

LIONS DISTRICT 14-N

“GRAPEVINE”



January



Let there be peace on earth... ❤️ ❤️ ❤️



EDITORIAL HAPPENINGS

**"You heard it through
the Grapevine..."**

But did you?



OFFICERS FOR DISTRICT 14-N

LIONS YEAR 2023/2024

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

MARIA LOUDERMILK

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GOVERNOR:**

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<https://www.lionsclubs.org>

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<https://lionsofpafoundation.org/>

BEACON LODGE:

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The Letters to the Editor section is meant to be a forum for any Lions to express their views on what is happening in our District, both positive and things that perhaps should change. Personal stories, and experiences are also fun to share!!



District 14-N Lions,

Once again, I must apologize for my tardiness in getting a Newsletter to you. I especially apologize to DG Maria and VDG Elliott who have not had the opportunity to get a message to you for the past few months!

I've been dealing with several heart-related and other health issues necessitating doctor visits, testing, and procedures. We are also still dealing with Don's broken arm rehab visits. In December I took time off to enjoy my family and especially a visit from my granddaughter, Lion Mindy, and her family and 3 dogs from Virginia.

If all goes well with my tests, I hope to be back on schedule in February. So please continue to send in your pictures and articles.

PDG Linda Gibala

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF MILK WEED PODS

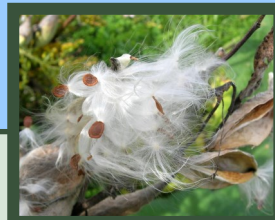
While reading America250: A Journey Through Time, I was taken back to my childhood in the World War II days. We were living in a small town in Tioga County.

Like David Nicklas, we children were collecting milk weed pods. It was great to read that those flying puffs of silk were used for life jackets just like we were told.

We also cut both ends off the tin cans and flattened those and the school collected them.

I still have my ration books and a blue and red token. I will add the milkweed article to my scrapbook.

Lion Davena Hopson, Penn Glade Lions





Please email me if
you would like to
advertise your
event here.

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BEE THERE!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ♦ Do you have some news to share?? Email me.

FEBRUARY:

2/2-4/2024—State Lions Council Meeting—Harrisburg, PA

2/10/2024—3rd District Cabinet Meeting—Butler Blind Assoc.

2/11/2024— Spring Leadership Symposium—Butler Blind Assoc.

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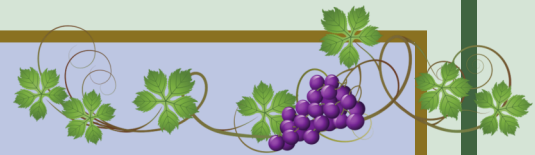
4/13/2024—Spring Convention (Brunch) Shakespeare's Restaurant

4/18-21/2024—Beacon Lodge Camp Work Weekend

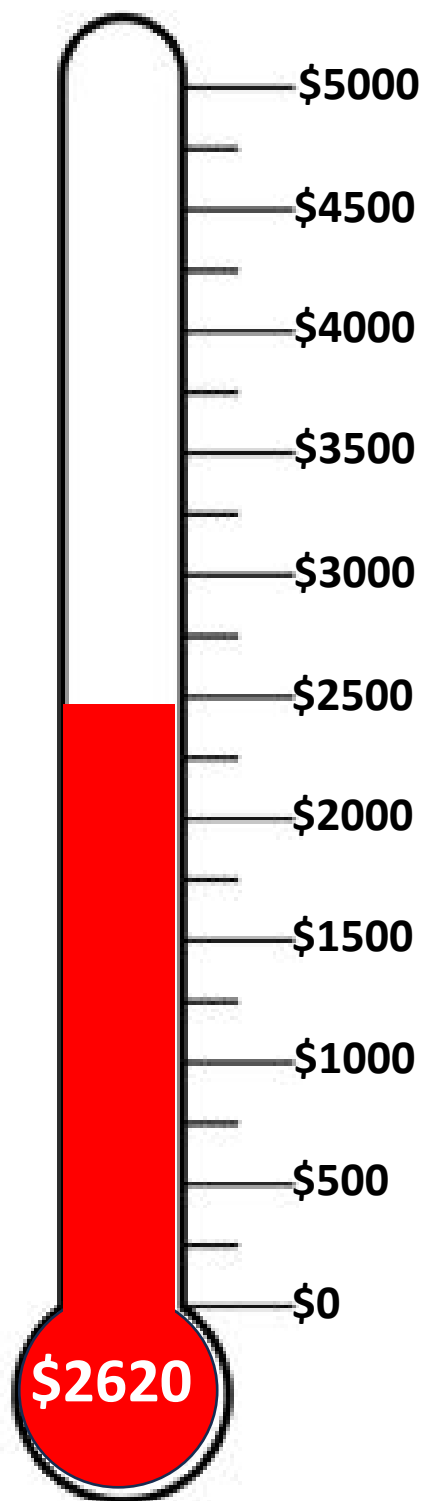
MAY:

5/16-19/2024—PA State Lions Convention—Harrisburg, PA

5/25/2024—4th District Cabinet Meeting—Butler Blind Assoc.



100% "500" Club Donations



As of January 13, 2024

**20 clubs
to go!**

**Has YOUR club
donated?**



We want the clubs of our District to set the pace and have 100% donations to the Beacon lodge "500" Club.

Each Lion in your club is asked to donate \$5.00.

Make your checks out to Beacon Lodge and send them to:

**PDG Tom Toland
PO Box 371
North Apollo, PA 15673**



Get your \$5.00 per member in as soon as possible.



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!

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
MARIA LOUDERMILK**



Dear fellow Lions of District 14-N,

It is truly an honor to serve as your District Governor this year. During my club visitations during the months of August, September and October, I have been greeted and welcomed by dedicated Lions doing outstanding service projects across our five- county district. The International President, Dr. Patti Hill's theme this year is "Changing the World" and by what I've seen so far in our clubs, you all are doing just that! You are helping people in your communities with so many needed activities and projects that it is easy to see the impact. Feeding the hungry, conducting eye screening for children, highway cleanup and recycling projects, and donating needed funds to activities designed to help those with the greatest needs is having a direct and positive impact on the lives of people in our communities. All I can say is thank you and keep up the great work.

Along with conducting much needed service is the reporting of that service in My Lion. Dr. Hill's goal of increasing membership from 1.4 million to 1.5 million Lions over the next four years is for one purpose

only...to increase our capacity to address the needs of the people globally more effectively. The goal with 1.5 million members is to provide service to 1 billion people each year. But we will never know if and when we reach that goal if we don't report our service. For example, last year over 500 million people were served by Lions world-wide. But only 63 percent of our Lions Clubs reported their service. What would the number be with 100 percent reporting? That is for us to find out. Please help us to find out how much service we are really doing in District 14-N.

I enjoy meeting with all of you on my visits . Have a great day!

Yours in service,

DG Maria L. Loudermilk



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Elliott Hilton
1st Vice District Governor



Dear Fellow Lions and Leos,

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway into this year in Lionism. It has been a great experience being able to visit the clubs with District Governor Maria. Thank you for your great hospitality!

As you have heard at our club visitations, Mission 1.5 has begun. Membership is a great opportunity for all of our clubs in District 14-N.

What if you belonged to a Lions Club whose membership was dropping faster than a rock in water? Can you help your club? You bet you can! You can ask your neighbor, your doctor or attorney, teachers that you know, cousins and more. You can go to your homeowners or condo association and have them print something in their newsletter. But don't forget that you will want to spend some time getting to know the potential member to be sure they are a match for your club before approving their membership. Remember, new members also need an orientation to our clubs and will then make a great contribution to the greater good of our district.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year!

We Serve,

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Chip Campbell
Global Service Team
Coordinator



Hello, just thought I'd let you know I'm back. You probably thought you were rid of me, but like a bad penny, I'll keep showing up. This time not as the District Governor, but as the "Global Service Team Coordinator" for District 14N.

It will be my responsibility to encourage the clubs in 14N to report their service projects. I'll do my best to remind you how important it is to report what you do. I have always contended if people don't know what you do, people don't know what you do.

Tough to build brand recognition if you don't let anybody know what your brand does. We are the best service organization in the world! Let's let people know. We are the Lions. I wear Lions stuff 90% of the time I'm out, hoping someone will ask, "What are the Lions?" When Lynn or my friend Paul hear that, they just bow and shake their heads, knowing I'm loaded with information I can give them, and not ashamed to give it. I'm proud to be a Lion.

A reason to report what your Lions club does is we want to know what you're doing, it's recorded and added with the other 47,000 club's reports to compile a running total of the lives we touch, what the Lion's do to help generate goodwill.

Another important reason to report what we do, is we cooperate with other non-profits in accomplishing our goals around the world. We are the boots on the ground for some of these organizations. We are one of the most respected organizations in the world, and with over 47,000 clubs, in 210 countries, very

often we're the first on the scene of emergencies. Where there's a need there's a Lion.

We have helped distribute over 440 million measles vaccines worldwide. We would never have been able to do this without the help of our more affluent partners. And the way we get the help of these affluent partners is to show them we are worthy of their money. And the way we do that is by letting them know how many lives we have touched. Last year we touched the lives of 495 million people, and that was with less than 60% of the clubs reporting. Imagine if we all reported? As an organization we hope to reach out to 1 BILLION people by 2027.

I received a report the other day saying District 14N had 18 clubs out of 36 that have not reported a service activity in over 4 months. That's half of our clubs! Shame, Shame. That's a crapload of non reporting. I know most of you have done something in the last four months, try to get in the habit of reporting as you go. Once you do it a few times it becomes easy and it's nice to look and see how much you've done. I understand a lot of clubs shut down for Summer, so that would be a problem, but we're all up and running now, so please if you do something enter it in MYLION. I'm going to say it takes less than 5 minutes to enter your information, and it "don't cost nuthin".

I'm here to help the best I can, so if you have a problem figuring out how to enter info, call me, **724-944-1869**, while you're on the computer and we can work through it together, it really isn't hard, and it helps so much.

Also, if you need help with a project feel free to reach out to me and see what I'm doing. You can also reach out to nearby clubs for help. We need to start working together more and more.

Take care and I look forward to working with you all again. Well maybe not all, but I'll fake it.

PDG Chip Campbell, chipc@zoominternet.net

Global Service Team Coordinator

DISTRICT 14-N FALL RALLY

If you could not attend the Fall Rally, you missed a really fun time. There was a complimentary cocktail hour, delicious appetizers, unusual raffle baskets, delicious meal, live entertainment—"The Street Band", and most important—getting together with Lion friends. Lion Mike Toland won the 50/50!! He was very happy!!



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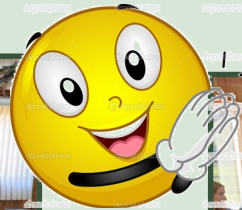
DISTRICT 14-N LIONS CLUBS RECEIVE GRANTS FROM LIONS OF PA FOUNDATION!

NEWS



" Elderton Lions Club received a matching grant from Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation for development of the Crooked Creek Braille Trail. (From right) zone Chair and Project Grant Developer Lion Eric Longwell, Elderton Lions Club President Kathy Dobrosky, Project Manager Lion David Beale, Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Wes Cravener, 14-N Immediate Past District Governor Gaylene Toland, Trout Unlimited/Arrowhead 214 Representative Don Carney, Lions of PA Foundation Board Director PDG Dr. Don Gibala."

A member of the club, David Beale, is a volunteer there. Elderton Lions and a local Leo club helped with the trail.





"Union Township Lions Club received a Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation matching grant to construct recreational activity courts at Scotland Meadows Community Park. (From left) Union Township Lions Club President Joe Seminara, Project Coordinator Lion Lori Jaworski, Pennsylvania Lions Multiple District-14 Past Council Chair and Project Grant Developer Lion Bill Morgan, Project Construction Co-Coordinator Lion Bob Seminara and Lion Rick Allebach, Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation Board Director PDG Dr. Don Gibala "



"Beaver County Lighthouse For The Blind gets a new retaining wall and entrance way with the help of local 14-N Lions and funds from a Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation matching grant. (From left) Lighthouse Board President Lion Dr. John Gump, Rochester-Beaver Area Lions Club President Rita Swesey, 14-N District Governor Maria Loudermilk, Project Grant Developer PDG Jeff Loudermilk, Lions of PA Foundation Board Director PDG Dr. Don Gibala"

Thank
you!

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FORD CITY LIONS CLUB



Clean up and getting ready for Halloween!
This is the project that the Ford City Lions Club helped build last year.



Ford City Lions and Leos
preparing for the Ford
City Parade.



RIVERSIDE LIONS CLUB



We hosted a Basket Luncheon fundraiser, (two pictures) with a "Back to the Fifties" theme. This event was dedicated to Sue Westlund, although not a club member, she was an integral part of everything we did as a club. She was very important in making the club the success we've been. All money raised we donated to the charities of her choice. We had a total of 87 regular baskets and 8 larger baskets. The event was attended by 80 people and featured cookout food, hot dogs, hamburgers, different salads along with an ice cream bar, where you could make your own floats. Pictured are Lion Lynn Campbell, Pam Flara, and District Governor Maria Loudermilk, dressed to kill in her best "Sandy" from Grease outfit.



With some of the money from Sue's Westlund's donation, we purchased Gift Certificates for the Ellwood City Public Library Used Book Sale and gave them to the first 16 teachers who walked up. Pictured are Judy Kindle co-chair of the book sale and member of the Library Board, and once again Lion Lynn Campbell.



The club hosted the chairs of the Divine Grace Social Services, and the Ellwood City Public Library. Pictured are Jan Baur, Kathy DeBlaso, with Divine Grace Ministerium, Becky Chestnut and Judy Kindle, of the Library board. Presenting them with checks are Megan Barnhart and Lion Jim Westlund. Sue Westlund's daughter and husband. Divine Grace caters to over 300 families in the Ellwood Riverside area. Providing a wide range of services, from energy assistance to a food bank. The Ellwood Library has been in continuous operation for close to 110 years.

MORE RIVERSIDE LIONS!

The Riverside Lions started the month with a night out. Lion Mike Milnes and King Lion Chip Campbell started the month celebrating with friends and neighbors at the Franklin Township Night Out. The event lets local fundraisers get their word out and make some money. We started selling "stuff". We sold 7 brooms. One time we sold 5 to the same person. Another time I was convinced selling veggies in cups were going to go like hotcakes. We sold 5, three to club members, and the other two were sympathy sales. That was the last time we tried selling anything. Now we just sit and look good. The club has been participating in this event since its inception 10 years ago.



We had the opportunity to distribute school supplies to 5 different schools in our area. Pictured are Middle School Principal Alicia Dwyer, Lion Lynn Campbell, and Elementary school Principal Dr. Emily Smith. The club received these supplies through Project Homefront.

We were fortunate in the fact that one of our members, Paul Liesie, is downsizing and offered the club the proceeds from a weekend Yard sale. Although planned for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Rain interrupted our plans, so we stretched it to Monday and Tuesday. We would like to thank Paul for his generosity.

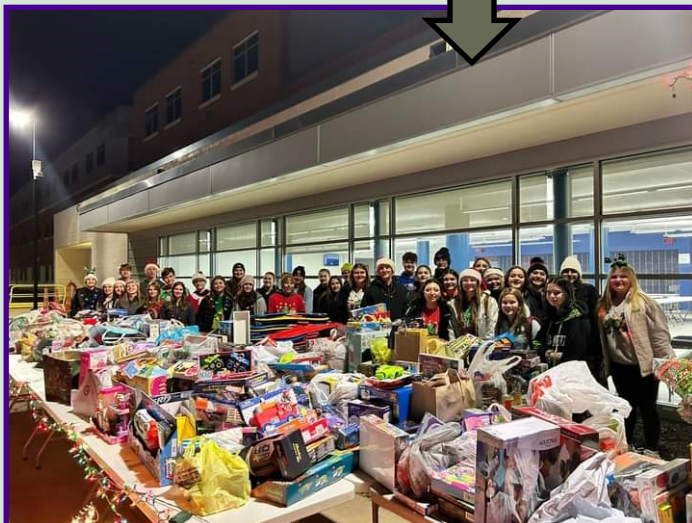


The Apollo-Ridge Middle School Leo club raised \$500 for Beacon Lodge. How many other Leo Clubs and Lions Clubs can match this?

Thank you Apollo-Ridge MS Leos!

Big thank you to our student body at AHS! Prior to Magical Night, we collected all of these gifts- displayed in our library- from the students and staff at our school. After Magical Night, we added in several more (pictured outside at the event) and that took our total collection to over 1,000 items! Thank you to everyone in the community who came out and participated in Magical Night with Santa 2023. It was a huge success— and we loved sharing the magic of Christmas with you. Thank you for helping us make many other children have a little bit of “magic” in their holiday by donating all the gifts!

Armstrong Leos teamed up with AHS & Ford City Lions to deliver a little “Magic” at Christmas!



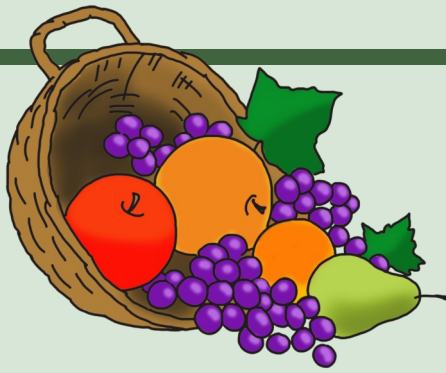
This was such an amazing effort by our school and community! Our President, Kate Stiller, and Vice President, Ava Schrecengost, are with Ford City Lions President Brad Baillie and Kittanning Salvation Army Lt Austin Oberg after loading ALL of these items up into the Salvation Army van.





APOLLO LIONS SPONSORED A DINNER
FOR LOCAL VETERANS IN CELEBRATION OF
VETERANS DAY!





APOLLO LIONS

For over 40 years, the Apollo Area Lions Club has been giving fruit baskets or bags to the elderly, disabled and shut-ins. They packed 160 bags. The bags were decorated by elementary students in Mrs. Busch's classes. Two Apollo-Ridge Leos and two young 7th and 8th grade boys as well as two younger children helped several lions pack the bags. The fruit was donated by Bill Naser. We appreciate all who helped with this ongoing project.





BUTLER LIONS CLUB

MONITEAU FOOD PANTRY receives supplies from Butler Lions and Sharp Shopper Store in Butler. Butler Lions collected a truck load of food supplies for distribution to the Moniteau Food Pantry. Several boxes of soup were delivered on November 29th. Special thanks to Sharp Shopper Store Manager Nick and Lisa for packing and boxing up very generous donations of mac & cheese cartons and boxes of canned soups. Also special thanks to Butler Lions Board of Directors who purchased numerous boxes of cereal from Sharp Shopper for delivery to the Moniteau Food Pantry. The truckload of supplies was delivered to the Pantry by Lions Barry and Eric.



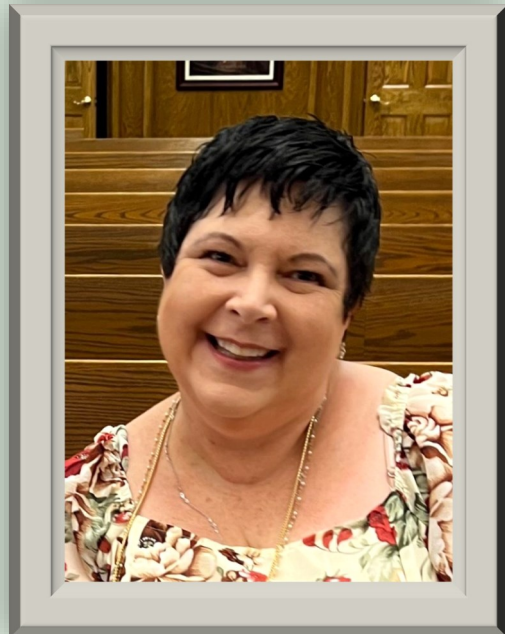
BUTLER LIONS CLUB



One table built, two to go. A Lions project for McQuiston School with the assistance of Next Tier Bank and Lezzer Lumber. Designed for use for outdoor classes with treated lumber and Trex composite top. Principal Theresa Cherry and SRO John Stutz, along with Santa's friend, John Negley, were present to help unload the table at the school. Lions Janet and Barry helped deliver the materials and the table. Lion Derek did most of the construction. Lion John was the driving force behind this project. Excellent job, Lions! The table is beautiful and durable.



In Memory



Cynthia Young, age 53,
Rochester/Beaver Club
11/16/2023

Allen Shirey,
Age 85
Hawthorn Lions Club
7/7/2023



DISTRICT 14-N

NEW MEMBERS! WELCOME!



2023-2024		
Club	New Member	Sponsor
September 2023		
Cranberry	Thomas Drennan	
Evans City	Kenia Hernandez	Robert Bird
Little Beaver	Luis Cheng	Shirley Lyndes
Rochester-Beaver Area	Diana V. Bowden	Debra Ellefson
October 2023		
Cranberry	Jeanne G. Otto	Gregg Otto
Cranberry	Dave Runco	Ramesh Subramaniam
Ford City	Evan Lyle	Tyson Klukan
Ford City	David Tomaswick	Stephen Shiring
Hawthorn	Greg Shumaker	Brad Bullers
New Bethlehem	Danielle Swisher	Rex Munsee
Rochester-Beaver Area	Debbie Pfeifer	Joyce Johnson-Scriva
November 2023		
Beaver Falls	Cassidy Fairley	Deanna Thoma
Butler	Jodie L. Boyer	John Hertzog
Butler	Barbara Pisor	John Hertzog
zelienople	Lucy Kirsch	Elliott Hilton
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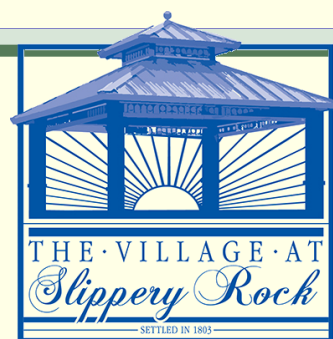
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NEW MEMBERS! WELCOME!



2023-2024		
Club	New Member	Sponsor
November 2023		
Cranberry	Kevin Killian	Dave Runco
Cranberry	Miguel Guerrero	Ramesh Subramaniam
Hawthorn	William Bish	Brad Bullers
Rochester-Beaver Area	Tony Corsi	Alyson Struwe
December 2023		
Elderton	Allison Ball	Jessica Smith
Hawthorn	Timothy Carrico	Jeffrey Ferringer
Rochester-Beaver Area	Raymond Neish	Rita Swesey
Slippery Rock	David Culp	Jeff Loudermilk
Slippery Rock	Daniel Dieter	Jeff Loudermilk
Slippery Rock	Grant Dieter	
Slippery Rock	Nancy Culp	Jeff Loudermilk
Slippery Rock	Dylan Dieter	

WE WELCOME BACK THE SLIPPERY
ROCK LIONS CLUB!





ON THE ROAD AGAIN?

HAPPY
GROUNDHOG DAY



VISIT PUNXSUTAWNEY ON GROUND HOG DAY-FEBRUARY 2, 2024!

One holiday that brings thousands of people together from all over the world to celebrate the prediction of a furry forecaster.

What would you rather be doing in the middle of the night, in the middle of the winter in western PA? How about enjoying the ambiance of the brisk night air with thousands of new friends by your side, waiting for the Seer of Seers, Punxsutawney Phil, to make his prognostication sounds like a great thing to experience!



Whether Groundhog Day has been on your bucket list for years or it is your birthday, or if you just would like a reason to celebrate — Groundhog Day is the event for you.

Visit Phil's website for some interesting history of his famous day!!

<https://www.groundhog.org/legend-and-lore>

WHEN VISITING PHIL,
stop by his famous neighbor
JIMMY STEWART'S HOMETOWN



Offering... The Jimmy Stewart Museum
Bed & Breakfasts, Hotels & Airbnbs
Cafés, Bakeries, Eateries, Wineries, Breweries & a Distillery
Art Galleries, Boutiques & Entertainment...and so much more!

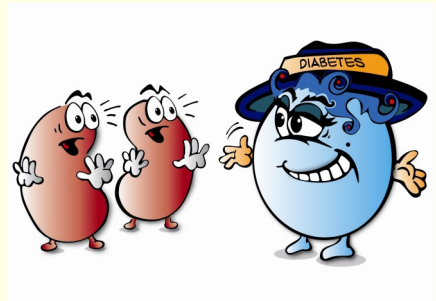
NOVEMBER WAS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH!

1.4 million new cases of diabetes are diagnosed each year. We all need to pay attention to warning signs such as:

- Frequent urination
- Very thirsty
- Weight loss
- More hungry than usual
- Numbness or tingling in hands or feet
- Blurry vision
- Very tired
- Dry skin
- Sores that heal too slowly
- Frequent infections

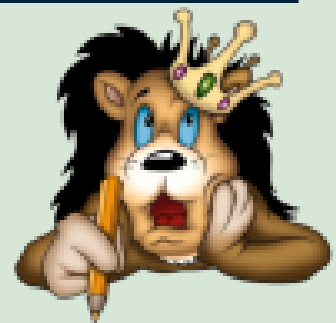
Please pay attention to yourself and others, not just in November, but always. Diabetes is now the 7th leading cause of death in the U.S.

Thank you, Mary Ann Fleeger,
Diabetes Awareness Chairperson



Has your club given “The Heart of a Lion Award” yet? This award is given to volunteers in the community that have the “Heart” of a Lion, but are not members of your Lions Club. Contact PDG Tom Toland if you have just the volunteer in mind! Due to rising costs of materials, the price of the plaque is now \$18 which is due when plaques are ordered.

HEART OF A LION AWARD



PDG Tom Toland

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