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WE NEED YOU!





This publication is dedicated to Beacon Lodge Camp in an attempt to get the attention of all Pennsylvania Lions focused on the need to raise funds for the continuation of the Camp. As the cover/page one notes, the Camp may have funds enough to continue until 2027. Attendance at the camp has been very important to many people since its beginning in 1948 and many would like to see it continue to be useful for years to come. Only YOU as a Lion and member of your club can save it. Please plan fundraisers with the Camp earmarked to receive the monies raised. Thank you in advance for forestalling its demise.

The Editor



PDG Andy Piskel's email address is now ajp668@ptd.net

Articles for the next issue of The Pride are due February 15, 2024 for publication by March 31, 2024. Thank you.



From Past International Director Larry Edwards And we continue To Serve, Let's Change the World

Greetings, Lions and Leos,



Happy New Year! By the time you read this it will be 2024. A New Year and a new opportunity to grow your club, district and multiple district while working toward the 1.5 million-member objective. With new members comes innovative ideas for service and more hands to provide that service. Lion Susan and I visited a Past Director and his partner from Indiana over the holidays. We had a great visit and had an opportunity to see what some of the Indiana Lions are doing. As elsewhere, there is so much service being provided. I visited their Lions Eye Bank, Vision First and saw firsthand the work being done providing corneas as needed, as well as the operation of their Kids' Sight projects. It is amazing, wherever you go, Lions are doing some amazing work helping those in need.

As we start looking forward to spring the time is right for all to begin to plan events that will provide the opportunity to bring in new members. Each club should work with their GAT and their District GAT to help plan how to hold membership events. You will be surprised how well this works. Going into January the Multiple District has lost members again. We can all help to turn that negative around. Remember Past President Doug Alexander's saying, "Each one bring one."

With spring also comes our Multiple District Convention in Harrisburg. I am asking that every club try to have a showing during the convention. It is a time for Lions to reconnect, see what others are doing and learn more about serving. If just one member from each club attended, we would have over six hundred Lions there. Wow! That would be impressive.

Please take my encouragement to help to change your communities which will go to helping change the world. Keep in mind all the disasters around the world and within the United States. Consider your personal and club contributions to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Our Foundation is the core of needed support to provide funds for disasters as well as projects that will serve our communities. The Foundation continually needs your support financially to replenish the funds that have been used.

Until the next time we meet at a Lions event, I wish you all the best and keep serving.

PID Larry

Larry





Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION



From Council Chair Linda Zaneski

Hello MD-14 Lions from your State Council Chairperson.

As I travel across the state meeting Lions from every district, I am so proud to hear about all the amazing services they are providing. From global causes to community needs, these Lions are making a difference and helping to change the world!

We had a successful GAT Summit in State College in October where 70 Lions gathered to learn about the GAT structure and the roles and responsibilities of the GMT, GST, and GLT chairpersons. Teams got together to work on SWOT analysis and a plan moving forward to gain new members, strengthen existing membership, complete and report service, and develop a succession plan for new leaders. Thanks to our Guest speakers - PID Pat Vannett, PID Larry Edwards, PID Cindy Gregg, PDG Beth Stevens and the MD-14 GAT team - PDG Cheryl Wilbur, PDG Kerry McKnight, and PDG Bob Roebuck. And a big thank

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you to all the GAT teams from the Districts who attended. Congrats to District-N who brought a full GAT Team to the Summit.

Remember, my logo for the year shows what the clubs, districts and Multiple-District need to do to change the world. Strong leadership will help attract new members who can do more service and that's what we do - SERVE! As those cogs on the gears turn at the club level, they move the District and Multiple District forward at a much faster pace. And thus... help change the world! Your enthusiasm and fellowship are the grease to make them turn even faster. So, let's all work hard on turning those gears!

I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season. 😊

Linda Zaneski MD-14 Council Chair 2023-2024

Ways to Support PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

Beacon Lodge just celebrated 75 years of service to the citizens of Pennsylvania. Over those many years, we have served blind adults and children, and more recently, we have expanded to serve other special needs individuals. Project New Hope for disabled veterans has been in operation for only a few years but is becoming a huge success.

Unfortunately, over the past few years, we have been presented with significant challenges in funding. Our other challenges are staffing, inflation, and the overall cost to keep this camp operational at the level we expect. What we need from all Districts, Lions Clubs, Lions, and Leos is a challenge to increase our funding efforts to help keep this camp open. If we do not follow through with these efforts, Beacon Lodge will cease to be the camp we have grown to love and of which to be proud. We need your help more now than ever!

Below, you will find many ways you and your club can support the camp. Please use this list to ensure the PA Lions commitment to Beacon Lodge goes on for many years.

- District Governor's Projects
- 500 Club \$5.00 per Lions member each year to help defray maintenance costs at the camp
- Beacon Lodge Challenge: \$100+ per club
- Designated/undesignated Camp Sponsorship \$950
- Counselor Sponsorship \$475
- Wish List: products & dollars
- Duck Race "PA Lions Appreciation Day": \$5.00 per duck
- Golf Tournament: Districts: \$1,000, Clubs \$100/hole or \$50/cart, Lions may contribute, businesses contribute
- Special Fund-Raising Projects: Districts & Clubs
- District Work Weekend
- Project New Hope
- Brick Walkway Memorial: clubs \$100 for deceased members
- Carl Shoemaker Fellowship: \$500
- Sponsor a Wounded Warrior & family campership \$1,200
- Purchase a banner for \$100 to be hung at the camp during the 2024 camping season
- Facebook Birthday Challenge



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PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

"500 Club"



Dear Lions and Leos of District 14-N,

This is the time of year that we ask for your support of the **"Beacon Lodge 500 Club"**. This is an opportunity for each Lion and Leo to make a personal contribution to help with maintenance and repairs of Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.

The "500 Club" is based on a **\$5.00** donation per member per year.

The Lions and Leo Clubs in the state of Pennsylvania continue to embrace the Lions motto **"We Serve"**. We encourage all clubs to consider 100% participation in this important fundraiser.

We ask that you:	1. Make checks payable to:	Beacon Lodge 500 Club
	2. Mail checks to:	PDG Tom Toland
		PO Box 371
		North Apollo, PA 15673

*UPON REQUEST, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO PRESENT A BEACON LODGE PROGRAM AT YOUR CLUB. (Most of you are familiar with the camp, but new members need to be informed of the importance of this camp.)

Enclosed you will also find a copy of the 2024 Beacon Lodge Wish List. <u>After you collect your</u> donations, contact your Region Chair, Zone Chair, PDG Tom Toland or PCC Brian McCarl.

Once again, we thank the Lions and Leo Clubs of District 14-N for your continued support of **PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp**; helping make it one of the best special needs camps in America.

Yours in Lionism,

YOUR NAME - PCC Brian McCarl (724-312-3676) <u>Brianmccarl68@gmail.com</u> OR YOUR NAME - PDG Tom Toland (724-787-1431) <u>ttoland@windstream.net</u>

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." —*Maya Angelou*

2023-2024 "500 Club' Per Capita Award





Awarded to **DG Joe Public**

District 14-Z

With a per capita rate of

\$5.21 per member for the

2023-2024 "500 Club" Campaigne

This year, the district which has the highest per capita donations to the Beacon Lodge "500 Club" will receive a plaque for their District Governor. All money which is donated to the 500 Club by Lions Clubs, Lions, and Leos, will be divided by the number of Lions on the rolls as of July 1st, 2023. The district with the highest per capita total as of April 30th will win the award. Money must be received at Beacon Lodge by the end of April 2024. All clubs should send their donations to their respective Beacon Lodge Board members. They will be responsible for sending the donations to Beacon Lodge by the due date. Each Lion is asked to donate \$5 per year to the "500" Club. Each Lion is asked to donate \$5.00 per year to the "500 Club."

Contributed by PDG Tom Toland, 14-N

Hello, Lions Club Presidents!

With the Holiday season upon us, please take just a few minutes to help our PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp with a special request. We are asking ALL Lions clubs in PA to customize the attached templated letter and then send it to any Veteran Service Organization (VSO) in your club's area. (American Legion, VFWs, etc....)

All you need to do is change the highlighted areas of the letter:

- 1. Add your name, address, and phone number
- 2. Add your VSO name and address
- 3. Add the date of your letter
- 4. Add your name at the bottom

then....

5. Print, sign in ink, and snail mail it ...OR... hand deliver it if you know the contacts personally. IF all PA Lions clubs do this, we can get veterans to participate in the camp and hopefully get some much-needed monies to help cover the camp operational expenses and repairs. Our PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp needs us to do this. Please HELP. It would be a nice way to give back and show our Holiday Pride as a Lion. Thanks so much.

Dr. Linda Zaneski State Council Chair 2023-2024

Editor's note – even though the Christmas holiday has passed, there is a continuing need at Beacon Lodge Camp.



The template follows this page.

Your Veterans Service Organization Their address Their address

Date of the letter

Re: PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

Dear (their name):

The recognition of the need for a camp for blind people in Pennsylvania was extensively discussed at a meeting of a group of blind people in Philadelphia on November 9, 1947. After several meetings, a corporation was formed in Mifflin County and approved by the Mifflin County Court in 1948 to establish "Vacations for the Blind" camp. In 1953, the name was changed to "Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind" and in 1994 the name was changed to "PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp" to reflect the support of the Camp that comes from the Pennsylvania Lions and to indicate that the Camp serves more than just the visually impaired.

PA Beacon Lodge Camp is situated on 583 beautiful acres in the natural woodlands along the Juniata River in Central Pennsylvania, near Mount Union. It is where children and adults with visual, hearing, mental, and physical disabilities gather from all over Pennsylvania and surrounding states for a relaxing and fun vacation.

The Camp is divided into the Adult Camp and the Children's Camp. Project New Hope, the Camp for Veterans and their families was established in 2014. Each Camp is run separately. Campers can participate in fishing, bowling, swimming, wall climbing, zip lining, archery, miniature golf and much more. The Camp emphasizes what the camper can do and not what they cannot do. The Camp, being a non-profit, depends on funding from the Lions of Pennsylvania and other sources for donations.

The **Project New Hope** program offered at the Beacon Lodge Camp is an opportunity for disabled Veterans regardless of branch of service or era in which a Veteran has served, ALL PA disabled Veterans and their immediate families are welcome.

As a Lion in Pennsylvania, I know first-hand the impact this Camp has had on children, adults, and Veterans each year, and I humbly ask for your organization's support in any of the following ways:

- 1. Help us recruit disabled Veterans and their immediate families to attend one of our five-day summer retreat camps at NO cost. (June 15-19 and August 3-7, 2024)
- 2. Help Project New Hope with Veteran campers' fees (approximately \$1200 for a family of four)
- 3. Help the Camp with their wish list of items (attached)
- 4. Help the Camp with financial assistance for some much-needed repairs

With the ongoing fundraising efforts of Lions across Pennsylvania, PA Beacon Lodge Camp needs your help to keep going. I ask for your organization's support to assist the PA Beacon Lodge Camp in providing specialized recreation for our disabled Veterans. It is an honor to offer Project New Hope to the elite group of PA disabled men and women who have served our country!

(Visit <u>www.BeaconLodge.org</u> for more information.)

Sincerely: Your name

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp 8th Annual Golf Outing August 24, 2024

Add-Ons

Overnight Accommodations at Beacon Lodge Camp ..

.Free

Please call Beacon Lodge to make arrangements 814-542-2511

Early Bird Golf – 18 holes

\$24 Friday, August 23 (all day)

Sponsor Information*

Children living with Special Needs.

Name for Sign:

District 14-Contact:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Thank you for helping us serve! *Send before August 9, 2024

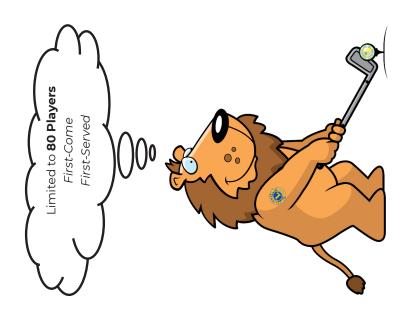
In 1948, Lion Carl Shoemaker helped found designed for adults with vision impairment. providing a sponsorship or joining us at the American Legion Country Club, you will be adults with a wide range of disabilities. By Vacations for the Blind, a summer camp Since then, the name was changed to PA has also changed to include children and Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. The program providing a summer camp experience to our statewide community of Adults and helping us continue our mission of





PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp 8th Annual Golf Outing Saturday, August 24, 2024, 1:00 pm

American Legion Country Club Mount Union, PA, 17066 814-542-4343



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

Outing	Golfer Registration Form
Sub and a sub a su	PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp Format: 4-Person Scramble (One single-digit handicap per team)
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outt -	Golfer #1
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Beacon Lodge	City/St/ZIP
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18"x12" Hole areen)	EmailHcp
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3'x2' Silver Sign,	EmailHcp
18"x12" Hole	Golfer #4.
	Address
3'x2' Bronze Snonsor Sign	City/St/ZIP
	Phone (H)
s"x12" Hole	Phone (W)
	EmailHcp

Longest Drive and Longest P Bronze - \$500 Includes a 3 Sign and an 18"x12" Hole S \$50 Pro Shop Gift Certificate: the success of PA Lions B event website, Score Card flags; a 3'x2' diamond-sha Sign, 4 paid Foursomes a Hole Sponsor Sign (at a te Platinum - \$2,500 Include: paid Foursome, and an 18 Silver - \$1,000 Includes a 3 Your support as a Sponso Diamond - \$10,000 Includ Rights for the outing, Log Ruby - \$5,000 Includes 3'x paid Foursomes and an 18 sign, 2 paid Foursomes, a **Gold - \$1,500** Includes a 3' Hole - \$100 Includes an 18' Sponsor Sign (at a tee or I paid Foursome, and an Skills Prizes on all par 3s: 2nd Place Team \$200 1st Place Team \$300 3rd Place Team \$100 Hole Sponsor Sign Sponsor Levels: Sponsor Sign Sponsor Sign Sponsor Sign Camp. Plus,

Cart - \$50 Includes an 8.5"xll" sign on cart

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

8th Annual Golf

Prizes

Are you looking for a way to help special needs children and adults **AND** have fun?

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

When: Saturday, August 24, 2024 Shotgun start at 1:00 pm Check-In – Noon

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

Format: 18-hole Scramble

Food is included throughout Snacks, beer, pop, and water Just \$85/golfer includes-Prizes & Awards **Green Fees** all day Cart Price:

the day

"PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp" 114 State Route 103 South Note: make checks payable to c/o Jonathan Carver and return:

Mount Union, PA, 17066



Wish List 2024 Name:

Address:

OFFICE SUPPLIES:

- Color Copier Paper
 White Copier paper
 8x14 white paper
 Bright White Printer Paper
 Envelopes: #10, 6x9, 9x12
 Bubbled Envelopes 6x9, 8x11
 3 prong Pocket Folders
 Sharpies all sizes
 Small Paper Clips
 Banker Boxes
 Dry Erase Markers
 KITCHEN:
 Plastic Cold Cups: 5 oz & 9 oz
 Hot Wax Coffee Cups: 9 & 10 oz
- □ Chinet Paper Plates: 9" or larger □Napkins: dinner, picnic Original Dawn Dish Liquid □ Foil Wrap: 18" x 500 ft □ Plastic Food Wrap: 18" x 2000 ft □ Parchment Paper: sheets □White Bar/Dish Cloths □ Vinyl Kitchen Gloves (ALL sizes) HOUSEKEEPING: □ Thick Paper Towels Disinfecting Spray Cleaner □ Disinfecting Floor Cleaners □ Disinfecting Wipes □ Magic Erasers □White Vinegar □55-56 gal Trash Bags □ Toilet Plungers-heavy duty □Toilet Brushes Zipper Vinyl Pillow Covers (standard) Zipper Vinyl Mattress Covers (twin) □Long Twin Size Blankets - No Wool □Long Extendible Dusters

MAINTENANCE:

M, L, XL, XXL Black Nitrile
Powder-Free Gloves
LED Light Bulbs
LED Flood Light Bulbs
Duracell/Energizer/Rayovac
Batteries: (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V)
Packs of Roller Covers: LG & SM
Foaming Bee/Wasp Killer
Ant Spray
Garden Hose Nozzles
Microfiber Cloths
Long Neck Lighters
Paint Brushes: 2", 3", 4"
Knee Pads

District: Club Name:

Email:

INFIRMARY:

Baby Wipes □Sunscreen - Cream and Spray □Bug Spray (OFF, ect.) □Bactine Spray □ Lanacane Spray Benadryl Spray Liquid Benadryl for children Calamine Lotion □Hydrocortisone Cream □Tylenol: adult & children □Ibuprofen: adult & children □Imodium Pepto-Bismol □ Saline Eye Drops □Cold Relief Medications Cough Drops □Blood Pressure Cuff □Pulse Oximeter Exam Gloves: all sizes, latex free □Sharps Containers □Single Use Lancets Graduated Liquid Medicine **Dispenser Cups** First Aid Kits □ Large Disposable Bed Pads □Shower Chairs

ACTIVITIES: Craft Jewelry □Craft Beads, String □Colored Paper Elmer's Glue Sticks □Bingo Cards and Blotters Bingo Prizes □Stress Balls □Weighted Stuffed Animals □ Massage Balls □Twine □Tie Dye □White T-Shirts: Med, Lg, XL, 2XL □White Socks: All Sizes Kids & Adult □Chewable Sensory Necklaces □Adult Sleeping Bags □Smart Scissors & Skills Workbook Craft Kits for Children and Adults Crayons/Markers/Pencils □ Sensory Color Illusions □ Slinkies □ Suncatchers □Small Paint Kits and Brushes □ Play Doh

 \Box Small Totes with lids

Gift Cards:

Lowes
Ace hardware
True Value
Harbor Freight
Walmart
McDonald
Hoss's

Please visit BeaconLodge.org/wishlist for updated items and our Amazon department Wish Lists.

□Industrial Wet Mop Heads

□Vinyl Disposable Gloves: M, Lg, XL

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10/26/23 Accrual Basis		Lioi October 20	Lions Contributions October 2022 through September 2023	butions September 2	:023				
	14-A Lions	14-B Lions	14-C Lions	14-D Lions	14-E Lions	14-F Lions	14-G Lions	14-H Lions	14-J Lions
Ordinary Income/Expense Income OPERATING BUDGET	13,991.67	5,228.00	14,984.00	2,785.14	4,968.16	5,202.96	24,853.58	2,085.00	1,993.75
SPONSORSHIPS	7,275.00	650.00	11,300.00	9,125.00	3,750.00	1,300.00	1,750.00	550.00	600.00
NEEDS / WISH LIST SPECIAL FUND REGISTRATION FEE	200.00 0.00	0.00	2,900.00 300.00	280.00 500.00	0.00 100.00	200.00 200.00	00.0 0.00	100.00 0.00	0.00
P.L.A.D.	0.00	295.00	0.00	50.00	230.00	155.00	250.00	00.0	00.0
500 CLUB SHOEMAKER ENDOWMENT INCOME NEW HOPE PROJECT INCOME BANNER INCOME 75TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET INCO GALA INCOME CAPITAL INCOME	570.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 100.00 0.00	2,570.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 200.00 0.00 35.00	1,465.00 1,000.00 1,280.00 100.00 740.00 0.00	3,675.00 0.00 500.00 280.00 0.00 0.00	1,010.00 500.00 0.00 260.00 4,876.99	1,045.00 1,500.00 0.00 200.00 200.00 0.00	3,295.00 500.00 100.00 705.00 0.00	1,000.00 0.00 0.00 90.00 100.00 250.00	120.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 480.00 0.00 0.00
BRICK WALKWAY CONTRIBUTIONS MEMORIALS	750.00 0.00	0.00 140.00	1,050.00 0.00	7,100.00 0.00	300.00 250.00	0.00	2,850.00 1,200.00	0.00 500.00	500.00 0.00
HONORARIUM	0.00	0.00	00.0	0.00	00.0	0.00	350.00	00.00	0.00
GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER INCOME	100.00	100.00	700.00	400.00	1,575.00	500.00	2,000.00	00.00	200.00
Total Income	22,986.67	9,218.00	35,819.00	24,895.14	17,820.15	10,502.96	37,953.58	4,675.00	3,993.75
Gross Profit	22,986.67	9,218.00	35,819.00	24,895.14	17,820.15	10,502.96	37,953.58	4,675.00	3,993.75
Net Ordinary Income	22,986.67	9,218.00	35,819.00	24,895.14	17,820.15	10,502.96	37,953.58	4,675.00	3,993.75
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PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP Lions Contributions

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10/26/23	Accrual

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	14-K Lions	14-L Lions	14-M Lions	14-N Lions	14-P Lions	14-T Lions	14-U Lions	14-W Lions	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense Income OPERATING BUDGET	2,410.00	2,081.87	4,360.00	6,774.96	11,865.00	11,881.79	4,856.50	100.00	120,422.38
SPONSORSHIPS	3,125.00	11,100.00	1,300.00	3,650.00	5,225.00	5,350.00	2,700.00	250.00	69,000.00
NEEDS / WISH LIST SPECIAL FUND REGISTRATION FEE	0.00	0.00 300.00	156.00 100.00	400.00 0.00	0.00 400.00	100.00 200.00	00.0	0.00 0.00	4,336.00 2,100.00
P.L.A.D.	100.00	150.00	40.00	150.00	240.00	105.00	195.00	100.00	2,060.00
500 CLUB SHOEMAKER ENDOWMENT INCOME NEW HOPE PROJECT INCOME	1,955.00 0.00 0.00	920.00 2,215.00 0.00	2,295.00 3,500.00 0.00	4,635.00 1,000.00 7,100.00	1,790.00 500.00 1,200.00	510.00 0.00 1,300.00	00.0 00.0	295.00 0.00 0.00	27,150.00 10,715.00 11,580.00
BANNER INCOME 25TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET INCO		200.00 850.00	300.00 970.00	400.00 680.00	0.00 30.00	0.00 490.00	0.00 310.00	0.00 260.00	1,800.00 6,985.00
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BRICK WALKWAY CONTRIBUTIONS MEMORIALS	0.00	550.00 825.00	00.0	1,450.00 0.00	200.00 2,050.00	200.00 0.00	200.00 0.00	0.00 100.00	15,150.00 5,065.00
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GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER INCOME	2,200.00	1,050.00	1,250.00	17,300.00	2,550.00	1,525.00	00.0	1,450.00	32,900.00
Total Income	17,280.00	36,341.87	18,271.00	46,394.96	35,100.00	21,661.79	8,261.50	2,555.00	353,730.37
Gross Profit	17,280.00	36,341.87	18,271.00	46,394.96	35,100.00	21,661.79	8,261.50	2,555.00	353,730.37
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Net Income	17,280.00	36,341.87	18,271.00	46,394.96	35,100.00	21,661.79	8,261.50	2,555.00	353,730.37



From Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Kerry McKnight

In November of 2023 I took a couple hours out of my day on a Tuesday morning to review which MD-14 Lions participated in courses in the Lions Learning Center (LLC) and attended local training. I wanted to see the number of Lions that benefited from this available training and which classes were attended the most. It appears that Club officer training has been the most attended classes out of all these sessions.

I saw Club Presidents, Club Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and many more officers, have taken their time to further their Lions' knowledge through these free classes.

As of November 14th, 412 MD-14 Lions attended or viewed a combined 56 classes as they furthered their Lions' education. A highlight that was evident that pleased me was to see the number of various classes First and Second Vice District Governors have taken since July 1st. Also, I am amazed by how many of our current District Governors have continued their education by participating in a wide variety of courses in the LLC. This is especially good news that after their two years of MD-14 and LCI training the DGs wanted to know more about leadership.

When you participate in any one of these classes, whether through the Lions Learning Center or when attending a local learning session, you're not just gaining information for yourself, but it's also knowledge you could take back to your Club or District to share with other Lions. Keep up the great work!

The MD-14 "Regional Lions Leadership Institute" (RLLI) is being held March 8-10, 2024 in Harrisburg. The RLLI is only held once a year, so please consider expanding your Lion leadership skills by attending this fantastic special event. Join the hundreds of other MD-14 graduates by contacting me (md14glt-LEARN@yahoo.com) or your District Governor for more details. Classes are filling up fast!

Respectfully submitted, *PDG Kerry McKnight* MD-14 GLT Coordinator



LCIF REPORT

As we near the end of the first half of the Lions year, MD-14 has a long way to go in our donations to LCIF. Our goal is a \$27 per member average, counting individual and club donations. So far, we have only two districts that are above \$10 per member average and only one district is over halfway to meeting its goal. Some of the districts per member average is low, so Vice Area Leader PDG Kerry and I are asking that you put LCIF in the forefront of your districts in newsletters, cabinet meetings, zone meetings, conventions and rallies. It is extremely important that we greatly increase our giving as the needs are great and there is no sign of their diminishing. **This is why we are Lions, to serve others and to help them in their time of need.**

One easy way of fundraising is simply passing the hat at rallies, conventions and even zone meetings, among others. It is surprising how money you can raise that way.

Vice Area Leader PDG Kerry came up with a great fundraising idea in creating a Lions cookbook. District 14-K LCIF Coordinator Debbie Lillegard and District 14-B 1st Vice District Governor Mike Crossley have volunteered to co-chair this project. We encourage you to please support this project, as the proceeds will go toward LCIF, plus you will get some new Lions recipes!

The week of January 8-January 13, 2024, is LCIF week and January 13 is Melvin Jones' birthday. We are asking you to donate to LCIF especially during this time as it also honors Melvin Jones' birthday. Another way of celebrating this week is through a service project.

Please put June 2, 2024, on your calendar for the LCIF Telethon 4.0 which will be held from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be worthwhile and another great opportunity to donate to LCIF; there will be many inspiring stories as well as entertainment.

Respectfully submitted,

MD-14 LCIF Coordinator,

PDG Evan Punchard

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



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION



Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

As we close 2023, I encourage you to reflect on everything you and your fellow Lions accomplished this year through your acts of service and generosity. Together with funding from our global foundation, Lions worldwide continued to create amazing impact in communities whenever and wherever we were needed. Congratulations on all that you have accomplished.

This month, we highlight a story about how LCIF grant funds helped Nepal rebuild after a devastating earthquake struck in 2015, just as new funding is helping the country recover after another quake struck last month.

As we enter a new year, please continue to be an ambassador for our global foundation and share with fellow Lions, Leos and others around the world how LCIF empowers our humanitarian service. Through LCIF, we can think bigger and implement projects that our individual clubs or districts couldn't do alone. Your <u>donations to LCIF</u> make this lifechanging service possible.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



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Hello, Lions and Leos,

Greetings from Central Pennsylvania and the 2024 State Convention host District 14-T. We have been meeting and planning for many months to provide you with a great convention experience. Enclosed are various items that you should review and share with your clubs, so they are aware of what has been planned for the 101st annual convention of Multiple District 14 – Pennsylvania, in May.

We have created a new convention newsletter this year to provide you with the full details of the convention all in one place. And we are looking forward to Multiple District 14 welcoming Lions Clubs International President Dr. Patti Hill to Pennsylvania and her theme this year, **Changing the World.**

While we have done much of the planning, the one thing we still need is you. Please take some time to review the newsletter, registration form, room reservation instructions, request for raffle baskets, and advertising contract. The new feature this year is the ability to register and pay online through the MD-14 Lions website **palions.org**.

Please note the various deadlines for convention registration, room reservations and program booklet advertisements.

Stop by and see us in February in State College at the third State Council Meeting and watch for 2024 convention information on the state website, in The Pride publication and your District newsletters.

Contact the State Office or me with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you when you "Head to Harrisburg" in May!

PDG Pete R. Van Zandt, Chairperson 2024 State Convention Committee **petevz@msn.com**



MD 14 PA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Newsletter

May 16-19, 2024

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey

PA Lions Welcome International President Dr. Patti Hill

IP Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta Canada will be our special guest for the convention. She will be attending the full convention with her keynote remarks at Saturday night's International Banquet.



IP Hill's Theme for 2023-24

Changing the World

"Change does not happen all at once. It happens through many small choices. With every act of kindness, we change a life. With every Lions club and Leo club, we change a community. When we change our communities, we change the world."

Friday Luncheon Keynote Speaker Announced

Please plan to join us on Friday May 17th for the luncheon featuring **PA Governor Josh Shapiro** as our keynote speaker. We have invited PA Governor Josh Shapiro to join us to talk to us about the importance of service in our PA communities.

A final confirmation of his attendance will not be known until three to five weeks prior to the convention. Watch the state website for updates.



CHANGING THE WORLD



New for 2024

In addition to paper registration, online registration and payment are being offered for the MD 14 State Convention for the first time.

You can register online for the convention, order a convention pin, select your meal choices, and sign up for tours.

Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel. See the enclosed room reservation flyer for more information.

Scheduled Speakers

Saturday Luncheon

The Saturday luncheon will feature **Elva Hurst**. She is a "Chalk Talk" artist from Lancaster County whose Lions' focused presentation is bound to grab your attention. *Together We Serve* is designed to entertain Lions Club gatherings. It has been used at district conventions, charter nights, president's nights, and other events. This program explores the history of Lions, praises the efforts of service-minded people, and encourages and inspires them to continue in service to their communities. Lions from Central PA have experienced her creative and enjoyable approach to sharing a topic while completing a full chalk art piece. Do not miss it.



Sunday Morning Breakfast

The Sunday morning Melvin Jones Fellows and Key Member breakfast will have **PDG Kerry McKnight** from the New Freedom Lions Club in District 14C as our invited speaker. As an LCIF Constitutional Area Vice Leader and MD 14 Global Leadership Team Coordinator he has a passion for LCIF, Leadership and Membership. His presentations are always enjoyable and informative. We hope you join us.



Featured Seminars



Come to hear about the efforts to grow our membership to 1.5 million members worldwide.



Beacon Lodge Camp Executive Director Jonathan Carver will present updates about the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp and its current needs and how you can help.



The **Penbrook Leo Club "15 Years and Growing**", is a community-based Leo Club in Central PA that will celebrate 15 years of service in 2024. They've had recent success with a community garden through LCIF and other grants. Come to hear about their successes and challenges.



There is always something going on at **Leader Dog**. Please join us for updates on the school. There may even be a PA based Leader Dog puppy helping with the presentation.

Convention Service Project

If you have attended a State Council Meeting this year you have heard about the **Jared Box Project** that we will be completing on Saturday morning of the convention. For more than 20 years, Jared Boxes have delivered countless smiles, laughter and hope to children in hospitals across the country. Jared Boxes are a terrific way for any organization to bring the gift of play through toys in a box to young patients as they navigate through their hospital experience. Please stop by Saturday morning to put together a Jared Box.



Tours



There are two guided tours scheduled for Friday morning. One will be with the Hershey Trolley Works at a cost of \$18. The trolley bus will pick you up at the convention hotel and take you to Hershey, PA for a 75minute Hershey history tour. Highly knowledgeable and entertaining conductors will take you through the Hershey of today, then jump back all the way to a time before there was a town, or a chocolate factory, or even chocolate in America for that matter. You will then journey through the inspiring life of Milton Hershey, visiting the historical sites of town he created, and tasting the chocolate that made him famous. The tour will end with an exclusive, spectacular view of the Sweetest Place on Earth from the "Welcome to Hershey" Hill. Make sure to sign up on the registration form or online.

The second guided tour on Friday morning will be to **Vision Resources** of **Central PA (VROCP). Vision Resources** is a 100-year-old community benefit organization with a mission to facilitate independence, enrich the quality of life, and empower individuals who are visually impaired or otherwise disabled through prevention, employment, and educational awareness programs. The agency serves Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, and Perry counties. <u>There is no cost for this guided</u> <u>tour</u>. A bus will pick you up at the convention hotel for a short drive over to VROCP for a tour of the agency. VROCP is unique for a nonprofit agency. To support their services, between 80% and 85% of their income is generated by their VR Business Services division through carpet installation, housekeeping, pen production, printing, and PA Driver's License services. You will leave saying, "I never knew they offered that." Although there is no cost, pre-registration is required.



Self-Guided Tours and Points of Interest in Central PA

Central PA has many attractions and places of interest. You can research online those that may interest you. *Here's a brief list of some of the most popular*:

PA Civil War Museum PA State Police Museum Antique Automobile Club o

Antique Automobile Club of America Museum

PA State Capitol The Hershey Story Tanger Outlets Hershey History Center Troeg's Brewing Company

Hospitality Night

Please come and try your luck Friday Night at the Casino Night at the convention hotel. There will be Blackjack, Craps, Poker, Roulette, and fun for all. It is always more fun when it is not real money and the house wins. There will be a cash bar and snacks to give you courage and energy to try it.



"Let It Ride"

"Double Down"

"I'm All In"

and Other Planned Convention Highlights

State Merchandise Store – Pick up some Lions or Leo items from the State Office's Store.

Vendor Displays – Stop by the variety of vendor tables to pick up information that may of interest to you and your club. Many of the state level projects and committees are represented as well as other organizations of interest.

Raffle Baskets – Take a chance on winning a donated gift basket.

PA Lions All State Band Concerts – There are two planned performances on Saturday. You will not want to miss it. The band will be staying at the convention hotel.



Caricature Artist – Get your caricature done on Saturday morning in the hotel lobby.

2024 Convention Pins – Pins will be available for sale for **\$3** while supplies last. They can also be ordered on the convention registration form or online.





The convention hotel room rate is **\$130** per night. You can call the Red Lion Harrisburg/Hershey Hotel directly at **717-939-7841**. Tell them you are with the PA Lions 2024 State Convention. Or you can reserve your room online. See the enclosed room reservation flyer for more information. **Room reservation deadline is** May 1, 2024

We hope to see you when you "Head to Harrisburg."



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For Questions Contact PDG Pete Van Zandt at: petevz@msn.com



Ad Copy Requirements Ads submission Deadline is Friday, April 26th, 2024

• For Best Quality — Electronically send print-ready PDF or JPEG files at the exact ad size to

> *ccuddy@vrocp.org* Type "<u>Lions Convention Ad</u>" in the subject line.

Enclose a paper reference copy along with this form and your payment.

- Clean, reproducible hard copy, a business card, or letterhead, can be submitted to be scanned but reproduction quality in the final publication will not be guaranteed. Please do not fold, tape, or staple within the image area.
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The undersigned authorizes the insertion of their advertisement (enclosed) in the 2024 PA Lions State Convention Booklet, published for their convention which takes place May 16–19, 2024.

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Dear Band Directors, Lions, Former, and Future Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band Members:

The Lions of Pennsylvania have organized an All-State Band annually to accompany the Lions Delegation to their State and International conventions since 1982. This year, the Lions are organizing a band to perform for the 2024 State Convention to be held May 17-18, 2024 at the Red Lion Inn and Convention Center in Harrisburg, PA. **Dr. Russell McCutcheon**, Director of Bands at the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College, will again serve as our Musical Director.

Selection is based on past participation in the Lions All-State Band, instrumentation needs, experience on your instrument (beginning with ninth grade, with older students usually selected first), and participation in other musical events including County, District, Region and All-State Bands. Students who are Leos, or whose parents are Lions or recommended by Lions Clubs will also garner consideration.

The state convention, provided at no cost to students, will involve one overnight stay. For your convenience, if enough students participate from certain parts of the state, the Lions will charter a bus to make several stops to bring students to and from the convention. At this time, we plan to have a bus from the Pittsburgh and Scranton areas, if needed.

Applications will be completed online at our website www.palionsband.org .

Students selected for the band will receive notification via e-mail in early April. Remember, the Pennsylvania Lions fund the entirety of the \$20,000 cost for the State Convention Band. Therefore, please check work, school, and other schedules to be sure that if you are accepted you will attend. We aim to provide this opportunity to as many students as possible.

Our uniform consists of a Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band Polo (provided) and white pants and shoes. You need to bring white pants/trousers, white shoes, white socks, and a music stand with you to the state convention. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely, The Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band Committee

Draft Itinerary:

Friday, May 17	Saturd	ay, May 18
4:30 PM – Registration	6:00 AM – Wake up!	12:30 PM – Lunch
5:00 PM – Rehearsal	7:00 AM – Breakfast	2:00 PM – Rehearsal
10:00 PM – Snack Party	8:30 AM – Rehearsal	5:00 PM – Possible set-up time
10:30 PM – To Rooms	10:30 AM – Concert Set-up	5:30 PM – Concert
11:00 PM – Lights Out	11:00 AM – Concert	7:30 PM – Depart with box meal



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PCC Dan is offering this post International Convention tour to Lions of PA. He provided a full description which is too long to be included in this issue. If you are interested, please contact PCC Dan for the full details. The editor can also forward them to you if you contact her at <u>nectarine1@zoominternet.net</u>.





The Jared Box Project

Greetings, fellow Lions and Leos,

The mission of the Jared Box Project is to entertain and put a smile on the faces of children in the hospital. The Jared Box Project was started in 2001. In Pennsylvania there are 122 hospitals that could be served.

The Jared Box Project is promoted and sustained by volunteers. It is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The Jared Box Project can be provided to a boy or girl in the hospital with the following guidelines for their appropriate age:

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🗆 Girl	Preschool (3 - 5) Elementary (5 - 8) Tweens & Teens (8 and up)

The articles in the box would be age appropriate for the child.

Since the inception of this project over one million Jared Boxes have been distributed to more than 400 hospitals across the United States.

At this point we do not know what age the child in need these boxes will be intended for, this will be determined closer to the time of our Pennsylvania State Lions Convention here in Harrisburg at the Red Lion Inn.

This will be a state service project conducted by attendees at the State Convention.

Clubs wishing to make a contribution to this project, or individuals wishing to make a contribution to this project can do so at this time. If a Club is making a contribution to this project, please indicate the name of the Lions Club, and if an individual cares to make a contribution, please indicate that you are a member of a Lions club in Pennsylvania.

Please make checks payable to *The Jared Box Project* and mail the check to *The Jared Box Project, 129 Fenwick Drive, Port Matilda, PA 16870*.

It is my wish that all of us as Lions will support this very deserving project.

Changing The World

MD-14 Global Service Coordinator

PDG Bob W. Roebuck

