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Thank you.*



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And we Continue To Serve, Together We Can

Greetings Lions and Leos,

I am looking out my office window and see grass, birds and no snow. What a late winter we have had. Even though several past days were in the single digits. Let's all look forward to spring, District Conventions, the Multi District 14 Convention and work toward the International Convention in Boston. I encourage all to attend as many as you can. Please focus on our MD Convention in Indiana, PA. President Sheehan and his partner in service Lion Lori will be here to greet us with a great message. There will be plenty of activities for all ages. Come out and enjoy. Bring a prospective member with you. I am sure you will have a signed application after.



We just had a great Council of Governors' weekend hosting our Past International Justice Shea Nickell from Kentucky. What a great time we all had with him and his partner in service, Lion Dr. Carolyn Watson Nickell. Super Lions who delivered a great message to the PA Lions.

Have you looked at the Winter 2023 Lions Magazine? If not yet, you need to. Read it all but focus on the story of the Seal Beach Lions Club of Orange County, California. It is the largest Lions club in the US with 418 members plus 120 Leos. When Lion Susan and I were in California we had lunch with this club. They do it right with great leadership and equally great committees. They handle about 120 projects a year, all broken down with committee leadership and member participation. What a story. The title is "If you build it, they will come." Use the article as a lesson for your own club's challenge.

I hate to always talk about membership, but I must. Our MD is again down a number equal to about 15 clubs. With four months remaining in this Lions year, we really need to dig deep. Hold a membership rally in your club. Look into an area that a Branch club would work. Challenge yourselves to erase that number before the year's end. Make Pennsylvania proud and be a positive-growth Multiple District.

Until next time, please stay well, make your plans to attend some of the spring Lions events and I hope to see you at the Multiple District Convention in Indiana.

In Lions Service,

PTD Larry



A Past International Justice from Kentucky meets a Pennsylvania Justice

Third Council Chair Message for the Pride

Hello, fellow Lions and Leos,



Spring has finally arrived! At least that is what the calendar says... and as the daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, crocus and, yes, the dreaded dandelions start popping up, so do many of our Lions clubs across the state with their outdoor events: BBQs, egg hunts, golf outings, etc. This is the time to renew and reinvigorate our clubs and Lions members with exciting service, new members and committed leadership.

Speaking of leadership, it is my pleasure to announce that the Council of District Governors voted unanimously to hire PDG Deb Burkholder (14-D) as our State Administrator effective March 1st. For the last 11 months, PDG Deb has been admirably running the State Office as the “Acting” State Admin., as a volunteer no less! All those involved noted how PDG Deb has brought stability to the State Office and are happy she has chosen to accept the opportunity to make it official. With an official State Administrator in place, Lions are urged to use the State Office email (administrator@palions.org) and Office phone number (717-564-2586) for any Lions’ state-related inquiries.



Speaking of excitement, with the month of April, we enter the District Convention season, followed promptly by our State Convention in Indiana, PA and the International Convention in Boston, MA. Every District Convention is unique, following local traditions and/or the personality of the District Governor. This all made me think: What is a convention, and why have it? Among the various definitions, the dictionary describes a convention as *the summoning or convening of an assembly of persons meeting for a common purpose*. You should expect some fellowship, good food and a little bit of an education on local, state and international programs. Its purpose? To give you a way to meet with like-minded people who put service to others above self!



As I sit down to write this message, I am preparing to drop in on some of my closest district’s events and enjoy some of what they have to offer. I am especially excited about our 100th Anniversary Celebration of Lions Clubs in MD-14! District 14-J and the Centennial Committee have been working hard to make this State Convention special. Make plans to be there! Everything you need to know to register can be found at our website: www.palions.org. Click on **Calendar -- State Conventions**. An International Convention within driving distance should also be something for the Lions in PA to be excited about. If you have never been to one, this is a great opportunity to do so. The Convention will bring fellow Lions from across the world for fellowship and service, plenary sessions, exhibits, seminars and the International Parade and Show. You can register and find all kinds of info online at: www.lionsclubs.org. Look under “**LCIcon**”. May our paths cross at one or all of these events!



Lion Dave León

MD-14 (PA) Council of Governors Chairman (2022-23)
IPDG District 14-U



Lion Deb joined the Schoeneck Area Lions Club, 14-D, in December 2002 and transferred to the Baron Stiegel Club in 2015. She has served at the club level as Club Treasurer, Club Secretary, Club President and on the Board of Directors. Lion Deb helps with many Club projects including the food concession trailer, local food drives for the food bank, and the Christmas food box distribution project. She has also been involved with the Disaster Relief Team and has helped deliver food to hurricane Sandy victims in New York and New Jersey.

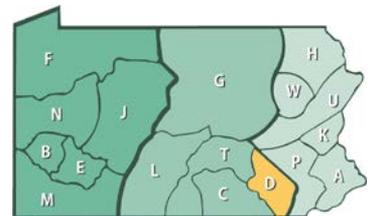
At the District level, Lion Deb served six years as District newsletter editor followed by 14 years as District treasurer, Second Vice District Governor in 2012-2013, First Vice District Governor in 2013-2014 and District Governor in 2014-2015. She is currently serving the District as the District Treasurer and the Nominating Committee Chairperson.

At the State level, Lion Deb has served from 2015 to the present as the Recording Secretary for the Council of Governors' meetings and has served four years as the Multiple District Global Leadership Team Coordinator from 2017-2021. Lion Deb was the Multiple District Finance Chairperson from 2021-2022. In 2023 Lion Deb was appointed State Administrator for Multiple District 14.



Lion Deb is a progressive Melvin Jones fellow, has received five International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International Leadership Medal, an International President's Medal, is a Pennsylvania Fellow, a Joe Wroblewski award recipient, a John Crone Award recipient, a Bing Miller Fellow and a Dan Walters award recipient.

Lion Deb is a retired Practice Administrator for an ophthalmology practice in Ephrata, PA and has lived all her life in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and currently resides in Denver, Pennsylvania with her husband of 39 years, Kurt and her son, Ethan.



FROM GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM COORDINATOR

The Pennsylvania Lions Global Leadership Team (GLT) has already accomplished a great deal this Lions year. Our amazing faculty held three Vice District Governor trainings along with the three-day January retreat preparing your VDGs to be our future leaders. Our team also held two Spring and Fall Leadership Symposiums which were well attended. The February symposiums trained 60 Lions about subjects such as Ethics, Leadership Styles, Fundraisers, and Putting the Fun in Service. In conjunction with the February symposiums, we held a food drive collecting 275 pounds of non-perishable foods that were donated to local pantries. This excellent attendance brings the total of PA Lions furthering their training by attending the Symposiums to 125 for the 2022-2023 year.

As of mid-February, there are no spaces remaining for the Multiple District 14 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI). In fact, we always plan on a maximum of 40 Lions attending, however, this year we have 45 applications to attend the RLLI from Pennsylvania Lions. After consulting with the members of the Global Leadership Team and faculty, the decision was made to accept all 45 applicants so everyone who wants to attend has the opportunity to do so. Sixteen of our seventeen districts have at least one representative registered to take advantage of this motivational training event.

These three days of intensive training are beneficial not only for your Lions' service, but possibly your work life as well. As I have been saying repeatedly, the ***"RLLI is the most important Lions Club meeting of your life!"*** Applications for the 2024 Regional Lions Leadership Institute to be held March 8-10 are now available. Contact your District Governor for your application.

Your Global Leadership Team is also hosting an important leadership training event entitled ***"Harnessing the Power of Leadership"*** at the MD-14 State Convention in May, courtesy of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Lion Beth Slade, Director of Lions Engagement for LDFTB will be joined by 14-L's own Leader Dog "Millie," to present a demonstration on how Lions can benefit from the form of leadership style Leader Dog uses to train puppies. This presentation will be interactive, fun, educational and FREE to all Lions attending the convention.

PDG Kerry McKnight, Global Leadership Team Coordinator



LCIF REPORT FEBRUARY 2023

As we are now in the second half of our Lions year; MD-14 is down \$41,467 from this time last year. District 14-P has reached 70% of the goal for this fiscal year, District 14-D is at 53% and District 14-U is at 47%. The other Districts have a way to go to reach their goal.

With the natural disasters happening more frequently, and especially with the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria, our help is needed more than ever to enable LCIF to continue awarding grants to Lions clubs where these disasters happen.

PID Shea Nickell, from Kentucky, who spoke at our most recent State Council meeting, stated that disasters are getting worse. If you haven't already, we ask that you and your Lions club seriously consider donating to LCIF, to give the victims of these disasters hope and to emphasize the fact that Lions not only serve, but care about them, too!

The following Lions received the bronze award at the third MD-14 State Council meeting in Harrisburg for their districts' targeted percent increase to LCIF from 2021 to 2022: 14-F IPDG Dave Hollern and LCIF Coordinator PDG Janet Mitchell, 14-A IPDG Larry Frankenfield and Area B Vice Leader PID Jim Cavallaro, 14-C IPDG Dan Brant and current Area B Vice Leader PDG Kerry McKnight, 14-G IPDG Jim Wilbur and LCIF Coordinator Lion Gary Strauch, 14-P IPDG Gary Hilbert and LCIF Coordinator PDG Dave Hunsberger and 14-T IPDG Peggy Hummel and LCIF Coordinator PDG Pete Van Zandt. Congratulations to all of them!

Also, Presidential medals were awarded to PID Jim Cavallaro and PDG Kerry McKnight for their work for LCIF during Campaign 100. PDG Kerry and 14-C were the only district in MD-14 who surpassed their goal! Congratulations to both!

Please remember the Legacy Society is a great way to continue your legacy of service through wills, IRAs, annuities, insurance policies, among others! Information can be found on LCIF's website (<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/give-how-to-give/recognition-programs#LionsLegacySociety>).

We ask that you please keep LCIF in mind with your District Conventions coming up with creative ways of fundraising and awarding Melvin Jones fellowships.

As always, thank you for your support to LCIF!

PDG Evan Punchard, MD-14 LCIF Coordinator



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100TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
KOVALCHICK CONVENTION AND ATHLETIC COMPLEX
MAY 18 – 21, 2023**



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100th ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION



Thursday, May 18 through Sunday, May 21, 2023
Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex
711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705



Registration (**complete one form per attendee**) Return form by: APRIL 28, 2023

Name (Last Name, First Name) _____ Sub-District _____
Circle Membership: Lion Leo Guest Title: ID PIP PID DG VDG PDG
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ home cell work Email _____
Club name _____ Spouse/Partner/Guest _____
First State Convention YES NO Years as a Lion _____
Special considerations: Dietary Restrictions Hearing Vision Physically Challenged

Convention Registration \$15 per attendee \$ _____
State Convention Pin(s) _____ @ \$4/pin \$ _____

Meal Reservations

Friday Luncheon—\$23 per person \$ _____

Buffet -- sandwich, side salad, chips, pickles, cookies, beverage

PA Counsellors/District Governors Honor Banquet--\$35 per person \$ _____

garden salad, roasted fingerling potatoes with cracked pepper and truffle oil,
roasted vegetable medley, layered mousse martini. Choice of

____ Asiago Crusted Chicken with Red Pepper Sauce

____ Garlic and Herb Roasted Pork Loin

____ Grilled Vegetable Lasagna Roll Up with Creamy Garlic Sauce

Saturday Luncheon--\$22 per person \$ _____

Choice of salad, lunch meats, bread/rolls, cookies, chips, beverage

International Banquet--\$35 per person \$ _____

garden salad, whipped potatoes, carrots, NY cheesecake. Choice of

____ Roast Beef

____ Sliced Turkey with Gravy

____ Arancini (Italian rice ball) w/ San Marzano tomato, parmesan, basil

Melvin Jones Fellow/Key Member Breakfast -- \$23 per person \$ _____

Breakfast buffet

Amount Due for Meal Reservations \$ _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Checks payable to: **14-J Lions 2023 Convention**

Mail to: **PDG Linda Lupro**

401 Galaxy Circle

DuBois, PA 15801

lionlinda13@yahoo.com

410-322-4808

Hotel information on separate page

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HOTEL INFORMATION

These hotels have blocks of rooms for the PA Lions 100th Anniversary Convention. Contact the hotel of your choice to make a reservation. Rates are in effect until **April 18, 2023**.

Hilton Garden Inn Indiana at IUP--\$139 + tax (Use Code PALION)

714 Pratt Dr, Indiana, PA 15705
(724) 349-2222
Hilton.com
On-site location

Hampton Inn Indiana--\$129 + tax (Use Code PALION)

1275 Indian Springs Rd, Indiana, PA 15701
(724) 349-7700
Hilton.com
2.6 miles from the convention center

Ramada by Wyndham--\$109.50 + tax (Use Code PALI-MAY23)

1395 Wayne Ave, Indiana, PA 15701
(724) 463-3561
Ramada.com
1.3 miles from the convention center

Quality Inn & Suites—varies depending on room choice (Use Code PALIONS)

1545 Wayne Ave, Indiana, PA 15701
(724) 349-9620
1.8 miles from the convention center

Other Hotels Nearby

Holiday Inn Express
Hampton Inn Blairsville
Days Inn Indiana

HOSPITALITY NIGHT

Friday, May 19, 2023
9 pm to midnight

Celebrating our 100th Anniversary

with

“Music through the Decades”

by

Dueling Pianos International



BASKET RAFFLE



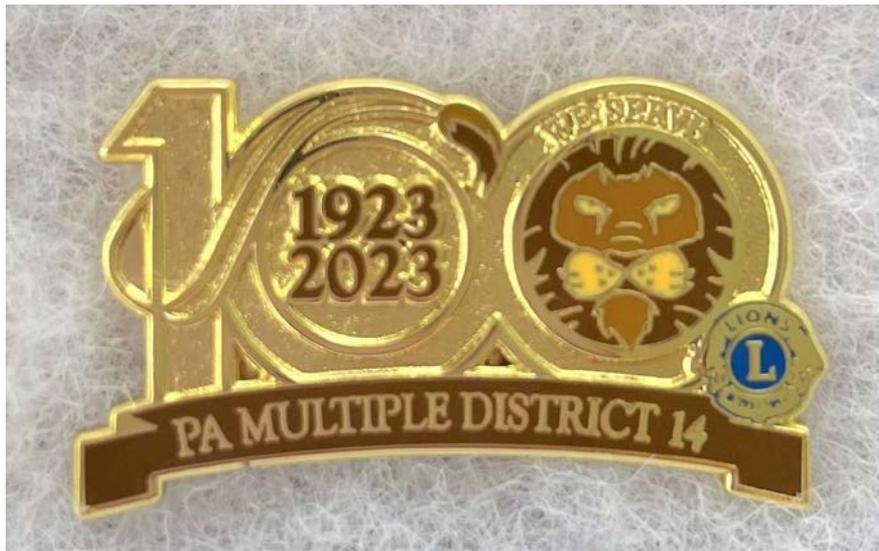
Looking for basket donations from each District and from each club in 14-J. Baskets are also welcome from any other club or individual who would like to donate.

Each basket should be \$40.00 to \$50.00.

No alcohol baskets please.

For State Convention, May 18-21, 2023

**Celebrating MD-14 Pennsylvania
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1923 - 2023**



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14J District Host Committee distribution/proceeds

Contact PCC Terri Kodgis for details
814/659-6620
Terri.kodgis@breezeline.net



**PA Lions Bus Trip
International Convention in Boston
July 6-11, 2023**

**Leaving from PA Lions State Office, 949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111
Thursday July 6, 2023 at 7 a.m. Sharp!**

**Arrive in Boston on Thursday, July 6, 2023
Depart Boston for Home on Tuesday July 11, 2023**

**Drop off and Pick up at both PA Delegation Hotels
Transportation by Bailey Coach**

**Only 55 Seats Available – First Come First Served
\$200/person**

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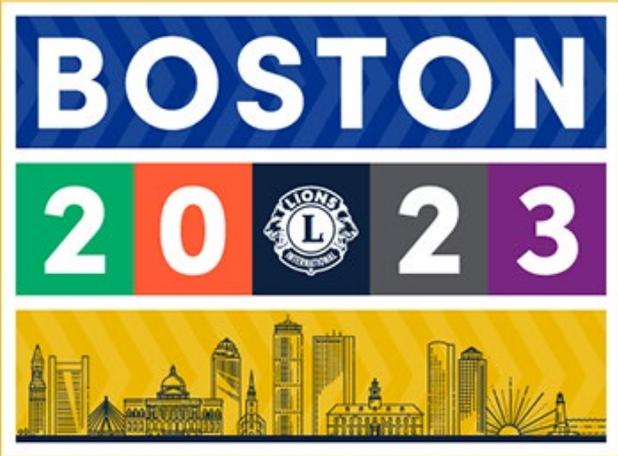
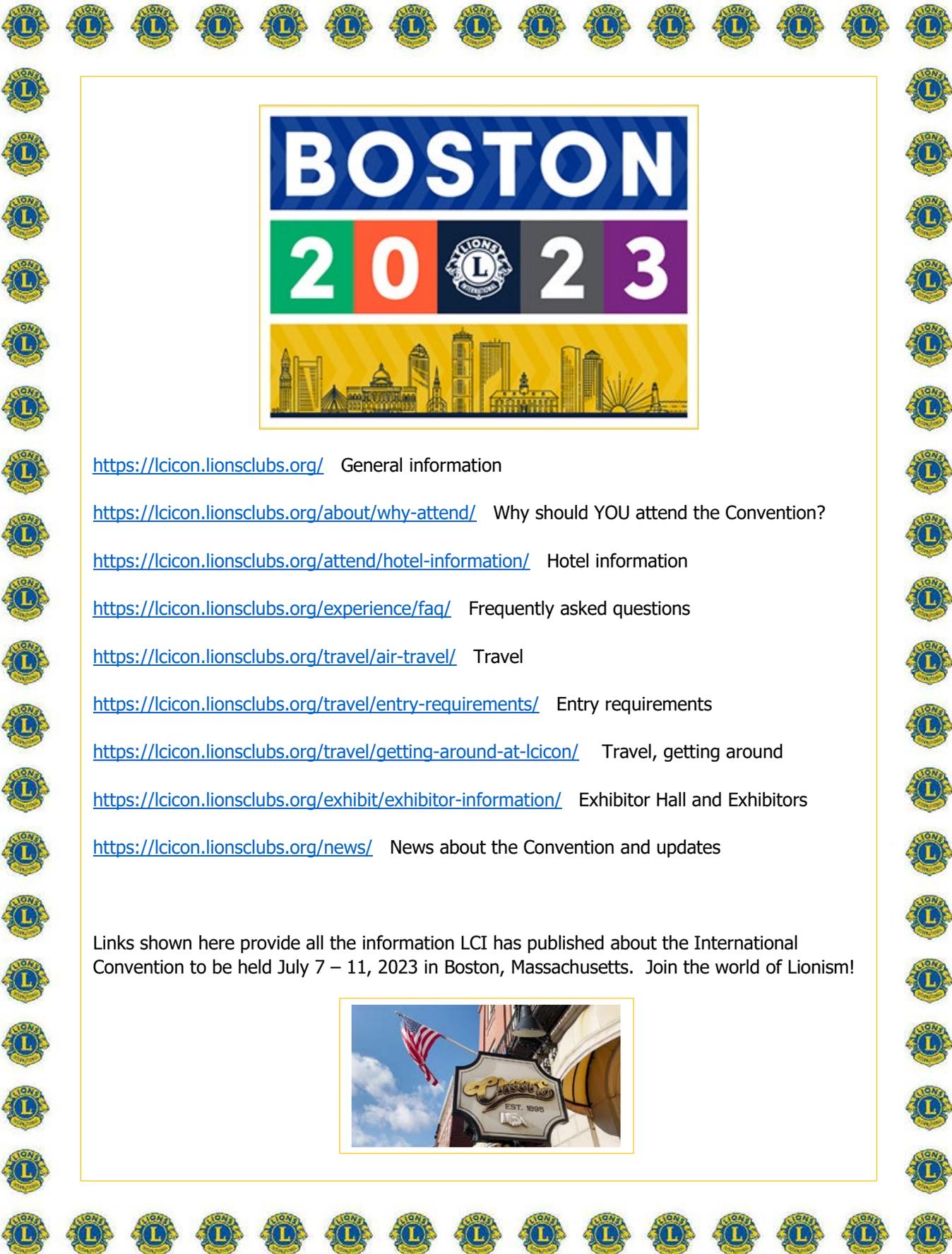
Email Address _____

I need _____ seats X \$200/seat = _____

A Check made out to PA Lions must accompany reservation form to secure a seat on the bus.

Reservations Due in the State Office by Friday June 23, 2023.

**For questions or more information contact Acting State Administrator PDG Deb Burkholder
at 717-816-4999 or email administrator@palions.org**



<https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/> General information

<https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/about/why-attend/> Why should YOU attend the Convention?

<https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/attend/hotel-information/> Hotel information

<https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/experience/faq/> Frequently asked questions

<https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/travel/air-travel/> Travel

<https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/travel/entry-requirements/> Entry requirements

<https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/travel/getting-around-at-lclcon/> Travel, getting around

<https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/exhibit/exhibitor-information/> Exhibitor Hall and Exhibitors

<https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/news/> News about the Convention and updates

Links shown here provide all the information LCI has published about the International Convention to be held July 7 – 11, 2023 in Boston, Massachusetts. Join the world of Lionism!





Lions All,

The Mid-Atlantic Breakfast in Boston will be held Sunday, July 9, 2023 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Hampton Homewood Suites Seaport Hotel in the Joseph T. O'Callahan Ballroom. The breakfast will be a hot buffet style with a menu of the following:

- Orange, Grapefruit and Cranberry juices, coffee and tea
- Assorted muffins, danishes, croissants, breakfast breads, butter and fruit preserves
- Fruit, yogurt parfait, dry cereals, granola with dried fruit, berries
- Brioche French toast, Blueberry compote, Scrambled eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Roasted Red Bliss potatoes, peppers and onions

The cost for the breakfast is \$30.00 per person for Pennsylvania attendees. (The Council of Governors voted to subsidize \$10.00 per meal. The original cost is \$40.00 each).

If you would like tickets to attend this event while you are at the Convention in Boston, please contact the State office. All tickets must be paid in advance and no tickets will be sold in Boston.

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PDG Kerry McKnight Receives Honors

Past District Governor Kerry McKnight was awarded The Past International President Joseph Wroblewski Award Plaque and lanyard/pin set from this year's 1st Vice District Governors for training them to become District Governors at the PA Sate Council Meeting.

PDG Kerry was also awarded the LCIF Chairman's Award - Medal and Certificate and the Presidential Award from last year's International President Douglas Alexander for his work with LCIF. The Presidential Medal is the second highest award in Lions. Thank you, Kerry for all you do for Lions.



Shadow box of pins shaped like the Lions logo from the current 2022 - 2023 District Governors of Pa. Pictured from left to right: Past International Director Cynthia "Cindy" Gregg, PDG Kerry McKnight, and State Administrator PDG Deb Burkholder.

The above photo was "borrowed" from District 14-C's April newsletter.

My congratulations to these three fine Lions for their work for all Lions.

The Editor



The **Forty Fort Lions Club, 14-W**, recently presented to the Veterans Canteen Service 52 \$25.00 gift coupon booklets for their resident veterans. In 2020, the Lions Club began their Hometown Heroes Banner project. The flags, which line Wyoming Avenue, honor Forty Fort veterans with photos and the service of those being honored. Thanks to everyone who purchased a street flag and/or a lawn flag that helped in making this donation happen. Anyone wishing to purchase a street flag or lawn flag, please contact The Forty Fort Lions Club at 570-714-3678 or FFveteranbanners@gmail.com.

*Pictured left to right: **Lion Joseph Shields**, **Lisa Urban**, Chief at VA's Voluntary Service Office, and **George Moore**, chief at VA's Veterans Canteen Service.*

Veterans Canteen Service (VCS)

In 1946, Veterans Canteen Service (VCS) was established by law to provide comfort and well-being to America's Veterans. With our many retail stores, cafés and coffee shops across the country, we serve those who have served our country. Our Canteens are whole health spaces for Veterans to connect, relax, share and care for themselves in an environment that is their benefit. We are proud to Serve America's Veterans and those who provide for their care. (<https://www.vacanteen.va.gov/>)





THE 500 CLUB SUPPORTS BEACON LODGE CAMP

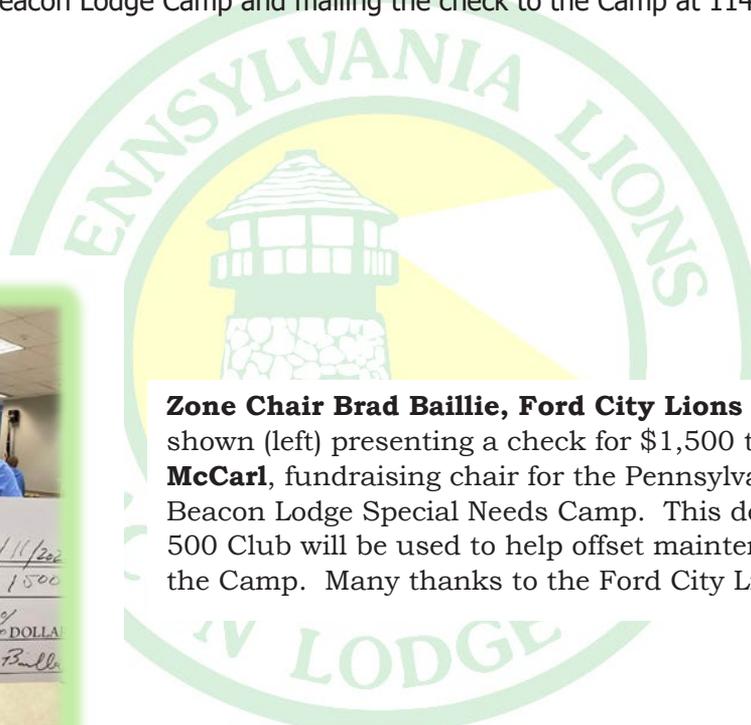
PDG Cliff Martin, 14-E, came up with the idea of establishing the 365 Club to help defray the maintenance costs of the Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. Basically, it was a penny a day (\$3.65) per Lions member with the hope each club would be a 100% participating club.

In 2009, due to inflation, PCC Brian McCarl suggested we make it the 500 Club (\$5.00). Over the 30 years of existence, the 365/500 Club has raised over \$1,032,734 for the maintenance of the Camp.

That's the good news, now for the bad news! Donations to the 500 Club are diminishing. We have about 16,000 Lions in MD-14 but only 5,000 (30%) contribute to the Camp. THAT IS SAD. This is **your** special needs camp, Lions. Please consider being a 100% participating club today by donating \$5.00 per member to the Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp and mailing the check to the Camp at 114 SR 103 South, Mount Union, PA 17066.

Thank you.

PCC Brian McCarl



Zone Chair Brad Baillie, Ford City Lions Club, 14-N, is shown (left) presenting a check for \$1,500 to **PCC Brian McCarl**, fundraising chair for the Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Special Needs Camp. This donation to the 500 Club will be used to help offset maintenance costs of the Camp. Many thanks to the Ford City Lions!

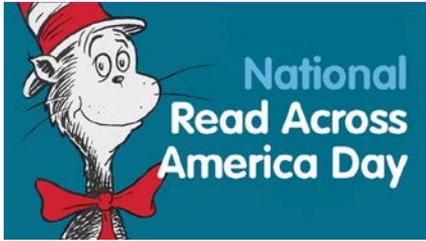
Rochester-Beaver Lions Club, 14-N, presented a check for \$5,000 to **PCC Brian McCarl** to be used by the Beacon Lodge Camp.

Thanks to the Rochester-Beaver Lions!

*Pictured (right) are club assistant treasurer **Lion Matt Dawson**, **Lion Rita Swesey** and **PCC Brian McCarl**.*



BEACON LODGE CAMP IS A PENNSYLVANIA LIONS' SPONSORED PROJECT



The **Little Beaver Lions Club, 14-N**, began a partnership with Northwestern Primary School, a part of the Blackhawk School District, in 2007 with a program titled "**Lion Listeners.**" These Lions are volunteers who assist students with their reading for 30 minutes at the beginning of the day. They do not read to the students but assist them in reading to the Lions. Ten to twelve Lions volunteers serve as reading mentors to kindergarten, first and second grade students. The teachers assigned students on the basis of who needed the most help. Later a program of "**Math Helpers**" was added where the Lions played math games with selected fourth grade students who were behind in their work. The Lions also helped with Grandparents' Day and various other programs.

Read Across America week is celebrated from March 2nd until March 6th and coincides with the birthday of Dr. Seuss. In 2015 the Little Beaver Lions started a book program for Northwestern Primary by purchasing a Dr. Seuss book for each of the 328 students. This continued through 2017 when Northwestern Primary School merged with Blackhawk Intermediate School in Chippewa Township. The Lions were not deterred and moved the program with them, adding third and fourth grades. Over nine years they have purchased and distributed more than 8,000 books. These are not books for the school library; they are for the children to take home.

COVID-19 caused a pause in participation at the school, but the Lions continue to participate in Read Across America with the purchase of books. This year they were able to reenter the schools and the book program resumed with amazing enthusiasm. Students, teachers and administration welcomed them back with open arms. High fives and hugs were the order of the day, and the Little Beaver Lions were more popular than ever. Six separate presentations with books and treats were held for all of the students in Northwestern Primary, Blackhawk Intermediate and Patterson Primary Schools. The Lions hope to restart the Lion Listener program next year.

Contributed by **Lion Patrick Lindner**



Pictured above: Lions Keith Householder; Erin Adams, Dave Rimoldi as the lion; District Governor Gaylene Toland, Lions Patrick Lindner and John Wakelee.



A Simple Phone Number Posting Can Do Wonders

This note is one of many examples of the difficulty the general public has accessing Lions clubs. Lions do many wonderful things, including sharing information with and among fellow clubs, but, as experience has repeatedly shown, having a public phone number can prove invaluable in being available to the general public. Without one we are far less effective! Here is an example:

On February 7, 2023, I received a call on our Palmyra Lions Club phone from a man in Wisconsin who said he received several misdirected calls from an elderly woman from Chester County, PA, who needed Lions' assistance. She told him that she had recently fallen and broken her glasses and was told that Lions clubs could be of assistance and might be willing to help her pay for new glasses. She tried in vain to find contact information and phone numbers for PA Lions clubs in her area and, eventually, but fortunately, reached this man by happenstance in Wisconsin several different times. Instead of pushing off the call, the man tried to help the woman. He searched diligently for phone numbers for Lions clubs in Pennsylvania and also found the attempt difficult. At some point in his search he came across the publicly listed number for the Palmyra Area Lions Club. He called my number and I answered. He gave me the woman's number in Chester County and I reached out to her. In initially trying to help, I, too, was unsuccessful in finding a phone number for a Lions club in her area.

I have called the state office in Harrisburg (a wonderful source) for phone number assistance in the past only to find their information is outdated or the phone number results in a message that is never returned. Probably not their fault in that they can only be as helpful as their up-to-date information allows.

What I also did was contact Vision Corporation, the agency that provides financial assistance for glasses in our Palmyra area and found out, to this woman's good fortune, they also cover Chester County. I then called the woman and gave her the number which ultimately ended in a successful conclusion for the woman.

Such a round-about way, but it proved successful for the woman in need. Therefore, please list your club's phone numbers so people can contact you.

Written by **Lee Miller, Palmyra Lions Club, 14-D**



Norwin Lions Club, 14-E

After a three-year COVID pandemic induced delay, the Norwin Lions held their eighth Annual Cubcake Wars fundraising event on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at the Norwin High School cafeteria.

This event features numerous bakers who are making delicious cupcakes (the cubcake is a play on words for Lion Cub) that are sold. The bakers are in a competition for best tasting cubcake, best decorations, most funds raised, and people's choice for best in show. All funds benefit the Norwin Lions and its Kitty Sack Project.

The Norwin Lions' Kitty Sack Project is in its tenth year to feed needy children over the weekends. Unfortunately, when many children in our community leave school on Friday, their last healthy meal is their school lunch. From then until Monday when they return to school to await patiently for lunch again, they may have had little to eat over the weekend.

The Norwin Lions Club is actively working to help these children by providing gift cards to local grocery stores. These food gift cards help feed each needy child during the school year weekends. The Lions deliver the gift cards bi-weekly to the various schools.

Presently we serve three elementary schools and the intermediate school in the Norwin School District. We are currently feeding about 70 children through our program. It takes almost \$400 to provide food for one child for a school year which amounts to about \$20,000 this year.

Please support this program by attending our fun Cubcake Wars. The event is open to everyone of all ages and is very family friendly.

Bakers are also needed. For information to be a Cubcake Baker to participate in our event, contact Norwinlionsclub@gmail.com for an application or visit <https://www.facebook.com/NorwinLions/>.

If you would like to sponsor a child and help support our program, please send your donation to Norwin Lions Club, c/o Chamber of Commerce, 321 Main Street, Irwin, PA 15642.

Submitted by

John Russo

Norwin Lions

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Norwin Lions Club's Kitty Sack Program

The Kitty Sack program helps to feed food-insecure children in the Norwin School District on weekends. The club was also given \$900 from nine-year-old **Zack Poole** from the collections made during "Zack's Hot Chocolate Stand" from Light Up Irwin Night in November and Calvary Church in Irwin's Café collection project. Zack is the son of **Pastor Nick Poole** of Calvary Church. Zack and Nick are given kudos for outstanding work in our community and wonderful support for the Kitty Sack Program.

*Shown below is **Lechelle Stringa**, Business Development and Compliance Specialist with Parkview Community Federal Credit Union presenting the **Norwin Lions Club, 14-E**, with a donation of \$3,000 for the Kitty Sack program.*



<https://archive.triblive.com/news/norwin-lions-clubs-kitty-sack-program-benefits-students/>

Contributed by Lion John Russo

Recycling bins distributed

Mayor Greg Lincoln, Councilwoman Carol Tiberio and City Clerk Vern Ohler were at the East Side Fire Hall on North Arch Street on Saturday for the first of two recycling bin-distribution sessions. They received help from student members of the Connellsville Area High School Leo Club. The bins will be distributed again 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 25. Cost is \$3 each with two permitted per household. The city received a \$90,000 state recycling grant to cover the additional cost for the 45-gallon bins, which have wheels and lids.



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The Daily Courier

Mayor Greg Lincoln (at left)
and **City Clerk Vern Ohler** assist in the distribution.



Members of the Leo Club from Connellsville Area High School helped with bin distribution Saturday. From left are Neiko Hribal, Rebecca Queer, Pat Smith, Maggie Orndorff, Katelyn Adams, Jocelyn Gratchic, Kadie Keslar and Madison Gratchic.

Contributed by **Lion Phyllis Kovall, Connellsville Lions Club, 14-M**



Several of the **Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club, 14-F**, members helped the **Waterford Lioness Lions Club** with their spaghetti dinner held recently at the Stancliff Hose Company's fire hall. Some of them helped set up, some helped serve and some helped clean up. The Lions were very appreciative of the Leos' efforts and the Leos were happy to assist.

Shown above: Top left, third shift crew: Caden Purcell, Addison Purcell, Kylie Lesser and Ollie McDevitt; top right second shift crew: Kylie Lesser, Caitlin Riley and Joanna Bowden; bottom left first shift crew: Alaina Dinsmore, Ashlyne Rohler, Claire Schrumpf, Joanna Bowden and Alivia Hetrick.

Contributed by **Lion Angela Tarr, Summit Lions Club, 14-F**



The **Avon Grove High School Leo Club, 14-P**, held an Induction Ceremony and Installation of Officers at the high school. **District Governor Chrissy Smaltz** presided over the ceremony; **Leo Liaison Lion Dave Priebe** gave the opening remarks. Including the new members, the Leo club now has 90 members.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**

With the help of **Leo President Angelina McGrath, Leo Eva McGrath** and **Leo community lead, Eden Manoleso**, the Food Pantry at Oxford Neighborhood Services was restocked with 96 items. A second Leo-Lion shopping trip is planned for March. Thank you to the **Avon Grove Lions, 14-P**, for a \$500 donation and the Jennersville Giant Food Store for an additional gift certificate donation to help neighbors in need.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



The **Butler Lions Club** members, **14-N**, recently sponsored the newly chartered **Moniteau School Leo Club**. Members of the Lions Club are shown below attending the Bocce Match for Unified Sports, at Moniteau, an event which paired special and regular education students to emphasize the importance of acceptance and inclusion of everyone.



*Moniteau School Leo Club,
chartered January 5, 2023,
sponsor: Butler Lions Club, 14-N*

Contributed by **Lion Connie Ivill**



The **G-A Blue Leo Club of Greencastle, 14-T**, collected soup for Souperbowl Sunday and donated it to the Evangelical Lutheran Church Food Pantry in Greencastle. More than 300 cans and soup mixes were donated.

*Pictured (front left) are Leo Advisor **Lion Darrell Miller, Leos Derek Latta and Newman Mills and Leo Advisor Joann Williams; back row: Leos Anna Booze, Cole Johnson, Josh Johnson and Mattson Lucabaugh.***

Contributed by **Lion Darrell Miller**



Lenape Tech Students of the Month were recognized at a ceremony and banquet held at the Lenape Technical School. The **Kittanning Lions Club, 14-N**, honored these students for their educational excellence and active participation in school activities as well as in their home schools.

*Pictured are (front row) **King Lion Gary Wolfe, Lindsay Cochrane, Dustin Coleman, Micah Linhart, Abigale Jablonski and Student of the Month Coordinator Lion Yvonne Hogg; back row, Garrett Claypoole, Dawson Contreal, Colton Miller, Jory Wright and Ralph Dunbar.***

Contributed by **Lion Dolores Croyle**

Sixth grade students **Srinika Dasari** and **Aarya Shamkuwar** of Marshall Middle School presented their eyeglass collection project, "Recycle for Sight," to the **Northern Allegheny Lions Club, 14-B**, at Wildwood Golf Club on February 22, 2023. By way of appreciation the girls and their families were dinner guests of the Northern Allegheny Lions Club where President **Gary Roberson** presented Srinika and Aarya with Lions Club International Certificates of Appreciation. As Srinika explained that evening, "I have been using glasses since I was six years old and didn't know what to do with my old eyeglasses. As part of working with the Lions my role is to create awareness among people and place collection boxes wherever they do not exist."

Srinika and Aarya initiated "Recycle for Sight" in collaboration with the Northern Allegheny Lions Club with the objective of expanding their used eyewear collection efforts to North Allegheny schools. To date they have collected over 500 pieces of eyewear for the Northern Allegheny Lions Club to donate to Mission Vision for distribution in some of the most impoverished regions of the world.

Mission Vision (<https://mission-vision.org/>) is a nonprofit organization established in 2004 by Ophthalmologist William Christie, M.D. of Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania. Under the guidance of Executive Director Terry Snider, Mission Vision provides the training, equipment, and resources that enable volunteer medical mission teams to service and distribute thousands of repurposed eyeglasses collected by local Lions Clubs to disadvantaged populations throughout the world. More recently, Mission Vision has expanded to include under-served communities in Pittsburgh and elsewhere in the United States.

In addition to collecting used eyewear from neighbors and friends, Srinika and Aarya have placed Lions eyeglass collection boxes at Marshall Middle School, Visionworks stores, and Xcel Gymnastics. The girls have worked diligently since their Lions presentation and recently secured permission to place their boxes at other North Allegheny schools and area retail establishments. "We would like to expand our collection efforts in the USA and in India as well, where we can create more awareness among the public by conducting 'Recycle for Sight' presentations at local schools and set up our collection boxes and flyers at stores, malls and neighborhoods."

Srinika and Aarya are firmly committed to expanding their "Recycle for Sight" program. "With the help of this program many people will experience corrected vision for the first time, enabling them to lead productive working lives, support their families, attend school and advance their education." To further their goal, Srinika recently donated to Mission Vision a \$200 Seed Funding grant she was awarded by North South Foundation's Young Changemakers Journey (YJC) of which she is a member.

For further information, please contact:

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*Pictured (right) are Ophthalmologist **William Christie, M.D.**; **Aarya Shamkuwar, Srinika Dasari** and **Terry Snider**, Executive Director, Mission Vision.*





Avon Grove High School Leos, 14-P, assisted the community in Penn Township's "Easter Event." Area children enjoyed face painting, a giant slide, train rides and scrambled for 15,000 plastic eggs filled with treats.



Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**

Happy Easter!

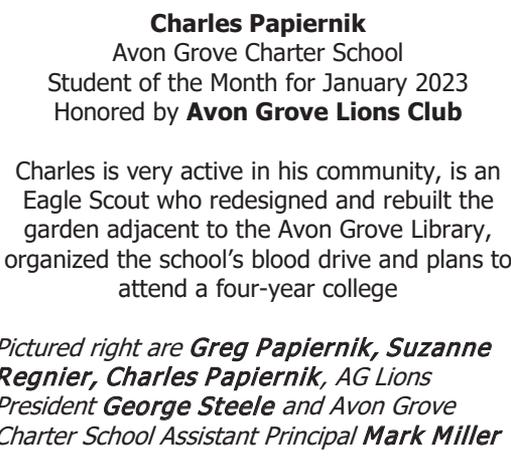
Happy Spring!



Gavin Wysocki
 Avon Grove High School
 Student of the Month for January 2023
 Honored by **Avon Grove Lions Club**

Gavin belongs to multiple clubs in high school, is active in his community and plans to attend Penn State University or the US Naval Academy to pursue ROTC

*Pictured left are Avon Grove High School Assistant Principal **Ashley Penn**, **Debbie Wysocki**, **Gavin Wysocki**, AG Lions President **George Steele** and **Keye Wysocki***



Charles Papiernik
 Avon Grove Charter School
 Student of the Month for January 2023
 Honored by **Avon Grove Lions Club**

Charles is very active in his community, is an Eagle Scout who redesigned and rebuilt the garden adjacent to the Avon Grove Library, organized the school's blood drive and plans to attend a four-year college

*Pictured right are **Greg Papiernik**, **Suzanne Regnier**, **Charles Papiernik**, AG Lions President **George Steele** and Avon Grove Charter School Assistant Principal **Mark Miller***



Angelina McGrath
 Avon Grove High School
 Student of the Month for February 2023
 Honored by **Avon Grove Lions Club**

Angelina is active in many school clubs and functions as well as in the community, she plans to attend either Penn State or West Chester University possibly majoring in marketing

*Pictured left are Avon Grove High School Leo Club Advisor **Kelsey Bastine**, AG Assistant Principal **Ashley Penn**, **Leo Club President**, **Angelina McGrath**, **Lori McGrath** and AG Lions President **George Steele***



Victoria Becerra
 Avon Grove Charter School
 Student of the Month for February 2023
 Honored by **Avon Grove Lions Club**

Victoria has successfully completed several dual enrollment college courses, is actively involved in high school activities and will be going to New York to work with a professional choir director and performing in Carnegie Hall; she plans to attend a four-year college

*Pictured right are Avon Grove Charter School principal **Matt Messick**, Victoria's aunt, **Victoria** and AG Lions President **George Steele***



Nicholas Golter
 Avon Grove High School
 Student of the Month March 2023
 Honored by the **Avon Grove Lions Club**

Nicholas has participated in many activities involving his high school and his community; he plans to join the Military Air National Guard, participating in a study abroad program and majoring in Spanish and Psychology

*Pictured left are Avon Grove High School Assistant Principal **Ashley Penn**, **Liza Golter**, **Nicholas Golter**, **Brian Golter** and AG Lions President **George Steele***



Katherine "Kate" Engleman
 Avon Grove Charter School
 Student of the Month for March 2023
 Honored by **Avon Grove Lions Club**

Kate is a member of many teams in high school and is a Girl Scout and a synchronized ice skater; she plans to attend a four-year university, majoring in biology, minoring in marine biology

*Pictured right are Assistant Principal **Mark Miller**, **Kelley Wilson**, **Katherine Engleman**, **Kurt Engelman** and AG Lions President **George Steele***



All student of the month articles submitted by **Lion Barry Marteny, Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P**

Red Lion Lions Club, #5831

Est. January 3, 1924



Pam Tracy, 4-H York County Presentation, 2/14/2023



Lion President Mike Twigg (L), Pam Tracy (R)

Photo taken on 2/14/2023

The Red Lion Lions Club was honored to have Pam Tracy from York County 4-H at our regular monthly meeting and she shared with the Lions about the 4-H program in York County.

Each year in Pennsylvania youth participate in 4-H activities directed by adult leader volunteers. Programs are available for private, public, and alternative education settings.

4-H provides opportunities for youth to learn and have fun at the same time through projects, activities, and events. Their motto: Learn by doing.

Projects revolve around various topics such as animal science, shooting sports, babysitting, robotics, computer science, leadership, pet care, equine science, and civic engagement, to name a few.

Whether it be through a club, camp, special interest event, school enrichment program, or afterschool program, 4-H can be found in all 67 counties across Pennsylvania and is open to every youth, ages 5 to 18.

The 4-H four leaf clover logo stands for: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

**You can join 4-H at any time, and it's easy
---just contact them and say you want to join 4-H!**

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Contributed photo

Three Cranberry students were honored with Service, Effort and Initiative (SEI) awards at the Cranberry Lions Club dinner meeting Monday. The students are (from left) seventh grader Brooke Scrivens and eighth graders Sidney Knight and Carter Best. Also pictured are Cranberry Lions president Alan O'Neil (left) and Lions secretary, Larry Walker, who introduced the award to Cranberry. The award recognizes seventh- and eighth-grade students who demonstrate exemplary service, effort and initiative, both in school and in the community. The winners were nominated by their teachers and school counselors. Each winner received a certificate, gift card and other gifts from the Lions Club.

District 14-F



The **Montgomery Lions Club, 14-G**, received a grant for a chair lift for the **Montgomery American Legion**.

*Pictured (left) are **DG Clay Steward** in the green Lions jacket and **President Lion Dick Secules** and members of the Legion.*

Contributed by **PDG Cheryl Wilbur**



The leaders at the **2023 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)**: (front) **PDG Susan Edwards**, **PID Cindy Gregg**, **PDG Deb Burkholder** (back) **PDG Tom Gregg**, **PDG Jason Long**, **PID Jim Cavallaro**, **PID Larry Edwards** and **PDG Kerry McKnight**.



McKeesport Lions, 14-B, recognized the city's First Responders with a restaurant gift card they can utilize for a meal at a local restaurant while they are on duty. The Lions appreciate all these First Responders do each day to keep the city safe.

*Pictured are Board Members **Donna Byrne** and **Joe Clemente**; Assistant Police Chief **Mark Steele**, Ambulance Base Chief **Bill Miller**, Fire Chief **Jeff Tomovcsik** and Club President **Earnie Oatneal**.*

Contributed by **Lion Annette James**



Each year **McKeesport Lion Bobbie Billsborrow** raises funds for St. Baldrick's Foundation, a Childhood Cancer Research organization. She sells candy bars and popcorn and accepts pledges toward shaving her head at the main event that St. Baldrick's holds in the Pittsburgh area near St. Patrick's Day. This year Lion Bobbie raised \$3,463, the most money in the Pittsburgh area; she has participated in this event for 15 years.

Contributed by **Lion Annette James**



PDG Robert E. Fatzinger
 March 31, 1930 – July 16, 2022
 District Governor 1981-1982
 Lehighon Lions Club, 14-U



PDG John V. "Jack" Sauders
 1953 – January 27, 2023
 District Governor 2013-2014
 Millersville Lions Club, 14-D



PDG Richard M. Dudas
 October 15, 1932 – January 8, 2023
 District Governor 1991-1992
 Monessen Lions Club, 14-E



PDG Dennis James McCarthy
 1956 – January 31, 2023
 District Governor 2004-2005
 Pittsburgh Deaf/Blind Lions Club, 14-B



PDG James E. McFarland
 September 15, 1948 – January 14, 2023
 District Governor 1999-2000
 Titusville Lions Club, 14-F



PDG Frederick L. Isabella
 October 31, 1938 – February 10, 2023
 District Governor 1997-1998, 2002-2003, 2010-2011
 Hopewell Township Lions Club, 14-N



PDG William F. Gazica
 June 16, 1934 – February 26, 2023
 District Governor 1997-1998
 Whitehall Area Lions Club, 14-B



Katherine N. (Pinto) Geroni
 1932 – February 26, 2023
 Partner-in-Service
 District Governor Gerry Geroni, 1991-1992
 Dublin Lions Club, 14-A

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on
Saturday,
October 7, 2023

Any questions or concerns,
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**2023 Annual Research
Seminar of the Pennsylvania
Lions Sight Conservation &
Eye Research Foundation**



Saturday October 7, 2023
Continental Breakfast to
begin at
8:00 AM

Meeting begins promptly at
9:00 AM

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If you have any questions, please call

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Schedule

8:00-9:00 AM Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:20 AM Opening Remarks

9:20-10:20 AM Presentations

10:20-10:40 AM Coffee Break

10:40-11:40 AM Presentations

11:40-12:00 PM Closing Remarks

12:00-1:30 PM Lunch and Conversation



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**2023 Annual Research Seminar
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(717) 531-8783**

**All Melvin Jones Fellowships awarded in the 2022-2023 year
will be listed in the June issue of The Pride.**

The Pride Boosters will also be listed in the next issue.



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THE RENO REVIEW



The Latest News & Information for the Reno 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL CHAIR

JAMA WAHL



The goal of every Lions Club is to serve its community. To do that to the best of our abilities as Lions, we need to be informed and knowledgeable. The USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum grew out of this purpose to prepare and educate Lions.

To see a history of the past 46 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums, please go to www.lionsforum.org. Click on About and scroll down to History. This walk down memory lane will give you a sense of our past even as we look to our future.

Thank you to all of the Lions who served on the Planning or Host Committees. And, thank you to those Lions who attended these Forums. Your attendance and participation make the Forum a success!

At this year's Forum in Reno, we are adding a new twist to Thursday morning's activities. It is Lions Speed Learning.

It is not enough to know what your community needs. Lions need to know the resources available to be the strongest clubs, that then can provide the most relevant and meaningful service.

Speed Learning will give participants a chance to gain insight on numerous topics in a very short time. If a topic is of special interest, then the Lion can scope out the seminar schedule to be sure to attend the full-blown seminar during Forum week. Our Forum Education Team promises Lions Speed Learning to be a fast, fun new event for the Forum.

We want to see you Reno!

Up and Away with Leadership

Jama

SPEED LEARNING OFFERS TASTE OF FORUM SEMINARS

MARK MANSELL, EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

From wine to beer, chocolates to cheese... everyone loves samplers! What beverage or food samplers do for your palate; we want to do for your mind. We thought providing a sampler for your mind would be a great way to let Forum participants whet their learning appetite!

Welcome to Lions Speed Learning! This Forum kickoff experience will offer a dozen different topics from some of our nearly 90 seminar facilitators. With topics such as marketing, social media, member recognition ideas, and meeting energizers; there will be something for everyone.

Using 10-minute learning sessions, participants will get to "sample" an array of learning topics. Throughout this two-hour Lions Speed Learning experience, you will be able to move from topic table to topic table and let your mind partake in a wide array of learning offerings that align with sessions we will be offering as full seminars during the Forum.

But as they say in the infomercials, **"Wait, there's more!"** To boost the fun even further, Lions Speed Learning participants will receive a LEARNING PASSPORT to collect stamps at each topic table they attend. Those who collect six or more stamps can enter into a drawing for one of 10 \$25 gift certificates to the Forum store. Winners will be announced at Thursday night's dinner.

LEARNING and FUN... what a combination! Lions Speed Learning is going to be a blast so be sure to arrive Thursday morning and let your mind get a jump start to the amazing learning experience that will be the Reno USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum!



To: MD-14 Club Officers
From: Lion Ashley Grimm, Legal Counsel
Re: PA State Sales & Use Tax Exemption Form
Date: July 7, 2021

Pennsylvania State Sales and Use Tax Exemption form awarded to the PA State Council of Lions Clubs for use by clubs during fundraising projects. This form is valid through February 2026 and may be duplicated as needed but **SHOULD NOT BE POSTED ON CLUB OR DISTRICT** websites or social media where it would be accessible by the general public. We do not want to risk losing the exemption as the result of improper use of this form.

Courtesy of Multiple District 14 Legal Counsel Lion Ashley Grimm:

"The PA State Council of Lions Clubs is registered in Pennsylvania as an Institution of Purely Public Charity under The Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act, 10 P.S. § 371. et seq. As such, it, and its subsidiary clubs, qualify for an exemption from PA Sales tax. This means clubs are exempt from paying sales tax when they purchase goods or services. It does NOT mean they are exempt from remitting sales and use tax to Pennsylvania during fundraisers."

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

NO LIQUOR IN RAFFLES!

Liquor not permitted in basket raffles

Please be aware: A popular staple in basket raffles is a “no-no.”



After researching the matter with the Executive Director of the PA House of Representatives' Liquor Committee and the PA Liquor Control Board, MD-14 legal counsel Lion Ashley Grimm reported that “liquor is not permitted to be in a basket for purposes of a raffle. This also includes silent auctions.

“This equates to selling liquor without a license,” Lion Grimm said. “A wine and spirits gift card is permitted to be included in a raffle basket, though.”

Lion Grimm’s research supported the opinion expressed by Lawrence County Treasurer Richard Rapone in a recent New Castle News story that had prompted MD-14 State Council Chair Bill Morgan to contact Lion Grimm.

As part of the News story, Capt. Jamie Jones of the LCB Enforcement Bureau said including any type of alcoholic beverage – be it a six pack of beer, a bottle of wine, a bottle of whiskey or the like – is a violation of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code, Title 47, and is an unclassified misdemeanor offense. The fine upon conviction is \$500, levied to the organization sponsoring the fundraiser and not the donor of the basket.

In the News story, Rapone pointed out, under the state’s small games of chance law, it is illegal to host basket raffles at fundraising dinners used to benefit someone who is sick.



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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

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