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At the February State Council meeting the Partners in Service of the District Governors, led by **Lion Susan Edwards**, chairperson, took 60 activity bags and 24 games to the LeHigh Hospital children's department as part of their ongoing service projects.

Pictured are: (front) Lions Julie Foreso, Lorraine Brown, Susan Edwards, Barbara Ott and Tracy Amacher; (back) 1st VDG/PDG Bill Metschulat, Lion Jim Wilbur, Lion Judy Miller, Lion Tracy Slezak, Tobi Sasso, Lion Cindy Kaufman and Lion Ed Gnoth.

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!



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Past International Director Cindy Gregg

"Why are You a Lion?"

Why are you a Lion? Hopefully, it's because you want to improve your community and make a difference in the lives of others. Many of us have experienced that special "aha" moment when we realize why we stand in frigid temperatures to "Ring the Bell," or spend our Saturdays planting trees or selling barbequed chickens in sweltering heat.

Unfortunately, I've been hearing about some of the "Taters" in our clubs. You know...the "Irri-Tater," the "Agi-Tater," and the "Speck-Tater." There are a few others, but these are the main individuals who are causing us to lose members, and sometimes even clubs! Often, these people do nothing to help with service projects or fundraisers, but they do like to sit back and tell us what we did wrong. They are also the first to remind us that we used to have twice as many clubs or members. Yet, it's been years, possibly decades, since they invited a prospective member to a meeting or a project. They tend to be the first to shoot down a "new" idea and remind everyone that "We already tried that!" These "Taters" might even tell newer members that they don't need to attend training sessions because "There ain't nothin' new!" Of course, we've all heard, "That's the way we've always done it!" because they are content to live in the past.



Well, if we want to continue the legacy that Melvin Jones began 100 years ago and to help those in our communities who need our assistance, we must deal with these negative personalities because they are affecting retention in several of our clubs. Negativity is contagious and toxic, and for every member that we lose, at least seven others are adversely affected by them. We can't continue to sit back and hope that the "Taters" will go away. Instead, we must determine why these people act in such a manner. We must talk with them, semi-privately, dealing with the most offensive problem. Ask why they behave this way. Offer to work with them. Remind them of our code of ethics. Try to find something positive for which to commend them. Determine their interest or talents and give them some responsibility, while working together to develop a plan of action. Even though we don't want to lose members, the "Tater" must either change his/her behavior or leave the club. After all, it's far better to lose one or two members than to lose a club because of a few "Taters."

Likewise, keep your eyes and ears open to what is occurring at your meetings and projects. Observe subtle body language. Contact members who no longer attend club meetings or projects and work to change the situation. Thankfully, most of our active members are "Sweet-Taters" who volunteer when help is needed and do the job they agreed to do.

Recently, some of the Lions from the western region volunteered at the Special Olympics Winter Games at Seven Springs. What a wonderful experience to see the athletes cheering for each other and encouraging their competitors to do their best! Imagine what we, as Lions, could accomplish if we all worked for the good of the community, without caring who gets credit. Remember that IP Aggarwal says, through the "Power of We," the "Power of Action," and the "Power of Service," WE can change the world.

Thank you for all that you do to serve the needs of those who need our help.

In Friendship and Service,

PID Cindy



Remembering a life of Service

Our sympathies and condolences to the families of

PDG Kenneth Lloyd, Cheswick-Springdale Club, 14-B, December 24
PCC Vernon M. Spangler, Stoystown Club, 14-M, January 11
PDG Anthony J. Jagielski, Jr., Port Richmond Club, 14-A, January 20
PDG Voni B. Grimes, York White Rose Club, 14-C, January 26
PDG John Parker, Jacobus Club, 14-C, February 19
PDG Robert E. Highlands, Carlisle Club, 14-C, February 25
Carol McGaughey, wife of PDG Jack McGaughey, Rural Valley Club, 14-N, March 1
PDG Russell Rickert, West Chester Club, 14-P, March 2

Council Chairperson Larry Edwards

"Wrapping up the 2017-2018 Lions Year"

Lions, Lioness and Leos,

How fast time goes! We are closing in on the end of our 101st year of Lions. What have you done to make this a memorable year? As Lions we have had plenty of opportunities to add to all of the areas of specific importance to the Lions organization. With the choices being in Vision, Hunger Relief, Environment, Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer, the opportunities are endless. If you, your club or your district have not jumped on board, sit down, plan an event to serve one or more of these areas and execute your plan. The spring time is a great time to refresh your efforts and serve others.



PS: When you finish your event/project be sure to have your club secretary go to MyLCI and record the service event. Reporting all of your club activities online is so important today as LCI and our Multi-District GST are now tracking and developing respective numbers that will equate to the service completed. Reporting is the only way that your information is counted and shared with others.

As this article is being published, our State Convention will be close at hand in State College. What a great time this is. Lions from across Pennsylvania will join together to learn more about our great organization, attend seminars, attend some great breakfasts and lunches with good speakers, hear from our International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal and spend quality social time with old friends while meeting many new ones. A great time to be a Lion!

Speaking of conventions, I hope that I will see a great number of Pennsylvania Lions in Las Vegas. Having been there many times (because my daughter lives there), I can assure you there is much to do in Vegas. The Convention will be awesome at the MGM Grand. Can you believe there is a facility large enough to hold it all? Under one roof we can experience the entire event with the exception of the parade. If you have not yet registered, there is still time. Remember that this will be the last International Convention in the US until 2023 in Boston. At the Convention you can network, serve, learn and, of course, have fun. Hope to see you there.

As I am ending up my year as Council Chairperson, I want to say that I am proud of the progress that we have made this year. Several significant items have been: The forming and work of the MD GAT, establishing a first time "White Board Session" that identified a number of items for council and others to look over with the idea of improving how our Multiple District does business and serves the Lions of Pennsylvania, starting an Ad-Hoc Committee to study our state conventions for improvements, approving the formation of a Long Range/Strategic Planning Committee and many suggestions that are currently being reviewed to help reduce the cost structure and improve income within the overall budget process. Great accomplishments with a carry-over process to move with the incoming 2018-2019 Council of Governors led by next year's Council Chair VCC/DG Brad Geyer.

In closing, I want to thank all of the Lions of Pennsylvania for allowing me to serve you in the position of Council Chair. It has been my honor to do so. I wish all the best as you continue the Lions' tradition of "We Serve."

In Lionism,

Council Chairperson Larry



Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day, celebrating 70 continuous years of camping at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp on Sunday, July 15, 2018. The next issue of The Pride will contain more information. Mark your calendars!

Vice Council Chair Brad Geyer

"Namaste"

"Namaste" Fellow Lions,



International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal and LCI are always changing and improving Lions programs to advance our organization. This Lions year was no different, and rolling out the Global Action Team has proven to be one of the best advancements in recent years. In our organization we change officers yearly, the GAT (as we have enacted in MD-14) has brought several years of leadership to the table to help with the continuity of leadership and direction of the Multiple over several years. This has truly been beneficial to me as a Vice Council Chair, and I know that I am better prepared to help the 2018-2019 Council Of Governors advance the MD-14 during their year.

As I've seen this work at the Multiple level, I have tried to incorporate the strategy into my district with similar success. I have worked very closely with my Vice Governors. As IP Naresh says, "the Power of We" - We make our decisions as a team and we execute those decisions together. A Governor can only do so much, and only has so much time.

By working together with the Vice Governors we can cover more ground and reach more Lions. Fellow Governors, how has your interaction been with your Vice Governors? First Vice Governors, how has your interaction been with the Second Vice Governors? It is incumbent upon you to build the bridge. If you do not think that your team is working together enough, then take the steps to change it.

Freeconferencecall.com is just what it says - a free conference call service. Everyone has different skills with technology, but we all can use the phone. Set up calls with your team and start sharing information with each other. We all know different facts about the clubs in our districts, and we all have different skills to help those clubs. We have to connect those dots, get the clubs in need of help in touch with the Lions who can guide.

This Lions year is not over, and we have many opportunities to achieve goals made for this year. Ask for help, or ask how you can help, and then use the "Power of Action" to achieve.

Yours in Service,

VCC/DG Brad



The **Forty Fort Lions Club, 14-W**, recently donated funds to the Forty Fort police department to acquire the department's second set of an active shooter armor kit which includes a ballistic helmet, front and back ballistic plates and a gear bag. Both sets were acquired with the assistance of the Forty Fort club.

*Pictured are **Police Chief Daniel Huntsinger**, club president **Kevin Severnak** and **Police Sergeant Adam Michaels**.*

Contributed by **Lion Mark T. Serafin**

Multiple District Global Leadership

"Did You Know?"



We all try and do the best job possible when promoting leadership within our districts, but a little help along the way can make the job so much easier and what better help than a little cold hard **cash!** Lions Clubs International has made funds available for District GAT Coordinators to help promote their goals and objectives.

The Global Leadership Team, Global Membership Team and Global Service Team District Coordinators are each entitled to apply for \$250.00 to support them while fulfilling their responsibilities. This money could be used for things such as District training sessions, handouts, speaker fees and other materials needed to promote leadership, membership and service in your District.

The process is easy.

1. Each Global Action Team District Coordinator needs to complete a Global Action Team Development Plan via the [Global Action Team Development Plans and Progress Reports](#) webpage located on the LCI website on the [Global Action Team](#) webpage.
2. Each Global Action Team District Coordinator needs to complete two (2) of the required [Lions Learning Center](#) online training courses listed on the LCI website under [Global Action Team Resources, District Resources](#) based on your specific Global Action Team focus.
3. Once the District Development plan has been submitted and two (2) courses have been completed by each District GAT Coordinator, the [District Operating Budget Disbursement Form](#) can be submitted and your money will be sent within 4-6 weeks from LCI.

By completing this process, you could receive a total of \$750.00 for your District to promote leadership, membership and service through your Global Action Team Coordinators. As the Multiple District Global Leadership Coordinator I do not want you to miss out on this great opportunity. We as leaders sometimes need a helping hand too in order to provide the best service to our Districts. It is sometimes hard to find these resources on the LCI website and I wanted to be sure you did not miss this golden opportunity. I have submitted my request, how about you? If you need any assistance with this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Service,

PDG Deb Burkholder

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Shown are three pilots from **Wings 4 Vets** (<http://www.wings4vets.net/who-we-are.html>) accepting a \$1,000 donation from the **Rochester-Beaver Lions Club, 14-N.**

*Pictured are: **Pilots Tom Hupp, Lee Savio, Corkey Romeo and Lion Bobbie Morris,** District 14-N's chairperson for Wings for Vets.*

Contributed by **Lion Rita Swesey**



Multiple District Global Membership

"Spring: A Time for New Growth"

I thought winter would never end. We had some very nice days and then more snow than we knew how to handle. Many people were without electricity for hours or days. I think we are all looking forward to spring.

Spring is a time of renewal. I'm already seeing bulbs sprouting, and I can't wait to see which are tulips, hyacinths or daffodils. As the temperatures warm, buds will appear and open their flowers for us to enjoy their beautiful colors and their amazing smells.

Spring should be a special time for us as Lions. As the temperatures get warmer, we will start spending more time out-of-doors. This will give us more time to interact with our neighbors. Have you asked your neighbors to join Lions? Have you asked them to help with a service project? What are you waiting for!

Has your club taken on any new service projects? Spring should give you many ideas. If you haven't done a Community Needs Assessment lately, there is no time like the present. This assessment will give you ideas of what your club can do for your community now that winter is over. If you don't do the assessment, at least walk or drive around and see what needs your help. In my area, two snowfalls left many branches, and some trees, on the ground. Why not clear debris from a school yard, a local park, or even an elderly neighbor's home as Lions? When you do, wear something that identifies you as a Lion so anyone passing by knows who you are. We need to stop being the best kept secret around and get our name out in public.

The end of the Lions year is approaching. Let's see what we can do to gain strength in numbers. Asking someone to help with a service project or to join you at a meeting to become a Lion is as easy as "Just Ask." What is holding you back? Show some enthusiasm because being a Lion is exciting! Talk about the great things your club does, what community organizations it supports, and make sure you stress that Lions is an International organization. Will this work? Not always. But don't give up. We have been successful at chartering new clubs in the state this year. Now we all need to do what we can to grow the membership in our individual clubs. If you've lost a member, try to bring in two new ones. If you've brought in a member, congratulations, and keep doing what you did to encourage that person to become a Lion. If there is tension in your club, if there are issues you aren't sure how to handle, call me so I can help you work through it. Help is available if you only let me know that you need it.

As spring gives Mother Nature the chance to show her colors, I'm hoping spring gives Lions the chance to grow and roar!

Thank you to everyone who is trying to recruit new members and charter new clubs! Thank you also for what each and every one of you does in the service of others as Lions!

Yours in Lionism,

IPCC Karen, Chairperson



Tri-County Eye Physicians held a fundraising project in conjunction with the 2017 solar eclipse, selling specially designed glasses that allowed viewing of the eclipse in its entirety. Proceeds from the sale of the glasses were donated to the **Southampton-Warminster Lions Club, 14-A**, for use in their sight projects. A check for \$10,294 was presented to the club members.

Pictured are Zach Kushner, COO; Dr. Jeffrey Gordon, MD, Partner; Lions J. Lyn Rhodes, Mary Bennett, Mary Beckett, Carol Euker, Shirlee Schumann, Ron Schumann; Darla Yeager, Optical Services Manager and Dr. Richard Prince, MD, Partner.

Contributed by **Lion Joseph Warner**

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Fellow Lions,

I am going to discuss SERVICE in a different way. Each of our clubs does SERVICE in their own way, and we do a lot of it. However, we don't report it. At the halfway point of this Lions' year, our clubs are reporting their SERVICE at a rate of 59%. Last year, we reported at a rate of 69%; therefore, we are currently 10% behind last year. Nevertheless, 14-F's clubs are reporting their service at a rate of 90%. Thank you and congratulations.

Why is reporting of SERVICE activities important? Think about the consequences of not reporting. I am sure that all of you have heard about the measles initiative that was a large project of LCIF. Our goal was to raise 30 Million US Dollars by the end of January 2018. By meeting this goal, we would continue to receive matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; however, if we did not meet our goal, the Gates Foundation would look elsewhere to donate their money. Fortunately, we made the goal on the last day. This type of situation is happening with other partners across the globe. The goal may not be a financial one, but it may involve service hours of a specific type or in a specific area; it may include hands on hours by Lions or request the number of people who are served through our efforts. If we don't meet the partners' criteria, they will move on to another group who will meet their needs. I can hear many of you asking what does that have to do with reporting our SERVICE? The statistics that are generated by the reports made on MyLCI are the very pieces of information that our partners are watching. When we don't report, our service goes unnoticed by the groups we need to help us provide the necessary service within our community and the world.

Another concern about reporting, is that many of our clubs that faithfully report their membership each month, failed to report a single service activity for two or more years. These secretaries are only doing a portion of their responsibilities, so please encourage them to take a couple of extra moments to report the service, as well. What else can we do to make service reporting a priority? Training is the first step. Having our officers, especially our secretaries, trained on current methods is essential. Assign a reporting secretary, if the veteran secretary is unsure or wary of using a computer for reporting. Provide a District Administrator to do the reporting as a stop gap measure until the clubs can confidently report on their own. Recognize those clubs who report membership and service on a timely basis.

We cannot continue to be the world's best kept secret. If you are not going to blow your own horn, nobody will blow it for you. There is a saying that has been around for way too long: WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE IT THAT WAY (WHADITW), IT NEEDS TO GO AWAY. We must move into the 21st century or we will surely die.

Lionism is a partner with other groups throughout the world, such as the World Health Organization, GAVI Alliance, etc.. These groups can help us to meet our service goal of serving 200 million people a year by the Lions Year 2020 – 2021. Will your club be part of that service or will you remain in the shadows? Ask questions at your meetings and learn if your club is reporting your service. Don't sit on your hands, but ROAR, and let the world hear about your service!



It has been a productive year for clubs around MD-14, and the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation was able to help push a few of those projects over the finish line. Just at our last board meeting, we were able to grant over \$26,000 to aid clubs and districts reach their goals of serving. This round we approved a handicap swing at the North Belle Vernon Community park (14-E), hearing kits for the Clarke School and the Adelpia Lions (14-A), handicap ramp replacement for the Burnham Lions (14-L), equipment and supplies for the Envision Blind Sports project (14-N), and partial funding for a new van for NuVision Center (14-L). As of this writing, the Foundation still has \$60,000 available for other projects happening around MD-14 until June 30. Reach out to me, or your District Board Member, for more information on the grant criteria and see if your next project can receive funding from the LOPF.

The Foundation is here to serve MD-14. As a 501c3 under the IRS tax code, donations made to the LOPF are tax deductible. If your club or district is trying to secure a donation, the Foundation can help as a pass through for the funds and give your club and the donor the tax incentive. A corporate sponsorship, foundation grant or private donation may require a 501c3 tax number, so remember the Foundation can help.

This is the time of the Lions year when your club and district are looking to recognize and honor Lions who have demonstrated exemplary service. Consider awarding a Pennsylvania Fellowship to that Lion for a \$500 donation. If that worthy Lion is already a PA Fellow, then for the same donation award a PIP Wroblewski Fellowship or choose a Progressive Fellowship at \$250 for each progressive step. These donations for the awards are directed into our grant fund, stay in Pennsylvania and help our clubs and districts serve the community.

Yours, In Service,
DG/VCC **Brad Geyer**
Executive Director



Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to Envision Blind Sports (formerly VIP Sports) for the purchase of additional equipment and tickets to events.

Pictured are LOPF Director PDG Don Gibala, EBS Program Development Director Monica Klock, EBS Graduate Intern Mary Holmes, EBS Executive Director Lion Wendy Fagan, 1st VDG/PDG Bill Morgan, and EBS Lions Program Representative IPDG Linda Gibala.

Contributed by **PDG Don Gibala**



Pennsylvania MD-14 Leo Rally Application
9th Grade through and including age 18
April 27 – 29, 2018
PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp, Mt. Union, PA

The Pennsylvania State Leo Rally has been well received each of the two years it was held. The staffing and economics of hosting two separate rallies has obstacles too difficult to overcome at this time. The 2018 Leo Rally will be for 9th grade through 18 year old Leo members on April 27 – 29, 2018. Leos must be accompanied by an advisor or chaperone.

Name of Leo: _____ Circle: Male/Female
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ School: _____
Year in school: _____ Email: _____
District: _____ Affiliated Leo Club: _____
Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Emergency Contact: _____
Email: _____

Leo Rally Wish List – 2018
For approximately 100 people (Leos, advisors, chaperones)

1. Large 12" x 9" envelopes
2. Gift cards for Staples/Office Max (for first item or copying presentation materials)
3. Heavy duty plates
4. Sturdy plastic silverware
5. Paper cups
6. Napkins
7. Pancake mix, syrup, butter
8. Sausage
9. Frozen waffles
10. Fresh fruit
11. Large containers of juice
12. Spaghetti
13. Spaghetti sauce
14. Large canisters of lemonade/drink mix
15. Coffee and tea
16. Cookies and cakes
17. Chips, pretzels, candy
18. Any type food in bulk (chicken fingers, nuggets, French fries)
19. Hot dogs and buns
20. Baked beans
21. Supplies for smores (graham crackers, Hershey bars, marshmallows)
22. Power bars
23. Funds to purchase ice cream for the ice cream social
24. Toppings for ice cream
25. Gift cards to purchase supplies (Walmart, K-Mart, Target)

Teenagers are very hungry and we would like to be able to give them a varied menu. Please let us know if you have access to any type of food that can be used for the planned bon fires, two breakfasts, one lunch and one dinner. All will be greatly appreciated.

We are also seeking Lions or Lioness members to help chaperone. Remember – this is a statewide project.

PDG Gerald Chapman, 814-259-3328, chappysr@embarqmail.com
Lion/Lioness Sara Greenlee, 724-239-3791, greelee@fairpoint.net

Leo Rally Consent Form

_____ has my permission to participate in the MD-14 Leo Rally on April 27 – 29, 2018 at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. (Parent or legal guardian must initial in front of each of the following to indicate agreement.)

_____ I grant my permission for my child to receive emergency medical care, if needed. If there is a medical emergency, I can be reached at _____.

_____ I fully understand that the Rally leaders cannot assume responsibility for the administration of medications.

_____ I will provide for transportation for my child to and from the Leo Rally.

_____ If I am unable to transport my child, I grant permission for my child to ride with _____ Phone: _____

_____ I understand that neither MD-14, the chaperones, organizers or Beacon Lodge Camp will assume any responsibility for any lost personal items or money. Note: we strongly discourage participants from bringing money or other valuables. There are no vending machines or food available for purchase other than that provided by the Camp. All participants are permitted to bring their own additional snacks and drinks as long as they don't have to be refrigerated.

_____ I understand that drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and other illegal substances will not be tolerated.

_____ I have attached a copy of my child's medical insurance card.

_____ I have attached a listing of all my child's allergies (or simply state NONE)

_____ I understand that if my child becomes ill, or does not follow the rules at Beacon Lodge Camp during participation in the Rally, I will be contacted and will arrange for transportation for my child to return home, with registration and fees being forfeited.

_____ I have enclosed a check payable to PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp in the amount of \$50.00 to cover the cost of my child's participation (staying overnight). For this rate, at least one service project is expected to be completed at Beacon Lodge Camp.

_____ I have enclosed a check payable to PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp in the amount of \$35.00 to cover the cost of my child's participation only on Saturday, April 28. Please indicate on the tentative agenda in which evening activities on April 28 your Leo Club will be participating. For this rate, at least one service project is expected to be completed at Beacon Lodge Camp.

Leo's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's signature _____ Date _____

Completed registration, insurance card copy attachment and payment due by April 7, 2018. Absolutely no refunds after this date.

Mail to: PDG Gerald Chapman
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Blairs Mills, PA 17213
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*"Let me win. But if I cannot win,
let me be brave in the attempt"*



The partnership of PA Lions and **Special Olympics of PA** formed in 2016 continued to grow at the Winter Games held at Seven Springs Resort January 28 - 30. More than 300 athletes ranging from age 18 to 65 and 165 coaches converged to compete in alpine and cross country skiing, speed skating and snowshoeing events.

Lions from **Districts 14-E, J, L and M** provided health services, eye screenings and social activities for the athletes.

Olympic Village activities were held on Sunday afternoon to welcome the Special Olympians and included bingo, cornhole contests and photo opportunities.

Healthy Athlete services were provided on Monday and Tuesday that included vision screenings.

Many SOPA events are held throughout the PA Lions Multiple District during the year. Everyone is encouraged to participate in events in your areas. The opportunity to experience the appreciation and joy of the athletes is a memory never forgotten.

Lions Clubs made and collected from community and church crafting circles more than 300 handmade crocheted, knitted and fleece scarves for the athletes; these were worn during the events and proudly displayed indoors at the resort.



Contributed by **PCC Terri Kodgis**

The **Mountville Lions, 14-D**, have been a supporter of the **Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Team River Runner** for the past two years. Team River Runner's mission is to "create an environment of healthy adventure, recreation and camaraderie for healing active duty, veteran service members and their families through adaptive kayaking." In addition, chapters have opened up this programming to members of the community with disabilities through their Veterans Serving the Community program.

The Susquehanna Valley chapter also created the **Kids are OuttaSight** program (**KAOS**) which teaches students who are blind or vision impaired, with their families, how to safely kayak as a family activity.

The weekend of August 24, 2018 the Susquehanna Valley Chapter will host the first ever KAOS State Adventure at the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp for students ages 8 to 18. For more information or to sponsor a participant, visit <https://svtrr.org>, <https://svtrr.org/kaos>, www.teamriverrunner.org or contact KAOS State Adventure, Attn: Bill Butler, Chapter Coordinator, 230 W. Stiegel St., Manheim, PA, 17545.

Let them know if you are interested in helping with this event at Beacon Lodge.

Contributed by **Lion Eric Weaver**

"Blind Skiing Experience"

Lion John Doyle, president of the **Washington-Bell club, 14-E**, volunteered recently to help a blind skier at Seven Springs Resort.

He commented: On January 7 at 9 a.m. I met my blind skier, Tammy, from the south side of Pittsburgh; the temperature was -13 degrees when we got to the slopes but if she was willing then I should be able to stand it; the temperature would only be a small challenge compared to skiing without the ability to see.

She was assigned four to six guides; one would ski directly behind her and verbally guide her down the slope. The other guides would follow the front pair and mimic their turns to act as shadows. This allows the front pair a clear skiing path and alerts other skiers that one of the front skiers is blind and should be given the right-of-way.



Tammy was an awesome skier and just as wonderful a person. After a few minutes to warm up, she was eager to ride the chair lift to the top of the mountain and challenge the first big slope. With no anxiety showing, the verbal guide took her left hand and they were off to the top. After exiting the lift, we took a couple minutes to go over the commands and where we would be descending. Amazingly, we were not taking an easy way down but rather an advanced route. Within a few minutes John realized that not only was Tammy fearless but was quite capable of executing the verbal commands to maintain balance and speed down the slope. Ice and bumps that would normally cause some skiers to fall were just an exciting experience for Tammy and she met every challenge with a smile that delighted us all. She said she really enjoyed feeling the wind on her face as she picked up speed. After two runs down the main slope, she wanted to try another well-known slope that was steeper and with her verbal guide and the rest of her shadows keeping her safe, we were off to more challenging trails. "I personally could not be more excited to be doing these slopes on a beautiful Sunday morning, yet helping someone who would not be able to experience this without a sighted guide made my feeling of fulfillment even better." Tammy stopped at the top before descending each trail and asked what was in front of th or what the sky looked like. One of the guides said the sky was cloudless and deep sky blue. Another would describe the snow as fresh and white as cotton and how the trees were covered with it. The smile on Tammy's face said she must have been enjoying this as much as we were.

Contributed by **Lion Janet Teeple**

The **Penn National Lions Club, 14-T** recently presented a check for \$1,000 to the Franklin County Therapeutic Riding Center. The center provides therapeutic riding programs tailored to the individual needs of the disabled and those in the autism spectrum.

*Pictured are **Lion Bob Thomas; Director, Susan Rotz; Irish Sport Horse, Mallo; Teagan Russ, volunteer, and Lion Dick Hartzell***



Contributed by **Lion Walter Wilson**

**2018 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14
STATE CONVENTION CERTIFICATION FORM
PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR / MEMBER OF STATE COUNCIL**

Club Identification Number _____ District 14- _____

Club Name _____

Please circle one: PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion's Name (please print) _____

Lion's Signature _____

The above Lion hereby certifies he/she is a member in good standing with a Multiple District 14 Lions Club in good standing with its district, the Multiple District and Lions Clubs International and, thereby, shall be granted full rights to vote in the election at the 2018 Multiple District 14 Convention

(This portion of the form will be kept by the State Convention Certification Committee)

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This form is for the use of District Governors and Past District Governors

**2018 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14
STATE CONVENTION CERTIFICATION FORM**

Club Identification Number _____ District 14- _____

Club Name _____

Please circle one: **DELEGATE** **ALTERNATE**

Lion's Name (please print) _____

Lion's Signature _____

The undersigned club officer hereby authorizes that the above named individual is an active member and a duly selected Delegate/Alternate Delegate of said Multiple District 14 Lions Club to the 2018 State Convention in State College

Signature of Club Officer _____

Title _____

(This portion of the form will be kept by the State Convention Certification Committee)

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STATE CONVENTION CERTIFICATION FORM**

Club Identification Number _____ District 14- _____

Club Name _____

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Lion's Name (please print) _____

Lion's Signature _____

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Title _____

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This form is for club members' use

Brusko earns top honor in Peace Poster Contest

Brianna Brusko, a 13-year-old, eighth-grade student at Bedford Middle School in Bedford, was selected as the Multiple District 14 (Pennsylvania) winner of Lions Clubs International's annual Peace Poster Contest.

The theme of this year's contest was "The Future of Peace."

In recognition of being selected as the MD-14 winner, Brusko received a check for \$250 and a trophy and became eligible for the grand prize of \$5,000 presented to the winner of the Lions Clubs International contest. Merit awards of \$500 in cash will also be presented to 23 other recipients.

Prior to winning the best-in-the-state honor, Brusko was crowned as one of the state's 15 district winners. Brusko won the District 14-L contest that included entries from students 11 through 13 years of age at schools located in Bedford, Blair, Fulton, Huntingdon and Mifflin counties.

Brusko's winning entry was sponsored by the Bedford Lions Club.

Alexandra Schuster, a 12-year-old, sixth-grade student at Mercer Middle School in Mercer, earned second-place honors in the 2017 MD-14 Peace Poster Contest after being judged as the top finisher in the District 14-N (Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Clarion and Lawrence counties) competition. Schuster's entry was sponsored by the Volant Lions Club.

As the second-place finisher in this year's state competition, Schuster received a check for \$150 and a trophy.

Vayda Caruso, a 12-year-old, seventh-grade student at Saint Maria Goretti School in Pittsburgh, was named as the third-place finisher in this year's MD-14 contest. Caruso's entry was sponsored by the Bloomfield Lawrenceville Lions Club. Caruso was selected as the District 14-B (Allegheny County) winner prior to the state competition. As the third-place finisher in this year's state competition, Caruso received a \$100 check and a trophy.

Honorable mention recognition in this year's MD-14 contest were given to Ashley Chubb, a 12-year-old, seventh-grade student at West Perry Middle School in Newport (sponsored by the Ickesburg Lions Club, District 14-T); Jada Leidy, an 11-year-old, sixth grade student at Upper Perkiomen Middle School in Green Lane (sponsored by Upper Perkiomen Valley Lions Club, District 14-A); and Chang Wang, a 13-year-old, eighth grade student at Mechanicsburg Middle School in Mechanicsburg (sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Lions Club, District 14-C).



Each honorable mention selection received a trophy provided by the PA State Council of Lions Clubs, which is based in Harrisburg.

Judging for this year's contest was Allen Capriotti, a nationally-recognized American realist artist based in Altoona.

Complete results of the 2017 MD-14 Peace Poster Contest announced recently by State Council Chairperson Larry Edwards (Lakemont Lions Club, District 14-L) were as follows:

FIRST PLACE: **Brianna Brusko**, 13 years old, 8th grade, Bedford Middle School, Bedford. Sponsored by the Bedford Lions Club.

SECOND PLACE: **Alexandra Schuster**, 12 years old, 6th Grade, Mercer Middle School, Mercer; sponsored by the Volant Lions Club.

THIRD PLACE: **Vayda Caruso**, 12 years old, 7th Grade, Saint Maria Goretti School, Pittsburgh; sponsored by the Bloomfield/Lawrence Lions Club.

HONORABLE MENTION: **Ashley Chubb**, 12 years old, 7th Grade, West Perry Middle School, Newport (sponsored by the Ickesburg Lions Club); **Jada Leidy**, 11 years old, 6th Grade, Upper Perkiomen Middle School, Green Lane (sponsored by the Upper Perkiomen Valley Lions Club); and **Chang Wang**, 13 years old, 8th Grade, Mechanicsburg Middle School, Mechanicsburg (sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Lions Club).

District 14-A (Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties): **Jada Leidy**, 11 years old, 6th Grade, Upper Perkiomen Middle School, Green Lane; sponsored by the Upper Perkiomen Valley Lions Club.

District 14-B (Allegheny County): **Vayda Caruso**, 12 years old, 7th Grade, Saint Maria Goretti School, Pittsburgh; sponsored by the Bloomfield/Lawrence Lions Club.

District 14-C (Adams, Cumberland and York counties): **Chang Wang**, 13 years old, 8th Grade, Mechanicsburg Middle School, Mechanicsburg; sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Lions Club.

District 14-D (Lancaster and Lebanon counties):

Alison Harner, 11 years old, 6th Grade, Brownstown Elementary School, Leola; sponsored by the West Earl Lions Club.

District 14-E (Westmoreland County): **Sophia Alvarez**, 13 years old, 7th Grade, Norwin Middle School, North Huntingdon; sponsored by the Stewartsville Lions Club.

District 14-F (Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, McKean, Venango and Warren counties): **Katie Say**, 12 years old, 7th Grade, Seton Catholic School, Meadville; sponsored by the Meadville Lions Club.

District 14-G (Bradford, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and Union counties): **Alexandra Antoniono**, 13 years old, 7th Grade, Mount Nittany Middle School, State College; sponsored by the Harris Township Lions Club.

District 14-K (Lehigh and Northampton counties): **Shea Black**, 11 years old, 5th Grade, Wind Gap Middle School/Wind Gap Middle School Leo Club, Pen Argyl; sponsored by the Plainfield Township Lions Club.

District 14-L (Bedford, Blair, Fulton, Huntingdon and Mifflin counties): **Brianna Brusko**, 13 years old, 8th grade, Bedford Middle School, Bedford. Sponsored by the Bedford Lions Club.

District 14-M (Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Washington counties): **Marissa Stiffy**, 12 years old, 6th Grade, Charleroi Middle School, Charleroi; sponsored by the Charleroi Lions Club.

District 14-N (Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Clarion and Lawrence counties): **Alexandra Schuster**, 12 years old, 6th Grade, Mercer Middle School, Mercer; sponsored by the Volant Lions Club.

District 14-P (Berks and Chester counties): **Jack Woods**, 13 years old, 8th Grade, Wilson West Middle School, Sinking Spring; sponsored by the Spring Township Lions Club.

District 14-T (Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry counties): **Ashley Chubb**, 12 years old, 7th Grade, West Perry Middle School, Newport; sponsored by the Ickesburg Lions Club.

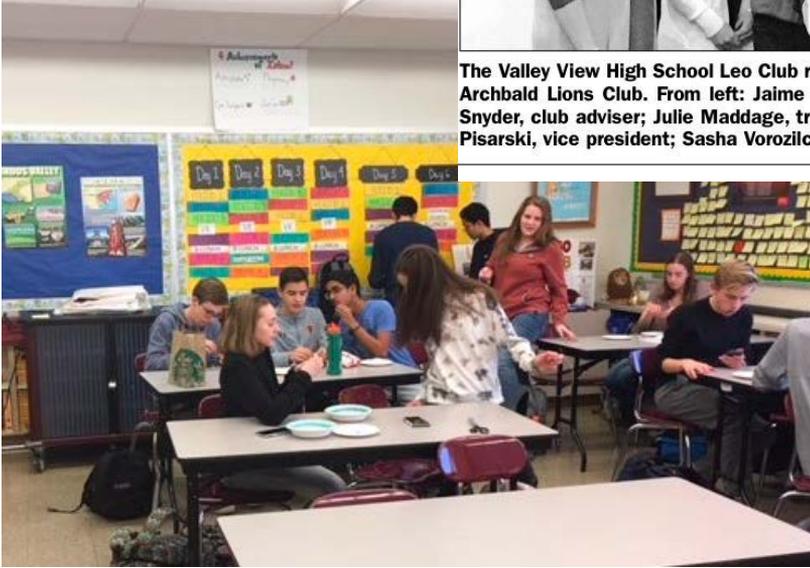
District 14-U (Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Schuylkill counties): **Mackenzie Androshick**, 13 years old, 8th Grade, St. Clair Elementary/Middle School, St. Clair; sponsored by the St. Clair Lions Club.

District 14-W (Luzerne County): **Marianny Polanco**, 12 years old, 6th Grade, Bear Creek Charter School, Wilkes-Barre; sponsored by the Wilkes-Barre Lions Club.

Valley View Leo Club holds eyeglass collection drive



The Valley View High School Leo Club recently collected over 50 pairs of eyeglasses to donate to the Eynon/Archbald Lions Club. From left: Jaime Zaverl, club adviser; Chris Mendicino, high school principal; Melissa Snyder, club adviser; Julie Maddage, treasurer; Lauren Crinella, president; Giavanna Villano, secretary; Olivia Pisarski, vice president; Sasha Vorozilchak, junior officer; and Fran Stepkovitch, Eynon-Archbald Lions Club.



The **Avon Grove Leo club** members, **14-P**, are shown making bracelets for Ronald McDonald House to give to the children.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



95th MD-14 Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs State Convention

May 17 through 20, 2018, the **Lions of 14-G** are hosting the PA State Lions Convention at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, PA. All Lions of Pennsylvania are encouraged to register and attend. We should show our support of Multiple District 14, Lions Clubs International and International President Dr. Aggarwal.

On Thursday, you can attend the State Council of Governors' meeting. On Friday, hear Penn State Women's Volleyball coach Russ Rose speak at 10:30 a.m., attend the luncheon and be brought up-to-date on the latest in eye research by Dr. Salvatore Stella and attend various State Committee meetings to

see how MD-14 operates. Saturday starts with the convention breakfast honoring the Lioness of the Year; hear about the Quilts of Valor, meet with IP Aggarwal, attend seminars on many different Lions projects or organizations, hear Penn State Blue Band Director Gregory Drane speak on "Every Day Leadership" at 1:45 p.m.; the Pennsylvania Lions All State Band will perform twice. The International banquet is always a good meal and the speaker is IP Aggarwal.

The best part of attending a State Convention is renewing old friendships, making new friends and sharing Lions' experiences. District 14-G invites you to our District for your State Lions Convention. Please don't let this opportunity pass you by.

Directions: when you get to State College, follow the signs to "Innovation Park" which will take you to the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center.

See you in Happy Valley.

PDG Bud Harris, District 14-G,
State Convention Host Chairperson



95TH ANNUAL MD-14 PA STATE COUNCIL of LIONS CLUBS CONVENTION
May 17 to May 20, 2018
The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, 215 Innovation Blvd., State College, PA 16803

Registrant A

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

Is this your first State Convention? _____ Highest Office Held _____ Past _____ Present _____

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

Registrant B

Sub-District _____ Club _____ **Lion Lioness Leo Guest**
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**Hotel Information: Room Reservations must be made by calling The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel at
 Phone number- 800-233-7505 Mention: PA State Council of Lions Clubs Block or code: LIOE18E.
 Hotel address: 215 Innovation Blvd., State College, PA 16803 Room rate: \$129/night plus applicable taxes
 Deadline for room reservations: April 13, 2018**

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: Ham Wrap __ Turkey Wrap __ Veg. Wrap __	_____ x \$ 20.00	\$ _____
Saturday Convention Brkfst. Honoring Lioness of the Year Buffet	_____ x \$ 20.00	\$ _____
Saturday International Banquet:		
Pot Roast _____ European Chicken Breast _____	_____ x \$ 37.00	\$ _____
Veg. Stir Fry _____	_____ x \$ 35.00	\$ _____
Sunday Melvin Jones/Key Member Breakfast Buffet	_____ x \$ 20.00	\$ _____
Sunday Night District Governors' Honors Banquet:		
Parmesan Chicken _____ Broiled Salmon _____	_____ x \$ 38.00	\$ _____
Veg. Goulash _____	_____ x \$ 35.00	\$ _____
2018 State Convention Pin	_____ x \$ 3.00	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT		\$ _____

**Meal Registration Deadlines: April 27, 2018 (April 13th if you wish to sit with someone specific)
 NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 27, 2018**

**Make check payable to: 2018 PA State Convention
 Mail completed forms and check to: Doreen Diehl, 311 Fairfield Drive, State College, PA 16801
 Questions may be directed to: Doreen Diehl: diehlpickle2000@yahoo.com OR 814-466-6322**

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FANTASTIC NEWS FOR DISTRICT 14-P

THANKS TO **CENTRAL BERKS LIONS** OUR DISTRICT HAS A NEW TRAILER TO USE FOR SCREENINGS! THIS PROVIDES OUR KIDSIGHT PROGRAM MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SCREEN AT EVENTS THAT IN THE PAST WE HAVE BE UNABLE TO BECAUSE OF THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE SETTING.

DEDICATION AND HARD WORK

This inspiration for the project came from PDG Phil Shober. Together, he and PDG Ken Snyder worked to make it a reality for our district. The KidSight Board is grateful to both Lions for all their dedicated service and hard work to make this possible.



Come see us at the District Convention

Our new screening trailer will be set up outside at the District Convention. Be sure to stop by and see how this new trailer will create many new opportunities for screenings going forward. Think of all the fairs, or outdoor events we could be screening children for vision problems. Come with questions and ideas on new ways to serve your communities utilizing our new trailer. We look forward to seeing you!



Weikel Sign Shop did a wonderful job on the exterior and gave us a generous discount on their services.



CONTACT LION PATRICE CRAMMER IF YOU NEED ANY HELP WITH VISITING PRESCHOOLS OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE KIDSIGHT PROGRAM. PH: 610-678-1894



**Pennsylvania Lions
2017 – 2018 Pennsylvania State Pin Order Form**



State Pin



Prestige Pin

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

State Pin (left)	No. _____	@ \$3.00 each	\$ _____
Prestige Pin (right)	No. _____	@ \$4.00 each	\$ _____
		Sub Total	\$ _____
		Plus 6% Sales Tax	\$ _____
		Shipping Cost	\$ _____
		Total Due	\$ _____

Make checks payable to: Pennsylvania Lions

Return form and check to: Pennsylvania Lions State Office
949 East Park Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Shipping: \$15.00 or under including tax, add \$5.00
\$15.01 to \$30.00 including tax, add \$7.00
\$30.01 to \$55.00 including tax, add \$9.00



The PA State Council of Lions Club's merchandise store is now online at <http://palions.tbsonlinestore.com>

Disaster relief monetary donations can be sent to:

**Lions Clubs International Foundation
300 W. 22nd St.
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842**

and/or to

**PA State Council of Lions Clubs
949 E. Park Dr.
Harrisburg, PA 17111**

Please note "disaster relief" on the subject/memo line.

PA State Council of Lions Clubs
949 East Park Drive
Harrisburg PA 17111



Mailing Address

BRICK WALKWAY ORDER FORM

• Please PRINT All Information CLEARLY in BLUE or BLACK Ink ONLY.
• Make Checks Payable to: PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP
• Mail completed order form and payment to: Lion James Crowley
36 Samsell Road
Montgomery, PA 17752-8739 Phone (570) 547-2478

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Donor Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Email _____
City / State / Zip _____

4 x 8 BRICK \$100⁰⁰
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MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR BRICK!

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Be a Pride Booster in 2017-2018

We need your support to continue spreading the news of the Lions of Pennsylvania For a \$5.00 donation (per line) you name will be printed in the April/May/June 2018 issue of The Pride and it will help to promote the community activities, service projects and other charitable contributions of the PA Lions Clubs.

Make your donation of \$5.00 per line, payable to
The Pride (and send it to)
949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111-2910

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
District _____ Club _____
Your Title ID IP PCC PDG DG VDG Lion Lioness Leo _____
Spouse/Partner's Name _____
Spouse/Partner's Title ID IP PCC PDG DG VDG Lion Lioness Leo _____

If two names, please indicate 1 line 2 separate lines _____ Amount enclosed _____

Thank you for your support!