when you know you are making someone's life better, when you know that every single dollar you raise will be used to support those in need. And we all have stories about how we've been touched as Lions in seeing our hard work pay off and help others. Have you shared your story with others as you tell them about Lions? These stories are positive, inspirational, and help people see the difference we make and perhaps make them want to join our mission.

Norman Vincent Peale was an American author and clergyman who became known for popularizing the concept of positive thinking. His book, *The Power of Positive Thinking*, helps people tackle day-to-day problems and still inspires many to believe in themselves and succeed. One of my favorite quotes from him is, "If you put off everything till you're sure of it, you'll get nothing done." I think the reason I relate to this quote is because I am a planner, but at some point you have to start doing something to see results. A plan doesn't bring results on its own it's just a plan.

So.... As Lions, for the rest of this year, let's adopt a positive mindset. Let's focus on opportunities instead of problems. We all have challenges as clubs and individual Lions, but these challenges present us with opportunities.... Let's focus on those opportunities. Barbara Fredrickson, PhD, wrote a book called *Positivity* where she said, "Making small changes in the ways you appreciate and frame the events of your day can turn positivity on...you have more say

than you think about whether you feel positivity or negativity and when.” Similarly, Zig Ziglar, the famous salesman and speaker, once said, “Your attitude not your aptitude will determine your altitude.”

As we approach this season of hope and good will, let’s focus on what’s going right, not what’s going wrong. Instead of trying to find out why some things are not going well, why not reverse that and try to find out why the things that are going well are doing so good? Do those give us any ideas we can apply to the things that are not going so well?

Here’s an idea for an upcoming meeting. Do a roundtable discussion with your club. Ask everyone to tell the story of the best project they’ve been a part of as a Lion and their role in that project, ask them what made it so great? It’s a great way to reflect on past successes, let new Lions learn about past projects, and find out what members enjoy. Learn to share your stories, practice telling them, discuss the value of the projects and who benefitted rather than just describing the project itself – share the impact it had. It should be an inspirational meeting!

As a final thought, Norman Vincent Peale also said that, “There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment.”

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1st Vice District Governor Message:

Dear Lions,

I would like to take a moment and thanks PDG Deb Burkholder, PDG Cheryl Wilbur, PDG Tom Gregg & PID Cindy Gregg for a job well done on the Fall Leadership Symposium that was held in October at the Westmoreland County Blind Association, in addition to all the lions that took the time out of their day to attend to listen and learn. I would like to encourage you all to try to attend the seminars as they are a great way to learn and to meet other lions.

The next Club Support Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the Westmoreland County Blind Association at 7pm. District Leader Dog Chair-Lion Amanda Remic will be presenting on Leader Dog which I am sure will be very informative for all. I hope to see you all in attendance.

Mass Induction is fast approaching. Please mark Wednesday, November 6, 2019 on your calendar and get your RSVP's in to 2VDG Margie Wolff as soon as possible. The event will be at Ferrante's Lakeview in Greensburg. All new members, their sponsors, Lions, spouses, and guests are encouraged to attend this celebration.

I hope everyone had a Happy Halloween. I would like to see pictures and hear about how your club celebrated this spooktacular day. I would like to give a shout out to the Derry Lions as they took part in the Derry Area School's "Trunk or Treat" Day which was held at Grandview Elementary School on Saturday, October 26, 2019. ZC Amy & I had the pleasure of lending a hand to King Lion Marie to decorate the trunks of our cars & to hand out treats to the children following the parade. It was fun to see all of the ghouls, goblins, princesses and other costumes come out for a great time! This is always a great way to get some visibility in your community!!

It has been very nice seeing all of you during your home club's District Governor's visits, events and activities. If I did not see you yet, I hope to be seeing you soon.

Remember, where there is a need there is a Lion. Let's all get out there and provide some service to our communities. DG Dave is encouraging all clubs to screen as many children in your areas using the Spot Screeners. The Holidays are fast approaching, so a few other ideas could include providing a holiday dinner to the shelter; serving a holiday dinner, Christmas Caroling at a local Nursing Home, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, or helping out with building bicycles for the Toys for Tots Project. There are many opportunities to SERVE your community, so let's get out there and get it done!!

Again, Thanks for all you do,
Your's in Service,
1VDG Chuck

2nd Vice District Governor Message:

Dear Fellow Lions;

At this time of year, with Mass Induction taking place, and the enthusiasm and talents of our new members, we are encouraged to renew our own personal commitment, as well as to fulfill our desire to serve others.

Our focus has been on acquiring new members to help us; now, we must mentor the new members so that they too can contribute, feel welcome, and be aware of what their club does in the way of fundraising, the projects their club is involved with, service efforts in the local community, and, of course, how the Lions function at the District, State, and International levels.

There are so many needs to address and so many areas where Lions can serve; i.e., vision screening, backpack programs, helping out in natural disasters, etc., that each new Lion can utilize his or her talents in so many different areas. New members need to be made aware of all of the opportunities to serve, and club members need to welcome them into their committees and get them involved. Some clubs collect footed pajamas, others collect food for the food bank; maybe collecting toys for kids or making food baskets for those in need would be an appropriate task. Also, new members may have their own ideas and suggestions for service projects. Be open to their suggestions.

With the holidays coming, there are so many ways to help and serve those who need us. Remember, "Where there's a need, there's a Lion."

Please know that I am available to visit your clubs and willing to assist you in any way. My phone number is 724-325-4133; my email is mgwolff@windstream.net.

Yours in Service,

2nd VDG, Margie Wolff

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

Use the following tags on Twitter, Instagram (IG), Facebook (FB) or whatever other social media outlet that uses "hashtags". Hashtags are a way of grouping like posts together making it easier to find and interact!

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Complete the following 3 activities:

1. **ST**rive to plan and lead one *new* service project/fundraiser for your club
2. **AS**sist with another club's project
3. **RE**cruit and sign up one new member

BE A STAR CONTEST

OPEN TO ALL LIONS MEMBERS

Nominations are Now Open

Club secretaries should send Be a STAR nominations to DG Dave when all three activities are completed, please provide the details on the three activities above along with the Lions name and home club.



Louisville
Kentucky

September 17-19, 2020

We are off...and running! Having just returned from three very intense days of planning for the 2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky, I would like to encourage EVERY Lion and Leo to attend.

Because of the central location, next year's forum is expected to be the largest in many years. At this point, there are 82 educational seminars planned, beginning with a Childhood Cancer Symposium on Thursday morning. Likewise, Lions University will have ten classes, as well as the Overview and graduation on Thursday afternoon. Furthermore, we are inviting three of the "Founding Fathers" to reminisce about the birth of this great leadership experience and to repeat last year's seminar with four recent Past Presidents who will share their views for the future of our great association.

We'll also hear about diabetes from a blind individual, learn about e-glasses, dementia, and service dogs that deal with other afflictions. There will be a session on successful environmental projects, the North American Directors Membership Initiative (NAMI), free children's service project ideas, as well as the annual service project that will involve ALL attendees. A session will be devoted to LCIF grants, while another one will focus on LCI's membership and Leadership grants in which many clubs and districts may not be familiar.

Of course, the Strides Walk will occur on Thursday at 11:15, and this year, walkers can choose to walk half a mile, one mile, or a mile and a half. Additionally, all attendees will be encouraged to dress for the races and have some fun at Thursday Night's dinner, which will include a few surprises.

Leos, too, will be provided with a fun and exciting experience with input from some of the local LEO members. For all attendees, there are many interesting sites within reasonable walking distance, such as the Muhammad Ali Museum, Louisville Slugger Museum, and the Hard Rock Café. Not too far, is Louisville Zoo, numerous distilleries, Churchill Downs and the Derby Museum, to name a few.

The Forum is an excellent opportunity to combine a great learning experience with a brief vacation that is within driving distance. Therefore, I hope to see many new and familiar faces in Bluegrass Country next September 17-19.

Cindy Gregg, PID
2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Seminars Chairperson



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THAN the 27th OF EACH MONTH!!!!

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WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN LIONS

As we start the holiday season and think about ways to get women and families interested in our Lions Club we also have to take in to consideration the amount of time these ideas take. With the start of the Holidays upon us everyone gets busier. Yet everyone wants to be part of something to help others less fortunate than themselves.

It's important to let potential members know that they can bring their children to the meetings and we want to involve them.

Have your club plan a family holiday party that includes children. Everyone can bring an item that can be donated to the local food bank. Maybe invite a surprise guest..... SANTA.

Hold a swap meet at your meeting location or at a local church. Add a bake sale to help with those that are in need of holiday cookies. Great ways to meet new people and families. Any extra items you have left can be donated to local shelter.

As always I am here to help with your idea or one of mine together.

In Lionism
Amy Yaszak
President, Vandergrift Lions

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS! CONTEST TIME!

Have a net growth of 5 members **on December 31st (from July 1st)** - no foolin' to earn a club pizza party/recognition dinner meeting with the district GAT/Cabinet at one of your meetings.

Additionally, each club earning this award will be entered into a drawing for a 50.00 Certificate from the District to offset that amount of your Club's District Dues.

The drawing will be held at the January 2020 GAT Meeting
The eligible time frame is July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Bushy Run Lions Club welcomes

James Jobe

Scottdale Centennial Lions Club welcomes

Larry Keslar

Dennis Klepsky

Michelle Williams

Yukon Lions Club welcomes

Carrie Cosalter

In Memory....

Dr. Frank J. Mottola
Vandergrift Lions

PDG William J. "Bill" Halbfoerster, Jr.
District 14-K, 199 -1994

PDG Frank W. Smith
District 14-F, 2007-2008

***We thank you for your
service***



Empowering Clubs through the
Power of Action



Global Action Team

Hello, Fellow Lions!

Happy Veteran's Day to all of our veterans. We certainly appreciate your dedication and service to our country. However, in case you are not aware, Lions Clubs International has waived the \$35 new member fee for all veterans. So, if you know another veteran who would be interested in improving your community, please invite him/her to join us. Better yet, if you have 5 or more veterans who are concerned with providing necessary services for fellow veterans, such as helping the homeless secure jobs, providing counseling for those facing post-traumatic stress syndrome, caring for graves of forgotten veterans, or volunteering at the VA Hospital, ask DG Dave, PDG Dave Stitely, or me for help in chartering a specialty club branch.

Likewise, with the approaching holidays, this is the perfect time to remember and thank our veterans for their service and sacrifice. Lions, Lioness, and Leos of all ages can make cards or paint pictures for injured or deployed soldiers and veterans. Perhaps, too, you could participate in *Operation Christmas Stockings for Soldiers* that has been sponsored by the Barnhart Funeral Home in Greensburg for the past 10 years.

What better way to recognize those men and women who have given so much to ensure our freedom!

Of course, let's give thanks for the many blessings that we have each received. May all of you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

Cindy Gregg, PID

Area Global Action Team Coordinator (Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia)

Leadership

Hello fellow members,

The way that we feel or act towards a person, thing or situation comes down to it being an “Attitude”. Our attitude is everything! That is what defines us all in the minds of others. We all know when we are hungry, or when our feet hurt, but most of us may not realize just how much our attitudes reflect on our clubs.

A leadership position can be a powerful thing, but what is your attitude on the word powerful when you hear that word? Did it make you think of someone who is above all? Or did it make you think of the one who empowers others around them? That is what we all need to search within ourselves for, our attitudes. Those first thoughts which tend to lead us in directions that does not benefit our clubs.

We are not the same, but the way we approach things can be. Our attitudes will make or break those around us. When we look at our struggles of filling “leadership” positions within our clubs whether it be officers, committees, etc. do we tend to look at it as a “problem” which most definitely leads to negative thoughts. Or, should we look at it as an “opportunity” which empowers everyone to feel they can be part of the solution?

We need to be able to rally around each other through the tougher times. Taking turns, sharing responsibilities can help by giving all members the “opportunity” to learn all aspects of a club through the different leadership roles within our clubs. But, be careful, rotating leads us on a path of negativity by wearing us down. We tend to focus more on what we don’t have or can’t do than focusing on finding those opportunities to fix it.

Having the right attitude, leads to more members working together, and will get you on the right path to find the opportunities around your area to not only promote your club, but more importantly find others that want to make a difference. Membership and Leadership are one, they don’t exist without each other.

Become more aware of the attitudes towards the challenges within our clubs. Let us all be part of the solution, not the problem. Being a Lion, you already have these qualities in you!

Yours in Service,

PDG Aaron Slezak





Membership

As we enter the month of November, our membership stands at 848. This as we know, is well below the LCI mandated 1250 members, but we are at a (+ 6) members year to date which is a step in the right direction. We are not alone; most volunteer organizations are experiencing declines in membership. We need to create new strategies to overcome the obstacles encountered when recruiting members. Society has dramatically changed in the years since a majority of us became Lions members. The family structure now includes single parent households or those where both parents hold full time jobs, women have now moved beyond being “stay at home moms” and entered the work force and in some cases, are now the families primary source of income. Economic conditions have caused many to lose their jobs entirely or have forced them to work multiple part-time jobs to make ends meet. Families with children are forced to juggle hectic schedules to accommodate their involvement in sports, extracurricular school activities, dance, or a multitude of other time consuming items. In addition, involvement in church groups, choirs, golf, softball, and bowling leagues, along with other volunteer commitments, all put a strain on our most valuable personal assets, our time and our treasures.

We need to be both progressive and flexible in embracing these lifestyle changes when recruiting new members. Our future lies in welcoming women, young adults, and families with children into our Clubs. We can no longer expect 100% participation at all Club meetings, service projects, or fundraising events. We must be grateful for whatever time an individual has to offer and thank them for their contributions. When collecting our International, State, District, and Club dues, we must realize that for some individuals, making a lump sum payment would put a huge strain on their finances and may be a deterrent to becoming a member. Why not setup a spreadsheet and let them make installment payments that fall within their budget constraints? With so many opportunities available to volunteer that don't require a monetary commitment, we need to promote our organization and Clubs for all that we do for our communities and those less fortunate than ourselves and convince them that the services we provide would, in most cases, not be available if we didn't exist.

People are motivated to serve for a variety of reasons. They are most inclined to serve if they can personally relate to a specific cause. If we promote the Lions for our contributions to Diabetes, Hearing, and Eye research, as well as, our Measles Initiative and other humanitarian projects, someone who has a friend or family member that suffers from diabetes, hearing loss, eye problems, or other ailments, may be inclined to join for these reasons. Our ability to determine what an individual is passionate about will be instrumental in acquiring, not only a new member, but also an active member. The power of our Lions motto “We Serve” is strengthened each time we add a new member.

Yours in Service,
DG Dave Stitely

Service

Club Service Chairpersons!!

Congratulations to the District 14-E Lions listed here who have taken on the challenge and responsibilities of being a Club Service Chairperson. This list needs to continue to grow and the Clubs who are not listed here need to work to find someone to take on this important role.

<u>District 14-E Lions Club</u>	<u>Club Service Chairperson</u>
Bushy Run	Susan Kerr
Delmont	VDG Chuck Thompkins
Jeannette	Pam Brummett
Manor	Joy Clontz
Mount Pleasant Township	Emily Uhrin
Rostraver Township	PDG Tom Gregg
Scottdale Centennial	James Williams
Slickville	PDG Lance Remic
Vandergrift	Melissa Shearer
Youngwood	Greg Morrison

Maybe the person who takes on this position in your Club is not even in your Club yet. Use this as a recruiting tool when looking for new members. "Hey you are great at organizing and reporting events here at church (work, school, another club, etc.) we could really use you as a member of our Lions Club and your impact will be felt right away by helping us fill a new position."

I see names on the list above that are new to me and it is great to have them involved as a member of this Districtwide team.

Service Reporting Contest!!

Now to kick off a new service reporting contest for District 14-E. This will take place in two phases. The first running from right now until the end of 2019. The second will kick off January 1st and run through the District Convention later in the spring. The details of the spring contest will follow.

The qualifications for the contest are this:

- 1. Your Club must report its service during November and December using MyLion.**
- 2. Your Club must have a Club Service Chairperson.**

DG Dave and I will put together a drawing of the Clubs who have completed this between now and end of 2019 and the following will be prizes awarded:

**1st Club name drawn will be receive \$50.00 to be used at the Lions Shop online
2nd and 3rd will each receive an amount of \$25.00**

Your Service to your community is what pulls us all together as Lions. Let's continue to work together to spread the word of what we do as Lions to make our impact greater than ever.

Feel free to reach out to me with anything you might need help with. I can be reached by phone or text at 724-309-6750 or by email at lremic@hotmail.com

Yours in Service,

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

CLUB SPOTLIGHTS

New Alexandria Lions:

“PowerWheels” on Parade

The New Alexandria Lions Club held their last demolition derby event for the season. Over the past few years, we have incorporated the kids into the event. We hold PowerWheel derbies prior to the start of our events. Most of us know what a PowerWheel is but most may not have ever seen them used this way! The kids love it. They enjoy our demolition derby events, and most are from families that are in the derby community. Who knows they could potential end up being future drivers within our events?

For our final event, we incorporated the Halloween season alongside the PowerWheels event. Kids were given the opportunity to dress in costume and parade their PowerWheels around the arena for all spectators to see. A recognition trophy and treat bags for provided for the participants. As an added bonus, we had numerous drivers bring their demolition derby cars into the arena and it provided the kids with an opportunity to interact with the drivers and receive more candy!



Bushy Run Lions: Fall BBQ



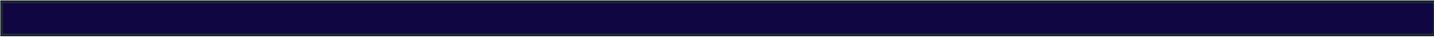
**The
57th
Annual
Fall
BBQ
2019**



Delmont Lions: Various Activities that the Club was doing over the last month!







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HEAR US ROAR! Lions Clubs Activities

ZONE 1 (Zone Chair: Amy Thompkins 212 Members)

Chestnut Ridge – 22 members. Apple dumpling sale at Fort Ligonier Days, provided treats at Cook Twp. Halloween Parade

Derry – 8 members. Hosted District Governor Dave, ZC Amy and 1st VDG Chuck, provided a meal for homeless men at the Mission in Latrobe, provided Halloween treats for the Derry Trunk or Treat.

Greensburg-East Hempfield – No report.

Latrobe – 29 members. Held Halloween Parade for the City of Latrobe, Honored Student of the month from Greater Latrobe High School, held Flu clinic with Giant Eagle as partner, provided glasses for needy resident.

Mt Pleasant Twp. – No report.

New Alexandria – No report.

New Florence – 14 members. Guide Dogs: 3 out of 10 dogs are approved. Asking for a donation. Meeting at WCBA in Greensburg on 11-22-19. Table donation until December meeting. Eye Glasses - Bud Lewis to contact doctor for appointment. Will pay for exam and glasses. Vision Screening – 2 members went for training. Would like to go and attend a screening session with another club and learn procedure. Brooms - need to have a sale to get rid of our stock, have 20 regular brooms. Library donation \$100.

Seton Hill University – No report.

ZONE 2 (Zone Chair: Tony Catullo 212 Members)

Belle Vernon – No report.

East Huntington Twp. – 12 members. Selling Koeze nuts. The DG Joint meeting is scheduled for Tues, Nov 12th.

Monessen – No report.

Rostraver Twp. – 45 members. Continued our Bags for Benches project. Assisted with and sponsored the Reality Tour at BVAHS. Volunteered at local food banks. Donated treats for the North Belle Vernon Halloween Parade. PID Cindy facilitated Guiding Lion training.

Scottdale Centennial – No report.

Sewickley Area – 11 members. Donated \$250 to Sewickley Area Library.

West Newton – No report.

Youngwood – 36 members. Finished popcorn sales for the year. Held a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast.

Yukon – No report.

Lions Clubs Activities cont'd:

ZONE 3 (Zone Chair: Margie Wolff 239 Members)

Allegheny Twp. – 18 members. Semi-annual road cleanup Oct.5, White Cane Day Oct.12, continued with Meals-On-Wheels throughout the month and going on mission trip to W,Va.Oct.27-Nov.1

Arnold – No report.

Delmont – 44 members. 1) Shopped and packed 180 bags of food for the weekend for qualifying students at Metzgar Elementary School-Lions Lunchables Project. 2) Delmont Lions annual pork sandwich booth at the Delmont Apple & Arts Festival at Shield's Farm in Delmont. The club sold pork sandwiches, Kielbasa sandwiches, hot dogs and drinks to raise funds (\$1690) to give back to the community for those in need. 4) Club sold 35 brooms. 5) Club collected 150 pairs of eyeglasses. 6) 2 club members attended the Fall Leadership Symposium. 7) 1 member attended the Guiding Lion Training.

8) 2 members attended the Zone 1 Zone Meeting in which Service was the topic of discussion. Speaker was GST/PDG Lance Remic. Service project completed--writing Christmas Cards for those serving in the military. 9) 1 member attended the Western PA Hearing Foundation Meeting held at the Eye & Ear Hospital in Pittsburgh on October 27th. 10) District Governor, his partner in service & Zone Chair attended the club meeting held at the Spaghetti & Steak House where the DG delivered his message to the 18 club members in attendance for the upcoming Lions year on October 21st.

Lower Burrell – No report.

Murrysville – 28 members. Assisted in distributing food to needy members of our community at the Mother of Sorrows Food Bank. Cleanup trash from Tarr Hollow and Bulltown Roads in Murrysville. Conducted and judged the Peace poster contest at Mother of Sorrows School. Performed vision screening tests in four preschools.

New Kensington – No report.

Slickville – 49 members. Continued Lions Lunchables packings. Continued to collect our M&M tubes of change for pediatric cancer. Acme Providers spoke at our dinner meeting and PDG Lance Remic inducted new Club member Mike Stewart.

Vandergrift – 29 members. This month we continued to collect eyeglasses, sell brooms, loan out hospital equipment and sell our gun raffle tickets. We lost one of our members that was active with the club since 1951, Dr Frank Mottola.

Washington-Bell Twp. – No report.



Toys For Tots is looking for Volunteers to help assemble bikes the week of December 16th. They welcome anybody that can spare some time between 6PM – 9PM each night that week. More details to follow in next month's newsletter. Mark your calendar now! Work one evening or the whole week! Whatever time you can spare would be most appreciated!!!!!!

ZONE 4 (Zone Chair: Jeff Jordon 180 Members)

Bushy Run – 40 members. Tractor Pictures at Schramms Farm

Irwin – No report.

Jeannette – No report.

Level Green – 31 members. Fundraisers-Painting Instruction/Painting raised \$600. Broom/bag sales-Strip ticket-Approx \$400 raised. Collect beverage cans-for recycling. Planned Pancake Breakfast (scheduled for 11-16-19). Service: Adopt-a-Hwy –Stretch of HWY 130 in Level Green. Meals on wheels (deliver meals to shut-ins) - every week. Post Civic info on Community Sign –every week. Maintain Community Bldg. for charitable, non-profit organizations. Held 2 regular meetings, 1 board meeting, Zone 4 meeting. Hosted Annual Visit by DG, 1VDG & ZC4; also attending was PT Leos Advisor/Trafford Club Sec. Planned: Support Penn-Trafford Leos for Welcome Home Project – collect support items during Pancake Breakfast (Nov.16th). Donated \$300 to family from local disaster relief fund

Manor – 13 members. Chicken BBQ. Collection of 200 eye glasses

Norwin – 33 members. Hosted the District Governor, 1st VDG, and 2 Zone Chairpersons at our monthly meeting. Secretary attended the Zone Meeting. Completed a successful apple dumpling and broom sale. Donated to the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Provided weekly Kitty Sacks to the Norwin Elementary and Intermediate School students.

Stewartsville – 20 members. Club hosted a visit from Angelina Angelyk of North Huntingdon. Angela was second place winner for Multiple District 14 in the 2019 Lions International Essay Contest. PDG Dave Stitely of the club read Angelina's essay to club members and Angela gave an inspiring presentation on her experiences when writing the essay.

Trafford – Lion Casey Kilroy attended DG visit at Level Green. Working with clubs on PT-LEOs Shelter Drive.

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NOTICE OF SECOND CABINET MEETING

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

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2019

PLACE: BUSHY RUN LIONS COMMUNITY BUILDING
3010 CHURCH STREET, CLARIDGE, PA

TIME: 9:15 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 David DeFazio by Monday, November 4th 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.

LCI PEACE POSTER CONTEST



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This year the theme of the Peace Poster Contest is “JOURNEY OF PEACE”. Young people-ages 11, 12, and 13– by November 15, 2019 are eligible to participate in the contest. This allows our young people to express their visions of peace through art in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the contest in local schools and youth groups.

Is your club participating? Have your club order your Peace Poster Contest kits by October 1, 2019. You can contact Lions Clubs International and order the kit by either calling Club Supplies at 1-630-571-5466 or ordering the kit online.

Participants can use a variety of mediums, including charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint, to express their vision of peace. (No computer art is allowed) The works vary greatly and reflect the young artists’ life experiences and culture.

Club entries must be brought to the 2nd District Cabinet meeting November 9, 2019 for judging. Please make sure that you follow the directions for labeling each poster entry. The winner will be sent on for the next level which will be the MD14 (State of PA) contest.

The winning poster will receive a cash award of \$5,000 and a trip to a special award ceremony. There will also be awarded 23 merit winners. They will receive a cash award \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

FORMS AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:



**Adults:
\$5.00**

**Children
6-12:
\$3.00**

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Breakfast**

Featuring...
Pancakes, Belgium Waffles with Strawberries and Whipped Cream, Sausage and Breakfast Beverages

Sunday November 24, 2019

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Roosevelt Hall in Norvelt

“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 2020 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



* Your monetary donations or kids' pajamas (sizes 0 to 10 with feet) is also appreciated. Walmart gift cards are preferred rather than cash or checks.

DISTRICT 14-E MASS INDUCTION

FERRANTE'S LAKEVIEW BANQUET FACILITY

6153 Route 30, Greensburg, PA 15601

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. CASH BAR

7:00 p.m. DINNER

Dinner Choices

- (1) Lakeview Cod topped w/Seasoned Bread Crumbs
- (2) Baked Stuffed Pork Chop
- (3) Chicken Piccata

Served with Tossed Salad, Rolls, Smashed Red Skin Potatoes, & Green Bean Trio
Coffee, Tea, & Iced Tea
Dessert: Strawberry Torte

Make Checks Payable to: Lions District 14-E \$27.00 per person RSVP by 10/25/2019

Send to: 2VDG Margie Wolff
3109 Treeline Drive
Murrysville, PA 15668

mgwolff@windstream.net (724) 325-4133

RSVP Form Lions District 14-E Mass Induction, Wednesday, November 6, 2019 RSVP by 10/25/2019

Name _____ Lions Club _____ Menu Choice _____

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Penn-Trafford Leo and Link-N-Leo Welcome Home Project

For the past 3 years, the Penn-Trafford and Link-N-Leo Clubs have worked together to make fleece-tie blankets for the Homeless as well as collect needed items for three shelters in Westmoreland County: the Welcome Home Shelter, the Blackburn Center and the Union Mission. We are asking for your help to make this our most successful year yet.

Some of the needed items for all Shelters - Can be new or gently used condition

Shampoo/Conditioner		New Pillows
Deodorant	Dish Cloths/Towels	Children's
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste	Dish Soap/Sponges	Books/toys
Denture Cream	Aluminum Foil/Plastic	Luggage
Soap/Bodywash	Wrap	Plastic Totes/Bins
Razors/Shaving Cream	Food Storage Containers	Bookbags
Makeup	Ziploc Bags	School supplies
Women's Personal Care	Non-Perishable Food	Clorox Wipes/Wet
Nail Clippers	Sheets/Blankets	Wipes
Diapers/Wipes/Rash Care	Towels(new or gently	Kleenex
Socks/Underwear/Bras	used)	Toilet Paper
Band-Aids/Antacids	Batteries	Paper Towels
Cold Medicine	Hand Warmers/Gloves	Small Appliances
	First Aid Kits	Kitchen
	Vitamins	Tools/Silverware
		Dishes

HOW the LIONS OF 14-E can HELP:

1. Sponsor a collection box in your community to gather needed items.
2. Make a donation toward the purchase of fleece-tie blanket kits.
3. Make a donation toward purchasing new items for the shelters.
4. Join the Leos at our Blanket Making Party in January.
5. Join us in delivering items to these shelters after the Holidays.

Questions? Please feel free to reach out to Lion Casey Kilroy, advisor of the Penn-Trafford Leo Club Email: ptleoclub@gmail.com Phone: 412-445-1340 Or PDG Dave Stitely, advisor to the Link-N-Leo Club Email: lbrgrader@comcast.net Phone: 412-720-0903



DELMONT LIONS CLUB
CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT THE ARK
DECEMBER 21, 2019

Those wishing to join us can meet at the Delmont Presbyterian Church parking lot at 5:30pm to carpool to the ARK for 5:45pm as the ARK has limited parking. Please plan to arrive and begin singing promptly at 6pm. Please wear holiday colored clothing in order to create an aura of cheerfulness for the residents.

After singing, all of those interested will go to the "Old Route 66 Grille to continue the Holiday spirit for dinner. Our menu choices are as follows and are \$25 per person.

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA

THE "66" SIZZLER STEAK

TILAPIA FISH

The Grille will supply non-alcoholic drinks and a dessert (Oreo Ball or Boston Cream Pie) which is included in the meal cost.

Please RSVP to Amy Thompkins by December 7, 2019
by email (amoose309@yahoo.com) or phone (412-551-0327).

*"Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn"*

*Quote
Benjamin Franklin*





Christmas Around the World with the Lions

Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties

Friday, December 13, 2019

Palisades, McKeesport

6:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

UPMC | MCKEESPORT Wine & Cheese Hour * International Buffet * Desserts

*Around the World Basket Auction * 50/50 Drawing

AND DANCING TO THE

JOE CAMPUS TRIBUTE BIG BAND

SPONSORED BY:

UPMC | MCKEESPORT

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

No. of Tickets _____ @ \$25 each TOTAL: _____

Mail Form and Check (\$25 per person) Made Payable McKeesport Hospital Foundation to:

PDG Jim Lewis, Co-Chair
3041 Harley Drive
White Oak, PA 15131
Westmoreland County

OR Michele Matuch, Co-Chair
2409 Carson Street
McKeesport, PA 15132
Allegheny County

OR PDG Joe Donkin, Co-Chair
615 Elizabeth Avenue
Elizabeth, PA 15037
Allegheny County

RESERVATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

TICKETS WILL BE RESERVED FOR YOU AT THE DOOR!!!



2019-2020

Journey of Peace

Westmoreland County Lions Clubs invite visually-impaired students to compete in our annual Lions Clubs International Essay Contest!

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines, and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2019. Eligible birthdates are November 16, 2005 through November 15, 2008. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The contest theme is "Journey of Peace."

- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, or individuals may be sponsored as well. Submit the entry below and Lions will find a club sponsor close to your home.
- Essays must be no longer than 500 words, submitted in English, typewritten in black ink and double spaced.
- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be disqualified.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be disqualified, and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

DEADLINE

November 1, 2019 – Postmark or email timestamp for all entries from Westmoreland County.

Submit entries (only section 1 of entry form needs to be completed) no later than November 1, 2019 to:

David DeFazio
Lions Club Peace Essay Contest
47 Barri Drive
Irwin, PA 15642

Or email: ddefazio47@comcast.net (put Lions Peace Essay in Subject)

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned. They become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Essays (partial or in their entirety) cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Essay Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. An international grand prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Lions International Essay Contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

BUSHY RUN LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

w/sausage and home fries

(Pancakes are all you can eat!)



Saturday, November 23, 2019

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Harrison Room

Cost: \$6.00 per person (Kids under 6 free)

Level Green Lions Club
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sat. Nov. 16, 2019 – 7am-noon

Adults \$6, Kids \$3 ★ Veterans eat Free!

123 Murrysville Road, Level Green

Please bring items for the

P-T LEOs Shelter Drive:

*Gloves, socks, toiletries, cold weather gear,
towels, toilet tissue, diapers, baby food, etc.*



Second Club Support Meeting

Westmoreland County

Blind Association

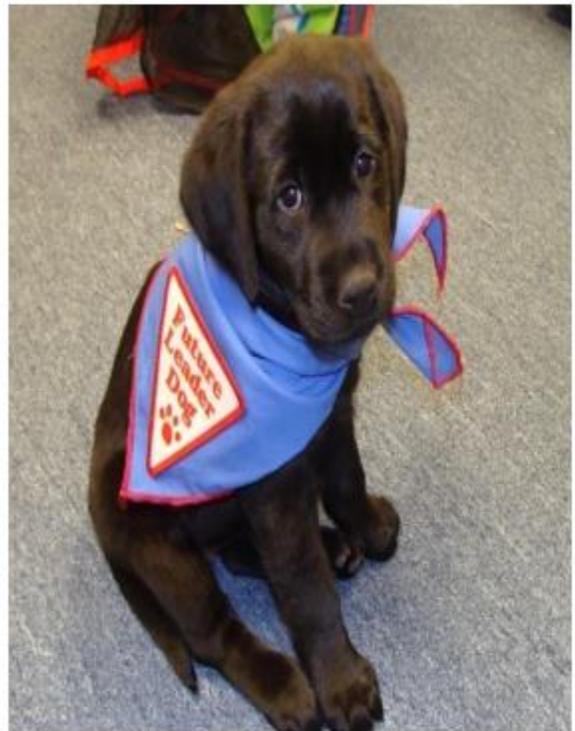
7:00pm

Discussion on Leader Dogs.

November 20, 2019

All Lions are welcome.

Speaker: Amanda Remic



DISTRICT 14-E LIONS

COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER FORM

Club Name _____

Contact Person _____

Lion's Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Lions have had a long history of serving their community in times of need. District 14-E is proud to continue that long standing tradition by putting together a team of Lions willing to share their skills to help our neighbors during difficult times. Whether it is helping to clean up and rebuild after a natural disaster(Flooding , Tornado's etc.) or just helping a person in need , we want to be ready to lend a hand. Please fill out this form if you would be willing to help us with a project or two. You do not have to have a specialized skill, to be part of this program but if you do have experience in any of these areas or access to equipment please let us know.

I am interested in volunteering. I have experience in the following:

Plumbing

Electrical

Carpentry

Masonry

Painting

Drywall

Landscaping

General Volunteer

Roofing

Truck Driver (or can operate other equipment)

Access to construction equipment(please list on back of this form)

Please return this form to your club contact person.

Thank you for your willingness to serve

Lion Cedric Stopansky (contact me at 724-831-8107)



**BEACON
LODGE WISH-
LIST 2019**

ACTIVITIES:

Crafts:

Acrylic paint/Finger Paint
Beads: pony, craft Felt
Glitter
Hot Glue Sticks (small)
Poster board: all sizes

School glue Styrofoam
shapes Bingo Prizes

Board games for children Coloring
Books large print Face Paint
Arrows: no broadheads

Markers

Tie Dye

Med, Lrg, XL, 2XL White T-Shirts

Dress-up Costumes Christmas

Decorations Easter Decorations

Adult Sleeping Bags **KITCHEN:**

Plastic Cold Cups: 5 oz & 9 oz Hot

Wax Cups: 9 oz & 10 oz Chinet

Paper Plates: 9" or larger

Napkins: dinner, picnic Original

Dawn Dish Liquid Foil Wrap: 18" x

500 ft Plastic Food Wrap: 18" x

2000 ft Parchment Paper: rolls or

sheets Food Storage Zip-lock bag:

Gallon Freezer Zip-lock Bags:

Gallon

HOUSEKEEPING:

Thick Paper Towels Clorox
Comet - Liquid
Comet - Powdered
Disinfecting Bathroom Spray Cleaner
Disinfecting Floor Cleaners
Disinfecting Wipes
Liquid Hand Soap
Bar Soap
Laundry Detergents
Mr. Clean Magic Erasers
Windex
White Vinegar
13-17 gal. Trash Cans
30-33 gal. Square Trash Cans w/lids
13-16 gal Trash Bags
33 gal Trash Bags
55-56 gal Trash Bags
Toilet Plungers-heavy duty
Toilet Brushes
Small Square "No Slip" Shower Mats
Zipper Vinyl Pillow Covers (standard size)
Zipper Vinyl Mattress Covers (twin size)
Long Twin Size Blankets - No Wool
Long Extendible Dusters
Industrial Wet Mop Heads
Vinyl Disposable Gloves - Med. Lrg. XLG
Extendible Car Brush
Bagless Vacuum
Large Totes with lids
Kleenex

MAINTENANCE:
Duracell/Energizer Batteries: AA, AAA, 9V
Bee/Wasp Killer
Long Neck Lightners
Paint Brushes
Nitrile Gloves
Garden Hose Nozels

INFIRMARY

Baby Wipes
Sunscreen - Cream and Spray
Bug Spray Bactine Spray
Lanacane Spray Benadryl Spray
Liquid Benadryl for children
Calamine Lotion Hydrocortisone
Cream Tylenol: adult & children
Ibuprofen: adult & children
Imodium Pepto-Bismol Saline
Eye Drops Cold Relief
Medications Cough Drops
Sanitary Napkins: no depends
Blood Pressure Cuff & Pulse
Oximeter Exam Gloves: all sizes,
latex free Sharps Containers
Single Use Lancets
Graduated Liquid Medicine
Dispenser Cups First Aid Kits

OFFICE SUPPLIES:

Color Copier Paper White
Copier paper Envelopes:
#10, 6x9, 9x12 3 prong
Pocket Folders Sharpies -
all sizes Jumbo Paper
Clips

DONATION INFORMATION:

District _____ Club

Name _____

Address

Phone

Email

November

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 State Council Mtg/New Ken Lions Nemascolin Casino Bus Trip
3	4 Washington-Bell Twp Lions DG Visit	5 Election Day	6 Mass Induction	7	8	9 District Cabinet Mtg/Rostraver Lions Chicken /Ribs BBQ
10	11 Veteran's Day	12 East Huntingdon Twp Lions DG Visit	13 Slickville Lions DG Visit	14	15	16 Level Green Lions Pancake Breakfast
17	18	19	20 Club Support Session: Leader Dogs for the Blind	21	22	23 Bushy Run Lions Pancake Breakfast /Zone 4 Mtg 9:30AM
24 Mt Pleasant Twp Lions Pancake Breakfast	25	26 Chestnut Ridge Lions DG Visit	27 Newsletter Submissions Due	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

December

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 West Newton Lions – DG Visit	4	5 Greensburg- East Hempfield Lions – DG Visit	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 District Cabinet Christmas Party	13 Lions Diabetes Center Christmas Around the World	14
15	16 Toys For Tots*	17 Toys For Tots*	18 Toys For Tots*	19 Toys For Tots*	20 Toys For Tots*	21 Delmont Lions Ark Sing
22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27 Newsletter Items Due	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

*Help is needed for "Toys for Tots" the week of December 16th. Check the article in the Newsletter for details!!!!

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION:

DISTRICT 14-E CABINET – 2019-2020

District Governor	David DeFazio	Bushy Run	ddefazio47@comcast.net	724-454-0912
1 st Vice District Governor	Chuck Thompkins	Delmont	amoose309@yahoo.com	724-989-8250
2 nd Vice District Governor	Margie Wolff	Murrysville	mgwolff@windstream.net	724-325-4133
District Secretary	Kara Nice	New Alexandria	kpurvis77@yahoo.com	724-689-5560
District Treasurer	Amy Thompkins	Delmont	amoose309@yahoo.com	412-551-0327

District Global Action Team (GAT) Coordinators

Leadership	PDG Aaron Slezak	New Alexandria	tslezak724@gmail.com	724-757-2561
Membership	PDG Dave Stitely	Stewartsville	lbrgrader@comcast.net	724-864-4505
Service	PDG Lance Remic	Slickville	lremic@hotmail.com	724-309-6750

Zone Chairpersons

Zone 1	Amy Thompkins	Delmont	amoose309@yahoo.com	412-551-0327
Zone 2	Tony Catullo	Rostraver Twp	tcatullo@hotmail.com	412-980-0941
Zone 3	Margie Wolff	Murrysville	mgwolff@windstream.net	724-325-4133
Zone 4	Jeff Jordan	Level Green	jeffreybob@aol.com	412-418-3646

Communications

Communication/Publicity	John Russo	Norwin	apdjr@aol.com	724-864-3844
Website	Jeff Jordan	Level Green	jeffreybob@aol.com	412-418-3646
Newsletter	Lisa Gismondi	Bushy Run	lisgis67@msn.com	724-454-3653
District Admin (Club Reporting Support)	Denise Poole	Norwin	dypoole@comcast.net	724-787-6183
Social Media	Amanda/Lance Remic	Slickville	akbrant@atlanticbb.net / lremic@hotmail.com	724-984-7644 724-468-4626

IMPORTANT WEB ADDRESSES

District 14-E Lions.....www.lions14E.org
Leader Dogs for the Blind.....www.leaderdog.org
Lions Clubs International.....www.lionsclubs.org
PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.....www.beaconlodge.com
PA State Council of Lions Clubs.....www.palions.org
Lions of PA Foundation.....www.lionsofpafoundation.org
Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation.....www.wpalhf.org

Like us on Facebook: District 14-E Lions

Please consider a Personal Contribution to either of these two charities to supplement Club Donations. Thank You!

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

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



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