

Monthly Newsletter Edition FEBRUARY | 2024

District Governor's Message



Fellow Lions,

We are already over one full month into the new year. Hopefully the worst of the cold and snow are behind us. February will bring to us Valentines Day. Be sure to share your love with those in need—send packs of cards to local schools for children who cannot afford them, or send cards to residents at a local Nursing Homes. This might attract new members from the school staff or the facility staff!

Our Membership numbers as a District took a nose dive—we are currently at 690 members—and we ALL need to work to bring those numbers back up. It can be done with drive and persistence. Keep asking, keep doing, and keep being visible in your communities—this is what will bring in new members! We also need to keep working to

start new clubs to replace those we have lost—we can start small with a Club Branch (only need 5 members to start)—if you have any ideas on this, please reach out to me, PDG Tom Gregg or PDG Lance Remic or any other Cabinet Officer.

We also need more Leaders for our District—we need at least 3-4 more Zone Chairs for next year—if you are interested, please reach out to me or PDG Chuck Thompkins. We need to have strong Leadership in line in order for our District to continue to grow and serve others.

Currently, as a District, we are only at 25% for reporting our service to my Lion. We really need to improve this rating. All of your clubs are doing so many wonderful things to help those in need, but they are not being reported. I cannot stress enough how important it is to report ALL of your activities. If you do not know how to use My Lion, please reach out to me, and I will teach you how to enter activities or you can reach out to Lion Denise Poole as the District Administrator as she can assist also—I know we can get this number up, so, let's do it!!

I also have great news to share with you all. The Lions of PA Foundation approved two matching grant requests from our District. One is for the District Care-A-Van to purchase two additional vision screeners so we can increase the number of children/adults screened every year. Watch for training opportunities in the upcoming future! The second is for the purchase of Nintendo Switch Systems, games and cases for the Child Life Program at Hershey Medical Center. Also, check out the Pride Magazine as there was an article in it about our District's Book Drive! I again want to thank you all for your support of these efforts in order to improve the lives of others!

A few reminders for the upcoming months:

- 1. The District Duck Race is on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at Yukon Lions Field. The Yukon Lions are having a Pancake Breakfast before the Duck Race, so come out and support two great causes! Please keep in mind that all Duck Race stubs, and money are due to me no later than April 1st—sooner would be better to ensure all tickets are sold—remember all profits go to Beacon Lodge!
- 2. The 4th Cabinet Meeting and Spring Rally in being planned for Saturday, April 13th at the Lamplighter. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as Lion Ashley Grimm will be speaking about the Child Life Program, and International Director Robert Lee (and his wife Pam) will be joining us from Hawaii, and he will be sharing wisdom and insights with us. There will also be a Necrology Service, Team Building, and a Service Project, along with lunch and fellowship!
- 3. The District Bowling Tournament will be at Hillview Lanes on Sunday, March 17th. Registration is at 12:30p & bowling starts at 1p. Come out for an afternoon of fun—bring your friends and family! See the flyer in the newsletter for more information.
- 4. All clubs should also be thinking about Club Officer Elections for the 24/25 Lions Year. Your club elections should be completed by the end of April so your club secretary can enter the new officers to My LCI (also known as the PU101's). They MUST be entered by May 15th!

Until we meet again, keep on serving those in need in order to Change the World!!

DGAMY











Here are some pictures from the Manor Lions
Club DG Visit!



First Vice District Governor Note

Happy Valentine's D-Al

Dear Lions Club members,

As Valentine's Day approaches, let us remember the true meaning of love and compassion. Love is not just about romantic gestures, but also about the small acts of kindness that we show to those around us. Let us use this special day as an opportunity to spread love and joy in our communities. Let us reach out to those in need, and show them that they are not alone. Together, we can make a difference and bring a smile to someone's face. Happy Valentine's Day!

That entire paragraph above was generated by AI (artificial intelligence). Could you tell?

Here's another - I asked AI to tell me about Lions Clubs International:

Lions Clubs International is a non-political service organization established in 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, by Melvin Jones. It is now one of the world's largest service organizations, with over 1.4 million members in more than 200 countries. Lions Clubs International is dedicated to meeting the needs of local communities and the world, with a focus on vision, youth, hunger, the environment, and diabetes. The organization's motto is 'We Serve'.

Handy. And maybe a little spooky. Fortunately, we as Lions can never be replaced by technology. So be good to your fellow Lions. You have their back, and they have yours.

Best wishes for a healthy and cybersafe February.

Thanks,

1VDG Jeff Jordan

Jeffreybob14e@gmail.com



Hold the Date! Every club should participate!





District 14-E Spring Rally & Convention Saturday, April 13, 2024





Hold the Date! Plan out your foursome now!



51st Annual
Knights of the Blind Golf Open
Saturday, July 27, 2024

Second Vice District Governor Message

Fellow Lions:

I'm just going to say it. "AS IF" most of you don't know already: I LOVE being a LION! I have found purpose in my life becoming a lion and I see LIONISM as a second career as I start thinking about what I'm going to do (someday) when I retire. It comes along sooner than you think! And if I could retire tomorrow to make this a full-time gig — I'd do it in a heartbeat!

As I have been going along on my District Leadership journey, there is one thing that is becoming quite clear. We are a very lucky District! The training I have been receiving at the Multiple District level is second to NONE! And I'm not just saying that! The time and commitment the GLT team and other leaders dedicate to making sure Pennsylvania has leaders that are trained and prepared is just incredible. And along those lines, I have been fortunate enough to be on calls where we have had guest speakers from other Areas and Districts who freely share their experiences and tips (and challenges) and the one thing I'm am seeing is that we really are **All IN THIS TOGETHER!**

At all levels, we are ALL committed to the future of this organization. We are ready to make those changes and do what we have to do to evolve and grow and meet our goals.

But we cannot do this with just a handful of people. Our numbers are sliding (for now), participation is



down, and I am hearing about struggles across the board. If you love Lions half as much as I do (and that would still be A LOT) this plea is for you – PLEASE SHOW YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT AND GIVE A HELPING HAND! I see the same faces wearing multiple hats to keep all our district, clubs, and traditions going. Our leaders are now taking on multiple roles while juggling jobs and families, their health, and other commitments! And as we start to think about next year, we have holes. And if those holes don't get filled, we are putting ourselves in jeopardy!

Likewise, if you are already on a committee or in a role, please revisit your commitment. Are you attending meetings? Are you staying actively up to date and involved? **Are you doing YOUR part?** Again, a small handful of people cannot do it all – WE NEED YOU TOO!

So when you see an ask to be on a committee, attend/support an event, or even expand your involvement in your club or in our district – ANSWER THE CALL!

Let's see YOUR LOVE for LIONISM!

Peace & Love 2VDG Lion Lisa G.

DISTRICT 14-E 2023-2024 GOALS Report Card

How this works: Status is set to GREY out the gate. Each month we will evaluate our progress and the Status will change from Gray - Red- Orange -Yellow- Green. And watch our Caterpillars change to Butterflies!

	GOAL	Status	Transformation - Change - Rebirth
1	Increase Club Officer Training to 20% - Result: 33+ Lions attended Club Officer Training in August!	100%	
2	Appoint ONE new Zone Chair Update to be given at April Spring Rally stay tuned!	0	
3	Start ONE new Club Branch with at least 5 charter members. We have been brainstorming some ideas that we will be putting in motion	0	1
4	Attain positive membership growth by net ONEAt the mid-year checkpoint, we slid a bit. We still have half a year to make up for the shortfall.	-11	
5	Increase Club service reporting to 50% 25% of our clubs reported their service. If you need help reporting service – PLEASE REACH OUT	0	1
6	Increase LCIF individual donors to 3% We surpassed our goal increasing donors by 8%. (MJF award to be presented at cabinet meeting)	100% +	
7	District-wide Service Project – District 14-E Book Drive 1,511 books collected (total \$8,834)	100% +	

The International Association of Lions Clubs



Lions Clubs International ®

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NOTICE OF THIRD CABINET MEETING

TO: CABINET OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS, CLUB

PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, ALL LIONS AND LEOS

DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 2024

PLACE: TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

39 EAST PITTSBURGH STREET, DELMONT, PA 15626

TIME: 9:00 am PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS MEETING (Past District Governors only)

9:45 am PRE-CABINET MEETING (Current District Cabinet only)

10:00 am CABINET MEETING (all Lions members and club representatives)

ATTENTION: Please provide a full written report to DG Amy Thompkins by Saturday, January 27th 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.



Annual Pennsylvania Lions **Spring Leadership Symposium**

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, February 10, 2024 9 AM-3 PM

PA Lions State Office

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Lunch available for a \$7.00 donation *OR*

Sunday, February 11, 2024 Noon-5 PM

Butler County Association for the Blind 322 N. Cedar Street, Butler, PA 16001

Snacks will be available

Special Guest Presenters

PID Cindy Gregg PDG Tom Gregg PDG Jeff Loudermilk PDG Tom Toland

Register to Attend: FREE & Open to all PA Lions
Email PDG Kerry at MD14GLT-LEARN@yahoo.com
or call (717)759-0711
SPACE IS LIMITED!

Exciting News!

The concept of a Virtual Cyber Lions Club is coming to life for District 14-E. This new club will meet virtually, and their main focus will be on Service. Volunteers and Organizations in our community will partner together so that we can focus on the immediate community need! It is a very exciting time INDEED!

We have an informational session planned for Saturday, March 2nd at 1PM. This event will take place in Level Green, PA, at the Level Green Community Building. If you would like more information or if you know someone who was not interested in joining a traditional club, but may have an interest in joining this new style of club, please reach out to 2VDG Lisa Gismondi email: lisgis67@gmail.com or text/call 724-454-3653

What's the difference between a Virtual Club and Traditional Club? Get that answer and more in this month's GMT article later in this newsletter!

#VirtualCyberLions #SaveTheDate2024



- Volunteering helps build personal growth and skill development
- You can network and build new friendships
- Volunteering improves your mental and physical health





District Governor Amy Thompkins requests your attendance at District 14-E's Spring Rally

Saturday, April 13, 2024

at

Lamplighter Restaurant, Rt. 22, Delmont, PA 15626

Enjoy a day of fun and fellowship, beginning with a continental breakfast (\$5/person), registration and voting at 8:30am, followed by the Cabinet Meeting, a presentation by Lion Ashley Grimm on the Child Life Program at Hershey Medical Center, a Team Building exercise, a presentation by International Director Robert Lee, Awards presentations, a Necrology Service and a Service Project (we will be packing Jared Boxes).

Lunch will be served from 11:30am-12:30 pm, menu choices are Chicken Romano or Baked Hickory Smoked Ham with a fruit cup, salad, vegetable, potato and homemade bread and drinks and ice cream for dessert. Cost is \$25/person.

Clubs Attending Please bring your Club Benner to display!

Please RSVP to DG Amy Thompkins by March 31st 412-551-0327 or amoose 309 Dyahoo.com

Please make checks payable to District 14-E and mail to DG Amy Thompkins: 309 Beechwood Rd, Greensburg, PA 15601

Clubs Attending—
Please bring a basket
to raffle—up to \$25

Names Attending	
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Dear Lions and Leos!

Our LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) Square fundraiser has concluded. Thank you to the 57 Lions, representing 19 clubs who participated, as well as the 3 non-Lions and 2 District Governors from other Pennsylvania districts who supported our cause. A \$1000 donation, along with the list of donors, has been sent to LCIF for us to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to a lucky Lion at our Spring Rally.

In addition, I would like to thank and congratulate these Lions who have qualified for the Bronze Presidential Supporter Pin:

Lion Jim Blahovec (Bushy Run)
New Alexandria Lions Club
Lion John Russo (Norwin Lions Club)
Lion Denise Poole (Norwin Lions Club)
Lion Todd Zavolta (Level Green Lions Club)
King Lion Ron Brown (Youngwood Lions Club)

These Lions qualified for the Silver Presidential Supporter Pin: Lion Kim Mesher (Rostraver Township Lions Club) PDG Jason Mesher (Rostraver Township Lions Club)

The following Lions achieved the Gold Presidential Supporter Pin:

Lion Henry Croft (Chestnut Ridge Lions Club)

` Lion Harold "Red" Warfield (Monessen Lions Club)
PID Cindy Gregg (Rostraver Township Lions Club)
Lion Alfred Novak (Slickville Lions Club)

Each of them will receive their pins and be recognized at the Spring Rally. So, club presidents, please encourage these members to attend and come along to support them.

It's not too late to make a donation to LCIF. Whether it is \$1, \$5, or \$1000, all donations are very greatly appreciated. Remember that EVERY dollar that you donate is used to help others. If you need help accessing the webpage or need a donor application, give me a call.

I also want to share that the Lions of Ohio (MD-13) are selling Helen Keller Limited Edition Ornaments that are made at the Wendell August Forge, here in Pennsylvania, with the proceeds going to LCIF, and they can be ordered online.

Thank you for all that you do to "Change the World." Yours in Friendship and Service, Cindy Gregg, 2023-2024 14-E LCIF Chairperson orffteacher1@verizon.net 724-872-0707









Ohio Lions and Wendell August Forge Are honored to present a limited edition ornament

At the 1925 Lions International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller presented her challenge to the Lions to be her "Knights of the Blind"

Her cause lives on as today's Lions provide vision services worldwide as one of eight global initiatives.

For a suggested minimum donation of \$18 (US dollars) for the hand forged aluminum ornament and \$23 for the bronze ornament plus shipping, with all proceeds benefiting Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), you will receive a one of a kind memento, with Helen Keller's digital signature.

Purchase online at wendellaugust.com/lcif

WAF and the Ohio Lions *thank you* in advance for your donation and sharing in a piece of Lions International history.

This fundraising project is brought to you by the LCIF Leadership team of MD13 Ohio.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING: We greatly appreciate our international customers. While online international orders aren't available due to various shipping complexities, we do consider minimum bulk orders of 100 pieces or more on a case-by-case basis, with certain restrictions. For assistance, please call 1-800-923-4438. For a timelier response, email info@wendell.com and type "LCIF Helen Keller" in the subject line. Thank you for your understanding. We're dedicated to providing a smooth experience for all our international customers.



Dear Lions and Leos.

Hopefully, by now, all of you are aware that Lions International's goal is to grow to 1.5 million Lions' members by June 30, 2027 so that we can serve 1 BILLION people annually! This is definitely a huge challenge for all of us, but Lions have always accepted a challenge. While this certainly seems daunting, it is possible.

Obviously, it won't happen in the next few months. Nevertheless, with ALL of us working together to invite prospective members who have the passion to improve our communities and to "Change the World," looking particularly at the demographics of our communities, such as more women, younger members (not necessarily, Gen Z), and various ethnic groups, we can accomplish this goal.

To help us, we are being encouraged to add 110 new members and one new club this Lions' year. At this point, the following clubs have added at least one new member: Allegheny Township, Bushy Run, Chestnut Ridge, Delmont, Greensburg-East Hempfield, Level Green, Lower Burrell City, Manor, Monessen, New Alexandria, New Florence, Norwin, Rostraver Township, Trafford, Vandergrift, Washington-Bell Township, West Newton, and Youngwood, with twelve (12) of them having positive membership. Congratulations and keep up the great work!

Unfortunately, we've dropped 48 members for a net loss of 11, in addition to losing another club!

Why is membership so important? Since I went off the Board, 9 years ago, Constitutional Area 1 (the United States and the English speaking islands of the Caribbean) have lost 3 International Directors who determine Constitution and policy changes for the Association. Consequently, we have lost our clout. Furthermore, it's been rumored that we may lose at least one more Director position to further diminish our influence. Lionism began here in the United States, and that's where it should remain. However, if we continue to lose clubs and members, Lions International headquarters may not remain in Oak Brook.

So, can we count on you to help us increase our membership and replace some of the clubs that we lost? Our district, Association, and communities are depending on you.

As always, thank you for all that you do to "Change Our World."

In Friendship and Service, Cindy Gregg, 2023-2024 Area 1-D Global Action Team Coordinator



TRANSFORMATION

Lions,

January is gone, hello February. It's Cabinet Meeting time. Come out, come out wherever you are...come to the Cabinet Meeting on February 10th at 9am for a light bite to eat and time to meet and mingle with others at Trinity United Church of Christ in Delmont. Come out to meet your District Nominees for the upcoming Lions Year. I am asking you all to show some support for your District, and come to see what is going on. Come and meet the Lions that help keep us together and informed on Club, District and International events and information.

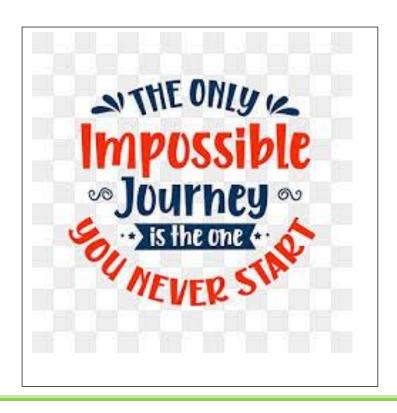
The days are going by so fast and we need to stay focused on keeping our Clubs strong and healthy. Don't stay idle---get out and try new things! Remember, if it doesn't work the first time, go back to the drawing board and revamp, and try it again. The key to success is to stay positive. For the smaller Clubs, try selling strip tickets—start out small and see how it goes, then work up to something bigger. Other ticket ideas include a ticket for money, rolls of scratch off tickets, meat/grill package. I know the economy is tough, but it won't hurt to try!

I want to remind all of you that I, as your District's Global Leadership Team Leader, along with the District, are seeking more Leaders! Lions, don't be afraid to step up. Your Lions family is much larger than you think, and after taking that first step forward in the Leadership direction, your Lions family will grow even larger and you will wish you had taken those steps sooner. Remember in keeping things fun, exciting and positive, you will learn things you didn't think you could. Zone Chair Shadowing is a great place to start. Shadowing gives you an opportunity to start meeting other Lions in the District. Getting to know other Lions will give you the positivity that you need to keep moving forward. I would really like you to help others that are willing but are too shy to come forward. With that, I would really appreciate you all if we can get more shadowing going on. I am ready and willing to work with you so you can help support our District.

Lions I am reaching out for your support...please, if you want to talk or meet with me, please call or email and let's get started on your journey to success!

Yours In Service,

PDG/GLT Chuck



Sign Up Today - Space Is Limited!



REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



March 8-10, 2024

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey



SUBJECTS

- Lions Fundamentals
- Team Work
- Diversity
- Public Speaking
- Time Management
- Personal Mission Statement
- Member Motivation
- Goal Setting

Contact Your District Governor
Or
PDG Kerry McKnight
md14glt-learn@yahoo.com

INSTRUCTORS

- PID Cindy Gregg
- PDG Tom Gregg
- PDG Jason Long
- PDG John Mallonee
- PDG Dick Sware
- PID James Cavallaro
- PDG Kerry McKnight

Space Is Limited! \$175 Per Lion Meals & Rooms Included

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM – BRING SOMEONE

DISTRCT 14-E MEMBERSHIP

690 Members

District Membership stands at **690 Lions**.

"In Like A Lion"

You will see more information about this elsewhere in this newsletter, but it is big enough that it needs mentioned here too. VDG Lisa Gismondi is working on forming a Virtual Club in the District.

There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in joining this Club on March 2nd at 1:00 PM at the Level Green Lions Community Building.

This Club will be where people meet virtually but unite like traditional Lions Clubs to do impactful Service.

The following Club increased membership during January:

Level Green -

RAISE YOUR HANDS FOR LIONS #MISSIONTOGROW





BRING SOMEONE

Bring Someone is the idea of bringing in new Members, orienting Members in what Lionism is about, and constantly engaging Lions so that they feel a sense of satisfaction through Service and Leadership so that their Membership is retained.

A Membership for Everyone



With the formation of a Virtual Lions Club in the District it is exciting to see a new way for people to serve. We need to change to meet the needs of people who want to do community service. Clubs offering different membership formats and styles help do just that. Lions International recognizes several different Club formats that do just that. Afterall the needs of the communities we call home are all different – no two Clubs are exactly alike.

Club Types

Traditional Clubs — This is the Lions Club most familiar to us and follows a Club model that brings service-minded individuals together to meet and do projects and fundraisers on a regular basis.

Specialty Clubs – These Clubs are similar to traditional Clubs and often meet using the same format. The idea here is that they are formed by individuals who share a common interest or hobby in addition to their commitment to Service. These interests might be a sport activity, crafting, history, or a common cultural background.

Virtual Clubs – Our phones and the Internet play a bigger part in life now than ever before. These technologies provide a format for Clubs to conduct some or all business. This allows for flexibility execution of meetings and projects that help fit busy schedules.

Campus Clubs – Campus Clubs can be formed of students looking to build a bond of Service and opportunity to build leadership skills with fellow students. Student membership types are available that help discount dues for these individuals during a time when they are often working towards developing career skills but not yet in a career to help pay for things.

Leo Clubs and Leo-Lion Clubs — These are the Clubs of youth and young adults in our Lions structure. We have several Leo Clubs in the District. Sometimes



Contact Me

PDG Lance H. Remic, D-GMT 122 Country Lane Export, PA 15632 724-309-6750 lremic@hotmail.com those Leos go on to become Lions. Leo-Lions Clubs offer a group of former Leos to transition into a Lions membership. This Club includes former Leos through the age of 35. A dues discount is also available for this membership type.

Virtual Clubs - A New Way to Grow

With work being done to create a Virtual Lions Club in the District, let's take a deeper look at what these Clubs are. Virtual Clubs use phones and computers to connect and plan their activities. These Clubs exist primarily in cyberspace. This allows people to meet unrestricted by location.

We are looking to engage people of all ages in our Lions Clubs, and we definitely need youngers members. Virtual Clubs allow a format that enhances membership experiences in ways that meet the lifestyles and schedules of people. Lions can live far apart or travel and still attend the meetings of their virtual Lions Club.

Virtual meetings vs. Traditional meetings

Virtual meetings allow the opportunity for people who can not attend a normal meeting to attend. Traditional meetings still allow Lions to build personal relationships. Traditional meetings should be considered by Virtual Clubs to discuss larger matters or to celebrate and recognize members.

Questions and Answers

Q: What do we need to do to grow membership that thinks outside the traditional box?

A: We need to keep an open mind and realize that there is a Membership for Everyone. Just because a person might not fit in your Lions Club does not mean they should not be a Lions member somewhere. We need to look for opportunities for individuals to fit a membership or a Club that works best for them.

Q: What member of the District's GMT team was extra busy during January doing Lions business?

A: The Mooch. This kitty attends any meeting she can. Here she is seen attending the virtual Lions of PA Foundation meeting. She helped present two grants for the District and ultimately helped secure funding for both projects. \$8,615 was awarded for the District 14-E Book Drive / Nintendo Games for Pediatric Cancer and \$6,000 for the purchase of two new vision screeners for the District 14-E Care-A-Van.







New Members!

Welcome to the New Members of District 14–E

Name:
Mackenzie Hartman

Club:

Level Green

Sponsor:

James Zook

In Memory of our Departed Lions(as reported January 2024)

God does not seem to be concerned about the size of the talent he has given us in life, or about the grandeur of the service that we are able to offer him. He cares about the faithfulness of our service. He values the little things that are done lovingly and consistently in his name. Any service offered from a sympathetic and compassionate heart matters most.

When the heart is right and one's dedication is complete, God's response is always the same: "Well done, good and faithful servant." It is not the size of the gift or task that matters, but the size of the heart of the giver.

In memory of the one who has served with us and has been taken from us. At such a time, wealth and reputation, power and intellect are no longer of great importance. It is the lifetime of service that we honor, time spent in giving rather than receiving. In these moments we echo the words of our Lord, "Well done, good and faithful servant."



Carol Myers - Lower Burrell City Lions Club -31 Year Member

Raymond Stanford - Vandergrift Lions Club -49 Year Member

Please send information of your Club's departed Lions to District 14-E GMT, PDG Lance Remic (Iremic@hotmail.com) to have the included in this list.



Remembering Nicholas Michael Ferdarko:

It is with a heavy heart that we pass along to all Lions of District 14-E the news of the unexpected passing of Nicholas Ferdarko on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

The Murrysville Lions initially became involved with Nic and his family when they lived in Export, PA. After moving to Wampaum, Denise (Nic's mother) continued to keep in touch with PDG Carol Richardsn and kept PDG Carol updated on his progress.

This is a picture of Nic (age 21) during a visit back in October 2023 with PDG Carol.

If anybody wishes to send a card to the family, their address is:

M/M Michael Ferdarko 4049 S.R. 18 Wampum, PA 16157

From Mike Clark of WTAE back on October 29, 2020:

Isn't it so great to see Nic's big smile?!

So happy to report an update on Nic Ferdarko, on his recovery, after he received 5 new organs (his 3rd multi-organ transplant in his precious 18 years of life), at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

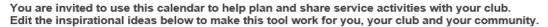
Nic is from the Mohawk School District and attends the Western PA School for Blind Children, and his mom, Denise, says these are the first steps he's taken since his multi-organ operations in July. Nic and his family are so grateful for all of the cards, letters and messages wishing him well, and all the prayers offered throughout these past several months.



REBIRTH

Service

Lions Club Service Calendar





July	August	September
July 1 begins a new Lions Year! Start your Service Journey and share the resources in the Service Toolkit with your club.	August 12 is International Youth Day. Visit our Youth webpage for service ideas, including the LCIF Lions Quest program.	The second week in September is time to #CelebrateCommunity and serve with a Kiwanis, Optimist or Rotary club in your area.
October	November	December
The second Thursday in October is World Sight Day. Start on our Vision webpage to find service ideas, planning tools and LCIF grant opportunities.	November 14 is <i>World Diabetes Day</i> . Visit our <u>Diabetes webpage</u> to learn how your club can help fight this global epidemic.	December 5 is International Leo Day. Partner with your Leo club on a service project or start a new Leo club.
January	February	March
Sponsor a <u>Peace Poster</u> and <u>Peace</u> <u>Essay</u> contest inspire youths' visions of peace. Kits go on sale January 15.	February 15 is <i>Childhood Cancer Day</i> . Our <u>Childhood Cancer webpage</u> includes service ideas and LCIF grant opportunities to help affected families.	<u>Lions Day with the United Nations</u> was first held in March 1978. Plan an <u>advocacy</u> activity to help make positive change.

April May June

April 22 is Earth Day. Find service ideas and LCIF grant opportunities to protect and restore the environment on our Environment webpage.

May 28 is World Hunger Day. Our Hunger Day. Our Hunger webpage provides ideas on how your club can help and LCIF grant opportunities to magnify your service.

LCIF's first Disaster Relief grant was awarded in June 1972. Hold an LCIF fundraiser or check the LCIF Grants Toolkit to extend this legacy of service.



International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day





BEACON LODGE REPORT By: PDG Carol Richardson

The December Board of Directors meeting was held at the Camp on December 3 with 14-E Director PDG Carol and Board Secretary 2nd VDG Lisa in attendance, along with other Board members and Council Chair Dr. Linda Zaneski, both in person and virtually.

Executive Director Lion Jonathan reported that campership fees will be increasing to align with the costs it takes to support a camper and run the camp. Staff is working on grant applications, as well as a letter to seek corporate sponsorship.

Maintenance Supervisor Jeff reported on projects completed and that he is working on closing down the camp for off-season, as well as performing interior work on Lion Casey's office.

Although there were many reports given and discussions held, the most important issue is that the camp is operating at a significant loss – over \$300,000!!! I have challenged 14-E to be a 100% district in 500 Club contributions. That's \$5.00/member for the year. If every Lion in 14-E contributes \$5.00, the Camp will earn over \$3,500. Last year, our District donated slightly over \$1,000; so far this year we have donated only \$190. Please support the camp as best as you can – otherwise, the Camp will not be able to sustain itself and could possibly close in a few years. There are other ways to support YOUR camp and I have a list of suggestions available.

Remember Lions – this is YOUR camp (PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP) and you should support it as much as possible by donating, purchasing a brick for a deserving member, supporting the 500 Club, presenting a Shoemaker Fellowship, visiting and promoting the facility. The 14-E Directors and Liaisons will be happy to visit your club to provide more information about the Camp.

I spy with my little eye....





Congratulations to our 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors for completing the 2024 VDG Retreat held during the first weekend in January 2024! Here is a pic of our MD 2VDGs & Instructors!

Thanks to our faculty for helping develop our Multiple District leaders. In the picture above you will spy from our District instructors **PID Cindy Gregg** and **PDG Tom Gregg** and participant **2VDG Lisa Gismondi**. (1VDG Jeff Jordon was unable to attend but was with us in spirit!)

Women and Families

By Mary Popovich, West Newton Lions

February is the only month that has fewer than thirty days, causing it to be the last month added to the Roman calendar. According to my research it is a month of many celebrations, with Valentine's Day being the most celebrated! I remember bringing home my box of sweet treats and designing my valentine box in school to exchange the quirky valentines with my classmates. It was a day I looked forward to all year long.

However, this year I wanted to shed some light on the American Heart Association's Mission. I was curious how all this got started and was surprised to find that "President Lyndon B. Johnson established **February** as American Heart Month in December 1963 and the first heart health month was celebrated in February 1964. The first Friday of American Heart Month is also National Wear Red Day. This day is an initiative by the American Heart Association to bring awareness about heart disease in women." With these facts in mind, it is hard to believe that heart attacks are still the leading cause of death in the United States and often women have subtle warning signs that may be ignored too late. "Accessed on 1-25-24, American Heart Association, Heart Awareness Month."

Hands Only CPR is a simple, effective first aid skill that anyone can learn quickly. If the warning signs of a heart attack are not treated quickly, the person may go into cardiac arrest, causing cessation of breathing and a pulse. It is also important to know some of the early warning signs and have an action plan in place. Many people associate heart attacks with chest pain, profuse sweating, nausea, and pain that radiates down one arm. However, symptoms may also include sudden onset of shortness of breath, not feeling well or tired, pain between the shoulder blades, heartburn, or indigestion, Unfortunately, some people get no symptoms at all and suffer from sudden cardiac death. It is important to phone 911 immediately, because an emergency medical dispatcher can assist you with what you can do to save someone's life. This is one time when having a cell phone is beneficial, because you can place it on speaker mode and perform life-saving interventions with a guide on your side.

Learning CPR can save a life, and this is the sweetest present you can give to a friend or loved one. This would be a great club activity for your members. I have been teaching this skill since 1976 and would be willing to bring this training to any District 14 club free of charge.

Visit https://www.heart.org to learn more! Till next time.....





Hello Lions and Leos,

Greetings from Central Pennsylvania and the 2024 State Convention host District 14T. We have been meeting and planning for many months to provide you with a great convention experience. Enclosed are various items that you should review and share with your clubs, so they are aware of what has been planned for the 101st annual convention of Multiple District 14 – Pennsylvania, in May.

We have created a new convention newsletter this year to provide you with the full details of the convention all in one place. And we are looking forward to Multiple District 14 welcoming Lions Clubs International President Dr. Patti Hill to Pennsylvania and her theme this year, **Changing the World.**

While we have done much of the planning, the one thing we still need is you. Please take some time to review the newsletter, registration form, room reservation instructions, request for raffle baskets, and advertising contract. The new feature this year is the ability to register and pay online through the MD14 Lions website palions.org.

Please note the various deadlines for convention registration, room reservations and program booklet advertisements.

Stop by and see us in February in State College at the third State Council Meeting and watch for 2024 convention information on the state website, in the Pride newsletter and your District newsletters.

Contact the State Office or me with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you when you "Head to Harrisburg" in May!

PDG Pete R. Van Zandt, Chairperson 2024 State Convention Committee petevz@msn.com

Please note: Full page version of convention newsletter can be found in the email! Just look for the State Convention box!



MD 14 PA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Newsletter

May 16-19, 2024

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey

PA Lions Welcome International President Dr. Patti Hill

IP Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta Canada will be our special guest for the convention. She will be attending the full convention with her keynote remarks at Seturday night's





IP Hill's Theme for 2023-24

Changing the World

"Change does not happen all at once, it happens through many small choices. With every act of kindness, we change a life. With every Lions club and Leo club, we change a community. When we change our communities, we change the world."

Friday Luncheon Keynote Speaker Announced

Please plan to join us on Friday May 17th for the kancheon featuring PA Governor Josh Shapino as our keynote speaker. We have invited PA Governor Josh Shapino to join us to talk to us about the importance of service in our PA communities.

A final confirmation of his attendance will not be known until three to five weeks prior to the convention. Watch the state website for updates.



CHANGING

NEW FOR 2024

In addition to paper registration, online registration and payment are being offered for the MD 14 State Convention for the first time.

You can register online for the convention, order a convention pin, select your meal choices, and sign up for tours.

Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel. See the enclosed room reservation flyer for more information.

Scheduled Speakers

Saturday Luncheon

The Seturday functions will feature Elva Hunst. She is a "Chelik Talk" artist from Lancaster County whose Lons" focused presentation is bound to grab your attention. Together We Serve is designed to entertain Lions Club gatherings. It has been used at district conventions, charter nights, president's nights, and other avents. This program explores the history of Llons, praises the efforts of service-minded people, and encourages and inspires there to confiture in service to their communities. Llons from Central PA have experienced her creative and enloyable approach to sharing a topic while completting a full field art piece. Do not miss it.



Sunday Morning Breakfast

The Sunday morning Melvin Jones Fellows and Key Member breefast will have PDB Kerry McKnight from the New Freedom Lina Club in District 14C as our invited speaker. As an LCIF Constitutional Area Vice Leader and MD 14 Slobal Leadership Team Coordinator he has a passion for LCIF, Leadership and Membership. His presentations are always enjoyable and informative We hope you join us.



Featured Seminars



Come to hear about the efforts to grow our membership to 1.5 million members worldwide.



Beacon Lodge Camp Executive Director Jonathan Carver will present updates about the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp and its current needs and how you can help.



The Penbrook Leo Club "15 Years and Growing", is a community-based Leo Club in Cantral PA that will celebrate 15 years of service in 2024. They're had recent success with a community garden through LOF and other grants. Come to hear about their successes and challenges.



There is always something going on at Leader Dog. Please join us for updates on the school. There may wen be a PA based Leader Dog puppy helping with the presentation.

Convention Service Project

If you have attended a State Council Meeting this year you have heard about the Jared Box Project that we will be completing on Saturday morning of the convention. For more than 20 years, Jared Boxes have delivered countless smiles, loughter and hope to children in hospitals across the country. Jared Boxes are a terrific way for any organization to bring the gift of play through toya in a box to young patients as they navigate through their hospital experience. Please stop by Saturday morning to put together a Jared Box.



Tours



There are two guided tours scheduled for Friday morning. One will be with the Hershay Trolley Works at a cost of \$18. The trolley bus will pick you up at the convention hotel and take you to letrabe, PA for a 75-minute Hershay history bour. Highly knowledgeable and entertaining conductors will take you through the Hershay of boday, then jump back all the way to a time before there was a turn, or a choolate factory, or even chocolate in America for that matter. You will then journey through the inspiring life of Milton Hershay, visiting the historical sites of bown he created, and tasting the chocolate that made him famous. The tour will end with an exclusive, spectacular view of the Sweetest Place on Earth from the "Welcome to Hershay" Hill. Make sure to sign up on the registration form or confine.

The second guided tour on Friday morning will be to Vision Resources of Central PA (VROCP). Vision Resources is a 100-year-old community benefit organization with a mission to sciliate independence, entith the quality of life, and empower individuals who are visually impaired or otherwise disabled through prevention, employment, and educational awareness programs. The agency serves Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, and Perry counties. There is no cost for this guided tour. A bus will pick you up at the convention hotel for a short drive over to VROCP for a tour of the agency. VROCP is unique for a non-profit agency. To susport their services, between 80% and 85% of their income is generated by their VR Business Services division through carpot installation, houseleaping, pen production, printing, and PA Orliver's Licenses services. You will have easying, "Incover lower they offered that." Although there is no cost, pen-registration is required.



Self-Guided Tours and Points of Interest in Central PA

Central PA has many attractions and places of interest. You can research online those that may interest you. Here's a brief list of some of the most popular:

PA Civil War Museum PA State Police Museum Antique Automobile Club of America Museum

PA State Capitol The Hershey Story Tanger Outlets Hershey History Center Troog's Browing Company

Hospitality Night

Please come and try your luck Friday Night at the Casino Night at the convention hotel. There will be Blackjack, Craps, Poker, Roulette, and fun for all. It is always more fun when it is not real money and the house wins. There will be a cash bar and snacks to give you courage and energy to try it.



"Let It Ride"

"Double

"I'm All In"

Other Planned Convention Highlights

State Marchandise Store - Pick up some Lions or Lea items from the State Office's Store.

Vendor Displays – Stop by the variety of vendor tables to pick up information that may of interest to you and your club. Many of the state level projects and committees are represented as well as other organizations of interest.

Raffle Baskets - Take a chance on winning a donated gift basket.

PA Lions All State Band Concerts – There are two planned performances on Saturday. You will not want to miss it. The band will be staying at the convention hotel.



Caricature Artist – Get your caricature done on Seturday morning in the hotel lobby.

2024 Convention Pins – Pins will be available for sale for \$3 white supplies last. They can also be ordered on the convention registration form or online.





The convention hotel room rate is \$130 per night. You can call the Red Lion Harrisburg/Hershey libtel directly at 717-939-7861. Tell them you are with the PA Lions 2023 State Convention. Or you can reserve your room online. See the enclosed moon reservation flyer for more information. Room reservation deadline is May 1, 2024.

We hope to see you when you "Head to Harrisburg."



RETURN FORM BY MAY 1, 2024

PA State Council of Lions Clubs STATE CONVENTION



→ REGISTRANT (Complete <u>SEPARATE</u> Form For <u>EACH</u> Attendee)

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Thursday May 16th *through* Sunday May 19th, 2024 🏓

Red Lion Hotel - 4751 Lindle Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17111 ph: 717-939-7841

101st ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION



Thursday, May 16 through Sunday, May 19, 2024 Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg-Hershey 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111



HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotel has a block of rooms for the PA Lions 101st Convention. Contact the hotel to make a reservation. The discounted rate of \$130.00/night is in effect until May 1, 2024.

To make a room reservation call 717-939-7841 and dial "0" for the front desk.

If you would like to make a reservation online the booking code is Pa State Council Lions Club and the link is available on the State website.

New Online Convention Registration is Now Available!

To register for the Convention and all meals online go to the State website – **palions.org** and fill out the electronic form with your selections. Pay with a debit or credit card.

Calling All Leos to Attend the 101st State Convention!

Leos and Leo Advisors, please plan on attending the 101st State Convention.

Convention registration is FREE for all Leos!

We hope to see you there!

Ad Copy Requirements Ads submission Deadline is Friday, April 26th, 2024

- For Best Quality Electronically send print-ready PDF or JPEG files at the exact ad size to
 - ccuddy@vrocp.org Type "Lions Convention Ad" in the subject line.

Enclose a paper reference copy along with this form and your payment.

Clean, reproducible hard copy, a business card, or letterhead, can be submitted to be scanned but reproduction quality in the final publication will not be guaranteed. Please do not fold, tape, or staple within the image area. Cover placements are on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be reproduced in full color. reserved \$250 Outside back cover (1) Inside front cover (1) 4.5" X 7.5" Check one \$200 Inside back cover (1) 4.5" X 7.5" \$200 4.5" X 7.5" — Full page — \$100 4.5" X 3.75" \$60 [Half page — 4.5" X 1.375" Quarter page — \$30 **Program Advertising Contract** The undersigned authorizes the insertion of their advertisement (enclosed) in the 2024 PA Lions State Convention Booklet, published for their convention which takes place May 16-19, 2024. Club/Company Name Address State Zip City___ Authorized Signature ______ Title Phone ____ Make checks payable to: 2024 State Convention 14-T Cheryl Cuddy c/o VROCP Mail this form, payment, and copy of your ad to 1130 S 19th St. Harrisburg, PA 17104 Convention Program Booklet Patron Ads Donation for a single line (not to exceed 40 letters/spaces) is \$5. Please type or print legibly. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Please Consider Donating a GIFT BASKET



Please make sure it is delivered to the convention hotel by May 16th







For Questions Contact PDG Pete Van Zandt at: petevz@msn.com



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DISTRICT 14-E ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT



HILLVIEW LANES EAST PITTSBURGH STREET, GREENSBURG, PA SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2024 - 1:00 P.M.

The 2024 District 14-E Bowling Tournament will be held at Hill View Lanes on East Pittsburgh Street in Greensburg on Sunday, March 17, 2024. This is a day of fun and fellowship for the Lions, Leos and friends of District 14-E. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. and bowling will start at 1:00 pm. Lunch will consist of pizza and drinks including water and pop. There will also be individual bags of chips and cookies. Clubs may submit multiple teams, each consisting of four bowlers per team. Individuals may also register and will be assigned to a team. All entries must include each bowler's name with bowling average.

The cost is \$20.00, which includes three games of bowling and lunch. For those wishing only to bowl, the cost is \$10.00, and those not bowling but wanting to join us for lunch is \$10.00.

Please submit one reservation per team or individual prior to Saturday, March 2, 2024.

NO RESERVATIONS -- NO BOWLING -- NO EATING!!!!!

Any questions please contact tournament chairpersons John or Alice Heasley at 724-836-1490 or trinjoal@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to <u>District 14-E Lions</u> and send with registration form to:

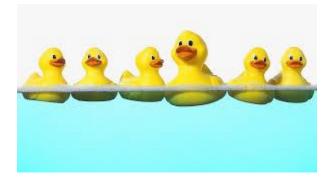
John/Alice Heasley

312 Beechwood Road

Greensburg, PA 15601

Name of Lions Club	
Contact Name and Phone #	
Name of Bowler	Average
# Bowling and eating @20.00 each	
Bowling only @ \$10.00 each	
# Eating only @ \$10.00 each	

District 14-E Duck Race



District 14-E will be having its 3rd Annual Duck Race to raise funds for PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. The camp operates in the summer for those with special needs and also offers sessions for veterans and their families.

We will be selling 1000 tickets for \$5 each. Lion Jonathan Carver, from Beacon Lodge will be bringing 1000 ducks on Sunday April 21st to Yukon Lions Park and we will have our own race. There will be 4 prizes; 1st place (\$500), 2nd place (\$300), 3rd place (\$195), and last place (\$5). The remaining proceeds will be donated to the camp to assist with their financial needs for updates and maintenance that is needed to keep the camp functioning.

Yukon Lions will be having their Annual Pancake Breakfast that morning, so come out and support two great causes in one day!

Tickets have been distributed to all clubs in the District. We need everyone's support in making this a successful event.

Please contact DG Amy Thompkins to return your ticket stubs and money for your club's tickets (412-551-0327 or amoose309@yahoo.com). Please try to have the stubs and money turned in by April 1st!





51stAnnual District 14-E Knights of the Blind Open



PDG Thomas L. Gregg 1130 Willowbrook Road Rostraver Township, PA 15012 (724) 872-0707 Tomgregg1@verizon.net Glengarry Golf 66 Lentz Road Latrobe, PA 15650 (724) 423-4653 www.golfglengarry.com

Hi Fellow Lions and LEOs

We have begun planning for our Annual Knights of the Blind Golf Outing. The outing will be held at Glengarry Golf Links on Saturday, July 27, 2024. Registration starts at 1 PM and Shotgun Start at 2 PM. Cost is \$100 per golfer if registrations are post-marked by June 22, 2024. Registrations postmarked after that date through July 13, 2024 will be \$110 per golfer. Registrations include green fee, cart, soft drinks on the course, sandwich at the turn skill prizes, and dinner. The registration form is included with the newsletter.

Sponsorships are where we raise the money that is donated to the causes selected by the District Governor. Our sponsorships have been in decline for several years. We need our clubs to step up and be a sponsor for the outing and we ask that you get one business from your area to be a sponsor as well. The various levels of Sponsorships are on the Sponsorship Form. We are currently looking for a Lion to be the chair for this committee. If interested, please let Outing Chairperson PDG Tom Gregg know as soon as possible.

VDG Lisa Gismondi is chairing the Prize Committee. We already have a 22" Blackstone Tabletop grill. We are looking for ideas for both large (Big Board) prizes and for door prizes. Some possibilities include a Trex Bench, golf clubs, etc.

WE have the following Committees:

- 1. Secretary DG Amy Thompkins
- 2. Volunteer Committee PDG Jason Mesher
- 3. Hole in One Committee Lion Mark Close
- 4. Basket Raffle VDG Jeff Jordan and PID Cindy Gregg
- 5. Drink Committee PDG Chuck and DG Amy Thompkins
- 6. Prize Committee VDG Lisa Gismondi
- 7. Sponsorship Committee ?

Please consider being a part of our team. Our next Meeting is on Thursday, February 15th at 6:30 PM. It will be at King's Restaurant in the Home Depot Plaza on Route 30.

Yours in Service, Tom Gregg KNOB Chairperson.



51st Annual District 14-E Knights of the Blind Open

PDG Tom Gregg 1130 Willowbrook Road Rostraver Twp., PA 15012 (412) 576-0708 tomgregg1@verizon.net



Glengarry Golf Links 166 Lentz Road Latrobe, PA 15650 (724) 423-4653 www.golfglengarry.com

Saturday, July 27, 2024

Registration 1:00 PM

Shotgun Start: 2:00 PM

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE \$10!

Registration must be received by July 13, 2024 and all forms must include payment. No Exceptions and no onsite registration payments will be accepted.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Green Fee and Cart, Snacks, Free Beer/Soft Drinks, Sandwich at turn, Skill Prizes, Souvenir Gift, and Dinner.

Please note that the amenities included with your registration is subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions or other unforeseen circumstances.

REGISTRATION FORM

\$100.00 per player for registrations post-marked by June 22, 2024. \$110.00 per player for registrations post-marked between June 23 and July 13, 2024. Make checks payable to "District 14-E Lions."

CONTACT PERSON:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE NO.:	
TEAM MEMBERS (please indicate if anyone	wants their dinner to go):
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Submit Registration Form and Checks to:
PDG Tom Gregg
1130 Willowbrook Road
Rostraver Township, PA 15012
tomgregg1@verizon.net



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	SPONSORSHIP FORM	
NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _		
CONTACT NAME:		
PHONE NO.:	EMAIL:	

SPONSORSHIP	BENEFITS	COST	SELECT HERE
Diamond Level	Registration for 2 golfers, tee sign, full- page program ad, and recognition during dinner	\$1,000.00	
Gold Level	Tee sign, full-page ad, and recognition during dinner	\$500.00	
Silver Level	Tee sign	\$150.00	
Bronze Level	Beverage cart sponsor	\$75.00	
Individual Level	Golf cart sponsor (not available for clubs or businesses)	\$50.00	
Program Ads:	Full-page Half-Page Quarter-Page Patron	\$100.00 \$75.00 \$50.00 \$2.00/name	

All sponsorship information and artwork must be turned in by no later than **July 13**, **2024**. Make checks payable to "**District 14-E Lions**" and put "**2024 KOTB Ad**" in memo line. Please return this form and forward any artwork to be used on either the signage or in the program ad to:

Send payment to:

PDG Tom Gregg

1070 Willowbrook Road

Rostraver Township, PA 15012

tomgregg1@verizon.net

(724) 872-0700

PDG Robert Mesher
441 Gallitin Road

Rostraver Township, PA 15012

How Our Clubs are helping our Communities to make the world a better place.....

ZONE 1

GREENSBURG EAST HEMPFIELD – 10 members. Dinner meeting, including a guest from Hempfield Parks/Recreation. Discussed a capital commitment to Woodward Park, new planned park in Hempfield. Laid the ground work for 2024 activities. Wrapped up final report on Toys for Tots, Red Kettle Campaign and 2023 financial contributions. Planned appropriations for Governor's List 2024. Reviewed new dues structure, and verified letters sent to members. Eyeglasses 110 pairs, plastic, over 2200 lbs.

LATROBE-DERRY – 20 members. Honored Student of the Month from Latrobe, honored student of the month from Derry, Worked at Food Bank and St Vincent DePaul, volunteered at Historical Society, volunteered at Torrance State Hospital, Advertised 2 \$500 scholarships - one for a senior at Derry, one for a senior from Latrobe.

NEW FLORENCE – 22 members. Secret Santa = Spoke with the parents. The four children were excited by their gifts and Christmas dinner. Plastic Bench = With only three months in, we have already collected 500lb. each for our club and the boys club. Duck Race = We still have tickets to sale. Cash Ticket Raffle = Would like to do four raffles again this year and we need to renew our small games of chance license. Members approved the request. Project 13 = We will be doing it again this year. An amount was discussed, and it was agreed to donate the same amount as last year. District 14E Bowling Tournament = Would like to send two teams.

ZONE 2

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP – 45 members. Assisted a family of four with eye exams and glasses. Still ongoing bags for benches. Busy planning for upcoming events.

SEWICKLEY AREA – 9 members. Broom sales ongoing.

YOUNGWOOD – 36 members. No January activities.

ZONE 3

ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP - 10 members. Continued with Meals-On-Wheels, held club meeting, continued selling Lions brooms, sent donation to Project Seed and sent 2023-24 District Project Donation check.

DELMONT – 37 members. Club collected 200 pairs of used eyeglasses. Club held monthly meeting to discuss club activities and new fundraisers. 6 club members took part in the Lions Lunchables Program on 1/10/24 & 1/23/24. 3 club members attended District Golf Outing Planning meeting. 2 club members began prepping fleece for blanket making.

LOWER BURRELL CITY – 26 members. Delivered 13 Thanksgiving food baskets and 11 Christmas food baskets to needy families in the community. Had our annual Christmas dinner at Fisher Hall. Club was honored to have DG Amy and husband PDG Chuck attend a memorial service for Club Treasurer Carol Myers who passed away January 3, 2024. Next meeting is January 30, 2024, at our winter meeting place, Grace Community Presbyterian Church in Lower Burrell.

MURRYSVILLE – 18 members. Held 1 dinner meeting; received information on our recent sponsorship for Leader Dog Toffee; discussed Manna bag project for the shelter-update shopping list to be placed in 2 stores; 4 Lions volunteered at the Food Bank (8 hours); donated \$100 to the Murrysville Library Foundation to be used for large print and/or audio books.

VANDERGRIFT - 26 members. We continue to sell raffle tickets and Lions brooms. Collect used eyeglasses at various stations in town and collect and loan out used hospital equipment.

ZONE 4

LEVEL GREEN – 35 members. Aluminum can and used eyeglasses collections, building rentals. Members volunteered for Meals on Wheels. Board meeting and general meeting held. Route 130 sign rehabbed. Club preparing for Soup and Sandwich event Feb. 10.

MANOR – 16 members. Hosted a meeting with District Governor Amy. Donated 325 eyeglasses. Sold brooms.

NORWIN – 32 members. Donated gift cards to food insecure students at Norwin School Districts elementary and intermediate schools. Collected eyeglasses, sold brooms, and recycled plastic.

Thank you to those clubs reporting. A reminder – you must submit your activities and service reports to LCI. This is separate from your submission to the District Newsletter through the www.lions14e.org website. If you have any questions about reporting your club's service to LCI, please contact your zone chair as soon as possible.

"If it isn't reported, it didn't happen...."





Level Green Lions Club
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast!

March 17[,] 2024

7AM – Noon

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Blueberry or Plain

Buttermilk or Buckwheat

with Sausage & Beverage

Eat in or Take out!

CLUB HAPPENINGS! Please support your District's Clubs

Rostraver Township Lions





Saturday, February 17, 2024

8:00 AM - Noon

Clarion Inn

Rte. #51 & Finley Road • Belle Vernon

Adults: \$7.00

Children 5 to 10: \$4.00

Children Under 5 Free





The Level Green Lions presents:

Come in from the Cold



We Serve

Soup and Sandwich Saturday



Saturday, February 10th
(Annually on the Saturday of Superbowl week-end)

10:30 am - 2:00pm

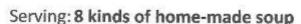
At the LG Lions Community Building (123 Murrysville Rd, 15085)



Eat-in or Take-out

Soups-to-go: pints (\$7) and quarts (\$12)

Best to call in your soup-to-go order (412-445-2101)



(such as wedding, potato, chicken noodle, chili, plus others)

4" sandwich (ham and turkey from PT Pit Stop)

Cookies and Beverage



Price: \$8.00/person

For questions or information call 412-445-2101











PRESS RELEASE NORWIN LIONS

The Norwin Lions are proud to announce they are holding their 9th Annual Cubcake Wars fundraising event on Sunday March 10, 2024, at the Norwin High School Cafeteria from 12:00 to 3:00.

This event features numerous bakers who are making delicious cupcakes (the cubcake is a play on words for Lion Cub) that are sold. The bakers are in a competition for best tasting cubcake, best decorations, most funds raised, and people's choice for best in show. All funds benefit the Norwin Lions and its Kitty Sack Project.

The Norwin Lions' Kitty Sack Project is in its 11th year to help feed food insecure children over the weekends. Unfortunately, when many children in our community leave school on Friday, their last healthy meal is their school lunch. From then until Monday when they return to school to wait patiently for lunch again, they may have had little to eat over the weekend.

The Norwin Lions Club is actively working to help these children by providing gift cards to local groceries. These food gift cards help feed each needy child during the school year weekends. The Lions deliver the gift cards bi-weekly to various schools in the Norwin School District.

Presently we serve three elementary schools and the intermediate school in the Norwin School District. We are currently feeding about 70 children through our program. It takes almost \$400 to provide food for one child for a school year. That amounts to about \$20,000 this year.

Please support this program by attending our fun CubCake Wars. The event is open to everyone of all ages and is very family friendly with no admission.

Bakers are also needed. For information to be a Cubcake Baker to participate in our event, contact Norwinlionsclub@gmail.com for an application or visit https://www.facebook.com/NorwinLions/.

If you would like to sponsor a child and help support our program, please send your donation to

Norwin Lions Club, c/o Chamber of Commerce, 321 Main Street, Irwin, PA 15642.

Submitted by John Russo Norwin Lions

Email: apdjr@aol.com
Phone: 724-864-3844



NORWIN LIONS CLUB PRESENTS OUR

CUBCAKE WARS 9TH ANNUAL EVENT

WHEN:

SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2024 12:00-3:00 PM

WHERE:

NORWIN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA 251 MCMAHON DR. NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA

WHAT IS IT?

A LION'S "CUBCAKE" OR BETTER KNOWN AS A "CUPCAKE" SALES AND BAKING COMPETITION WHERE YOU GET TO BE THE JUDGE!

BENEFITS:

LIONS CHARITIES AND THE KITTY SACK PROGRAM. WHERE THE NORWIN LIONS CLUB IS ACTIVELY WORKING TO SUPPORT FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN AND

ADMISSION:

FREE (EXCEPT FOR ANY CUPCAKES PURCHASED)

FEATURING:

CUPCAKES FOR SALE, GIFT BASKET AUCTION, MUSIC, AWARDS & CELEBRITY JUDGES.

AND

NORWIN'S OWN, AUBREY BURCHELL, FROM AMERICA'S GOT TALENT FAME!

GO TO: NORWINLIONS.COM OR SCAN THE OR CODE FOR MORE INFO!





BAKERS WANTED!





DELMONT LIONS YOUTH TALENT SHOW

Virtual Formal

Event Chair

Amy Thompkins 412-551-0327

CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS

- The competition will held in a virtual format. Contestant Videos must be submitted by Saturday, March 30, 2024. All videos will be viewed and judged virtually.
- 2. Contestants must be between the ages of 6 and 18 years of age.
- 3. Each contestant will be limited to FOUR (4) MINUTES. Only one selection please.
- 4. Completed application forms and videos MUST BE RECEIVED BY Saturday, March 30, 2024. No information can be changed after this date. The program is limited to 25 acts, * so send your applications in as early as possible.
- Mail application to: Amy Thompkins, 309 Beechwood Rd, Greensburg, PA 15601, or email to amoose309@yahoo.com.
- Prizes will be awarded in each age category (Elementary, Middle & High School)
- *The Delmont Lions Club reserves the right to reject any acts that are unsafe or inappropriate for family entertainment.

2024 Delmont Lions Talent Contest Application

Contestant's Name	Phone	
Parent's Name	Phone	
Contact Email:		
Address		
School	Grade	
	roup name (if applicable):	
Song selection name (if applicable):	:	
For acts with more than one contestant the spelling that will be used in the pro	nt, list additional names below. Please print as neatly as portogram.	ssible – this is
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Mail completed application to arrive by March 30, 2024 to:

Amy Thompkins 309 Beechwood Rd Greensburg, PA 15601



Delmont Lions Club

P.O. Box52 Delmont, PA15626

December 29, 2023

The Delmont Lions Club appreciates your past generosity and once again, we are requesting your support for our annual Youth Talent Contest through your purchase of an advertisement in the talent show program. This year's contest will be held as a virtual event once again for health and safety purposes for all involved.

The Lions Club serves the blind and sight impaired. We also support diabetes and hearing research, environmental awareness, pediatric cancer awareness, community outreach, and youth education and leadership. The Delmont Lions Club supports all of these missions through our activities in the Delmont area, and your donation will benefit these charities.

In keeping with our mission to promote youth leadership, the Delmont Lions have been holding an annual youth talent contest since the 1960s. Over the years, some of our contestants have gone on to perform on Broadway, on television, in America's Got Talent, in local theaters and on the world stage. All of them have benefited from the opportunity to perform and compete. Your purchase of an advertisement in the talent show program will not only show your support for these young people, but will also help to support other Lions programs for youth including leadership seminars, student of the month, and college scholarships.

We thank you for your consideration, and appreciate whatever level of support you can provide. Please fill out the form below along with a business card or copy of your ad and return it by March 23, 2024 to your Lion sales representative, or you may mail it to: Amy Thompkins, 309 Beechwood Rd, Greensburg, PA 15601 or email to amoose309@yahoo.com.

Our sincere thanks,

The Delmont Lions Club

2024 Delmont Lions Club Talent Show Ad Order Form Company: ______Contact: ____Phone: _____ Address: _____ Email address: _____ Please circle or mark your preferred ad size and payment type. _____1/8 Page - \$15 _____¼ Page - \$25 _____½ Page - \$35 _____Full Page - \$60 ______ Cash Check Enclosed (Make checks payable to the Delmont Lions Club Foundation)

Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship Application

Offering Support Through **The Fellowship Program**

The Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship has been established to help provide funding for the continuance of providing hearing aids for individuals in need. By naming a person a WPLHF Fellow your contribution goes toward helping those with hearing challenges be able to once again hear and communicate with the world around them.

For a \$250.00 donation the recipient of the fellowship will receive a lapel pin and plaque indicating them as a fellow. The recipient of this award need not be a Lion. Anyone who supports the process of improving hearing can be honored with this award.



The application can be found in the Newsletter Email. Just scroll down and find the block that says "Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship Application" and click on it.

If you wish for a copy to be emailed to you, please reach out to PDG Lance Remic or myself at the following emails:

Lremic@hotmail.com | lisgis67@gmail.com

Offering Support Through

A Donation

Financial support from contributors, like you, is the Foundation's only source of funds. Your contribution can help ensure that there will be adequate funding to continue providing service for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. The Foundation will also accept donated hearing aids.

If you, your Lions Club or organization would like a presentation or if you are interested in making a donation contact the chairperson (director) in your Lions District.



District 14-E Lions Facebook Page





Like Us on Facebook - District 14 E Lions

District 14-E Lions - The Official Facebook Page of District 14-E

Send your information to Amanda or Lance Remic for your Club's activities to be posted to the District's Facebook page. We want to show all that is being done by Lions of District 14-E.

Send info advertising your upcoming events or share photos of the events that have taken place to show the fun and success your Club had.

Email your info to akbrant@atlanticbb.net (Amanda) or <a href="mailto:remember:rememb



Don't forget to tag us on your photos and 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

#14EDGAmy

Scan this QR Code to check out the District 14E Website!

What is a QR Code?



QR codes are 2D barcodes which contain any kind of information that can redirect scanners to online information. This QR Code, when scanned, will take you to the District 14E website. Try it out!

(you will need to have a QR Reader app on your phone)







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.

Leader Dog services are critically important. LAST YEAR, we were able to safely provide:

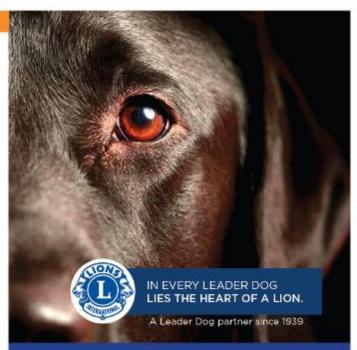
▶500,000+

Days of safe and independent daily travel

- ▶123
 Guide Dog clients served
- ▶149
 Clients received white cane training
- ►3
 Clients who are deaf and blind received

Clients who are deaf and blind received customized guide dog training

- ►18
 Teenagers gained leadership and travel skills
- ▶ 287
 Current and potential clients received a visit from a field services guide dog mobility instructor
- a field services guide dog mobility instructor
- ►336
 Clients and O&M pro's viewed virtual learning videos
- ►\$0 Cost to client



"Leader Dog does a great job training these dogs to be faithful, supportive leaders and companions. Leader Dog Hanna is truly my hero, and so are all those who were involved in helping her become a Leader Dog." -Laura & LD Hanna





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

FOLLOW THE LEADER LeaderDog.org # 2 @

1039 S. Rochester Rd | Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115

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!





Juno Michigan



Toffee Wisconsin



Raider Michigan-Bellamy Creek CF



Mali Michigan



Brandy Illinois

YES! I would like to sponsor a puppy!

Name (Required)			
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip	
Contact Email Address	Pho	one (<u>)</u>	
Sponsoring (please circle ONE puppy) Juno	Toffee Raider	Mali Brandy	

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



Please note that these flyesrs can be found by clicking on the appropriate box found in the Newsletter Email. This is being done to minimize space taken up with repeat articles and to help make the newsletter more manageable in size!





2023-2024 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, 2024 to receive credit for 2023-2024 Lions Year. 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 Robert Mesher, 441Gallitin Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012. If necessary check can be given to District Governor Amy before the deadline.

District 14-E Change Agents:

DISTRICT 14-E CABINET - 2023-2024



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District Governor	Amy Thompkins	Delmont	amoose309@yahoo.com	412-551-0327
1st Vice District Governor	Jeff Jordan	Level Green	Jeffreybob14e@gmail.com	412-418-3646
2 nd Vice District Governor	Lisa Gismondi	Delmont	Lisgis67@gmail.com	724-454-3653
District Secretary	Kara Knode	New Alexandria	kpurvis77@yahoo.com	724-689-5560
District Treasurer	Robert Mesher	Rostraver Twp	robertmesher@comcast.net	724-323-5458

District Global Action Team (GAT) Coordinators

Leadership	PDG Chuck Thompkins	Delmont	chuckt@yahoo.com	724-989-8250
Membership	PDG Lance Remic	Slickville	lremic@hotmail.com	724-309-6750
Service	PDG Charlie McGrew	Sewickley	Cjmcgrew1@verizon.net	724-446-2546

Zone Chairpersons

Zone 1	Amy Thompkins	Delmont	amoose309@yahoo.com	412-551-0327
Zone 2	Jeff Jordan	Level Green	Jeffreybob14e@gmail.com	412-418-3646
Zone 3	Lisa Gismondi	Delmont	Lisgis67@gmail.com	724-454-3653
Zone 4	Jeff Jordan	Level Green	Jeffreybob14e@gmail.com	412-418-3646

Communications

Communication/Publicity	John Russo	Norwin	apdjr@aol.com	724-864-3844
Website	Jeff Jordan	Level Green	Jeffreybob14e@gmail.com	412-418-3646
Newsletter	Lisa Gismondi	Delmont	lisgis67@gmail.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 / Iremic@hotmail.com	724-984-7644 724-468-4626



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IMPORTANT WEB ADDRESSES

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



AMY THOMPKINS, DISTRICT GOVERNOR DISTRICT 14-E PENNSYLVANIA, USA 2023-2024

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