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*Wishing you and yours
a Roarin' good, safe and
Happy Holiday season*



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Long history of Service

The following is a list of the 25 oldest Multiple District 14 clubs ranked in order by their charter date:

1. Pittsburgh..... District 14-B..... November 27, 1920
2. Harrisburg District 14-T..... March 8, 1921
3. McKeesport..... District 14-B..... February 27, 1922
4. Clairton District 14-B..... April 18, 1922
5. Erie District 14-F..... May 19, 1922
6. Altoona District 14-L..... June 16, 1922
7. Beaver Falls District 14-N..... October 20, 1922
8. New Castle District 14-N..... December 15, 1922
9. Lancaster District 14-D..... March 1, 1923
10. Scranton District 14-H..... April 24, 1923
11. Butler District 14-N..... June 15, 1923
12. Pottsville District 14-U..... July 17, 1923
13. Williamsport District 14-G..... August 28, 1923
14. Warren District 14-F..... September 29, 1923
15. Hazleton District 14-W..... October 22, 1923
16. Red Lion District 14-C..... January 2, 1924
17. Gettysburg..... District 14-C..... January 23, 1924
18. Meadville District 14-F..... March 25, 1924
19. Easton District 14-K..... April 3, 1924
20. Nazareth District 14-K..... April 26, 1924
21. Lewisburg District 14-G..... May 21, 1924
22. Lebanon District 14-D..... May 27, 1924
23. Chambersburg Noon District 14-T..... June 19, 1924
24. Coatesville District 14-P..... December 19, 1924
25. Stroudsburg District 14-U..... December 22, 1924

The oldest club in each MD-14 sub-district:

District	Club	Charter Date
District 14-A	.....Souderton.....	February 16, 1927
District 14-B	.....Pittsburgh.....	November 27, 1920
District 14-C	.....Red Lion.....	January 2, 1924
District 14-D	.....Lancaster.....	March 1, 1923
District 14-E	.....Greensburg East Hempfield.....	August 12, 1935
District 14-F	.....Erie.....	May 19, 1922
District 14-G	.....Williamsport.....	August 28, 1923
District 14-H	.....Scranton.....	April 24, 1923
District 14-J	.....Indiana.....	July 23, 1929
District 14-K	.....Easton.....	April 3, 1924
District 14-L	.....Altoona.....	June 16, 1922
District 14-M	.....Washington.....	August 10, 1927
District 14-N	.....Beaver Falls.....	October 20, 1922
District 14-P	.....Coatesville.....	December 19, 1924
District 14-T	.....Harrisburg.....	March 8, 1921
District 14-U	.....Pottsville.....	July 17, 1923
District 14-W	.....Hazleton.....	October 22, 1923

Source: LCI Information Technology Division

From International Director Larry Edwards

And we Continue To Serve



Greetings Lions and Leos,

As I was preparing to write this article, I looked back over the past year's writings. Hard to say, but some of the same topics are hanging around. COVID-19 being the foremost. Even with vaccinations and boosters, we are still seeing significant numbers of COVID cases in some areas of MD-14. Having said that, we are still doing our Lions "stuff" safely. Most clubs are meeting in person or virtually. That is so important in retaining our members. Members want to be a part of and know what their club is doing. Don't forget one of IP Doug's points for this year, Communications. Please keep all club members informed by email, club and district newsletters, phone calls and direct contact. The more our members know the more they will stay with us throughout the remainder of this pandemic.

Service is still so important. There are so many ways to serve during this time of year. Find a need in your community and brainstorm in your club for a solution. Put your teams to work to meet that need. With the Holidays upon us, many families are struggling to have that special and enjoyable meal. Think about how you can make that possible for those in need. They will be appreciative, and you will have that feeling of service to others. And don't forget to report your service.

We need to remember Campaign 100. We have until June 2022 to meet the \$300,000,000 objective. As of this writing we still need about \$67,000,000 to meet the goal. MD-14 clubs and Lions are a bit behind some of our MD friends across CA-1. I know that we can do better than where we are today. We have only six model clubs in MD-14. Talk to your club. Do the math. What will it take in a three-year commitment to become a model club? Individual Lions, have you given yet? If not, please consider a donation of any size to your Foundation. Clubs, are you budgeting to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship in May or June? Great! Can you make the donation now and hold the presentation until then? Getting the funds in now will help to be sure we meet the goal. Let's make this last big push for Campaign 100 and show the world what MD-14 can do. If you need help, contact your LCIF Coordinators. Thanks in advance.

As we move into the Holiday period, Lion Susan and I wish that every Lion has an abundant Season, remembers why we celebrate and continues to help those in more need than ourselves. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In Lions Service,

ID Larry





Leadership

'Twas Christmas with COVID, We were all stuck at home.
Can't go out, it's not safe, We're advised not to roam.
The holiday Zoom calls have been scheduled with care,
To talk to the relatives who cannot be there.

The children are nestled asleep in their beds,
As visions of PS5s dance in their heads.
Ma on her mobile and me on the tablet,
Spent Christmas Eve cementing our new digital-first habits.



When out on the lawn I heard such a weird sound, I sprang from the couch to see who was around.
And there on the street in front of my home, Was a masked man in a red suit surrounded by drones.

Drones buzzing about, grabbing gifts from a sack, Blasting down chimneys and coming right back.
I went out to the lawn for a good explanation, But a quick glance at his visage filled me with hesitation.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
With a wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

I couldn't see his face, He was wearing a mask, But there was no mistaking who he was,
Given his Christmas Eve task.

I said "Santa, where's Dasher, Where's Dancer? Where's Prancer and Vixen? Where's Comet, Where's Cupid?
Where's Donner and Blitzen?"

He chuckled and rubbed his little round belly, Which shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.
He said, "everyone shopped online during these pandemic days. That alone was enough to cause elf supply chain delays.

And then the COVID vaccine was on so very many lists, I delivered it early, which created new shipping twists —
And then a huge snowstorm showed up like a big cosmic joke, And well, the magical reindeer-based logistics system just broke.

And out of the strain and all of the clatter, Amazon showed up and asked what was the matter.
And in just a few minutes, unbelievably quick — With an army of drones they'd outfitted St Nick."

To deliver the new iPhones and advance gaming consoles, The Pelotons, Echo devices, and the Red Ryder Rifles
(You'll put your eye out, kid)

He spoke no more words, Laser focused on gifts, Checking the stockings remotely And then got a lift.
From his army of drones — now lifting him high, Carrying Santa off into the night sky.

And as he headed out, Now done with his task, He said:
"Merry Christmas To All — And please keep wearing your mask!"

The above was "borrowed" from District 14-E's December newsletter. Thanks! - The Editor

Dear Fellow Lions,

Happy New Year! As each year ends and a new one begins, we are hopeful for a more profitable and productive year. Many of us make resolutions/goals to change or improve our lifestyles and habits. The late President John F. Kennedy said that "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past and present are certain to miss the future."

Unfortunately, change is extremely difficult, but if we are to move forward, we must change, or we will die. Imagine if no changes were made to the Model T, or if we continued to cook over an open fireplace. These may be extreme examples, but life changes. Every day and every year are different, and we must adapt. Think of the sports teams. If the pitcher can't adjust his pitch, all of the batters may hit the ball over the fence.

Our clubs, too, must change. Lions Clubs International is not the same organization as it was when it began. Women are playing a very vital role and serving in prominent leadership positions. Service projects have expanded into five global causes: diabetes, childhood cancer, vision, hunger and the environment. Likewise, Leo clubs are developing and implementing amazing service projects! Of course, many clubs have become extremely comfortable with our various media platforms and are meeting virtually.

During the past year, those clubs that re-assessed their situation during COVID found projects that were more relevant to their communities. In addition, they formed partnerships with other non-profit groups to provide additional services. They sought new members who offered innovative and exciting ideas so that these members were made to feel welcomed. Furthermore, the new members were encouraged to attend training sessions and to accept leadership positions.

N.R. Narayana Murthy, the man who changed the face of Indian technology, said that "Change is painful. But nothing is as painful as staying stuck."

Utilize the talents of ALL of your members. Otherwise, they will quit attending meetings and service projects. In addition, you must encourage them to attend zone, district and multiple district functions. Hopefully, you have shared information about the Regional Lions Leadership Institute and helped your newer Lions take a course in the Lions Learning Center or on the Lions University website. Schedule meaningful induction ceremonies and orientation for your members. Foster new ideas.

Sean Higgins, the former basketball player said, "Every day, the clock resets. Your wins don't matter. Your failures don't matter." We, too, cannot rest on our past legacy. We need to forge ahead to make our presence known within our communities and the world.

So, how will you change? Seek new ideas. Report your service. Ask a veteran, co-worker, firefighter, neighbor, banker, postal clerk, etc. to help with a service project. Look at the district goals and make action plans to achieve them.

George Bernard Shaw stated that "Progress is impossible without change..." If we are to thrive, our clubs need to think and serve differently than ever before.

As always, thank you for all that you do to "Serve from the Heart." May 2022 be a happy, healthy and prosperous year for your families and your clubs.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

Cindy Gregg



Keynote speaker for 3rd Council Meeting

Lion Donna Townsend from Georgia

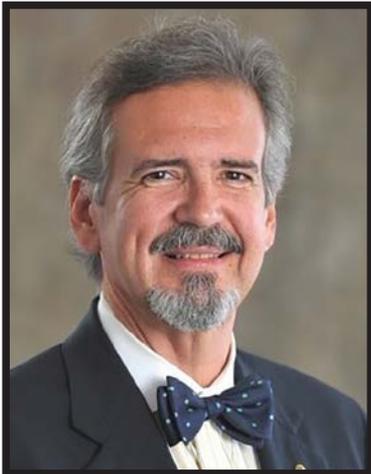
Attendees at the third 2021-2022 PA State Council of Lions Clubs' Council of Governors meeting will enjoy a Georgia-peach-sweet, special treat as Lion Donna Townsend from Dalton, Ga., will be the keynote speaker for the Saturday night banquet.

Prior to her keynote address, Lion Townsend will meet with the Partners in Service and speak to the Council of Governors during its regular meeting.

A member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club since 1987, Lion Townsend was the first woman Lion in the State of Georgia. She is the Partner in Service and spouse of the late Judge Haynes H. Townsend, who was serving as Lions Clubs International's First Vice President at the time of his passing in December 2019.

Lion Donna is a retired music educator, having taught 30 years in the Dalton Public School System. She has also served as the Music Assistant, Children's Choir Coordinator and Youth Choir Accompanist at Dalton First United Methodist Church and recently retired as the Receptionist/Billing Assistant at RossWoods Adult Day Services.

In addition to serving alongside her late husband during his Lions career that included a two-year term as International Director,



Judge Haynes H. Townsend

Lion Donna has served as District Cabinet Secretary, Board Secretary for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc., held various positions within the Dalton and Dalton Noon Lions Clubs and spoken at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums, Multiple District and District Conventions and club meetings.

Lion Donna has received four Lions Clubs International Presidential Awards, two Presidential Leadership Awards and multiple Presidential Certificates of Appreciation. In addition, Lion Donna has received the Ervin-Crumbley Award, the highest award given in the State of Georgia, and is a Lions Clubs International Foundation Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion Donna is the proud parent of two daughters and grandmother of a grandson.



**2021-2022 PA State Council of Lions Clubs
Council of Governors Meeting #3
February 4-6, 2022
Wyndham Garden York**

Please see information included in this issue of *The PRIDE*

**PA STATE COUNCIL OF LIONS CLUBS
2021-2022 STATE COUNCIL MEETING #3**

Wyndham Garden, York PA
Meal Reservation Form

Saturday Lunch

Noon - 1:00

Choice of Wrap: Classic Club, Vegetable or Gourmet Chicken Salad;
House-Made Potato Chips, Cookies and Beverage
\$15

NOTE: The hotel restaurant is closed from 10:00 a.m until 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Banquet

Social Hour with Cash Bar 6:00-7:00
Dinner 7:00 - 9:00

Choice of Entree: Oven Roasted Turkey Breast, House Meatloaf, or Noodle Bowl;
Farmer's Garden Salad, "Chef Selection" Vegetable and Starch, Warm Apple Crisp, Freshly
Baked Rolls, Coffee or Hot Tea
\$33

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Monday, January 10, 2022

Name & Title _____ District _____ Telephone # _____

Saturday Lunch Buffet

_____ # Classic Club x \$15 (*Ham, Turkey Bacon Am. Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo*) \$ _____
_____ # Veggie x \$15 (*Spinach, Tomato, Broccoli, Onion, Bell Pepper, Hummus, Mozzarella*) \$ _____
_____ # Gourmet Chicken Salad x \$15 (*Chicken, Grapes Pecans, Lettuce, Tomato Dressing*) \$ _____

Saturday Banquet

_____ # Oven Roasted Turkey x \$33 (*Cider Glaze, Apple Bacon Dressing*) \$ _____
_____ # House Meatloaf x \$33 (*Frizzled Onion Straws, Rich Gravy*) \$ _____
_____ # Noodle Bowl x \$33 (*Zucchini Noodle, Portobello, Red Onion, Spinach, Rasted Pepper, Artichoke Heart, Rice Noodle, Frizzled Leek, Roasted Tomato White Wine Broth*) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to **LCI District 14-C** and write **Council Meeting Meals** on the memo line. Mail Reservations to **IPDG Thomas L. Jones, 1975 Five Forks Road, New Freedom PA 17349.**

Please note any dietary restrictions and to whom they apply: _____



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 704 Epirus Hill
 Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Reservation Form

PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation Orientation Dinner for 1st Vice District Governors (Open to all PA Lions)

Friday, February 4, 2022
Wyndham Garden York

Social time: 5:30 p.m. / Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$34.00/meal

Please send your RSVP and check to:
Lion Dave Stapler
558 Blossom Trail
Mount Joy, PA 17552

RSVP Deadline: Jan. 15, 2022

Checks payable to: PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation

Please make the following meal reservations for February 4, 2022:

_____ Herb Crusted Top Round of Beef
 _____ Haddock

 Signed _____ 14-
 District

Council of Governors Meeting #2: Action item review

The following actions were taken by the 2021-2022 Council of Governors during its second meeting October 30, 2021 at the Valley Forge Casino Resort in King of Prussia, PA.

- Approved official minutes of the first 2021-2022 State Council meeting;
- Approved creation of a State Office Advisory Committee policy;
- Approved adding "If the State Convention cannot be held due to governmental restrictions or other external events beyond the control of the Multiple District, alternative procedures for elections/voting may be authorized by the Council of Governors" to Policy 406, The State Convention Rules and Procedures;
- Approved the revision and updating of state policies regarding the State Council Administrator and Assistant State Administrator;



- Approved changing the title of Policy 107 to "State Office Administrative Assistant;"
- Approved the 2020-2021 audit report;
- Approved the revision of Policy 204, Rules of Audit, to increase permitted travel expenses from \$0.41/mile to \$0.50/mile, increase the per diem expense rate from \$16.00/day to \$24.00/day and increase the lodging expense from \$50.00/day to \$75.00/day effective July 1, 2022 and to

annually review these rates to assure they match those paid by Lions Clubs International;

- Approved appointment of IPDG Tom Jones (14-C) to the Beacon Lodge board of directors;
- Approved the Beacon Lodge officers for the fiscal year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022;
- Gave preliminary approval to the MD-14 Forum Committee and State Office to submit a bid to host the 2026 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Erie;
- Requested a written report reviewing the MD-14 Investment account;
- Directed the Finance Committee to review the current bank accounts to see if they can be combined and streamlined and also to see if we can get a better return on our money.

Upcoming state committee appointments

The following appointments are scheduled to be made at the third 2021-2022 State Council meeting February 5, 2022 at the Wyndham Garden York:

- **Global Leadership Team Coordinator:** (Statewide, 1-year appointment) PDG Kerry McKnight (14-C) is eligible for re-appointment and has filed the necessary paperwork.
- **Global Membership Team Coordinator:** (Statewide, 1-year appointment) PDG Cheryl Wilbur (14-G) is eligible for re-appointment and has filed the necessary paperwork.
- **Global Service Team Coordinator:** (Statewide, 1-year appointment) IPDG Tom Vasek (14-A) is eligible for re-appointment and has filed the necessary paperwork.
- **Youth Camp & Exchange Coordinator:** (Statewide, 3-year appointment) This position is currently vacant.
- **2027 State Convention Host Committee Chair:** Appointment to be made by District 14-C.



- **2024-2025 State Council Meeting #2 Host Committee Chair:** Appointment to be made by District 14-B.
- **2024-2025 Council Meeting #3 Host Chair District 14-L appointment.**

Candidates interested in these positions should contact their District Governor and submit a Letter of Intent (template available from the State Office) and Lions resume. **The deadline for applications is January 10, 2022.**

Looking ahead: Council Meeting #4

The following appointments are scheduled to be made at the fourth and final 2021-2022 State Council meeting in May:

- Constitution & By Laws/Policy Committee Chairperson [1];
- Constitution & By Laws/Policy Committee members, 3 positions, 1 from each region [1];
- Diabetes Program Coordinator [3];
- MD-14 Disaster Relief Coordinator [3];
- MD-14 Global Membership Approach Coordinator [1];
- MD-14 Lions Clubs International Foundation Coordinator [3];
- Leo Clubs Coordinator [3];
- PRIDE Editor [1];
- Protocol Chairperson [1];

Candidates interested in these positions should contact their District Governor and submit a Letter of Intent (template available from the State Office) and Lions resume. **The deadline for applications will be April 1, 2022.**

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Revenue**

CERTIFICATE OF SALES TAX EXEMPTION

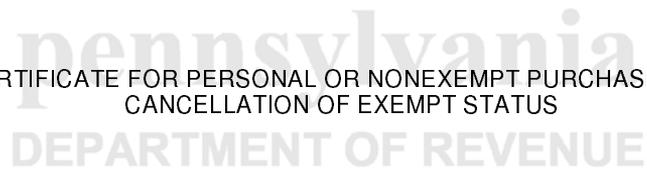
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949 E PARK DR
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This certificate is not assignable or transferable.



**The next issue of The Pride will be published late
March/early April
Deadline for articles and photos is February 15.**

Please send original photos! Thanks!



MD-14 Global Action Team Spring Leadership Symposium

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, February 12, 9AM-3PM

PA Lions State Office
949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111
Lunch available for a \$7.00 donation

OR

Sunday, February 13, Noon-5PM

Butler County Association for the Blind
322 N. Cedar St, Butler, PA 16001
Snacks will be available

FREE & OPEN TO ALL LIONS!

ATTEND EITHER LOCATION!

Register to Attend:

**Email PDG Kerry at klm52@aol.com
or call (717)235-2790**

**MD-14 Lions Food Donation Competition
Harrisburg vs. Butler Locations**





REGIONAL LIONS
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
RLLI

MD-14 PENNSYLVANIA LIONS
March 11-13, 2022
Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg

Curriculum

- Diversity
- Lions Fundamentals
- Local Issues and Opportunities
- Motivating Club Members
- Personal Mission Statement
- Public Speaking
- Setting and Reaching Club Goals
- Time Management
- Working in Teams

Faculty

ID Larry Edwards
PID Cindy Gregg
PID Jim Cavallaro
PCC Bill Morgan
PDG Deb Burkholder
PDG Tom Gregg
PDG Kerry McKnight

\$175.00 Tuition includes meals, lodging, and classroom. Maximum 40 attendees.
Registration deadline January 31, 2022 / contact PDG Kerry at klm52@aol.com

What is an RLLI?

The Multiple District 14 **Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)** is a highly concentrated, fast paced, long weekend of instruction designed to train potential Lions leaders who are committed to seeking positions of leadership (club, district and state) throughout Pennsylvania.

Who are the instructors?

The RLLI instructors are highly trained Lions who have the necessary skills to conduct the training that is in the curriculum. Instructors include International Directors, PIDs, graduates of Lions Certified Presenter Program, Lions University Masters and Doctorate recipients and experienced Past District Governors.

What subjects are taught?

The subjects include material suitable for Lions leaders. The curriculum is approved by Lions Clubs International prior to the conduct of classes; it is shown in the box above.

What are the instruction days?

We begin at 1:00 PM Friday, March 11, 2022 and conclude Sunday, March 13, 2022 around 3:00 PM.

What is the cost?

Thanks to a "LCI Leadership Development" grant, the registration fee is only \$175.00 per student. This fee includes materials, hotel room and meals.

How many students?

There is a limit of 40 students for the RLLI. There is no limit on the number of Lions a district may register. We will have a standby list to fill a vacancy if needed.

Why attend an RLLI?

Attendance at the RLLI does not guarantee that you will be selected for positions of Leadership in your district, but it does prepare you to take on positions of increasing responsibility by giving you the building blocks that are required to be a successful leader. Attendance at an RLLI also presents to you an opportunity to meet and get acquainted with Lions from across Pennsylvania who may become future leaders.

CANDIDATE'S REGISTRATION FORM

Cost \$175.00 per Candidate (includes Institute, lodging and meals)

Checks should accompany this form and be made out to "**PA State Council of Lions Clubs**"

Mail to Kerry McKnight

6 Mulberry Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349

Questions to PDG Kerry McKnight at klm52@aol.com or 717-235-2790

Application Submission Deadline Date: January 31, 2022 - Maximum 40 attendees

Please type or print

District Number _____ Member Number _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Current Lion's Title _____ Highest Lions Office Held _____

Email** _____ Preferred Telephone # _____

****Will be used for ALL Communication regarding the institute – Please Type or Print**

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Lions Club Name & Number _____ Month and Year Joined _____

Offices Held Within Lions Club _____

Committee Positions Held Within Lions Club _____

Why is this institute of interest to you? _____

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

District Governor Must Complete and Sign this Form

In what ways will this candidate benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute?

District Governor Member Number _____

Name of District Governor _____

Signature of District Governor _____

Email (Please print) _____

Date _____



From MD Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Kerry McKnight



Dear Lions and Leos,

As I write this article for the Global Leadership Team (GLT), the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) has received 10 applications for the 40 openings available. This is an excellent opportunity for any Lion who is committed to our organization to increase their knowledge about all aspects of Lions. If you are interested in a fast paced, long weekend of instruction designed to train, this will be for you. Contact your District Governor for an application. (Also included in this issue of the Pride.)

The RLLI application contains a section for District Governors to make comments on how their candidate will benefit from the Institute. Reading these comments is eye-opening. A common comment I read is not only how the Lion in question will benefit, but the way their district AND our Multiple District will be more successful with membership, service and leadership by this passionate Lion having attended the RLLI. I often hear from RLLI grads that this institute was a *turning point* in their Lions' career. Please do not let this opportunity pass you by.

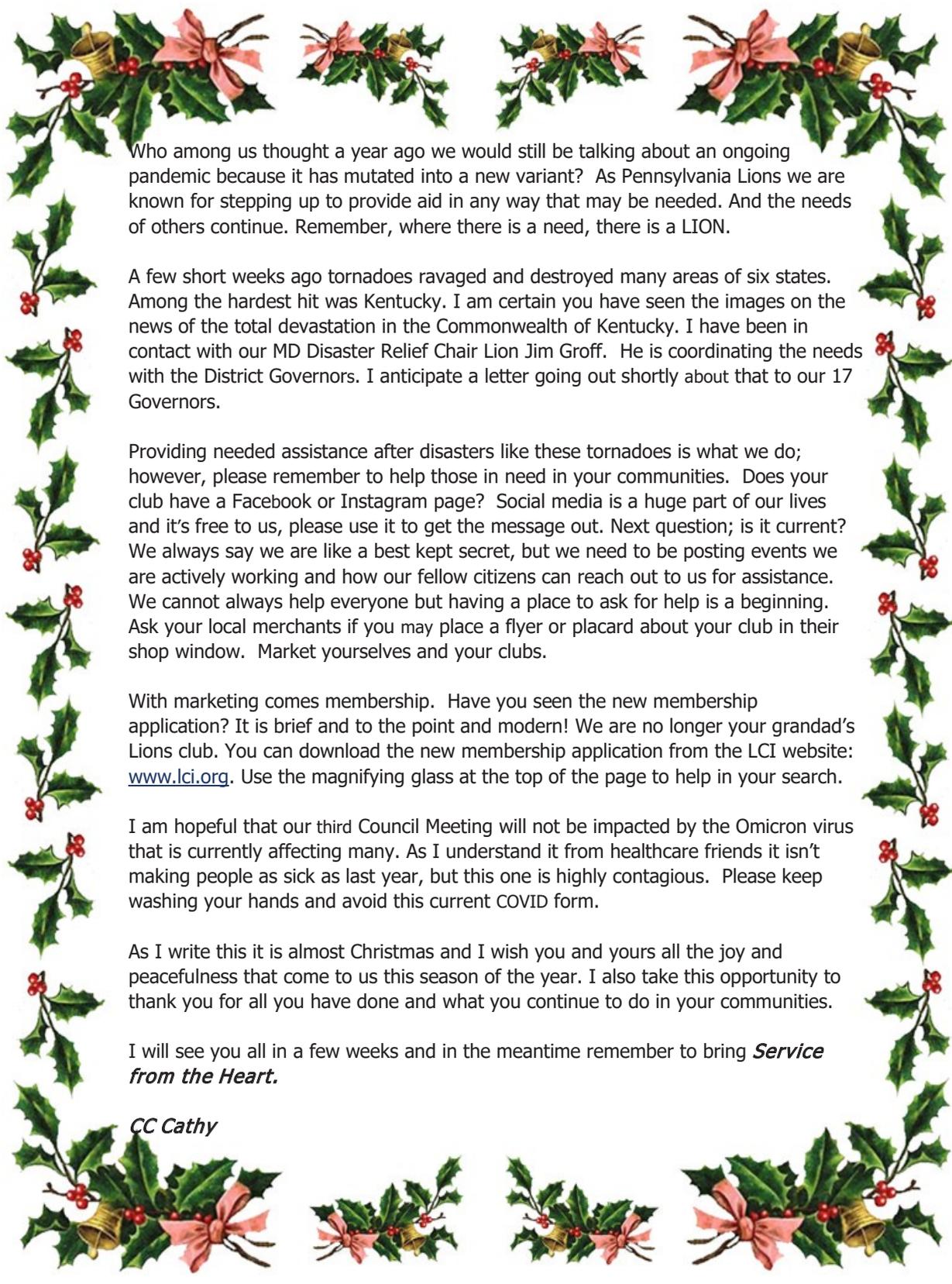
On a final note, I have to admit it was disappointing on the number of vacancies MD-14 had in the First and Second Vice District Governor positions when this Lions' year began. However, with a lot of effort and hard work we are beginning to see these offices filled, one by one. It would be a pleasure to see all seventeen Vice District Governor positions in place by the VDG Retreat on January 7-9, 2022. Governors and District Global Leadership Team Coordinators— WE NEED TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

I hope to see everyone at the February Council Meeting #3 in York.

PDG Kerry McKnight
Multiple District Global Leadership Team Coordinator



*From Council Chair Cathy Baker
"Stepping Forward through the New Year"*



Who among us thought a year ago we would still be talking about an ongoing pandemic because it has mutated into a new variant? As Pennsylvania Lions we are known for stepping up to provide aid in any way that may be needed. And the needs of others continue. Remember, where there is a need, there is a LION.

A few short weeks ago tornadoes ravaged and destroyed many areas of six states. Among the hardest hit was Kentucky. I am certain you have seen the images on the news of the total devastation in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I have been in contact with our MD Disaster Relief Chair Lion Jim Groff. He is coordinating the needs with the District Governors. I anticipate a letter going out shortly about that to our 17 Governors.

Providing needed assistance after disasters like these tornadoes is what we do; however, please remember to help those in need in your communities. Does your club have a Facebook or Instagram page? Social media is a huge part of our lives and it's free to us, please use it to get the message out. Next question; is it current? We always say we are like a best kept secret, but we need to be posting events we are actively working and how our fellow citizens can reach out to us for assistance. We cannot always help everyone but having a place to ask for help is a beginning. Ask your local merchants if you may place a flyer or placard about your club in their shop window. Market yourselves and your clubs.

With marketing comes membership. Have you seen the new membership application? It is brief and to the point and modern! We are no longer your grandad's Lions club. You can download the new membership application from the LCI website: www.lci.org. Use the magnifying glass at the top of the page to help in your search.

I am hopeful that our third Council Meeting will not be impacted by the Omicron virus that is currently affecting many. As I understand it from healthcare friends it isn't making people as sick as last year, but this one is highly contagious. Please keep washing your hands and avoid this current COVID form.

As I write this it is almost Christmas and I wish you and yours all the joy and peacefulness that come to us this season of the year. I also take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done and what you continue to do in your communities.

I will see you all in a few weeks and in the meantime remember to bring ***Service from the Heart.***

CC Cathy

We're rallyin' the troops at Valley Forge!

99th Annual PA Lions State Convention

May 19-22, 2022 ■ Hosted by District 14-A

Radisson Valley Forge Hotel at Valley Forge Casino Resort



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Immediate Past International President

PRESENTING SPONSOR:



Tentative Schedule

Thursday, May 19

- 2021-2022 Council of Governors Meeting #4

Friday, May 20

- State Committee and Foundation Meetings
- Luncheon featuring Leader Dogs for the Blind "Top Dawg Award" presentations
- PA Counsellors/District Governors Honors Banquet sponsored by Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation
 - Necrology Service
- Hospitality Night event hosted by District 14-A

Saturday, May 21

- State Committee and Foundation meetings
- Luncheon featuring ID Larry L. Edwards
- International Banquet featuring keynote speaker IPIP Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Sunday, May 22

- Melvin Jones Fellow/Key Member Breakfast featuring PID James Cavallaro
 - Business Session
- 2022-2023 Council of Governors Orientation
 - 2022-2023 Partners in Service Orientation



PRIDE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Larry L. Edwards

International Director



Meal Sponsor

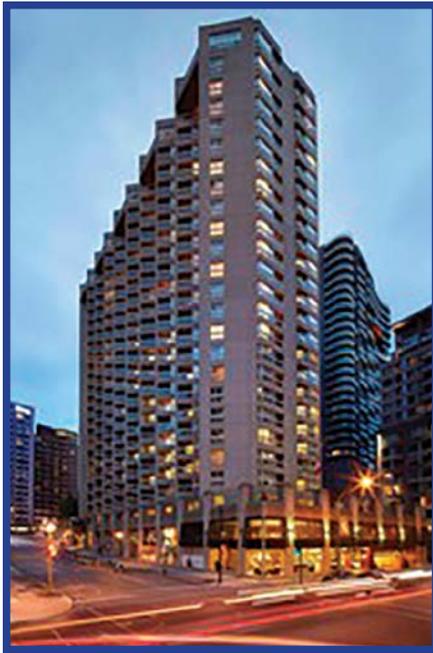
**PA Counsellors/
District Governors
Honors Banquet**



COMING SOON:

Convention registration and program advertising reservation forms.

Watch for emails and mailings and visit the MD-14 Lions (www.palions.org) and district websites



MONTREAL 2022 104th Lions Clubs International Convention

Friday-Monday, June 24-28, 2022



PA Lions' base of operations

Delta Hotels Marriott

475 President Kennedy Avenue
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Room rate: US \$157/night

MD-14 Pennsylvania Feature events planned

- PA Lions Hospitality Reception
- Mid Atlantic Breakfast with Lions from Multiple Districts 16 (New Jersey), 22 (Delaware, District of Columbia and Maryland), 24 (Virginia) and 29 (West Virginia)
- Parade of Nations
- 3 LCICon 2022 Plenary Sessions
- Great Lions fellowship!

Watch for details in the next issue of *The PRIDE*, on www.palions.org and district websites, in district newsletters and via email messages.

Or contact

**MD-14 International Convention
Committee Members:**
PDG Ron Kodgis (14-J), chair
PCC Mark Kusma (14-H), co-chair

Registration Fee: Through January 7, 2022 is US\$175. January 8 through March 31, 2022, the regular registration fee is US\$225. April 1, 2022 through on-site registration, the fee is US\$250. **Leo Registration Fee:** Alpha Leo – (12-17) US\$20 / Omega Leo – (18-30) US\$100. Payment can be made by check, credit card (Visa®, MasterCard® and Discover®) or wire transfer.

Registrants will receive an official name badge, souvenir medallion, official convention program and one entrance for the International Show.

General questions about the convention: convention@lionsclubs.org

Questions about registration and hotels: registration@lionsclubs.org

Go to lionsclubs.org to find the following links:

- **LCICon 2022 Montréal Registration and Housing Form**
- **LCICon 2022 Montréal Registration and Housing Terms and Conditions**

Entry Requirements

Visit the Government of Canada website to determine what documents are required to travel to Montréal or use the Government of Canada's Travel Wizard to determine if you qualify to enter Canada.

COVID Restrictions: Currently, Canada requires that travelers provide proof that they are fully vaccinated. Please refer to the Government of Canada website to check if you qualify for the fully vaccinated traveler exemption as well as which COVID-19 vaccines are accepted in Canada. The website also provides steps to follow for your trip and what to do if you test positive within 14 days of your entry to Canada.

ITINERARY ...

Wednesday, June 22

- Depart from multiple pick-up locations
- Drive to Alexandria Bay, NY, Lunch is **not** included in the package.
- Check into Riveredge Resort in Alexandria Bay
- Dinner at a local restaurant

Thursday, June 23

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Shuttle boat to Heart Island for tour of Bolt Castle
- Return to Alexandria Bay, board bus and drive to Montreal
- Check into Delta Hotel by Marriott and pick up convention materials

Friday, June 24 through Tuesday, June 28

- LCI Convention
- Guided bus tour of Montreal (date and time TBD)

Wednesday, June 29

- Depart Montreal. Lunch is **not** included in the package

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Nightly rate at Delta Hotel by Marriott:** \$167; with taxes just less than \$200
- All participants on this trip will need a **valid passport** with an expiration date after September 29, 2022. Under current guidelines, anybody entering Canada must be fully vaccinated, show vaccination card and provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of entry.
- A minimum of 30 people must register for the trip by January 20, 2022, to hold the bus and hotel rooms in Alexandria Bay. At least 40 people must register by February 28, 2022, to confirm the trip. If at least 40 people have not registered by that date, those individuals registered will decide if they are willing to pay an additional fee for the trip.
- If 40 people sign up by January 7, 2022, those registering for the LCI Convention will get at \$50 discount on their registration fee. If 50 or more people sign up by February 28, 2022, everyone will receive a \$50 discount on the price of the trip. Nobody will be registered for the LCI Convention until at least 40 people have signed up for the trip or a group of less than 40 decides to move forward with the trip for an additional fee.
- **Trip Insurance** is available through Wolf's Bus Lines. Insurance must be purchased within 14 days of registering for the trip in order to cover cancellation due to a pre-existing health condition. This insurance will cover cancellation due to COVID-19. Participants should include the cost of their hotel room in Montreal in the amount of insurance coverage. Call Wolf's Bus Lines (717) 528-4125 or (800) 692-7804, Ext. 211 and ask for Kristen.

For more information, contact PDG John Griffie

(jgriffiejr47@gmail.com / 717-870-6678)

or PDG Dennis Cope (dennis.cope@icLoud.com / 717-357-3142)



Cost per person

- Single occupancy - \$1,190
- Double occupancy - \$993 per person
- Triple occupancy - \$941 per person
- 4 people in room - \$882 per person

Prices include roundtrip transportation; lodging, dinner and breakfast in Alexandria Bay, N.Y.; shuttle boat to Heart Island, tour of Bolt Castle, room deposit for Montreal hotel room, LCI Convention registration and guided bus tour of Montreal.

Prices **do not** include lodging in Montreal other than room deposit or meals other than dinner and breakfast in Alexandria Bay.

Subtract \$225 from the prices for individuals who will not register for the LCI Convention. **Please note:** At least one registered convention attendee must occupy each Delta Hotel by Marriott Montreal room reserved as part of this tour.

Deposit per person includes Delta Hotel by Marriott Montreal room deposit and LCI Convention registration.

- Single occupancy - \$475
- Double occupancy - \$375/person (\$150 if not registering for LCI Convention)
- Triple occupancy - \$342/person (\$117 if not registering for LCI Convention)
- 4 people in a room - \$325/person (\$100 if not registering for LCI Convention)

Half of the remaining balance must be paid by April 1, 2022, and full balance must be paid by May 1, 2022.



Celebrate service with Lions from around the world in Montréal.

In 2022, you can unite once again with Lions and Leos in historic, yet modern Montréal, Canada — with stunning architecture and a buzzing art scene — to celebrate all that we’ve achieved over the last year. Join us as we come together, look back at our experiences and accomplishments from the last year, celebrate the final year of Campaign 100, and much more!

Did you know that you can save money with early bird registration?

LCICon 2022 Montréal

Take in Montréal’s rich history and culture at LCICon 2022! From beautiful architecture and a buzzing arts scene to a wide variety of cafes, restaurants and shops, Montréal offers an LCICon 2022 experience like never before!

At the Palais des congrès de Montréal Exhibit Hall, where the convention takes place, you’ll be greeted by beautiful contemporary windows and modern art that truly represents the incredible diversity of Lions Clubs International.

Connect with Lions International staff as well as Lions and Leos from around the world in the Exhibit Hall while exploring the many facets of our organization. And if you’re a delegate from a club in good standing, vote in the International Election.

Join us in the famous Bell Centre, to listen to a wide variety of topics from world-renowned keynote speakers at our Plenary Sessions. And, of course, hear from our organizational leaders about the past, present and future of Lions International. But that’s not all — at the International Show, which will also take place in the Bell Centre arena, you can catch world-class entertainment!

It wouldn’t be LCICon without service opportunities — which we’ll tell you about closer to the date. Take part in, or simply enjoy, the Parade of Nations featuring thousands of Lions from all over the world.

For more information and registration forms, please Google LCICon 2022 Montréal

Lion Dan Swincinski, PCC and Swinston Travel are excited to offer you this opportunity to attend the 104th Lions Clubs International Convention.

Package features: Round trip motor coach transportation from Somerset, Harrisburg and a Northeast PA location to be determined

June 22

- Surprise lunch on route
- 1 night accommodations at the Hampton Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY
- Admission to the Racing Museum and Hall of Fame
- Luncheon cruise on Lake George

Arrival in Montreal (5 nights beginning June 23 that you must reserve direct with LCICon)

June 28

- 1 night accommodations at The Landings Hotel at Rivers Casino & Resort, Schenectady, NY

June 29

- Admission to the Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY
- Lunch before returning to Pennsylvania

Cost per person:	Double occupancy	\$739
	Triple occupancy	\$679
	Single occupancy	\$929

Valid U.S passport is required. If you do not have one, apply immediately. Possible Covid vaccine and negative test may be required. To be determined.



**LCICON MONTREAL 2022
RESERVATION FORM**

A minimum deposit of \$250 per person is required to secure your space. You can also pay in full should you prefer, balance will be due by April 20, 2022. You can make a reservation by phone to Swinston Travel 814-443-2691 or swinstontravel@gmail.com.

The reservation form can be mailed to: SWINSTON TRAVEL, 125 North Edgewood Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501 or sent via email.

Checks payable to : SWINSTON TRAVEL Credit and debit cards also acceptable.

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CELL PHONE _____ LANDLINE _____

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

COMMENTS _____





2021-2022 MD-14 District Governor Leadership Teams

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>1st Vice Governor</u>	<u>2nd Vice Governor</u>
14-A	Larry Frankenfield (Upper Perkiomen Valley)	Norma Evangelista (Hatboro)	Joseph Warner (Southampton-Warminster)
14-B	MaryAnn Belles (Whitehall Community)	Dr. Kamal Gerra (Bloomfield-Lawrenceville)	To Be Determined
14-C	Daniel Brant (Newville)	Keith Shoff (Brogue Community)	Martin Zimmerman (Stewartstown)
14-D	Richard Sware (Willow Street)	Carl Spellman (Mount Joy)	Michael Schaeffer (Millersville)
14-E	Margie Wolff (Murrysville)	Anthony Catullo (Rostraver Township)	Amy Thompkins (Delmont)
14-F	David Hollern, PDG (Meadville)	James Craft (Bradford Community Pride)	Debra Craft (Bradford Comm. Pride)
14-G	James Wilbur, PDG (No. Tioga Co. Centennial)	Clayton Steward (Montgomery)	Kathy Douty (Jersey Shore Lioness)
14-H	Cathy Metschulat, PDG (Jefferson Township)	Allan Hetkowski (Scranton)	David Rudis (Scranton)
14-J	Linda Lupro, PDG (DuBois)	Galen George (South Fork)	To Be Determined
14-K	Debbie Lillegard (Emmaus Lioness)	Cathy Duelley (Bethlehem Township)	Denise Shaffer (Whitehall)
14-L	Gary Shetter, Jr. (Everett)	Trisha Radmann (Williamsburg)	To Be Determined
14-M	Karl Jackson (Monongahela-Donora)	Mark Ellsworth (Uniontown)	To Be Determined
14-N	Jeff Loudermilk (Riverside-Hopewell)	Gaylene Toland (Apollo Area)	Maria Loudermilk (Riverside-Hopewell)
14-P	Gary Hilbert (Boyertown)	Christina Smaltz (Parkesburg)	To Be Determined
14-T	Peggy Hummel (New Bloomfield)	Dennis Alleman (Lurgan Township)	Patricia Ohler (Penn National)
14-U	David D. Leon, PDG (Stroudsburg)	Lisa Orehek Leon (Stroudsburg)	Matt Uroskie (West Penn Township)
14-W	Andrew J. Piskel, PDG (Hazleton)	Dr. Linda Zaneski (Dupont)	Tom Kobersky (Plains)

State Council Chairperson: IPDG Cathy G. Baker (14-T/Waynesboro)
State Council Vice Chairperson: DG/PDG David D. Leon (14-U/Stroudsburg)

PENNSYLVANIA LIONS FOR DOG GUIDES, INC.

"WE SUPPORT THE DOGS THAT GUIDE"

Pennsylvania Lions for Dog Guides, Inc. is very pleased to have this opportunity to share with you a brief update about us and our mission to assist those with vision loss and their service dogs that may require veterinary services. Our mission has long been one to render financial assistance only in Pennsylvania to those with vision loss for required emergency veterinary care to any active, working canine trained by a recognized and approved dog guide school. Our Board of Directors may provide veterinary services to a working canine with career-threatening illness or accident. The financial assistance may be up to \$1,000. The grant will be awarded through an application process, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and will be paid directly to the veterinary facility rendering said services.

It is also within our mission to promote the rights of vision-impaired persons and their dog guides for free access to all public accommodations and for us to aid in the protection of all dog guides within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Historically, we have given financial assistance to many individuals with vision loss, and their dog guides throughout the Commonwealth as the result of career-threatening illness or accident. We have played roles in canine abuse and misuse court cases, and we have supported legislation that protects the rights of those with vision loss and their dog guides.

Structurally, our organization is a 501-C-3, a non-profit governed via our Constitution and Bylaws and a seven-member statewide Board of Directors, its officers and members. Membership in Dog Guides is open to all Lions, past Lioness and Leos. As a 501-C-3 corporation, all contributions to the organization are tax deductible, with funds strictly intended to serve our mission. Our organization has no paid personnel. Board members and officers are long-standing Lions and volunteers. Membership dues are presently \$5.00 and renewable annually,

or \$100.00 for a lifetime membership. New members receive a membership card, lapel pin, and will receive occasional, periodic news and updates from our officers and general membership. Meetings of the organization are traditionally conducted at MD-14 State Council meetings or other convenient locations throughout the Commonwealth.

Financial support from contributors is our only source of income. Your contribution can ensure there will be adequate funding to continue providing emergency services for dog guides. If members of your Lions Club or organization would be interested in making a donation or becoming a Dog Guide member, or if you would like more information, please notify one of our officers or board members in your region.

Allow me to direct a special request to all our past and present members. We have been updating the outdated information on our old membership rosters so that we might better communicate with and serve our present and past members. If you have been a past annual member or wish to renew your membership please let us know by sharing your updated contact information with us. Similarly, if you have been a long-standing lifetime member, we may no longer have your original contact information or it may not have been updated over time. Please share your contact information with us and help us to better communicate with you and keep you informed.

Many thanks to all Lions of Pennsylvania who support this worthy cause. We appreciate you and your service to Pennsylvania Lions for Dog Guides, Inc. It is with you that we can make a difference.

PDG DONALD GIBALA, DR.P.H. President
Pennsylvania Lions for Dog Guides, Inc.
228 West Pearl Street
Butler, Pennsylvania 16001.
724-287-8037
dgibala@zoominternet.net



LCIF REPORT

NOVEMBER 2021

We are now into the second quarter of the Lions year, and we hope that clubs are starting to focus on Campaign 100 of our final year. District 14-C is the first District in MD-14 to reach and surpass their goal at 128%! This is an outstanding and hard-earned effort.

Vice-Chair of CA1, PID Jenny Ware visited MD-14 at our State Council Meeting in Valley Forge. She held a seminar and talked to the Council of Governors stressing the importance of our support of Campaign 100 and how many more people we will be able to serve by reaching our goal of 300 million dollars!

Coin boxes are working very well if clubs use them. Several District Governors have brought them along with them and have raised \$900 and \$700 so far with more visits to go yet.

There are creative ways in fundraising for LCIF, such as getting dressed up as mice at the Hospitality Night and walking around with a coffee mug and soliciting funds and raising \$154! Also auctioning off a Yeti water bottle that was left behind in a meeting room and raising \$30. Every donation helps!

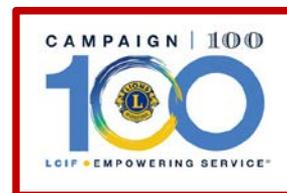
Please remember the Legacy program, as it is a great way to have your legacy of serving continue for a long time. This can be done through estate planning, IRAs, insurance policies no longer needed and other investments. There is a form online at the LCIF website with more information on this. (https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate?utm_source=lcif-homepage-hero-image&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=c100-donate-now)

We are still looking for more Model Clubs which is an average \$500 per member. Your three years to meet your commitment doesn't start until the day the paperwork is turned in. Also, your total amount begins at Lions year of 2017-18.

We are extremely grateful to those individuals and clubs that have already donated to Campaign 100! To those of you who haven't, we ask that you seriously considered donating to LCIF this Lions year, as it will have a lasting impact!

PDG Kerry McKnight and PDG Evan Punchard

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



From State Leo Clubs Coordinator PDG Kathy Fouse



Two and a half years ago when I started this journey as the State Leo Clubs Coordinator, I set some goals.

1. **Communication:** As much as I tried to reach out to the Leo Clubs in 2019, I didn't have much, if any, responses. But today, I have responses from Club Advisors through District Governors.

2. **Reporting:** From my standpoint and from my limited access, I am finding much more reporting – from Districts reporting District Leo Chairs/Coordinators, and Lions Clubs reporting Leo Advisors, and Leo Advisors reporting their Leo membership.

3. **More Involvement:** In reading posts on social media and in the PRIDE Magazine, I am noticing involvement alone and with Lions while serving your communities.

I want to thank District Governors, Vice District Governors, District Leo Chairs/Coordinators and Leo Advisors. But most of all, we all need to thank our Leos across the state – you found ways to safely SERVE throughout the COVID pandemic.

There are upcoming events for Leos – I will continue to share the information in my monthly messages. Please encourage your District Leo Chairs/Coordinators and Leo Advisors to participate in these events. I would like to encourage District Cabinets and sponsoring Lions Club boards to approve financial assistance where possible so their Leos can attend some of the events.

State Leo Clubs Meeting: The State Council Meeting will be held at the Wyndham Garden in York, February 4-5. On Saturday, we will hold a State Leo Clubs' meeting. This meeting is OPEN TO ALL – especially, District Leo Chairs/Coordinators, Leo Club Advisors and Leo members. The topic has yet to be determined, but I am open to suggestions.

2020-2021 Leo of the Year: The State Leo of the Year will be honored on February 5 at the Saturday Night Banquet. Help us celebrate this young leader by attending the banquet.

State Leo Rally: After two years of the COVID pandemic, Beacon Lodge Camp is once again hosting our Leo Rally on April 22-24. This will be a weekend of fun, food, fellowship and service. The Registration Form and General Requirements will be included in the monthly messages starting with January 2022. As in years prior, we are hoping that districts and sponsoring Lions clubs will assist the Leos with the \$50 registration fees for each camper (Leos and chaperones).

State Convention: May 19-22 at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge – watch for Leo activities to be announced.

Let us move safely into a Healthy New Year as we Serve from the Heart.

PDG Kathy Fouse
State Leo Clubs Coordinator
717-645-4322
lionkathyfouse@gmail.com



There's an Easy Way To Give

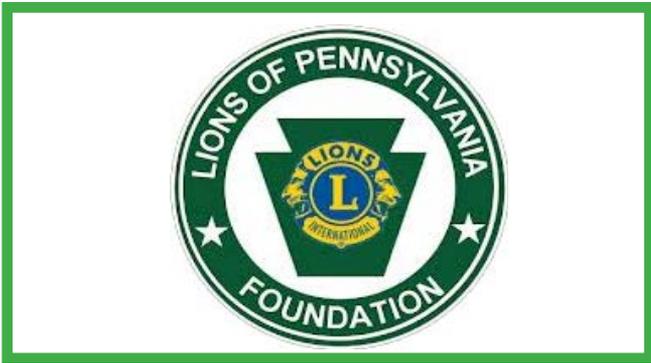
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From cars, trucks, boats, and RVs, we accept all types of donated vehicles.

Donating is **easy**, the pick-up is **free**, and **your gift is tax-deductible**.

LIONS OF PA FOUNDATION



Website: www.nepalsf.org 484-546-2085

Since our last report in May, 2021, the Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation has installed (6) new members to serve on the Board of Directors: (L-R) DG Jim Douty and Lion Diane Dunne of 14G, DG Daniel Lombardo of 14K, Lion Marty Zimmerman of 14C, and from 14T, Lion Tom Klaus and PDG Keldeen Stambaugh. We are excited about the new talents and perspectives they bring to the foundation's work.



NEPALSF Officer Election

The election of officers was conducted at the September board meeting. By a unanimous vote, PDG Gerald Chapman will continue as Board President, PDG George Hilsinger was elected 1st Vice President and PCC Ron Dietz will continue as 2nd Vice President. PDG Kathy Neary serves as Secretary and Lion Bob Dickson is our Treasurer for 2021-2022.

More News.....

The foundation held a luncheon/presentation at the State Council meeting August 7th at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg.

Thank you to all who attended!

A long-range planning committee has been formed to ensure that the foundation remains financially strong, aware of emerging technologies that help the vision and hearing impaired, and progressive.



“Local Lions present check to Beltone to purchase hearing aids for (recipient). Front (L-R) District Governor Peggy Hummel, New Bloomfield Lions Club President Bryan Demuro and recipient. 2nd Row (L-R Lion Steve Jury, Keystone Health Svcs. Corey Stayner/Keystone Health Svsc., Lion Alan Fry, Shermans Dale Lions Club Lion Barry Luckenbaugh (A grant for \$3,648.00 for New Bloomfield and Shermans Dale Lions Clubs Barry Luckenbaugh.” Local Print Media

The Foundation been hard at work accepting grant applications and improving our operations. Some grants approved since the last report include:

Date Received	District	Sponsoring Club	Grant Type	Purpose	Amount	Approve
2/3/2021	14C	Susquehanna	Patient Care	Cataract Surgery for Individual	3,620.00	2/5
4/5/2021`	14D	Lancaster	Equipment	2 in 1 Smoke Alarms - Hearing/Sight Impaired	1,000.00	3/4
4/20/2021	14L	McConnellsburg	Community	Handicap Playground Equipment	18,762.00	4/20
4/26/2021	14C	Paxtang	Equipment	Vision Resources Central PA Office Equipment	4,541.00	4/27
5/6/2021	14L	Stone Creek	Equipment	Beacon Lodge - Video Equip & Software	60,000.00	5/6
5/7/2021	14T	Penbrook	Community	Little Valley Park - ADA Compliance	14,778.00	5/7
7/7/2021	14T	NewBloomfield	Patient	Hearing Aids for Individual	3,648.00	7/7
7/13/2021	14L	Lakemont	Community	Quest for Arts Altoona	15,000.00	7/13
7/15/2021	14W	JLW Mtn Laurel	Community	Bedding for Sleep in Heavenly Peace	2,000.00	7/18
7/23/2021	14G	Ferguson Twp	Community	Parking Lot Repair	6,650.00	7/23
8/10/2021	14G	Jersey Shore NCSS	Community	NCSS Rehabilitation Trips	16,220.00	8/24
8/12/2021	14G	So Williamsport	Community	Shed for BBQ Equipment	9,476.00	8/12
9/12/2021	14U	Stroudsburg	Patient	Hearing Aids for Individual	4,000.00	9/14
9/14/2021	MD14	Partners in Service	Community	Meals for Needy in 14C	1,800.00	9/30
9/28/2021	14D	Strasburg	Equipment	Handicap Ramp for Individual	5,000.00	10/5
				TOTAL	166,495.00	

Any questions regarding the grant application process can be sent to grants@nepalsf.org or consult your board representatives. *Please note:* All grants must include a copy of the meeting minutes pertaining to the grant application discussion. Clubs need not have a 501c3 designation.

North Central Sight Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency based in Williamsport, who provide blindness prevention education, vision screenings, services and employment to individuals who are blind or visually impaired in the communities of



of Bradford, Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties. (Website)

Our NEPALSF grant helps combat isolation and lack of independence often a result of vision loss by providing social recreational programs throughout the year.

Anyone is welcome to join our Board Meetings at the PA State Council of Lions Clubs Office, 949 E Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA. Please join us with a reservation for dinner – call 484-546-2085. Appetizers are served at 5:30pm, dinner is at 6:00. The meeting usually adjourns between 8:00 – 8:30 pm. Meetings scheduled for 2022 are on Wednesdays: March 9th, June 8th, September 14th, and November 9th.

Pennsylvania Lions Pre-Christmas Service



www.nepalsf.org



The **JLW Laurel Lions Club, District 14-W**, recently purchased more than 60 sets of bedding and pillows for children's beds for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Luzerne County Project.

The bedding was purchased with matching grants from the Lions of 14-W Foundation, the Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation and other donations.

The Sleep in Heavenly Peace builds and provides beds for children in need and currently has a waiting list of over 200 children who need beds to sleep in. Their motto is "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town."

Contributed by PDG Joan Milligan



The **Zelenople Lions Club, 14-N**, received a Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation grant for \$2,000 for a community lion drinking fountain.

Pictured from the left: DG Jeff Loudermilk, Grant Writer Lion Nancy Williamson, Project Coordinator Lion David Williamson, Club President Rebecca Barnes, Club Secretary Linda Flora, Foundation Board Member PDG Don Gibala.

Contributed by PDG Don Gibala

MD-14 Lions Serve!



The **Hanover Lions Club, 14-W**, hosted their annual tree lighting ceremony and the community-wide **Toys for Tots** collection. A large number of new, unwrapped toys were collected in support of the US Marine Corps Reserve, Wyoming, Toys for Tots campaign. The free family event was well attended by the community.



Contributed by the **Hanover Township Lions**



Avon Grove Lions, 14-P, sponsored a Peace Poster Contest that was won by **Maximilian McGrath**. He was presented a check and his poster was sent for further judging.

Pictured are Avon Grove's 1VP Fran Thomson, Maximilian McGrath, his mother Lori McGrath, his sister Leo Angelina McGrath and Peace Poster Coordinator Lion Linda Sampson.

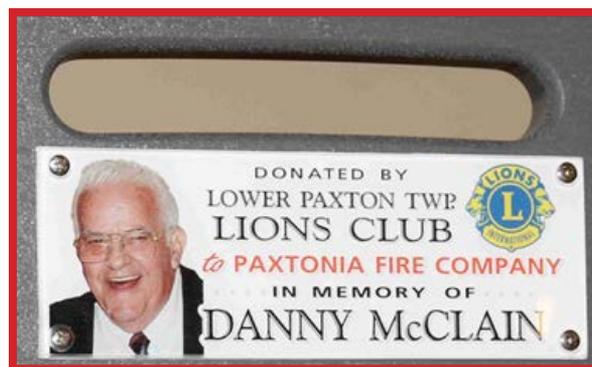


Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



The **Lower Paxton Township Lions Club, 14-T**, presented a bench to the **Paxtonia Fire Company** during their recent First Responders' Recognition Dinner in memory of Past President **Lion Danny McClain**, a 40-year member of the club. Lion McClain was also a long-standing member of the Paxtonia Fire Company, serving in many official positions.

Contributed by PDG **Kathy Fouse**





The **Lions of District 14-B** spent a day packing backpacks for the Giving Backpacks Project. **PDG Marni Latterman** and **Lion MaryAnn Belles** bought toilet tissue, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, tee shirts, underwear, emery boards, soap, washcloths, combs, hairbrushes, first aid kits, Chapstick, safety sirens, hand sanitizers, wet wipes, disposable flatware, winter gloves, shampoo, conditioner, granola bars, applesauce, crackers, chewing gum, bottles of water, pens, pencils, plastic cups and feminine products, some handwarmers and McDonald's gift cards for the backpacks.

More than 60 volunteers from **Bethel Park, Whitehall Community, Cheswick-Springdale, Tarentum Area, Elfinwild, Mon River Fleet, Oakmont, Pittsburgh Host, Pittsburgh Deaf-Blind, Bloomfield Lawrenceville, Clairton, Monroeville, Pleasant Hills, University of Pittsburgh, West Mifflin Lions Clubs, the Springdale Leos Club**, staff and others from **Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net** and the **Oakmont Rotarians** helped assemble the backpacks for the homeless of Allegheny County.

District 14-B received a \$10,000 grant from the **McKeesport Hospital Foundation** for the backpacks and sirens. The Lions clubs in the District also donated items and money. Operation Safety Net requested 75 women's and 225 men's backpacks and that request was fulfilled.

"It was a great day to be a Lion! Everyone Soared into Service and Served from the Heart..."

Contributed by **Lion MaryAnn Belles**



CONGRATULATIONS!



A new Leo Club has been formed in **Ellwood City, 14-N!** The charter night was held on December 14; the advisor is King **Lion Karrie DeMarco** of the **Ellwood City Lions Club**. The club became official one day before National Leos Day on December 5. Pictured left are the members signing the charter.

Contributed by **DG Jeff Loudermilk**





Avon Grove Lions, 14-P, and Leos from Avon Grove High School conducted KidsSight eye screenings at Penn Township's Fall Festival for 34 children. Books and candy were given to the children.

*Pictured are **Lions Dave Priebe, Lisa Barber, Eileen Priebe, Linda Sampson, Dr. Eric Miller and Barry Marteny.***



The **Avon Grove Lions** and seven Leos held a KidsSight eye screening at the Avon Grove Charter School Early Learning Center and screened more than 150 kindergarten students. Each child received a sticker and a free book from the Avon Grove Lions Book Barn.

*Pictured (seated) **Lions Linda Sampson, Dr. Eric Miller, Eileen Priebe;** (standing) **Lions Barry Marteny, Dave Priebe and George Steele.***



Avon Grove and Oxford Lions Clubs teamed up and held a KidsSight eye screening at Jordan Bank School in Oxford, screening more than 220 students. The results were sent to the school nurse for further processing.

*Pictured are **Lions Dr. Eric Miller, Denny Byrne, Jack Weber, Linda Sampson, Barry Marteny, Carol Day, John Day and Mike Baker.***



Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



Christopher Danner
September



Bryn Hughes
October



Duncan McQueen
November

Shown are students from Red Lion Area Senior High School who were honored as Students of the Month by the Red Lion Lions Club, 14-C.

Others pictured are *Susan Meisenhelter* and *John H. Fiskel* of the Education Committee.

Contributed by Lion Don Dippner

Congratulations



Leo club members **Joanna Bowden** and **Sophia Krasinski** made buttons for the faculty, staff and school board for **Fort LeBoeuf High School's (14-F)** celebration of being recognized as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School by the US Department of Education.



With the help of the **Summit Lions, 14-F**, the **Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club** collected over 500 pounds of plastic to deliver to Giant Eagle to earn a Trex bench through the Trex Recycling Film Challenge. **Summit Lion Chris Lynch** delivers the plastic materials to the store for the Leos who are currently working on a second bench. The plaque on the bench reads "Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club 2021".

Pictured are vice president **Anjalena Bucci**, president **Caitlin Riley** and treasurer **Liz Keppler**.

Contributed by **Lion Angela Tarr**





On International Leo Day, December 5, the **Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club, 14-F**, helped the **Waterford Lions** with their Santa in the Park event. The Leos were Santa's elves and the **Waterford Lioness Club** provided hot chocolate and sweet treats for the children who came to see Santa.

Pictured (Row 1): Ryan Welka, Ashlyne Roher, Santa, Natalie Litz (Row 2): Emily Prather, Anjalena Bucci, Caitlin Riley, Thatcher Baney, Isabelle Rogerson and Alaina Dinsmore.

Contributed by **Lion Angela Tarr**

Leos Maddie Boulware and Capria Kempista of Avon Grove High School helped the **Avon Grove Lions, 14-P**, set up their Christmas tree sale lot, saving a lot of Lions' shoulders. They pounded in stakes, secured signs and got ropes ready to tie the trees.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**





Avon Grove Lions, 14-P held a White Cane collection at Starbucks in Jennersville, collecting \$550 to be distributed to organizations supporting the sight impaired.

*Pictured are President **Lion Dave Graham** and **Lion Jane Frank**.*

Lion Buster Neeham of the **Avon Grove** club is shown receiving a chevron for **60 years of service** with the club. It was commented that some of the Lions at the meeting hadn't been born when Lion Buster joined the club.

*Pictured are President **Lion Dave Graham** and **Lion Needham**.*



Avon Grove Lions presented a check to Avon Grove Middle School's Robotics Club. The Lions have been a long-time supporter of the club that teaches the students to work as a team.

*Pictured are **Eric Robison**, Avon Grove's President **Lion Dave Graham** and **John Murray**.*



Avon Grove Lions made a donation to the Avon Grove High School After Prom event which provides a safe place for the students to go to have fun after the prom.

*Pictured are **Amy Bossong** from PAC and President **Lion Dave Graham**.*





**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP LIONS SPREAD
CHEER TO SHUT-INS**

PDG BOB ROEBUCK ORGANIZED A HOLIDAY CHEER PROJECT. MEMBERS OF THE LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB DELIVERED PACKAGES OF ASSORTED COOKIES TO LOCAL SHUT-INS.

LOWER PAXTON CHRISTKINDLMARKT

IN A VILLAGE WITH A POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 6,000, THOUSANDS CAME FROM NEAR AND FAR TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CHRISTKINDLMARKT. THE LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB WAS A CONTRIBUTING SPONSOR. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB AND LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL WAS PROVIDED FOR THE EVENT'S INFORMATION TENT.

SUBMITTED BY PDG KATHY FOUSE

The Christkindlmarkt, which literally means Christ Child Market in Deutch, was inspired by the 16th-century Christkindlmarkt in Nuremberg, Germany. It was a pre-Christmas celebration to usher in Advent.



*Pictured are **Lion Mike Milnes** and **Dr. Emily Smith**, Riverside Elementary School principal, making sure the TREX bench is comfortable.*

The **Riverside Area Lions, 14-N**, donated a bench to the Riverside Elementary School playground. The bench was acquired through the TREX program. With the help of **Lion Rita Swesey** of the **Rochester-Beaver Area Club**, three benches have been placed in the area.



(Right) The **Riverside Area Club** collected more than 350 hygiene products in three months. They hope to be able to place the bins again at the end of the school year to furnish supplies for the summer.



Riverside Area Lions held two food drives in the Ellport Area, collecting more than a pickup load of non-perishable food items in time for the Holy Redeemer Food Bank's Thanksgiving distribution.

***Pictured above left** are **Lions Lynn Campbell, Mike Milnes, Jim Westlund and Joan Bowser**. The right picture shows Lions unloading the donated food at the Holy Redeemer Food Bank.*



Riverside Area Lions also donated to the **Yellow Ribbon Girls**, a local charity that is a faith based mission supporting deployed service men and women with monthly care packages of supplies, treats, games and crafts. They can be contacted at yellowribongirls@yahoo.com.

The club also donated two boxes of items to one of the 111 Pennsylvania service members deployed on Guantanamo Bay, a drive supported by the Lions of Pennsylvania.

***Pictured** are **PDG Chip Campbell, Bonnie Phillippi and Lion Jim Westlund**.*

Contributed by **PDG Chip Campbell**



Riverside Area Lions, 14-N, distributed fruit in bags designed by the five Ellwood City kindergarten classes. The children drew the designs, colored them and signed their names on the bags. The idea was "borrowed" from the **Apollo Area Lions** and has been a project for more than 30 years.



The **Riverside Area Club** rang the bell to help the Salvation Army collect funds at the Franklin Giant Eagle for the second year.

Riverside Area Lions distributed over 1,000 toys acquired through **Project Homefront** to seven locations in the area: the Ellwood City Northside Elementary School, Perry School, Holy Redeemer Social Services, Portersville Food Bank, Riverside Elementary and Beaver Falls Elementary School. The schools use the toys during the year to reward students for outstanding achievements and the food banks use them to help fill Christmas bags they furnish at Christmas.



Contributed by **PDG Chip Campbell**



Pictured are Frank and Joyce Taylor, Nicholas Kuech, Stacy, Jackson and Michael Barno and Lion President Dave Graham. Nicholas Kuech was Avon Grove Lions', 14-P, student of the month for October. He is a senior at Avon Grove High School who plans to attend Penn State to major in cyber security. Jackson Barno is a student of Avon Grove Charter School and was the Avon Grove Lions student of the month for October. He plans to attend Shippensburg University to major in business administration.



Pictured are Avon Grove Charter School Principal Matthew Messick, Joe, Holly and Kelly Mahala and Avon Grove Lions 1VDG Frank Thomson.

Holly Mahala was Avon Grove Charter School's Student of the Month for November. She plans to attend West Virginia University majoring in animal and nutritional sciences, planning to become a livestock animal nutritionist or a livestock veterinarian.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



Elizabeth Landon was named Avon Grove Lions' student of the month for November from the Avon Grove High School. She plans to attend Wilson College playing field hockey and majoring in veterinary nursing, pre-vet.

*Pictured are Assistant Principal **Gary Benasutti**, **Linda Landon**, **Elizabeth Landon**, **Glenn Spencer** and Avon Grove Lion 1VP **Fran Thomson**.*

*Avon Grove
Lions
Students of the
Month
November
and
December
2021*



*Pictured are Avon Grove High School Assistant Principal **Gary Benasutti**, **Diann Cimini**, **Jason Cimini**, **Noah Cimini**, **Marjorie Runk**, **Kevin Runk**, **Hunter Runk**, 1VP **Fran Thomson** and Avon Grove Charter School Principal **Matthew Messick**.*

Hunter Runk was awarded Avon Grove Charter School's student of the month for December. He plans to attend a four-year university with a major in real estate or international business. **Noah Cimini** was named Avon Grove Lions student of the month for December from Avon Grove High School. He plans to attend a four-year university for mechanical engineering.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**

From Paws to Refresh (worthy of repeat....)

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.



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