

**A Message from District Governor Deb Keeports**

Hello Lions and Leos!

Just a reminder, in November I will be visiting the Heidelberg Lioness Lions Club on November 4<sup>th</sup>, Columbia Lions Club on November 5<sup>th</sup>, Manheim Township Lions Club on November 11<sup>th</sup>, Elizabethtown Lions Club on November 12<sup>th</sup>, and Bareville/Leola/Leacock Lions Club on November 25<sup>th</sup>. I have enjoyed the club visits I have had to date. It is so great to hear the impact clubs are having in their communities.

Thank you to ALL the Lions who attended our Region Rallies, with the last rally being held this month. Your attendance at the rallies is one of the reasons our district does **NOT** charge clubs district dues.

World Diabetes Day is November 14<sup>th</sup>. According to the International Diabetes Foundation, in 2030 there will be an estimated 643 million individuals, ages 20-70 who will be living with diabetes. If you or your club would like to know more about Diabetes, please reach out to PDG Carl Spellman, our District Diabetes Chairperson. Do you have a club member who is passionate about our Diabetes cause? If so, let them plan a Strides Event or Type 2 Diabetes Screening.

At the time of the writing of this article, our district has a Membership Net Gain of +20 and we have added 58 new members. Our total membership stands at 1197 members. Please keep up the good work! Thanks to the clubs that are letting me know when they are adding new members. I always like to hear that news. We can never have too many Lions.

As a friendly reminder, to anyone calling me during the day, I work and cannot accept phone calls. Please leave a message, I will return your call during my lunch break or in the evening.

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.

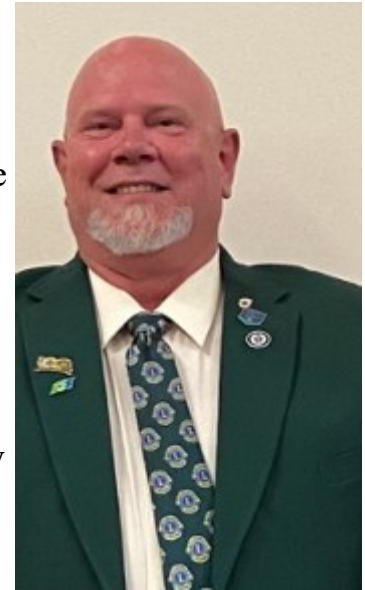
District Governor, Deb Keeports



## Message from the 1st Vice District Governor Steve Lowe

Hello Lions of Lancaster & Lebanon Counties!

I hope that everyone had a great time at our Region Rallies. It was great to get out and meet so many of you! I look forward to getting to see more people during club visits. Speaking of club visits, as the District Global Membership Chair, I would love to come visit any club in the district who is interested in hearing the Mission 1.5 message and how our district is playing our part in the growth of our organization. As I sit here today in Harrisburg at our second State Council meeting, I can't help but to get excited for the future of the Lions. We have a clear goal in mind (1.5 million members by July 1, 2027) and the infrastructure in place to accomplish this mission. As I look around in each of the meetings that I attend, I see a group of Lions from across the state, each with a different background and experience level, but all are working toward the same goal – to serve.



How do you serve? Each club is different in their approach. I am a member of two clubs – The Lititz Lions Club and The Warwick Area Lions Club. The two clubs are separated by a couple of miles geographically. Each club has its way of serving the community. The Lititz club is very much invested in large events such as the Car Cruise, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and the Halloween Parade to name a few. The Warwick Area Lions are more focused on smaller service projects like a Rail Trail clean up each month; drives to contribute items to hurricane relief such as canned foods and hygiene kits; and assisting other clubs in the district in their service projects and fundraisers. Two different clubs, two different approaches to service, both unique and both successful. That is the great thing about being a Lion. It is very much a “Your Club, Your Way” approach that not only helps to solidify a member in the club, but it allows clubs to be creative in their approach to service.

Yours in Lionism,

FVDG Steve Lowe

## Message from the 2nd Vice District Governor Craig Merkey



Hello Lions,

It has been great to meet many of you at the Rallies so far and with one left next week, I can't wait to attend and meet more great Lions in the District! Thank you to the Zone Chairs for setting up the Rallies this year, they have been outstanding and of course the great meals at each one. It has been great watching the reactions of the Lions as they are being recognized for their service to the community.

I have had the pleasure of attending two (2) Official Visits with DG Deb. It was nice to meet the members of the club and see and hear about the great projects you are currently working on.

In addition, Region II had their first Zone meeting. The discussion was great, and we are hoping to see more members from Region II in attendance at the next meeting.

As we move into November, I am thankful that I am part of an organization that can fulfill so many needs in our local communities and abroad.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Craig Merkey  
2nd Vice-District Governor





## DISTRICT 14-D CABINET MEETING

**Hosted by: Region III**  
**Zone A Chair: Charles Holsey**  
**Zone B Chair: Leo Maynard Jr.**

**All Lions, Lioness, and Leos invited to attend!**

*All voting Cabinet members to wear green shirts and grey, everyone else to wear business casual, no jeans.*

**Date:** Sunday, November 3, 2024  
**Place:** **St. Phillips –Activity Center**  
2111 Millersville Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17603

**Meeting Time**  
**1:15 pm - Voting Cabinet**  
**2:00 pm - Full Cabinet**

**Please bring food donations for the local food bank along to Cabinet Meeting!**

**SO THAT WE CAN PLAN FOR SNACKS FOR THE AFTERNOON,  
WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CABINET MEMBERS, CLUB PRESIDENTS,  
CLUB SECRETARIES AND ALL CLUB MEMBERS PLANNING TO  
ATTEND, NOTIFY THE CABINET SECRETARY OR ZONE CHAIRS**

**A donation to help defray the cost for Region III would be appreciated.**

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## Memoriam

Lee Huyett	Ephrata Lions Club
Roland Yunginger	Lancaster Lions Club

## NEW MEMBERS

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Joseph Chornock	Columbia Lions Club	Kyle Williams
Linda Rannels	East Petersburg-Landisville Lions Club	Herman Rannels
Karen Faulds	Ephrata Lions Club	Kendra Rhinier
Jeffrey Faulds	Ephrata Lions Club	Karen Faulds
Barbara Potts	Ephrata Lions Club	Kendra Rhinier
Tim Potts	Ephrata Lions Club	Kendra Rhinier
Larry Roberts	Ephrata Lions Club	Patricia Hackman
Elizabeth Wise	Ephrata Lions Club	Patricia Hackman
Nathan Hillegas	Jonestown Lions Club	Robert Hillegas
Shirley Diaz	Millersville Lions club	1st DG Steve Lowe
Paula Fleming	Millersville Lions Club	1st DG Steve Lowe
John Funston	Millersville Lions Club	1st DG Steve Lowe
Connie Goebel	Millersville Lions Club	1st DG Steve Lowe
Scott Goebel	Millersville Lions Club	1st DG Steve Lowe
Paul Kamay	Millersville Lions Club	1st DG Steve Lowe
Wade McFarland	Millersville Lions Club	1st DG Steve Lowe
Kathy Myers	Millersville Lions Club	1st DG Steve Lowe
Rich Myers	Millersville Lions Club	1st DG Steve Lowe
Millie Saez	Millersville Lions Club	1st DG Steve Lowe
Kelly Testa	Millersville Lions Club	1st DG Steve Lowe
Helen Wiker	Millersville Lions Club	1st DG Steve Lowe
Sarah Wiker	Millersville Lions Club	1st DG Steve Lowe
Melanie Herr	Millersville Lions Club	Peg Hess
Carol Groff;	Quarryville Lions Club	Carlton Groff
Gail Groff	Quarryville Lions Club	Stephen Grosh
Sally Unger	Quarryville Lions Club	Donald Unger

**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**

# Zone Meeting

Region 1, Zone A & B  
and anyone else interested

**November 21st,**  
**6:30 pm**

**St Philips Church**  
**2111 Millersville Pike**  
**Lancaster, PA 17603**

Topic

## **Service**

Everything you want to know about Service and  
reporting but didn't know who to ask!

Special Guest Deb Bagnoli, District 14D Global  
Service Team Chairperson

Email [pattycake119@comcast.net](mailto:pattycake119@comcast.net) if you are  
interested in attending.



## The Burden of Diabetes in Pennsylvania

Diabetes is an epidemic in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), over 38 million Americans have diabetes and face its devastating consequences. What's true nationwide is also true in Pennsylvania. Obesity is linked to up to 53 percent of new cases of type 2 diabetes each year. Treating the chronic disease of obesity can help prevent, delay, and even result in diabetes remission.

### Pennsylvania Diabetes Epidemic

- Approximately 1,145,500 adults in Pennsylvania, or 11.1% of the adult population, have diagnosed diabetes.
- Every year, an estimated 61,000 adults in Pennsylvania are diagnosed with diabetes.

### Pennsylvania Obesity Epidemic

- Approximately 3,454,7000 adults in Pennsylvania, or 33.4% of the adult population, have obesity.

### Diabetes is expensive:

Americans with diabetes have medical expenses approximately 2.6 times higher than those who do not have diabetes. And the total estimated cost of diagnosed diabetes in the U.S. in 2022 was \$412.9 billion, including \$306.6 billion in direct medical costs and \$106.3 billion in reduced productivity attributable to diabetes.

In 2017 it was estimated that:

- Total direct medical expenses for diagnosed diabetes in Pennsylvania was \$9.3 billion.
- Total indirect costs from lost productivity due to diabetes was \$3.5 billion.
- Total cost of diabetes was \$12.8 billion.

### Obesity is expensive:

Americans with obesity had related medical care costs of an estimated \$173 billion in 2019. Having obesity more than doubles an individual's health care costs and out-of-pocket cost for care.

- A person with obesity or overweight with employer-provided health insurance had an average of \$12,588 in total yearly health costs, compared to \$4,699 for those without overweight or obesity.
- In 2021, a person with obesity with employer-provided health insurance faced an average of \$1,487 in out-of-pocket costs, compared to \$698 for those without obesity.

### To aid the efforts of improving lives, preventing diabetes, and finding a cure:

In 2024, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases at the National Institutes of Health invested \$19,218,318 in diabetes-related research projects in Pennsylvania.

The Division of Diabetes Translation at the CDC provided \$1,963,728 in diabetes prevention and educational grants in Pennsylvania 2022.

Sources: [diabetes.org/SFSSources](https://diabetes.org/SFSSources)

### In the United States:

- Over 38 million Americans have diabetes
  - 8.7 million Americans have diabetes and don't know it
- Nearly 98 million American adults have prediabetes
- Obesity affects about 125 million Americans, including nearly 20 percent of children and adolescents
- Over 85 percent of adults with type 2 diabetes also have overweight or obesity



world diabetes day

## **Lions Support Diabetes Awareness**

World Diabetes Day is in November and Penn Medicine – Lancaster General Health is sponsoring a free event about diabetes healthcare and awareness. See details below. To attend this event, you should call 717-544-5923.

### **Diabetes Day 2024: Whole Body Wellness for Diabetes**

**Location: Lancaster General Health Suburban Pavilion, 2100 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA, Floor 3 Conference Room.**

**Date/ time: Thursday, November 7, 2024, 5-8 PM**

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**Join us for an enlightening Diabetes Day Event designed for individuals with diabetes, their supporters, and healthcare providers. This free event features:**

- Expert Speaker: Gain insights about diabetes distress and burnout
- Panel Discussions: Engage in discussions with a panel of experts on all things diabetes
- Food Demonstrations: Meal prep on a budget
- Vendor Visits: Explore products and services from diabetes tech, fitness, and wellness
- Light Refreshments: Enjoy complementary refreshments
- Free Raffles and Giveaways!

### **Brief Schedule Outline:**

**5-6 PM Vendor Visits**

**6-6:30 PM Food Demonstration**

**6:30-7 PM Expert Speaker**

**7-8 PM Panel Discussion**

**8 PM Raffle Drawing and Closing Comments**



## WHY I GIVE

### CARL SPELLMAN

#### Fostering Connection and Purpose Through Volunteering

"There is something very special about volunteering," Carl Spellman of Landisville said. "It's a great way to connect with people. It gives you a sense of purpose." He supports VisionCorps by volunteering with the Mount Joy Lions Club.



Carl has a personal connection to the Lions and VisionCorps. His son, Patrick, was born with ocular albinism and is legally blind. When Patrick was 6, Carl learned about a Lions sponsored summer camp program for children with vision impairments. His son enjoyed the experience, and it motivated Carl to join the Lions. After Patrick graduated from law school, he got a job with VisionCorps, and is currently working for the federal government in Philadelphia.

"I was a Lions member in New Jersey for 29 years until my wife Jody and I retired and moved to Pennsylvania," Carl said. "Seven years ago, a friend from our church here invited me to join the Mount Joy Lions." He has enjoyed serving in many roles in his Lions Club including recruiting new members and obtaining featured speakers. "As a District Governor, I visited all 41 clubs in our district and encouraged them on their membership, fundraising, and service goals." One of the things he enjoys most about being in a Lions Club is the flat hierarchy: "Any member can step forward with an idea, a fundraiser, or a service project."

In 2021, Carl stepped backward – off the roof of the Lancaster Holiday Inn. He was helping to raise awareness and support for VisionCorps by participating in the annual Eye Drop rappelling event. "It sounds risky, but it's actually very safe and fun," he said. "I'm 74, and I'm thinking of doing it again. It's a good fundraiser."

The Mount Joy Lions Club also helps children entering Donegal Primary School get their eyesight checked through the VisionCorps Vision Screening Program, KidSight. "We publicize the service, and we're on site for three days checking people in. It's very satisfying to help," Carl said. "Parents sometimes don't pick up on the fact that their child has a vision problem, or they don't realize how severe it might have become. If they need financial help for an exam to get corrective glasses, VisionCorps will assist. Our club has been helping for around four years now, and we have established a good connection with the school to keep it going."

In addition to fostering a sense of community and purpose, volunteering gives back in other ways. "You're helping others, but you're also developing your own skills and building your own confidence with each successful project," Carl said. "I recommend it to everyone!"



## Childhood Cancer Awareness

Sixteen in every 100,000 children are diagnosed with childhood cancer in the U.S. each year. Childhood cancer causes tremendous financial and emotional stress on the child and their families. 85% of childhood cancer patients live at least five years, which has increased since the 1970s. As childhood cancer coordinator for district 14-D, I challenge each club to have a fundraiser or do something, whether it's big or small, to support childhood cancer. The money you raise goes to Four Diamonds through the PA Lions Care for Kids. Some ideas to raise money or help:

1. Spaghetti, pancake, or other meal event
2. Sell snacks and drinks at each meeting
3. Bingo
4. Raffles
5. Walk/run event
6. Golf event
7. Car wash
8. Bowling
9. Auction
10. Make a donation

Please consider fundraising or doing something to support kids with childhood cancer as part of your holiday giving.

Below is a message from Hannah Woodward about Four Diamonds and another way you can volunteer your time to help with childhood cancer.

Best,  
Lion Betty-Jo Bowers  
District 14-D Childhood Cancer Coordinator

## Four Diamonds and Helping

Since 1972, Four Diamonds was founded to support children and their families in the fight against childhood cancer. With a focus on care, support and research, Four Diamonds has created a diverse program that's helped more than 4,800 childhood cancer patients and their families over the years.

Through its mission, Four Diamonds ensures every child has access to superior medical care and comprehensive support to conquer cancer. Our mission is dedicated to funding innovative research to develop improved treatments and cures for every childhood cancer patient at Penn State Health Children's Hospital and around the world.

In addition to our research efforts, Four Diamonds covers 100 percent of all medical expenses related to cancer care not covered by insurance for eligible Four Diamonds children and offers 30+ specialty care providers dedicated to ensuring the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the children and their families are met.

In 2018, Lions International announced a new international focus on pediatric cancer. Shortly after, the PA Lions Cares- For the Kids initiative was announced. Last year, the Pennsylvania Lions raised over \$36K towards helping Four Diamonds patients. This does not include any in-kind contributions to the hospital or supporting programs at the facility.

With a goal of \$50K in FY25, we are looking to expand. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and there is no better time to get involved. If you haven't done so already, please consider the following:

Make time to feature your focus on Childhood Cancer Awareness Month with your club and community

Offer financial support either individually or, organize a fundraising activity. For ideas or instruction, please contact The PA Lions Four Diamonds contact, Hannah Woodward [athwoodward1@pennstatehealth.psu.edu](mailto:athwoodward1@pennstatehealth.psu.edu)

This year, PA Lions Cares- For the Kids, is looking for three volunteer Regional Cancer Coordinators for our childhood cancer committee to assist in communicating, inspiring, recruiting, and supporting the efforts of the Lions and Leos. This position would cover a small territory of the MD-14 Districts. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more please contact Hannah Woodward.

Thank you so much for all you do to make our mission meaningful in your origination!

For the kids,  
Hannah Woodward

Hannah Woodward-Bechtel  
Associate Director of Community Fundraising  
Four Diamonds at Penn State Health Children's Hospital  
Office: 717-531-0003 ext. 280239  
[FourDiamonds.org](http://FourDiamonds.org)



**LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB  
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**



**EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
APPLICATION 2023-2024 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR**

This scholarship is intended for the children/grandchildren of Lions, Lioness and/or Leo Club members.

All scholarship applications must be processed through a Lions Trading Pin Club or a State/Area Scholarship Committee, and submitted to the Secretary of the Lions International Trading Pin Club.

**Scholarship Eligibility:** Applicant must be a graduating senior who has been accepted for admission to an accredited college or institution of higher learning.

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

(please type or print clearly in ink)

Please check the appropriate boxes:

Child	Grandchild
of a Lion	a member of a Leo Club
Lioness	and/or

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Last                      First                      Middle

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number & Street	City	State	Zip

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from mailing address) Number & Street City State Zip

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Evening

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings at home: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of siblings in college: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated cost of 1 year of school:

How do you intend to fund? \_\_\_\_\_

What other scholarships have you applied for? \_\_\_\_\_

What other scholarships have you been offered? \_\_\_\_\_

High School Presently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\*High School G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank of \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ Percentile \_\_\_\_\_

\*Certified copy of high school transcript, including activities, must be attached!

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**NOTE:** When writing personal essay to answer questions, the applicant may be disqualified if the statements exceed the maximum allowable words

In 350 words or less, write a personal essay of introduction stating your present and future goals and include your reasons for applying for this scholarship, describe your work experience and/or community services while attending high school and tell how your participation affected you.

Attach recommendations from two persons (i.e., teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.)

Attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

**Lions International Trading Pin Club annually gives out at least three \$2,500 scholarships to Leos and kids or grandkids of Lions. In the 2024 year the LITPC raised enough money to hand out four scholarships including one to a deserving student from Biglersville, PA.**

**Entries are to be mailed to:**

**PDG Jason Radmann, 619 W 1st Street, Williamsburg, PA 16693 OR Email to [lionjasonradmann@gmail.com](mailto:lionjasonradmann@gmail.com).**

Submission date is March 30, 2025.

FVDG Steve Lowe , DG Deb Keeports ,SVDG Craig Merkey and IPDG Mike Schaeffer  
Celebrate Region 5 Rally on October 10th





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# LEADING THE WAY



Leader Dogs for the Blind - Lions Newsletter

**2024 PUPPY  
SPONSORSHIPS  
HAVE ARRIVED!**



## ***Lionhearted Heroes: Support Our Future Leader Dogs Through Puppy Sponsorships!***

This year, we have three incredible puppies with bright futures ahead of them! Each puppy is currently living with a dedicated volunteer puppy raiser, laying the groundwork to become the amazing Leader Dogs we know they can be. We're especially excited to share that two of these adorable puppies are being raised by Lions - they're truly in good paws!

To make things even more exciting, we're launching a friendly competition to see which Lions-raised puppy can collect the most sponsorships. As Lions, we know the power of teamwork and friendly rivalry - let's seize this opportunity to serve together and support our Future Leader Dogs!

### **When you symbolically sponsor a Future Leader Dog for \$500, you'll receive:**

- A personalized puppy profile sheet
- A 5x7 photo of your sponsored puppy
- Four wallet-size photos to share with friends and family
- An official certificate of sponsorship
- A cuddly Future Leader Dog plush toy



Scan here for more information  
or to sponsor a puppy!

Your support not only helps our puppies thrive but also transforms the lives of those they will ultimately serve as guide dogs. Thank you, Lions, for your continued support and dedication to our mission. Together, we serve!

You can find the sponsorship form and sponsor a puppy online at [LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy](https://LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy) or by scanning the QR code.





**FLORIDA INDIAN RIVER GROVES FUNDRAISING**

Vero Beach, Florida • [www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com](http://www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com)

**Please Support Our Holiday Fundraiser**



# **Willow Street Lions Club**

**Fundraiser is open October 14th thru November 11th**

**You can visit our website [www.willowstreetlions.org](http://www.willowstreetlions.org)**

**for prices and to purchase online**

**or call 717-464-7176 to place an order**

**Orders can be delivered direct to your home**

**or you can pick up at GR Mitchell in Willow Street**

**Friday, December 13th from 4-7 pm**

**Saturday December 14th from 9-12**

**NAVEL ORANGES**



**PINK GRAPEFRUIT**



**MIXED NAVELS & GRAPEFRUIT**



**MANDARINS**



**EASY & TASTY DESSERT MIXES**



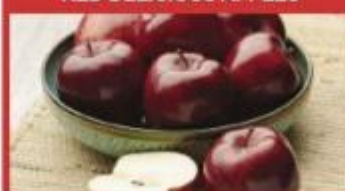
**EASY & TASTY SOUP MIXES**



**HAMLIN JUICE ORANGES**



**RED DELICIOUS APPLES**



**NAVELS & MARMALADE**



**NAVELS • APPLES • PEARS**



**TOFFEE & MANDARINS**



**PECANS & MANDARINS**







**American  
Red Cross**

# GIVE A LIONS SHARE OF LIFE.

*Join the pride. Give blood.*

## **Community Blood Drive** **Trinity Reformed UCC**

Social Hall  
450 West Main Street  
Mountville, PA 17554

**Monday, November 4, 2024**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

SPONSORED BY MOUNTVILLE LIONS CLUB

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
and enter: Mountville to schedule an appointment.

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



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RapidPass®

**Come give blood Nov. 1-17 and get a \$10 gift card by  
email. PLUS, get a chance to win a \$7,000 prize! There  
will be two lucky winners. Terms apply:  
[rcblood.org/thanks](https://rcblood.org/thanks)**



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# *Lions International*

## **DISTRICT 14-D**

Lancaster-Lebanon Counties



Dear Lions All,

We are once again participating in our District initiative, partnering with the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Homes and Crematory, to support our veterans through the “Giving Back to our Heroes” event. Please refer to the attached flier for complete details.

I am asking your support in gathering new and gently used sweaters (or jackets) and gloves for the *Sweaters for Veterans* program happening November 1 through November 30, 2024.

We are also gathering items for the *Stockings for Soldiers* program, also happening November 1 through November 30, 2024. If you would like to stuff the stockings as a club activity, please let me know and I will arrange to get the stockings to you or you may pick them up at any of the listed funeral home locations. If you would simply rather obtain items to donate for stuffing the stockings, the needed list of items is enclosed with a separate flier in this email.

Sweaters and stockings (or stocking items) may be dropped off at any of the Snyder locations listed or I will arrange to pick them up from you. At the conclusion of each initiative, items will be delivered to the Lebanon and Coatesville VA Medical Centers. This endeavor is an opportunity for our Clubs and communities to serve those in need in our immediate area, and support those who have given so much of their lives for us all. Should you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at the contact information listed below. Please be sure to record your service in this initiative on the Lions Portal; it truly does help all Clubs. And I again thank you for your consideration and participation as you are able.

In Friendship and Service,

Lion Debra Bagnoli  
Global Service Team Coordinator  
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## DISTRICT 14-D LANCASTER LEBANON LIONS CLUBS

### \*\*\*STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS EVENT\*\*\*



# GIVING BACK to our HEROES

Join us this holiday season.

#### Sweaters for Veterans

New and gently used sweaters and gloves to donate to veterans in VA hospitals or veterans who live in VA homes. (Nov. 1-30)

#### Stockings for Soldiers

Stop in or call to obtain a list of items to donate for soldiers. The Snyder team will decorate and stuff the stockings with Holiday cheer to be delivered to local heroes. (Nov. 1-30)

#### Cell Phones for Soldiers

Donate old cell phones! Your old phones are used to purchase calling cards for our troops so they can stay connected with their families. (YEAR ROUND)

#### DROP OFF LOCATIONS November 1 - November 30

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Manheim Township | 3110 Little Pike | 717.561.5100  
 Millersville | 441 N. George St. | 717.872.5041  
 Lancaster City | 414 E. King St. | 717.393.5661  
 Little - Spach - Snyder | 1227 S. Union St. | 717.626.2917  
 Strasburg - Bachman Snyder | 2 S. Lincoln St. | 717.617.7646  
 Willow Grove | 2421 Willow Street Pike | 717.661.4600  
 Heritage Monuments | 320 Old Blue Rock Rd | 717.872.1790

Partnership Together to Support Our Veterans

**Charles F. SNYDER**  
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY  
For more info: SnyderFuneralHome.com

Tuesday,  
November 12, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Millersville VFW  
Post #7294  
Banquet Hall  
219 Walnut Hill Road  
Millersville, PA 17551

Everyone is invited to join us as we give back to our veterans by stuffing Holiday stockings with essentials. We will be providing some of the items to be stuffed, but donations will be greatly accepted as well. See the list of needed items below. Any slightly used sweaters and old cell phones can be donated at the event. Light refreshments will be served.

#### Recommended Items

##### Food Items

Hard Candies  
Chewing Gum  
Mints

##### Games

Playing Cards  
Crossword Puzzles  
Dominos

##### Personal Care

Moisturizer  
Lip Balm  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Deodorant  
Nail Clippers  
Baby Wipes  
Eye Drops  
Mini Tissue  
Packs

##### Miscellaneous

Journals  
Batteries (AA,  
AAA)  
Socks





## Community Event Veterans Day Weekend

**Sunday November 10th, 2024**

11:00am-3:00pm

Hosted by the Ephrata Lions Club  
in the ballroom at

**Ephrata American Legion Post 429**  
**300 Cocalico St, Ephrata, PA 17522**

20 or more vendors including  
Veteran artisans, Veteran owned businesses, Veteran support groups,  
raffle baskets, 50/50 raffle

\*If interested in being a vendor, call Steve at 717-475-9749\*

Entry is free, but you are encouraged to consider bringing a donation for Christmas Stockings for Soldiers (stateside and deployed) or a monetary donation.

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus of Lancaster – Santa Marie Assembly 915, will also be hosting a **FREE plated dinner to Veterans** in the Ephrata Legion Dining Room from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. All other attendees are welcome to purchase the plated dinner for \$25 that will be served in the Dining Room and/or the Commanders Room. All the proceeds from the purchased dinners will be donated back to Veteran's organizations as part of a fundraiser. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** for BOTH the free dinner and purchased dinner by calling Bill Childs at 717-413-4562 by Friday November 1st, 2024. Dinner for the Veterans who are vendors or purchased dinner for anyone who is set up in the ballroom will be served at 10:45am in the Ballroom, so they can all enjoy the dinner prior to the start of the event.

This community event is for everyone! It is a way for the community, Veterans and non-Veterans to be involved, educated, enlightened, and inspired to give back to those who have given so much for all of us!





THE NEW HOLLAND LIONS CLUB WILL BE AT  
NEW HOLLAND'S CHRISTMAS ON MAIN  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024  
11 AM – 6 PM



We will be serving our famous Hot Ham Sandwiches, Hamburgers, soup, hot dogs and drinks at our stand on South Roberts Avenue.

Come out and support us as we raise funds for our community! Anyone interested in learning more about the club and membership is encouraged to come see us at our Ham Stand!

Go to <http://www.christmasonmain.com> for more event information.







# Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by the

## Conoy Lions Club



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](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Conoy to schedule an appointment.

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

Dinner tickets are \$50.00 per person for this gala event.  
Up to 8 persons can be seated per table.  
Please complete the reservation form below and  
return with payment as soon as possible.

## RESERVATION

# \_\_\_\_\_ Reservations @ \$50 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Meal:** ☐ Stuffed Chicken ☐ Petite Filet Mignon ☐ Gluten-free/vegetarian meal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Meal:** ☐ Stuffed Chicken ☐ Petite Filet Mignon ☐ Gluten-free/vegetarian meal

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Seat me/us with other Lions

I/We wish to be seated with my club, the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club

Make checks payable to **EPHRATA LIONS CLUB.**

Mail this form and payment to:

**Lion Brad Lauderman**  
1015 Dawn Ave.  
Ephrata, PA 17522

**Reservation deadline: February 28, 2025**

On September 28th, the Manheim Township Lions Club held a pork dinner fundraiser.





Items collected at Dutchway and Harrisburg council meeting for the flood victims in N.C. Now in Paul Davis warehouse in Lancaster. Will be loaded on our disaster trailer to be delivered to the NC lions to be distributed. The total value is around 5,000.00





Christiana Lions are at Dutchway. Collecting non-perishable items for the flood victims in N.C till 9 to-night. Please donate what you can.





On October 3rd, Region II held their Region Rally at Yoders. Thanks to Zone Chairs Pete Hartmann and SVDG Craig Merkey for a great evening!



FVDG Steve Lowe spoke about Mission 1.5.



IPDG Mike Schaeffer presented numerous awards to deserving Lions.



Members of the Millersville Lioness Lions Club held a bingo on October 18th



B I N G O				
14	24	44	53	68
7	28	31	54	73
2	26	★	51	67
3	22	39	57	75
9	20	37	50	71





Christiana Lions Had a White Cane Day. What a beautiful day to have our White Cane Day. The weather was wonderful!!! Thanks to Lions: Jim, Todd, Lou, Patti, Paul, Karen, Steve and Grace (and our Lion Cubs: Nash Hux & Maggie). We raised \$953.00. I believe this is a record.





On October 25th following the preliminary State Council meeting, PDG Dick Sware, Lion Jeanie and GST Deb Bagnoli helped sort and organize the pajamas donated by districts across the state. Those helping who are not pictured include SVDG Craig Merkey and DG Deb Keeperts.

Thanks to all those clubs who donated pajamas to this cause.

