

LIONS DISTRICT 14-N

“GRAPEVINE”



2024

Let's Have Fun



District 14-N Spring Convention

Saturday, April 13, 2024

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Shakespeare's Restaurant and Pub
1495 Merrow Road, Ellwood City, 16117

Brunch Menu

Fresh Sliced Fruit, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Redskin Home Fried Potatoes, Kentucky Style Sausage, Sliced Honey Glazed Ham, Beef Tips over Noodles, Crispy Bacon, French Toast Casserole, assorted Muffins and Mini Croissants, Juices, Coffee, Iced Tea and Lemonade
Mimosa Bar

Cost - \$30 per person

Reservations and checks before March 29, 2024, to
PDG Jeffrey Loudermilk
138 Cedar Ridge Dr., Monaca, PA 15061

Text reservations to 724-601-2166 or email jeff.loudermilk@comcast.net
and pay at the door

NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 29!

- 🍷 Each club is asked to donate a basket for the raffle.
- 🍷 50/50 with benefits to Beacon Lodge
- 🍷 Drawing for the District 50/50

Awards presentation

Election of District Governor (1VDG Elliott Hilton)
and Brad Baillie for 2VDG



Dress is casual

**EDITORIAL
HAPPENINGS**



**“You heard it through
the Grapevine...”
But did you?**



OFFICERS FOR DISTRICT 14-N

LIONS YEAR 2023/2024

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

MARIA LOUDERMILK

**FIRST VICE DISTRICT
GOVERNOR:**

ELLIOTT HILTON

**SECOND VICE DISTRICT
GOVERNOR:**

VACANT



WEBSITES

LIONS PA 14-N:
<https://www.lionspa14n.org/>

LCI:
<https://www.lionsclubs.org>

LIONS OF PA FOUNDATION:
<https://lionsofpafoundation.org/>

BEACON LODGE:
<https://www.beaconlodge.org/>

**WESTERN PA LIONS HEARING
FOUNDATION:**
<https://wpalh.org/>

ENVISION BLIND SPORTS:
<https://www.envisionblindsports.org/>

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JUMP INTO CHANGE

**BUTLER
PA 14N
2016 - 17
DG LINDA GIBALA**



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,

I am happy to say that I survived my Open Heart Surgery! It has been over six weeks that I have been recuperating, and supposedly my bones should be back together and healed.

My next step is three days a week cardiac rehab for six weeks. I am looking forward to that as my muscles have also been on a six week "vacation" and desperately need exercised.

I still tire easily, but am ready to get back to being a Lion and helping others. So, please begin to send me your articles for this Newsletter. Your input is very much needed.

I hope to see you all at the **SPRING CONVENTION ON APRIL 13TH!**

PDG Linda Gibala

A BIG THANK YOU TO PDG DON FOR ATTENDING TO MY EVERY WHIM & NEED!



My dog, Bear, decided that he was going to watch over me during my recuperation, and chose to stay with me instead of going to the barn during the day with his brother, Goose. Goose gave me a Kiss and said, "See ya later alligator!"



I LIKE TO PLAY IN SAWDUST!



**ATTENTION !!
ALL 14-N LIONS CLUBS!**



There has been some confusion as to what to do with the used eye glasses that you collect. They do not come to the Butler Blind Association. They have not been involved in recycling eyeglasses for a number of years. The newest procedure is to contact:

BROTHER'S BROTHER FOUNDATION

ATTENTION: TANNER

1200 GALVESTON AVENUE

PITTSBURGH, PA 15233

412-321-3160

They will accept the donations from Monday through Friday from 9AM to 3PM.

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED!

Thank you everyone. I hope this information helps.

Connie Ivill

Butler Lions Club





2024 District 14-R Drug Awareness Poster Contest Winners

1st Place \$100: Thomas Starr
Shanock Valley Elementary School
Rural Valley Lions Club

3rd Place \$50: Lakyn Duman
Shanock Valley Elementary School
Rural Valley Lions Club

2nd Place \$75: Brennan Metcalf
Lenape Elementary School
Ford City Lions Club

4th Place \$25: Coral Butler
Clarion Area Elementary School
Clarion Lions Club

Honorable Mentions
(\$10 each)

Apollo Area Lions:
Gianna Stroholtik
Apollo-Ridge Elementary School

Rimersburg Lions Club:
Lily Carr
Sligo Elementary School

Beaver Falls Lions:
Astrid Elderb
Central Elementary
Reagan Corraini
St. Monica Catholic Academy

Thank you to the following poster contest
Lions Clubs participants:
Apollo Area
Beaver Falls
Butler
Clarion
Elderton
Ford City
Kittanning
Rimersburg
Rural Valley

Clarion Lions:
Peyton Coon
Lily Kinney
C-L Elementary School

Elderton Lions:
Scarlett Gamble
Allison Reifer
Elderton Elementary School

Ford City Lions:
Harper Toward
South Buffalo Elementary School
Lydia Jeffers
Giuliana Urlik
Buffalo Elementary
Ethan Buriak
John McCutley
Divine Redeemer School
Claudia Butler
Lenape Elementary School

Kittanning Lions:
Stella Freshling
West Hills Intermediate School

DRUGS KILL DREAMS

District 14-N LIONS Pack 6,000
meals for
Local Food Cupboards



Watch the video on Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbMXqLs0Keg>





BEE THERE!!



Vision Screener Workshop



District 14-N is having two workshops with the Spot Vision Screener.

The first one for the western half of the district and the second for the eastern half. Choose whichever one you can attend.

Workshop #1 will be on Saturday, March 30th at the Rochester Hotel starting at 10:00. Lunch will be available at the hotel.

Workshop #2 will be on Saturday, April 6th at the Kittanning Public Library starting at 10:00. Lunch will be provided.

We are hoping to have at least two Lions from each club to attend and learn about the screener.

The workshop will be HANDS-ON session with multiple cameras.

Please bring a laptop if possible.

What will you learn:

How to get the needed clearances.

How to enter and save information,

How to run a vision test (screen),

How to get a printout and be able to interpret the report,

Have an organized plan before the screening,

Please Call IPDG Gaylene (724-433-3429) or Rita Swesey (724-312-3595)



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

lindakay46@yahoo.com



UPCOMING EVENTS!

BEE THERE!

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

MARCH:

3/30/2024—Vision Screener Workshop Rochester/Beaver (See Flyer)

APRIL:

4/6/2024—Vision Screener Workshop Kittanning, Pa (See Flyer)

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

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

4/27/2024—Little Beaver Trivia Night (See Flyer)

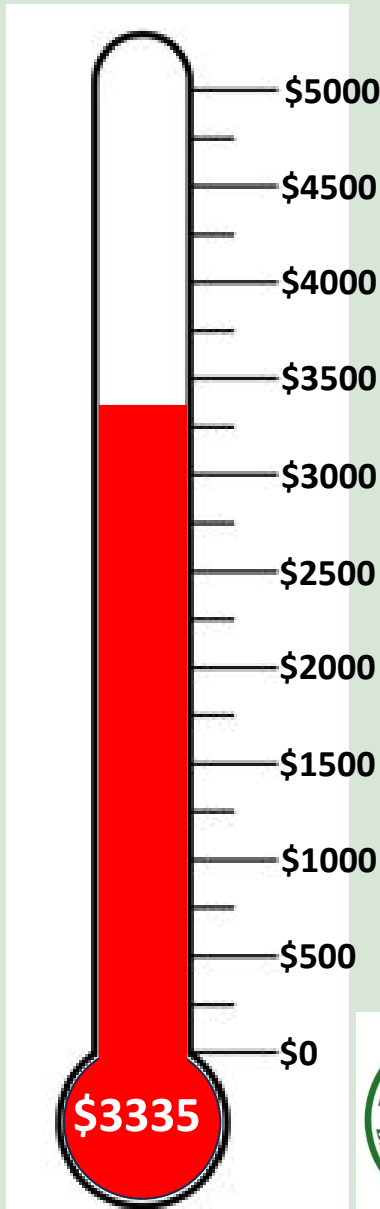
MAY:

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

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

BEACON LODGE

100% "500" Club Donations



**15 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**



As of March 25, 2024

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

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
MARIA LOUDERMILK**



Jared Box Project

The Jared Box Project is named for a boy named Jared who had cancer. While receiving his chemotherapy treatments in the children's hospital, Jared would take a backpack with some of his toys to play with during the treatments he had to undergo. Playing with his toys took his mind off of the therapy his treatments were providing. But Jared noticed that other children, who were undergoing similar treatments, didn't have any toys to help them be distracted from the painful chemotherapy. So, he shared his toys with other children that were getting their therapy at the same time he did. He saw that it brought them so much relief from their monotonous treatments, just as it did with him. Jared did not survive his cancer. But his school, instead of donating to his family and his memory, decided to do something similar to what Jared did, by putting together boxes of toys, activities and games which would be distributed to children who were undergoing treatments of any kind in the hospital, in order to take their minds off of the pain and monotony of the treatments. These became the Jared Boxes. So far, organizations across the country have donated over 1 million Jared Boxes to hospitals that treat children, which these children can get and take home with them.

The District 14-N Governor, Maria Loudermilk, decided to support the Jared Box project by having clients of the Beaver County Lighthouse for the Blind assist in putting together and decorating fifty Jared Boxes as one of their activities during their Monday craft class on 4 March 2024. The clients and Lion volunteers from Beaver Falls, Slippery Rock and Riverside-Hopewell Lions Clubs, put together the boxes with items provided by DG Maria and PDG Jeff Loudermilk, into fifty boxes for children ages infant to tweens and teens. The blind clients enjoyed the project and expressed their desire to do

the project again near the Christmas holidays as a special gift to the children. Over twenty clients and twelve volunteers assisted with the activities. The fifty boxes were delivered to the UPMC Children’s Hospital North Surgery Center in Sewickley, PA on 11 March 2024. The administrator of the Jared Box Program at the hospital was so excited about the gift of the boxes, she couldn’t thank us enough. She said, “I really didn’t know much about Lions except that my grandfather was a Lion and I remember him talking about them. I thought at first that Lions were just about glasses and vision. But after I looked them up on line, I learned that they do so much more than just vision programs. I was so impressed about who the Lions are and what they do.”

Yours in service,

DG Maria L. Loudermilk



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HOME: 724-774-1132

CELL: 724-683-0529





Elliott Hilton
1st Vice District Governor



Dear Fellow Lions and Leos,

Spring is in the air in Western Pennsylvania! I hope that you will all enjoy a blessed Easter with your family and friends.

On February 26th, I had the opportunity to travel to the Q Center in St. Charles, Illinois for the District Governor Elect Seminar. It was a great experience where I had the privilege to meet the International President Elect, Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil. I also met 650 District Governor Elects from all over the world. We had four days of extensive training, a visit to Lions International in Chicago, entertainment and lots of food, of course! It was an experience that I will remember for years to come.

Thank you to all the Lions who helped to pack 6,000 meals for local food banks on Saturday, March 16th at the Butler Blind Association. We had 44 Lions assisting to help fight hunger in our communities. Great Job, 14-N!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Spring District Convention on Saturday April 13th at Shakespeare's. DG Maria has assured me that we will have great food and some fun too!

Keep up the good work with your club service projects, membership drives and reporting on My Lion!

We Serve,
Elliott J. Hilton
1st Vice District Governor
(724) 944-2950

elliott.hilton@gmail.com





EVAN PUNCHARD
 LIONS CLUBS
 INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
 COORDINATOR

As we are about to start the last quarter of the Lions year, we are trying to help DG Maria reach her goals for LCIF as well as LCIF goals for our District. To date, seventeen clubs have donated, which includes eleven Lions. Her goals are having 60% of clubs donate, which we are at 45.95% and 50 Lions donating to LCIF, but we need at least 39 more. These are still very attainable goals that I am confident that we will accomplish for her. We can still reach the \$25,000 goal set for us by LCIF with those clubs and individuals that have not donated yet to LCIF if they contribute during the last quarter. People needing help for various reasons never ends and disasters keep happening. Please remember that 100% of your donation goes to helping those in need!

A reminder of the LCIF telethon 4.0 will be on Sunday, June 2, 2024, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Please mark this date on your calendar and mention it to your clubs. It will be well worth your time with celebrities, entertainment and some great stories from people who have benefited with the help from LCIF. It is always great to hear stories knowing that we have helped to make a difference in people's lives!

Thank you once again to all the Lions and Clubs that have donated to LCIF, it is greatly appreciated! If you or your club has not donated yet this Lions year, please consider doing so during this last Lions year quarter. You will make a difference!

Thank you!
 PDG Evan Punchard
 LCIF Coordinator



ELDERTON LIONS CELEBRATE 80 YEARS OF SERVICE



Elderton Lions were joined by all but one Armstrong Lions Club to celebrate their 80th Anniversary on March 12th. A great evening of fellowship and entertainment was had by all!




Congratulations



Butler Lions Club



One of the Butler Lions Club's service projects is to donate food to the Summit Elementary School's Backpack Program.

They also had a successful sausage fundraiser this month raising \$700 for their charities.

Sausage
Sizzle



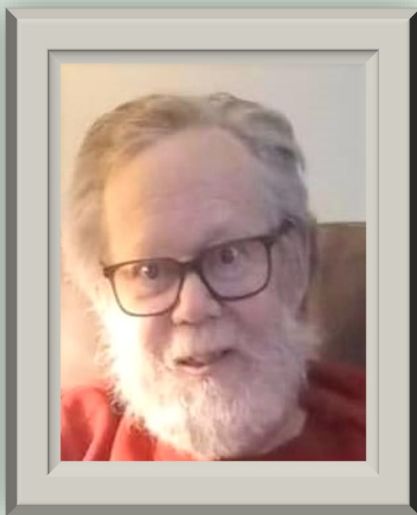
In Memory



**Ellis Brian Alderette, Age 94,
August, 2023
Beaver Falls Lions Club**



**Jozsef Fabri, Age 86,
12/21/2023
Beaver Falls Lions Club**



**Bill Criley, age 72,
2/29/2024
Butler Lions Club**



LITTLE BEAVER LIONS



Little Beaver Lions held their very first successful Bocce Tournament at the LMBA Club in New Galilee, PA. All who attended had a great time and are looking forward to the next competitive tournament!



LITTLE BEAVER LIONS CLUB

Invites you to enter

TRIVIA NIGHT

*for
Family and Friends*

*SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024
New Galilee Community Center
606 Centennial Ave. 16141*

*Competition starts @ 7 pm
Doors open @ 6 pm*

Limited menu available for purchase

No outside food please

BYOB

Teams entry fee \$100.⁰⁰

Teams limited to 10 members.

RSVP by Saturday April 20, 2024

Walk-ins welcome day of competition

First place team wins \$200.⁰⁰

For more information, contact

Melanie Todorich

412.874.9254



Little Beaver Lions to hold their annual trivia night!

Saturday, April 27th at the New Galilee

Community Center. Fun will be had by all! Come

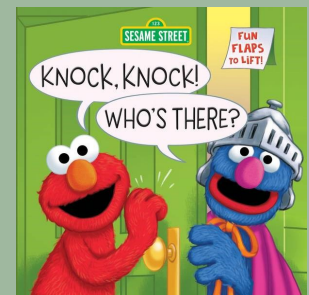
join in on the action and test your trivia

Knowledge. **Hope to see a competitive team from our fellow Lions Clubs!**

Triv?da

Knock Knock ! Who's there? In the 2023 calendar year, Little Beaver Lions made 19 visits to 18 different clubs! Sixteen of those visits were in our own district. One was to a Pennsylvania club out of district, and we visited two Ohio clubs. Typically, 3 to 6 members enjoy visiting neighboring clubs. So be aware someday we may come Knock Knock Knocking on your door!

YOURS IN LIONISM,
LITTLE BEAVER LIONS!



The Chippewa & Little Beaver, Blackhawk Leo Club held their second annual Easter Canned Food Drive which was a HUGE success!! Their school advisor, Little, Beaver Lion Shannon Parish and Leos collected, approximately 800 pounds of product, which was given to the local Darlington food pantry which was greatly appreciated. Fellow Lions Paul Campbell and Melanie Todorich and Heart of a Lion awardee, Claire Young, assisted with transportation.





THREE DISTRICT LIONS
RECENTLY ATTENDED RLLI
TRAINING
IN HARRISBURG,
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
LIONISM! THANK YOU BRAD,
DOLORES, AND TED!

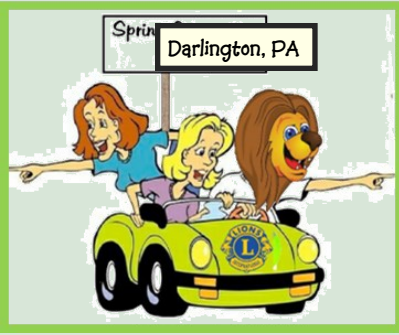


DISTRICT 14-N

NEW MEMBERS! WELCOME!



2023-2024		
Club	New Member	Sponsor
January 2024		
Baden	Amanda Illar	Kurt Sloppy
Rochester-Beaver	Drew Haney	Rita Swesey
February 2024		
Slippery Rock	Lester Whitmire	David Culp
Slippery Rock	Sandra Rodgers	Thomas McPherson
Rochester/Beaver	Alexander Hamilton	Debra Ellefson
Rochester/Beaver	Heather Karadus	Matt Dawson
Rochester/Beaver	Pamela Psik	Matt Dawson
New Bethlehem	Leonard Bashline	Rex Munsee
Chippewa Area	Amanda Yuhas	Doug Pavkovich
Ford City	Matt Wolfe	Robert Gibson
Kittanning	Samantha Eileen Darney	Gloria Carney
March 2024		
Ford City	John Strate	Robert Carnahan
Leechburg-Gilpin	Jacob Mrochek	Eve Hebrank
Little Beaver	Leah zachewicz	Carol Busser



ON THE ROAD AGAIN?

The Story Of This Haunted Bridge In Darlington, Pennsylvania Will Make Your Hair Stand On End!

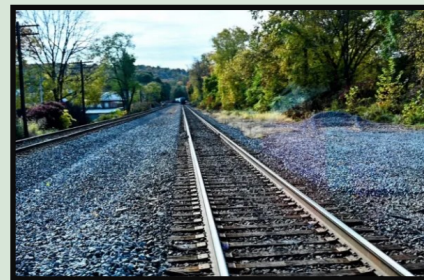
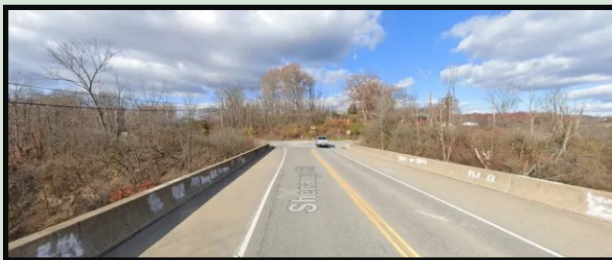


Even if we don't necessarily believe in the paranormal, most of us enjoy a good ghost story every now and then. Pennsylvania's teeming with the paranormal, which means we're never wanting for a really good haunted tale. If you're a bit of a skeptic, you might find yourself waffling after reading the story of this [haunted bridge in Darlington, Pennsylvania](#).

Tragedy is often at the very core of the paranormal – a [grief-stricken bride](#) waiting for her love who never returns, a [mother and baby](#) who meet their tragic end at a famous covered

bridge, and a [young girl](#) killed crossing a bridge on her prom night.

The tale of Summit Cut Bridge, too, is steeped in tragedy, and many tell of running into a mysterious lady in white, especially late at night. Sat along Shenango Road in Beaver County, Summit Cut Bridge served as a railroad bridge in the closing days of the 19th-century. One of the first tragedies, at least if you believe the tales told through time, happened sometime in the mid-20th century. Still another tale tells of a woman named Josephine going off that very bridge at the end of the 1890s.



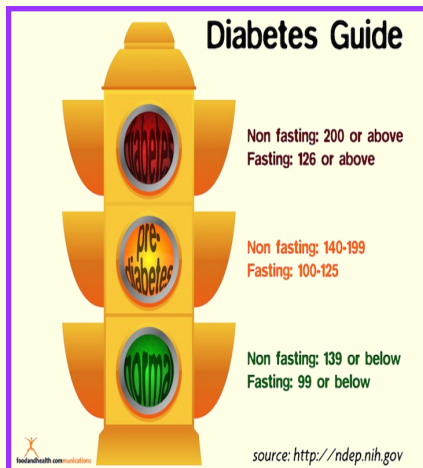
A woman was driving down the road late at night. Everything about her – her name, her age, where she was going so deep into the evening – is a mystery. Legend, though, says she misjudged a curve and soared off of the bridge onto the railroad tracks below.

In the more sinister accounts, witnesses say the lady in white frantically beckoned to them in desperate need of help but, upon getting closer, she appeared to want them to fall from the bridge too. While the identity of these mysterious ladies in white have perhaps been lost to time, travelers still tell of seeing one meandering along the bridge, usually around midnight. What she's doing there, no one knows. Ask some of your Little Beaver Lion friends—perhaps they know! Check out the webpage below:

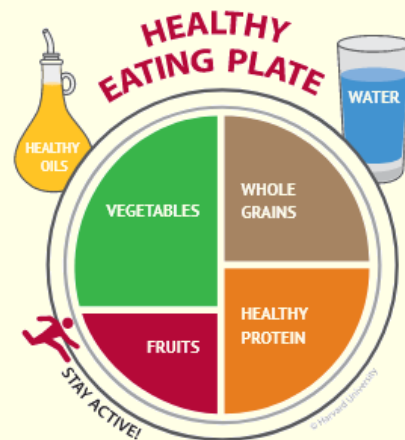
<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/pennsylvania/haunted-summit-cut-bridge-pa/>

Simple Steps to Lowering Your Risk of Diabetes

- **Control your weight:**
Losing weight can help if your weight is above the healthy-weight range. Losing 7-10% of your current weight can cut your chances of developing type 2 diabetes in half.
- **Get moving—and turn off the television—exercise!**
- **Tune up your diet:**
Choose whole grains & whole grain products over refined grains & highly processed carbohydrates. Cut out as much sugar as possible—Skip the sugary drinks and choose water, coffee or green tea. Choose healthy fats—no trans fats. Limit red meat and avoid processed meats: choose nuts, beans, whole grains, poultry or fish instead. Quit smoking.

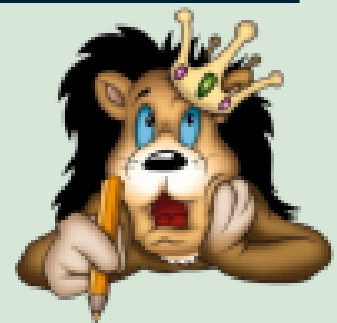


Explore:



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
724-478-3007