

A Message from District Governor Steve Lowe

Happy Spring, Lions!

As we officially move into Spring- the season of renewal- we are afforded the chance to look at we are in relation to our goals for the year and identify opportunities to focus on meeting or exceeding those that need some extra work.

As Lions, our work is never finished. There is always a need, therefore we should make sure that there is also always a Lion to address that need.

We start that by increasing our service footprint. I have had the honor of visiting ALMOST all of our clubs in the district so far this year. This are a couple more that I need to do make-up visits with due to weather issues on the original visit date, so you have yet to hear about my three areas of low-hanging fruit: 1: Family. 2: Friends. 3: The Non-Lions who help out at our events. If we haven't asked those people to join our Lions family, then we are doing them and our clubs a disservice. The only one who is guaranteed to say no to an invite to join Lions is the person who is never asked.

We are just days away from our President's Honors Night followed the next day by our District Convention. Our special guests for both events are Past International Director Bob Block and his wife, Lion Brenda Block. They are coming to visit with us from Multiple District 1 in Illinois. I am looking forward to getting to know the both of them and introducing them to as many of our amazing Lions as possible both Friday night at President's Honors Night and Saturday at our District Convention. PID Bob will be doing a Town Hall at the District Conventions, so please come with any questions that you may have for him!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our events as well as around the district at some of the club events that I am able to come visit.

In Lionism,

DG Steve



Message from the 1st Vice District Governor Craig Merkey

Welcome to April!

It was great to see a nice group of bowlers at the District Bowling Tournament at the beginning of March! Thank you to all that came out and participated! I believe there were more in attendance than last year.

To help ENERGIZE our clubs to help meet the goal of 1.5 million members in Lions by 2027, The PA Lions are in a 90 Day Race to the finish! For every member entered in the portal for April, May and June 2026, our district will get one lap recorded. The club in each zone with the most members will receive a banner patch! The District in PA with the most laps wins the race on June 30. In addition to gaining new ideas and people to help with your club projects, let's help DG Steve meet his goals for membership growth this year!!

A few upcoming events I hope to see you at:

- Presidents' Honor Night – April 17, Please come out and show your support for your club's president, they have put in a lot of energy wrangling the Lions in your club over the last year!
- District Convention – St. Phillips Catholic Church in Millersville, April 18, 10:30am-3:30pm. We will have Past International Director Bob Block joining us, and we will be working on a service project to pack 250 Homeless Hygiene Kits. Everyone's favorite, the Basket raffles which are also at President's Honor Night. The District Convention includes the Necrology service for our Lions that passed the previous year. This is your chance to elect the leadership of the District and show your support by voting.

Craig Merkey
1st Vice-District Governor



Message from the 2nd Vice District Governor Pat Benson

Hello Lions

This month I would like to share with you a few Highlights from my Club and my visits this past month.

I had the pleasure of attending DG Steves visit and PDG Debs award presentation at the Heidelberg Lioness Lions Club. This was a great visit and some unexpected laughs, but you will have to get that info from DG Steve or President Rachael. There were even cupcakes for DG Steve and my birthday and a goody bag. Thank you so much for your kind reception and laughs. Congratulations to Sherry Stoner on her Melvin Jones Fellowship.

The next highlight was attending the Melvin Jones Fellowship breakfast. It is always so nice to see those who have received this special award. Our speaker at the event was DG Theresa Kuhar who is from Northeast Philadelphia. She spoke about Service and how all Lions do service, but it looks and is different where you are located. I found this very

interesting and thought that no matter where your club is located you could still come up with a service project, even in center city or in the middle of nowhere.

The last highlight I am very proud of is the Orientation program and training I completed for my club, Millersville Lions. It was a goal of mine as President and then past president, but I never accomplished it. So, with the help of LCI I used their template for a Power Point program and started there. A few weeks later I had my goal complete, and our club now has an Orientation for new members program. So, if you are reading this, I am offering to help any club that would like to have their own orientation program. It takes a little time to make it you're own but the results are amazing. Please reach out if you are interested.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Presidents Honor Night and then at the District Convention. Happy Spring!

Thank you for all you do, We Serve

SVDG Pat Benson



Memoriam

Katherine True
Richard Bohn

Mountville Lions Club
Myerstown Lions Club



NEW MEMBERS

New Member

Club

Sponsor

Michael Anderson

Denver Lions

Jeff Hershey

Beth Yeingst

Manheim Township Lions

Babara Beyer

Jolene Horner

Millersville Lioness

Katie Hess

Adam Ababou

Myerstown Lions

Larry Albright

Shanna Precise

New Holland Lions

James Ertzgard

James Wickersham

Wakefield Lions

John Kreider

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

PRESIDENTS' HONOR NIGHT
DISTRICT 14-D



TO HONOR LION AND LEO CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATION, LOYALTY AND EFFORT TOWARDS THE CAUSE OF LIONISM

DATE: FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 17, 2026
PLACE: YODER'S BANQUET HALL, NEW HOLLAND
COST: \$33.00 PER PERSON
DEADLINE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS MARCH 30, 2026
TIME: RECEPTION 6:00 TO 6:30
DINNER 6:30

MEET INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR Bob Block from Illinois!

	MENU (FAMILY STYLE)	
<i>Tossed Salad</i>	<i>Beef Tips</i>	<i>Buttered Noodles</i>
<i>Cranberry Salad</i>	<i>Broasted Chicken</i>	<i>Blueberry Crumb Pie</i>
<i>Rolls</i>	<i>Baked Corn</i>	<i>Peach Crumb Pie</i>
<i>Beverages</i>	<i>Dutch Potato Filling</i>	<i>Ice Cream</i>

SEND RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS (make payable to District 14-D) To:

PDG Deb Burkholder
25 James Drive
Denver, PA 17517

**** NOTE ****
FINAL DEADLINE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS IS MARCH 30th.
ANY INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS AFTER THIS DATE
CAN NOT BE GUARANTEED TO BE SITTING WITH THEIR CLUB

CLUB _____

TOTAL NUMBER _____ X \$33.00 EACH = _____

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF ANY CABINET MEMBERS AND PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS ATTENDING

ENVIRONMENT WEEK OF SERVICE April 18th-26th, 2026

To: All Lions

From: IPDG, Deb Keeports, District Global Service Chairperson

Lions International's next week of service focuses on the **Environment**. The Environment is Our Home. Some statistics from Lions International's website includes the following: 12 million hectares of forest are destroyed each year, 6-7 million premature deaths are caused annually by air pollution; 1/3 amount of generated waste is not managed safely; and 17 million metric tons of plastic entered the ocean in 2021, that number is projected to double or triple by 2040.

Ideas for the Environment Week of Service:

- Neighborhood Cleanup
- Trail Maintenance
- Organize tree-planting days or create a pollinator to support bees and butterflies
- Start a Composting Program
- Recycling and Waste Management - conserve resources and reduce waste
- Environmental Awareness and Education – raise awareness in your community of the importance of protecting our environment
- Alternative Transportation Day – promote biking and walking
- Develop a “Green Living Tip Sheet” to share electronically with your community
- Collect used cellphones and donate to individuals in need
- Partner with a local carpenter (or DIY tutorial) to build a rain barrel, then holding training to promote using barrels for watering and irrigation

There are many more ideas on Lions International's website,

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/environment>

There is a 10-day grace period for service projects that occur around the same time as the Week of Service project, covering the 10 days before and 10 days after the Week of Service dates. Club service must be **reported no later than ten (10) days after the service project**.

If you have any questions about reporting your club's service or any difficulties in reporting your club's service for this week of service, please reach out to me at keeparry110@gmail.com or 717-572-5051.

**DISTRICT 14-D CONVENTION
April 18, 2026**

Fellow Lions and Leo's

The District 14-D Convention will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the St. Philips Catholic Church at 2111 Millersville Pike, Lancaster PA .

We are extending this invitation to Lion and Leo members and their families to join us at the 2026 convention. District Governor Steve Lowe has planned an informative, impactful day alongside our regular convention duties and voting.

We will hear from Past Internation Director Bob Block.

We will serve by packing 250 Homeless Hygiene Kits.

Be sure to stop by LCI's 8 global causes area to understand what they are and see photos from clubs of their projects focusing on these areas.

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets!

Registration forms are due April 13, 2026, but if you find out at the last minute you can attend the convention, please call or text me so we can create a convention packet for you before your arrival. Lori's Cell: 717-350-5536.

We look forward to seeing you. Let's make this a banner attendance year!

District Convention Committee Chairperson

Lion Lori Eshleman

Cell: 717-350-5536

Email: 14Dconvention@gmail.com

DISTRICT 14-D CONVENTION

St Philips Catholic Church
2111 Millersville Pike, Lancaster PA

April 18, 2026**REGISTRATION FORM** (Each Lion, Leo, or Guest must have a separate registration form)

Club Name _____ Check One _____ Lion _____ Leo _____ Guest _____

Last Name	First Name	Telephone #
Street Address	City	State Zip

ACTIVITY	TIME	COST
Pre-Registration- Lions, Leos and Guests		\$10.00
Registration Day of Event Certification	10:30-12:00 10:30- 12:00	\$15.00
Basket Raffle Ticket Sales	10:30-2:30	
Opening Ceremony: District Governor Report Nominating Chair: Speech Rules, Candidate Presentations Internation Director	11:00-12:15	
Lunch	12:15-1:15	
Voting	12:15-1:15	
Homeless Hygiene Kit Assembly	1:15-2:15	
Necrology Service	2:15-2:45	
Reports: Certification, Registration and Voting Comments from 1 st Vice DGE, 2 nd Vice DGE and DGE Theme Basket winners Final comments from District Governor Steve Lowe	2:45-3:30	
Close of Convention	3:30	

Make Check Payable to District 14-D and Send with Registration Form to:
Lion Lori Eshleman, 120 Steinman Farm Rd, Pequea, PA 17565. 717-350-5536
Registration forms and checks must be received by 4/13/26

DISTRICT CONVENTION NEWS

SUBJECT: District 14-D Convention – April 18, 2026

Your District Convention committee and District Governor are requesting each Club to **PROMOTE** the District Convention and ask your Lions and Leos to participate and attend the convention. We are looking forward to a fun, informative convention.

EACH CLUB can participate and accomplish this by:

- 1. Donating a Theme Basket**
- 2. Donating \$30.00 to assist us with costs**

PARTICIPANTS attending the District Convention have a pre-registration cost of \$10 which assists in the cost of the convention and their lunch.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR COMMITMENT WITH A FINANCIAL DONATION, THEME BASKET, AND A HUGE TURNOUT OF YOUR DELEGATES!

Yours in Lionism
Lion Lori Eshleman
District Convention Chairperson

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FINANCIAL DONATION

Club Name _____

Club President or Secretary Name _____

Requested Donation \$30.00

Make check payable to: DISTRICT 14-D

**Mail check to: Lion Bruce Ratliff
116 Oak Knoll Circle, Millersville PA 17551
Cell: 856-217-4916**

THANK YOU- Donation appreciated by 4/11/2026 or sooner

**Theme Basket Donation for President's Honor Night- April 17, 2026
Winners drawn at District Convention April 18, 2026**

Lions and Leos

The 2026 President's Honor Night & District 14-D Convention are rapidly approaching.

As always, there is a cost to the district to sponsor an event such as this. To help offset this cost, we again are asking all the clubs in District 14-D to put together a "Theme" basket and bring it to President's Honor Night.

We encourage all clubs in the district to donate a "Theme" basket" for this event. Please complete the form below and mail or email it to confirm your basket donation. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Pat Benson at 717-808-0970 or pattyckake119@comcast.net.

Some common "Themes" of previous baskets were Lottery Tickets, Food, Golf, Money, and even a Chocolate or Bologna theme basket. You can even put a \$50 bill in a frame as an item for the fundraiser. Baskets that are filled with items that are produced locally are always a big hit. Each basket should be worth around \$50.00. **ALCOHOL IN BASKETS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED** but you can put in a gift card for alcohol.

We ask all clubs to bring their "Theme" basket to President's Honor Night, which will be held on April 17, 2026, at Yoder's Banquet Hall in New Holland. This way we can raise more money for the convention by allowing everyone who attends President's Honor Night a chance to purchase tickets to win a basket. If your club cannot bring the basket to President's Honor Night but you would like to donate, please make arrangements for someone to bring it for your club to the dinner.

Thank you in advance for donating a "Theme Basket" for the Convention. We look forward to seeing you and members of your Club at President's Honor Night and the District Convention.

Theme Basket Donation

Club Name: _____

Club President or Secretary Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Our club will support the District Convention by donating a "Theme Basket"

Please email this form by April 11, 2026 to: 14Dconvention@gmail.com

**Or Mail to: Lori Eshleman
120 Steinman Farm Rd, Pequea PA 17565**



NEW HOLLAND LIONS CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday April 4, 2026

10 am Sharp!

At The New Holland

Community Park

400 East Jackson Street

**AGES 11 AND UNDER ARE
WELCOME!**

**OVER 4,000 EGGS STUFFED
WITH CANDY AND MONEY!!**

The ELANCO library will be
there with free books and
prizes!



The Lions Club of Mount Joy

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**All you can eat Pancakes!
Sausage, Coffee, Tea and Juice**

Saturday, April 11, 2026

7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

47 West Main Street, Mount Joy

Adults - \$10.00

Children (ages 4 through 10) - \$8.00 (3 and under free)

All Profits Support Community Projects



DINNER IN THE DARK

hosted by the

LITITZ LIONS CLUB

APRIL 16, 2026

LITITZ SPRINGS INN AND SPA
14 E MAIN STREET, LITITZ, PA 17543

RECEPTION AND SILENT AUCTION-5:30PM
SERVED, 3 COURSE MEAL-6:30PM
VISIONCORPS PRESENTATION OVER DESSERT



\$40/person includes raffle ticket and dinner
During dinner, guests will have the opportunity to wear a blindfold
or vision impairment simulator glasses.

A PORTION OF PROCEEDS WILL
BENEFIT VISION CORPS

To purchase tickets, contact Meghan Clair at
clairmeghan2@gmail.com or 717-668-9239





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Ephrata Lions Club

Spring Fling Bingo Bash



Saturday, April 25, 2026
Doors open at 12:00 pm
BINGO starts at 2:00 pm



Ephrata Recreation Center
130 S Academy Dr
Ephrata, PA



\$30.00 Each with 20 Games
Cash or Check Only



YETI, Designer Bags, Gift Cards & Gift Baskets

Additionally, there will be food for purchase, 4 special games, 50/50, raffles, door prizes, pull tabs and MORE!

For Tickets: Email April at alausch@faulknercollision.com or call 717-330-2009

Organized by the Ephrata Lions Club & benefitting the following:
Pioneer and Lincoln Fire Companies, Ephrata Public Library, Ephrata Area Social Services, the Ephrata Community Ambulance Association and other local community non-profit organizations.



MILLERSVILLE LIONS CLUB

CASH BINGO

PRIZES * RAFFLES * 50/50 * FOOD



SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH
 2111 MILLERSVILLE PIKE
 LANCASTER, PA 17603



Doors open at 12:30 p.m.
 Early Bird at 1:45 p.m.
 (prize is family pool pass to the
 Millersville Lions Club Pool)
 Regular Bingo starts at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets
 \$25

CONTACT PAT BENSON AT PATTYCAKE119@COMCAST.NET
 FOR TICKETS

American Red Cross



Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Help save lives.

Give blood.

Community Blood Drive Trinity Reformed UCC

Social Hall
450 West Main Street
Mountville, PA 17554

Monday, May 4, 2026
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
and enter: Mountville to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

**Come to give blood May 1-17 and get a \$20 eGift Card,
thanks to Amazon! See: rcblood.org/Amazon**

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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2026 Pa State Council of Lions Clubs

103rd State Convention May 14-17, 2026

Ads submission Deadline is Monday, April 14, 2026

Email: palionsconvention2026@gmail.com Type in subject line: Lions Convention Ad.
Enclose a paper reference copy of the ad along with this form and your payment.

**Clean, reproducible hard copy, business card, letterhead, can be submitted, but quality can not be guaranteed. Please do not fold, tape or staple with in the image area.

**Cover placements are on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be in full color. Check preferred choice below.

Outside back cover (1)	4.5" x 7.5"	\$250 _____
Inside back cover (1)	4.5" x 7.5"	\$200 _____
Full page	4.5" x 7.5"	\$100 _____
Half page	4.5" x 3.75"	\$60 _____
Quarter page	4.5" x 1.375"	\$30 _____

Patron ads limited 40 letters/spaces one line \$5 each x _____ = _____ (list below)

Program Advertising Contract: *The undersigned authorizes the insertion of their advertisement (enclosed or sent electronically) in the 2026 PA Lions State Convention Booklet, published for their convention which is to take place May 14-17, 2026.*

Club/Company/Individual _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Authorized Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Make checks payable to: **2026 State Convention 14M**. Include this form, payment and ad copy.
Mail to: Dan Swincinski, Pa Lions State Convention, 246 Rock Cut Rd., Central City, Pa 15926

Convention Program Booklet Patron Ads (print or type legibly)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____



103rd Annual Pennsylvania Lions Clubs State Convention

Thursday, May 14 through Sunday, May 17, 2026

Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, 711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705

Hotel Information

Your Convention Host Committee, District 14M has secured blocks of rooms at five different hotels. In addition to there are other hotels in the area.

To make a reservation contact the hotel direct at the phone numbers provided. Rates are per night plus taxes and fees. Please mention PA Lions State Convention.

Cut-off date for contract rates is April 14, 2026.

Host hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Indiana at IUP 714 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705 724-349-2222	Rate \$159
Ramada by Wyndham 1395 Wayne Avenue, Indiana, PA 15705 724-463-3561	Rate \$99 May 14 Rate \$125 May 15 and 16
Quality Inn and Suites 1545 Wayne Avenue, Indiana, PA 15705 724-349-9620	Rate \$104 1 queen Rate \$109 1 king Rate \$119 2 doubles Rate \$124 2 queens
Hampton Inn and Suites 1275 Indian Springs Road, Indiana, Pa 15705 724-349-7700	Rate \$149
Holiday Inn Express 1350 Indian Springs Road, Indiana, PA 15705 724-465-7000	Rate \$165



103rd ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION
Thursday May 14 through Sunday May 17, 2026
Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, 711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705

REGISTRATION (complete one form per attendee)

Return form by: April 21, 2026

Name (Last Name, First Name) Sub-District
Circle Membership: Lion Leo Guest Title: ID PIP PID DG VDG PDG CC PCC

Address State Zip Code

Club Name Spouse/Partner/Guest

First State Convention: Yes No (circle) Years as a Lion/Leo

Special considerations: Dietary Hearing Vision Physical Challenges (circle)

Notations:

Convention Registration Fee \$15 per attendee (no fee for Leo but must register)
State Convention Pin @ \$5 per pin

Meal Reservations

Friday Luncheon * \$25 per person Various sandwiches, side salads, chips, pickles, assorted cookies and beverages

PA Counselors/District Governors Honor Banquet - Friday * \$35 per person

Plated meals with garden salad, roasted fingerling potatoes and garden vegetable medley, Layered Mouse Martini dessert

Entrée choice check one: Asiago Crusted Chicken with Red Pepper Sauce, Garlic & Herb Roasted Pork Loin, Garlic Vegetable Lasagna Roll-up w/creamy garlic sauce

Saturday Luncheon * \$25 per person Deli meats, side salads, bread/rolls, assorted cookies and beverages

Saturday international Banquet *35 per person

Plated meals with garden salad, mashed potatoes and hand turned carrots, NY style cheesecake

Entrée choice check one: Roast Beef, Slice Turkey, Arancini -Italian Rice Ball w/ San Marzano tomato, parmesan & basil

Melvin Jones Fellow / Key Member Breakfast Sunday * \$20 per person

Breakfast buffet with pastries, potatoes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, juices.

EXTRA EVENTS

Friday morning tour to the Jimmy Stewart Museum \$10 per person

Saturday afternoon "Wine Tasting Event" \$25 per person

Total amount enclosed (payable to: PA LIONS DISTRICT 14M STATE CONVENTION)

Send to: Dan Swincinski, PA Lions Convention, 246 Rock Cut Road, Central City, Pa 15926
814-244-9210 email: palionsconvention2026@gmail.com

1960-70'S HIT MIX MUSIC BINGO

**Friday
Night
Hospitality
9-11 pm**

HOSTED BY
DISTRICT 14M
"BE SURE TO
WEAR YOUR
BELLBOTTOMS,
HIPHUGGERS,
MINI-SKIRTS,
BOOTS&WILD*
AND CRAZY
OUTFITS"



**Complimentary Ice Cream Bar with Toppings
Fruit and Cheese Trays, non-alcohol drinks
Cash Bar for beer, wine and cocktails**



Donate a gift basket and make this the "greatest basket raffle ever".

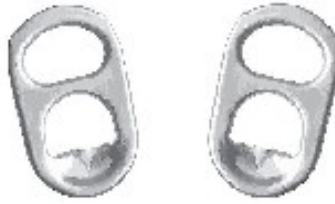
Baskets should be an approximate value of \$50 or higher. NO Alcohol is permitted as part of your basket. If you can have your basket delivered to the convention center on the first day May 14.**** It will still be accepted if late.

In addition there will a separate "Lions Quilt Raffle"
pictured below.



For information contact PDG Robert Macik 412-760-3770 rmacik@yahoo.com

Collect Aluminum Can Tabs



Bring Your Tabs to the State Convention!

Support Ronald McDonald House Charities of Danville, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.

Help families stay close to their children receiving medical care by donating aluminum can tabs.

Why Collect Tabs?

- Tabs are made of high-quality aluminum
- Easy to collect and store
- Proceeds from recycling help support Ronald McDonald House programs

How to Donate

- Remove the tab from any aluminum beverage can
- Place tabs in a bag, jar, or box
- Drop them off at the collection location below

Collection Location

State Convention Registration Area
Kovalchick Convention Center at IUP
Indiana, PA
May 14–17, 2026

Contact: PDG Dave Barrett — liondavebarrett@gmail.com

Every tab counts — thank you for helping families when they need it most! ❤️



LEADING THE WAY

Leader Dogs for the Blind & Lions Newsletter



April 2026



The last Wednesday of April is International Guide Dog Day. On April 29, we celebrate the work of guide dogs around the world and raise awareness of the importance of guide dog services to help people who are blind live life on their terms.

When You Give In April, Leader Dog Gets Double

April's Matching Gift Challenge gives you and your club the opportunity to double your impact on the lives of our clients. **When you donate during the match, your generous gift to Leader Dog is matched by a contribution from one of our generous donors.** Visit LeaderDog.org in April to learn how you can make twice the difference. Donate by mail or online at LeaderDog.org - Donate. Include a note with your Lions Club so we can recognize your gift.

Leader Dogs for the Blind, Attn: Lions Department
1039 S Rochester Rd
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Guide Dog Myths and Misconceptions Explained

How much do you know about guide dogs?

- True or False: Once people get a guide dog, they no longer need their white cane.
- True or False: A guide dog already knows where their handler wants them to go.
- True or False: A guide dog should go anywhere and everywhere with their handler.

It may surprise you that each of these statements is false! **These are some of the most common misconceptions about guide dogs.** The guide dog mobility instructors at Leader Dog recorded a video describing the truth behind each myth. **Find it posted by Leader Dog on YouTube** by searching '[Guide Dog Myths and Misconceptions Explained](#)'. Share it on social media to celebrate International Guide Dog Day and spread awareness of Lions & Leader Dog's work for vision.



Assessing Readiness to Apply for a Guide Dog



LeaderDog.org | LionsSupport@leaderdog.org



Lions International

- Does your routine include regular outings for work, school, errands, or exercise multiple times per week?
- Are you confident in your orientation and mobility skills, able to navigate routes independently, problem-solve, and use safe street-crossing strategies?
- Are you prepared to train and work with a guide dog long-term, using positive reinforcement techniques, providing ongoing care and advocating for both you and your dog?
- Do you have the relationship skills to build a strong bond with your guide dog and serve as the primary caretaker, providing daily physical and mental stimulation beyond guide work?

These are some of the questions prospective guide dog clients will find on Leader Dog's guide dog readiness assessment, a tool that can help someone who is blind decide if a Leader Dog is right for them. Leader Dog is one of only nineteen accredited guide dog providers in North America. Our guide dog program eligibility requirements ensure that clients are prepared to work with their Leader Dog for many years.

We are members of the International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF), a group of organizations who collaborate and champion the cause of vision around the world. Together, we share best practices and resources to refine guide dog and handler training. Leader Dog's guide dog program eligibility requirements are based on the standards set by IGDF. To review the readiness screening, go to LeaderDog.org and search [Guide Dog Qualifications](#).



Mission Moment

"Leader Dog Ivy is really going to help me walk with confidence. I'm able to get places faster and be more confident. In addition to being a best friend, she's going to help me go more places. We are going to travel the country and go everywhere together."

Manny, Guide Dog client from New York, with Leader Dog Ivy



East Cocalico Lions Club 33rd Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Fairview Golf Course

2399 Quentin Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

Tee Off Time is 7:30 AM

Lunch to follow at Pavillion

10oz. Steak, baked potato, garden salad, rolls, beverage, brownies and cookies

(Vegan meals available with advance notice)

Cost: \$95.00 per person (\$90 per person with early registration before April 15th)





RESERVATION FORM

**33RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY
EAST COCALICO LIONS CLUB**



Place: FAIRVIEW GOLF COURSE
2399 Quentin Road, Lebanon, PA 17042
www.fairview.distinctgolf.com

DATE & TIME: SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026 – **Shotgun start at 7:30 AM, Scramble Format,**
Rain or Shine (Registration and Driving Range opens at 6:30 AM)

COST & RELATED INFORMATION: **\$95.00 PER PERSON**
(Includes green fee, cart, dinner, practice range, gift, hot dogs, and drinks)
Invited foursomes MUST register by May 1st, 2026
Singles, twosomes, and threesomes should also register by May 1st, 2026
(Singles and Doubles will be paired with other Golfers)
Early Registration \$5/pp discount if paid by April 1, 2026

**LIMITED TO FIRST 144 GOLFERS
MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATION**

REFRESHMENTS & SNACKS: During your round, refreshments and Alcohol are at the SNACK BAR
after holes 9 & 18

STEAK DINNER: Immediately after golfing at the pavilion located next to the golf course
YOU MUST DRIVE YOUR VEHICLES OVER TO THE PAVILION

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded during dinner

1. First HOLE-IN-ONE Contest sponsored by East Cocalico Lions Club
2. Prizes awarded to two flights, Scramble format will be used
3. Longest Drive awards (men, women, & seniors over 65 men & women)
4. Closest to pin awards
5. Straightest Drive award

*****AND MANY OTHER PRIZES*****

MORE INFORMATION: Lions Leo & Carol Maynard (610) 755-1057 (Email Lionleoserves@gmail.com)
Lion Bruce Carpenter (717) 336-5311 (Email batman@ptd.net)

PLEASE DETACH HERE

Name, Address, Phone Number and Email should be included for **All Players**

<p>(1) Name of Captain: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p>(3) Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>
<p>(2) Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p>(4) Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>

Please make check payable to "EAST COCALICO LIONS CLUB" and Mail the check and the reservation form to:

Lion Bruce Carpenter
PO Box 189, Reamstown PA 17567
Or give it to any East Cocalico Lions Club Member

Mount Joy Lions visited Vision Corps





At the New Holland Lions Club February meeting District Governor Steve, Lowe , IPDG Deb Keeports and other representatives of the district presented two outstanding members of the club with awards.

Left: Lion Dustin Spencer was presented with a PA Fellow Award for his leadership in heading the 100th anniversary events of the New Holland Lions Club and the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for his leadership in many club activities, and as four separate terms as club president.

Right: Lion Bob Spotts was presented with the Past International President Joe Wroblewski Award for his 72 years of continuing service to the club.

Everyone in the club thanks them both for their service with our club!

Christiana Lions donated Christmas trees to Jax's Goat Farm
Trees have been delivered and the goats were very glad for them. The are located in Parkesburg and do events for kids. You can contact: Jacqui Maxwell 610-405-077



President Jeff Rowe presented DG Steve Lowe with a check for the District from the Christiana Lions

