



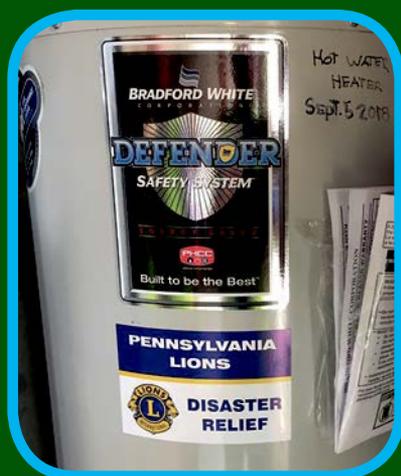
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The front cover of the first issue of the 2018-2019 Pride of Pennsylvania spotlights the Multiple District 14 Disaster Relief Team coordinated by Lions Jim Groff and Ed Baylor of the Christiana Lions Club (District 14-D). As a result of persistent precipitation throughout Pennsylvania this summer and fall, the DRT has been very busy serving residents of the Commonwealth. Watch for more information on the DRT in future issues of The Pride and on the website at www.palions.org.

**2018 Annual Research Seminar
of the Pennsylvania Lions
Sight Conservation & Eye
Research Foundation**

SAVE THE DATE

Date: October 20, 2018
**Penn State Hershey
Medical Center,
University Conference
Center**

Continental Breakfast: 8:00 AM
Opening Remarks: 9:00 AM

Contact person: Karen Mink
(717) 331-8738

The Global Service Framework focuses the efforts of Lions and Leos on five service areas with the goal of tripling our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people per year by 2021. The Global Service Framework complements all of the great ways clubs serve locally, and gives Lions and Leos new opportunities to help meet the growing challenges facing humanity.

No matter how you choose to serve, Lions matter now more than ever!



Past International Director Cindy Gregg "Sailing into a New Year"

Hello, Fellow Lions,

With one-fourth of this Lions' year behind us, our clubs should have selected an outstanding crew to help inspire and motivate the rest of the team, charted our course and embarked on our Lions' journey.

Throughout this year, as we continue our voyage, we may encounter stormy weather that will veer us off course, or we may meet surly shipmates (club members) or other unexpected challenges. Yet, the way in which we choose to react to these challenges can be the difference between a positive or a negative outcome.

Because every Lion is important and can make a difference, LCI has developed several tools to assist in attracting new members, providing leadership training, organizing service projects and mentoring new members or future leaders. In addition, we must be concerned with strengthening our many weak or struggling clubs. To help achieve this, LCI has encouraged each club to elect or appoint a membership and service chairperson. Likewise, the district and multiple district have appointed knowledgeable Lions as membership, leadership and service coordinators who comprise the Global Action Team (GAT) to further support our efforts. Lions International has developed e-Books (electronic books) with hyperlinks to direct club and district officers, as well as all members, to specific topics, brochures and various applications and forms. Furthermore, there are a multitude of training opportunities that range from the local to the international level. Our Lions Learning Center has outstanding courses that can benefit everyone, including those who are in the workforce. Similarly, Lions University is an online course to learn more about our association, while earning a Bachelor's, Master's or even a Doctorate degree in Lionism. For further information, contact your zone chairperson, district governor, or PDG Deb Burkholder, our Multiple District Global Leadership Team (GLT) coordinator.

Another challenge that the crew may encounter is attitude. Have you heard the phrases: "That won't work?" "That's the way we've always done it." "You don't need to go to training. There's nothing new." We're into a new century, and yes, a lot has changed, but change is difficult because we've become complacent in our clubs. Some members use the excuse that they don't want to add anyone because they know their fellow members and work well together. They're afraid that someone might "rock the boat," and that they will lose control. However, if our clubs are to survive and be able to continue the legacy of their founding fathers to serve the many people who need help, we must become agents of change by developing a positive attitude and believing that we can be successful. We must listen to others' ideas and suggestions, develop a plan and follow it.

After all, your attitude not only affects your actions, but it determines how others react. By adopting a positive attitude, you can achieve the impossible. Our International President Gudrun Yngvadottir challenges us to "have the courage to believe that you can do it." I know that MD-14 will rise to the challenge and sail far beyond the horizon to achieve "bigger, better and bolder" service than ever before. Theta Reddast.

As always, thank you for all that you do to ensure that "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion."
In Friendship and Service,

PID Cindy



Remembering a life of Service

Our sympathies and condolences to the families of

PDG George Bonadio, Springfield and Philadelphia Northwest Lions Clubs, 14-A, July 15

**Lion Mary A. Stefanski, Wilkes-Barre Lions Club, 14-W, Partner in Service of
PDG Martin J. Stefanski, mother of PDG (2) Marilyn "Mim" Tosh, August 14**

**Lion Paul Stouffer, Partner in Service of former MD-14 Administrative Assistant
Lioness Margie Stouffer, September 6**

Acting Council Chairperson DG/PDG William H. Morgan

"Challenges for a New Lions Year"



More than 1.4 million men and women around the world belong to the greatest humanitarian service organization, Lions Club International. That's less than 0.01 percent of the world population. Yet, Lions around the world have had a huge impact on the less fortunate. LCIF alone has provided more than \$1 billion in grants in just 50 years; add to that the incalculable billions in financial aid that more than 46,000 clubs have provided to their local communities over the last 101 years; the impact is immeasurable.

Here in Pennsylvania with 18,678 members in 687 clubs we make an impact every day. A quick review of reported MyLCI service projects shows significant activities in our communities, but less than 60% of our clubs file reports on MyLCI. Each month I review district newsletters and see even more activities being conducted. Why is it we can't get club secretaries and global service chairpersons to report their service projects on MyLCI? Did you know for every service project your club reports, Lions Clubs International uses that data to partner with foundations, the United Nations, other service organizations and governments to get matching funds, access to local communities and the ability to reach thousands of needy. According to MyLCI reports, very few of our clubs had meetings in Lions year 2017-2018. My first challenge to every club is to take 20 minutes on a quarterly basis and enter all your club meetings, service projects, fundraising activities, etc. That's less than two hours in an entire year, the payback to Lions Clubs International is huge as they continue their partnerships.

By now you have heard about Lions Clubs International's new Global Service cause for Childhood Cancer (formally Pediatric Cancer). As Lions Clubs International continues to find global partners in this cause, the Lions of Pennsylvania have teamed up with The Four Diamonds Foundation to raise \$100,000 this year and hopefully every year. The Four Diamonds Foundation provides support to families covering 100 percent of all medical expenses related to cancer care not covered by insurance for eligible Four Diamonds children. There are various levels and methods of giving, look for flyers from your District Governor or check out www.FourDiamonds.org/PALions. My second challenge to every Lion is to donate \$6.00 to this cause, raising over \$112,000; additionally each club to donate \$100, raising another \$67,800. What a huge difference Lions could make in the lives of children with cancer and aiding their families with expenses.

My next challenge? Campaign 100, Lions Clubs International Foundation's three year, \$300 million Capital Campaign to boost giving around the world. My challenge, for each Pennsylvania Lion to become a \$20 Contributing Member raising over \$373,000 each year; and for each club to donate \$500 each year for an additional annual donation of \$343,000. Total contribution over three years – more than \$2.1 million. If additional individual, club and district contributions are added, there is a potential of \$1 million a year. What a huge impact Pennsylvania could make. See your club's LCIF chairperson, your district LCIF chairperson, or your District Governor for more details.

What's next, a challenge to the Lions of Pennsylvania, the Brady Buggy Wagon. The Brady Buggy Wagon is a project of the Hugs for Brady Foundation that is being embraced by many organizations. The Brady Buggy is a wagon built to allow children undergoing treatments more freedom by safely transporting a child and an IV pole as one unit throughout a hospital. The cost of a Lions Brady Buggy is \$1000. My challenge, each zone throughout the Multiple District team together and purchase one Brady Buggy for a local hospital. That's 138 hospitals that would benefit and the countless children who would enjoy the Brady Buggy make this a huge gift. The cost to each club, between \$200 and \$300 depending on the number of clubs in each zone. Go to www.hugsforbrady.org, your District Governor's Partner in Service, or your District Governor for more details.

The costs of these financial challenges, \$26 per member and less than \$800 per club each year. The impact we can make in our communities and across the world is immeasurable. The world of Lions would know that Pennsylvania cares.

Finally, I can't leave you without a membership challenge. At one time there were more than 30,000 Pennsylvania Lions. With less than 19,000 now it's harder to meet the growing needs of our communities. As our clubs age, the amount of service to our communities shrinks. As our membership ages our clubs have the ability to perform less service. Take a look at all the good your club currently does in your community; what will happen to your community in 10, 15 or 20 years as your club slowly fades away. Who is going to step in to support the local sports teams, eye screening, holiday parades and celebrations, fairs, bingos and the hundreds of other projects across our communities? Each Lion needs to bring one guest not to a meeting but to a service project, the club needs to embrace that visitor, talk to them about your club, its services, the good you do for the community. Then invite them to a meeting and offer membership. My challenge, each club ends the 2018-2019 Lions year with a plus two, one being a woman to celebrate our organization's first woman president.

Until next time, Sail Beyond a New Horizon.

ACC/DG/PDG Bill Morgan

Multiple District Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Deb Burkholder

"Teamwork: Our Key to Success"

Every individual makes a contribution to our world but as Lions we collectively make a **huge** impact on the world. Lions at all levels have learned that teamwork makes our reach go much farther than it would if we were to do the same task alone. However, sometimes we under-utilize the resources we have that could make our teams work even better than they already do.

Leaders at all levels need to share all the wisdom they have in order to strengthen our teams and keep us moving forward into the future. As Napoleon Hill states, **"It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed."**

We have many resources that are not used to their fullest potential. One of these is our Past District Governors. Lions Clubs International and Multiple District 14 invest many years and dollars in developing our District Governors and after their term is finished, a lot of these leaders fade away. These well trained Lions leaders should be stepping into new roles that will help us continue to grow and strengthen our future leaders.

Past District Governors have skills that would be valuable at all levels. Perhaps coaching a new club president or helping a new committee chair organize his committee would be of value at the club level. Maybe a Vice District Governor needs a mentor, someone who will listen without judgment and offer suggestions on planning or

public speaking. At the very least a Past District Governor should be a model "servant leader." Show other Lions your great desire to serve and help others problem solve and develop skills, be open to new ideas and embrace good change. Help us remember the past with respect but encourage us to look to the future as well.



The Lions and You have invested a lot of time and energy in making you the leader you are today. As a Past District Governor, keep reaching out and learning new things. Step up to pass this knowledge on to those following you. Don't let our Past District Governors be known as "Permanent Dinner Guests", instead let us think of you as "Please Don't Go!"

There is a place for you at whatever level of Lionism you want to serve. Your club, district and multiple district need you to be a positive role model for those that follow you. **ROAR, PDG, ROAR!**

PDG Deb Burkholder

2017-2018 LEADERSHIP MEDAL RECIPIENTS

Felicia-Sue Anthony (District 14-U)
Daniel Brant (District 14-C)
Diane L. Coffey (District 14-D)
Robert Conrad (District 14-B)
Susan Edwards (District 14-L)
Carolyn L. French (District 14-D)
Cindy Gundrum (District 14-P)
PDG Edward J. Gursky (District 14-M)
Aidan Hettler (District 14-E)
John W. Hettler (District 14-E)

Nancy Keller (District 14-K)
PCC Mark Kusma (District 14-H)
Lisa Orehek Leon (District 14-U)
Zack Mesher (District 14-E)
PDG Robert Mesher (District 14-E)
Peter Peckyno (District 14-F)
Barbara Rebovich (District 14-B)
PDG Lance H. Remic (District 14-E)
PDG Shirley A. Starner (District 14-C)
Ann Swincinski (District 14-M)
PCC Daniel Swincinski (District 14-M)

Source: Lions Clubs International

Multiple District Global Membership Coordinator IPDG Cheryl Wilbur

"Your Voice"

We want to hear **"Your Voice!"** Our first female International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir, is encouraging your say in what matters to you as a Lion – which includes both women and men. We are all Lions and we must speak to be heard.

We want to hear women and men influencing others by expressing and leading Lions into activities of which we increase funds to benefit others. Within our activities, we must create ways to make them exciting if we are in the public eye – if the public sees female and male Lions having fun, it just may influence people to join in assisting us with supporting those in need.

We want to hear Lions asserting themselves in voicing their opinions with seasoned Lions listening. Being mindful of new members' excitement and encouraging new Lions to be heard. Your club may have already "TRIED THAT!"; however, new voices bring new ideas. To encourage members to remain as Lions, we need to hear their voices. Seasoned Lions are encouraged to support the new voice and assist in guiding a fresh face with a different perspective of a signature activity.

We want to hear more voices from females. It has taken Lions International over 30 years in electing a female president – she found her voice! IP Yngvadottir noticed much diversity in membership and leadership between women and men in Lionism. There are Lions in our clubs working diligently behind the scenes, we want to hear their voices. To accomplish this seasoned Lions, we are encouraged to provide leadership development within our clubs for the voices behind the scenes. Every Lion has the strength to be a leader and be heard – they already are – they are called Lions!

We want to hear your voice from all our clubs in our state. Our first step towards planning will be meeting with Global Membership Chairs and the District Governors in our great state of Pennsylvania! Setting goals provides encouragement to be successful. Those S.M.A.R.T. goals express and proclaim the needs of the district while providing a voice to be heard.

In the title of Global Membership Team, it is exactly what working together means. Currently, our team consists of PDG Kerry McKnight, PCC Karen Brady and a new Lioness turned Lion - Debra Bieber. This team will provide energy, enthusiasm, and enunciate with the right to be heard from female and male Lions. We will provide support and a voice that needs to be heard.

Our team encourages your voices to arrange, present and bestow upon the quiet voices the support needed to prepare female and male Lions to become members with new ideas and let them roar! Beware – "Our team is going on a Lion hunt to **HEAR YOUR VOICE!**"

IPDG Cheryl Wilbur



2017-2018 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

PID Carl L. Battistone (District 14-B)
PID James A. Cavallaro (District 14-A)
E. Timothy Clemmer (District 14-A)
IPCC Larry L. Edwards (District 14-L)
PDG Dr. Donald Gibala (District 14-N)
PDG Lester R. Good (District 14-J)
PID Cindy B. Gregg (District 14-E)
PDG Thomas L. Gregg (District 14-E)
PDG Sherrill R. "Bud" Harris (District 14-G)

PDG Robert E. Highlands (District 14-C)
PDG Sharon Kimmel (District 14-U)
IPDG Dr. William M. McLaughlin (District 14-W)
PID Robert W. Miller (District 14-U)
PID LeGrand W. Perce, III (District 14-L)
PID Eugene S. Polgar (District 14-P)
PDG Richard S. Stump (District 14-P)
PIP Joseph L. Wroblewski (District 14-W)

Source: Lions Clubs International

Join Us For a Day of
Fellowship and Learning!



Let Us Know You Are
Coming!

2018 Multiple District 14 Fall Leadership Symposium

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

When: Saturday October 6, 2018 from 9 am –3 pm or
Sunday October 7, 2018 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 \$5.00 donation
will be collected. Snacks provided on Sunday.*

Topics for Lions at all levels of Lionism

- ◆ **New Voices—Do You Hear Them?**
- ◆ **Lions and Social Media**
- ◆ **MyLCI: Hands on Training (bring your laptop)**
- ◆ **Diabetes: A New Initiative—How Can We Serve?**
- ◆ **Teamwork—A Path to Success!**



To Register Email
kburkholder@dejazzd.com
with the number attend-
ing so we can plan for
lunch. Seating in Harris-
burg is limited to 80 so
register early!

Questions???
Email to the above
address or call
PDG Deb Burkholder
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
YORK, PENNSYLVANIA
February 22-24, 2019**

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION FORM

Cost \$150.00 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 PA State Council of Lions Clubs
Attn: PDG Deb Burkholder
949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111-2810

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

Application Submission Deadline Date: December 31, 2018

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 _____

(See top of page 9 for second part of this form.)

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



Members of the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum's site selection committee and their Partners in Service, while in MD-14 July 15-18 to evaluate PA Lions' bid to host the 2022 Forum in York, took a special side trip to visit District 14-D **PDG Eleanor Reuter** (front row, left), a longtime Forum volunteer. Joining PDG Eleanor on the front row are her Partner in Service, 14-D **PDG Gerald Reuter**, and 14-E **PDG Tom Gregg**. Standing (left to right) are MD-14 **State Administrator Lion Bob McComas** (14-T), Forum site selection committee member **PID Doug Lozier** from Carmel, Indiana; **PID Cindy Gregg** (14-E); site selection committee member **PID Dr. Gary Anderson** and his Partner in Service, **Lion Cheryl**, from Grand Rapids, Mich.; and **Lion Carolyn Bonds** and site selection committee member **PID Lowell Bonds** from Hoover, Alabama.

Photo submitted by **PDG Tom Gregg, 14-E**



MD-14 STATE COUNCIL of LIONS CLUBS CONVENTION
96th Annual Convention - May 16 to May 19, 2019
Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, 250 Kalahari Blvd., Pocono Manor, PA 18349

Registrant

Sub-District _____ Club _____ Lion Lioness Leo Guest
 (Circle applicable membership)

Name _____
 Last First Initial Title (example, DG, PDG, Lion)

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____
 Residence Business/cell Please print clearly

First State Convention Yes – No Years as a Lion _____ Highest Office Held _____ Past -Present
 (Circle one)

Spouse or Partner _____

Special Needs: Dietary Restrictions, Hearing, Vision, Physically Challenged: _____

**Hotel Information: ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE by calling Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Phone Number: 1- 877-525-2427. Mention: PA State Lions Convention Rate
 Hotel address: 250 Kalahari Blvd. Pocono Manor, PA 18346
 Room rate: \$159/night plus applicable taxes Deadline for room reservations: April 16, 2019**

REGISTRATION

Convention Registration – REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES (No fee for children under 12 or Leos)			
Early (Until Jan. 31, \$10)	Regular (Feb. 1 - Apr. 15, \$12.50)	Late (Apr. 16 to on-site reg. \$15)	\$ _____
Friday Luncheon: Turkey on Sourdough _____ Portobello Mushroom on Focaccia _____			
Honey Ham on Sourdough _____		_____ x \$20.00	\$ _____
Friday PA Counsellors and District Governors' Honors Banquet:			
Roasted Chicken Breast _____	Roasted Pork Loin _____		
Pan Seared Salmon _____	Grilled Egg Plant _____	_____ x \$ 30.00	\$ _____
Name of person(s) to be seated with _____			
Saturday Luncheon: Honoring Lioness of the Year - Buffet		_____ x \$ 25.00	\$ _____
Saturday International Banquet:			
Beef Tenderloin _____	European Chicken Breast _____		
Cauliflower Steak _____		_____ x \$ 30.00	\$ _____
Name of person(s) to be seated with _____			
Sunday Melvin Jones/Key Member Breakfast Buffet		_____ x \$ 20.00	\$ _____
2019 State Convention Pin		_____ x \$ 6.00	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT			\$ _____

Meal Registration Deadlines: April 27, 2019 (April 16th if you wish to sit with someone specific)
NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 27, 2019

EACH REGISTRANT SHOULD COMPLETE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM!

Make check payable to: 14-W Convention Fund

Credit Card Payments (secure) may be made at State Council Meetings

Mail completed forms and check to: PA Lions 2019 State Convention Committee
 668 Liberty Court, Hazleton, PA 18201

Lions Jerry and Jamie DePalma - Registration Chairpersons

Questions may be directed to: PDG Andy Piskel email: 2019paconvention@gmail.com
 or 570-956-1245

MD -14 State Council of Lions Clubs

96th Annual Convention

Kalahari Resort & Conventions Center, Pocono Manor, PA
May 16 to May 19, 2019



Program Advertising Contract

The undersigned authorizes the insertion of their advertisement (enclosed) in the 2019 PA Lions State Convention Program booklet, published for their convention which takes place May 16-19, 2019.

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Title: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Submission Deadline – March 17, 2019

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2. Clean, reproducible hard copy will be accepted. (Please do not fold, tape, or staple within image area)
3. Please send electronic files for any special artwork.
4. A business card or letterhead can be submitted to be scanned, but reproduction quality in final publication will not be guaranteed. (Please do not fold, tape, or staple within image area.
5. Cover placements are on a first come, first served basis, and will be reproduced in full color. The outside back cover is reserved for the 2020 Host Committee.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Quarter Page (b/w) | 4.5" x 1.875" | \$ 30.00 |

Payment instructions-----

Make checks payable to: **2019 State Convention Fund**

Mail this form and a copy of your ad along with payment to:

PDG Joan Milligan send electronic files or
 26 Parkview Drive submission questions to:
 Plains, PA 18705 robjmill@aol.com
 570-823-6035

Convention Program Booklet Patron Ads

Donation for a single line of text (not to exceed 40 letters/spaces) is \$5.00

Please type or print very legibly!

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The 2018-2019 PA State Council of Lions Clubs' Council of Governors, during its first meeting August 4 in Harrisburg, approved the tentative schedule for the 2019 MD-14 State Convention at the Kalahari Resorts and Conventions facility in Pocono Manor:

Veteran convention attendees will note several changes in the format of this year's convention. These changes were made at the request of members seeking to cut the length and expense of the convention. Changes being made include:

- The official opening of the convention will now take place Friday morning rather than at the start of the Necrology Service, which is held after several convention functions have already been held.
- Combining the PA Counsellors (Past District Governors) Banquet previously held on Friday night of the convention and the Honors Banquet previously held on Sunday night into one event. The banquets are designed to include essentially the same group of attendees. Combining the banquets into one event will hopefully result in a larger number of Lions and guests attending the event. Combining the banquets into one event will also afford attendees a cost savings of one less meal function, as well as the opportunity to avoid the need for a Sunday evening hotel accommodation.
- Dispensing with the first Business Session held Saturday morning during previous conventions and handling all convention business in one session Sunday morning. This change will open up the convention schedule for an additional seminar.
- Changing the former Saturday morning breakfast to a Saturday luncheon to negate the need for an early-morning gathering. This change will also allow us to focus more attention on both the Lioness of the Year award winners and the PA All State Band.

Again, these changes were made at the request of Lions who took the time at the last two state convention to complete Comments cards and otherwise express their desire for modifications in the state convention schedule.

The State Office and future Council of Governors will evaluate the results of the revised schedule at the end of this year's state convention and potentially make additional changes for upcoming conventions.

We encourage all PA Lions, in particular those who attend the state convention, to provide constructive comments to the appropriate decision-making bodies.

We look forward to seeing everyone in May!

Yours in Service,

PDG Andy Piskel

2019 State Convention Chairperson

Lion Bob McComas

MD-14 State Administrator

HOUSE OF DELEGATES
JULY-AUG-SEPT 2018 ISSUE OF THE PRIDE

HEADLINE: House of Delegates session set for Nov. 3

The 2018-2019 PA State Council of Lions Clubs' Council of Governors, at its first meeting in August, approved the convening of a session of the Multiple District 14 House of Delegates on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018.

The Delegates' session will start at 1:30 p.m. and run through approximately 3 p.m. The session will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Indiana at IUP, 714 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA, in conjunction with second 2018-2019 State Council meeting.

The purpose of the Delegates' session is to select a preferred candidate for the high office of International Director of Lions Clubs International during LCI's 102nd annual convention in Milan, Italy.

The name of the preferred candidate and that of any other qualified candidate who wishes to be considered will then be placed on the ballot for a special election to be held Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 in conjunction with the third 2018-2019 State Council meeting at the Altoona Grand Hotel, 1 Sheraton Drive, Altoona, PA.

The Delegates' session is open to any MD-14 Lion who wishes to attend, but the only Lions eligible to vote during the session are the 51 delegate listed below, who had previously been appointed by the District Governor of their respective district.

Delegates for the special election in February 2019 will be determined in accordance with MD-14 policy, under which each club in good standing is entitled to one delegate for every 10 members on their roster as of July 1, 2018. Delegate forms for the special election will be distributed by the MD-14 Office shortly after the conclusion of the House of Delegates session in November 2018.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes during the special election in February 2019 will then be forwarded to Lions Clubs International as Multiple District 14's endorsed candidate for the high office of International Director.

Members of the current MD-14 House of Delegates include (listed alphabetically by district):

DISTRICT 14-A: PDG Jack Bittig, PDG Daniel Hummel and PDG Estella Kristiniak. **DISTRICT 14-B:** PDG Joseph Donkin, PDG Alice Jones and PDG Mary Jane Keller. **DISTRICT 14-C:** PDG Hugh Gallagher, PDG Kerry McKnight and PDG Gordon Sinclair. **DISTRICT 14-D:** PCC Steve Benedict, IPDG William Brown and PDG Deb Burkholder. **DISTRICT 14-E:** PDG Carl T. Johnson, PDG Lance Remic and PDG Dennis Taylor. **DISTRICT 14-F:** PCC Jim Day, PDG William Green III and PDG/DG H. Robert Mitchell. **DISTRICT 14-G:** PDG Sherrill "Bud" Harris, PCC Charles "Jim" Keener and IPDG Cheryl Wilbur. **DISTRICT 14-H:** PDG Dave Barrett, PCC Mark Kusma and IPDG Cathy Metschulat. **DISTRICT 14-J:** PDG Lester Good, PDG Duane "Duey" Geitner and PDG Ronald Kodgis. **DISTRICT 14-K:** PDG Dennis Butz, PDG Linwood Gehris and PDG Willard Kulp. **DISTRICT 14-L:** PDG Anna Clark, IPDG James Foreso and PDG Amos Shatzer. **DISTRICT 14-M:** PDG Gloria Saloom, PDG Gloria Schmalz and Lion Dorothy Smith. **DISTRICT 14-N:** PDG Linda Gibala, PCC Brian McCarl and PDG/1VDG Kim Stevenson. **DISTRICT 14-P:** PDG Nancy Gauthier, PDG Philip E. Shoher and PDG Kenneth Snyder. **DISTRICT 14-T:** PDG Salli A. Miller, PDG Dalton Paul and PDG Pete Van Zandt. **DISTRICT 14-U:** PDG Ken Mims, PDG Paul Moyer and PDG Larry Williams. **DISTRICT 14-W:** PDG Richard Kilvitis, PDG Mark Mizenko and PDG Marylin "Mimi" Tosh.

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Lions Family of Pennsylvania

On Wednesday, June 13, 2018, the partnership between Four Diamonds and the Lions of Pennsylvania was kicked off with a media event. The event was held at the Penn State University Hershey Medical Center. Four Diamonds ensures that every child, diagnosed with cancer at Hershey Children's Hospital or elsewhere and referred to Hershey Medical Center receives the care and support needed to overcome the disease. Meanwhile their families not only never receive a bill for their child's treatment but also are given the support they need to see them through this trying time. Furthermore, Four Diamonds supports research into the treatment and cure for childhood cancer.

Sadly, childhood cancer continues to be the leading cause of non-communicable-related deaths in children throughout the world. Globally, more than 300,000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year. Because of these statistics, Lions Clubs International is beginning its global campaign to raise awareness about this terrible disease and to express support for children and adolescents with cancer, the survivors, and their families. We, as Pennsylvania Lions, are proud and honored to enter this partnership with Four Diamonds to promote an increased appreciation and a deeper understanding of the issues and challenges relevant to this terrible illness and its impact on children/adolescents with cancer, the survivors, their families and society. It also spotlights the need for more equitable and accessible treatment and care for all children with cancer. We, the Lions, Lioness, and Leos of Pennsylvania, look forward to working with the Four Diamonds to serve those children and their families in a time of great need. We plan to do this financially by raising at least \$100,000 during the 2018 – 2019 Lions year, continuing the financial assistance in coming years, providing in-kind services to the families staying on the Hershey Medical Center campus as their child receives treatment and by encouraging our youth group, the LEOS to participate in "Mini THONS" throughout the Commonwealth. We thank Four Diamonds for allowing us to partner with them. As our partnership grows in the coming years, we look forward to being able to expand our help to Four Diamonds.

Why did we choose to partner with Four Diamonds, several reasons. First and foremost, they not only serve all of Pennsylvania but also the surrounding areas. They are affiliated with Penn State University and we will have access to the University Alumni database to help with fundraising and possibly for membership in our clubs. Finally, their mission dovetails with ours in serving those who need our help the most.

How we can help:

1. Make a financial contribution in the following ways
 - A. Use the donation page that was created for us and this is the link FourDiamonds.org/PALions
 - B. Write a check payable to PA State Council of Lions with "Lions Care For The Kids" on the memo line and send it to the Pa Lions State Office.
 - C. Write a check payable to Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation with "Lions Care For The Kids" on the memo line and mail to the Lions of PA Foundation.
Methods A and C are tax deductible donations

2. Make a contribution of supplies and other needs for the Four Diamonds Wish List.
3. If you sponsor a LEO Club, encourage them to become a part of “Mini Thon”
4. Sponsor a meal for those families staying on the Medical Center’s Campus as their child undergoes treatment.
5. Encourage local business to make a contribution to the campaign
6. Hold a fundraiser for the campaign.

As we move forward we would like to include your stories on the “Lions Care For The Kids” Facebook page. Please send me pictures, videos and stories what your club and district is doing for the partnership.

Here are a couple of links that are associated with our Partnership

Four Diamonds: www.fourdiamonds.org

Donation Page: FourDiamonds.org/PALions

Facebook Page: Lions Care-For The Kids Go to Facebook and click search and paste in the name.

Lions of Pa Foundation: <http://lionsofpafoundation.org/>

There will be recognition for donors and they are as follows:

Individual Giving Levels;

1. Contributing Level: \$1 to \$24
2. Bronze Level: \$25 to \$49
3. Silver Level: \$51 to \$99
4. Gold Level: \$100 or more

Club Giving Levels:

1. Contributing Level: \$1 to \$2 per member
2. Bronze Level: \$3 to \$4 per member
3. Silver Level: \$5 to \$6 per member
4. Gold Level: \$7 or more per member

Business Giving Levels

1. Contributing Level: \$1 to \$50
2. Bronze Level: \$50 to \$99
3. Silver Level: \$100 to \$249
4. Gold Level: \$250 or more

Yours in Service
PDG Tom Gregg
MD 14 GST Coordinator

Leos, Leo Rally, Lions Emblem



The Lions emblem is two-headed. It represents a proud past and looking to a bright future. Perhaps the forward look should include a Lioness and a cub (Leo). The future includes the first woman as a Lions Clubs International president. The average age of a Lion indicates we need to bring the cubs (Leos) into the Lions pride.

The 2018 Leo Rally at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp had Lions and Leos working together toward a common goal - getting the camp ready for a new camping season. There was also opportunity to share appreciation for the help they were giving each other in this common task. Meal times were spent together; work projects were done separately.

The chaperones and Leo Coordinators provided guidance and the Leos carried out the duties with enthusiasm during the rally. Participating in a service project at the camp is a requirement. Preparation with supplies such as tools, gloves, cleaning supplies and assignment to groups can be a challenge. Lions clubs can be a great help with donations and participation as chaperones.

There were 36 Leos divided into two groups. The projects included clearing the hiking trail, cleaning the gutters on one story buildings, cleaning the playground equipment, the bowling alley and the hayride wagon. The other half of the group moved about the camp participating in boating and fishing, bow shooting, miniature golf, bicycling, bowling and hiking.



Lion/Lioness Sara Greenlee has been co-chair of the Leo rallies and instrumental in gaining resources, and participation by Leos and Lions. She may not be available for the 2019 Leo Rally. As in any organization, when a key person is no longer available, one or more people must pick up the duties.

The assistance of the Lions advisors and chaperones, along with the management and staff at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp, was essential in making the 2018 Leo Rally a success. PDGs Jack Bauer, and Marla Stankus, Lions Ted and Phyllis Kovall, Rosanne Linko, Emily Wagner and Craig Merkey, and Lion/Lioness Sara Greenlee are to be thanked for their participation.

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp Coordinator Jake Kleckner, was initiated into the preparation and conduct of a Leo rally. He learned the logistics of housing, feeding and scheduling the projects and activities for the Leos.

Lion/Lioness Sara added PAWS awards to individuals recommended by the Leos where extra acts of kindness were done or efforts were made beyond expectations.

At the wrap-up session, the Leos indicated a preference for holding the Leo rally again and preferred dates will be the April 26-28, 2019 weekend. Registration forms are available. Wish lists will soon be sent to Lions clubs for donations of materials and resources.

Support the Leos, they are our bright future.

PDG Gerald L. "Chappy" Chapman

PA Lions Leo Coordinator





*Pictured are **PCC Mark Kusma, 14-H**, Chairperson and **Dr. John Gump, 14-N**, Vice Chairperson, of the Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation.*

Dr. Gump presented an informative presentation on profound deafness at the PLHRF dinner at the State Council Meeting on August 3, 2018. He stated that profound deafness has great effect on a child's learning ability and on his/her entire life.



PROMOTING HEARING HEALTH

As a Lion, a member of the Lower Paxton Township Lions Club and a licensed Audiologist, I also currently serve on the Board of the Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation as one of 14-T's representatives.

The objectives of PLHRF, which was founded in 1979, are to initiate and support research on hearing problems by providing grants within the state of Pennsylvania.

During the past year I have started speaking to Lions Clubs about promoting hearing health and the great work of the PLHRF.

It is estimated that 36 million American adults report some degree of hearing loss. Here are a few facts that were recently reported.

- According to a document released by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, workers exposed to acceptable levels of both noise and ototoxicants face an increased risk of hearing loss. The risk of hearing loss is increased when workers are exposed to certain chemicals while working around elevated noise levels. Occupations that may have high noise and ototoxicant exposure include printing, painting, construction, firefighting, weapon firing, pesticide spraying and many manufacturing industries.
- Researchers from the CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health released a report, "A significant percentage of the workers studied have hearing difficulty, high blood pressure and high cholesterol that could be attributed to noise at work. This study provides further evidence of an association of occupational noise exposure with high blood pressure and high cholesterol, and the potential to prevent these conditions if noise is reduced.
- A study from the Journal of the American Medical Association-Otolaryngology found that in a group of adults that said they had a lot of trouble hearing were almost twice as likely to suffer an accidental injury. Regular hearing screening and increased awareness are suggested as prevention measures.
- From a recent Japanese study, current smokers were up to 70% more likely to develop high frequency hearing loss than non-smokers.

Please contact me at rckrieger@aol.com if you would like additional information about the Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation or activities to promote hearing health.

Lion Richard Krieger

We remain grateful for the \$10,000 grant the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation made in 2017 toward the new Leica teaching light microscope with video camera for the Wills Eye Hospital Ophthalmic Pathology Laboratory.

I thought you and your Board members would appreciate a few photos of the microscope with Dr. Ralph Eagle "at the helm." The photos were taken recently during a training session for some of our medical residents and fellows. Access to this microscope has made a significant impact on improving our pathology training program!

And, also, for our research program: In follow-up to our recent phone conversations, we plan to send two research proposals for your consideration by the end of this week, or early next week. The new microscope will be used in both research projects.

Best,

Monica P. Winter

Director, Foundation and Corporate Relations
Wills Eye Foundation
840 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107



The **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation** supplied 50% of the funds for the roof replacement of the Alfred J. Fritchman Reservoir Park pavilion in Lower Saucon Township. Then **District Governor-Elect Karlene Laub** explained at the dedication ceremony that at a function held at the park last year, club members noticed that the pavilion's roof was in disrepair. The Borough Authority owns the park but the **Hellertown Lions, 14-K**, built the pavilion years ago. **Lion Debbie Heidecker-Repash** chaired a fundraising effort that raised half of the nearly \$11,000 needed to replace the roof. The Lions will continue to maintain the park.

Contributed by **Lion Bruce Browne**



The **Mountainville Lions Club, 14-K**, which serves South Allentown and Salisbury Township, recently presented two park benches to the Roosevelt Elementary School. The project began as Mountainville's Centennial Legacy Project with the club's raising money for one bench. With a grant from the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation, matching funds enabled the club to provide a second bench for a total cost of \$2,438.

The benches are made of recycled plastic milk jugs and are engraved with gold lettering on a green background to compliment the school's colors; a bronze Lions' emblem is installed on each bench. These benches will be utilized by students, faculty and family members when they gather in the school's playground.

Contributed by **Lion David G. Fatzinger**



The **Worthington Lions Club, Armstrong County, 14-N**, rebuilt the Worthington Post Office's pavilion on the Main Street of town. The Lions completely replaced the very old, deteriorated structure with a new cedar structure which now meets safety standards, has permanent metal roofing and benches and has been made handicapped accessible with additional seating capacity. The project was funded through a matching grant from the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation.

Contributed by **PDG Don Gibala**



Lions from the **Apollo Area Club, 14-N**, and **PDG Don Gibala** are shown with the matching grant from the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation for a wheelchair swing for their local park. Wheelchair swings provide fun and safe activities for adults and children of all abilities. They are made to accommodate mobility equipment and provide the same type of motion and experience as traditional swings. Universal play areas contribute to the emotional, psychological and social needs of disabled people. If more information is desired, contact PDG Tom Toland (ttoland@windstream.net).

Pictured (left) PDG Tom Toland, Apollo Area Lions Club, PDG Don Gibala, LOPF Director, Lion Marge Kamiski, Apollo Area Lions Club (right) Lion Mike Toland and PDG Tom Toland, Apollo Area Lions Club

Contributed by **PDG Don Gibala** and **PDG Tom Toland**



Lion Colin Clarke of the **McKeesport Lions Club, 14-B**, is shown at the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall which was brought to the city, erected and taken down by members of the club. The Lions also helped visitors find names of their loved ones on "The Wall that Heals."

A patriotism parade was also held and area children were invited to march in it. Those who participated received a tee shirt to wear and an American flag to carry. They were treated to a hot dog dinner, witnessed a military salute program, a concert by Judi Figel and fireworks.

Contributed by **Lion Annette James**



Pictured (back) Lions John Swartz, Bill Landmesser, Nathan Schenker and Peg White, PDG Richard Taylor, Lion Deborah Schwepfinger and Lion Bill Stellken

(front) Lions Bud Pierce, Raymond McKay and PDG Donn Barber.

Five park benches like the one shown below were donated by the **Kennett Square Lions Club, 14-P**, as their legacy project, recognizing 100 years of the existence of Lions Clubs International.

The plaque shown on the right recognizes **Monroe L. Nute**, a Kennett Square Lion who served as **International President 1954-1955**.

Contributed by **PDG Richard Taylor**.



The **Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P**, presented a check to Robert Weer, Jr., Fire Marshal of London Grove Township, for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) unit for Goddard Park.

*Pictured are **Lion Dave Graham** and **Fire Marshal Robert Weer, Jr.***

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**





The **East Cocalico Lions Club, 14-D**, recently conducted a "Membership Social." At this informal meeting invited guests were given the opportunity to gain valuable information about the club and the ways "We Serve" our community. The result of this Social is the club gained **10 new members!** Nine of these members were recently inducted into the club by **PDG Bruce Carpenter**.

*Pictured are **Lions Ray Wolf**, (sponsor), **John Weiss**, **Oscar Sipler**, **Marie Sipler**, **Tim Hegeman**, (sponsor), **Jeremy Haldeman**, **Katie Burns**, **Matthew Pisker**, **Danielle Dole**, **Dennis Ensinger**, (sponsor), **Doyne Atkinson**, **Jamie Carpenter**, (sponsor), **Chester Clair**, (sponsor) and **William Macauley**. Not pictured is new member **Lion Keith Rathman**.*

Contributed by **PDG Bruce Carpenter**



Governor Tom Wolf recently thanked **IPDG Bill Brown** and his wife, **Lion Lorraine**, of the **Wilshire Hills Lions Club, 14-D**, for starting the **Lancaster Latino Centennial Lions Club** in Lancaster, PA. The club was at the Lancaster Latin American Cultural Center Music Fest with great food and a membership table.

Contributed by **Lion Lorraine E. Brown**
District 14-D Global Service Team member

PHOTO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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During the Officer Installation service at the Bedford Lions Club, by (then) CC Larry Edwards, the rare opportunity was open for a picture of the three Council Chairpersons from **District 14-L**.

IPCC Larry Edwards 2017-2018, PCC Larry Fischer 1998-1999 and PID/PCC LeGrand Perce 1981-1982

Oakmont Lion President, Nick Kokales, 14-B, recently presented a \$1,000 check to **Vickie Vaughn** for **Leader Dog Beau's** expenses.

*Pictured (left to right) **Lion Jeff Kline, Lion Bill Coates and Nancy Kline***

Contributed by **Lion Jim Welsh**



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 1249 Cocoa Ave., Suite 115
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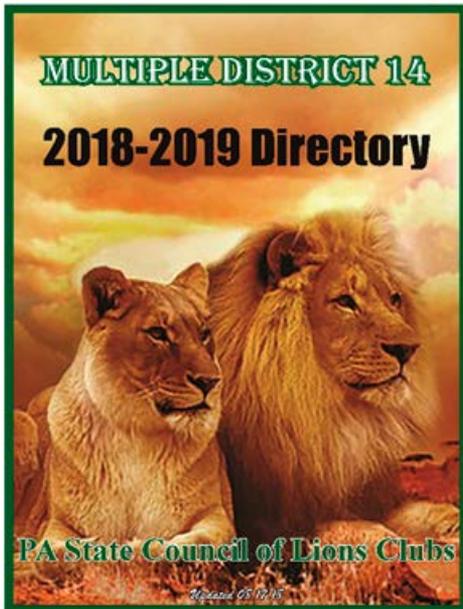


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Mailing Address



Dear Lions, Lioness, Leos, and Friends,

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

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

Respectfully,
 The Board Members

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

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