

A Message from District Governor Steve Lowe

Hello Lions!

I hope that everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday! We are almost at the halfway point in the Lionistic year. This is a great time for us to reflect on where we started the year and how well we have come on reaching our goals for the year. Is your club on track to meet the goals that you set in June or July? If not, what adjustments will you make to ensure that you are reaching those goals?

If I have visited your club this year for my official visit, you may have heard me talking about the 7 Wood golf club. It is versatile and you can hit many different shots with it. We need to work on being like the 7 Wood and be able to “shape our shot” to a different approach if our service projects or fundraisers are not performing the way we have envisioned. Now is also the time that we start looking at what we want to do for next year. It is never too early to start the planning process for goal setting and leadership of the club. Smart goals will help to keep our clubs on track for success.

While we most certainly are serving our communities in the present, we should also keep in mind that we are continually building our clubs to serve our communities for many years in the future. That is why growth in membership is important. It isn't about numbers.....it is about increasing our service footprint and being able to serve as many of our community members as we possibly can. Where there is a need there is a Lion. The number of needs in our community grows daily. We should grow with those needs.

My family and I spent the evening before Thanksgiving volunteering at a local food pantry. The number of people who came in to get food touched my heart. As did their stories. All I could think about was what we, as Lions, could do to help. Without a doubt, we will be back and will be bringing reinforcements.

I am looking forward to seeing the many of you in the upcoming month. This month is nowhere near as busy as last month was. I managed to see almost ¼ of the district in a three week span in November!

Official DG Visit Calendar for December:

December 9: Millersville Lions Christmas Party / Official Visit

December 11: Myerstown Lions Official Visit

December is a light month for Official Visits due to many clubs not meeting and Christmas/Holiday parties going on. I hope that everyone has a great Holiday season!

In Lionism,
DG Steve



Message from the 1st Vice District Governor Craig Merkey

Hello Lions,

I hope everyone has enjoyed Thanksgiving with your families, we have so much to be thankful for looking back over the past year. The people we have served in our communities, the projects we have completed, and the help and support we receive in our fundraising efforts. Thankful that Lions are SERVING in District.

With the final Rally behind us, and during the Holiday Season we continue serving the community at this time of need. It is hard to believe that December is already here! As DG Steve has set his goal high for new members, be on the lookout for those that might be prospective members that could add and compliment the projects at this time of the year! New members could be those people that are assisting with projects you are working together on, or even those people that help with a project when no one else can.

A reminder about the district fundraiser for Project New Hope, the money raised through this district fundraiser will go to support Beacon Lodge's Project New Hope.

Welcome to all the new members over the last few months! When you have time, please check out the Lions portal as there are many opportunities to develop club leadership. Please go online and learn more about Lions and the opportunities that exist. You could be the next leader! I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Craig Merkey
1st Vice-District Governor



Message from the 2nd Vice District Governor Pat Benson

Hello Lions

Wow, what an amazing November I had. I really enjoyed all the Region Rallies and meeting a lot of new faces, you were all so kind. Sorry I missed the Region IV rally, hopefully we can meet up at a Zone meeting.

When you read this, I will have finished my first Lions International Second Vice District Governor Virtual Seminar, and it was an awesome learning experience. The sessions included Becoming a whole Leader, completing a Head, Heart, and Guts assessment that has to do with whether you lead with your head, heart, or your gut or you lead with a little of all of them. Also, learning how to build a GAT team and team management, learning how to achieve District goals, membership growth and supporting LCIF. I am so excited for the next few years. I also had the privilege to do a session on Membership for the Mt Joy Lions Club, thank you to Lion President John Pepkowski for the invite. I can't wait to meet all the new members your club recruits.

I know many clubs will be very busy with Service projects this Holiday season. Let your communities know who you are and what you are doing and how you are serving. Don't hesitate to invite the people you meet to join your club at a service project, let them see what being a Lion is all about.

As December approaches, I would like to thank you for all your work this year and wish you a Wonderful Holiday Season.

Pat Benson
2nd Vice District Governor



Memoriam

Chester Clair
Robert Criswell
Robert Giffing
Richard Risk

East Cocalico Lions Club
Lititz Lions Club
Wakefield Lions Club
Wakefield Lions Club



NEW MEMBERS

New Member

Club

Sponsor

Frederick Yocum
Bailey Hackman
Annie Strickler
Nicole Strickler
Ashley Howell
Tori Kuhns
Derek Hughes
William Hughes

Akron Lions Club
Conoy Lions Club
Conoy Lions Club
Conoy Lions Club
Lancaster Lions Club
Lititz Lions Club
Millersville Lions Club
Millersville Lions Club

Jeffrey Grube
Dorinda Hammer
Jeremy Strickler
Jeremy Strickler
Joey Baker
Meghan Clair
William Hughes
Kathy Ratliff

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

HUNGER WEEK OF SERVICE JANUARY 3rd-11th, 2026

To: All Lions

From: IPDG, Deb Keeports, District Global Service Chairperson

Lions International's next week of service focuses on Hunger. While many clubs in our district already hold food drives over the course of the Lions year, there are other opportunities for clubs to support their local communities during the Hunger Week of Service. Hunger is no longer a problem just in Third World countries, it is here in our local communities.

According to Lions International's website, "hunger affects **1 in 10** globally and has devastating impacts. **2 billion** people are without access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food. **30% of food** is lost or wasted globally each year. **45% of deaths** among children under 5 years of age are linked to undernutrition. **2 in 3 countries** report women experience food insecurity more than men."

Ideas for the Hunger Week of Service:

- Support your local food bank by donating time, equipment or food.
- Use social media to raise awareness about childhood hunger in your community and to inspire others to become involved.
- Host a healthy eating event at your school, community center or place of worship and invite a nutritionist as a keynote speaker.
- Deliver nutritious, prepared meals to elderly, disabled or ill community members.
- Serve meals at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
- Work with your local school to provide weekend take-home bags of nutritious snacks for children in need.
- Conduct an assessment of food access in your community, then advocate to local government leaders for additional or improved options in areas of need.

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.



Annual Pennsylvania Lions



Spring Leadership Symposium

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, February 14, 2026 9 AM-2:30 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, February 15, 2026 Noon-5 PM

Butler County Association for the Blind

322 N. Cedar Street

Butler, PA 16001

Refreshments will be available

SESSION TOPICS

CANI: Constant and Never-Ending Improvement

Marketing – “On a Budget”

Service Projects: Connecting with Community

Team Building/Partnering: We Serve Together

FREE & OPEN to all MD-14 Lions

To register, please contact PDG Bill Grager at
bilbomzk@gmail.com or call (717)615-1974

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ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER FOR DISTRICTS AND LEO CLUB NEWSLETTERS



The Lions International Pin Trading Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of US\$4,000 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lions or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed US\$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by ***March 1, 2026***.

We encourage all graduating seniors who are children or grandchildren of a Lions member as well as those who are active participants in a Leo Clubs, to apply for this exciting opportunity in the Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) Scholarship Program.

PDG Jason Radmann - PTCP

Name of Pin Trading Club Scholarship Chairman

Contact Information: EMail - lionjasonradmann@gmail.com





LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
GUIDELINES FOR PIN TRADING CLUBS



1. Application forms and information will be posted on the LITPC website. Identical information will be published in the first LITPC bulletin of the year. Successive bulletins will contain directions to download the Scholarship Application from the LITPC website.
2. It is recommended that each pin trading club establish a Scholarship Committee of at least three members in addition to a chairperson.
3. In areas or multiple districts without a pin trading club, members are encouraged to establish a Scholarship Committee of at least three members and a chairperson. When the Committee is established, please inform PDG Steven Staudinger LITPC scholarship Chair at 24915 NE Stegert Drive, Battle Ground, WA 98604 5337.
4. Guidelines will be released or can be downloaded from the LITPC website.
5. All pin trading clubs will be encouraged to post applications and scholarship information in their bulletins and on their websites. Also, please post scholarship information in your various sub-district bulletins and websites.
6. It will be the responsibility of pin trading clubs to share scholarship information with Leo Clubs in their states/multiple districts.
7. Completed applications will be processed through state and/or multiple district pin trading clubs. In states/areas that do not establish a Scholarship Committee, applications should be sent to the nearest pin trading club as listed on the LITPC website. <http://www.litpc.org/PinTradingClubsPins.html>
8. Each pin trading club may submit four applications to LITPC from their area and four applications from a state/area that does not have a pin trading club.
9. Each pin trading club may designate its own deadline date for the acceptance of applications. A deadline of March 1, 2026 is recommended.
10. Scholarship Chairpersons are encouraged NOT to wait until the last minute to submit scholarship applications to their committee for judging. When 20 or more applications are received, send an equal number of applications to committee members to start prioritizing those they feel are the best applications. Immediately after your deadline EACH committee member can submit their top application to the chairperson. The committee then can select the top two applications to be sent to PDG Stephen Staudinger LITPC Chair at 24615 NE Stegert Drive, Battle Ground, WA 98604 5337 April 15, 2026.
11. Scholarship applications may be duplicated; however, applications which have been altered in any way will not be accepted by the LITPC.
12. The Secretary of the LITPC Scholarship Committee will accept applications postmarked on or before April 15, 2026. The Secretary will select an LITPC Board Member to review all applications for compliance.
13. The LITPC Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications. Each Scholarship Committee member will evaluate all applications using a point system to determine the scholarship winner.
14. The scholarship winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the LITPC.



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



**EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION 2025-2026 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR**

Name of Applicant _____

List name and address of the college or institution of higher learning you will be attending. Attach a copy of the letter of acceptance if available.

Name of Institution _____

Address: _____

Number/Street

City

State

Zip

Phone No. _____

I acknowledge that the information I have provided is truthful, honest, and is to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation of the information provided in this form constitutes complete and unconditional rejection of this scholarship application.

I am willing to write a brief report of my academic progress at the end of the school year upon request. I understand this scholarship will be used for tuition, fees, and books only and I agree to this use.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

The completed application should be sent to the local pin trading club or scholarship committee by March 1 for regional evaluation.

The winning regional applications for the 2025-2026 school year must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2026 and mailed to PDG Stephen Staudinger LITPC Chair at 24615 NE Stegert Drive, Battle Ground, WA 98604 5337

A scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 (US funds) will be awarded. A check in this amount will be issued in the name of the student at completion of their first semester.

This form may be copied or reproduced as needed, but alteration of application form will result in disqualification of applicant.



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**EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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⇒ In 350 words or less write a personal essay of introduction stating your present and future goals.

⇒ In 350 words or less tell how your participation in a community service activity affected you.



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**EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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- ⇒ In 350 words or less briefly describe reasons for applying for this scholarship including, but not limited to financial need and extraordinary circumstance in family finances.

- ⇒ In 350 words or less list any awards, achievements, sports activities or positions held during high schools years.



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⇒ What scholarships have you been offered ? (Name, Amount and Duration).

**CHECK LIST FOR RETURNING YOUR
COMPLETED LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

1. PAGE 2-All questions answered.
2. PAGE 3-Answer all questions AND sign and date it.
3. Page 4, 5, and 6-Type your answers (350 words or less) on page 4 5 and 6 in the blue highlighted areas. On Page 6, be sure to go over the checklist to make sure you have not forgotten anything.
4. Include your high school transcriptions, including activities.
5. Include letters of recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc)
6. Include letter of recommendation from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

**IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE ALL THE REQUIRED ITEMS
YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**



Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by the

Conoy Lions Club



Friday, Dec 12, 2025

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.

Join the Ephrata
Lions Club for



Christmas Dinner & Show

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Ephrata American Legion
300 Cocalico St, Ephrata PA 17522

- Doors Open at 5:00 pm
- Music by Tom Pontz Project 5:15-7:15PM
- Dinner at 6PM
- Entertainment following dinner by
Comedian Brad Trackman

Cost of dinner for adults is \$38.00 and includes a choice of turkey or ham served with salad, rolls, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cake, tea, iced tea, and coffee.

Cash bar and 50/50 raffle will also be available

Seating is limited, so reserve early!

Brad Trackman, a national touring stand up comedian, seen on CBS's Late Night Show, NBC's Friday Night and numerous appearances on Comedy Central. Brad is one funny, squeaky clean comic from New York City, suitable for families!

Contact Barry Rupp at 717-823-3597 brupp21@gmail.com
or Kendra Rhinier at 717-587-6563 KendraR@ptd.net

See you there!



Christmas FOOD BOXES

DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 21
11:00 AM**

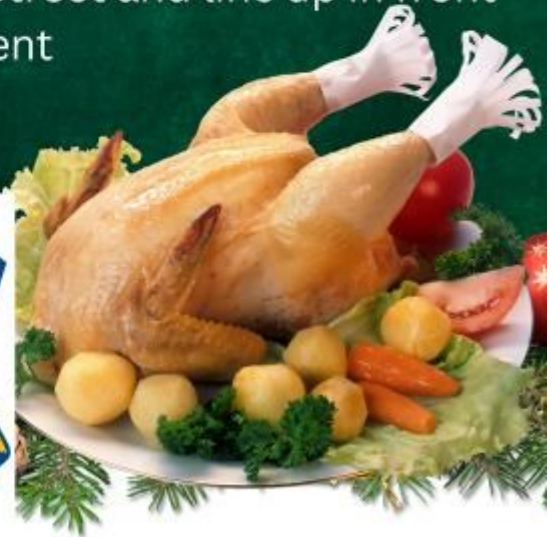
Columbia Borough Fire Dept. 726 Manor St., Columbia

600 food boxes will be delivered in Columbia, Marietta, Wrightsville
& Mountville

Please approach heading west on Manor Street and line up in front
of the fire department



WE SERVE





Conoy Lions Club Saturday Winter Breakfasts

**January 17, 2026
February 14, 2026
March 14, 2026**

Bainbridge Fire Hall
34 S. Second St, Bainbridge
7am to 10am

Adult \$12.00 Children 6 -12 \$6.00
5 & under free

\$11.00 if you bring a food contribution
for the Conoy-Donegal Food Bank

Pancakes Sausage
Scrambled Eggs Home Fries
Sausage gravy and Biscuits
Orange Juice Coffee Tea

Come out and support your community.

The Millersville Lioness Lions club held their Halloween Trunk or Treat night on Saturday, October 25. It was a great night for the club as we were able to share candy and books with the community. We had about 20 decorated cars. a car from the Millersville Boro police, a car from Millersville University police, a car from Manor Twp police and a fire truck from the Blue Rock Fire company. A local farmer also brought his combine with fun lights on it and the children were fascinated with the size of this piece of farming equipment. This is such a fun event because many parents dress up and come with their children.. We had a line of people coming through for candy for 2 hours.

The event was held in the parking lot of John Herr's Village Market in Millersville. We appreciate this store because they support us with many of our events and provide the perfect location for this event..



The Lititz, PA Lions Club held its largest Halloween parade with over 35 floats and thousands of participants. Pumpkin pie and cider were available, and customers made donations to the club. In addition, donations were made to the Lions Club White Cane fund.



Lititz Lions Club Collected Warm Clothing for Veterans In November, the Lititz Club collected warm sweaters, gloves, and hats for the veterans at VA hospitals

Lititz Lions Club to Hold Chili Cook-Off The Lititz Lions Club will host its popular Annual Chili Cook-Off on February 21, 2026 at the Lititz Elementary School

The Paradise Township Lions Club was in service this past Saturday assisting in the Thanksgiving Day Meal food distribution. The food was given out by the Factory Ministry. Each recipient received all of the staples to have a traditional Thanksgiving Meal. The club members assisted in picking up food from various donors and handing the food out. The Lions Club donated 125 pumpkin pies.



"The Warwick Area Lions Club helped to serve at the Lancaster County Chooses Love food pantry the night before Thanksgiving where we were able to serve over 150 food insecure families"

