

A Message from District Governor Steve Lowe

Hello Lions of Lancaster & Lebanon Counties!

As our Constitutional Area (CA-1) is working to “rebrand” itself as Lions USA to be more recognizable, our Global Action Team for the District is also working to make us more recognizable and easy to figure out. While we are now and always will be District 14-D, most people have no idea what that means. So we have chosen to utilize “Lions of Lancaster & Lebanon Counties” in the place of 14-D.

I want to shout out a HUGE welcome to our new Second Vice District Governor – Pat Bentson from the Millersville Lions! SVDG Pat has an impressive Lions resume and many of you know her already from her time as a Zone Chair. I anticipate that she will serve as a mentor and continue to be active with our current Zone Chairs as she transitions into the District Leadership journey. She will hit the ground running – attending her first Vice District Governor training class at the upcoming State Council meeting in Harrisburg.

Immediate Past District Governor and current Global Service Team Chair Deb Keepports is gearing up for our service journey this Lionistic year. As it is the first year for the 3 Lions Week of Service project, I would expect to see some very creative and exciting projects coming from her team!

I encourage each of you to take a look at this year’s Club Excellence Award criteria. Unlike in years past, starting this year, your Club Secretary will not have to apply for this honor. If your club meets the criteria, then it will automatically be awarded. For more information as to the actual criteria and how the program will work, please check out the Lions Clubs International website.

My upcoming club visits/schedule for August and the first two weeks of September:

August 1 & 2: State Council #1 in Harrisburg (a great time for you to come check out what is happening at the State level!)

August 3rd: Lancaster Polo Fields – Dog Days of Summer; Warwick Area Lions

August 7th: Swear in incoming officers at the Lititz Lions Club

August 14th: Marietta Lions Official Visit

August 15th: Myerstown Lions Night at the Reading Phils – DG Steve to throw out first pitch!

August 17th: District Council Meeting #1 – Samuel United Methodist Church, Lititz PA

August 19th: Manheim Lions Official Visit

August 20th: Lititz Lions Club Car Cruise – Lititz, PA

August 25th: Willow Street Lions Official Visit

August 28th: Key Member Picnic – West Earl Lions Park

September 1st: New Holland Lions Fundraiser @ New Holland Park

September 2nd: Millersville Lioness Lions Official Visit

September 6th: Membership Symposium, MD 14 State Office – Harrisburg

September 9th: Lancaster Historic Lions Official Visit



***If you do not see your club visit listed above, it is because the visit has not been confirmed. Please reach out to DG Steve. Additionally, if you would like to invite DG Steve to an event that your club is hosting, please reach out to him at LIONSCLUBSTEVE@GMAIL.COM to check his availability. He loves visiting events! ***

Message from the 1st Vice District Governor Craig Merkey

Hello Lions,

I can't believe it is August already! I am sure DG Steve will share our International President's message "Lead to serve, serve to lead" in his comments, but one of the reasons I joined Lions is to serve others. Serving others can include so many ways we serve those in our communities. The clubs in our district are serving the needs of their communities. Are we meeting all the needs in our communities? Definitely not!

With the mission for growth, (Mission 1.5) have you asked/invited a new member to join your club? Have you explored a new project but need more help to take the project on? Have you had someone ask if your club can help with something you haven't done before? What are your goals for this Lion's Year? What do you want to accomplish this year? Imagine what could be accomplished with just 2 new members in your club!

Lions are focusing on several global causes this year, the first one is Mental health & well-being (October 4-12, 2025). How can you serve your community by helping and support in these areas? What strengths does your club have in either of these areas? Maybe there is an opportunity, a new opportunity to serve your community.

I attended the Beacon Lodge Lions Appreciation again this year on Sunday. The Chicken BBQ for lunch was great! I know I said this last year, but if you have not visited Beacon Lodge, it is a great resource where Lions provide individuals living with a disability the opportunity to enjoy a camping experience. There are some campers that attend camp every year. It was nice to see their talents during the talent show again! It was nice hearing the stories of the impact camp has had on their lives and the friendships they have with each other. They are all so appreciative of what the Lions of PA have provided by the existence of the camp. The Duck Race was more exciting and quicker this year with more water to push them downstream faster.

I would like to welcome 2nd Vice District Governor Pat Benson to our team and am looking forward to working alongside her!

Craig Merkey
1st Vice-District Governor



Message from the 2nd Vice District Governor Pat Benson

Hello fellow Lions and Leos

My name is Pat Benson, and I am honored to serve as your 2nd Vice District Governor. I have been a member of the Millersville Lions Club for 12 years, have served as club secretary for 5 years, club President for 4 years and a Zone chair for 3 years. I joined the club to give back to my community through service, so I would say Service is my Passion along with membership and Fun.

I am looking forward to working with DG Steve and 1st VDG Craig to have an awesome year and help them accomplish their goals for our district.

By the time you read this we will have had Passing of the Banner when IPDG Deb and the Willow Street Lions Club passes the Home Banner to DG Steve and the Warwick Area Lions Club. I am excited to meet and work with all of you, We Serve.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Pat Benson

2nd Vice District Governor



Memoriam

John R De Wald

East Cocalico Lions Club

Walter J Funk

South Lebanon Lions Club

Ray A Kreider

South Lebanon Lions Club

**NEW MEMBERS****New Member****Club****Sponsor**

Deion L Thompson

Baron Stiegel

Darren Thompson

Linda M Jackson

Lebanon

Robert Phillips

James Warnagiris

South Lebanon

Johan Berger

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



To: All Lions of Lancaster and Lebanon Counties

From: IPDG, Deb Keeports, Your District Global Service Chairperson

Welcome to the new Lions year of Service! I want to start by thanking last year's District Global Service Chairperson, Deb Bagnoli, for a job Well Done! Lion Deb was able to increase our clubs reporting service in our district from 55% at the beginning of the year to 80% of clubs reporting service in the Lions Portal. Lion Deb was able to do this by doing presentations at Zone Meetings to assist club members with the new Lions Portal for reporting service and answering questions to Lions who reached out to her. Please be aware that Lions International has revised the portal making service reporting even easier. Lion Deb also chaired the Jared Box project at our District Convention and oversaw the State Service Project with the Pajama Drive for Kids in Foster Care.

This Lion's year you are going to be hearing about the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (SGDs), of which there are 17. District Governor Steve has chosen to focus on Good Health and Well-Being and Reduced Inequalities.

Last year, Lions International had a Worldwide Week of Service in January which focused on Vision. This year, there are going to be three separate weeks of Worldwide Service. The **first Week of Service will be held from October 4th-12th and will focus on Mental Health Awareness**. This week was chosen because World Mental Health Day is October 10th. Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Lions International is asking all clubs to participate during this Week of Service. No matter how small or large a project is, know that you will have an impact on your community. If you or your club have any ideas, please reach out and let me know so that we can share. Also, consider partnering with another club in your Zone or Region for this service project.



LIONS AND LEOS ARE WORKING TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, TO EDUCATE AND SUPPORT THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND ADVOCATE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Facts and Statistics

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. The 17 goals are an urgent call for action by all countries — developed and developing — in a global partnership. Achievement of the SDGs also relies on the involvement of volunteer organizations who connect governmental strategies and initiatives with complementary, yet essential, community action.

THIS GLOBAL CAUSE SUPPORTS SDG #3



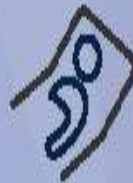
ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES



An estimated **700,000 people die by suicide every year** (World Health Organization).



On average, **2% of health budgets go to mental health** (World Health Organization).



People who are exposed to adverse circumstances — including poverty, violence, disability and inequality — are at **higher risk of developing a mental health condition** (World Health Organization).



Depression is the leading cause of disability globally, affecting an estimated more than 300 million people worldwide — the majority of them women, young people and the elderly (United Nations).



For depression, the gaps in service coverage are wide across all countries: in high-income countries, an estimated **23% of cases receive minimally adequate treatment for depression** and in low- and lower-middle income countries **this is estimated at 3% of cases** (World Health Organization).



More than 80% of all people with mental disorders live in low- and middle-income countries, where the vicious cycle between mental health and poverty is particularly prevalent because of a lack of welfare safety nets and poor accessibility to effective treatment (World Health Organization).



DISTRICT 14-D CABINET MEETING

Hosted by: Region I
Zone A & B Chair: Leo Maynard Jr.

All Lions, Lioness, and Leos invited to attend!

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

Date: Sunday, August 17, 2025
Place: Samuel United Methodist Church
1744 Old Rothsville Road
Lititz, PA 17543

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

**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 I would be appreciated.

Lion Joyce Sweger
JKL1953@comcast.net
717-314-7455

Lion Leo Maynard Jr.
lionleoserves@gmail.com
610-755-1057

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
8th Annual Golf Outing
August 23, 2025

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 22 (all day) \$24

Sponsor Information*

Name: _____

Sign Wording: " _____

_____ "

District 14- _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

***Send before August 8, 2025**

Thank you for helping us serve!

In 1948, PDG 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
 114 State Route 103 South
 Mount Union, PA, 17066



PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
9th Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, August 23, 2025, 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 23, 2025

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:**

**PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
114 State Route 103 South
Mount Union, PA, 17066**

9th 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-shape 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"x11" 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/St/ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____

Phone (W) _____

Email _____ Hcp _____

Golfer #2 _____

Address _____

City/St/ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____

Phone (W) _____

Email _____ Hcp _____

Golfer #3 _____

Address _____

City/St/ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____

Phone (W) _____

Email _____ Hcp _____

Golfer #4 _____

Address _____

City/St/ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____

Phone (W) _____

Email _____ Hcp _____

August 28

2025

PDG Abe Schrom Memorial Key Member Picnic

This could be you...

**at the PDG Abe Schrom
Memorial Key Member
Picnic**

August 28, 2025 6:30 pm

West Earl Community Park

A nice August evening at beautiful West Earl Park, eating a mouthwatering steak you grilled to your own liking, "hobnobbing" with fellow Lions and meeting new or seeing old friends. Save August 28, 6:30 pm on your calendars. Registration forms will be in next month's newsletter.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Key Member Picnic	29	30
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PDG Abe Schrom Memorial Key Member Picnic

Thursday, August 28, 2025 6:30 pm

West Earl Community Park

189 S State St

Leola, PA 17540

Cost \$24.00

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 \$24.00=_____

Please respond by August 18, 2025

Mail response to PDG Gene Hilton

566 W Market St

Marietta, PA 17547

Questions call me 717-314-9075

genehilton1@gmail.com



Annual Pennsylvania Lions



Fall Leadership Symposium

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, October 4, 2025 9 AM-2 PM

PA Lions State Office

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Lunch available for a \$10.00 donation (Pay at the Door)

OR

Sunday, October 5, 2025 Noon-5 PM

Beaver County Lighthouse

720 Third Avenue

New Brighton, PA 15066

Snacks will be available

Club Extension Efforts and Processes

Presenter: PDG Jeff Loudermilk

Grant Writing – Show Me The Money

Presenter: IPDG Deb Keeperts

Club Membership Retention and Enhancement

Presenter: PDG Mike Schaeffer

Succession Planning – If Not Me, Then Who and Why

Presenter: PCC Dr. Linda Zaneski

FREE & OPEN to all MD-14 Lions

To register contact PDG Bill Grager at

bilbomzk@gmail.com or call (717)615-1974

Space is Limited!

Empowerment is the key to success!



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF

POLO, FOOD, AND FUN!

FORNEY FIELD | LANCASTER POLO CLUB
DATES: 7/6, 7/20, 8/3



WARWICK AREA LIONS CLUB
WILL BE SERVING UP:

\$5- EMPANADA & WATER
\$5- HOTDOG, CHIPS & WATER

GATES OPEN 1:00 PM | MATCHES START AT 2:30 PM
ADMISSION IS \$10 (CASH ONLY)
12 AND UNDER GET IN FREE

*CHECK THE POLO CLUBS WEBSITE
FOR UDAPTES!



WWW.LANCASTERPOLOCLUB.COM

CHRISTIANA LIONS CHICKEN BARBEQUE FUND RAISER

BY RANDY YODER

WHEN: AUGUST 16th

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 WHOOPIE PIE
OR
\$7 WITHOUT THE
WHOOPIE PIE**



Lititz Lions Car Cruise 2025



Wednesday, August 20, 2025

5:30pm-8:30pm on Main Street, Lititz

RAIN OR SHINE

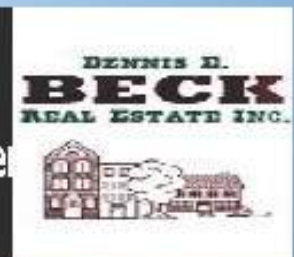


Awards Will Be Given for the Following Categories:

Best Antique Best Truck Best Paint Best Interior Best Motorcycle
Best Custom Best Foreign Car Greatest Distance Lions Club
Choice Best in Show



Sponsors Include:





BINGO AT THE PARK

2nd and 4th Thursdays
Starts at 6pm



Join us at **The West Earl Lions Park** for our **BINGO nights**.

Join in on the **FUN** - bring Friends, Family and even groups are invited.

(Every 2nd and 4th Thursday Bingo with us.)

Cash Prizes - Bonus Games - 50/50 raffles

Snacks Available - 10 games for \$3 per game

Scan the QR code to pre-register and save your spot.

Pre-registration games \$30 - 6 cards per game

Games available to purchase at the door for \$35

www.WestEarLions.org



NO BINGO ON THE 28TH OF AUGUST

WILL RESUME IN SEPT THE NORMAL SCHEDULE



THE NEW HOLLAND LIONS CLUB IS SELLING FOOD AT THE SUMMER ARTS PROGRAM'S FIDDLER'S PICNIC

LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025
10 a.m. – 6. p.m.

We will be serving our famous Hot Ham Sandwiches, hamburgers, BBQ chicken, hot dogs along with other sides and drinks with the help of the Garden Spot High School Marching Band to all who come hungry at the Fiddler's Picnic in the New Holland Park at 400 East Jackson Street.

*Come out and support us as we raise funds for the community for **100 years, since 1925!** Anyone interested in learning more about the club and membership is encouraged to come see our members in action at the pavilion!*



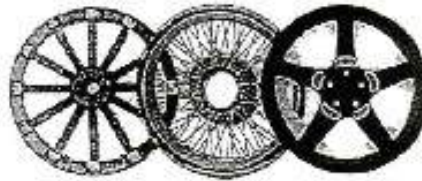
Like us on Facebook and see the New Holland Summer Arts Association Facebook page for more information.

Food - Fun - Prizes - 50/50 Raffle
Breakfast Sandwich

VENDORS

2nd ANNUAL

Millersville Lions Club



CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW

Saturday, September 6, 2025

10 am - 2 pm - Rain or Shine

St. Philip the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

2111 Millersville Pike, Lancaster

Benefit the Blue Rock Fire Company

Pre-Registration: \$10 On-Site Registration: \$15

Pre-registration form should be mailed on or before August 30th

Pre-Registration forms should be mailed to:

Atten. Lion Eric Dumm, P.O. Box 25, Millersville, PA 17551

Cell phone: 717-682-1138

(Start-up time 9:00 am to 10:00 am day of event.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Vehicle, Year, Make, Model, Details: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to: Millersville Lions Club

MILLERSVILLE LIONS CLUB

DOGGIE DIP

SEPT
6TH



\$10
PER DOG



11AM
TO 2PM

VENDOR DISPLAYS

RAFFLES



We Serve

MILLERSVILLE LIONS CLUB POOL

314 N Prince Street

Millersville, PA 17551

www.millersvillelions.org

Your dog is your responsibility on pool property



Community Blood Drive Columbia Borough Fire Department

Bingo Hall
726 Manor Street
Columbia, PA 17512

**Monday, September 8, 2025
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter: Columbia 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.

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.



Scan to be directed to
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Give blood 8/29 to 9/21 for 1 of 4 mystery tees with an
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THE NEW HOLLAND and BAREVILLE/LEOLA/LEACOCK LIONS CLUBS WILL BE AT THE NEW HOLLAND FAIR!

OCTOBER 1 – 4, 2025

We will be serving our Fair Favorite Hot Ham Sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers in our secret sauce and drinks at the New Holland Lions Club's stand on South Roberts Avenue and Main Street at the New Holland Fair.

*Come out and support us as we continue to raise funds for our communities **after 100 years, since 1925!!** We donate to Garden Spot Fire Rescue, the CrossNet Ministries Food Pantry, ELANCO Library, New Holland Ambulance Association, New Holland Boy Scouts, New Holland Summer Arts Association and more. Anyone interested in learning more about the clubs and membership is encouraged to come see our members at the Ham Stand!*



Visit the club on Facebook and see the New Holland Fair's website at <http://www.newhollandfair.org/> for more information.

Passing of the Banner for District 14 D – The Lions of Lancaster & Lebanon Counties 2025

The Lions of Lancaster & Lebanon Counties, District 14-D held their Passing of the Banner ceremony on July 27th, 2025. The theme for this year's celebration was "A Day on the Golf Course". Chris and Kaitlyn Heisey from District Governor Steve Lowe's home club planned and executed an amazing celebration with food inspired by The Masters in Augusta, Georgia. Huge shout out to everyone involved in making this a great day. IPDG Deb Keeperts' home club – The Willow Street Lions Club handed over the District Governor banner to DG Steve Lowe's home club – The Warwick Area Lions Club. Additionally, the members of DG Steve's District Cabinet who were able to attend were sworn in by Past District Governor Bill Grager. DG Steve even wore the "Grand Poobah" hat that his club had presented him with! A great time was had by all.



“The recent flood cleanup in Manheim, PA was a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish together. Nearly 60 volunteers — including 24 Lions representing 11 different clubs — came out to serve 11 families

