

District 14 D- Details

A Message from District Governor Deb Keeports

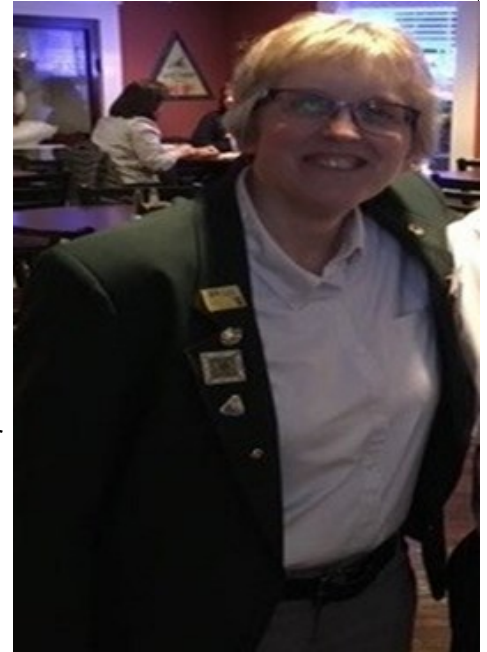


Hello Lions and Leos!

As they say in Australia.....G'day Mates! How are you going? I just arrived back from the International Convention in Australia. What a great time! Lots to see and do, lots to learn and plenty of Lions to meet from across the globe. I'll share some pictures at a later time. It was winter while I was there, glad I missed a lot of the heat wave back here.

I am honored to be serving as YOUR District Governor for the Lions Year 2024-2025.

International President Fabricio's theme this year is "Make Your Mark." I have attached a copy of my pin in this report. As I visit the clubs, I will explain the significance of the red lion which is featured in my pin.



One of the goals that International President Fabricio Oliveira has for the District Governors is to pick 2 of our global causes to focus on. I have chosen to focus on Vision and Hunger.

Membership: **Mission 1.5.** You've been hearing about the campaign from Lions International. For our District, the goal is for us to start 2 new clubs, add 93 new members and reduce the percentage of dropped members by 10%.

Service: The District Goal is to have at least 77% of the clubs reporting service.

Leadership: We held Club Officer Training and Zone Chair Training in June. We will be looking to have training so that we have Certified Guiding Lions for the new clubs we want to start.

Thanks to those Lions who went "Over the Edge" for VisionCorps!!!! It was a record for the event with over \$203,000 raised!

I want to say Thank You to Immediate Past District Governor Mike for a great year! I know he threw his heart and soul into his year.

As always, **THANK YOU** to each and every Lion and Leo in District 14-D for your service! We couldn't do it without you.

District Governor, Deb Keeports



Message from the 1st Vice District Governor Steve Lowe



Hello Lions!

By the time you are reading this, our new DG - Deb Keeperts - will have returned from the International Convention and be ready to hit the ground running.

This new Lionistic year is starting with a lot of promise. I hope that we can continue with the positive direction that the district has been headed this past year. I know that DG Deb will bring in some fresh, new ideas to help invigorate things on the District as well as the Club level.

If you haven't had a chance to visit the Lions Clubs International website to read about our new International President, please take a minute to do so. It always helps to get to know a little about our International leaders, because you never know when you will get the chance to meet them and have a conversation.

I look forward to seeing a lot of our members as I do work around the district not only as our 1st Vice District Governor, but also as our District Global Membership Team chair. I can't wait to be mentored into the position by IPDG Mike Schaeffer.

If I see you out and about, please take a minute to come chat about your ideas for our membership and growth. The old adage "it takes a village" applies to more than just raising children. Growing our District is done by more than just the DG or our District Leadership Team. We all have a part to play!

Let's all have an amazing year!!

In Lionism,

1st Vice District Governor

Steve Lowe



Message from the 2nd Vice District Governor Craig Merkey



Hello Lions,

Thank you for allowing me to serve this year as your Second Vice-District Governor. It is an honor to serve in this role after being a Lion for 29 years.

I joined the Baron Stiegel Lions in January of 1995 after learning about Lions International Youth Camp a few years prior when they stayed the 2 weeks at Refreshing Mountain Camp. I was selected as the American representative in the camp in 1992 and the year after was selected as a counselor. What a great experience and introduction into Lions and all it has to offer in serving our communities and abroad. I met so many Lions that served on Cabinet after they were District Governors or leading up to be District Governors. All those Past District Governors that encouraged me to join this great service organization, Thank you. Many of them have passed away, but the things they taught through my time working with the International Youth Camp and later the Youth Camp and Lions Youth Leadership Seminars has kept me active in Lions. In 2008, several 6th grade students were interested in community service and together we started the Ephrata Middle School Leo Club, now including the Intermediate School. The Leo Club does not fundraise, but rather looks for those little things we can do in the community to serve others by collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for the Neighborhood Santa Program in Ephrata, by making cards for our local nursing homes, stockings for soldiers, and Valentine's Day Cards for Blue Ridge Cable's program. I have served several terms as President, Secretary and currently serve as our club's Treasurer. Previously serving as Region 3B Chairperson, I had the experience learning about our other local clubs and the great ways they serve our community. I look forward to getting to know more about the other clubs in our district and seeing how you are serving the needs in your community.



A little about me personally, I am married to Samantha (for 25 years), who supports my time serving in Lions and who also helps communicate with the Leo Members and collects all the paperwork from the Leos as she is a 5th Grade Teacher at Ephrata Intermediate School. I work at Penn State Harrisburg as the Associate Director of Recreation & Aquatics. I have overseen the Aquatics Center for 13 years and Recreation for 7 years. We have two children, both adults now, really, I am not that old, both were Leo members and Tori transitioned from Leo to Lion and is a member of the Baron Steigel Lions Club. Tori is a Senior at Penn State University, majoring in Management and German. John attended Lancaster County CTC for Precision Machining and currently works full-time for Dentech as a millwright/installer. We love to go camping and learn about the local communities while we are camping. We just upgraded to a camper from our pop-up we had for more than 15 years and certainly an upgrade from our previous tents. In my spare time, I love to work on old Toyota Land Cruisers, and am finishing up a restoration on my 1978. I service and maintain all our vehicles in the garage I designed and built several years ago. I enjoy keeping a small apple orchard for making apple cider and a small garden to enjoy fresh vegetables during the summer and canning/freezing the excess.

In serving as your 2nd Vice-District Governor, I am excited to assist our District Governor and 1st Vice-District Governor this year. As I wrote this introduction, I reflected on how important mentors can be in building success in members like me, take time in your clubs to make sure we are including those new members in our projects and encouraging them to be involved...otherwise we may not have people serving our district in these club/district positions.

Craig Merkey

2nd Vice-District Governor

Memoriam

Robert Holmes
John Graeter Jr
Esther Weinman

Garden Spot Lions Club
Lancaster Lions Club
Mountville Lions Club



NEW MEMBERS

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Jennifer Teale	Lititz Lions Club	Meghan Clair
Abigail Lerch	Millersville Lions Club	William Benton
Bruce Nusbaum	Millersville Lions Club	Bishnu Dahal
Candice Nusbaum	Millersville Lions Club	Bishnu Dahal
Connie Buchanan	Mt Joy Lions Club	Carl Spellman
Laura Donfrio	Mt Joy Lions Club	Jan Chavez
Dennis Scritchfield	New Holland Lions Club	James Mayfield

Disclaimer: Because of the recent launch of the new Lions Portal, there may be names that are missing at this time.

FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR: PLEASE FORWARD YOUR ARTICLES BY THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH. LET OTHER CLUBS KNOW WHAT YOUR CLUB IS UP TOO! SHARE YOUR PHOTOS! E-MAIL TO ME AT :

anitagordonpalmer@gmail.com Thank you! Lion Anita Gordon-Palmer

District 14-D Jared Box Project



Pictured: Betty-Jo Bowers, Deb Bagnoli, Deb Keeports, & Penn State Providers.

The Jared Box Project was started because of a kindergarten boy named Jared with childhood cancer from State College, Pennsylvania, who had an incurable brain stem tumor and dream to make other sick children smile. Jared noticed quickly that the other children, waiting for appointments seemed frightened and sad. He asked his mom if he could share his toys from his backpack with the other kids. To honor Jared after his passing, the Jared Box Project was started by Our Lady of Victory classmates and Cindy Kolarik, Executive Director of the Jared Box Project.



Pictured: Deb Bagnoli, Betty-Jo Bowers, & Deb Keeports

After hearing about the project, the Lions of 14-D decided to make Jared Boxes their service project for this year. District Governor Elect, Deb Keeports chaired the project. She recruited Lions Deb Bagnoli, Global Services Chair, and Betty-Jo Bowers, Childhood Cancer Coordinator, to help her lead this effort with a primary goal to give back locally to the children in Lebanon and Lancaster hospitals. "We had a lot of fun shopping for toys, ordering supplies, printing activity sheets, and creating a personal handwritten note for each child." Some of the following items were included in the Jared boxes for elementary children: Uno and Old Maid cards, which were Jared's favorite toys, along with socks, water bottles, colored pencils, coloring books, magic towels, and squishy toys.

For Tweens with behavioral issues, the Lions Club made boxes with Squishmallows, origami kits, playing cards, and word searches. The items for the Jared Box project were purchased with a District and Club Community Impact Grant obtained from Lions Club International Foundation.

On June 4, 2024, members of Lions Club District 14 –D gathered to build Jared Boxes at the Willow Street Lions Club Community Center. A total of 160 Jared Boxes will be distributed.



Tables were lined with supplies for girls on one side and boys on the other side of the room. Lions Club members assembled boxes by lining the box with glittery tissue paper, then added a water bottle, toys, coloring books, crayons, Jared's activity sheet, and a handwritten note created by Lions Club members. The members added lots of fun stickers on the plastic lids and outside of the box to help bring smiles.



On June 10, 2024, District Governor Elect Deb Keepports, Betty-Jo Bowers, and Deb Bagnoli delivered the Jared boxes to the Penn State Pediatric Center in Lancaster. Leigh Anna Hilbert, as well as a group of providers greeted the Lions Club and expressed their gratitude and excitement for the Jared Boxes. They also expressed interest in receiving more boxes in the future and the possibility for a partnership with Lions Club for other community service projects. Boxes will also be delivered to Lancaster General Hospital and WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon.

Pictured left or right Deb Bagnoli, Deb Keepports, Leigh Ann Hillart, and Betty-Jo Bowers.

WE SERVE



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kiddoodle-jumbiz.com
etsy.com/shop/kiddoodle

Come Join the Millersville and Willow Street Lions Clubs for

PASSING OF THE BANNER



DATE: JULY 27, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m. Social - 6:30 p.m. Dinner

WHERE: THE GATHERING PLACE

6 PINE STREET, MOUNT JOY

Cost is \$35.00 per person.

Buffet Menu to include Roast Turkey, Beef Pot Roast, Green Beans, Au Gratin Potatoes, Glazed Baby Carrots, Fruit Cup, and Ice Cream Sundae Buffet

**NO GREEN JACKETS. COME WEARING YOUR FAVORITE
CHRISTMAS ATTIRE**

Name/Club: _____

Number Attending: _____

Cost: _____ X \$35.00 = _____ 23100 (Make checks payable to Willow Street Lions Club)

Mail reservation and payment to Lion Jeanie Sware, 4 Kimberly Court, Lancaster, PA 17602.

RESERVATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN JULY 12th

PDG Abe Schrom Memorial Key Member Picnic**Thursday, August 22, 2024 6:30 pm**

West Earl Community Park

189 S State St

Leola, PA 17540

Cost \$23.00

For those who have never been to the Key Member Picnic, now is the time to experience the joy of **cooking your own steak** on a charcoal grill, adding a delicious baked potato, salad and desert.

Bring your own silverware

All Lions and guests are invited to attend.

Why not make it a club meeting night and have a brief business meeting afterwards. Wear your club shirts.

Good food, fellowship and fun. What more could you ask

Club or individual name_____

Number attending_____ X \$23.00=_____

Please respond by August 15, 2024

Mail response to PDG Gene Hilton

566 W Market St

Marietta, PA 17547

Questions call me 717-314-9075

genehilton1@gmail.com



Lions all,

On behalf of the Board of Directors at Beacon Lodge, we want to make sure all Lions of PA are aware that your Camp is up and running for the 2024 season! We currently have over 100 Campers registered and more registrations coming in every day.

Each camp session currently has seven counselors who will take good care of the campers. Our new Unit Director Dan Koons is doing an excellent job of keeping everything in order.

We are fully prepared for PA Lions Appreciation Day and hope to have a large turnout of Lions in attendance. Please be sure to get your reservations in by June 30th.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the Board of Directors or Beacon Lodge directly.

We look forward to seeing you at PLAD on July 21st!

In Service,

Beacon Lodge Board of Directors



PENNSYLVANIA LIONS APPRECIATION DAY

Join us in celebrating the hero Lions
that make PA Lions Beacon Lodge
Camp possible!



A DAY OF FUN AND APPRECIATION.

JULY 21ST, 2024 FROM 9AM TO 3PM. MORE DETAILS TO COME...

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
114 State Route 103 South
Mount Union, PA 17066
814-542-2511
office@BeaconLodge.org



SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE
INFORMATION.
#PLAD
#BEACONLODGE CAMP



PENNSYLVANIA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP

114 SR 103 SOUTH, MOUNT UNION PA 17066 (P) 814-542-2511 (F) 814-542-7437

Web: www.BeaconLodge.com Email: office@beaconlodge.org

PENNSYLVANIA LIONS' APPRECIATION DAY CELEBRATING 76 CONTINUOUS YEARS OF CAMPING SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024

Sunday, July 21, 2024, has been designated as "Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day." This is the day to recognize not only Immediate Past District Governors, District Liaisons, and all Lions and Leos for their outstanding support of the Beacon Lodge Program.

As a Lion or Leo, you are cordially invited to bring your families to Beacon Lodge to join the festivities. Festivities will begin at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Pin Traders are invited to participate – contact Jason Radmann at lionjasonradmann@gmail.com if you wish to display pins.

Clubs planning to arrange for bus transportation are urged to give the camp ample notice so adequate parking arrangements can be made. Bring lawn chairs and or blankets for seating during the camper's talent show. Certified service animals are allowed to attend if you bring the certification paper from the training entity.

We hope you will be able to visit the camp on "Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day" to observe what your contributions have made possible. Every Lion in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should be very proud of their part in making the Beacon Lodge Camp possible.

**PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE BY JUNE 30
PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED FORM (BELOW) TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS WITH PAYMENT.**

PLEASE NOTE: NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 30, 2024

PENNSYLVANIA LIONS APPRECIATION DAY JULY 21, 2024

PLEASE RESERVE _____ Picnic Meals @\$10.00 EACH = TOTAL \$ _____

TICKETS WILL BE PICKED UP ON JULY 21 BY:

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON MAKING RESERVATION:

NAME	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP

Club and District

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

A 501(c) 3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION (GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE)



Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
Will hold its 21st Annual

GREAT DUCK RACE

Held at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp on Lions Appreciation Day
Sunday, July 21, 2024

Post Time 12:30

Donation \$5.00

1st Place Prize--\$1,000

2nd Place--\$500.00

4th Place--\$125.00

3rd Place--\$250.00

5th Place--\$125.00

Don't hesitate to contact your Beacon Lodge Board Member for tickets and information.

REGISTER TODAY

Beacon Lodge's 8th Annual Golf Outing

Saturday,
August 24th, 2024

Shotgun Start at 1 PM

**American Legion
Country Club**

Mount Union, PA 17066

18 Hole Scramble

Only \$85 per golfer
Includes:

- ⇒ **Greens Fees**
- ⇒ **Cart**
- ⇒ **Prizes & Awards**
- ⇒ **Snacks, Beer, Pop, & Water all day**
- ⇒ **Food is available throughout the day**

**Limited to 80 Players—
First come, first served**



Prizes

1st Place Team — \$300

2nd Place Team — \$200

3rd Place Team — \$100

Plus

**\$50 Pro Gift Shop Certificate Skills Prizes on all Par 3s
Longest Drive & Longest Put**

Register Today!

Contact: Jonathan Carver

114 State 103 South

Mount Union, PA 17066

(814) 542-2511

office@beaconlodge.org

Make checks payable to:

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

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

Add-Ons

Overnight Accommodations

at Beacon Lodge CampFree

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

Early Bird Golf - 18 holes

Friday, August 23 (all day) \$24

Sponsor Information*

Name for Sign: _____

District 14- _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

***Send before August 9, 2024**

Thank you for helping us serve!

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



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



PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
8th Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, August 24, 2024, 1:00 pm

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



PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

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

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

When: Saturday, August 24, 2024

Check-In - Noon

Shotgun start at 1:00 pm

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

Format: 18-hole Scramble

Price: Just \$85/golfer includes—

Green Fees

Cart

Prizes & Awards

Snacks, beer, pop, and water
all day

Food is included throughout
the day

Note: make checks payable to
"PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp"
and return:

c/o Jonathan Carver

174 State Route 103 South

Mount Union, PA, 17066

8th Annual Golf Outing

Prizes

1st Place Team \$300

2nd Place Team \$200

3rd Place Team \$100

Plus,

Skills Prizes on all par 3s.

Longest Drive and Longest Putt -

\$50 Pro Shop Gift Certificates

Your support as a Sponsor is crucial to the success of PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.



Sponsor Levels:

Diamond - \$10,000 Includes Naming

Rights for the outing, Logo Branding on event website, Score Cards, and all pin flags, a 3'x2' diamond-shaped Pavilion Sign, 4 paid Foursomes and an 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign (at a tee or green)

Ruby - \$5,000 Includes 3'x2' Ruby sign, 2 paid Foursomes and an 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign (at a tee or green)

Platinum - \$2,500 Includes 3'x2' Platinum sign, 2 paid Foursomes, and an 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign

Gold - \$1,500 Includes a 3'x2' Gold Sign, 1 paid Foursome, and an 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign

Silver - \$1,000 Includes a 3'x2' Silver Sign, 1 paid Foursome, and an 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign

Bronze - \$500 Includes a 3'x2' Bronze Sign and an 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign

Hole - \$100 Includes an 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign

Cart - \$50 Includes an 8.5'x17' sign on cart

Golfer Registration Form PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

Format: 4-Person Scramble
(One single-digit handicap per team)

Team Name _____

Golfer #1 _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____

Phone (W) _____

Email _____ Home _____

Golfer #2 _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____

Phone (W) _____

Email _____ Home _____

Golfer #3 _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____

Phone (W) _____

Email _____ Home _____

Golfer #4 _____

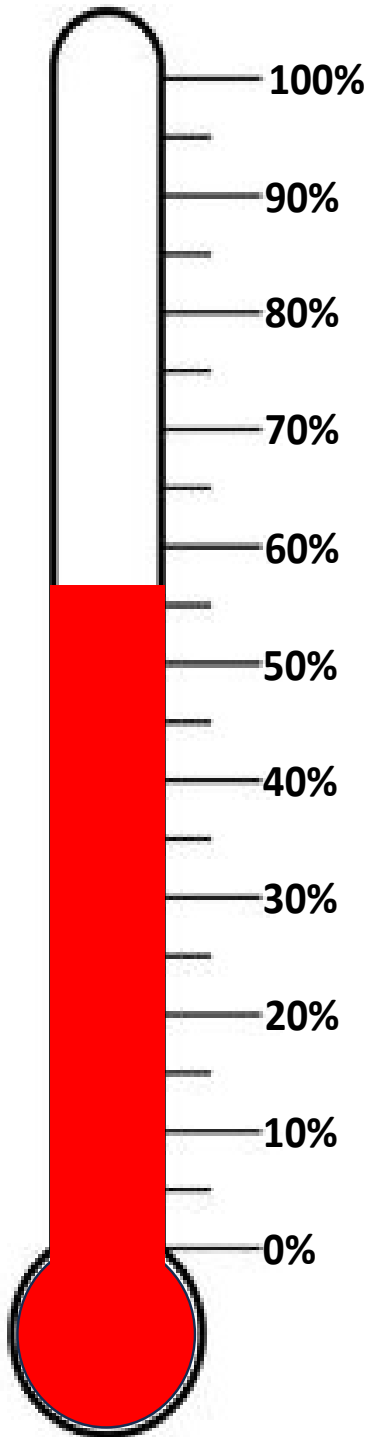
Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____

Phone (W) _____

Email _____ Home _____

100% "500" Club Donations

As of June 28

18 to go!

**Has YOUR club
Sponsored?**

We want the clubs of our District to set the pace and have 100% donations to the Beacon lodge "500" Club.

Each Lion in your club is asked to donate \$5.00.

Make your checks out to Beacon Lodge 500 Club and send them to:

**PDG Bill Grager
175 Old Post Lane
Strasburg, PA 17579**



Submit your \$5.00 per member as soon as possible.

Elizabethtown Military Banners

The Elizabethtown Lions Club has been working on bringing Military Banners to the Elizabethtown Area since before the COVID pandemic. In 2023 the project went into full swing working with the Elizabethtown Brough, Mount Joy Township, West Donegal Township, members of the Rotary Club, and members of the community. The project became a reality.

We believe it is our civic duty to give back to not only the community but to our country. For those of us who served in the military, which is one way to give back. Phil Clark, a past Elizabethtown Brough Council Member authored a book titled “All gave some, Some gave all.” It highlights military veterans from the Elizabethtown Area, two of which are Medal of Honor Recipients. It is amazing that this small community has two Medal of Honor Recipients. Several folks asked if you have to be an Elizabethtown resident or have been born and raised here to secure a banner. We are honoring any military veteran, no matter where they live or where they were born.

The community response has been outstanding. We currently have 240 banners installed with 90 more banners to be installed as time and weather permits which will complete the project. We have two sub-commitments in place. One is our Pole Cat Committee, made up of members of the community and the Lions Club. Their focus is to identify utility poles that are acceptable for a banner. The second sub-committee installs the banners. This committee is made up of members of the Rotary Club and the Lions Club. A huge thank you to Glen Bootay, the owner of Waste Hauler Support Systems and a member of the Rotary Club for the equipment he provides and their work in installing the banners. He has worked tirelessly to perfect the hanging of the banners to the point it only takes approximately fifteen minutes to install one banner.

The banners are 29” wide and 60” long. The banners are placed on utility poles on major routes into and out of Elizabethtown. The banner is a high-quality canvas type material. Below is an example of a banner.



CHRISTIANA LIONS CHICKEN BARBEQUE FUND RAISER

BY RANDY YODER

WHEN: July 20TH

FROM 9:30 to 12 or TILL GONE

**WHERE: LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY BUILDING
325 N BRIDGE ST CHRISTIANA**

**COST: \$9 FOR A
THIGH AND LEG,
CHIPS, DRINK AND
A WOOPIE PIE**





Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by the

Conoy Lions Club



Friday, August 2 &
Friday, December 13
11:30 am – 4:00 pm

Bainbridge Fire Company
Social Hall
34 S. Second Street
Bainbridge, PA 17502

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter Conoy to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by
visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation
reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



**THE NEW HOLLAND LIONS CLUB IS
HAVING A FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT
CROSSNET MINISTRIES IN NEW HOLLAND
AT YODER'S COUNTRY MARKET.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024**

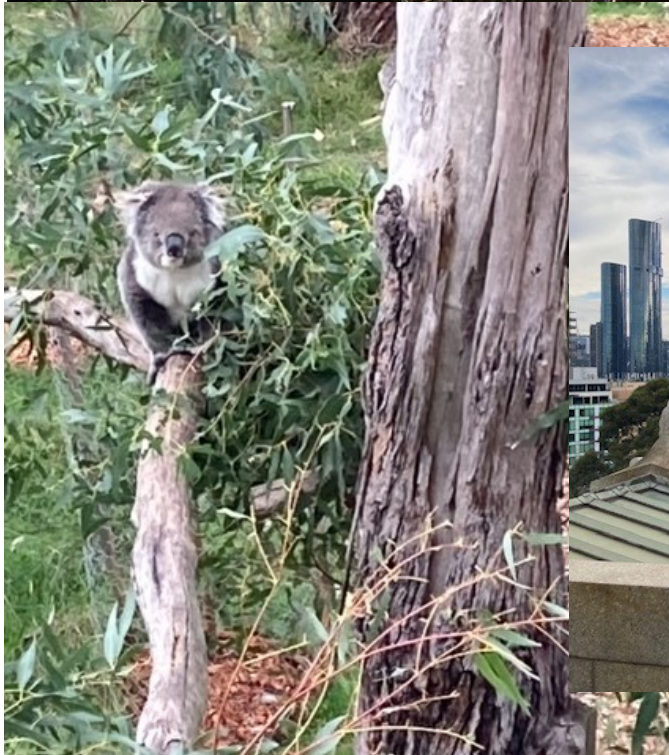
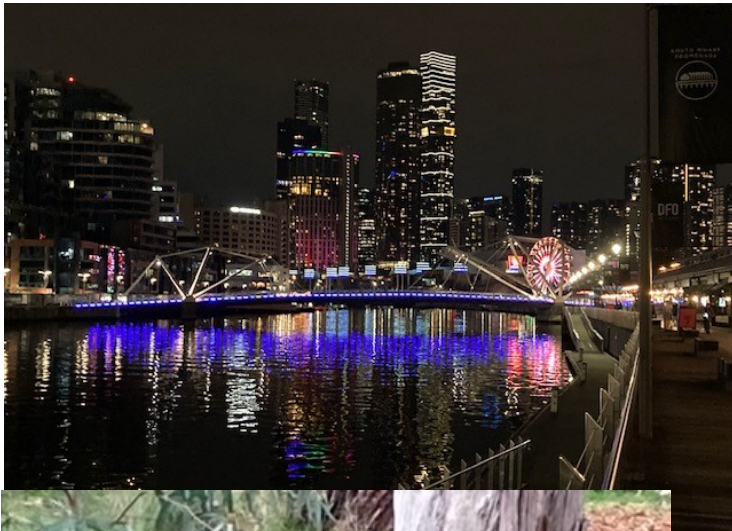
8 a.m. – 4. p.m.

Come out and support us as we collect food for our community!

Anyone interested in seeing us in action to learn more about the New Holland Lions Club are encouraged to come see us and donate a food item or make a monetary donation in the lobby of Yoder's Country Market! All donations go directly to CrossNet's Food Bank!



Yoder's Country Market is located at 14 S. Tower Rd. in New Holland.

Lions International Convention in Australia

New Members orientation . Welcome to the New Holland Lions!



New Members inducted into the New Holland Lions Club by District Governor Mike Schaeffer on June 11, 2024. From left to right: Lions Denise Wolff, Richard Wolff and Dennis Scritchfield. The club welcomes them to our membership!!

**ROAR ROAR
LIONS!!!**

