



# Pennsylvania Lions District 14F 2020 State Convention “2020 Perfect Vision For The Future”

Hello Lion, Lioness, and Leos

The 2020 PA Lions State Convention Host Committee has been working quite diligently to make your experience in Northwest PA a memorable one. We have planned seminars, speakers and entertainers who will inspire you and make your experience in Lionism even better than before. For those of you who will arrive by Thursday, you'll have the opportunity to join us for a dinner cruise on the Victorian Princess out onto Lake Erie. We are limited to the first 120 who register for the cruise so please send in your reservations as early as possible.

Friday's lineup contains several seminars and speakers including a chance to hear our own ID Larry Edwards discussing his experiences as a first year ID and what we can look forward to in his second year. Friday evening we'll hold the annual Necrology service followed by the District Governor/District Governor Elect Honors and PA Counsellors Banquet. Finally come join us for the hospitality night with the theme "The Roaring Twenties".

Saturday we will offer additional seminars and speakers along with a performance by David Crone of *I'm No Dummy Productions*. This show is sure to provide an hour of fun and laughter that will be very enjoyable. The Lions of PA All State Band will provide two concerts for your entertainment. Following the second concert will be the International Banquet where we will be pleased to have International President Choi as the main speaker for the convention.

Much effort and hard work has gone into preparing for the 2020 PA Lions State Convention and we hope you'll join us in our scenic venue to welcome in a new decade of Lionism.

PDG Bob Blake  
Chairman



Picture taken from the dock beside the Victorian Princess looking at the Sheraton Hotel on left and the Erie Bayfront Convention Center directly ahead.

## Hotel Recommendations

**The International Family,  
All District Governors,  
and Vice District Governors please  
register at the Sheraton Hotel**

International Family and District Governors are to request  
the Concierge Level

**Sheraton Erie Bayfront  
55 W Bay Drive  
Erie, PA 16501  
814-454-2005**

(see registration form)

**Within walking distance of the Victorian Princess**

## 2020 State Convention Food Drive

The 2020 State Convention Committee will be conducting a Food Drive at the Convention. We will collect non-perishable food items and other non-food items as suggested in the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA Food Drive Most Needed Items list. Items can be dropped off at the Collection containers located near the Registration Area in the Convention Center.



## Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA Food Drive Most Needed Items

(non-refrigerated)

Please, no home-canned foods, glass containers, unsealed or opened packages, outdated baby food or formula, or bulging or severely dented cans.



### Protein Group

Canned Meat (ham, meat spread, beef stew, chicken, hash)  
Canned Fish  
Canned Nuts  
Peanut Butter  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Dry Beans

### Breads & Cereals

Cake Mixes  
Bisquick  
Muffin Mix  
Cornbread Mix  
Dry Cereal  
Oatmeal  
Rice  
RiceCakes  
Pasta



### Milk Products Evaporated Milk



### Other Needed Items

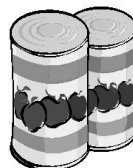
Coffee

**Baby Products**  
(diapers, baby wipes, powder, lotion)

**Household Supplies**  
(dish soap, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies)

**Paper Products**  
(toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue, napkins)

**Health and Beauty Aids**  
(toothpaste & brushes, shampoo, bar soap)



### Fruits & Vegetables

Canned Fruits  
Canned Vegetables  
Canned Juices  
Canned Soup  
Canned Spaghetti Sauce  
Dried Fruits (raisins, apricots, prunes)

# **International Banquet Speaker on Saturday, May 16, 2020**

The International Banquet is being sponsored by

## **Sage Vision**

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**DR. JUNG-YUL CHOI**

**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi of Busan, Republic of Korea, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

A member of the Busan Jae-il Lions Club since 1977, President Choi has held many offices within the association, including club president, cabinet secretary, district governor and international director. He also served numerous times as a DGE Group Leader and served on 11 committees as a member of the International Board of Directors. In addition, he was a chairperson of the 39th OSEAL Forum in 2000 and a host committee chairperson at the 95th Lions International Convention in Busan in 2012, the largest convention ever held in Lions history.

In recognition of his service to the association, President Choi has received numerous awards, including the Humanitarian Partnership; Senior Master Key Award; 100% District Governor Award; multiple International President's Leadership Awards; multiple International President's Awards; and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, President Choi is chief executive officer of Koala Company, Ltd., an international trading company, and is also a past director of the Busan Sports Association.

President Choi and his wife, Seung-Bok, have one son, four daughters and two granddaughters.



## **THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CRUISE VICTORIAN PRINCESS**

**MAY 14, 2020 @ 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**ONLY 120 SEATS AVAILABLE, SO FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

You are welcome to join us 30 minutes before departure. You are strongly encouraged to arrive 15 minutes prior to departure to insure boarding at the specified time of cruise.

Step aboard the Victorian Princess and step back into an age of amenity and charm. Enjoy the serenity and beauty as you glide by Erie's eclectic bayfront and Presque Isle, an impressive ecological preserve. The Victorian Princess is your passage to a spectacular voyage.

The Victorian Princess operates rain or shine. Please plan to dress according to the weather, including coats, hoodies, rain jackets or ponchos. However, in case of severe weather conditions (i.e. lightening or high winds), it is at the Captain's discretion to cancel the cruise or remain dockside.

The Victorian Princess is handicap accessible on the first deck and you will be invited aboard first, so please be there by 6:00 PM for boarding. The buffet will include Raspberry Barbecue Chicken, 3 Cheese Lasagna, Antipasto Salad, Green and Yellow Beans with Baby Carrots, Scalloped Potatoes, and Chocolate Torte. Rolls and butter, soda, coffee and tea included. There is also a full-service bar available.

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Victorian Princess Cruise \$45 per person

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Email after February 15th about availability on boat. Expected to be full by February 14th, but someone may cancel**

Make a separate check payable to: 2020 PA State Convention

Mail form and check to: PDG Bob Mitchell 8530 Parson Road, Erie, PA 16509-5038

Questions: email PDG Bob Mitchell at [pa2020stateconvention@aol.com](mailto:pa2020stateconvention@aol.com)

Remember we will make the reservations based on date request is received.

Victorian Princess is within walking distance of the Sheridan Hotel & Erie Bayfront Convention Center



## NECROLOGY

Please join us in honoring our fallen Lions, Lioness and Leos at the 2020 State Convention Necrology Service at the Bayfront Conference Center in Erie, PA. This year the service will be held at 4:30PM.

This is a time to pay homage to those members who are no longer with us. The committee is requesting a picture of Lion, Lioness and Leos from your club and district who have passed away in 2019. Please include: name, club, years of service and picture to be shown during the service. Send to:

Lion Ann Zurasky  
30935 Russell Road  
Townville, PA 16360  
elizamegan785@gmail.com

Thank you the Necrology Committee

Following Necrology

On Friday, May 15, 2020

**District Governor/District Governor Elect**

**Honors & PA Counsellors Banquet**

**Sponsored by the**

**Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation**

**Speaking at the Banquet**

**PDG Ed Tustin**



# *The Community Action* **POVERTY SIMULATION®**

## Could you survive a month in poverty?

1.5 million Pennsylvanians, 444,486 of whom are children under 18, live in poverty every day. Many more are just above the poverty line, but have incomes low enough to qualify for government assistance. It is often difficult for those who have an adequate income and enough resources to understand the situations families in poverty experience every day, the tough decisions they make, and the constant fears and frustrations they face.



### **The Experience**

This poverty simulation provides participants the opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member living on a budget. Participants may find themselves playing the role of a young single parent, an elderly disabled individual, or a young adult caring for his younger siblings. No matter which role one is assigned, the simulation will get you outside of your life and into the life of someone not so unlike the people in your area living in poverty.

#### The Simulation

The experience is divided into four fifteen-minute sessions, each representing a 'week' in poverty. During that week, participants must provide for their family, make sure everyone gets to school or work on time, keep their homes and possessions secure, and pay all the necessary bills. Between each 'week' is a two minute break representing a weekend, where families will gather together to plan for their next week.

#### The Wrap-Up

Following the simulation, all participants collaborate to discuss their experiences within the simulation and how to connect them to real world opportunities.

## RETHINK POVERTY.

Please return this form to participate in the Poverty Simulation® during the 2020 Lions Club Convention.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your first and second preference of the two times being offered.

\_\_\_\_\_: **May 15th from 1:45 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.**

**Please return this form for this program with your registration form. The class is limited to 65-80 people per session.**



## Speaker for the Friday Luncheon On May 15, 2020

LARRY L. EDWARDS

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Larry L. Edwards, from Altoona, Pennsylvania, USA was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Director Edwards retired in 2016 after working 45 years in the banking industry. As a former bank executive he directed operational requirements for nine large bank mergers as well as developed new commercial banking product lines and their supporting technologies.

As a member of the Harris Township Lions Club since 2018, he first joined in 2005 as part of the Lakemont Lions Club. Director Edwards has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council chairperson and as part of the multiple district State Convention Election Committee. He is also president of the Blair County Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.

In recognition of his service, Director Edwards has received numerous recognitions including several International President's Awards. Director Edwards is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Edwards is director of the Central Pennsylvania National Guard & Veterans Association, former treasurer of the Blair County United Way, and member of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce. Director Edwards is also an Eagle Scout and past board member and district chairman for Boy Scouts of America.

Director Edwards and his wife Susan, a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Lion of PA Fellow, have a daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren living in Henderson, Nevada, USA.

## Saturday Luncheon

On May 16, 2020

Join your Fellow Lions at the Saturday Luncheon.

We are featuring a cookout buffet and a demonstration of Line Dancing. We are proud to have The Wild Country Line Dancers as our country entertainment.

After their demonstration, please feel free to join in on the fun and get active.

Being active wards off type 2 Diabetes.



## WILD COUNTRY LINE DANCERS

SAEGERTOWN, PA

The Wild Country line dancers, under the direction of Maria Bell, dance on Tuesday evenings at the American Legion in Saegertown. Beginner dance class is from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. followed by the advanced class from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The evening ends with open dancing until 9:00 p.m. with music and sound provided by Ed Finck.

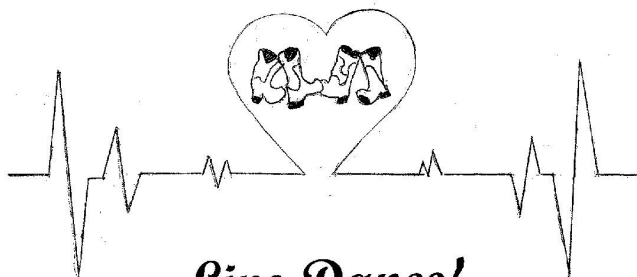
Our group consists of 15-20 dancers who attend every week.

Special activities include: monthly birthday celebrations, in October our annual Halloween costume party, and celebrating the holiday season with a Christmas party.

During the winter months we meet once a month on a Sunday afternoon enjoying dinner at the Legion and then dancing from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We have performed demonstrations at several venues including Nursing Homes and Townville Home week.

*Live, Love*



*Line Dance!*





David is a member of the Worthington Ohio Lions Club, where he was sponsored, of course, by his Dad, PDG John Crone.

## David Crone I'm No Dummy Productions

Saturday, May 16, 2020

David Crone has been performing on stage for more than 30 years. A former corporate executive, David left the comforts of the corner office for a rugged life on the road when his busy performance schedule no longer allowed him to "do both".

His unique perspective on office life, incredible ventriloquism skills, and cast of crazy characters combine to create a program like no other.

From pure comedy entertainment, to highly customized serious messages on leadership, service, and living life on purpose, David leaves the audience ready to take on their next big challenge with renewed energy, and best of all, joy and laughter.

Everything he does is driven by his personal mission statement: **Making the world a better place, one laugh at a time.**

## Lion Beth Slade, CFRE Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement

Beth joined the Leader Dog team in 2014. As the Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement, Beth stewards Lions clubs across the United States, Canada, Spain and Mexico.

At first she thought the work would be all about the dogs. Her perspective changed after she met the people—the amazing clients, dedicated staff and volunteers whose stories and work she loves to share with others.

Beth earned her international professional designation of Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE), is a master speaker for the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and is on the board of directors for the AFP Greater Detroit chapter.

She is a member of the Lake Orion Lions Club. When she isn't busy at Leader Dog, Beth and her husband, Mark, enjoy working on their lake front home in Michigan and spending time with her college student daughters Mayson and Raleigh, golden retriever Kipper and the cats, Zoe and Little Man.





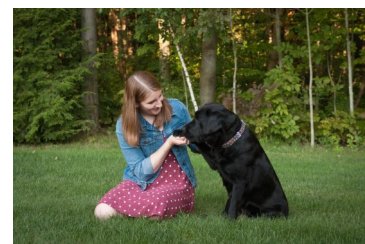


## A Puppy's Journey to Be a Leader Dog



This presentation will take you through all it takes to help a puppy become an amazing guide dog! From birth, through being paired with a client at Leader Dog, the Stauffers will share their experiences being puppy raisers and a host home of a Leader Dog mom and her puppies.

The Stauffer family started their journey with Leader Dog when their daughter, Emily, wanted to raise a puppy for her Girl Scout Silver award when she was just 13 years old. After raising 5 puppies and whelping 4 litters of puppies, they have many stories to share about the experience. You can meet Retired Leader Dog Mom Zoey, too!

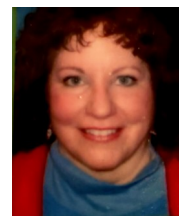


### The Sight Center of Northwest PA

Linda Moore became CEO of The Sight Center of Northwest PA in February 2009. She like the early years of her job as CEO to "turning the Titanic on a dime": a job that included a capital campaign to move the agency to a new location, as well as changing the agency name, the leadership, the mentality and the business model of one of Erie's oldest social service agencies, all while maintaining the mission and the extraordinary quality of service that were its hallmarks. She learned the ropes from her friend and mentor, Tyco Swick, the agency's executive director for 46 years who continues to contribute to the agency as its Lions Club Liaison and Eye Care Coordinator.

Linda strives to raise the quality of effectiveness of the programming at the Sight Center including seeking and achieving accreditation from the PA Association for Nonprofit Organization for adherence to the Standards of Excellence of Nonprofit Ethics and Accountability. One of the primary focuses of Linda's job today, as it is with most non profits executive directors is the sustainability of its programs.

### Mary Yochim, MS, RN, RRT, CDE, CCP:



Mary received her BSN from Edinboro State University, and holds degrees in Biology and Respiratory Therapy from Gannon University, and a Master's Degree in Health Education and Wellness from Mississippi State University. Mary is also a Certified Diabetic Educator (CDE). She has extensive experience in telephonic disease management, and also has direct patient care experience in both hospital and outpatient settings in the Erie area. Her health coaching services include the health conditions of: asthma, COPD, CAD, Heart Failure, and Diabetes. Primarily, Mary works as a CDE and teaches outpatient diabetes education classes at the UPMC Hamot Outpatient Center as well and being in charge of the Diabetes Pilot program at Greenfield Internal Medicine. Mary spends her free time with her family, volunteering for the JDRF and other diabetes fundraising activities, and enjoying the shores of Lake Erie at Presque Isle State Park.