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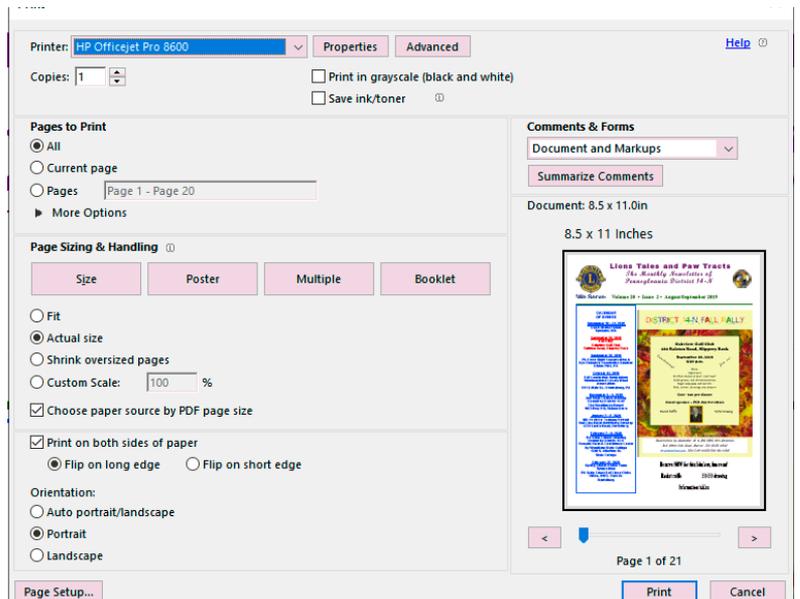
Pennsylvania Lions have moved into the New Age of technology with this issue of The Pride. It is our hope that you will like what you see. The color throughout should be a welcome change.

The magazine, in PDF format, will be available on the state's website, palions.org, and the link will be emailed to the PA International Family, DGs, VDGs, district newsletter editors, website coordinators, and state committee chairpersons and coordinators; they will then be encouraged to forward the link to their PDGs and clubs. The link should also be in each district's newsletter.

One of the issues with those who do not use the Internet or are not "in to" computers could be solved by having someone in the club print a few copies of the magazine and distribute them to those who want them.

A feature of this "new" method is the linking to the websites mentioned in the articles making more information available.

To print a PDF file, you must download a free version of Adobe Reader. Open The Pride pdf file, on the menu click the printer option, select "pages-all," "print both sides," "flip long edge." (see below) This should allow you to print a booklet which will resemble the magazine.



Ain't life funny

Reprinted from June 2019 District 14-N newsletter
Lions Tales and Paw Tracks

Written by 14-N IVDG Erwin "Chip" Campbell, the message is the same as delivered by Helen Keller many years ago: *"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*

Every once in a while, things converge in such an odd way, you have to wonder, "ain't life funny." The other day I had a doctor's appointment in the morning; after I got out, I drove around the Giant Eagle parking lot, twice, debating, really. I was agonizing, if I should stop and buy some ankle high white socks or not. I have 18 new pairs of calf high socks, but no new ankle height ones, and the ones I do have, have seen better days. Anyway, to make a long story long, I stopped in Peebles and purchased the socks; as I was waiting to check out, the woman in front of me was complaining that her house and her neighbors' houses got flooded, and this was four days later and they still had no help. They approached the Red Cross, Salvation Army and called the county authorities. Four days into it they still had no relief. Naturally, I offered to come down and see if there was anything the Lions could do to help. Ain't life funny, two minutes either way and I would have missed the opportunity to help.

I thought the first thing they could use was a dumpster. I called my club and we pledged money to the clean-up effort. The dumpster was ordered within one hour of leaving the flood area and they had some cleaning supplies in hand as quickly. Our donation got us a 30-yard dumpster, with a few bucks to spare for other supplies. The dumpster came two days later and was full two days after that. It made me feel great that we could



***"Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much."***

– Helen Keller

act that quickly and let them know there is help around, if there are Lions around.

There are more "ain't life funny" moments, coming.

Not knowing how wide-spread the damage was I asked if there were other people in the area who might need help. I was pointed to a young family who lost their husband and father this last year; the mother had three daughters and a son at home yet. When I asked the name of the family and was told what it was, for some reason that name rang a bell. A-ha! I know, we had just picked her daughter as one of our scholarship winners the previous Wednesday. They are going to get a double dose of Lions' caring. I don't know, but to me that sounds like "ain't life funny." It made me feel good that we could respond so quickly and at least let them know help was available. On my trips back and forth to the flood

area, there was a house I passed with a lot of trash out front, I stopped a few times, but couldn't get in touch with the home owner. Finally, I saw the door open and a car out front, so I stopped and left a message with the daughter to have her mother call and we would haul her trash away while we had the dumpster. When she returned my call, it turns out we awarded her son a scholarship four years earlier. "Ain't life funny." That's all I'm saying about "ain't life funny."

Shortly after, I had the pleasure of installing officers at the Chippewa Lions, I mentioned the opportunity we had to help some people who had flood damage, and without missing a beat, they donated to our effort. Feels so good when you don't have to ask. Ah! the dilemma, we had extra money to buy things, but what was needed was another dumpster, currently out of our budget. So, I called on two Riverside grads, Rita Swesey, of Rochester-Beaver Lions, and Bill Campbell from Beaver Falls Lions, to see if their clubs would care to donate half each of what we needed. I was also in contact with Jim Groff and Ed Baylor from the Pa Lions Disaster Relief Foundation, for their input. While waiting for a reply, Lynn mentioned to our daughter, Brandi, how much was needed, and she and her husband, Brian Smith, donated what was needed. We then received word from Rochester-Beaver and Beaver Falls that both clubs had decided to help. We now had some extra money to help fill the victims' needs as they move forward. Ain't life funny, the amount of people's lives we can touch, when we practice "We Serve." All you need to do is keep your eyes, and ears, open and opportunity will rear its head.

GLT Coordinator PDG Deb Burkholder

Our Roots Show Us the Way



When we all began our journey in Lionism it was for one very simple reason, **To Serve Our Communities**. Some of us were coaxed to join and some of us joined without hesitation, but as we grew and developed

as Lions, **WE SERVE** was the foundation of why we became a Lion.

As our journey continued many of us developed leadership skills and the confidence to become club officers and committee chairs within our club. We led many successful service projects and fundraisers and worked side by side with the other Lions in our club. As our passion for Lions continued to grow many of us branched out and continued to lead at the district level. Many started out as a District Committee Chairperson, Zone Chair or perhaps a District Secretary or Treasurer. We learned **to Serve** in a broader sense starting to see the bigger picture and how we could increase our service even more. Some of us even moved on **to Serve** at the State and International level, fully realizing the global effect of **Service**.

Sometimes as we travel this leadership journey our path can become clouded and unclear. With each level of service the demands become greater but we must always remember we are Lions for only one reason and that is to **SERVE** to the best of our abilities. We must embrace the talents we have and share them with the Lions surrounding us. We must be willing to constantly challenge ourselves to be the best Lions we can be so that the service we provide will be the best it can be. We must also encourage our fellow Lions to learn to lead and not be afraid of the challenge. We cannot celebrate our successes and learn from our mistakes if we do not try.

I ask you to think about the next step in your journey as a Lions Leader. Go back to your Lions roots and embrace being a member of a Lions Club. Immerse yourself in the activities and fellowship of your club. Rejuvenate your Lions spirit and rekindle the spark that got you to where you are today. Let your fellow Lions see your passion and excitement for the service you provide to Lions and to your community. Show them the path to leadership and all it has to offer.

PDG Deb Burkholder

MD-14 Global Leadership Coordinator

A banner for the PA Lions Merchandise Store. It features a dark green background with a white outline of Pennsylvania. The text "PA LIONS MERCHANDISE STORE" is written in yellow. To the right is the Lions Club International logo. Below the text is a small logo for "TBSONLINE" and the text "POWERED BY TEDDYBEAR SPORTSWEAR".

<https://palions.tbsonlinestore.com>

Join Us For a Day of
Fellowship and Learning!



Let Us Know You Are
Coming!

2019 Multiple District 14 Fall Leadership Symposium

The Lions of PA are cordially invited to attend
the Multiple District Fall Leadership Symposium

When: Saturday October 12, 2019 from 9 am –3 pm
or

Sunday October 13, 2019 from 12–5 pm

Where:

PA Lions State Office—Saturday

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Westmoreland County Blind Association—Sunday

911 S. Main St., Greensburg, PA 15601

*Saturday Lunch will be provided. A \$6.00 donation
will be collected. Snacks provided on Sunday.*

Topics for Lions at all levels of Lionism

- ◆ **Orientation: Not Just for New Lions**
- ◆ **Are You a Leader?**
- ◆ **Cultivating Clubs (bring your laptop)**
- ◆ **MyLion : Bring Your Questions for Answers!**
- ◆ **Don't Moan about the Zone!**



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with the number attend-
ing so we can plan for
lunch. Seating in Harris-
burg is limited so register
early!

Questions???

Email to the above
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717-484-4892

All Lions are Encouraged to Attend!

- Club Members
- Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers
- District Cabinet members
- District GLT, GMT, GST Coordinators
- Past District Governors
- Zone Chairs, Region Chairs
- District Governors, VDGs

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
March 13-15, 2020

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION FORM

Cost \$175.00 per Candidate (includes Institute, lodging and meals)
Checks should accompany this form and be made out to **PA State Council of Lions Clubs**
Mail to PDG Deb Burkholder
25 James Drive, Denver, PA 17517

Questions to PDG Deb Burkholder at kburkholder@dejazzd.com or 717-484-4892

Application Submission Deadline Date: February 24, 2020

Please type or print

District Number _____ Member Number _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Current Lion's Title _____ Highest Lions Office Held _____

Email** _____ Preferred Telephone _____

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

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Lions Club Name _____ Month and Year Joined _____

Offices Held Within Lions Club _____

Committee Positions Held Within Lions Club _____

Why is this institute of interest to you? _____

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____



Turn to other side to complete

District Governor Must Complete and Sign this Form

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

District Governor

Member Number _____

Name of District Governor

Signature of District Governor

Email (please print)

Date

Your dollars at work

\$1,992,346.00

Total value of grants approved by the PA Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation in the last 20 years.

\$91,000.00

Estimated total value of donations made by PA Lions in 2018-2019 towards the purchase of "Brady Buggy" wagons to help childhood cancer patients live a little more normal and fun as they undergo treatments.

\$89,000.00

Amount approved by PA Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation during the 2018-2019 Lions year as "seed money" for Pennsylvania-based researchers to pursue larger grants available from the federal government.

\$68,709.07

Total donations received during the 2018-2019 Lions year, the first year of the "PA Lions Care For the Kids" partnership with Four Diamonds and Penn State Health Children's Hospital to help conquer childhood cancer.

\$60,000.00

Value of grants approved by the PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation board during its May 2019 board meeting in Pocono Manor, Pa.

\$29,000.00

Value of grants approved by the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation (LOPF) during its May 2019 board meeting in Harrisburg

MD-14 Name Game

*In hopes of providing something new and different to The PRIDE of Pennsylvania menu, we created a word puzzle containing 52 names of past and present LCI and MD-14 officers, current members of the PA State Council of Lions Clubs' Council of Governors and a few words and phrases with which we are all familiar. **Enjoy the search!***

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| Baumann | Edwards | Kaufman | Nagode | Summers |
| Battistone | Falvello | Kresge | Nute | Wagner |
| Bird | Fox | Latterman | One | We |
| Camp | Fusco | Lions | Ott | Wilbur |
| Cavallaro | Grager | Lupro | Perce | Wroblewski |
| Cella | Gregg | Mahady | Polgar | |
| Choi | Haines | Mentzer | Roar | |
| Coleman | Harker | Miller | Serve | |



**2019-2020 PA STATE COUNCIL OF LIONS CLUBS’
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING #1**

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey
4751 Lindle Rd., Harrisburg, PA
Saturday, August 3, 2019

- Approved minutes of the fourth 2018-2019 State Council meeting and 2019 state convention meetings held at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions in Pocono Manor, Pa.
- Endorsed Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau’s bid to host the 2027 LCI Convention.
- Authorized State Administrator Lion Bob McComas to continue discussions with representatives from Kalahari Resorts & Conventions Poconos, the Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau and/or Erie Events related to the possibility of Pennsylvania hosting the 2024 USA/Canada Lion Leadership Forum.
- Approved 2019-2020 PA Lions All State Band budget.
- Re-appointed Lion Allison Kline (Tamaqua Lions Club, District 14-U) to serve a three-year term as Eastern Representative on the PA Lions All State Band Committee.
- Tabled recommendation from MD-14 Constitution & By Laws/Policy Committee to establish State Policy 213, Committee on Committees; Policy 313, Childhood Cancer Coordinator; and Policy 314 MD-14 Lions KidSight USA Coordinator.
- Rescinded 2018-2019 Council of Governors’ decision to appointment State Administrator Lion Bob McComas to the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind board of directors after reviewing the financial commitment required for that position and tabled any future action on the matter until more research could be done.
- Revised State Council Meeting Reporting Procedure policy to include rules for submission of written reports 14 days prior to Council Meetings, time limits on oral presentations; and travel reimbursements.
- Revised budget request submission due date from December 31 to November 30 effective immediately.
- Revise all state policies to establish consistency that all committee/coordinator of service projects “Work in collaboration with Council of Governors, Council Chair and Multiple District Global Service Team Coordinator.”
- Approved recommendation from PDG Cheryl Wilbur, MD-14 Global Membership Team Coordinator, to establish criteria for an annual awards program recognizing MD-14 Lions who excel in bringing in new members and creating new clubs.
- Approved appointment of PDG Richard Hautz to the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation board of directors.
- Approved appointment of PDG Dennis Cope as 2021-2022 State Council Meeting #3 Host Chairperson.
- Approved creation of a Website Task Force with the expectation it will present a preliminary report to Council at the second 2019-2020 Council of Governors meeting.
- Tabled appointment of Childhood Cancer Project Coordinator.
- Tabled appointments of the chairperson and Western Region representative on the Committee on Committees.
- Appointed Lion Shirley Skinner to the Finance Committee.
- Tabled the appointment of a representative from District 14-L to serve on the International Convention Committee.
- Re-appointed PDG Terry “Lefty” Pistentis and Lions James Lyons and Stephen Mrozek to the Investment Committee.
- Tabled the appointment of a KidSight Coordinator.
- Approved the appointment of PDG Pete Van Zant as 2024 State Convention Host Committee Chairperson.
- Approved the firm of Martin M. Sacks & Associates for the 2018-2019 yearly audit.

Compiled by Lion Bob McComas, MD-14 State Administrator

From Past International Director Cindy Gregg

Are We Doing Enough?

Dear Fellow Lions,

In a recent newsletter from the Westmoreland County Food Bank, I was saddened to read this story:

At lunchtime, while most of her classmates were diving into their lunchboxes, Sophia sat quietly with an unopened brown paper bag on her lap.

After days of the little girl saying she wasn't hungry, a teacher became concerned and opened the girl's lunch bag to see a crumpled ball of newspaper inside.

Sophia put it into the bag to make it appear that she had food inside. Her family was struggling, and food was scarce, but she was too ashamed to admit she had no lunch.

How unfortunate, that here in Pennsylvania in 2019, children are starving! In fact, Pennsylvania ranks ninth in having the greatest number of children who live in poverty (444,486). Nearly 3.5% of the families in MD-14 have incomes that are below \$10,000/year while 12.5% of our state's population lives in poverty!

Why do we need members? We need more hands to help children like Sophia. Thanks to those clubs that work hard to supply food to school-aged children on weekends. Unfortunately, those programs don't reach those who are not yet in school, or those grandparents who have found themselves caring for grandchildren and extended families, due to unforeseen circumstances.

Likewise, as we complete the first quarter of this Lions year, we are asked to consider the progress we have made toward our goals:

- Have we attracted new members?
- Are we keeping our present members happy?
- Have we provided orientation for ALL of our members? (Everyone can benefit from this.)
- Have we visibly provided service within our communities?



International President Choi asks that we "serve through diversity." Service has no barriers pertaining to age, gender, religions, economic status, political beliefs or sexual orientation. Most of us joined because we wanted to improve the lives of others. In this second quarter, consider new ways that we can make a difference by serving through diversity.

Thanks for all that you do to serve others who need help. Together, we can, and will, improve lives.

In Service and Friendship,

Cindy, PID and GAT Area Leader (Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia)



International Director Larry Edwards

Are you ready for a new year?



Greetings, Lions, Leos and Lioness,

I couldn't be prouder as a Lion than to be writing this article for the Pride magazine as your International Director from MD-14. MD-14 has had a tradition of great Directors and can even boast of having a Past International President who still has what it takes to be a Lion and a leader. I had the privilege of seeing PIP

Joe in Milan and he has every bit of the knowledge and skills to help our great International organization move forward. He has not let a bit of age slow him down. As the old saying goes, where there is a will, there is a way.

Starting in this new year for Lions, we are at a time to take hold of our clubs as presidents, our districts as Governors and all the other leadership positions to make this the best year that MD-14 has ever had. Membership growth and extended service are the mantles for the year. Don't wait for your District Governor to make his visit, be proactive, call your Zone Chairperson and find out what the major objectives the Governor has in place for the year. With that information gather your GAT, develop a game plan and execute the plan. With fall around the corner, football teams are developing their

plans and will be ready for the first kick-off. Lions kick-off was about a month ago, but we have plenty of time to catch up. Make working the plan a priority and you will be successful.

President Choi has challenged all Lions to "Serve Through Diversity." He has asked all Lions to serve in many ways. The development of more Specialty Clubs; inviting potential members of all ages; expanding our service into the global causes that have been identified for all; following the service journey: Learn, Discover, Act, and Celebrate; supporting our Foundation. This is a big challenge, but I truly believe that MD-14 Lions can rise to the occasion. Let's use these Global Priorities as the step off point for our service this year. PS: Please don't forget to report all the service you and your club finish.

In closing, I want to, one more time, thank all the Lions of MD-14 for supporting Lion Susan and me during our campaign and the election in Milan. I will commit to serve you and the Lions around the world in a manner that will make you proud of us.

In Lions Service,

ID Larry

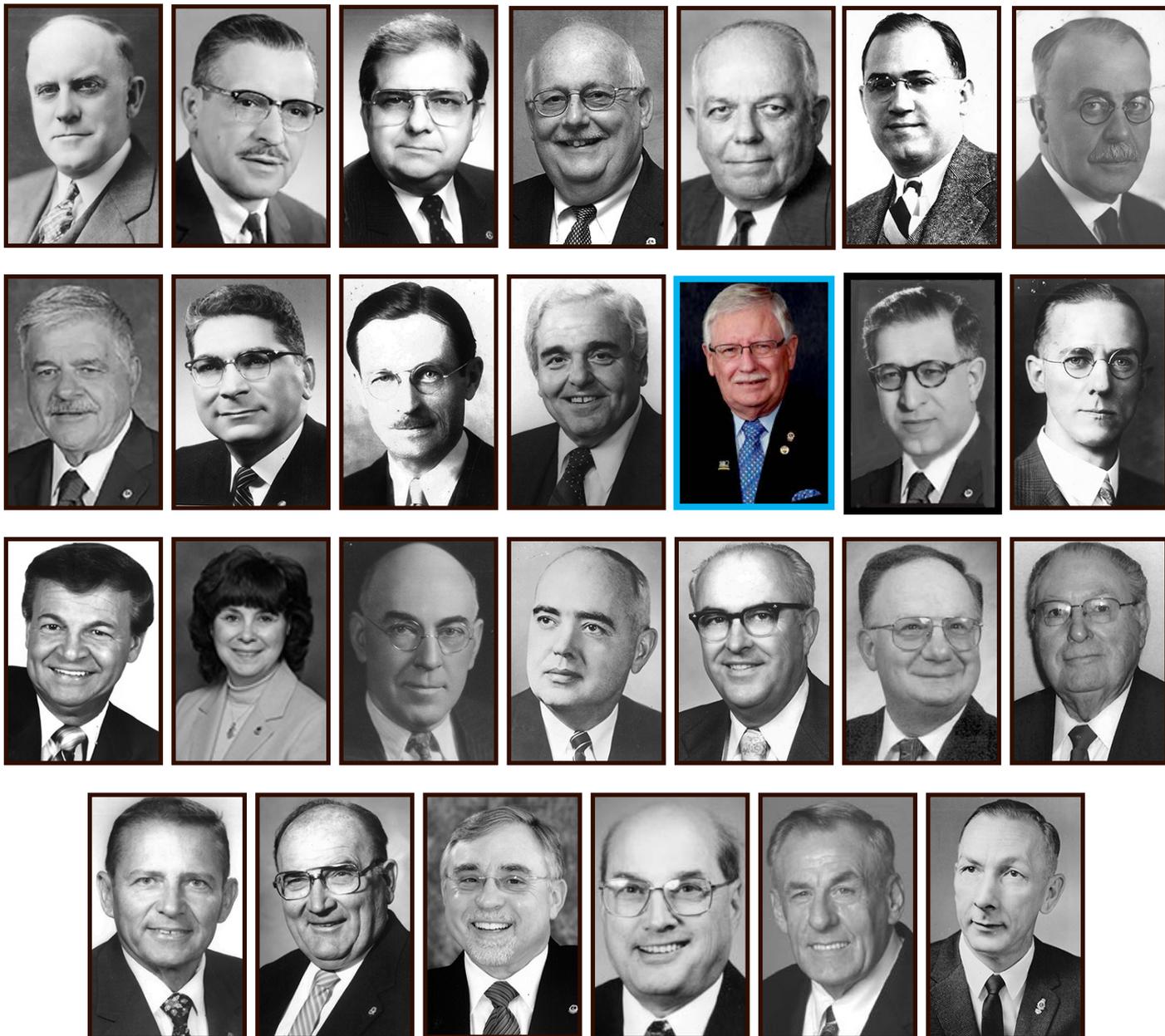
Learn - Discover - Act - Celebrate
Our service journey



Our sympathies and condolences to the families of

PDG Charles I. Weitzel, 88, former Reinholds Club, 14-G, June 25
PDG George R. Moyer, 84, Hecktown Lower Nazareth Area Club, 14-K, July 26
PDG William H. "Bill" Luse, 86, Centre Hall Club, 14-D, August 6
PDG Robert W. "Bob" Kelsey, 80, Western Poconos Club, 14-U, September 11

Pennsylvania's seat at the table



International Presidents

1927-1928..... Irvin L. Camp (Johnstown)
 1954-1955..... Monroe L. Nute (Kennett Square)
 1985-1986..... Joseph L. Wroblewski (Dallas)

International Directors

1923-1926Howard M. Bird (Harrisburg)
 1931-1934.....William A.G. Fox (Philadelphia)
 1936-1938 William H. Coleman (Lewisburg)
 1942-1944.....Dr. Arthur S. Haines (Pittsburgh)
 1945-1947 John W. Mentzer (McConnellsburg)

1947-1949.....Monroe L. Nute (Kennett Square)
 1949-1951.....Dr. Earl D. Baumann (Pittsburgh)
 1956-1958 Conrad A. Falvello (Hazleton)
 1958-1960 Paul M. Mahady (Latrobe)
 1960-1962Charles W. Mowery (York)
 1963-1965 Abraham C. Summers (Ephrata)
 1969-1971.....Leonard M. Cella (Philadelphia)
 1974-1976James E. Miller (Paoli)
 1976-1978..... Joseph L. Wroblewski (Dallas)
 1979-1981.....Ross F. DiMarco (Uniontown)
 1987-1989 Donald L. Nagode (Midway Area)

1989-1991Theodore T. Fusco (Philadelphia)
 1992-1994LeGrand W. Perce III (Bedford)
 1995-1997 Eugene S. Polgar (White Hall)
 1998-2000.....Carl L. Battistone (Bethel Park)
 2001-2003..... Robert W. Miller (Orwigsburg)
 2004William E. Anderson (Hanover)
 2005-2006.....Samuel A. Milliken (Waynesboro)
 2007-2009.....Dr. Harold R. Ott (Harris Township)
 2010-2012James A. Cavallaro (Springfield)
 2013-2015 Cynthia B. Gregg (Rostraver Twp.)
 2019-2021 Larry L. Edwards (Harris Hownship)

Edwards' election in Milan signals end, start of "IDLE Time" in MD-14

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For most Pennsylvania residents, this is football season, "fall" ... or the dreaded "Road Construction Season."

For a select group of like-minded individuals in the Keystone State, though, this is also the end, and the start, of "idle" time. But not in the sense of the word you might imagine.

It's the end of "idle time" in the sense that, for the first time since 2015, Pennsylvania – or Multiple District 14, as it's better known in the world's largest civic service organization – has an elected representative on the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors.

Until now, a Pennsylvania Lion has not served as an official member of the LCI board since Cindy Gregg of Belle Vernon completed her two-year term as an International Director at the conclusion of the 98th International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii.

This is also the start of "IDLE Time," thanks to the election in early July at the 102nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy of MD-14 Past State Council Chairperson Larry L. Edwards as an International Director.

OK, you ask, how does that translate to "IDLE Time?" The answer: It's the start of

International **D**irector **L**arry



Edwards' Time in the spotlight as MD-14's highest-ranked Lion.

The quest for a seat on the International Board began for Director Edwards a little more than a year ago when he and his Partner in Service, Lion Susan – both of whom were recently retired – decided to pursue the position and busy schedule that goes with it. That decision quickly set in motion a series of caucuses and club meetings.

There were more than a few I's that had to be dotted and T's that needed to be crossed, an important first step being the securing of support from the current PA Lions International Family headed by Past International President Joseph L. Wroblewski.

Once the Family's blessing was secured, the first real challenge arose. Because their home sub-district did not meet the LCI requirement (1,250 or more members) for nominating a candidate for international office, Director Edwards and Lion Susan

ID Edwards' mission statement:

"To be an ambassador of Lions International while improving the means and processes used to deliver humanitarian service to those in need."



had to leave their home base, District 14-L in the Altoona-Bedford area, and find a new base of operation.

The transition was a smooth and easy one, though, as the Director and Lion Susan figuratively needed to climb the nearest mountain to the State College area, where they quickly became part of District 14-G, the largest in MD-14.

The next items were just as easily checked off the list: Endorsement by the board of directors and membership of the Harris Township Lions Club, the Director and Lion Susan's new home club, followed by that of the District 14-G Cabinet and delegates in a special district election.

Director Edwards, the clear-cut hometown favorite, then emerged as the endorsed candidate in the final two preliminary elections. He was the overwhelming choice of delegates at an MD-14 House of Delegates session in November 2018 in

Indiana, Pa., just a few short miles from his Altoona home, and garnered the needed final MD-14 approval during a special statewide election held virtually in his backyard, in Altoona in February 2019.

The final steps in the quest to become an International Director came in late June and early July when Director Edwards received the endorsement of the LCI Executive Committee and was elected as one of six Americans to join the LCI Board as International Directors.

Director Edwards, who will serve a two-year term as International Director that runs through the conclusion of the 104th Annual LCI Convention in Montreal, Ontario, Canada, is part of a 12-man USA contingent on the LCI Board. He is joined in



Director Edwards is a member of the 2019-2020 LCI Board of Directors that also includes International Director Gary Brown, a former Murrysville and District 14-B Lion who now resides in New York State.

that group by former Murrysville/ District 14-B Lion Gary F. Brown, now a resident of Cape Vincent, N.Y., who was elected as an International Director one year ago.

Appointed by current LCI President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi to serve as a member of the Membership Development Committee for this year's LCI board, Director Edwards was the 26th Pennsylvania Lion to be elected as International Director. He joined a group that included two men who later served as LCI's International President, the late Monroe L. Nute (1954-1955) and PIP Wroblewski (1985-1986). Irving L. Camp, the first Pennsylvania to serve as Lions Clubs' International President in 1927-1928, did not serve as an ID prior to becoming the organization's chief executive officer.

We would be remiss if we did not point out that, while MD-14 has not had an elected representative on the LCI Board since 2015, it has not totally been on the sidelines during the LCI decision-making process. PIP Wroblewski has served as an LCI Board Appointee virtually every year since his one-year term as LCI's chief executive officer.

Director Edwards also has the good fortune of having six active MD-14 Past International Directors -- Carl L. Battistone, James A. Cavallaro, Cindy B. Gregg, Robert W. Miller, LeGrand W. Perce III and Gene S. Polgar – on whom to call for input and guidance when needed.

Hand in hand with that, lending valuable advice and guidance to Lion Susan are



Director Edwards and campaign chairman Past District Governor Dennis Bell, Jr., celebrate their victory in Milan

Partners in Service of PA International Family members – Ruth Battistone, Michelle Cavallaro, PDG Tom Gregg, Judy Miller and Joan Perce – as well as spouses of PIDs who have passed away: Jakoba Anderson (PID Bill), Rita Fusco (PID Teddy) and Barbara Ott (PID Harold).

Prior to being elected as ID in Milan, Director Edwards served two terms as District 14-L Governor (2010-2011 and 2016-2017), was MD-14 State Council Vice Chair in 2016-2017 and State Council Chair in 2017-2018.

Director Edwards became a Lion in 2005 as a member of the Lakemont Lions Club in District 14-L and served multiple terms as the club's president. He and Lion Susan, who also served multiple terms as Lakemont's King Lion and is a Melvin Jones Fellow and Lion of PA Fellow, transferred their regular memberships to the Harris Township Lions Club in District 14-G at the start of the 2018-2019 Lions year. They retain associate memberships in the Lakemont club.

A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Director Edwards has received numerous recognitions, including International President's



International Director Larry L. Edwards and his Partner in Service, Lion Susan

Awards. He has also served as president of the Blair County Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.

The role of an International Director according to information on the Lions Clubs International website is to represent a constitutional area, make decisions that are best for the association and serve as a liaison between local Lions and the international association.

Director Edwards is an Eagle Scout and past board member and district chairman for Boy Scouts of America who retired in 2016 after working 45 years in the banking industry. During his career, he directed operational requirements for nine large bank mergers as

well as developed new commercial banking product lines and their supporting technologies.

In that light, MD-14 Lions will watch with interest as Director Edwards melds that role with his professional training to pay dividends for Lions Clubs International and in particular his home MD. Among the pet projects for which he will be carrying the PA banner are bids to host the 2027 LCI Convention in Philadelphia and/or 2024 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in the Pocono Mountains or Erie areas of the state.

“IDLE Time” in the true sense of the phrase is clearly not applicable when it comes to the road ahead for Director Edwards and Lion Susan, but it’s a good catchphrase.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Edwards is a former treasurer of the Blair County United Way and a member of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce.

Patriotism and service to his country holds a special place in Edwards’ heart. A retired member of the U.S. Army Pennsylvania National Guard, Director Edwards is a director of the Central Pennsylvania National Guard & Veterans Association. His son, Scott, was a U.S. Army Persian Gulf War veteran who passed away in 2017. Director Edwards and Lion Susan are also the parents of a daughter and son-in-law and grandparents to two teenagers in Nevada.



Director Edwards and Lion Susan enjoy “idle” time with their daughter Sherri Kabo (back row, middle) and her family in Nevada: Granddaughters Reese (front) and Madeline (second from left) and son-in-law Jason.



The Edwards’ son, Scott, was a U.S. Army Persian Gulf War veteran and recipient of a Purple Heart medal. He passed away in November 2017 at the age of 48 due to complications from cancer surgery.

Fun facts for the trivia buffs:

- Director Edwards’ election marked the end of a four-year period during which MD-14 was not represented on the LCI board by an elected International Director, the longest dry spell since a six-year dry spell ended in 1987.
- Prior to PID Gregg's completing her two-year term in 2015, MD-14 had had an elected ID on the LCI Board 21 of the last 28 years.

Photo IDs: Seat at the Table

Top row (left to right): PIP Camp, PIP Nute, PIP Wroblewski, PID Anderson, PID Battistone, PID Baumann and PID Bird.
Second row: PID Cavallaro, PID Cella, PID Coleman, PID DiMarco, ID Edwards, PID Falvello and PID Fox.
Third row: PID Fusco, PID Gregg, PID Haines, PID Mahady, PID James Miller, PID Robert Miller and PID Milliken.
Bottom row: PID Mowery, PID Nagode, PID Ott, PID Perce, PID Polgar and PID Summers. **Not pictured:** PID Mentzer.

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LIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION

The Board of Directors of the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation (LOPF) continues to meet regularly throughout the year. Great strides are taken to meet the needs of our districts and clubs to better serve their communities.

On average, the LOPF Board approves approximately \$100,000 in grants each year. These grants are made possible by the generosity of fellow Lions through individual, club and district donations.

Other ways the Foundation Grants are made possible is through our Fellowship Program. The Pennsylvania Lions Fellowship is available to any Lion, Lioness, Leo or friend of Lionism. Clubs and Districts may honor an outstanding individual who has performed above and beyond the cause of Lionism.

To honor our Past International President, Joseph L. Wroblewski, for his many years of service to Pennsylvania and to the Lions of the world, clubs and districts may recognize a Lion or Lioness who portrays all the things that PIP Joe stands for and who believes in the theme that "We Service Better Together."

More information about the PA Fellowship and the PIP Joseph L. Wroblewski Award, the criteria and the application can be found at our newly designed website: lionsofpafoundation.org. Your club can also raise funds for the LOPF through "Lions Candy Sales." Find the many ways your club can sell candy – peppermint, wintergreen and fizzy fruit – at LionsMints.net.

The annual banquet of LOPF will be held on Friday, November 1, 2019, at the second Council Meeting at the Woodlands Inn in Wilkes-Barre. The 1st Vice District Governors and their partners will be guests of the Foundation. We hope to see Lions, Lioness and Leos from across our great state at this dinner – watch for more information and get your reservations in early. Join us to learn more about your Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation.

Don't forget to visit our new and improved website: lionsofpafoundation.org – designed by Alyse Mitten of Interlace Communications in Shoemakersville, PA.

President, PDG Ed Tustin



Thanks to a grant from the **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation** (board member **Mark Maslar**), together with matching funds from the **Eynon Archbald Lions** and **District 14-H Governor Bill Metschulat**, a check for \$10,000 was presented to the Archbald Athletic Club to be used for renovations to the handicapped accessible bathroom.

Pictured are: (kneeling) Lions Robert Guman, Paula Turpack, Dave Moran, Erin Owen, Ernie Lemoncelli and Rich Guman. Row 1: Lions Sally Spudis and Pam Savitski, John Schwartztrauber, Jerry Blake, Lions Mark Maslar, Karen Rapoch, Mayor Shirley Barrett, Andrea Spatero and Sandy Guman

Row 2: Lion Kathy DeLeo, Matt Farrell, Mike Casey, Allen Wright, Lions Louis Rapoch, Fran Stepkovich, Jerry Gilpatrick and Mike Spatero

Contributed by **DG Fran Stepkovich**



LOPF Chair PDG Richard Hautz recently presented a grant check from LOPF to **Ridgway Lions Club, 14-J**, to help Ridgway's local fire department obtain much-needed special equipment. PDG Dave Amacher had been president of the Ridgway Club at the time of the grant application.

*Pictured are Ridgway Lions Club secretary, **Tracey Amacher**, **PDG Dave Amacher** and **PDG Richard Hautz***

Contributed by **Lion Susan Houston**



District 14-C, Zone 4-A, donated a Brady Buggy Wagon to UPMC Pinnacle Harrisburg. The Brady Buggy® Wagons have a trailer hitch to tow the children's IV poles—allowing children to be mobile—even during chemotherapy treatments. The children can sit in the Brady Buggy and bring their favorite stuffed animal or a snack along for the ride.

*Pictured at the donation ceremony: **Lions Keith Shoff, Gordon Sinclair, Wanda Reisinger, Rosie Sinclair** and **Doug Nace**.*

Contributed by **Lion Wanda Reisinger**



Pictured are **PDG Kerry McKnight, 14-C, PDG Evan Punchard, 14-N, Lion Mike Crossey, 14-B, PDG Dale High, 14-D, PDG Cassandra Sojack, 14,J, Lion Wendy Naugle, 14-K, IPDG David Hunsberger, 14-P, and PIP Joe Preston of Mesa, AZ.**

The pictured Lions attended "Campaign 100" training held in August in Boston, MA.

Contributed by **PDG Kerry McKnight**



After 38 years of outstanding service to the Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County community, the **Lower Paxton Township Lioness Club** successfully completed its transition across the "bridge" to Lionism in September during a Charter Night event attended by more than 50 Lions and guests. **PCC Terri Kodgis** served as the presiding officer for the event, assisted by **DG/PDG Sam Wagner, 14-T**. The club was originally sponsored by the Lower Paxton Township Lions Club which also served as the sponsoring club for the 30 new Lioness to Lions members.

Pictured with the past and present banners is **King Lion Barb Dudek**.

Contributed by **Lion John Petrina**



The **Bedford Lions Club, 14-L**, recently held their annual White Cane Days, an event they have held for more than 50 years. A total of \$1,674 was collected.

*Pictured is Marine Vietnam veteran, **George McIntyre**, and **Lion Ray Barfield** who is thanking veteran George for his donation and for his service to our country.*

Contributed by **Lion Ron Rhodes**



Horton-Brockway Area Lions, 14-J, donated \$10,000 to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Pictured are members of the **Horton-Brockway Area Lions, 14-J**, and **Brittany Clark**, representative from St. Jude's.

Contributed by **PDG Duane and Lion Sis Geitner**



PDG David Hunsberger inducted three new members into the Avon Grove Club on September 3rd.

*Pictured here are Sponsor **Lion Barry Marteny**, new member **Manny Arencibia**, Sponsor **Lion Dwayne Degler**, new member **Bethanne Lindenbaum**, new member **Tara Degler**, Sponsor **Lion Jane Frank** and **PDG Hunsberger**. **Leo Grace Degler** is seated in front.*

Avon Grove Lions, 14-P, held their Wine and Cheese Distribution Night recently. Seventeen organizations received \$17,000 bringing total donations of the club for the year to more than \$40,000. Money was raised from book sales, ham suppers, White Cane collections, pancake breakfasts, broom and birdhouse sales, Christmas tree sales and the scholarship fund.



Avon Grove Lions and **Leos** from the **Avon Grove Charter School** and the **Avon Grove High School** participated in the Kennett Mushroom Festival Parade and handed out lollipops to the children along the parade route.



Avon Grove Lions were the first organization to sponsor **Canine Partners for Life** when it started 30 years ago; they have continued this sponsorship. The club members, with the **Leos**, handed out children's books from the Lions Book Barn at the Canine Partners Open House and Cow Bingo event held recently. The **Leos** also played dog-related games with the children.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



(Above) The **Forty Fort Lions Club, 14-W**, recently made a donation to the Kristopher David Moules Memorial Fund for the Heroes. This fund was created by his family, friends and co-workers and is intended to accept charitable contributions in Kristopher's honor and memory and to make grants to assist programs and services that were important to Kris with an emphasis on corrections and criminal justice.

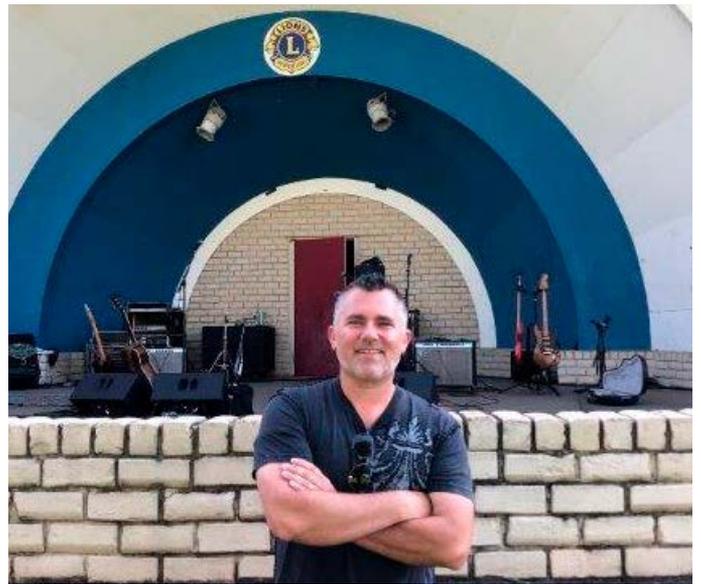
*Pictured are **Lion Colin Weale, Mrs. Kitty Moules, Lion Joe Shields and Ken Moules.***

(Below) The **Forty Fort Lions** presented their annual James J. McCullough Award in the amount of \$2,000 to Valley West graduate **Gabriel Gillespie** who is planning to attend King's College. This award has been in existence for 43 years and is in memory of James J. McCullough, former mayor of Forty Fort (1973) and a member of that Lions club.

*Pictured are **Lions Tom O'Connor and Matt Kelly, scholarship recipient Gabriel Gillespie, Melissa Neishell and Lion Jerry Novak.***



Contributed
by **Lion
Mark
Serafin**



The **McKeesport Lions Club, 14-B**, in cooperation with the City of McKeesport and RAD, present free concerts in Renziehausen Park at the Lions Bandshell each Sunday evening during the summer months. The series concluded on Labor Day weekend with multiple concerts over four days, culminating with fireworks. Hundreds of people attend these concerts and enjoy a terrific evening of music ranging from hits of the 70s to classic chart toppers. Concessions are provided by club members but those attending are free to bring their own refreshments, their lawn chairs and blankets.

Contributed by **Lion Annette James**





Pictured are **Michael Deutsch**, Mercyhurst Preparatory School/Penn State Behrend College; **Amanda Gryskewica**, Seneca High School/Penn State University; **Madison Hoover**, Seneca High School/Mercyhurst University; **Luke Restifo**, Collegiate Academy/Central Michigan University; **Natalee Stinebiser**, Seneca High School/Gannon University and **Lion Michael Allgeier**, Scholarship Chair

Not shown but awarded scholarships were **Alyssa Pence**, Seneca High School/Penn State Behrend College and **Ashley Reider**, home schooled/Gannon University

Greene Township Lions, 14-F, honored seven students with \$1,000 scholarships at a dinner in their honor.

Contributed by **PDG Gene Shelhamer**



White Oak Lions, 14-B, did a unique fundraiser; each member was assigned a Lions bank and asked to donate 25 cents each meeting or the loose change in their pocket to be donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Lions Dorothy and Ted Kuharski made plastic garbage bag holders and sold them at various craft shows and donated the proceeds to the fund. A total of \$869.56 was collected and sent to Leader Dogs. The club worked together as a team making it a huge success.

Pictured are (seated) **Lions Adrian Flink, Ruth Brown, IPDG Kirby Marchand, Lions Rich Peters, John Brown and PDG Harold Fletcher**; (row 1) **Lions Dorothy Kuharski, Barb Marchand, Karen Gregor, Dick Kubant, PDG Mary Jane Keller and Lion Roxie Patterson** (row 2) **Lions Ted Kuharski, Bill Monzo, Roger Lasch, Connie Petras, Maureen Filotei, Chuck Flink, Joanna Stettmier and J.R. Wilson**

Contributed by **Lion Dorothy Kuharski**

Mark your calendars

October 12, 2019

Fall GAT Symposium
PA Lions State Office
Harrisburg

October 13, 2019

Fall GAT Symposium
Westmoreland County
Blind Association
Greensburg

October 13, 2019

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
Board Meeting
PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
Mount Union

November 1-3, 2019

2019-2020 State Council
Meeting #2
The Woodlands Resort
Wilkes-Barre

November 15, 2019

Postmark deadline for club to
send winning Peace Poster to
District Governor

December 1, 2019

- Postmark deadline for District Governor to send winning Peace Poster entry to MD Council Chair
- Postmark deadline for District Governor to send winning essay to MD Council Chair

January 7, 2020

Deadline for hotel reservations
for 2019-2020 State Council
Meeting #3

January 3-5, 2020

MD-14 Vice District Governors
Training Retreat
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg
Hershey, Harrisburg

January 13, 2020

Constitution & By Laws/Policy
Committee Work Session
PA Lions State Office
Harrisburg

February 11-13, 2020

District Governor-elect
Seminar (Days 1-3)

February 7-9, 2020

2019-2020 State Council
Meeting #3
Ramada Hotel & Conf. Center
State College

February 22, 2020

Spring GAT Symposium
PA Lions State Office
Harrisburg

February 23, 2020

Spring GAT Symposium
Cambria County Association
for the Blind and Handicapped
Johnstown

March 7, 2020

42nd Annual Lions Day with
the United Nations
New York City

March 13-15, 2020

Regional Lions
Leadership Institute
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg
Hershey, Harrisburg

March 14, 2020

District 14-W Convention
Wilkes-Barre

March 28, 2020

District 14-N Convention
Prospect

April 1, 2020

Leos of the Year Award
nominations due

April 4, 2020

District 14-G Convention
Williamsport

April 4, 2020

District 14-L Convention
Site To Be Determined

April 4, 2020

District 14-U Convention
Wilkes-Barre

April 17-18, 2020

District 14-D Convention
Strasburg

April 17-18, 2020

District 14-M Convention
Washington, PA

April 18, 2020

District 14-C Convention
York

April 20, 2020

Constitution & By Laws/Policy
Committee Work Session
PA Lions State Office
Harrisburg

April 24-25, 2020

District 14-H Convention
Scranton

April 25, 2020

MD-14 Leo Clubs Rally
PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
Mount Union

District 14-J Convention
DuBois

April 25, 2020

District 14-T Convention
Harrisburg

April 25, 2020

Lions Worldwide Induction Day

April 25-26, 2020

District 14-K Convention
Breinigsville

April 25, 2020

District 14-P Convention
Boyertown

May 14, 2020

2019-2020 State Council
Meeting #4
Bayfront Convention Center
Erie

May 15-17, 2020

97th Annual Multiple District
14 State Convention
Bayfront Convention Center,
Erie

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A World in Need

245

245 people die each day from measles, prevented easily by a safe and inexpensive vaccine.



800m

Each night, 800+ million people go to bed hungry.



15%

Each year, our planet experiences a 15 percent rise in natural disasters, robbing innocent people of homes, jobs and lives.



1/2



By 2025, half the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas.

400m

400 million people are living with diabetes; this number may soar to nearly 650 million by 2040.



2 min



Every two minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer.

253m



253 million individuals are blind or visually impaired; global trends suggest this number may triple by 2050.

2/3



Two-thirds of our children report being victims of bullying.

Our challenges are great. But where there's a need, there's a Lion. Now, more than ever in our 100-year history, Lions must rise to serve. Our mission is pure, our hands and hearts ready. It's time.

