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BEACON LODGE CAMP

1948 - 2027



*Lions, YOU can prevent this untimely death.
Keep reading to find how!*

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WE NEED YOU!



This publication is dedicated to Beacon Lodge Camp in an attempt to get the attention of all Pennsylvania Lions focused on the need to raise funds for the continuation of the Camp.

As the cover/page one notes, the Camp may have funds enough to continue until 2027. Attendance at the camp has been very important to many people since its beginning in 1948 and many would like to see it continue to be useful for years to come. Only YOU as a Lion and member of your club can save it. Please plan fundraisers with the Camp earmarked to receive the monies raised. Thank you in advance for forestalling its demise.

The Editor



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Thank you.*



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From Past International Director Larry Edwards And we continue To Serve, Let's Change the World



Greetings, Lions and Leos,

Happy New Year! By the time you read this it will be 2024. A New Year and a new opportunity to grow your club, district and multiple district while working toward the 1.5 million-member objective. With new members comes innovative ideas for service and more hands to provide that service. Lion Susan and I visited a Past Director and his partner from Indiana over the holidays. We had a great visit and had an opportunity to see what some of the Indiana Lions are doing. As elsewhere, there is so much service being provided. I visited their Lions Eye Bank, Vision First and saw firsthand the work being done providing corneas as needed, as well as the operation of their Kids' Sight projects. It is amazing, wherever you go, Lions are doing some amazing work helping those in need.

As we start looking forward to spring the time is right for all to begin to plan events that will provide the opportunity to bring in new members. Each club should work with their GAT and their District GAT to help plan how to hold membership events. You will be surprised how well this works. Going into January the Multiple District has lost members again. We can all help to turn that negative around. Remember Past President Doug Alexander's saying, "Each one bring one."

With spring also comes our Multiple District Convention in Harrisburg. I am asking that every club try to have a showing during the convention. It is a time for Lions to reconnect, see what others are doing and learn more about serving. If just one member from each club attended, we would have over six hundred Lions there. Wow! That would be impressive.

Please take my encouragement to help to change your communities which will go to helping change the world. Keep in mind all the disasters around the world and within the United States. Consider your personal and club contributions to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Our Foundation is the core of needed support to provide funds for disasters as well as projects that will serve our communities. The Foundation continually needs your support financially to replenish the funds that have been used.

Until the next time we meet at a Lions event, I wish you all the best and keep serving.

PID Larry

Larry

Happy
New
Year!



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



From Council Chair Linda Zaneski

Hello MD-14 Lions from your State Council Chairperson.

As I travel across the state meeting Lions from every district, I am so proud to hear about all the amazing services they are providing. From global causes to community needs, these Lions are making a difference and helping to change the world!

We had a successful GAT Summit in State College in October where 70 Lions gathered to learn about the GAT structure and the roles and responsibilities of the GMT, GST, and GLT chairpersons. Teams got together to work on SWOT analysis and a plan moving forward to gain new members, strengthen existing membership, complete and report service, and develop a succession plan for new leaders. Thanks to our Guest speakers - PID Pat Vannett, PID Larry Edwards, PID Cindy Gregg, PDG Beth Stevens and the MD-14 GAT team - PDG Cheryl Wilbur, PDG Kerry McKnight, and PDG Bob Roebuck. And a big thank you to all the GAT teams from the Districts who attended. Congrats to District-N who brought a full GAT Team to the Summit.

Remember, my logo for the year shows what the clubs, districts and Multiple-District need to do to change the world. Strong leadership will help attract new members who can do more service and that's what we do - SERVE! As those cogs on the gears turn at the club level, they move the District and Multiple District forward at a much faster pace. And thus... help change the world! Your enthusiasm and fellowship are the grease to make them turn even faster. So, let's all work hard on turning those gears!

I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season. 😊

Linda Zaneski
MD-14 Council Chair
2023-2024



Ways to Support PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

Beacon Lodge just celebrated 75 years of service to the citizens of Pennsylvania. Over those many years, we have served blind adults and children, and more recently, we have expanded to serve other special needs individuals. Project New Hope for disabled veterans has been in operation for only a few years but is becoming a huge success.

Unfortunately, over the past few years, we have been presented with significant challenges in funding. Our other challenges are staffing, inflation, and the overall cost to keep this camp operational at the level we expect. What we need from all Districts, Lions Clubs, Lions, and Leos is a challenge to increase our funding efforts to help keep this camp open. If we do not follow through with these efforts, Beacon Lodge will cease to be the camp we have grown to love and of which to be proud. **We need your help more now than ever!**

Below, you will find many ways you and your club can support the camp. Please use this list to ensure the PA Lions commitment to Beacon Lodge goes on for many years.

- District Governor's Projects
- 500 Club - \$5.00 per Lions member each year to help defray maintenance costs at the camp
- Beacon Lodge Challenge: \$100+ per club
- Designated/undesignated Camp Sponsorship \$950
- Counselor Sponsorship \$475
- Wish List: products & dollars
- Duck Race "PA Lions Appreciation Day": \$5.00 per duck
- Golf Tournament: Districts: \$1,000, Clubs \$100/hole or \$50/cart, Lions may contribute, businesses contribute
- Special Fund-Raising Projects: Districts & Clubs
- District Work Weekend
- Project New Hope
- Brick Walkway Memorial: clubs \$100 for deceased members
- Carl Shoemaker Fellowship: \$500
- Sponsor a Wounded Warrior & family campership - \$1,200
- Purchase a banner for \$100 to be hung at the camp during the 2024 camping season
- Facebook Birthday Challenge



PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

“500 Club”



Dear Lions and Leos of District 14-N,

This is the time of year that we ask for your support of the “**Beacon Lodge 500 Club**”. This is an opportunity for each Lion and Leo to make a personal contribution to help with maintenance and repairs of Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.

The “500 Club” is based on a **\$5.00** donation per member per year.

The Lions and Leo Clubs in the state of Pennsylvania continue to embrace the Lions motto “**We Serve**”. We encourage all clubs to consider 100% participation in this important fundraiser.

We ask that you:

1. Make checks payable to: Beacon Lodge 500 Club
2. Mail checks to: PDG Tom Toland
PO Box 371
North Apollo, PA 15673

***UPON REQUEST, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO PRESENT A BEACON LODGE PROGRAM AT YOUR CLUB.** *(Most of you are familiar with the camp, but new members need to be informed of the importance of this camp.)*

Enclosed you will also find a copy of the 2024 Beacon Lodge Wish List. After you collect your donations, contact your Region Chair, Zone Chair, PDG Tom Toland or PCC Brian McCarl.

Once again, we thank the Lions and Leo Clubs of District 14-N for your continued support of **PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp**; helping make it one of the best special needs camps in America.

Yours in Lionism,

YOUR NAME - PCC Brian McCarl (724-312-3676) Brianmccarl68@gmail.com

OR

YOUR NAME - PDG Tom Toland (724-787-1431) ttoland@windstream.net

“I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.” —Maya Angelou

2023-2024 "500 Club"

Per Capita Award



**Awarded to
DG Joe Public
District 14-Z**

**With a per capita rate of
\$5.21 per member for the
2023-2024 "500 Club" Campaign**

This year, the district which has the highest per capita donations to the Beacon Lodge "500 Club" will receive a plaque for their District Governor. All money which is donated to the 500 Club by Lions Clubs, Lions, and Leos, will be divided by the number of Lions on the rolls as of July 1st, 2023. The district with the highest per capita total as of April 30th will win the award. Money must be received at Beacon Lodge by the end of April 2024.

All clubs should send their donations to their respective Beacon Lodge Board members. They will be responsible for sending the donations to Beacon Lodge by the due date. Each Lion is asked to donate \$5 per year to the "500" Club. Each Lion is asked to donate \$5.00 per year to the "500 Club."

Contributed by PDG Tom Toland, 14-N

Hello, Lions Club Presidents!

With the Holiday season upon us, please take just a few minutes to help our PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp with a special request. We are asking ALL Lions clubs in PA to customize the attached templated letter and then send it to any Veteran Service Organization (VSO) in your club's area. (American Legion, VFWs, etc....)

All you need to do is change the highlighted areas of the letter:

1. Add your name, address, and phone number
2. Add your VSO name and address
3. Add the date of your letter
4. Add your name at the bottom

then....

5. Print, sign in ink, and snail mail it ...OR... hand deliver it if you know the contacts personally. IF all PA Lions clubs do this, we can get veterans to participate in the camp and hopefully get some much-needed monies to help cover the camp operational expenses and repairs. Our PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp needs us to do this. Please HELP. It would be a nice way to give back and show our Holiday Pride as a Lion. Thanks so much.

Dr. Linda Zaneski State Council Chair 2023-2024

Editor's note – even though the Christmas holiday has passed, there is a continuing need at Beacon Lodge Camp.



The template follows this page.

Your name
Your address
Your address
Your phone number

Your Veterans Service Organization
Their address
Their address

Date of the letter

Re: PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

Dear (their name):

The recognition of the need for a camp for blind people in Pennsylvania was extensively discussed at a meeting of a group of blind people in Philadelphia on November 9, 1947. After several meetings, a corporation was formed in Mifflin County and approved by the Mifflin County Court in 1948 to establish "Vacations for the Blind" camp. In 1953, the name was changed to "Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind" and in 1994 the name was changed to "PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp" to reflect the support of the Camp that comes from the Pennsylvania Lions and to indicate that the Camp serves more than just the visually impaired.

PA Beacon Lodge Camp is situated on 583 beautiful acres in the natural woodlands along the Juniata River in Central Pennsylvania, near Mount Union. It is where children and adults with visual, hearing, mental, and physical disabilities gather from all over Pennsylvania and surrounding states for a relaxing and fun vacation.

The Camp is divided into the Adult Camp and the Children's Camp. Project New Hope, the Camp for Veterans and their families was established in 2014. Each Camp is run separately. Campers can participate in fishing, bowling, swimming, wall climbing, zip lining, archery, miniature golf and much more. The Camp emphasizes what the camper can do and not what they cannot do. The Camp, being a non-profit, depends on funding from the Lions of Pennsylvania and other sources for donations.

The **Project New Hope** program offered at the Beacon Lodge Camp is an opportunity for disabled Veterans regardless of branch of service or era in which a Veteran has served, ALL PA disabled Veterans and their immediate families are welcome.

As a Lion in Pennsylvania, I know first-hand the impact this Camp has had on children, adults, and Veterans each year, and I humbly ask for your organization's support in any of the following ways:

1. Help us recruit disabled Veterans and their immediate families to attend one of our five-day summer retreat camps at NO cost. (June 15-19 and August 3-7, 2024)
2. Help Project New Hope with Veteran campers' fees (approximately \$1200 for a family of four)
3. Help the Camp with their wish list of items (attached)
4. Help the Camp with financial assistance for some much-needed repairs

With the ongoing fundraising efforts of Lions across Pennsylvania, PA Beacon Lodge Camp needs your help to keep going. **I ask for your organization's support to assist the PA Beacon Lodge Camp in providing specialized recreation for our disabled Veterans. It is an honor to offer Project New Hope to the elite group of PA disabled men and women who have served our country!**

(Visit www.BeaconLodge.org for more information.)

Sincerely:
Your name

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp 8th Annual Golf Outing August 24, 2024

Add-Ons

Overnight Accommodations
at Beacon Lodge CampFree

Please call Beacon Lodge to make arrangements
814-542-2511

Early Bird Golf – 18 holes
Friday, August 23 (all day) \$24

Sponsor Information*

Name for Sign: _____

District 14- _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

***Send before August 9, 2024**
Thank you for helping us serve!

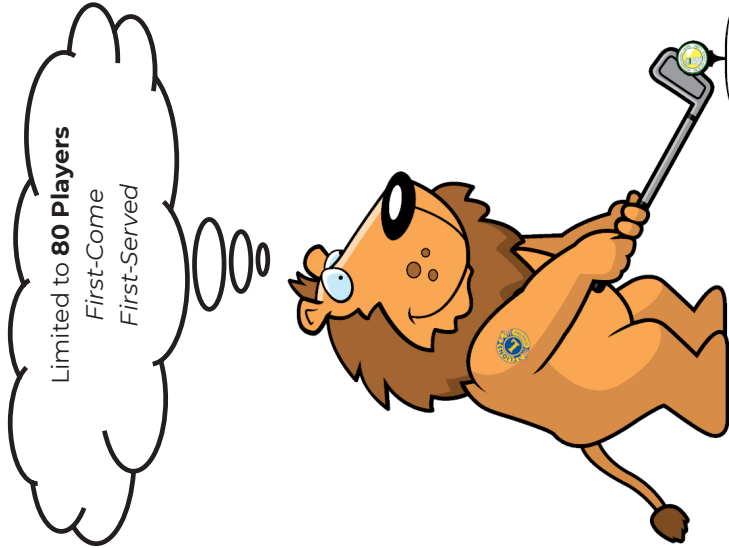
In 1948, Lion Carl Shoemaker helped found Vacations for the Blind, a summer camp designed for adults with vision impairment. Since then, the name was changed to PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. The program has also changed to include children and adults with a wide range of disabilities. By providing a sponsorship or joining us at the American Legion Country Club, you will be helping us continue our mission of providing a summer camp experience to our statewide community of Adults and Children living with Special Needs.



PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
c/o Jonathan Carver
114 State Route 103 South
Mount Union, PA, 17066



**PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
8th Annual Golf Outing**
Saturday, August 24, 2024, 1:00 pm
American Legion Country Club
Mount Union, PA, 17066
814-542-4343



PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

Are you looking for a way to help special needs children and adults **AND** have fun?

Then, this golf outing is exactly what you're looking for!

When: Saturday, August 24, 2024
Check-In – Noon
Shotgun start at 1:00 pm

Where: American Legion Country Club
Mount Union, PA, 17066

Format: 18-hole Scramble

Price: Just \$85/golfer includes—
Green Fees
Cart

Prizes & Awards

Snacks, beer, pop, and water
all day

Food is included throughout
the day

**Note: make checks payable to
"PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp"
and return:**

c/o Jonathan Carver
114 State Route 103 South
Mount Union, PA, 17066

8th Annual Golf Outing

Prizes

1st Place Team \$300
2nd Place Team \$200
3rd Place Team \$100

Plus,

Skills Prizes on all par 3s:
Longest Drive and Longest Putt -
\$50 Pro Shop Gift Certificates



**Your support as a Sponsor is crucial to
the success of PA Lions Beacon Lodge
Camp.**

Sponsor Levels:

Diamond - \$10,000 Includes Naming
Rights for the outing, Logo Branding on
event website, Score Cards, and all pin
flags; a 3'x2' diamond-shape Pavilion
Sign, 4 paid Foursomes and an 18"x12"
Hole Sponsor Sign (at a tee or green)

Ruby - \$5,000 Includes 3'x2' Ruby sign, 2
paid Foursomes and an 18"x12" Hole
Sponsor Sign (at a tee or green)

Platinum - \$2,500 Includes 3'x2' Platinum
sign, 2 paid Foursomes, and an 18"x12"
Hole Sponsor Sign

Gold - \$1,500 Includes a 3'x2' Gold Sign, 1
paid Foursome, and an 18"x12" Hole
Sponsor Sign

Silver - \$1,000 Includes a 3'x2' Silver Sign,
1 paid Foursome, and an 18"x12" Hole
Sponsor Sign

Bronze - \$500 Includes a 3'x2' Bronze
Sign and an 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign

Hole - \$100 Includes an 18"x12" Hole
Sponsor Sign

Cart - \$50 Includes an 8.5"x11" sign on cart

Golfer Registration Form

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

Format: 4-Person Scramble
(One single-digit handicap per team)

Team Name	_____
Golfer #1	_____
Address	_____
City/St/ZIP	_____
Phone (H)	_____
Phone (W)	_____
Email	_____ Hcp _____
Golfer #2	_____
Address	_____
City/St/ZIP	_____
Phone (H)	_____
Phone (W)	_____
Email	_____ Hcp _____
Golfer #3	_____
Address	_____
City/St/ZIP	_____
Phone (H)	_____
Phone (W)	_____
Email	_____ Hcp _____
Golfer #4	_____
Address	_____
City/St/ZIP	_____
Phone (H)	_____
Phone (W)	_____
Email	_____ Hcp _____



Wish List 2024 Name: _____ **District:** _____ **Club Name:** _____
Address: _____ **Email:** _____

OFFICE SUPPLIES:

- ☐ Color Copier Paper
- ☐ White Copier paper
- ☐ 8x14 white paper
- ☐ Bright White Printer Paper
- ☐ Envelopes: #10, 6x9, 9x12
- ☐ Bubbled Envelopes 6x9, 8x11
- ☐ 3 prong Pocket Folders
- ☐ Sharpies - all sizes
- ☐ Small Paper Clips
- ☐ Banker Boxes
- ☐ Dry Erase Markers

KITCHEN:

- ☐ Plastic Cold Cups: 5 oz & 9 oz
- ☐ Hot Wax Coffee Cups: 9 & 10 oz
- ☐ Chinnet Paper Plates: 9" or larger
- ☐ Napkins: dinner, picnic
- ☐ Original Dawn Dish Liquid
- ☐ Foil Wrap: 18" x 500 ft
- ☐ Plastic Food Wrap: 18" x 2000 ft
- ☐ Parchment Paper: sheets
- ☐ White Bar/Dish Cloths
- ☐ Vinyl Kitchen Gloves (ALL sizes)

HOUSEKEEPING:

- ☐ Thick Paper Towels
- ☐ Clorox
- ☐ Disinfecting Spray Cleaner
- ☐ Disinfecting Floor Cleaners
- ☐ Disinfecting Wipes
- ☐ Magic Erasers
- ☐ White Vinegar
- ☐ 55-56 gal Trash Bags
- ☐ Toilet Plungers-heavy duty
- ☐ Toilet Brushes
- ☐ Zipper Vinyl Pillow Covers (standard)
- ☐ Zipper Vinyl Mattress Covers (twin)
- ☐ Long Twin Size Blankets - No Wool
- ☐ Long Extendible Dusters
- ☐ Industrial Wet Mop Heads
- ☐ Vinyl Disposable Gloves: M, Lg, XL

MAINTENANCE:

- ☐ M, L, XL, XXL Black Nitrile Powder-Free Gloves
- ☐ LED Light Bulbs
- ☐ LED Flood Light Bulbs
- ☐ Duracell/Energizer/Rayovac Batteries: (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V)
- ☐ Packs of Roller Covers: LG & SM
- ☐ Foaming Bee/Wasp Killer
- ☐ Ant Spray
- ☐ Garden Hose Nozzles
- ☐ Microfiber Cloths
- ☐ Long Neck Lighters
- ☐ Paint Brushes: 2", 3", 4"
- ☐ Knee Pads

INFIRMARY:

- ☐ Baby Wipes
- ☐ Sunscreen - Cream and Spray
- ☐ Bug Spray (OFF, ect.)
- ☐ Bactine Spray
- ☐ Lanacane Spray
- ☐ Benadryl Spray
- ☐ Liquid Benadryl for children
- ☐ Calamine Lotion
- ☐ Hydrocortisone Cream
- ☐ Tylenol: adult & children
- ☐ Ibuprofen: adult & children
- ☐ Imodium
- ☐ Pepto-Bismol
- ☐ Saline Eye Drops
- ☐ Cold Relief Medications
- ☐ Cough Drops
- ☐ Blood Pressure Cuff
- ☐ Pulse Oximeter
- ☐ Exam Gloves: all sizes, latex free
- ☐ Sharps Containers
- ☐ Single Use Lancets
- ☐ Graduated Liquid Medicine Dispenser Cups
- ☐ First Aid Kits
- ☐ Large Disposable Bed Pads
- ☐ Shower Chairs

ACTIVITIES:

- ☐ Craft Jewelry
- ☐ Craft Beads, String
- ☐ Colored Paper
- ☐ Elmer's Glue Sticks
- ☐ Bingo Cards and Blotters
- ☐ **Bingo Prizes**
- ☐ Stress Balls
- ☐ Weighted Stuffed Animals
- ☐ Massage Balls
- ☐ Twine
- ☐ Tie Dye
- ☐ White T-Shirts: Med, Lg, XL, 2XL
- ☐ White Socks: All Sizes Kids & Adult
- ☐ Chewable Sensory Necklaces
- ☐ Adult Sleeping Bags
- ☐ Smart Scissors & Skills Workbook
- ☐ Craft Kits for Children and Adults
- ☐ Crayons/Markers/Pencils
- ☐ Sensory Color Illusions
- ☐ Slinkies
- ☐ Suncatchers
- ☐ Small Paint Kits and Brushes
- ☐ Play Doh
- ☐ Small Totes with lids

Gift Cards:

- ☐ Lowes
- ☐ Ace hardware
- ☐ True Value
- ☐ Harbor Freight
- ☐ Walmart
- ☐ McDonald
- ☐ Hoss's

Please visit BeaconLodge.org/wishlist for updated items and our Amazon department Wish Lists.

PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP
Lions Contributions
October 2022 through September 2023

10/26/23
Accrual Basis

	14-A Lions	14-B Lions	14-C Lions	14-D Lions	14-E Lions	14-F Lions	14-G Lions	14-H Lions	14-J Lions
Ordinary Income/Expense									
Income									
OPERATING BUDGET	13,991.67	5,228.00	14,984.00	2,785.14	4,968.16	5,202.96	24,853.58	2,085.00	1,993.75
SPONSORSHIPS	7,275.00	650.00	11,300.00	9,125.00	3,750.00	1,300.00	1,750.00	550.00	600.00
NEEDS / WISH LIST SPECIAL FUND	200.00	0.00	2,900.00	280.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
REGISTRATION FEE	0.00	0.00	300.00	500.00	100.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P.L.A.D.	0.00	295.00	0.00	50.00	230.00	155.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
500 CLUB	570.00	2,570.00	1,465.00	3,675.00	1,010.00	1,045.00	3,295.00	1,000.00	120.00
SHOEMAKER ENDOWMENT INCOME	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	1,500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
NEW HOPE PROJECT INCOME	0.00	0.00	1,280.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
BANNER INCOME	0.00	0.00	100.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
75TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET INCO...	100.00	200.00	740.00	280.00	260.00	200.00	705.00	90.00	480.00
GALA INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
CAPITAL INCOME	0.00	35.00	0.00	0.00	4,876.99	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
BRICK WALKWAY CONTRIBUTIONS	750.00	0.00	1,050.00	7,100.00	300.00	0.00	2,850.00	0.00	500.00
MEMORIALS	0.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	1,200.00	500.00	0.00
HONORARIUM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00
GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER INCOME	100.00	100.00	700.00	400.00	1,575.00	500.00	2,000.00	0.00	200.00
Total Income	22,986.67	9,218.00	35,819.00	24,895.14	17,820.15	10,502.96	37,953.58	4,675.00	3,993.75
Gross Profit	22,986.67	9,218.00	35,819.00	24,895.14	17,820.15	10,502.96	37,953.58	4,675.00	3,993.75
Net Ordinary Income	22,986.67	9,218.00	35,819.00	24,895.14	17,820.15	10,502.96	37,953.58	4,675.00	3,993.75
Net Income	22,986.67	9,218.00	35,819.00	24,895.14	17,820.15	10,502.96	37,953.58	4,675.00	3,993.75

PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP
Lions Contributions
October 2022 through September 2023

10/26/23

Accrual Basis

Ordinary Income/Expense Income	14-K Lions	14-L Lions	14-M Lions	14-N Lions	14-P Lions	14-T Lions	14-U Lions	14-W Lions	TOTAL
OPERATING BUDGET	2,410.00	2,081.87	4,360.00	6,774.96	11,865.00	11,881.79	4,856.50	100.00	120,422.38
SPONSORSHIPS	3,125.00	11,100.00	1,300.00	3,650.00	5,225.00	5,350.00	2,700.00	250.00	69,000.00
NEEDS / WISH LIST SPECIAL FUND	0.00	0.00	156.00	400.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	4,336.00
REGISTRATION FEE	0.00	300.00	100.00	0.00	400.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00
P.L.A.D.	100.00	150.00	40.00	150.00	240.00	105.00	195.00	100.00	2,060.00
500 CLUB	1,955.00	920.00	2,295.00	4,635.00	1,790.00	510.00	0.00	295.00	27,150.00
SHOEMAKER ENDOWMENT INCOME	0.00	2,215.00	3,500.00	1,000.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,715.00
NEW HOPE PROJECT INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,100.00	1,200.00	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	11,580.00
BANNER INCOME	300.00	200.00	300.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00
75TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET INCO...	340.00	850.00	970.00	680.00	30.00	490.00	310.00	260.00	6,985.00
GALA INCOME	250.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
CAPITAL INCOME	6,600.00	16,000.00	4,000.00	2,855.00	9,050.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,666.99
BRICK WALKWAY CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00	550.00	0.00	1,450.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	15,150.00
MEMORIALS	0.00	825.00	0.00	0.00	2,050.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5,065.00
HONORARIUM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER INCOME	2,200.00	1,050.00	1,250.00	17,300.00	2,550.00	1,525.00	0.00	1,450.00	32,900.00
Total Income	17,280.00	36,341.87	18,271.00	46,394.96	35,100.00	21,661.79	8,261.50	2,555.00	353,730.37
Gross Profit	17,280.00	36,341.87	18,271.00	46,394.96	35,100.00	21,661.79	8,261.50	2,555.00	353,730.37
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Net Income	17,280.00	36,341.87	18,271.00	46,394.96	35,100.00	21,661.79	8,261.50	2,555.00	353,730.37



From Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Kerry McKnight

In November of 2023 I took a couple hours out of my day on a Tuesday morning to review which MD-14 Lions participated in courses in the Lions Learning Center (LLC) and attended local training. I wanted to see the number of Lions that benefited from this available training and which classes were attended the most. It appears that Club officer training has been the most attended classes out of all these sessions.

I saw Club Presidents, Club Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and many more officers, have taken their time to further their Lions' knowledge through these free classes.

As of November 14th, 412 MD-14 Lions attended or viewed a combined 56 classes as they furthered their Lions' education. A highlight that was evident that pleased me was to see the number of various classes First and Second Vice District Governors have taken since July 1st. Also, I am amazed by how many of our current District Governors have continued their education by participating in a wide variety of courses in the LLC. This is especially good news that after their two years of MD-14 and LCI training the DGs wanted to know more about leadership.

When you participate in any one of these classes, whether through the Lions Learning Center or when attending a local learning session, you're not just gaining information for yourself, but it's also knowledge you could take back to your Club or District to share with other Lions. Keep up the great work!

The MD-14 "Regional Lions Leadership Institute" (RLLI) is being held March 8-10, 2024 in Harrisburg. The RLLI is only held once a year, so please consider expanding your Lion leadership skills by attending this fantastic special event. Join the hundreds of other MD-14 graduates by contacting me (md14glt-LEARN@yahoo.com) or your District Governor for more details. Classes are filling up fast!

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Kerry McKnight
MD-14 GLT Coordinator

Sign Up Today - Space Is Limited!



RLLI

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



March 8-10, 2024
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey

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

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

SUBJECTS

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

INSTRUCTORS

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

LCIF REPORT

As we near the end of the first half of the Lions year, MD-14 has a long way to go in our donations to LCIF. Our goal is a \$27 per member average, counting individual and club donations. So far, we have only two districts that are above \$10 per member average and only one district is over halfway to meeting its goal. Some of the districts per member average is low, so Vice Area Leader PDG Kerry and I are asking that you put LCIF in the forefront of your districts in newsletters, cabinet meetings, zone meetings, conventions and rallies. It is extremely important that we greatly increase our giving as the needs are great and there is no sign of their diminishing. **This is why we are Lions, to serve others and to help them in their time of need.**

One easy way of fundraising is simply passing the hat at rallies, conventions and even zone meetings, among others. It is surprising how money you can raise that way.

Vice Area Leader PDG Kerry came up with a great fundraising idea in creating a Lions cookbook. District 14-K LCIF Coordinator Debbie Lillegard and District 14-B 1st Vice District Governor Mike Crossley have volunteered to co-chair this project. We encourage you to please support this project, as the proceeds will go toward LCIF, plus you will get some new Lions recipes!

The week of January 8-January 13, 2024, is LCIF week and January 13 is Melvin Jones' birthday. We are asking you to donate to LCIF especially during this time as it also honors Melvin Jones' birthday. Another way of celebrating this week is through a service project.

Please put June 2, 2024, on your calendar for the LCIF Telethon 4.0 which will be held from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be worthwhile and another great opportunity to donate to LCIF; there will be many inspiring stories as well as entertainment.

Respectfully submitted,

MD-14 LCIF Coordinator,

PDG Evan Punchard

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission>



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

As we close 2023, I encourage you to reflect on everything you and your fellow Lions accomplished this year through your acts of service and generosity. Together with funding from our global foundation, Lions worldwide continued to create amazing impact in communities whenever and wherever we were needed. Congratulations on all that you have accomplished.

This month, we highlight a story about how LCIF grant funds helped Nepal rebuild after a devastating earthquake struck in 2015, just as new funding is helping the country recover after another quake struck last month.

As we enter a new year, please continue to be an ambassador for our global foundation and share with fellow Lions, Leos and others around the world how LCIF empowers our humanitarian service. Through LCIF, we can think bigger and implement projects that our individual clubs or districts couldn't do alone. Your [donations to LCIF](#) make this life-changing service possible.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



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2024 Annual Pennsylvania Lions Clubs STATE CONVENTION

Thursday May 16th through Sunday May 19th, 2024



Hello, Lions and Leos,

Greetings from Central Pennsylvania and the 2024 State Convention host District 14-T. 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 MD-14 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 publication 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



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 Saturday night's International Banquet.



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 luncheon featuring **PA Governor Josh Shapiro** as our keynote speaker. We have invited PA Governor Josh Shapiro 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.



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 Saturday luncheon will feature **Elva Hurst**. She is a “Chalk Talk” artist from Lancaster County whose Lions’ 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 events. This program explores the history of Lions, praises the efforts of service-minded people, and encourages and inspires them to continue in service to their communities. Lions from Central PA have experienced her creative and enjoyable approach to sharing a topic while completing a full chalk art piece. Do not miss it.



Sunday Morning Breakfast

The Sunday morning Melvin Jones Fellows and Key Member breakfast will have **PDG Kerry McKnight** from the New Freedom Lions Club in District 14C as our invited speaker. As an LCIF Constitutional Area Vice Leader and MD 14 Global 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 Central PA that will celebrate 15 years of service in 2024. They’ve had recent success with a community garden through LCIF 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 even 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, laughter 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 toys 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 **Hershey Trolley Works** at a **cost of \$18**. The trolley bus will pick you up at the convention hotel and take you to Hershey, PA for a 75-minute Hershey history tour. Highly knowledgeable and entertaining conductors will take you through the Hershey of today, then jump back all the way to a time before there was a town, or a chocolate factory, or even chocolate in America for that matter. You will then journey through the inspiring life of Milton Hershey, visiting the historical sites of town 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 Hershey” Hill. **Make sure to sign up on the registration form or online.**

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 facilitate independence, enrich 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 support their services, between 80% and 85% of their income is generated by their VR Business Services division through carpet installation, housekeeping, pen production, printing, and PA Driver’s License services. You will leave saying, “I never knew they offered that.” **Although there is no cost, pre-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 Troeg’s Brewing 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 Down”

“I’m All In”

and Other Planned Convention Highlights

State Merchandise Store – Pick up some Lions or Leo 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 Saturday morning in the hotel lobby.



2024 Convention Pins – Pins will be available for sale for **\$3** while 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 Hotel directly at **717-939-7841**. Tell them you are with the PA Lions 2024 State Convention. Or you can reserve your room online. See the enclosed room reservation flyer for more information.

Room reservation deadline is May 1, 2024

We hope to see you when you “Head to Harrisburg.”

2024



RETURN FORM BY MAY 1, 2024

PA State Council of Lions Clubs STATE CONVENTION

→ REGISTRANT (Complete SEPARATE Form For EACH Attendee)

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ DISTRICT _____
 LION LEO GUEST ID PIP PID DG VDG PDG CC PCC
 CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP CIRCLE TITLE

ADDRESS _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
☐ HOME
☐ CELL
☐ WORK

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CLUB NAME _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS:

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: ☐ Dietary Restrictions/Allergies☐ Hearing ☐ Vision ☐ Physically Challenged\$15.00 ☐ CONVENTION REGISTRATION \$\$3.00 ☐ STATE CONVENTION PIN \$☐

*Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Ice Tea Included With All Meals

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS / ALLERGIES

☐**FRIDAY LUNCH BUFFET - \$25** per person

Mesquite Chicken, Pulled Pork, Salad, Mac and Cheese, Brownies, Assorted Cookies \$

☐**PA COUNSELORS/DISTRICT GOVERNORS HONORS BANQUET - \$35** per person

Tossed Salad, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots, Carrot Cake.

PICK ONE:☐ Sliced Roast Beef With Pan Gravy☐ Broiled Herb Buttered Haddock☐ Vegetarian Entree \$☐**SATURDAY LUNCH BUFFET - \$25** per person

Baked Stuffed Chicken with Champagne Cream Sauce, Cheese Ravioli, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Dutch Apple Crumb Pie and Choc. Peanut Butter Pie \$

☐**SATURDAY INTERNATIONAL BANQUET - \$35** per person

Caesar Salad, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Dutch Apple Crumb Pie

PICK ONE:☐ Chicken Forestiere with Mushroom Sauce☐ Sliced London Broil with Mushroom Sauce☐ Vegetarian Entree \$☐**SUNDAY MELVIN JONES FELLOW/KEY MEMBER BREAKFAST BUFFET - \$20** per person

Scrambled Eggs etc., Bacon & Sausage Links, Home Fries with Peppers and Onions, French Toast, Assorted Cereals, Fresh Fruit, Assorted Pastries, Croissants, Muffins, Coffee, Tea, Juice, Milk \$



Amount Due for Meal Reservations

NO ☐ YES ☐ Planning to Attend the Vision Resources Tour (NO CHARGE)NO ☐ YES ☐ Planning to Attend the Hershey Trolley Tour \$18 per person \$

Make Checks Payable to 2024 14-T Convention

mail to:

PDG Peggy Hummel

P.O. Box 248

Shermans Dale, PA 17090

email: peghum@gmail.com

ph: 717-576-7330

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

\$



scan QR code to
RED LION
HOTEL
WEBSITE

Thursday May 16th through Sunday May 19th, 2024

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

Please Consider Donating a **GIFT BASKET**

with an
approximate
value of **\$50.00**

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



No Alcohol is permitted as
part of your basket



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



2024 PA State Council of Lions Clubs STATE CONVENTION

Thursday May 16th through Sunday May 19th, 2024



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.

Check one

Outside back cover (1)	reserved	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Inside back cover (1)	4.5" X 7.5"	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Quarter page	4.5" X 1.375"	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Authorized Signature _____ Title _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Make checks payable to: 2024 State Convention 14-T

Mail this form, payment, and copy of your ad to



**Cheryl Cuddy c/o VROCP
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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.

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State Convention

**May
17-18**

Harrisburg, PA

- Free for Students
- Register online

Red Lion Inn & Convention Center

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Pennsylvania Lions State Convention

May 17-18, 2024

Harrisburg, PA

Dear Band Directors, Lions, Former, and Future Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band Members:

The Lions of Pennsylvania have organized an All-State Band annually to accompany the Lions Delegation to their State and International conventions since 1982. This year, the Lions are organizing a band to perform for the 2024 State Convention to be held May 17-18, 2024 at the Red Lion Inn and Convention Center in Harrisburg, PA. **Dr. Russell McCutcheon**, Director of Bands at the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College, will again serve as our Musical Director.

Selection is based on past participation in the Lions All-State Band, instrumentation needs, experience on your instrument (beginning with ninth grade, with older students usually selected first), and participation in other musical events including County, District, Region and All-State Bands. Students who are Leos, or whose parents are Lions or recommended by Lions Clubs will also garner consideration.

The state convention, provided at no cost to students, will involve one overnight stay. For your convenience, if enough students participate from certain parts of the state, the Lions will charter a bus to make several stops to bring students to and from the convention. At this time, we plan to have a bus from the Pittsburgh and Scranton areas, if needed.

Applications will be completed online at our website www.palionsband.org.

Students selected for the band will receive notification via e-mail in early April. Remember, the Pennsylvania Lions fund the entirety of the \$20,000 cost for the State Convention Band. Therefore, please check work, school, and other schedules to be sure that if you are accepted you will attend. We aim to provide this opportunity to as many students as possible.

Our uniform consists of a Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band Polo (provided) and white pants and shoes. **You need to bring white pants/trousers, white shoes, white socks, and a music stand with you to the state convention.** We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,
The Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band Committee

Draft Itinerary:

Friday, May 17	Saturday, May 18	
4:30 PM – Registration	6:00 AM – Wake up!	12:30 PM – Lunch
5:00 PM – Rehearsal	7:00 AM – Breakfast	2:00 PM – Rehearsal
10:00 PM – Snack Party	8:30 AM – Rehearsal	5:00 PM – Possible set-up time
10:30 PM – To Rooms	10:30 AM – Concert Set-up	5:30 PM – Concert
11:00 PM – Lights Out	11:00 AM – Concert	7:30 PM – Depart with box meal



swinstontravel@gmail.com or dan@swinstontravel.net

PCC Dan is offering this post International Convention tour to Lions of PA. He provided a full description which is too long to be included in this issue. If you are interested, please contact PCC Dan for the full details. The editor can also forward them to you if you contact her at nectarine1@zoominternet.net.



The Jared Box Project

Greetings, fellow Lions and Leos,

The mission of the Jared Box Project is to entertain and put a smile on the faces of children in the hospital. The Jared Box Project was started in 2001. In Pennsylvania there are 122 hospitals that could be served.

The Jared Box Project is promoted and sustained by volunteers. It is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The Jared Box Project can be provided to a boy or girl in the hospital with the following guidelines for their appropriate age:

<input type="checkbox"/> Boy	<input type="checkbox"/> Infant {0 - 12 months}
	<input type="checkbox"/> Toddler {1 - 3}
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preschool {3 - 5}
<input type="checkbox"/> Girl	<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary {5 - 8}
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tweens & Teens {8 and up}

The articles in the box would be age appropriate for the child.

Since the inception of this project over one million Jared Boxes have been distributed to more than 400 hospitals across the United States.

At this point we do not know what age the child in need these boxes will be intended for, this will be determined closer to the time of our Pennsylvania State Lions Convention here in Harrisburg at the Red Lion Inn.

This will be a state service project conducted by attendees at the State Convention.

Clubs wishing to make a contribution to this project, or individuals wishing to make a contribution to this project can do so at this time. If a Club is making a contribution to this project, please indicate the name of the Lions Club, and if an individual cares to make a contribution, please indicate that you are a member of a Lions club in Pennsylvania.

Please make checks payable to *The Jared Box Project* and mail the check to *The Jared Box Project, 129 Fenwick Drive, Port Matilda, PA 16870*.

It is my wish that all of us as Lions will support this very deserving project.

Changing The World

MD-14 Global Service Coordinator

PDG Bob W. Roebuck





PDG John C. Kratzer
December 1, 1931 – October 11, 2023
Allentown Lions Club, 14-K
District Governor 1983-1984

PDG Amos R. Shatzer, Jr.
November 28, 1941 – October 27, 2023
Burnham Lions Club, 14-L
District Governor 1985-1986



Robert G. Holzer
April 1, 1939 – November 17, 2023
Partner in Service of PDG Bernadette
Tionesta Lions Club, 14-F
District Governor 2016-2017, 2019-2020

PDG David A. Amacher
September 20, 1959 – November 27, 2023
Ridgway Lions Club, 14-J
District Governor 2017-2018

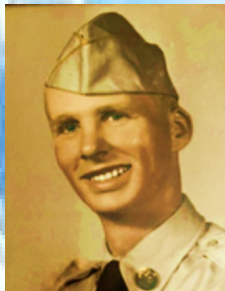


Thank you, dedicated Lions for your Service to mankind



PDG Danny Ray Adams
May 2, 1952-December 11, 2023
Adams Township Area Lions Club, 14-J
District Governor 2003-2004

PCC Ralph L. Miller, Jr.
November 21, 1939-December 30, 2023
Manheim Township Lion Club, 14-D
District Governor 1991-1992



Wayne W. March
October 22, 1931-January 7, 2024
Three Springs Lions Club, 14-L
District Governor 2007-2008

PDG Ethel Neary
September 7, 1943-January 8, 2024
Scranton Green Ridge Lions Club, 14-H
District Governor 1996-1997
First female governor in Pennsylvania



PDG Jim Zeger, District Governor 1983-1984 from the Mercersburg Lions Club, 14-T, passed away on December 29, 2023; his wife passed away on December 28. More information will be forthcoming at a later date.

Thank you, dedicated Lions for your Service to mankind



The **Apollo Area Lions Club, 14-N**, held its eighth Veterans Appreciation Dinner in November. There were approximately 140 veterans and their guests in attendance. The dinner consists of appetizers, a fully catered meal, dessert and door prizes. The dinner is free of charge to all Veterans and one guest in the Apollo area. Funds are provided by local businesses and organizations throughout the Apollo area. Leos from the **Apollo-Ridge Leo Club** help set up the dinner and help with the serving of the meals. The Veterans Honor Guard of Vandergrift present the colors. Each year we have a speaker who has connections to the military. This year Lion Rick Olsen was our guest speaker; he did an outstanding job relating to all the veterans.

This event began as a major project when Lion Colleen Milie was King Lion of the club; a way to honor those who have sacrificed so much. The event has grown significantly over the years and been hosted each year near Veterans Day (except the year of COVID-19). The local veterans look forward to this event each year.

It is an honor for the club to be able to host such an event and it is the hope of the members that the event will be held for many years to come.

Contributed by **PDG Tom Toland**





Avon Grove Charter High School Student of the Month

Student **Julia Bishop** from the Avon Grove Charter School was recognized for her academic achievement and community service. She received a certificate and a check.

*Shown left are AG Charter High School Principal **Matthew Messick**, **Kristen Bishop**, **Julia Bishop** and AG Lions Club President **George Steele**.*

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



Avon Grove Charter High School Student of the Month

Sindhuja Kanamarlapudi received a certificate and check from the **Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P**, for her academic achievement and community service.

*Pictured right are AG Charter High School Principal **Gary Benasutti**, **Sahaja Thammana**, **Sindhuja Kanamarlapudi**, AG Lions Club President **George Steele** and **Bhanu Kanamarlapudi**.*





Contributed by Lion Barry Marteny

The **Avon Grove Lions, 14-P**, chose **Tyler McCarraher** of the Avon Grove Charter School as the Student of the Month based on PACK values of Positivity, Accountability, Confidence and Kindness. With his exceptional character and contributions, he has made a significant impact on his school's community. Tyler recently achieved the prestigious Eagle Scout rank; his project was building five bee hives on the school's campus to support those essential pollinators. He also organized an education session for fourth graders, teaching them about the importance of bees and creating seed bombs to help bees pollinate. Tyler is also a part of the school's music program where his passion for music shines through in his dedication to improving his skills and collaborating with fellow musicians, enriching the school's artistic landscape.

*Pictured left are Avon Grove Charter School High School Principal **Matt Messick**, **Elizabeth McCarraher**, **Tyler McCarraher**, **Kevin McCarraher** and Avon Grove Lions Club President **George Steele**.*



Avon Grove Lions made a donation to the Avon Grove Robotics Program.

*Pictured left are **Eric Robison**, Advisor to the program and Avon Grove **Lions President George Steele**.*



Avon Grove Lions, 14-P, conducted a highway clean-up recently. They collected six bags of trash and a few larger items.

*Pictured are **Lion Becky Tolmie**, **Lion Ed Tolmie** and **Lion Eric Hansen**. **Lion Barry Marteny** took the photo and contributed it to The Pride.*



Three members of the **Oxford High School Helping Hands Leo Club** helped members of the **Avon Grove Lions Club** set up the Christmas tree lot.

All articles contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**

OWEN J ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL LEOS



On Monday, October 9, from 3:30 pm-5:30 pm, a small group of Owen J. Roberts Middle School Leos worked in the organic garden at Althouse Arboretum in Pottstown, PA. This initiative supports the work of a local group, GreenAllies. The organic garden is completely organized, managed, and run by high school students in Bucks, Montgomery, and Chester Counties. Proceeds from the garden support local families facing food insecurities as well as food banks and local restaurants that financially support the garden efforts.

The Leos hiked to the garden and then harvested the last of the hot and sweet peppers, pulled plants out for composting, and then planted a crop of garlic for late fall and winter growth. Additionally, the executive director of GreenAllies, Ken Hamilton, educated Leo volunteers on organic gardening, composting, and use of mushroom soil to grow crops. This community service project gave Leos the opportunity to support one of the key priorities of the current Lions Clubs International President, Dr. Patti Hill, creating a greener, cleaner environment.



Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny, 14-P**

LEO's ARE Our STARS for the FUTURE!!



MUHLENBERG HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB



A Huge Thank You to Our Amazing Muhlenberg High School Leo Club Volunteers!

We want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to the incredible Leo Club volunteers from Muhlenberg High School who went above and beyond this past Sunday morning to clean up after the Temple Halloween Parade! These wonderful students demonstrated true community spirit and dedication. Their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to making our town a better place are truly commendable.

The streets are cleaner, the smiles are brighter and our community strengthens because of YOU! Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and our hearts are filled with appreciation for your selfless service. Once again, thank you, Leo Club volunteers, for being shining role models of the power of unity and generosity. Our community thanks you from the bottom of our hearts!



Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club members, **14-F**, helped pass out treats to elementary children at LEADFLB's Haunted Halls at Fort LeBoeuf High School.

*Pictured top left: **Kamron Rider**, Vice President **Isabelle Rogerson**, Treasurer **Ollie McDevitt**, **Alyssa Enterline**, **Gabe Botelho**, **Abby Fetzner** and **Kylie Lesser**.*

*Bottom left: **Maria Preston**, **Isabelle Rogerson** and **Ollie McDevitt**.*

*Bottom right: **Ollie McDevitt**, **Gabe Botelho**, **Abby Fetzner** and **Kylie Lesser**.*

The Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club is sponsored by the **Waterford Lions Club**.

Contributed by **Lion Angela D. Tarr**

The **Lions Lego Club** at **Fort LeBoeuf Middle School** meets once a month after school in the LAB, the school's marketplace. Students are given a challenge to work on to encourage thinking creatively and problem solving. In November they built pyramids that each held treasure and a sarcophagus for a Lego mini-figure. The Legos and Lego wall were provided by the **Summit**, **Waterford** and **Waterford Lioness Lions Clubs**, **14-F**.

Contributed by **Lion Angela Tarr**



The Leo motto is "Leadership, Experience, Opportunity."

Today's leaders build tomorrow's world

Members of the **Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club, 14-F**, helped Santa greet children at the gazebo in Waterford. The **Waterford Lions Club** holds this event for the community every year. The **Waterford Lioness Lions Club** assists by serving hot chocolate, cider, cookies and donuts.

Pictured surrounding Santa are Leos Isabella Brown, Natalie Litz, Natalie DuShole, Aaliyah Greeley, Alyssa Enterline, Vice President Isabelle Rogerson, Jack Sangl and Donovan Baney. Not pictured is Treasurer Ollie McDevitt.

Contributed by **Lion Angela Tarr**



The **Centre Hall Lions Club kitchen, 14-G**, underwent extensive remodeling and updating last fall. This was made possible by a grant from the **Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation**.

Pictured are PDG James Douty, board member of the Foundation on the right, presenting the check for \$10,000 to Lion James Leta, President of the Centre Hall Lions Club.



Contributed by **PDG Sherrill "Bud" Harris**



Pictured above are **Lions John Meshey** and **Kyle Oster** with **Hayden Rettew** and his younger brothers, **Sawyer** and **Lincoln**.

The **Columbia Lions, 14-D**, and the **Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation** teamed up to purchase a \$13,000 Cubby Bed for eight-year-old **Hayden Rettew** who bravely faces seizures from Dravet syndrome. This specially designed bed has padded walls, securable doors, soothing circadian light and calming sounds to help Hayden relax faster and enjoy longer, more restful sleep. It also includes a monitoring camera so Hayden's parents, **Erika** and **Ryan**, can also rest easy, knowing little Hayden is safe and snug in his new bed.



Contributed by **Lion Paul Resch**

The **Oxford Lions Club, 14-P**, was thanked by **SILO** (Serving, Inspiring, Loving Others) for their embodiment of the "We Serve" attitude and for their \$12,000 grant to help the 24 families whose homes burned in a fire in Oxford recently. The funds raised bought a variety of practical items like clothes, boots, coats, vacuums and tools.

Contributed by **lioneys14p@gmail.com**





The **Forty Fort Lions Club** recently presented Lions **District 14-W District Governor Thomas R. Kobusky (Plains Lions Club)** with their 2023 Fair Share contribution. Every year, all Lions clubs across the district present their Fair Share to the district governor to provide funds for a variety of community programs. The Fair Share donations help make possible such programs as Sight Preservation and Research, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and Diabetes Research and Treatment. The contribution was made possible due to the community and businesses of Wyoming Valley that help support the Forty Fort Lions Club.

*Pictured (left) are **President Colin Weale** and **District Governor Thomas R. Kobusky***

Forty Fort Lions Club, 14-W
Articles contributed by **Lion Mark Serafin**



Forty Fort Lions Club charter member and founder of the club, **Joseph Atherholt**, recently received a Certificate of Appreciation for 50 years of service from Dr. Patti Hill, International President of Lions Club International.

Mr. Atherholt was previously a member of the Kingston/Forty Fort Lions Club. He realized there was a need for a separate Lions Club in his own town of Forty Fort. The club celebrated their first Charter Night Dinner on May 8th, 1976.

*Pictured above: **Joseph Atherholt**, **District Governor Thomas R. Kobusky (Plains Lions Club)***



Dublin, Ireland Lions Club



PDG Dave Barrett, 14-H, recently visited Dublin, Ireland and had the opportunity to sit in with the Dublin Lions to discuss and share new methods of fundraising and service projects.

Pictured left are PDG Frank O'Donoghue (District 133), PDG Dave (14-H) and Cyrille George (President, Dublin Lions).

The **Kennett Square Lions Club, 14-P**, participated in a rather unique fundraiser, "Over the Edge" to support Camp Dreamcatcher which provides the only therapeutic camp program for HIV/Aids impacted youth on the east coast.

Nearly 100 individuals went over the top of the Franklin Center in the Heart of Kennett Square. The "Over the Edge" event raised \$68,000 for the Camp.



Kennett Square Lions Club members Tyler Krain and Jake Rosenbaum went Over The Edge of an 8 story building to raise funds for Camp Dreamcatcher ❤️



Contributed by PDG Richard Taylor



Pictured left are **PID Cindy Gregg, Carla Namie, Karen Barnhart, PDG Cliff Martin, PDG Carol Richardson, Cheryl Yakubisin, Barry Clegg, Jason Barnhart, Dave Grace, Joy Clontz, (seated) Marilyn Brown, DG Amy Thompkins, Mark Close and Denise Poole.**

Child Life Program

Hershey Medical Center



Pictured above are **Alice Heasley, MaryLou Millward, Ann Wineman, Kathy Brown, Joe and Patti DiDomenico, 2VDG Lisa Gismondi, Cedric Stopansky, John Millward, Fred Wineman, Ron Brown and George Yakubisin.**

Not pictured, the photographers, **PDG Chuck Thompkins and PDG Tom Gregg.**



District Governor Amy Thompkins

The Lions of **14-E** were challenged by their **Governor, Amy Thompkins**, to take part in a district-wide book drive to collect new books for the **Child Life Program** at **Hershey Medical Center**. The books collected were given at Christmas to the children who have been diagnosed with cancer and are undergoing treatment at the Center. Books for adults were also collected for the parents and family members as well as former patients as the Center tracks patients through the age of 35 to determine any side effects from treatments during their youth. District 14-E surpassed the original goal and collected 1506 books totaling more than \$8,290.

The Center treats between 400 and 600 children monthly. The books will let them and their families know that Lions care and want to bring a ray of sunshine and hope to their lives as books are a great way to take their minds off their current situation.

The project had 100% participation from the 29 clubs and 700 Lions members in Westmoreland County. Some donations also came from outside the county.

Contributed by **Lion John Russo**



The **Beaver County Lighthouse for the Blind, 14-N**, installed 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.

Pictured (left) are Lighthouse Board President **Lion Dr. John Gump**, Rochester-Beaver Area Lions Club president **Rita Swesey**, District 14-N's Governor **Maria Loudermilk**, Project Grant Developer **PDG Jeff Loudermilk** and Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation Board Director **PDG Dr. Don Gibala**.



Contributed by **PDG Dr. Don Gibala**

(Right) **Elderton Lions Club, Armstrong County Lions and Leos, 14-N**, received a matching grant from **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation** for development of the Crooked Creek Braille Trail at the Crooked Creek Environmental Discovery Center.

Pictured are LoPF Board Director **PDG Dr. Don Gibala**, Trout Unlimited/Arrowhead 214 Representative **Don Carney**, IPDG **Gaylene Toland**, Pennsylvania Master Naturalist **Wes Cravener**, Project Manager **Lion David Beale**, Elderton Lions Club President **Kathy Dobrosky**, Zone Chair and Project Grant Developer **Lion Eric Longwell**.

Contributed by **PDG Dr. Don Gibala**



Union Township Lions Club, 14-N, received a **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation** matching grant to construct recreational activity courts at Scotland Meadows Community Park.

*Pictured left: Union Township Lions club president **Joe Seminara**; Project Coordinator **Lion Lin Jaworski**, PA Lions MD-14 Past Council Chair and Project Grant Developer **PDG Bill Morgan**; Project Construction Coordinators **Lions Bob Seminara** and **Rich Allebach** and Lions of PA Foundation Board Director **PDG Dr. Don Gibala**.*

Contributed by **PDG Dr. Don Gibala**

Apollo Area Lions. 14-N. Christmas Bags



For more than 40 years, the **Apollo Area Lions Club, 14-N**, has been giving fruit baskets or bags to the elderly, disabled and shut-ins. This year, the club packed 160 bags that were decorated by Apollo-Ridge elementary students in art teacher Mrs. Busch's classes. Two **Apollo-Ridge Leos** and two young seventh and eighth grade boys, as well as two younger children, helped several Lions fill the bags. For the past several years the fruit has been donated by a local businessman, **Bill Naser**. This is one of our longest and most appreciated projects each year. Our thanks to all who helped with the project.

Contributed by **PDG Tom Toland**



Lions of the **Hanover Lions Club, 14-C**, held a meal-packing event as a service project.

Pictured are **Lion Tom Staub**, his wife, **Peg**; **LeeAnn** and **Lion Todd Boller** and **Lion John Zinn** as they gathered at St. Matthew Lutheran Fellowship Hall in Hanover to work the early shift to complete set-up and preparations for the meal-packing event.

Hanover Lions Club District 14-C



Santa joined **Hanover Lions Club** members and their families who gathered to walk in the Hanover Christmas Parade and to hand out candy to children coming to watch Santa arrive in town.

Pictured are **Lion Mary Perkins**, **Lion John Zinn** and his daughter, **Erica**, and granddaughters, **Ella** and **Ava**; **Lion Dwain Smith**, **Lion Tom Staub** (mascot), **Lion Todd Boller** and **Santa**.



(Above) **Hanover Lions** installed holiday lighting on the Square in Hanover.

Pictured are **Jamison DeGroft**, **Lions Tom Staub** and **Gerry DeGroft**.



All Hanover Lions articles contributed by **Lion John Zinn**

A **Hanover Lions Club** Service Project that extends throughout the year is the building, installation and maintenance of benches. The club has placed 25 such benches across the Hanover community. The most recent effort was preparing and installing five benches at the Baer Avenue playground memorializing three past Lions Club members and several service-oriented citizens who made significant contributions to the Hanover community.

Pictured are **Lions Tom Staub, Todd Boller, John Zinn** and kneeling, the project chair, **Lion Gerry DeGroft**.



The Tag Day Program of the **Hanover Lions Club** has been a yearly tradition in collecting donations from local citizens to benefit the Hanover community. Utilizing students from the three area school districts, the Club partners with the respective student service clubs at Delone Catholic, Hanover Public and South Western to cover the entrance gates at one of their home football games to ask fans for donations. Members also utilize the Hanover Market House on a Saturday to seek contributions. All money collected this year is designated to support the Children's Library Program at the Guthrie Memorial Library in Hanover.

Pictured (left) is **Ella**, a student in the Hanover Public School District, who is helping with the Tag Day Project during a brief moment between raindrops when the skies produced a majestic rainbow over the stadium.

Articles on this page contributed by **Lion John Zinn**



Hanover Lions Club president Matt Wootton presents a club donation to **B.J. Rhodes**, director of the Trinity UCC Church's Toy Workshop for the past 50 years. **Lion Tom Staub** (right, above) is the service project chair. Club members individually contribute a large collection of toys that is given to the workshop each year. The Lions have been involved with this seasonal workshop that benefits needy children and families since the early 1980s.

*Hanover
Lions
Club*

*District
14-C*



(Above) The color-coordinated **Hanover Lions Club mascot (Lion Tom Staub)** waits outside at the entrance to the Chestnut Street Market House for one of many generous citizens seeking to help the Children's Library Program at the Guthrie Memorial Library in Hanover.

"Tag Day, I helped the kids!"



The **DuBois Lions Club, 14-J**, held the September 14 meeting at Christ the King Manor to meet with **Tony Rend**, shown in the center above. The Club facilitated the purchase of high tech **Envision** glasses for Tony. They were helped by contributions from the Sykesville Civic Improvement Association (SCIA), Clearfield Eagles, Falls Creek Eagles, Pulaski Club, ABATE of Jefferson County, Penn State DuBois Occupational Therapy Club and Christ the King Manor.

"Lightweight glasses, with a camera and direct speaker, **Envision Glasses** speak out text and environmental information, recognize faces, light, and colors, and lets you share that information. Unobtrusive, intuitive design, Envision Glasses excel in all kinds of text recognition, even handwriting, in over 60 languages."

Pictured behind **Tony** are **Lion Amy Fatula**, President of the DuBois Lions Club, **Lions Frank Daugherty** and **Don Zimmerman**, who are also SCIA members; **Sean Gahr**, Christ the King Manor IT; **Ashley Hoover**, Christ the King Manor Social Worker and **Lion George Downer**, DuBois Lions Sight Committee Chair.

Contributed by **Lion Amy Fatula**

Shippensburg Lions Club, 14-C, member **Dick Weaver** is surrounded by his daughters and granddaughter during an Open House Birthday Party held December 27 at the Renaissance Events Facility, Shippensburg. He is 94 years old and as a former owner of Weaver's Cut Rate in Shippensburg, business people and members of the community came to wish him well. Members of the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church and the Shippensburg Lions Club also brought cards and "well wishes."

Lion Dick is a 68-year-member of the Shippensburg Lions Club.

Contributed by **1VDG Galen Burkholder**

Happy 94th Birthday!

Joined Lions 1956





The **Butler Lions Club, 14-N**, hosted a hot dog sale at a grocery store. For a nominal sum the shoppers can buy a hot dog and chips from the Lions. On display are the items the Club sells.

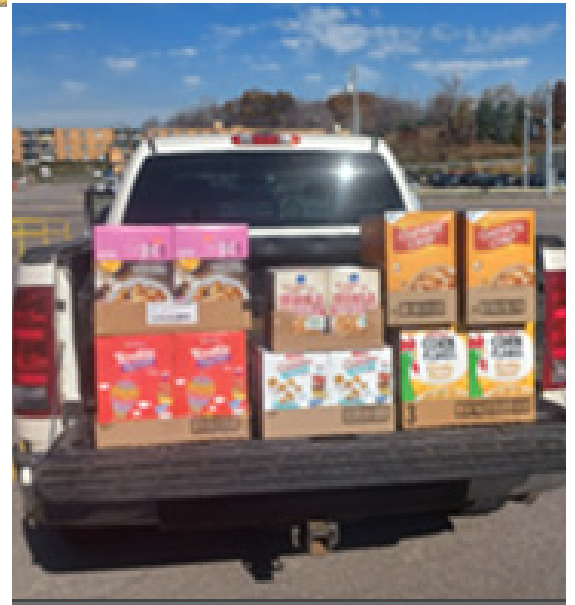
These articles contributed by
Lion Connie Ivill

Butler Lions Club 14-N



Butler Lions set up a German-themed meal for District **Governor Maria Loudermilk's** visit in recognition of her birthplace.

*Pictured are **President Adam Fleege**, **PDG Linda Gibala** and **Lion MaryAnn Fleege**.*



The **Butler Lions Club, 14-N**, provided a truck load of cereal products for the Moniteau Food Pantry. Chairman **Lion Eric Cranmer** was responsible for leading this project.



McKeesport Lions Club, 14-B, members took part in the annual Salute to Santa parade. They had various roles in planning the parade, taking part in the parade and preparing and serving the luncheon afterward at the annual children's party where they met with Santa (McKeesport's own **Lion Tony Ura**).

Contributed by **Lion Annette James**





The **Avon Grove Charter School Leo Club, 14-P**, made their first service trip of the year to the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware. Students planned and baked their own recipes for the families staying at the House. With the help of Mr. Braydman, students were able to use custom 3D printed cookie cutters for the sugar cookies.

The Leo Club is a student-driven club focused on community service in the local area. Students embrace Leadership, Experience and Oppportunity as they plan and implement projects of their choice with guidance from the **Avon Grove Lions Club**.

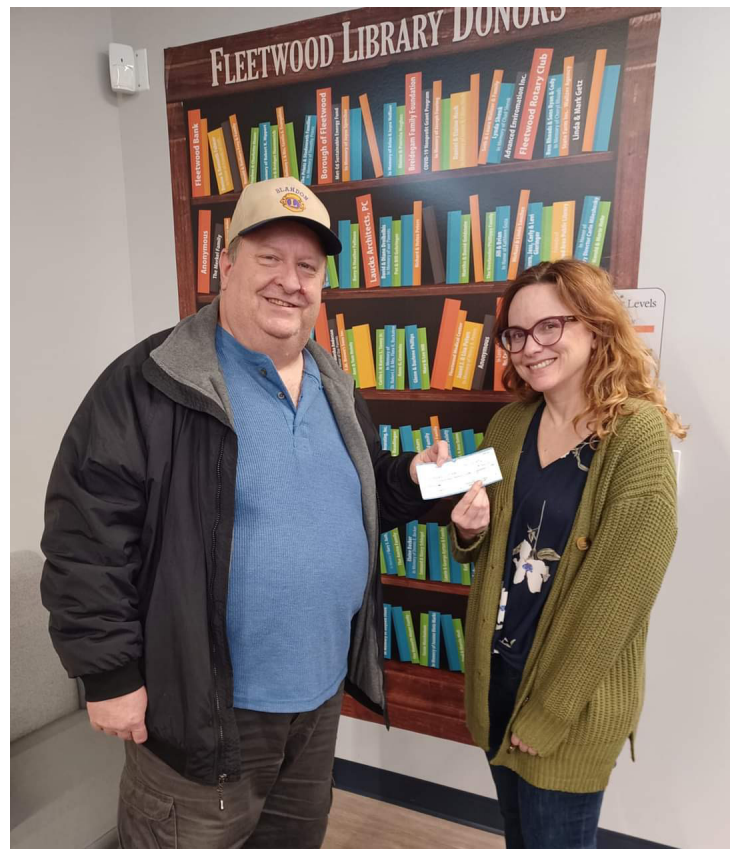
Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**

Blandon Lions Club, 14-P, President **Anthony Spero** presents a check for \$1,950 to **Christie Brown**, Director of the Fleetwood Area Public Library. The library is purchasing computer tablets and teaching senior citizens how to use them.

These funds came from a District Club Grant (DCG) in which Lions Clubs receive 15% back for donating over \$5,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) within a year. This money is then used for a humanitarian project.

The Blandon Lions Club is a "model club" and donated over \$6,000 a year for a few years.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Barteny** and
PDG David Hunsberger





The **Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P**, held a Kids Sight eye screening at the Penn Township Fall Festival. They screened more than 60 children and in spite of the rain had a great time.

*Pictured are a parent and child, **Lion Dr. Eric Miller, Lion Barry Marteny** and **Lion Dave Priebe**.*



(Above) The **Avon Grove Lions** conducted eye screenings at the London Grove 300 Anniversary event, screening 26 children. They also handed out lollipops, children's books, and information about the Lions Book Barn and Hospital Equipment Loaner Program. **Leos** from **Avon Grove High School** also assisted with the event.



Avon Grove Lions held a **Kids Sight** eye screening at the Avon Grove Charter School Early Learning Center. The Lions, with the help of the Leos, screened 156 children with 17 needing further exams.

*Pictured are **Leo club members** **Chloe Sullivan, Allyson Lucente, Alexandra Frazer, Aaron Goldman, Samantha Barrowcliff, Sydney Welch, LJ Baker, Cole Flanders** and **Ann Huff**.*



*Pictured are **Lions** **Dr. Eric Miller, Linda Sampson, Barry Marteny** and **Becky Tolmie**.*

Articles on this page contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



Erin Rodgers, local representative from the organization, **Sweet Grace Ministries**, was the guest presenter at the December meeting. Visitors to the SGM website (<https://sweetgraceministries.com/about-uss/>) will learn what the organization does to provide a valuable and much needed service. An all-volunteer group, SGM provides a support system when a family experiences a loss of life of little ones due to stillbirth, miscarriage, prenatal death, etc. SGM steps in to offer support, hope, and empathy to help families grieve, cope and endure. SGM, based out of Chambersburg, has grown since its inception serving just Chambersburg, and now provides this type of needed support to maternity departments in 26 hospitals across south-central Pennsylvania. Erin briefly shared her own experiences of loss and how SGM assisted her and her husband, Tim, when they lost twin sons, Wagner and Myer, five months into her pregnancy. Erin is now the person responsible for the connections, support, and guidance when families in the Gettysburg and Hanover communities need that extra support. The **Hanover Lions, 14-C**, have supported the SGM effort since 2017 with specific designation to assisting the UPMC Hanover Hospital.

*Pictured is **Erin** receiving a club donation from **Lion John Zinn**.*



Hanover Lions Club 14-C

From the end of November through the middle of December, the **Hanover Lions Club** assisted with selling apples, tangerines, oranges, and grapefruits at the New Oxford Orange Car at the New Oxford circle. The Orange Car was a traditional Christmas season event for the **New Oxford Lions Club** for six decades and has grown recently with support from several other local Zone 1A Lions clubs.

*Pictured above are **Lions Mary Perkins, Todd Boller and Tom Krout** assisting customers on a very cold and windy November day. Bottom above are Zone 1A Chair **Todd Boller, PDG John Griffie, and John Zinn** seeking shelter inside, protected from the bitter wind.*



Following a successful Egg Nog Night, attending **Hanover Lions Club, 14-C**, members gathered for a Christmas picture.

*In the back: **Lions Todd Boller, Matt Wootton, and Steve Rutters.** Middle left: **Dan Lawrence and Tom Staub.** Middle right: **Ann Brumback and Mary Perkins.** Front: **Bob Jordan, Bob Gotwalt, and John Zinn***



The **Hazleton Lions Club, 14-W**, recently celebrated their 100th year anniversary.

*Pictured above left are Immediate Past President **William D. Rasinger** receiving proclamations from Hazleton's Mayor **Jeff Cusat**, Senator **David Argall** and State Representative **Dane Watro**.*

On the right is a photo of the past presidents of the club who were present at the event.



Contributed by **Lion William Rasinger**

Riverside Area Lions Club members, 14-N, distributed school supplies to five different schools in their area. These supplies were received through **Project HomeFront** and **PCC Bill Morgan**.

Pictured right are Middle School Principal **Alicia Dwyer**, Elementary School Principal **Dr. Emily Smith** and Riverside Area **Lion Lynn Campbell**.



Articles on this page
contributed by
PDG Chip Campbell



Riverside Area Lions Club, 14-N, held a Basket Luncheon fundraiser with a "Back to the Fifties" theme. The event was dedicated to Sue Westlund who, although not a Lions club member, was an integral part of everything done by the club. All money raised was donated to charities of her choice. There were 87 regular baskets and eight larger ones. The event was attended by 80 people and featured cookout food, hot dogs, hamburgers, different salads plus an ice cream bar where one could make their own float.

Pictured to the left are the baskets and table set-up and **Lions Lynn Campbell** and **Pam Flara**, with District Governor **Maria Loudermilk**, dressed as "Sandy" from *Grease*.

Pictured below are **Jan Baur**, **Kathy DeBlaso**, of 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 her husband. Divine Grace caters to more than 300 families in the Ellwood-Riverside Area, providing a wide range of services from energy assistance to a food bank.



Some of the money raised by the basket raffle went to the Ellwood City Public Library Used Book Sale that were given to the first 16 teachers who came in.

Pictured above is **Judy Kindle**, co-chair of the book sale and member of the Library Board with **Lion Lynn Campbell**.



The **Scranton Lions Club, 14-H**, presented a \$12,000 check to the **Lackawanna Blind Association** from proceeds of the Lions Club 89th Annual Dream Game which is the longest running high school all-star football game in the country. Since 1996 the Lions Dream Game has raised in excess of \$360,000 for programs and services of the Lackawanna Blind Association.

Pictured above: Lions Philip Mahasky, Gene Lynott, William Dempsey; Dream Game Chair, Jack Kuchak; Blind Association Executive Director Lion Mary Ann Iezzi, District Governor David Rudis, Lions Joseph Manley, Jonas Crass; and Club President and Immediate Past District Governor Allan Hetkowski.

Contributed by IPDG Allan Hetkowski



Youngwood Lions

Level Green Lions

The **District 14-E Lions** served another Christmas as Santa's helpers in their annual "Bike a Palooza." Working with the **Toys for Tots** program, seven Lions Clubs volunteered their time and service to unboxing, assembling, inspecting and even test-riding tricycles, bicycles, scooters and hoverboards for local children.

Coordinated by the **Greensburg- East Hempfield Lions**, the Lions and their friends descended on Greensburg with equipment, tools and a hearty helping of Christmas Spirit to make Christmas a reality. Lions from **Youngwood, Mt Pleasant, Delmont, Level Green, Trafford and Murrysville** took turns over five days to produce over 150 bikes, trikes, and scooters ready to ride on Christmas morning. Helmets were also included for each bike for safety. The Toys for Tots program, organized and run by the US Marine reserves, has been in operation for over 75 years, ensuring a Merry Christmas for children in the local community. This year, over 2700 children were served and a pride of Lions are on Santa's nice list again.

Contributed by Lion John Russo

To: MD-14 Club Officers
From: Lion Ashley Grimm, Legal Counsel
Re: PA State Sales & Use Tax Exemption Form
Date: July 7, 2021

Pennsylvania State Sales and Use Tax Exemption form awarded to the PA State Council of Lions Clubs for use by clubs during fundraising projects. This form is valid through February 2026 and may be duplicated as needed but **SHOULD NOT BE POSTED ON CLUB OR DISTRICT** websites or social media where it would be accessible by the general public. We do not want to risk losing the exemption as the result of improper use of this form.

Courtesy of Multiple District 14 Legal Counsel Lion Ashley Grimm:

"The PA State Council of Lions Clubs is registered in Pennsylvania as an Institution of Purely Public Charity under The Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act, 10 P.S. § 371. et seq. As such, it, and its subsidiary clubs, qualify for an exemption from PA Sales tax. This means clubs are exempt from paying sales tax when they purchase goods or services. It does NOT mean they are exempt from remitting sales and use tax to Pennsylvania during fundraisers."

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NO LIQUOR IN RAFFLES!

Liquor not permitted in basket raffles

Please be aware: A popular staple in basket raffles is a “no-no.”



After researching the matter with the Executive Director of the PA House of Representatives' Liquor Committee and the PA Liquor Control Board, MD-14 legal counsel Lion Ashley Grimm reported that “liquor is not permitted to be in a basket for purposes of a raffle. This also includes silent auctions.

“This equates to selling liquor without a license,” Lion Grimm said. “A wine and spirits gift card is permitted to be included in a raffle basket, though.”

Lion Grimm's research supported the opinion expressed by Lawrence County Treasurer Richard Rapone in a recent New Castle News story that had prompted MD-14 State Council Chair Bill Morgan to contact Lion Grimm.

As part of the News story, Capt. Jamie Jones of the LCB Enforcement Bureau said including any type of alcoholic beverage – be it a six pack of beer, a bottle of wine, a bottle of whiskey or the like – is a violation of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code, Title 47, and is an unclassified misdemeanor offense. The fine upon conviction is \$500, levied to the organization sponsoring the fundraiser and not the donor of the basket.

In the News story, Rapone pointed out, under the state's small games of chance law, it is illegal to host basket raffles at fundraising dinners used to benefit someone who is sick.





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Dear Lions, Lioness, Leos,
and Friends,

The walkway was installed in 2007, and will be updated each year. The walkway, patio, and wall area was professionally installed, and is a beautiful addition to Governor's Green. This fundraiser has helped with several major improvements; and it continues to be a wonderful way to show your dedication to Beacon Lodge, and to honor or memorialize those we love and respect.

Once again we thank you for your continued support of the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp and programs.

Respectfully,
The Board Members

Orders received by
May 1st of each year
will be installed prior to
Lions Appreciation Day.



BRICK WALKWAY ORDER FORM

Please PRINT All Information CLEARLY in BLUE or BLACK Ink ONLY.
Make Checks Payable to: PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP
Mail completed order form and payment to:
Lion Denny Hall
7515 Panther Lane
Huntersdon, PA 16652
Email: clzslb@verizon.net Phone: 814-643-7463



Donor Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City / State / Zip _____

4 x 8 BRICK
\$100⁰⁰
15 Characters
Per Line

8 x 8 BRICK
\$250⁰⁰
15 Characters
Per Line

12 x 12 BRICK
\$500⁰⁰
15 Characters
Per Line

7 x 18 WALL BLOCK
\$1000⁰⁰
22 Characters
Per Line

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For a \$5 per line donation your name will appear in the June 2023 online issue of The Pride.

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First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

District 14- _____ Club _____

Your title (circle one) IP PIP ID PID CC PCC DG VDG PDG Lion Leo

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