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*Sending our regards, Past International President
Lions of MD-14*



*Normajean G. Kozicki Wroblewski,
wife of Past International President Joseph L. Wroblewski,
passed away on December 29, 2023*

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Thank you.



<https://palions.tbsonlinestore.com>

And we Continue To Serve, Let's Change the World

Greetings, Lions and Leos,

As I draft this article for The Pride, PA Lions have just completed three of their four Council of Governors' meetings. I must say it was a good weekend with a change of venue. We decided to hold a lunch meeting with a speaker instead of the usual formal Saturday evening event. Many felt that it was a good chance to give those who stayed over the opportunity to meet with friends for dinner and catch up on Lions' activities in other districts. With the help of PDG Bob Roebuck, MD GSTC, I was able to have Cindy Kolarik, Founder and Executive Director of The Jared Box Project as the speaker. PDG Bob has set the Jared Box as our state project for the MD Convention to be held in May 2024. Cindy shared with all about the Jared Box, the story of Jared and how we Lions can help make the state project very successful. Individuals, clubs and districts can make donations to the Jared Box directly. Cindy will purchase the items for Lions to use in making the boxes at the convention. Donations made payable to "The Jared Box Project" can be sent to The Jared Box Project, 129 Fenwick Drive, Port Matilda, PA 16870. Indicate on the check or with a note that the donation is for the Lions May project. Another great reason to sign up early for the MD Convention May 17, 18 and 19 in Harrisburg, PA. I will be looking forward to seeing you there.



How is everyone doing with Mission 1.5? With several months to go in this Lions year, MD-14 has a wonderful opportunity to end the year on a positive member note. Clubs, start talking with those Lions who you fear will be dropping out in June. Find out now why they are not satisfied. Have you completed a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats Assessment) for your own club? Find out now how you and your club GAT team can turn around a challenging situation and make it positive. Remember there are helpers in your District and at the Multiple District level. Get help, if needed, to keep your club and membership intact.

Club officer nominations should be happening in March for an April election in your clubs. Be sure that the nominating committee is looking for solid candidates who will help move your club forward. Now is the time for that committee to talk with candidates. Be sure to look for good leaders. Think about succession management, take the online Lions learning course and put it to use for a better way to find your leaders early.

Spring comes with a time for outside service projects. Get the new (and old) members busy with the reason they became Lions. Lots of ways we can serve as Lions. Find a few and get started planning how you are going to move it ahead.

Until the next time we meet at a Lions event, let's make it the MD Convention, I wish you all the best and remember to keep serving.

PID Larry

Larry





From Council Chair Linda Zaneski,

Hello, MD-14 Lions from your State Council Chairperson,

As I make my way into the second half of my year as your State Council Chair, I continue to remain busy and make Lionism a very integral part of my life. My most favorite thing is traveling all over the state to join cabinet meetings and district functions. My goal this year is to attend at least one district event in all 17 districts and attend as many district conventions as I can.

Everywhere I go, I am so proud to hear about all the amazing service and projects being completed by the awesome Lions in PA. From global causes to community needs, these Lions are making a difference and helping to change the world!

I always post my travels and photos on my Social Media, so check it out! I highly encourage you to post frequently too. This exposure is a silent way of letting your "friends" know that Lions are out and about and making a difference. They may see something that they may like to help with. Service is a great way to bring in a new Lion by finding those with the passion to serve, like you!

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 in 2024!

I look forward to our State Convention in May and hope to see a record number of Lions attend. 😊

Linda Zaneski

MD-14 Council Chair
2023-2024



Qualities of Effective Leadership

The Global Leadership Team (GLT) articles in The Pride usually involve informing PA Lions which symposiums, retreats or institutes we have completed or planned for the future: a type of status report on how MD-14 GLT is succeeding and to promote our events to our Lions membership.

This multi-part article will be a little different. We are going to focus on aiding our MD-14 Lions membership in sensing which Lions in your club or district have the "Qualities of Effective Leadership." You should be able to recognize some of these leadership traits in the Lions leaders you serve alongside, perhaps in yourself or perhaps they're qualities you may realize you were lacking.



Let me begin, in no particular order, with the quality of "**Passion.**"

I personally feel it is the most important and underrated trait in any leader. I have not seen a successful leader, in any role, who did not have a degree of passion for their responsibilities. This enthusiasm holds the Lion and their team involved and enjoying the results of the service project or fundraiser to reach their goals.

The next trait I will focus on is being a "**Coach.**"

Many Lions have a mentor that they can claim "*I wouldn't be the Lion I am today without PDG Joe's guidance!*" This coach would be more experienced to lead and guide you in your journey into successful leadership. Effective leaders are always keeping their eyes open for a Lion who displays the hint of future leadership skills. Perhaps the Lion just needs a certain amount of guidance and advice. *A pat on the back is the best encouragement a leader can give any Lion.* A "Servant Leader" is a coach/mentor who does not look for recognition for themselves, but instead develops success stories for other Lions. It is a wonderful feeling when a Lion you have coached becomes successful in their service to Lions and their community.

Continued in future issues of the PRIDE.

PDG Kerry McKnight, 14-C

Multiple District 14 Global Leadership Team Coordinator



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



We Serve

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.



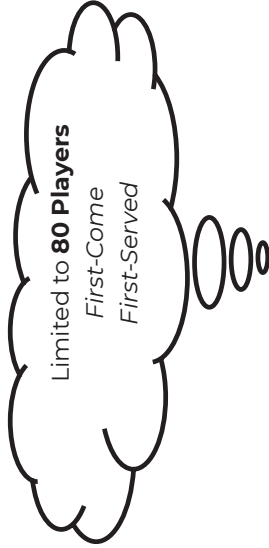
PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
c/o Jonathan Carver
114 State Route 103 South
Mount Union, PA, 17066



**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
- Chinet Paper Plates: 9" or larger
- Napkins: dinner, picnic
- Original Dawn Dish Liquid
- Foil Wrap: 18" x 500 ft
- Plastic Food Wrap: 18" x 2000 ft
- Parchment Paper: 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.

Go to LIONSOFPAFOUNDATION.ORG
Click on **VEHICLE DONATION TAB** to fill out form.
Cars, Boats, Trucks, Real Estate

**Give a little luck
by donating
your four wheels**

Donate Today



Click [here](#) to go directly to Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation



Lions International

We support our global causes

- Childhood Cancer
- Diabetes
- Disaster Relief
- Environment
- Humanitarian
- Hunger
- Vision
- Youth

101st ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION



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



HOTEL INFORMATION

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

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

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

New Online Convention Registration is Now Available!

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

Calling All Leos to Attend the 101st State Convention!

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

Convention registration is **FREE** for all Leos!

We hope to see you there!



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



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↑ CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP ↑ CIRCLE TITLE ↑

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Dietary Restrictions/Allergies
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MEAL RESERVATIONS:



\$15.00 CONVENTION REGISTRATION \$
 \$3.00 STATE CONVENTION PIN \$

_____ DIETARY RESTRICTIONS / ALLERGIES

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

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
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For Questions Contact PDG Pete Van Zandt at: [petevz@msn.com](mailto:petevez@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.

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At the Third Council of Governors' Meeting held in State College in February, MD-14 Global Service Team Chairperson PDG Robert Robuck invited Cindy Kolarik to be our guest speaker at the International Luncheon on Saturday. Ms. Kolarik is the Founder and Executive Director of the Jared Box Project. She presented a PowerPoint presentation of how the Jared Box Project got started and how Lions from PA can help. Information about the Jared Box Project can be found in the last issue of the PRIDE (Issue #2, page 30) and in the State Convention packet. Packing Jared Boxes will be our service project at the State Convention in May.



Pictured above: **PID Larry Edwards, Cindy Kolarik; CC Linda Zaneski and MD-14 GST Chairperson PDG Robert Robuck.**



Contributed by **PCC Linda Zaneski**

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:

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<input type="checkbox"/>		<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





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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



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For a no obligation air quote to Australia please contact us. In addition, options are available for stopover packages in New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii, etc. Contact us if you are interested.

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.



IN LOVING

MEMORY



PDG James T. Foreso
April 16, 1943 - February 12, 2024
Williamsburg Lion Club, 14-L
District Governor 2017-2018
and 2020-2021

PCC Charles James "Jim" Keener

June 28, 1946 - March 21, 2024
Harris Township Lions Club
District Governor 2012-2013
Council Chair 2013-2014



Kutztown University's Visual Impairment Program Awarded \$30,000 from Kutztown Lions Club

by Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Feb 16, 2024



Kutztown University received \$30,000 from the Kutztown Lions Club to support graduate students enrolled in the university's visual impairment program.

"The visual impairment program at KU is very grateful for the Lions Club's Support," said Dr. Nicole Johnson '05, professor of special education. "This gift will have far-reaching effects to help recruit teachers of the visually impaired, which is very needed."

Kutztown is the only state university in Pennsylvania to offer a program focused on preparing teachers of the visually impaired.

Graduate students can choose to pursue the visual impairment as a track within the [M.Ed. in Multicultural Education program](#). Through this concentration, teacher candidates who only want to teach students with visual impairments will achieve a thorough understanding of all required competencies for certification. Field experiences are provided in both elementary education and visual impairment settings.

Representatives from the Kutztown Lions Club visited KU's campus for a check presentation, spending time with members of the KU community in the university's Vision Lab.

The Lions Club International's mission is to empower Lions Clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

“The Kutztown Lion’s Club enriches the Kutztown community in a wide variety of ways, and we have a particular focus on supporting those in our community with visual impairment,” said Matthew Dietrich, president. “Now, we are supporting those who have made a professional commitment to serve this very important population.”

“The visual impairment program is one of Kutztown’s finest,” said Alex Ogeka, executive director of the KU Foundation. “The Lions Club’s generous support provides crucial funding to graduate students whose expertise will ultimately shape the lives of individuals with visual impairments, overall strengthening our community.”

[Click here](#) for more information on Kutztown University’s visual impairment program.
[Click here](#) for more information on the Kutztown Lions Club.

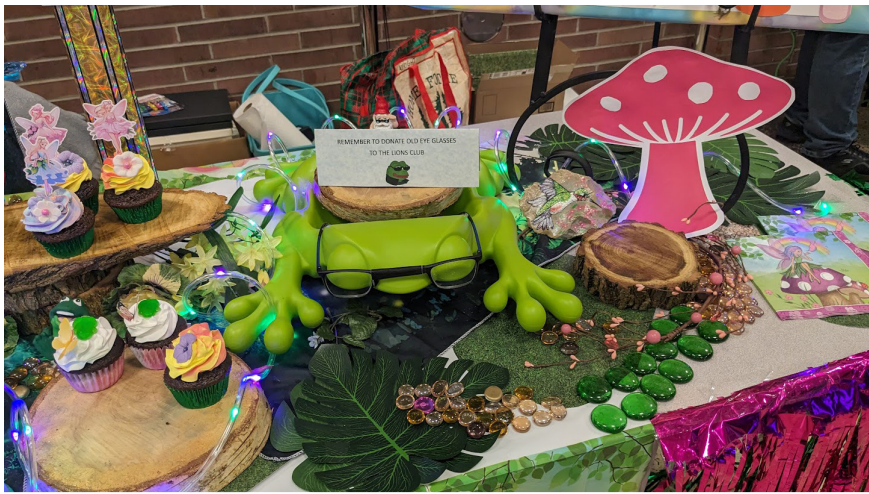
The preceding article was contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny, Avon Grove Lions Club** and by **Janet Chladni**

Lion Janet is a member of the **Kutztown Lions Club, 14-P**. The club created an endowment with the Kutztown University Foundation that will be used for a scholarship to their Visual Impairment Program. The University has one of the best programs in the country for training teachers of the visually impaired.



The **Owen J. Roberts High School** and **Middle School Leos, 14-P**, with members of the **Coventry** and **Eagle Glenmoore Lions** and church volunteers provided meals for nearly 100 people in need at Trinity Reformed Church in Pottstown.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



The **Norwin Lions Club, 14-E, of North Huntingdon** held its ninth CubCake Wars fundraiser recently. This event began 12 years ago to raise money to feed food-insecure school children on weekends. Originally called a backpack program where backpacks filled with food were given to schoolchildren on Fridays, the club switched to gift cards during and after the pandemic. Between 55 and 70 children were fed in the 2023-2024 school year.

The fundraiser is called CubCake Wars which is a play on words with cupcakes and Lions cubs. Bakers bring 10-15 dozen cupcakes to the event and sell them for \$2-\$3 with all funds going to the Lions. This year there were 17 great bakers who made fancy cupcakes and nearly 500 people who bought them. Prizes are awarded for best tasting cupcake, best decorated table, most money raised and a people's choice award. The event raised about \$10,000.



Contributed by **Lion John Russo**, District 14-E Publicity Officer





The **Abington Lions Club, 14-H**, secured a grant from the **Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation** for \$8,428.10 for the **Clarks Summit Fire Company** in Lackawanna County to acquire eight Thermal Imaging cameras and two charging stations.

Shown above are Fire Chief **Jay Miller**, PDG **Joe Skinner**, Lions Club treasurer, Fire Captain **Ed Wedowloski**, Lion President **Shirley Skinner** and Lions **Karyn Bevard**, **Rich Winslow** and **John Skaluba**.

Contributed by **PDG Joe Skinner**



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Above: **Lion Barry Marteny, Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P**, is shown installing eight new members in the **Avon Grove High School Leo Club**.

Right: **Lion Dave Priebe** is shown installing the officers of the Avon Grove High School Leo Club.



The **Avon Grove Lions** donated excess hospital equipment from their Hospital Equipment Loaner Program to Project Cure in Jennersville. Donated were seven hospital beds, 20 hospital bed mattresses, five Hoyer lifts and 16 bed rails.

All articles on this page contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



The **Forty Fort Lions Club, 14-W**, recently presented Thomas Leary, president of Luzerne County Community College with a contribution in the amount of \$3,600 toward the William J. McGough, Jr. Endowment Fund. Bill McGough passed away in 2018 as a charter member of the Forty Fort Lions Club, founded in 1976. The endowment is a permanent scholarship, a portion of which will be awarded to a student every year in perpetuity.

Pictured above: Lions Jerry Novak and Thomas O'Connor, LCCC President Thomas Leary and Lion Matthew Kelly.

Contributed by **Lion Mark Serafin**



The **Butler Lions Club, 14-N**, held a chili cook-off night at the February membership meeting. **Lion Ellen Fullerton's** white bean chili and **Lion John Hertzog's** beast chili (elk meat, sausage and more) tied for first place. Lion John won the tie breaker and is shown in the above photo.

Many members provided a wide variety of chili, side dishes, desserts and chips. There were lots of good food, fun and social activity.

Contributed by **Lion Connie Ivill**



The **Butler Lions Club, 14-N**, collected socks and hats for distribution to the residents of the community. The needed items were passed on to agencies that would be sure that people in need would receive them.

The **Butler Lions Club** delivered supplies to Summit Elementary School for the Backpack Program. These supplies were to help fill the needs of students over the Easter break. Lions helping the community help children.

*Pictured right: **Lions Eric Cranmer (Service Chair), Barry Flecken, Janet Flecken, Kathy Cupps Kollister, Marsha Weleski and Ron Weleski.***



The **Butler Lions Club** packed 313 pounds of sausage to sell as a fundraiser.

*Pictured left are: **Lion Paul Vensel (front); Lions Rhonda Pilarcik, Ellen Fullerton, Maryann Fleeger, Connie Ivill and Janet Flecken (middle row); Lions Bob Shipkowski, BT Fullerton, Art Black, President Adam Fleeger and Bryan Flecken.***

Articles on this page contributed by **Lion Connie Ivill**

Four of the **Fort LeBoeuf Leos, 14-F, Morgan McKinnon, Claire Schrupf, Anna Wolff and Marie Preston**, volunteered at Robison Elementary Schools' Family Game Night. They helped the teachers welcome families, pass out materials and serve dinner.

Morgan and Claire helped in the cafeteria and Anna and Maria worked at the registration table.

Contributed by **Lion Angela Tarr**



Anna and Maria



Morgan and Claire



Anna and Maria



Claire and Morgan





(Left) **Lion Deanna Thoma**, of the **Beaver Falls Lions Club**, packs food and places it into the 6,000 meals for distribution throughout the community at Butler County Associates for the Blind on Saturday morning. Ed Thompson/Butler Eagle 3/16/2024



(Above) Members the **District 14-N Pennsylvania Lions Club** pack 6,000 meals for distribution in and around our community Saturday at Butler County Associates for the Blind. Ed Thompson/Butler Eagle



(Above) **Lion MaryAnn Fleeger**, of the **Butler Lions Club** helps seal bags to put in the meals to be distributed all over the county Saturday morning at Butler County Associates for the Blind. It's part of the 6,000 meals they are making for distribution in and around our community. Ed Thompson

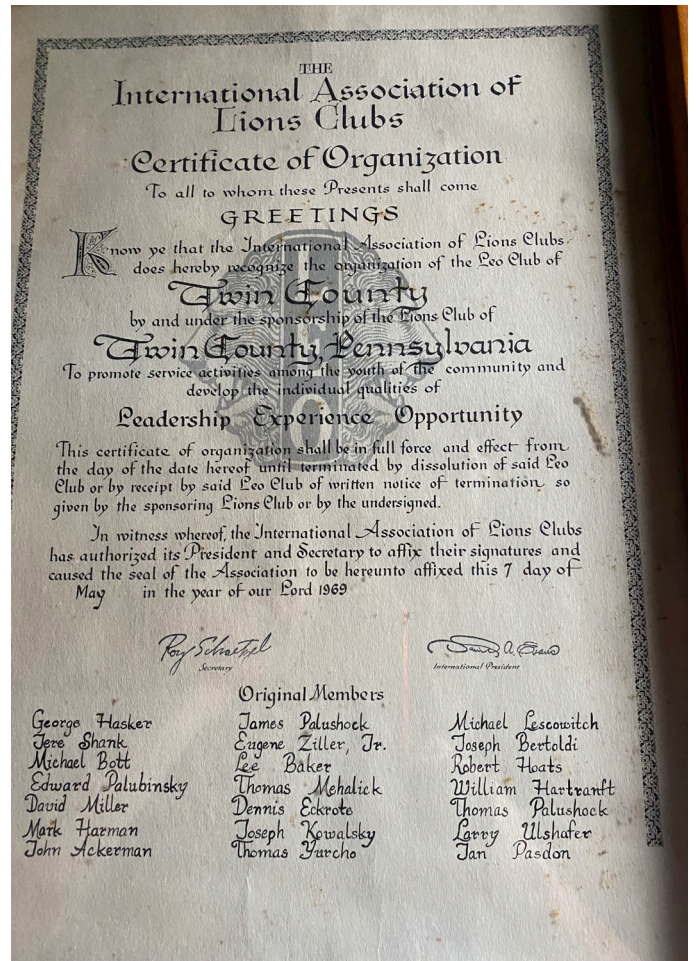
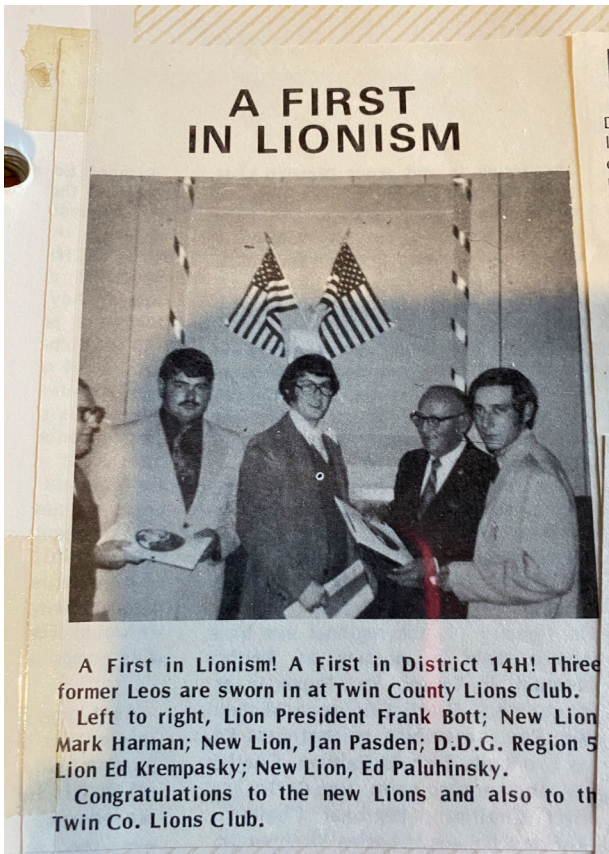


(Above) **Lion Lester Whitmire** of the **Slippery Rock Lions Club**, helps measure and pack the 6,000 meals for distribution in and around the community at the Butler-Armstrong Blind Association.



(Left) **DG Maria Loudermilk**, **1VDG Elliott Hilton**, **Lions Lucy Kirsch** and **Betty Lou Ivell** talk about the procedure of measuring the ingredients for the meals they are packaging - pasta, sauce and soy, a tasty meal for a hungry person.

All photos are used with permission from the Butler Eagle, Butler, PA



(Left) The **Twin County Lions Club** presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to **Lion Jan Pasdon** recently. Lion Jan has been a member for 50 years; is a charter member of the Twin County Leo Club since 1969 and was one of the first three Leos to become a Lion in **District 14-H**.

Also noted in the charter above is **Lion James Palushock** who received a Melvin Jones Fellowship in December.



The **Twin County Lions Club** hosted Dr. David Ordman who trains puppies for The Seeing Eye in New Jersey. He and his wife have trained 16 puppies and they presented a very informative presentation. The club made a \$500 donation to the School.

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

For the second year in a row, **Lion Bobbie Billsborrow** of the **McKeesport Lions Club, 14-B**, is the top fundraiser for St. Baldrick's, a cancer research foundation. Started 25 years ago as a challenge among friends, St. Baldrick's has become the largest volunteer movement to raise money for childhood cancer research. Each year, Bobbie has her head shaved to show solidarity for kids with cancer. She raises funds by taking pledges for the head-shaving event and sells popcorn and candy.

Contributed by **Lion Annette James**



The **Forty Fort Lions Club, 14-W**, and representatives from the Kingston-Forty Fort Little League for Baseball and Softball recently met at the Joe O'Hara Field in Swoyersville for the dedication of a new sign for the Field. The Forty Fort Lions have had an affiliation for more than 30 years with the caretakers of the Field. Joe O'Hara is a veteran member of the Forty Fort Club and former chairman of a 13-year-old baseball tournament played at the Field in past years. The Field has been dedicated in his name. In addition, the Lions presented an \$1,800 donation specifically toward repairs and renovations at the Field as well as a \$350 sponsorship donation to the Kingston-Forty Fort Little League.

Pictured are **Lion Joe O'Hara**, honoree; **Lions Bill Scott, Joe Atherholt, Robert Zavada, Jerry Novak and Jay Crossin**.

Contributed by **Lion Mark Serafin**

Avon Grove Lions Club's Students of the Month



The **Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P**, Student of the Month for January from the Avon Grove Charter School is **Anneli Erion** who is a senior who has been a member of the Leo Club until this year. She has served in many leadership positions including working with younger students at the Early Learning Center.

*Pictured above: AGCHS High School Principal **Matthew Messick**, Mrs. Erion, Anneli and AG Lions President **George Steele***

Gavin Picard, Avon Grove High School, was named the **Avon Grove Lions Club** Student of the Month for January. His list of activities includes football, volleyball, track and Our Lives Matter. He is a member of the Nemours Advisory Council and has worked for four years at Wyncote (Maintenance Team). He plans to pursue a degree in landscape architecture.

*Pictured above: Brother **Graham**, mother **Beth**, Gavin, AG Lion President **George Steele** and AGHS Assistant Principal **Gary Benasutti***



The Avon Grove Lions Club made a donation to the Avon Grove Charter School Early Learning Center Night at the Races Fundraiser.

*Pictured are Avon Grove Lions Club President **George Steele** and **Maggie Johnson** representing the Early Learning Center.*

All articles on this page contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**

Avon Grove Lions Club's Students of the Months



Hannah Smith...

...was named the student of the month from Avon Grove Charter School. She has been an active Leo Club member since middle school who enjoys working with her friends to help the community. Hannah recently returned from a mission trip in the Bahamas. She is a strong student, actively involved in many clubs and activities at AGCS and is committed to Stockton University in New Jersey.

*Pictured above: Parents **Kevin Smith** and **Erin Smith**, **Hanna Smith**, sister **Shayna Smith**, Avon Grove Lions President **George Steele** and Avon Grove Charter School Assistant Principal **Mark Miller**.*



Mary Kate D'Ambrosio...

...was named the Avon Grove High School senior Student of the Month. She is involved in many school activities: Anchor and Producer of AGtv, Student Council, Theatre Cast Member, Dance Captain, Science Fair Researcher/Presenter, Hack Club, Avon Grove Chorale, Drone Team Pilot/Flight Crew, Future Business Leaders of America, Staff Writer of the Devil's Herald Newspaper, Team Manager of Track and Field. She is also involved in many community activities including the Caring and Sharing Ministry.

*Pictured above: Father **Anthony D'Ambrosio**, Mother **Michelle McMullin**, **Mary Kate D'Ambrosio**, Avon Grove Lions President **George Steele** and Avon Grove High School Assistant Principal **Gary Benasutti**.*



Lee Hervey...

...was named the Avon Grove Charter School's Student of the Month. Lee is currently a member of the National Honor Society and the vice president of the class of 2024. He has been listed on the Distinguished Honor Roll every year to date and has been awarded Student of the Quarter. He volunteers as a member of the Chariots of Fire ministry. He plans to attend Lancaster Bible College to pursue a degree in Business Administration and Biblical Studies.

*Pictured above: Sister **Jessica Kinney**, mother **Rose Harce**, **Lee Hervey**, Avon Grove Lions President **George Steele** and Avon Grove Charter School Assistant Principal **Mark Miller**.*



Alondra Pizano-Zavala...

...was named the Avon Grove Lions Club Student of the Month from the Avon Grove High School for March 2024. She is a member of the high school ACTO Club and is a helper/trainer at the local power-lifting gym. Alondra has achieved many academic awards including for Excellence in Spanish for Native Students. She plans to attend college and major in accounting; intending a career as a Certified Public Accountant.

*Pictured above: Sister **Jakelin**, mother **Adriana Zavala Cerrato**, **Alondra Pizano-Zavala**, Avon Grove Lions President **George Steele** and Assistant Principal **Gary Benasutti**.*



Avon Grove Lions, 14-P, conducted a KidsSight eye screening at the New London Christian Preschool, screening 34 students, two of whom needed follow up examination.

*Pictured left are **Leo Natalie Miller, Lion Dr. Eric Miller, Lauren Miller and Lion Barry Marteny.***



(Above) The **East Coventry Lion Cubs, 14-P**, created Valentine's Day cards for the senior citizens residing in the Manatawny Manor. They are hopeful they brightened someone's day by showing the residents they care.



(Above) The **North Coventry Lions Cubs, 14-P**, teamed up with the **French Creek Cubs** for a community Valentine's Day project. They designed and created about 40 cards with special messages which were added to French Creek's Blessing Bags.



All articles on this page contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**

Cranberry food pantry leader Shaw receives award



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Janet Shaw, the leader of the Cranberry Area Food Pantry, received the Lions Club Melvin Jones Award from Cranberry Lions members (from left) Tom Hanna, Jack Middleton, Joe Cangemi and Jay Weckerly on Monday at the food pantry. This award is given by the Lions Club International to humanitarians who most embody their philanthropic beliefs. Shaw and a group of local residents determined a need for a food pantry in the Cranberry Area in 2008. Currently, 150 families receive services twice a month to help with their food and personal needs.

Taken from The Derrick-The News Herald, Oil City, PA, February 15, 2024.

Cranberry Area Lions Club. 14-F

Cranberry students win SEI Awards



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Three Cranberry Area School District students were honored with SEI (Service, Effort and Initiative) Awards at the Lions Club meeting on Monday. The biannual award recognizes three seventh-and eighth-grade students who demonstrate exemplary service, effort and initiative in their school and community. Winners were nominated and selected by their teachers and school counselor. Cranberry Lion Joe Cangemi and Lori Corbett, the students' school counselor, presented the winners at the dinner. Each winner received a certificate, gift card and dinner from the Cranberry Lions Club. The winners are, from left, eighth-graders Piper Moore and Addison Moore, and seventh-grader and Ethan White. Also pictured are Cranberry Lions Club President Frank Machokas, left, and Cangemi.

Taken from The Derrick-The News Herald, March 6, 2024



Lions of **District 14-N** and clients of the Beaver County Lighthouse for the Blind put together and decorated 50 **Jared Boxes** as one of the activities during the clients' craft class.

Clubs present were: **Beaver Falls, Slippery Rock and Riverside-Hopewell Branch Club**. Items were provided by **Lions Mary Ellen Dean, Cora May Cable, Angela Manno, DG Maria and PDG Jeff Loudermilk**. The boxes were designated for children ages infant to tweens and teens.

The completed Jared Boxes were delivered to the UPMC Children's Hospital North Surgery Center in Sewickley. The administrator of the hospital was very pleased to receive them.

Contributed by **DG Maria Loudermilk**



“Every charitable act is a stepping-stone toward Heaven.” - Henry Ward Beecher

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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Quoted in part from *The Mane Connection*, page 7, July 2022

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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