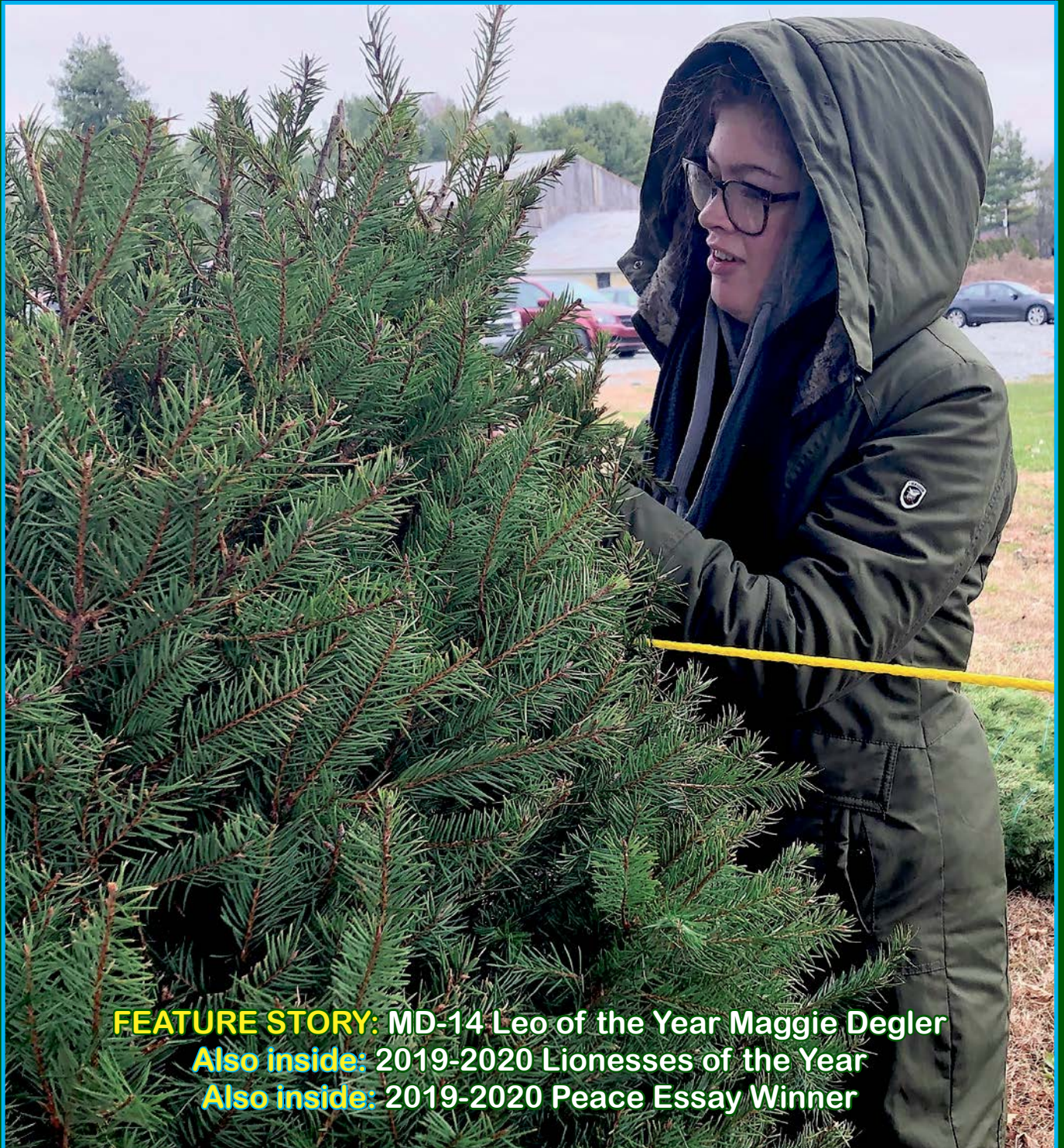




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Dear PA Lion,

The following message is from PA State Council of Lions Clubs' Council Chair Marilyn Wagner and concerns the first 2020-2021 Council meeting:

Out of concern for the health and well-being of our members and their families during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting social distancing guidelines, the first meeting of the Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs' 2020-2021 Council of Governors will be held as a Zoom videoconference Saturday, August 1, starting at 1 p.m..

The Honors Night Banquet originally scheduled for Friday, July 31, at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey has been canceled, as has the "Lunch and Learn" event sponsored by the Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation scheduled for Saturday, August 1.

The Zoom videoconference meeting schedule for Saturday, August 1, will include functions normally part of a state convention schedule but which were postponed due to the cancellation of the 2020 convention in Erie. The schedule will be as follows:

- 1 p.m. – Presentation of Leader Dogs for the Blind "Top Dog" awards.
- 1:05 p.m. – Presentation of 2019-2020 MD-14 Leo of the Year Award.
- 1:10 p.m. – Recognition of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Council of Governors (condensed version of previous years' Honors Banquets).
- 1:30 p.m. – Induction of the 2019-2020 Council of Governors into the PA Counsellors organization.
- 2 p.m. – First 2020-2021 State Council meeting.

An agenda for the August 1 videoconference along with the link by which you can connect to the videoconference will be sent out once they have been finalized.

**All committee chairpersons and/or coordinators who will have an Action Item for State Council to consider during the August 1 videoconference must submit that item in written form to the State Office no later than Wednesday, July 15, 2020.**

Any Action Item received after that date may, at the discretion of the Council of Governors, be tabled until the second 2020-2021 State Council meeting. Committee chairpersons/coordinators with Action Items must be present or have a representative participate in the videoconference. All oral committee reports to State Council should be limited to 3-5 minutes.

Committee chairpersons and/or coordinators who do not have Action Items for State Council to consider are also encouraged to have their written reports submitted to the State Office by July 15.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

In Service and Friendship,

*Lion Bob*

Bob McComas, State Administrator



# 2019-20 winner 'deg' into community service

Pardon the pun, but the winner of the 2019-2020 Pennsylvania Lions, Multiple District 14 Leo of the Year award “deg” into community service and has not taken a break since.

Margaret “Maggie” Degler was a founding member of the Avon Grove Charter School (AGCS) Leo Club as an eighth-grade student in September 2015 and immediately accepted the challenge of serving as the club’s first-ever president.

Leo Maggie served as president during the club’s first two years, was club secretary the following year and vice president during the club’s fourth year. She is currently completing a third term as president of the club sponsored by the Avon Grove Lions Club (District 14-P).

Leo Maggie qualified for the state Leo of the Year award by being selected as the top District 14-P Leo.

The AGCS Leo club originated as a middle-school-student-only organization with the membership divided into two groups that met on different days of the week. As club president, Leo Maggie had the challenge of coordinating the collaboration of the groups’ efforts.

She passed that test with flying colors and, when she entered high school, helped coordinate team meetings before school, during lunch and after school, and even hosting weekend planning sessions at Starbucks to make sure everyone had an opportunity to attend.

The sponsor of 15 new members in the last four years, Leo Maggie has been an integral part of the success of the AGCS Leo club. She has been involved in almost every activity and frequently came up with her own ideas to add to the mix when she was unable to attend, according to her Leo of the Year nomination form.



“It is worthy of note,” the application pointed out, “that Maggie has undergone three separate surgeries during her high school years that left her wheelchair bound for two months and attending physical therapy on a weekly basis.

Leo Maggie also spearheaded or has been an active participant in a project to help raise funds for and awareness of pediatric cancer, assembled and distributed medical alert kits for senior citizens, collected “Wish List” items for the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp and coins that led to a \$1,000 donation by Avon Grove Charter School students to Canine Partners For Life, 679 non-perishable food items for The Bridge in West Grove and more than 700 books for the Avon Grove Lions Club Book Barn.

She was also deeply immersed in the design and sale of t-shirts that resulted in the donation of \$900 to Family Promise of West Grove, the collection of plastic products that will be recycled and result in the donation of a park bench by TREX, helped coordinate a Lip Sync Contest to

benefit local organizations and assisted with a Special Olympics swim meet at the Jennerville YMCA.

And, as if that weren’t enough, Leo Maggie coordinates the club’s Instagram and social media efforts and helped organize a students’ Random Acts of Kindness initiative to brighten the days of Avon Grove Charter School faculty, staff and students.

While compiling her impressive record of service, Leo Maggie earned induction into the National Honor Society and a Presidential Scholarship to attend Johnson & Wales University in the fall of 2020.

Leo Maggie is the daughter of Dwayne and Tara Degler, who through their involvement with her projects were led to become members of the Avon Grove Lions Club.

Leo Maggie has also guided her principal, a second Charter School teacher and a neighbor of the family into Lionism.

“It has been a great pleasure to watch Maggie grow into her leadership persona,” said her father, an AGCS middle-school teacher and the Leo club’s advisor who is currently serving as Avon Grove’s King Lion. “I believe her involvement with the Leo







The banquet will also honor members of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Council of Governors, who due to the COVID-19 pandemic and cancellation of the 2020 state convention were not recognized at the year-end event as had been the case in the past. Members of the 2019-2020 Council will be inducted into the Pennsylvania Counsellors organization as part of that evening's festivities.

The state Leo of the Year award winner is selected each year by members of the PA State Council of Lions Clubs' Council of Governors from a pool of candidates comprised of first-place finishers in sub-district competitions.

Leos considered for the prestigious award sponsored by Lions Clubs International must demonstrate outstanding leadership skills, achieve a superior record as a Leo in implementing successful service projects and make an identifiable contribution to the development and growth of the Leo Club Program.

Leo of the Year award winners are also expected to achieve distinction in community or school activities outside of Leo club commitments and demonstrate high ethical standards and personal integrity.

## MD-14'S TOP LEOS

Year	Leo of the Year, Club
2019-2020	Maggie Degler, Avon Grove Charter School
2018-2019	Summer Martinez, Penbrook
2017-2018	Rachel Pier, Fort LeBoeuf
2016-2017	Laura Do, Whitehall
2015-2016	Kaylie Shojale, Penn Trafford
2014-2015	Brad Pier, Fort LeBoeuf
2013-2014	Delanie E. Baker, Beaver Area H.S.
2012-2013	Leah Seader, Bethlehem-Center H.S.
2011-2012	Breanna Lincoski, California H.S.
2010-2011	Emily Elizabeth Vasko, Bentleyville
2009-2010	Matt Metzger, Monessen
2008-2009	Jennifer Marie Tharp, Charleroi
2007-2008	Dominic Sicchitano, Bentleyville
2006-2007	Jule' M. Cooke, Tamaqua Area
2005-2006	Stefan P. Sabo, Charleroi
2004-2005	David Carroll, Unknown
2003-2004	Jaclynne Debra Madden, Unknown
2002-2003	Jessica Brown, Faust
2001-2002	Kelly Allen, Abington
2000-2001	Chelsea Pajak, Unknown
1999-2000	Kimberly Kilgus, South Williamsport H.S.
1998-1999	David Morse, North Pocono
1997-1998	Amanda Doman, Bentleyville
1996-1997	Traci Swanger, G-A Blues

Source: Lions Clubs International

Club Program has opened her heart and mind to the many rewarding ways her talents and skills can be put to use to help others."

As we said at the start of this feature, Leo Maggie has definitely "deg" right in when it comes to community service projects. That is what earned her the distinction of being the 24th winner of the MD-14 "Leo of the Year" award.

Leo Maggie will receive a Multiple District Leos Founders Recognition Award and a \$250 check. She will be honored, along with her parents and guests, during an Honors Banquet July 31 that will be held in conjunction with the first 2020-2021 State Council meeting at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey.



**DISTRICT 14-A**

**Emily Myers**

*Upper Perkiomen HS Leo Club*



**DISTRICT 14-C**

**Abigail Cogliano**

*Apple City Leo Club*



**DISTRICT 14-E**

**Ashlynn Scherer**

*Mt. Pleasant Viking Pride Leo Club*

**2019-2020  
MD-14  
Leo of  
the Year  
District  
Winners**



**DISTRICT 14-F**

**April Barringer**

*Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club*



**DISTRICT 14-H**

**Abigail Robson**

*Old Forge Leo Club*



**DISTRICT 14-M**

**Payton Wright**

*Jefferson Morgan HS Leo Club*



**DISTRICT 14-N**

**Jessa Kinter**

*Armstrong River Hawks Leo Club*



**DISTRICT 14-W**

**Sofia Costagliola**

*Pittston Area Leo Club*



## Noor Khraisat chronicles her “Journey to Peace”



**Noor Khraisat, a 13-year-old, eighth-grade student at Jefferson Middle School in Pittsburgh, was selected for the second consecutive year as the Multiple District 14 Peace Essay Contest winner.**

**As the 2019-2020 state winner, Noor received a commemorative plaque and a check for \$250. She also became eligible for a Merit Award from Lions Clubs International.**

**LCI’s Peace Essay Contest, which is in its 10th year of existence, is open to students with vision impairments who are between the ages of 11 and 13 on November 15.**

**Prior to being named the state winner, Noor earned first place in District 14-B’s competition. Her entry was sponsored by the Mount Lebanon Lions Club.**

*The following is the complete text of Noor Khraisat’s first-place entry in the MD-14 Peace Essay Contest:*

People define the term “Making Peace” to mean making peace with someone one might not have been on good terms with or making peace with the fact that our world is moving toward an entirely digitized lifestyle. However, for me, a thirteen year old girl with a visual impairment, the most important form of making peace is making peace with myself.

I have struggled to overcome many obstacles on my journey to peace. One of my worst internal obstacles that held me back for so long is my urge to prove people wrong. There are times when this was handy like when people doubted my ability to be in honors and I did get in. However, this has also held me back so many times. For example, our family and friends were at a place with a lot of ropes and climbing walls available to climb, and my mother kept saying, “Let’s do something else.” I, however, refused to listen and tried it anyway. To my humiliation, I kept getting trapped in the ropes. Thankfully, my father was right there when I almost fell. Over time, I had to accept there are some limitations on the physical part of life, but the sky’s the limit for my thoughts to soar high. Another obstacle I have continued to struggle with is trying to keep my worst critics’ words away. There is a difference

between wanting the best for someone, giving them advice, and just being mean. Through my journey to peace, this has become easier. For example, I have always trusted my parents because they would celebrate me when I succeed at something, and they are not afraid to set me straight when I mess up. On the other hand, I have found that some of the people I have called “friends” would set me up for failure and take pleasure when I would mess up. Although I learned how to block the negative noise from others, I still struggle to block out my own thoughts that scream at me. “DO BETTER!” The negative thoughts have led me to pushing myself over the limits so many times. Once, when I was six years old, a little boy was walking with his mother, and he turned around and screamed something that sounded like “She looks scary. Why are her eyes like that, Mom?” this particular instance is ingrained in my mind because I tortured myself with the thought that the way my eyes appeared was all my fault. I blamed myself for an “abnormality” that society would not accept. I still struggle with these thoughts today, but luckily, I have the most wonderful support system around me.

The most beautiful part about my journey to peace is that it never ends. There is so much to learn and develop about myself. I am always trying to better myself and the world around me.

# 2019-2020 *Lionesses of the Year*



## **DISTRICT 14-A** **Helen Cyzio**

*Roxborough Manayunk Lioness Club*

Lioness Helen joined the Roxborough Manayunk Lioness Club in 1983, has recorded 11 years of perfect attendance, created the club newsletter 20 years ago and has served as editor for each of the last nine years.

“She has been extremely generous in the donation of wisdom, time and monetarily,” club secretary Leslie Wright said in nominating Lioness Helen for the Lioness of the Year honor. She has always been a pleasure to work with and is famous for her cheese pies and pound cakes, which are the best sellers at our club auctions.”



## **DISTRICT 14-C** **Mindy Smith**

*New Freedom Lioness Club*

Lioness Mindy joined the New Freedom Lioness Club in 2005 and has maintained 14 consecutive years of perfect attendance. Currently the club president, Lioness Mindy has served in either that capacity or as treasurer for 12 years. She has coordinated the club's yard sale project for the last 15 years and directed the Christmas Bazaar for nine years.

## **DISTRICT 14-N** **Patty Williams**

*Little Beaver Lioness Club*

Lioness Patty joined the Little Beaver Lioness Club in 2013 and has recorded five years of perfect attendance. Currently the club's Tail Twister, Lioness Patty “promotes fun and goodwill for the club,” club secretary Anita Hartung said. “She is very creative in decorating for meetings and events and keeps everyone upbeat. She also promotes our club online and with signs.”

## **DISTRICT 14-D** **Letty Clark**

*Blue Ball Area Lioness Club*

Lioness Letty joined the Blue Ball Area Lioness Club as a charter member in 1982 and is one of three original members still active in the club. Lioness Letty served as the club's secretary in her first two years as a member, as club president in 1985 and has maintained a remarkable 38 years of perfect attendance.

“Letty is a Lioness we all look up to for wisdom and ideas,” club secretary Sandra Youndt said. “She has been a gem of a Lioness and still is. We all enjoy her kindness and wealth of information. Letty can make any situation work out in the end, even though it might be challenging.”

## **DISTRICT 14-G** **Gail D. Lucas**

*Pleasant Gap Area Lioness Club*

Lioness Gail joined the Pleasant Gap Area Lioness Club in 1990 and has maintained an impressive 29 years of perfect attendance. She has served as the club's secretary since 1991 and also led the club's Relay for Life team and helped organize the spring and fall crafts shows projects for many years.



# 2019-2020 *Lionesses of the Year*



## DISTRICT 14-E

### **Tina Morrison**

*East Huntingdon Lioness Club*

Lioness Tina joined the East Huntingdon Lioness Club in 1990 and has recorded 10 years of perfect attendance. She served as the club's secretary in the 1995-1996 Lioness year, as president in 2001-2002 and is a current member of the board of directors.

"Tina is a dedicated Lioness. She has taken the lead and served on numerous committees and projects," club secretary Janet Reid said. "Lioness Tina is always present in the work of the club and promotes goodwill and harmony."

## DISTRICT 14-F

### **Bobbette Horneman**

*Waterford Lioness Club*

Lioness Bobbette joined the Waterford Lioness Club in June 2011 and recorded five years of perfect attendance. She was serving a second term as the club's president at the time it made the conversion to the Waterford Lioness Lions Club in April 2020 and completed the Lions year as a King Lion..

"Lioness Bobbette is involved in all our club projects and always seems to go above and beyond for members of our club," club secretary Donna Fortin said. "She is a very caring person and is a true example of the Lions' and Lioness' motto of 'We Serve.'"



## DISTRICT 14-T

### **Elaine McCurdy**

*Buchanan Lioness Club of Mercersburg*

Lioness Elaine joined the Buchanan Lioness Club of Mercersburg in June 2005 and has recorded 12 years of perfect attendance. She has served on the club's board of directors for several years and is currently serving as a director. Lioness Elaine also serves as the club's program chairperson and is an active and valued participant in fundraisers and service projects, in particular the Adopt A Highway Litter Pickup Project.



## DISTRICT 14-J

### **Val Mattiuz**

*Fox Township Lioness Club*

Lioness Val joined the Fox Township Lioness Club in 2011 and has maintained nine consecutive years of perfect attendance. She has served as the club's treasurer for four years and is a regular participant in the club's fundraising events.



# **From International President Choi**

## **"Finding Our Way"**



### **President's Message**

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Sometimes, it's hard to find our way.

In the dawn of 2020, our world has been thrust into a great trial. The past few months have seen countries – including my own – tested to their limits. Many people are facing new realities that challenge their ability to make ends meet and provide enough food and essentials to keep their families safe. And many first responders – doctors, nurses, police officers, grocery store clerks, among the many others – are putting themselves on the line every day to save lives.

It is a dark time. It is easy to give in to fear. But we cannot. This is the time to act.

What that action looks like in the face of lockdowns, quarantines, and social distancing may look very different from service as we've known it. We have to put health and safety first. But now is not the time to shrink away from the new and different. Now is the time to tap into the innovation that Lions are known for so we can find new ways to help.

There is so much uncertainty in the world right now. In these extraordinary times, let's rededicate ourselves to service. Let's become the lights that guide our world through this period of darkness.

In my dark moments – and there have been some for me, too, these past months – I like to imagine every Lion as a candle in a window. I see Lions serving meals to low-income children because schools are closed, making sure they don't miss a meal. I see Lions delivering groceries to elderly neighbors who are most vulnerable to the virus. I see clubs hosting meetings online so they can stay connected and continue to find ways to give back. Every day, I see Lions putting their kindness in action.

And I am lifted.

Now imagine how bright the world would be with all our candles flickering together, shining brightly, helping the world to find its way.

Be the light, Lions. Show the way.

Sincerely,

*Jung-Yul Choi*

International President, Lions Clubs International



*We Serve.*

(Copied from IP Choi's message in the current issue of the Lions magazine.)



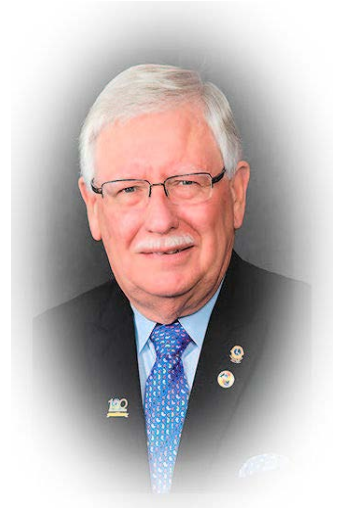
## International Director Larry Edwards

### "A New Era for Lions Around the World"

Greetings Lions, Lioness and Leos,

In my last article I mentioned about Spring being in the air. It is, but none of the other things that I spoke of has happened. We have missed the International Convention in Singapore, the Multiple District State Convention in Erie and all the associated programs that go with them. Districts have missed their District Conventions and many clubs have missed their Spring fundraisers and some of their meetings.

The word of the century is **CORONAVIRUS or COVID-19**. In February, the United States may have heard of this as it was beginning to move in China. We did not at that time think much about it encompassing the entire US and causing all of us to look at how we are living and how we can project ourselves. What a change. We are now looking at a new way to communicate, shop, meet our friends and yes, Serve Others as Lions.



In April, the International Board canceled our meeting from Poland to a scaled back meeting in Chicago, canceled that and ended up meeting via a video meeting running over seven days. The sessions were remarkably effective, and we were able to do the business of Lions. In May the Council of Governors held their State Council meeting using a Zoom meeting. Again, the business of the Multiple was accomplished. The biggest missing component was the ability to personally meet and greet as Lions always do.

My point for sharing all of this is to ask each club, each district, and each Lions team, are you meeting? There are so many options available today that are free for us to use. Please don't let this virus get the best of the greatest non-profit organization in the world. We need to rise up and serve. There are so many examples of Lions helping others during these difficult times. Don't risk your safety, but mask, social distance, put on gloves and go out to help. You will be amazed at the numbers of individuals in your community who are in desperate need of your help. After you do, please report it, and get your project out to the public to let them know what Lions in your community are doing.

After you have helped, do not be short-sighted with the other part of your service. Did you team up with a group to assist? Go back and ask them if your help was valuable and would they consider joining your club as a Lion.

So much we can do while we are waiting out the opportunity for our areas to open again. Please help us as fellow Lions to do our part in Service.

I truly hope that everyone is safe and has been able to avoid this terrible virus. By the next Pride edition, I am looking forward to being more back to business as normal, if there is such a thing. Thank you for all that you do as Lions and keep up the spirit and great Service work.

In Lions Service,

*TD Larry*

## Global Action Team Area 1D Leader PID Cindy Gregg

### "Lions Service Needed Now More Than Ever"



Dear Lions and Leos,

Who could have anticipated that this decade would wreak such havoc! Not only have we been faced with the coronavirus pandemic, but 30 million Americans have sought unemployment benefits since the onset of this pandemic. Today, we are hearing about potential food shortages and a possible recession. Lions' service is needed NOW more than ever.

Of course, many of you are shaking your heads and asking, "How can we keep or attract new members during these challenging times?" Yes, it is challenge. However, I believe that we are up to the task.

I have been impressed and proud of the diversity in which you have been serving your communities, and the public is noticing. The Beallsville Centerville Richeyville Lions in 14-M were the first to be noted by the local television station for sending food to the hospital, ambulance service and dialysis center. During this past weekend, the Monroeville Lions (14-B) were recognized on KDKA for their Farmers Market. Likewise, the West Newton Lions Building (14-E) was filmed as King Lion Mary Popovich and her church members prepared meals for the unemployed. The Rostraver Township and Monessen Lions Clubs were pictured on the front page of the local newspaper for their efforts in feeding the unemployed and for providing donations for meals, no-touch thermometers and assistance in paying utility bills. Lion Anita Palmer Gordon of the Christiana Lions Club (14-D) made and delivered more than 400 masks. Lions brooms were shown on KDKA during a recent segment about businesses preparing to reopen. Furthermore, the Lions clubs of Beaver County (14-N) paid for a full page ad to highlight their service, while 14-G purchased billboard space to bring attention to clubs in the Williamsport area. Of course, this is just a small sampling of clubs from MD-14 that have been working hard throughout this difficult period.

Why did I mention this? Because Lions' service is finally being recognized in our communities by media that ordinarily would not have considered acknowledging any of our work, and the public is supporting our efforts.

As you have probably heard, due to the outbreak of Covid-19 and the unexpected death of First International Vice President Haynes Townsend, LCI's Executive Officers agreed to serve one more year in their respective offices. Consequently, President Choi will continue to lead our Association for the 2020-2021 Lions' year and has selected "United in Kindness and Diversity" as his new theme, linking his and VP Haynes' themes together. No one can argue that our communities and the world need kindness now, more than ever, but we must be proud to tell our story and invite community members who are donating or assisting us during these difficult times to offer suggestions and to become members.

We need ALL members to be involved with our projects, to feel that their ideas and assistance are needed and appreciated, and to work together to accomplish the district's goals. Move past the petty squabbles and realize that we can accomplish more by working together. Because we control our attitudes, we must strive to be our BEST and choose to

**B**egin  
**E**ach day by  
**S**electing to make it  
**T**remendous!

As always, thank you for your continuing service. Best wishes for much success.

In Friendship and Service,

PID *Cindy Gregg*, Area GAT (MDs 14, 24 and 29)





## Council Chair William H. Morgan

### "Thank you; keep up the good work!"



Thank you, Lions. It's Summer 2020 and Lions Year 2019-2020 is ending. The last four months have been tough on our Lions clubs with the COVID-19 pandemic and cancelling of club meetings, club fundraisers and projects, district conventions and the Multiple District Convention in Erie. As I talk to many Lions and non-Lions friends,

they ask me how I am managing; it's been tough, from March through June I had Lions activities 13 of the 17 weeks, all but one was cancelled. Major change in my life, but I have managed to adjust with some visits to my cabin and visits with family, social distancing in place. I hope all Lions have remained safe during these trying times.

As I watch Facebook pages and review reports on MyLCI, I see Lions have remained busy during the pandemic providing services to their communities; food drives, food distributions, chicken bar-b-ques, donations to causes and many more activities. I'm very glad Pennsylvania Lions have found a way to remain engaged in their communities.

As Pennsylvania goes GREEN, I hope more clubs step up and engage their communities with projects and fundraisers. Now is the time that clubs' summer projects are planned and final decisions are being made. Engage your new Lions in these projects, make them the chairperson so they get a sense of belonging and responsibility to the club. Please ensure all your service projects are input to MyLion or MyLCI by your Club Secretary or Club Global Service Coordinator. Reporting your service is critical to Lions Clubs International in getting matching funds from other foundations that support what we do.

As Lions Year 2019-2020 comes to a close, we are down nearly 300 members and eight clubs. As we move into Lions year 2020-2021 and clubs start meeting again, please reach out and work on getting new members. For the first time in over 50 years, Pennsylvania will drop below 18,000 members,

a far cry from our highest membership level of nearly 40,000 Lions. With membership down, the pressure to increase dues and other fees is there. With more members, not only can we do more for our communities, but we would have a larger base to support the administrative costs of running this Multiple District. Now is not the time to take our foot off the membership pedal, but to keep moving forward and continue to seek out new members. Don't invite them to a meeting but to a service project, the club needs to embrace that visitor, talk to them about the club, its services, and the good it does for the community. Then invite the visitor to a meeting and offer membership. My continued challenge, each club ends the 2020-2021 Lions year with a plus two.

Lastly, I hope clubs and districts get their donations to our many Pennsylvania Projects: Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp, Pennsylvania Lions Care for the Kids, Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation, Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation, Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation, and Leader Dogs for the Blind. Additionally, don't forget our Regional Foundations, Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation and the Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation. And finally, Lions Clubs International Foundation. All these Projects and Foundations do great work and need your continued monetary support.

Thank you for having faith in me to serve as your Council Chairperson. It has been a fun and challenging two years. Thank you for the support during my unexpected illness that overshadowed the majority of last year and the challenges of running the Multiple District during a pandemic. Although I did not visit many districts this spring due to the pandemic, I hope to visit you in the years to come as I continue my journey in Lions.

Thank you for being a Lion and for all the support you provide to your community and those in need around the world.

Until next time, WE SERVE.

*CC Bill Morgan*

## Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Deb Burkholder

### "Leading the Way in Multiple District 14"

This past quarter of the Lion's year has been very exciting and energizing in Multiple District 14. The Global Leadership Team has been busy promoting Leadership throughout our state with the help of all the members of the Global Action Team.



Our Leadership Symposiums were well attended. The session on Saturday, February 22, 2020 was again held at the State office in Harrisburg with approximately 40 Lions in attendance and the Sunday, February 23, 2020 session at a new location, The Cambria County Association for the Blind in Johnstown had approximately 30 Lions in attendance. Many thanks to District 14-J for providing and hosting this new location. Courses included Community Needs Assessment, The North American Membership Initiative (NAMI), Fundraising and Service Differences, Extra-Ordinary Efforts and How to Recruit New Lions. There was something of value for every Lion in attendance and it was nice to see Lions from all walks of Lionism participating in the event.

The weekend of March 13-15, 2020 our Regional Lions Leadership Institute was held at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg. We were very fortunate to complete this event before the state of Pennsylvania was locked down due to the corona virus outbreak. Thirty-three Lions from all over Pennsylvania participated in the Institute and we had a great weekend of team building and leadership training. We had Lions ranging from their 20's to their 70's participating and working together to improve as Lions and hopefully continue their journey in Lionism. They are our future leaders and if this class is any indication, we are in very good hands. Please start to look now for next year's Institute attendees so we can have even more participation, hopefully from every District in Pennsylvania!

The Global Leadership Team in conjunction with the Global Action Team is striving to make Multiple District 14 strong and vibrant by providing a program of Leadership that will be second to none. We are continually working to give every Lion in Pennsylvania the chance to be the best that they can be when serving their local communities. The pandemic has created a new normal for us and we are learning and adapting so that we are able to continue to lead and serve. The need has not stopped, we must find innovative ways to meet this need during this ever-changing time in our world.

Please join the members of the Global Action Team in embracing this new normal. Our motto "WE SERVE" has not changed and we must continue to embrace it as passionately as we have always done.

Yours in Service,

*PDG Deb Burkholder*





## Lions Clubs International Foundation

### "We Serve During Difficult Times"

During these very difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic, many Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs are truly exemplifying the Lions motto "We Serve." Despite clubs not being able to meet in person, many are using technology and being creative to discuss business in relation to serving their community, especially with "Campaign 100," as clubs are continuing to donate to LCIF to help in LCIF's response to COVID-19.



To date, three Districts in Pennsylvania, 14-G, 14-H and 14-W, have been accepted for \$10,000 Emergency Grants to provide first responders with Personal Protection Equipment in their communities. Congratulations to these Districts on moving forward with these grants.

LCIF to date has given out \$3,528,655 in almost 200 grants throughout the world to help Lions Clubs serve their communities in fighting COVID-19. Constitutional area 1, the United States, has received 26 grants totaling \$428,462.

Three Lions clubs to date have committed to being Model Clubs by donating at least \$500 per member toward Campaign 100 by June 30, 2022. They are Arendtsville in 14-C, Shade in 14-M and Rostraver Township in 14-E. Congratulations to these Lions Clubs on this commitment. (FYI: Family units count only as one member in calculating what a Lions Club needs to donate to become a Model Club.)

LCIF has raised \$155 million worldwide toward their goal of \$300 million.

Seven of our Districts in Pennsylvania have already surpassed what they raised last fiscal Lions year. Overall, in Multiple District 14 we are still slightly ahead of last year's donations.

Also, LCIF is now partnering with Kiwanis International, Optimist International and Rotary International to use their combined resources to help those affected by COVID-19 and with those serving on the front lines. The combined membership of the four service organizations is 3.2 million members.

PDG Kerry and I deeply appreciate all your support for Campaign 100 despite challenges, as we are still moving forward to meeting our goal!

Respectfully submitted,

*PDG Ewan Punchard and PDG Kerry McKnight*

MD-14 LCIF Coordinators



## "GOOD THINGS HAPPEN"



One of the things we encourage our year-round staff to do at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp is to become certified to operate the climbing tower and zip line. This provides our seasonal staffers, who

have less experience, with support they can call on until they become comfortable in their roles as operators. It also means our Camp Coordinator has more flexibility in planning activities, knowing he can rely on more than only the counseling staff if counselors are needed for other activities during the same time. That is how I ended up at the top of the zip line, loading campers and sending them to the bottom.

We had very good participation that day, with lots of Children's Village campers eagerly waiting in line to experience the ride on our 700 feet long, 65 feet high zip line. Many rode two or three times. Throughout the activity I kept seeing one little girl in particular who had Down syndrome. She hadn't left the benches where the Children's Village Unit Director was helping the kids get into their harnesses and helmets. I saw her shake her head vigorously "no" when she was offered a harness. Toward the end of the activity period she came down, carefully, to the fence to watch others take the ride. When she noticed me looking at her, she ran back to the benches and sat looking the other way. The CV Unit Director was seeing this as well, and kept offering the little girl a harness, which she eventually accepted. She made her way to the platform three times, each time running back to the benches and starting to take the harness off. Through encouragement, the Unit Director would help this little girl get her courage back up, and she would try again. The fourth time she came down, she got as far as putting one foot on the platform when she started to cry. She yelled at me, "I don't want to do this!" I told her she didn't have to. She stood there with tears streaming down her face, looking at the cable, the platform, the landing area so far away. She asked to see the trolley. She asked what the "clippy thing" was called. I started talking to her about wanting to do something, but being scared to try. Eventually, through her questions and my demonstrations of how the equipment works together to keep a rider safe, she was connected to the zip line, safety checks done, and the workers at the bottom were ready to assist at the end of the ride. I asked if she was sure she didn't want to ride. She looked at me nervously, beginning to cry again. I told her it was ok if she didn't want to ride, but she'd be happy with herself if she did, and that

everything was ready if she decided to ride. Through her tears, she smiled up at me and said, "You sound like my Dad." Then she turned and took a brave step off the platform to have the ride of her life. She decided to step out of her comfort zone into growth. From 700 feet away I could hear her yelling, "I did it!"

If your club has ever sent a camper sponsorship, you made this happen. If you have ever joined the 500 Club, you made this happen. If you have ever come to help at a work weekend, you made this happen. That important moment in that little girl's life would not have happened without you, a Pennsylvania Lion. This is only one of the stories from a place that has been doing this for 73 years; only one of the triumphs out of hundreds of campers at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp, and you make this happen.

Beacon Lodge is a state project of the Lions of Pennsylvania. By being a Pennsylvania Lion, you are making this possible for all our campers. You are giving them the opportunity to take a vacation, learn to make new friends, grow as individuals and get a sense of control over what they do. Next time you have the opportunity, please come visit the place where good things happen. What an incredible thing we, as Lions of Pennsylvania, have built.

*Lion Jonathan Carver*

Executive Director, Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp







Over the past several months, life as we know it was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses, schools, families, Lions clubs and Leader Dogs for the Blind had to develop new ways for daily life and operations to continue.

How did the pandemic affect Leader Dogs for the Blind operations?

Leader Dogs for the Blind Canine Development Center may house up to 400 dogs, from puppies to retired Leader Dogs, at any time. In addition to dog care, the canine center is also the home base of the veterinary, puppy development, breeding and maintenance departments and the Leader Dog gift shop.

In the month of March, Leader Dogs had about 150-160 dogs on campus, as of May they have about 70. The dogs were re-homed with staff and volunteers until everyone is permitted to come back to campus. Individuals raising Future Leader Dog puppies have had their dates rescheduled to return their puppies and they get to be with them a little longer. All the puppy raisers were extremely happy to extend their care with the puppies for a wee bit longer.

Leader Dogs has suspended breeding but a few of the puppy litters did come back to the school during the last week of April. Leader Dogs normally have 400 volunteers on campus, but, unfortunately, they are not able to be at the canine center at this time. The Leader Dog staff has taken on the responsibilities of caring for the dogs and puppies in the absence of their volunteers. This has made them come to appreciate their staff of volunteers even more.

The summer months have always been very active for Leader Dogs for the Blind with the Teen Summer Experience Camp and Lions Clubs 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor's visits. The pandemic is not going to stop Leader Dogs from continuing with these traditions. Leader Dogs for the Blind jumped on the band wagon of virtual meetings. This year both groups will get to experience Leader Dogs for the Blind in a whole new way.

The Virtual Summer Experience Camp is being held June 21<sup>st</sup>- June 26<sup>th</sup> for teens 14-17 years old in the U.S. and Canada. The teens this year can expect an exciting line-up using the Zoom platform for all virtual activities. Just like the traditional camp, teens will be exploring mobility options like guide dog travel, building leadership skills and relationships with peers. Participants will receive a Virtual Summer Experience Camp t-shirt and prizes including a Humanware Victor Reader Trek.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors and District Leader Dogs Chairpersons are going to experience Leader Dogs for the Blind in the same virtual format as the teen experience camp. The virtual tour will take place in August.

Also like many Lions clubs, our normal fundraising efforts have been placed on the back burner, but Leader Dogs for the Blind have found new and inventive ways to continue Lions support. Leader Dogs for the Blind just wrapped up another successful virtual 5k fundraiser.

The COVID-19 pandemic has not slowed down the continuing success of Leader Dogs for the Blind. If you are interested in a Zoom meeting for your clubs please contact Lion Beth Slade, Leader Dogs for the Blind Lions Engagement Coordinator and me to schedule a meeting.

Remember in the heart of every Leader Dog lies the heart of a Lion.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lion Amanda K. Remic*

MD 14 Leader Dog Coordinator



Beth Slade with a freshly-bathed LD puppy

## From Paws to Refresh

### by State Administrator Lion Bob McComas

#### 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.



In February the 2019-2020 Council of Governors approved the designs for the 2020-2021 state pins. The approved design for the **Regular pin** is shown on the left.

The approved design for the 2020-2021 **Prestige pin** is shown on the right.

These pins will be on sale in the fall at the same prices as the state pins were for the 2019-2020 pins.





# From Paws to Refresh

## by State Administrator Lion Bob McComas

### Per capita dues

#### Lions Clubs International:

**New Members** pay a charter fee of \$35 or must submit the proper certification form waiver. International dues total \$43 annually and will be billed on a semi-annual basis. International dues for newly chartered clubs will be prorated for the months remaining in the semi-annual period ending either June 30 or December 31.

**Family Members:** The first family member (head of household) pays full international dues (\$43), and up to four additional family members pay only half the international dues (\$21.50). All family members pay the one-time charter fee of \$35. The Family Membership Program is open to family members who are (1) eligible for Lions membership, (2) currently in or joining the same club, and (3) living in the same household and related by birth, marriage or other legal relationship. Common household family members include parents, children, spouses, aunts and uncles, cousins, grandparents, in-laws and legal dependents.

**Students** between the age of majority and through age 30 pay no charter fee and half international dues. Students over age 30 and joining a Campus Lions club pay a \$10 charter fee and full international dues. New campus clubs, and clubs with a majority of students, must prepay one year international dues at the student member rate.

**Graduating Leos:** All graduating Leos receive a charter fee waiver. Graduating Leos, through the age of 30 who have been a Leo for at least a year and a day, pay half international dues.

**Young adults**, through the age of 30, receive a charter fee waiver and pay half international dues when joining a Leo Lions club.

**Transfer members** pay a US\$20 charter fee and must have left their former club in good standing and transfer to the new club within 12 months.

As of June 30, 2018, LCI will not issue international dues credits for membership drops after the release of the semi-annual billings on July 1 and January 1.

**State per capita dues** are collected to provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of the Multiple District and each sub-District and a Multiple District Convention Fund, annual per capita dues of \$16.00 per member per year are collected. These dues are collected in two semi-annual payments based upon a club's membership total as shown by LCI as of July 1 and January 1 of each fiscal year.

As is the case with LCI for international dues, state per capita dues are not pro-rated for members added or dropped from club membership rolls after July 1 and before December 30 and/or after January 1 and before June 30.

State per capita dues collected are used, distributed and credited as follows (/member/year):

- **State Convention Administrative Fund:** \$0.45
- **International Convention Fund:** \$0.85
- **Promotional Fund:** \$0.35
- **District Governors' International Convention Fund:** \$0.35
- **Sub-District Administrative Fund:** \$2.50
- **Public Relations/Communications Fund:** \$1.50
- **All State Band:** \$1.50

# 2019-2020 State Council Meeting #4 Action Item Summary

*The 2019-2020 PA State Council of Lions Clubs' Council of Governors took the following action during its fourth meeting, which was held via a videoconference Saturday, May 16, 2020:*

- Approved the minutes of the Third 2019-2020 Council Meeting, April 6 Council of Governors conference call and April 13 District Governors-Elect conference call meetings;
- Approved funding for an Honors Banquet to be held Friday, July 31 as part of the first 2020-2021 State Council Meeting at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey;
- Approved the convening of a Special Election Saturday, November 7 as part of the second 2020-2021 State Council Meeting at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh - Meadow Lands to consider two amendments to the MD-14 Constitution & By Laws/Policy Manual;
- Approved a revision to Policy #201 C
- Authorized the Constitution & By Laws/Policy Committee to complete an overall restructuring of the C&BL/Policy Manual by categories;
- Approved an increase for the Legal & Accounting line item of the 2019-2020 budget to cover unanticipated expenses incurred during the transition from Sage bookkeeping software to QuickBooks software;
- Approved the 2020-2021 Budget as presented by the Finance Committee;
- Approved recommendations made by the State Office Employees Task Force that included but were not limited to the creation of a State Office Operations Oversight Committee and Employee Handbook and revisions to three state policies (103, 107 and 404, General 2 c);
- Approved the following committee appointments:
  - 1) **Building Maintenance & Property** – PDG Wayne Bickel (14-A), PDG Ron Kodgis (14-J) and Lion Doug Nace (14-C)
  - 2) **Constitution & By Laws/Policy** – PCC Terri Kodgis (14-J/chair), PDG Dennis Cope (14-C / Central Region), PCC Mark Kusma (14-H / Eastern Region) and PDG Lance Remic (14-E / Western Region)
  - 3) **International Convention** – PDG Alvin Hayes (14-C)
  - 4) **KidSight USA Coordinator** – Lion/Lioness Deb McKnight (14-C)
  - 5) **Leader Dogs of the Blind Coordinator** – Lion Amanda Remic (14-E)
  - 6) **PA Sight Conservation & Eye Research Board of Directors** – PDG Ron Peters (14-D)
  - 7) **PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp Board of Directors** – Lion Lori Eshelman (14-D)
  - 8) **PRIDE Editor** – Lion Betty Lou Ivell (14-N)
  - 9) **Website Coordinator** – PDG John Mallonee (14-T)
  - 10) **2022-2023 State Council Meeting #3 Chair** – PDG Deb Burkholder (14-D)



*– Compiled by Lion Bob McComas, MD-14 State Administrator*

## UPCOMING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

*The following MD-14 state committee appointments will be included on the agenda for the first 2020-2021 Council of Governors Meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2020 at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey.*

*Candidates interested in serving in one of those roles should contact their District Governor and submit a Lions resume and Letter of Intent to the State Office by July 15, 2020.*

**Finance Committee** (Policy #203): Eastern Region representative from District 14-H. Four-year appointment running through June 30, 2024; successful candidate will serve as committee chair during 2023-2024 Lions year.

**Investment Committee** (Policy #205): Three members to be appointed for a one-year term running through June 30, 2021. Incumbents PDG Terry “Lefty” Pistentis (14-E) and Lions James Lyons (14-T) and Stephen Mrozek (14-N) are eligible for re-appointment.

**PA Lions All State Band Committee** (Policy #211): Central Region representative. Three-year appointment running through June 30, 2023. Incumbent Lion Dr. Russell McCutcheon is eligible for re-appointment and has submitted the necessary paperwork to be considered for this appointment.

*The following state committee chair positions are currently vacant. Lions interested in serving in these roles should also contact their District Governor and submit a Lions resume and Letter of Intent to the State Office no later than July 15, 2020.*

**Protocol Chairperson** (Policy #112): One-year appointment running through June 30, 2021.

**Diabetes Program Coordinator** (Policy #307): Three-year appointment running through June 30, 2023.

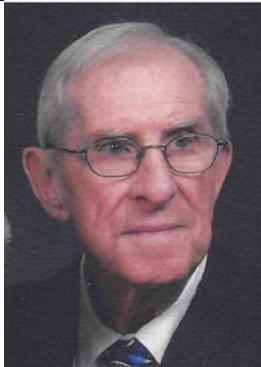
**Youth Camp & Exchange Coordinator** (Policy #309): Three-year appointment running through June 30, 2023.

**2022-2023 State Council Meeting #2 Host Committee Chair** (Policy #202).

A template for the needed Letter of Intent and job descriptions for all MD-14 state committees can be found on the PA Lions website, [www.palions.org](http://www.palions.org).



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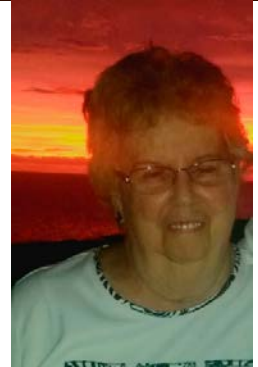
**Arthur Girio**  
October 7, 1924 -  
April 2, 2020  
PDG 1989-1990  
Williamsport, 14-G



**Stephen J. Pityk**  
November 1, 1935 -  
June 3, 2020  
PDG 1983-1984  
Allegheny Township, 14-E



**Pauline S. High**  
Partner in Service of  
PDG Dale L. High  
November 23, 1941  
June 5, 2020  
Lioness/Lion  
Intercourse, 14-D



**Harriett M. Elsner**  
Partner in Service of  
PDG Robert Elsner  
August 9, 1933  
June 9, 2020  
Dublin/Chalfont, 14-A



**Richard S. Stump**  
December 10, 1934 -  
June 16, 2020  
PDG 2000-2001  
Central Berks, 14-P



**Edward "Tony" Dudley**  
July 24, 1936 -  
June 20, 2020  
PDG 1995-1996  
West Penn Township - 14-U



**David L. Smith**  
March 8, 1940 -  
June 20, 2020  
PDG 2005-2006  
Paoli Berwyn/Malvern - 14-P



**Eynon Archbald Lions, 14-H**, held their 9th annual Snowflake Gala on January 25; they raised \$25,000 for Leader Dogs for the Blind. They want to thank all who attended, helped and donated.

***Pictured (front row) left to right: Lions Juliet Taito, Fran Stepkovitch, Karen Rapoch, Louis Rapoch, Joanne Phillips, Sally Spudis, Peggy Kubash, Andrea***



***Spataro. Row 2: Lions Sharon Grager, Will Ross, Paula Turpak, Kathy Pezak, Linda Phillips-Kline, Kristin Travis, PDG Pam Savitski, Lions Gloria Dulski, Karen Spataro, Barbara Kowalski, Susan Edwards. Row 3: DG Bill Grager, CC William Morgan, Lions Ed Stepkovitch, Mark Maslar, Jack Kubash, Yilma Flores, Mike Spataro, Mark Kline, ID Larry Edwards and Lion Joe Pezak.***

Contributed by **DG Fran Stepkovitch**



**Lion Cub Kamryn Karrer**, left, daughter of District Governor Jessica Karrer, started the Lions year collecting "Pennies for Puppies" for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Her goal was to raise \$500 to sponsor a puppy for **District 14-U**. When the final figures were tallied, Kamryn had raised \$2,031.51 for Leader Dogs for the Blind! Congratulations, Kamryn.

Contributed by **DG Jessica Karrer, 14-U**



**Ford City Lions, 14-N**, recently donated \$250 to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

***Pictured are Lions Anthony Palermo and Tom Bernot, PDG Linda Gibala, Lions Adam and Mary Ann Fleeger with Leader Dog Isaac.***

Contributed by **Lion Brad Baillie**





The **Avon Grove and Kennett Square Lions, 14-P**, participated in a 100th birthday parade at Jenner's Pond in honor of PDG Donn Barber. **Leo Grace Degler** is shown left above as the lion. Pictured on the right are **Lion Brian Coe** of the Avon Grove Lions, **Ryn Coe** of the Oxford High School Leo Club as the lion, **Abby and Gretchen Coe**.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



**Avon Grove Lions, 14-P**, picked up donated Easter Candy from CVS in Jennersville and Landenburg and delivered it to the Avon Grove Charter School where it was available for community members to pick up for their children, brightening the holiday for some who might not have had much this year.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



**Lion Anita Gordon-Palmer**, pictured right, of the **Christiana Club, 14-D**, made more than 400 masks which she delivered to the Tel Hai Retirement Community in Honey Brook for caregivers and to the Harrison House in Christiana. She also made and delivered them to individuals in Christiana, Cochranville and other locations where they were needed for grocery shopping, appointments, etc. Lion Anita is a true Lion, always ready to step up and help others. She has also traveled to western Pennsylvania with the Lions Disaster Team to help in flood disaster relief.

Contributed by **Lion Ed Baylor** through **State Administrator Lion Bob McComas**



**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**

**District Governor Fran Stepkovitch** distributed bags obtained through a **\$10,000 LCIF COVID-19 grant** throughout **District 14-H** (Lackawanna, Wayne, Wyoming and Susquehanna Counties). These bags contained cleaning products, Clorox, alcohol, peroxide, alcohol wipes, scrub wipes, face shields, warming blankets, hand sanitizer, isolation suits, nitrile gloves, safety glasses, Tylenol, band-aids, Lions information and much more. Valley Care Pharmacy purchased the supplies and allowed drive-up distribution in their parking lot. Club members drove up, the bags were placed in their car trunks and then dropped off safely to first responders and nursing homes.

Contributed by **DG Fran Stepkovitch**





The **Harris Township Lions, 14-G**, posted a sign, donated anonymously, thanking the community health care professionals, first responders, retail workers and delivery personnel for their services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pictured are President **Peter Schempf**, treasurer **Jim Ceriani** and 3VP **Max Wendel**. Lion **Jerome Duck** took the photo.

Contributed by Lion **Doreen Diehl** and PDG **Cheryl Wilbur**



**Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions, 14-G**, prepared goulash, green beans, rolls and cookies and served 330 dinners in less than one hour at the local ice cream stand, Jones Kones, in Tioga. Potential member and volunteer **Joyce Wilston**, Lion **Roger Reiss** and 1VP **Michelle Bousquet** are pictured (left).

Contributed by PDG **Cheryl Wilbur**

**Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions** are shown getting ready to take food orders from those who drove up: Lion **Tina King**, potential member **Nate Jones**, 3VP **Roberta Jones**, chairperson **Bill Kriner**, **Abby Root**, previous Leo member, **Emily Root**, Lion **Andrea Stone** and potential member **Ryan Bates** of the Tioga Fire Company traffic control.

Contributed by PDG **Cheryl Wilbur**







The **Porter Tower Club, Tower City, 14-U**, provided for the hungry and first responders in May, giving out nearly 200-20 pound boxes of produce to fellow Lions, nursing homes and others. They also did two drive through handouts of nearly 800 gallons of milk and 135 gallons to another Lions club for distribution. They also handed out free lunches for a week. Working in collaboration with **Tri-Valley Lions**, they supplied masks and cleaning supplies. They continued, with the help of SKIP and The Valley Lighthouse of Lykens to weekly distribute free food.

***Pictured are Pennsylvania's Miss Agriculture, future Miss US Agriculture, Lion Lisa Cannon, Elite Mrs. US Agriculture; Lions Doug Koch, Dave Sennett and Steven Cannon.***

Contributed by **Lion Douglas Koch**



**District 14-W Lions** distributed \$10,000 to four major hospitals in Luzerne County: \$2,500 each to VA Hospital of Wilkes-Barre, General Hospital of Wilkes-Barre, Geisinger of Wyoming Valley and Lehigh Valley Hospital of Hazelton for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). These funds were the result of a grant from Lions Clubs International.

***Pictured are DG Willard Kresge; Lisa Urban, Representative Voluntary Services VA Hospital and Linda Zaneski, Associate Chief Nurse of Geriatrics for the VA Hospital and 2VDG of District 14-W.***

Contributed by **PDG Joan Milligan**





**Lakemont Lions, 14-L**, delivered five pizzas (left) to the second shift of the Altoona Hospital and (below) 20 pizzas with sodas to the first shift of the hospital, as a "thank you" to the staff who had been working under stressed conditions and times.

A total of 700 cuts of pizza were delivered.

Contributed by **ID Larry Edwards**



The **Monessen Lions Club, 14-E**, donated a total of \$6,750 to three organizations based in Monessen that are dedicated to serving others.

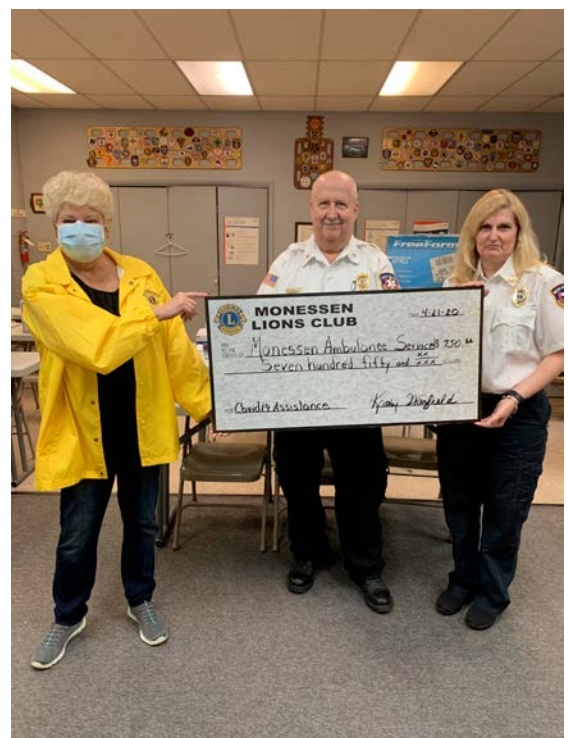
*Pictured right are **King Lion Kathy Warfield** presenting a \$5,000 check to **Captain Sue Thwaite** of the Salvation Army's Mon Valley Citadel.*



**Monessen Lions King Kathy Warfield** is shown on the left presenting a check for \$1,000 to CEO **Jeff Mascara** of Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Inc.



Shown on the right, **Monessen Lions King Kathy Warfield** presenting a check for \$750 to the Mon Valley Emergency Medical Services.



Photos and information on this page contributed by **Lion Stamatia "Tommie" Kosko** of the **Monessen Club**.





**Avon Grove Lions, 14-P,** participated in a graduation parade for seniors from the Avon Grove Charter School's **Leo club**.

*Pictured are Maggie Degler, Jacob Rockoff, Joey DiJoseph, Mya Rochester and Allie McKinney.*



*Avon Grove Lions presented a certificate and a scholarship check for \$600 to Leo Maggie Degler.*

*Pictured are President Dwayne Degler and Maggie.*



*Avon Grove Lions presented a certificate and scholarship check to Haylee Leonard of Chester County Technical College/High School. She is studying Early Childcare and Education.*

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



**Avon Grove Lions, 14-P,** presented a check for \$1,000 to Beacon Lodge Camp.

Pictured is **Lion Jonathan Carver**, Executive Director of the Camp

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



**Tunkhannock Lions, 14-H,** donated PPE supplies made available through 14-H and LCI to the Tunkhannock Ambulance Association, Ann's Grove Personal Care Home and Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen.

*Pictured left are **PDG Harold "Butch" Sands** and **Karin Morrison**, Ann's Grove Personal Care Home and right **PDG Butch** with **Donna Schaffer**, Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen.*



**Tunkhannock Lions** presented a monetary donation to Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen to help with meal services. They also assisted with preparations for the evenings' take-outs.

*Pictured on the left are: Future member, **Emma Daubert**; **PDG Harold Sands**, Mission Coordinator of Seven Loaves, **Donna Schaffer**; **Lion JudyGINGher** and future member, **Lily Daubert**. Not pictured, **Lion Josie Sands**.*

Contributed by **Lion Jen Daubert**





The **Greater Canonsburg Lions** used funds from an individual Lions' savings account set up for a son who passed away combined with a grant from **District 14-M's We Serve Foundation** to buy a Braille Note for **Alan**, a third grader from the Canon-McMillan School District, who has been blind since birth.

*Pictured are Alan, King Lion Robert Macik and PDG Gloria Schmalz.*

*Contributed by PDG Gloria Schmalz*



**Mountville Lions, 14-D**, donated a Brady Buggy Wagon to Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health's pediatric ward recently. The wagon will give children a safe, familiar means of transportation within the hospital. The Mountville Lions partnered with the **Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation** which provided a \$500 grant and matched it to purchase the wagon.

*Pictured in front: Lions Linda Eaton, Joyce Sweger and Gary Glick. Back row: Lions Tom Heisler and Ray McKimm.*

*Contributed by PCC Steve Benedict*



**McKeesport Lions, 14-B,** assisted the Amvets Club Post #8 with placing flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day in the McKeesport-Versailles Cemetery.

Contributed by **Lion Annette James**

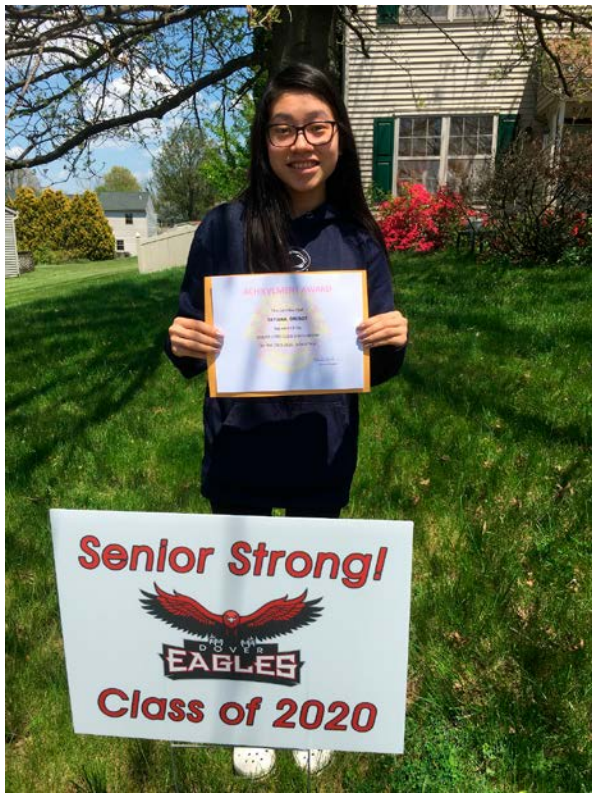


**Twin County Lions, 14-W,** recently honored **Lion Ed Morgan** for his 60 years of service. Lion Ed is the club's only Melvin Jones Fellow.

*Pictured in the front row are: **Lions Don Flaim, Ed Morgan and Jim Palushock.** Back row are: **Lions Ron Milazzo, Ken Ikeda, Dan Boehmer, Mrs. Ed (Linda) Morgan, Lions Dennis Mummey and John Driscoll.***

Contributed by **Lion Dan Boehmer**





The Dover Lions, 14-C, recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three students. Scholarship Chairman **Lion Rodney Crawford** personally presented the checks and certificates to each of the students as the awards ceremony had to be canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

*Pictured left above is Tatiana Drebot, right above, DeVaughn Clauser and left Silas Barnes.*

*Contributed by Lion Jeff Kraft*



The **Armstrong River Hawks Leo Club, 14-N**, made Valentine Day cards for veterans.

They also sent 796 holiday cards in 2019: 255 to USO Bagham (overseas); 80 to Veterans' Place, Pittsburgh; 126 to VA Butler Healthcare, Butler; 125 VA Healthcare System, Pittsburgh; 65 Mechling-Shakely Veterans Center, Cowansville and 145 to local veterans in the surrounding communities.

Contributed by **Leigh Wenckowski**, Leo Club Advisor, Apollo-Ridge High School





# Pride Boosters of Pennsylvania 2019-2020

## **District A**

Buonadonna, Lion Maria J.  
Cavallaro, PID James A. and  
Lion Michelle A.  
DeViscio, Lion Eileen and  
Lion Michael  
DeViscio, Lion Michael and  
Lion Eileen  
Morton, PDG Charles J. and  
Lion Anita K.

## **District B**

Belles, VDG Mary Ann and  
Lion George  
Brubaker, PDG James E. and  
Phyllis

## **District C**

Adams, Lion Harry E. and  
Jean S Fronk  
Bork, Lion Gene L. and  
Lion Carol  
Bortz, Lion Thomas F. and  
Louree  
Kilgore, Lion Eugene M. and  
Lion Doris  
Mundis, Jr, Lion Kenneth L.  
Sinclair, PDG Gordon E. and  
Lion Rosie  
Wagner, Lion Philip R.

## **District D**

High, PDG Dale L.  
Smith, PDG Leonard W.  
Wentling, Lion Bill and  
Vivian

## **District E**

Gregg, PID Cindy and  
PDG Tom  
Wolff, VDG Margie G.

## **District F**

Blake, PDG Robert H. and  
Lion Dorothy A  
Crone, PDG John R.  
Day, PCC James A. and  
Connie  
Holzer, PDG Bernadette K. and  
Lion Robert

## **District G**

Branish, Lion Edward G. and  
Lion Barbara  
Crawley, PDG James E. and  
Rose  
Edwards, ID Larry L. and  
Lion Susan L.  
Foresman, Lion William J.  
Ott, Lion Barbara D.  
Poust, PDG Charles R. and  
Lion Nancy  
Scaff, Lion/Lioness Marilyn Y.,  
In memory of husband, PDG Bill  
Smith, Lion Barbara A.

## **District H**

Barrett, PDG Dave  
Scagliotti, PDG Gene

## **District J**

Beard, Lion John F.  
Good, PDG Lester R. and  
Lion Dorie  
Sojak, PDG Cassy  
Zimmerman, Lion Donald W.

## **District K**

Brady, PCC Karen M. and  
Lion Timothy

## **District L**

Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind  
Hammond, Lion Richard G. and  
Lion Pearl  
Harper, Lion Charles E.  
Neary, PDG Kathy V.  
Snyder, Lion Janet E.

## **District M**

Canan, PDG Neil M. and  
Lion Phyllis  
Greenlee, Lion/Lioness Sara P.,  
In memory of Lion Barrett  
Saloom, PDG Gloria

## **District N**

Campbell, 1VDG Erwin "Chip" and  
Lion Lynn Holly  
Ivell, Lion Betty Lou,  
In memory of husband, Lion Jim  
Joyce, Lion Bernard A.  
Morgan, CC/DG/PDG William and  
Lion Billy Ross  
Oesterling, Sr., PCC Samuel H. and  
Constance  
In memory of Slippery Rock Lions  
Past Presidents Grady W. Cooper  
and Lilburn B. Cooper  
In honor of Slippery Rock Lions  
Treasurer Keith Warcup

## **District P**

Anonymous  
Finney, PDG Charles A. and  
Lion Joanne Kay  
Smith IV, Lion Oscar F. and  
Lion Angela M

## **District T**

Fouse, PDG Kathy,  
In memory of husband, Lion Bill  
McComas, Lion Bob, State  
Administrator  
Paul, PDG(2) Dalton E. and  
Julie  
Wagner, DG/PDG Samuel R. and  
Lion Ginny

## **District U**

Miller, PID Robert  
Nicholson, Lion Mildred L.  
Sverchek, Lion Mark A. and  
Lion Anne

## **District W**

LeLack, PCC Michael A. and  
Susan  
Wroblewski, PIP Joseph L.  
Yurish, PCC Richard S. and  
PDG Eileen

Thank you for your  
continuing support!

## PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

Are you looking for a way to help the less fortunate **AND** have fun?

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

**When:** Saturday, August 29, 2020  
Check-In – Noon  
Shotgun start at 1:00 pm

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

**Format:** 18-hole Scramble

**Price:** Just \$70/golfer includes—

- ✓ Green Fees
- ✓ Cart
- ✓ Prizes & Awards
- ✓ Snacks, beer, pop, and water all day
- ✓ Awards Dinner following play

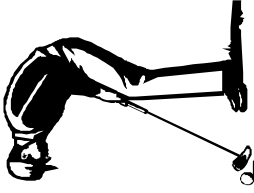
**Note:** make checks payable to  
“PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp” and  
**return:**

c/o Brian McCarl  
3214 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Beaver Falls, PA, 15010

## 4th Annual Golf Outing

### Prizes

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team \$300
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team \$200
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team \$100



Plus, Skills Prizes on

all par 3's: Longest

Drive, 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 - \$5,000** Includes Naming Rights for the outing, 2'x3' diamond-shape Pavilion Sign, recognition on Pavilion Banner, Program listing, two paid Foursomes and a 12"x16" Hole Sponsor Sign (at a tee or green)
- **Gold - \$1,500** Includes a gold-colored Pavilion Sign, recognition on Pavilion Banner, Program listing, paid Foursome, and a Hole Sponsor Sign
- **Silver - \$1,000** Includes a silver-colored Pavilion Sign, Program listing, paid Foursome, and a Hole Sponsor Sign
- **Bronze - \$500** Includes a bronze-colored Pavilion sign, Program Listing and a Hole Sponsor Sign
- **Hole - \$100** Includes Program listing and a Hole Sponsor Sign
- **Cart - \$50** Includes 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 \_\_\_\_\_



**PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp**  
**GOLF OUTING**  
**August 29, 2020**

**Add-Ons**

**Overnight Accommodations**

at Beacon Lodge Camp .....Free  
 Please call Beacon Lodge  
 814-542-2511 to make arrangements

**Early Bird Golf – 18 holes**

Friday, August 28 (all day) ..... \$24

**Dinner Only** ..... \$12/person

Please call Brian McCarl  
 724-312-3676 to make arrangements

**Sponsor Information\***

Name for Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**\*Send before August 19, 2020**

Thanks for helping us serve!

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp  
 c/o Brian McCarl  
 3214 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Beaver Falls, PA, 15010



**PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp**  
**4th Annual Golf Outing**

**Saturday, August 29, 2020, 1:00 pm**

**American Legion Country Club**  
**Mount Union, PA, 17066**

**814-542-4343**





BEACON LODGE  
WISH-LIST  
2020

**ACTIVITIES:**

Crafts:

Ballons

Beads: pony, craft

Poster board: all sizes

Flat Thumb Tacks

Bingo Prizes

Board games for children

Coloring Books large print

Face Paint

Arrows : no broadheads

Tie Dye

White T-Shirts: Med, Lrg, XL, 2XL

Socks: All Sizes Kids & Adult

Dress-up Costumes

Christmas Decorations

Easter Decorations

Adult Sleeping Bags

**Gift Cards** - Lowes, ACE hardware

Walmart, Harbor Freight

**KITCHEN:**

Plastic Cold Cups: 5 oz & 9 oz

Hot Wax Cups: 9 oz & 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: rolls or sheets

White Bar/Dish Clothes

**HOUSEKEEPING:**

Thick Paper Towels

Clorox

Furniture Polish

Hand Sanitizer

Disinfecting Spray Cleaner

Disinfecting Floor Cleaners

Disinfecting Wipes

Pump Liquid Hand Soap bottles

Bar Soap

Laundry Detergents

Magic Erasers

White Vinegar

13-17 gal. Trash Cans

30-33 gal. Square Trash Cans w/lids

13-16 gal Trash Bags

33 gal Trash Bags

55-56 gal Trash Bags

Toilet Plungers-heavy duty

Toilet Brushes

Zipper Vinyl Pillow Covers (standard size)

Zipper Vinyl Mattress Covers (twin size)

Long Twin Size Blankets - No Wool

Long Extendible Dusters

Industrial Wet Mop Heads

Vinyl Disposable Gloves - Med. Lrg. XLG

Extendible Car Brush

Large Totes with lids

**MAINTENANCE:**

Duracell/Energizer Batteries: AA,D, 9V

Bee/Wasp Killer

Long Neck Lighttners

Paint Brushes- 2" , 3" , 4"

Nitrile Gloves - Med, XL

Safety Glasses

Lever Style Garden Hose Nozzles

Micro Fiber Cloths

**INFIRMARY**

Baby Wipes

Sunscreen - Cream and Spray

Bug Spray

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

Sanitary Napkins: no depends

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

**DONATION INFORMATION:**

District

Club

Name

Address

Phone

Email



Dear Lions, Lioness, Leos,  
and Friends,

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

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

Respectfully,  
The Board Members

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



## BRICK WALKWAY ORDER FORM

- Please PRINT All Information CLEARLY in BLUE or BLACK Ink ONLY.
- Make Checks Payable to: PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP
- Mail completed order form and payment to: Lion Denny Hall  
7513 Panther Lane  
Huntingdon, PA 16852  
Email: cuzslab@verizon.net Phone: 814-641-7489

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**4 x 8 BRICK**  
**\$100<sup>00</sup>**  
15 Characters  
Per Line

**8 x 8 BRICK**  
**\$250<sup>00</sup>**  
15 Characters  
Per Line

**12 x 12 BRICK**  
**\$500<sup>00</sup>**  
15 Characters  
Per Line

**7 x 18 WALL BLOCK**  
**\$1000<sup>00</sup>**  
22 Characters  
Per Line

## Need Help Fundraising? Lottery Calendars & Tickets

Yearly and monthly fundraisers based on the 3-digit PA State Evening Lottery. Contact us for samples and additional information to see what we can do for you!



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### Be a Pride Booster in 2019-2020

We need your support to continue spreading the news of the Lions of Pennsylvania For a \$5.00 donation (per line) your name will be printed in the April/May/June 2019 issue of The Pride and it will help to promote the community activities, service projects and other charitable contributions of the PA Lions Clubs.

Make your donation of \$5.00 per line, payable to

**The Pride (and send it to)**

**949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111-2910**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Title PIP ID PID DG PCC VDG PDG Lion Lioness Leo

Spouse/Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner's Title ID PID DG PCC VDG PDG Lion Lioness Leo

If two names, please indicate ☐ 1 line ☐ 2 separate lines (\$10.00)

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support!**