

## A Message from District Governor Steve Lowe

Hello Lions! I hope that everyone is staying warm and safe with the definite shift to winter weather that we have been experiencing. As I write this, we have over 12 inches of snow that fell between around 3 am on Sunday morning and 1 am Monday morning. It certainly made for an interesting drive to work for me!

Last month, I touched briefly on planning for the future. I would like to expand on that a little this month. As we are working our way toward late Spring and the end of the Lionistic Year, it is time that we start looking at the long-term viability of our clubs in order to serve our communities effectively, not just for the next few years, but well into the next generation and beyond. When we do a little something called "Succession Planning," we are setting ourselves, as well as our next generation of Lions up for success. We are laying the foundation and drawing the blueprint for the health of our clubs. Too many clubs don't make it to a 10, 20, 50, or 100-year celebration. The road of Lionism is littered with clubs that opened their doors but then closed them prematurely.



How do we keep this from happening to OUR clubs? We participate intentionally by stepping up and taking a leadership role within our clubs. As leaders, we need to always be forward-thinking by recruiting club members to fill the positions within our clubs. Additionally, we should strive to have someone to back them up, learning what needs to be done for when the time comes that they take over the position. THIS is succession planning and it helps to keep our clubs running smoothly and doesn't leave a leadership void that we rush to fill with "a warm body". Too many of our clubs are missing people in these leadership positions – Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Vice President, Board Member. Positions such as Membership Chair, LCIF Chair, and Service Chair should also be filled and have back-ups ready to step in when needed.

How do we accomplish this? Sit down as a club or at a Board of Directors meeting and have an open and honest discussion about where you want the club to be in 5 years. Put these goals down on paper and as a group commit to reaching them. Make them SMART goals: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time Bound. Also, consider doing the Club Quality Initiative, which can be found on the Lions International website in the Members Resource Section under Membership>>>Club Quality Initiative. Read about it and give it a shot. We grow when we are honest with each other and ourselves. Don't just go through the motions. Make a personal commitment to strengthen our clubs.

I hope that as we move toward Spring, each of you take a minute to think about what you can do to help your club achieve it's goals. I do every single day.

My District Governor Official Visit Calendar for February & Early March:

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>: Denver Lions Club

Feb 5<sup>th</sup>: Ephrata Lions Club

Feb 8<sup>th</sup>: District Cabinet Meeting #4 @ Samuel United Methodist Church Lititz PA

Feb 9<sup>th</sup>: Warwick Area Lions Club

Feb 10<sup>th</sup>: New Holland Lions Club

Feb 14<sup>th</sup>: Spring Leadership Symposium, Harrisburg PA at the State Office

Feb 17<sup>th</sup>: Schoeneck Area Lions Club

Feb 26<sup>th</sup>: Baron Steigel Lions Club

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> : District 14 D Bowling Tournament 222 Dutch Lanes Ephrata

Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>: Heidleburg Lioness Lions Club

Mar 5<sup>th</sup>: Lancaster-Lebanon Disaster Relief Lions Club

Mar 10<sup>th</sup>: Christiana Lions Club

In Lionism,

DG Steve

## Message from the 1st Vice District Governor Craig Merkey

Happy Groundhog Day Lions,

write this as it is snowing, so I'm not even sure if the groundhog can find his way out of the hole! The good thing is we will soon be out and serving in the community again.

Here are a few of the upcoming district events: District Cabinet Meeting – February 8, District Bowling Tournament – March 1, Melvin Jones Breakfast – March 14, Presidents' Honor Night – April 17, District Convention – April 18!

With our State VDG training complete, and District Governor training begins on February 2 for me online, so February will be a busy month as we have training on Mondays and Thursdays.

In the last 2 months I know 2 people that have been scammed and thought I would write about this to help others not let their guard down. Just like all the emails that come from district officers that ask you to help us take care of business, we will never ask you to get us gift cards since the treasurer is busy and can't help us. The key to checking to see if the email is legit, look at the sender's email address. You can verify emails in the district directory. But remember, we won't ask you for gift cards, we won't ask you to transfer money through some online money service, like Venmo, Zelle, Bitcoin or other.

These people are slick, they tell you not to tell anyone since this is a secret, they also try to get your personal information and even want you to go to the bank to get money out and send via wire transfer. Sometimes they tell you that you have a credit and they just need your information so they can credit it back to you. Then when you give them your information they "accidentally" send you too much and insist that you now must return it to them. Being the honest people, we are, of course we would return it, but that is WHERE THEY GET YOU!

One person went to the bank because they were confused and the bank assisted them to hang up and change passwords and accounts immediately. The other person clicked on a link from "their financial advisor" and did not check the email and it was a scam. When they clicked on the link, their computer had all the bells and whistles go off with the Windows blue screen of death with a phone number to call and they called the number. When this happens turn off your computer and restart it. Do not click on that link in the email again. Delete the email. When you call the number they want to connect to your computer to fix the "fake issue." Once you let them connect they have access to everything you have on your computer, your bank info if you save it (Don't save it on your computer), then they tell you they need to update windows and put a fake screen only you see, while they search your computer for accounts, passwords, etc.

Please be vigilant and be careful as you open emails, please don't fall into these scams, they take so much time to set everything up and create new passwords for EVERYTHING. You really don't know how many passwords you have until you have to recreate them all. I can tell you I spent many hours helping clean everything up. I would add that if you have any question if it is legit, please call your bank. They are seeing these things everyday!

Craig Merkey  
1st Vice-District Governor



## Message from the 2nd Vice District Governor Pat Benson

Hello Lions!

I am writing this newsletter article while watching the snow and listening to the sleet hit my window, Yuck. I am not a fan of winter; I don't like snow and being cold. With that said, I still had a great January and am learning about Lions and Leadership.

I completed our Vice District Governor training in January and have learned so much. Some of the highlights of the classes were the sessions on Listening to understand, decision making, growing membership, Technology, LCIF, Finance and Constitutional By Laws and AI. I am going to make one of my goals be that I learn more about the importance of LCIF and how we benefit from our personal and club donations to LCIF and grant opportunities for our District. I also was not a fan of AI before, but now I am. This class was eye opening and I now am using it and excited to see what else I can do with it.

I also want to say Thank You to IPDG Deb Keeports, for inviting me to attend the Lebanon Lions Club meeting. She was visiting to present some awards, and I got to meet many of the Club members. In chatting with some of the members I learned a lot about their service to Vision Corps and screening, and about Shuey's pretzels. Thank you, Eric, Tim and club members, for the hospitality and the gift, you have a fun club.

Let me know if I can help you with Membership or Service ideas for your club, I am here for you.

Thanks for all you do, We Serve!

Second Vice District Governor

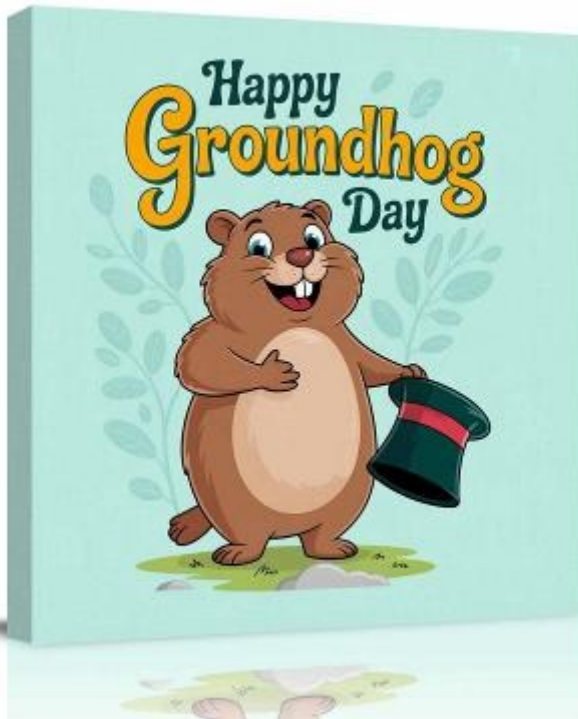
Pat Benson



**Memoriam**

James G Greiner  
Theodore E Andrews

Bareville Leola Leacock  
East Petersburg - Landisville



**HAPPY VALENTINE DAY!**

**NEW MEMBERS**

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Ronald Patterson	Christiana Lions	James Groff
Filiz Sinsheimer	Christiana Lions	James Groff
Michael H. Sinsheime	Christiana Lions	James Groff
Abbey R Hershey	East Petersburg-Landisville	Diane Daffin
Tracy Hagens	Lancaster-Lebanon	Disaster Relief
Douglas S Penvose	Mount Joy	Carl Spellman
Jon Erin Soost	Wilshire Hills	John Soost

**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](mailto:anitagordonpalmer@gmail.com) Thank you! Lion Anita Gordon-Palmer**





## DISTRICT 14-D CABINET MEETING

**Hosted by: Region IV**  
**Zone A & B Chair: Michelle Musumeci**

**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, February 8, 2026**  
**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 IV would be appreciated.**

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

Lion Michelle Musumeci  
**michelle@jmmarketingconsultants.com**  
717-575-8973



# 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***

**Presenter: Lion Dave Husser**

***Marketing – “On a Budget”***

**Presenter: Second Vice District Governor Ray Highlands**

***Service Projects: Connecting with Community***

**Presenter: Immediate Past District Governor Deb Keeperts**

***Team Building/Partnering: We Serve Together***

**Presenter: Past District Governor Dick Sware**

***FREE & OPEN to all MD-14 Lions***

To register, please contact PDG Bill Grager at

[bilbomzk@gmail.com](mailto:bilbomzk@gmail.com) or call (717)615-1974



**Space is Limited!**



***Empowerment is the key to success!***



## 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](mailto: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**

This scholarship is intended for the children/grandchildren of Lions 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                      or                      a member of a Leo Club

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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
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**\*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.



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**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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YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

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APPLICATION 2025-2026 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR**



⇒ 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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- ⇒ 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).

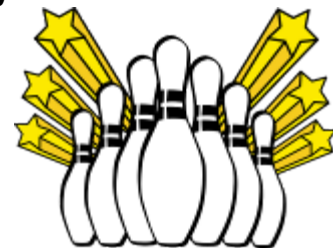
**CHECK LIST FOR RETURNING YOUR  
COMPLETED LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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**

## 50th Annual District 14-D Bowling Tournament Entry Form

March 1, 2026 @ 222 Dutch Lanes, Akron, PA



Cost: \$14.00 per person \$70.00 per team - Scratch & Handicap

Squad Time: **Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 1 p.m.**

Eligibility: Any combination of 5 person teams. You don't have to be a member of a Lions, Lioness or Leo Club to participate. Invite a friend or a prospect!

Average: All league bowlers will use their highest current average. If no average is available for this season, use highest league average for 2022-2023 season.  
If no established average, use 150 for Men and 120 for Women.

Handicap: Handicap will be based on 80% of the difference of your entry average and a base of 200.

Attention: **All teams should arrive at least 15 minutes before starting time.**

Questions? Lion Chester Stoltzfoos (717) 278-7372 OR lionchetstoltzfoos@aol.com

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First Received = First Reserved

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Men's Team \_\_\_\_\_ Ladies' Team \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Team \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Avg.

Phone

Team Captain: 1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

\$70.00 check to DISTRICT 14-D LIONS must accompany entry form!

Send entry form and check to: Lion Chester Stoltzfoos, 38 N Eastland Dr., Lancaster, Pa. 17602

### 46th Annual District 14-D Bowling Tournament Pledge Sheet

When? Sunday, March 1, 2026 @ 1 p.m.      Where? 222 Dutch Lanes, Akron, PA

Why? To raise \$\$\$ for District 14-D projects such as Diabetes Research, Hearing, Sight  
Projects, etc.

How? SPONSORS, SPONSORS and more SPONSORS! Sign up as many people as possible prior to bowling  
in the tournament. A sponsor is anyone willing to pledge \$.01 or more for every pin you score in  
3 games. After bowling, go back & collect from your sponsors; mailing one check for total pledge  
amounts to: Lion Chester Stoltzfoos, 38 N Eastland Dr., Lancaster, PA 17602

### PLEDGE SHEETS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2026

*YOU MAY SPONSOR YOURSELF!* Fill in sponsor form below & turn in one check after bowling.

Bowler's Name & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Name &amp; Phone</u>	<u>Amt. Pledged</u>	<u>3 Game Total</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>	<u>Amt. Paid</u>
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
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6. _____				
7. _____				
8. _____				
9. _____				
10. _____				

MORE SPONSORS? Good for you! Continue listing on back of sheet!

# Leading The Way

February 2026

Leader Dogs for the Blind – Lions Newsletter

(Photo 1 description: A yellow Labrador in Leader Dog harness lays down next to a bench with a vintage Leader Dog logo.)

Each year, we set a fundraising goal for our partnership with Lions. Reaching this goal helps continue the Lions legacy of supporting vision through Leader Dogs for the Blind. We reached the midpoint of the fiscal year, and the months ahead are critical. Together, we have a real opportunity to accelerate toward our \$2.5 million goal.

Can you help us reach our goal? Giving options are on the Ways to Give page of our website. If you would like to make a personal gift, please include your Lions Club so we can recognize your gift as a Lions gift

.Vision Activity for Convention Season

Convention season is here! Between February and May, the Lions team and a few Leader Dog clients will join you at dozens of Lions conventions across North America. Conventions are an important opportunity for Lions to gather, celebrate our impact in our communities, and educate each other on the causes we support.

We outlined an activity you may be interested in bringing to your convention or your club meeting. It allows participants to experience first-hand the importance of vision for orientation in space, and how quickly those with low vision can become disoriented without support like Leader Dog's Orientation & Mobility program.

Lion Christie Boyer of New Mexico serves as Leader Dog Chair in District 40, and she designed this activity for district leadership with great feedback. Participants said, "It was fast, furious, and fun." Get an activity guide for this activity and

order blindfolds on the Lions Club Resources page of our website.

(Photo 2 description: Leader Dog Chair Christie Boyer gives directions to two men in Lions vests with paper blindfolds on.)

Lion Melissa Weisse Honored as a Melvin Jones Fellow

(Photo 3 description: Leader Dog Client Lion Karen Burke speaks at an event from a stage. Lion Melissa Weisse stands next to her with an award in hand, and six members of the Royal Oak Lions Club stand behind them.)

In December, the Royal Oak Lions Club of Michigan recognized Lion Melissa Weisse, President and CEO of Leader Dogs for the Blind, with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. They presented the award in front of an audience of more than 200 Lions from Michigan and Ontario, underscoring how

deeply Melissa's leadership and mission-driven dedication resonate across the Lions community.

For more than 20 years, Lion Melissa has been a fierce advocate for the blind and low vision community. "Melissa exemplifies the heart of Lionism and demonstrates a commitment to dedicated humanitarian service—the basic principle of being a Melvin Jones Fellow," said Lion Laura Mastracci, President of the Royal Oak Lions Club. "We were privileged to bestow this honor on Melissa for the compassionate, hard-working Lion that she is."

Lion Karen Burke, a Leader Dog client, shared her perspective: "Melissa knows what she stands for, which is to serve. Not only is she a Lion, but she's also very persistent in making sure that clients are served at Leader Dog. She listens to what we share and looks for ideas to improve our experience when we come for a program."

Melissa expressed her deep appreciation for the recognition, saying, "To be awarded this by Lions who do so much good in this world is incredibly meaningful to me. I am proud to be a longtime Lion and to partner with Lions every day to advocate for people who are blind and to support the critical work of Lions globally."

Mission Moment

"When you lose your vision, you lose your independence, and that was the hardest thing. Leader Dog Timber will make it a little easier to keep going. I've never been a very emotional person, but meeting Leader Dog Timber was emotional. It was this overwhelming happiness and feeling that this is going to work out. It's a hard feeling to describe. It's not just having a companion but thinking about our life together." Rich, Guide Dog Client from Michigan, pictured with Leader Dog Timber

(Photo 4 description: Guide Dog Client Rich smiles and sits next to yellow Labrador retriever Leader Dog Timber in harness. They are in front of a fall backdrop.)

(Footer description: left-to-right, a blue Leader Dogs for the Blind logo, LeaderDog.org, [LionsSupport@leaderdog.org](mailto:LionsSupport@leaderdog.org), a blue Lions International logo)



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### Mission Moment

**"When you lose your vision, you lose your independence, and that was the hardest thing. Leader Dog Timber will make it a little easier to keep going."**

**I've never been a very emotional person, but meeting Leader Dog Timber was emotional. It was this overwhelming happiness and feeling that this is going to work out. It's a hard feeling to describe. It's not just having a companion but thinking about our life together."**



Rich, Guide Dog Client from Michigan, pictured with Leader Dog Timber



# *Akron Lions Club* *Spaghetti* *Dinner*



**Sunday, February 1st, 2026**

**11 am till Sold Out**

**Akron Fire Hall**

**Adults: \$12.00**

**Children (6-12): \$7.00**

**Children Under 6 are Free**

# EAST PETERSBURG-LANDISVILLE LIONS CLUB'S

## All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 4-7PM**

**East Petersburg Mennonite Church  
6279 Main St, East Petersburg, PA  
17520**

**ADULTS: \$12.00**

**CHILDREN: (6-12 yrs) \$6.00, (5 & under) Free**

### TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

#### **Options:**

- Regular meat sauce
- Spicy Meat Sauce
- Sauce with ground turkey
- Meatless Sauce

### Gluten Free pasta available

- Salad Mix
- Garlic and Plain Bread
- Desserts *(brought to you by Geneva Bakery)*

### HOW TO BUY TICKETS:

Purchase tickets at the door.

**OR**

Purchase online:







## **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.

# Rich Gerfin Memorial Pancake Breakfast



*"It's for the kids"*



## Saturday, Feb. 14

7:00 - 10:00 am

Columbia Church

510 Walnut St.

Columbia

Tickets are \$7 at Littles Beverage, 1224 Lancaster Ave.

Or email [info@columbialions.org](mailto:info@columbialions.org).

# Lititz Lions Club

# CHILI

# COOK-OFF

# FEBRUARY 21

Warm up during Fire and Ice and come to the Lititz Lions Club Chili Cook-off. Whether you're a chili connoisseur or just love a good bowl of comfort food, this event is perfect for everyone. Come taste a variety of chili recipes and vote for your favorite! See you at the Chili Cook-off!

**Lititz Elementary School**

**Two Sessions:**

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

**\$15 for Adults over 12**

**\$7 for children under 12**

(children tickets are available at the door)

**No Refunds**

*Through your support, we are able to provide financial and services to our community. We thank you for your donation.*

**Register Here**







SHARE YOUR  
LUCKY CHARM.

Give blood for those in need.



**Community Blood Drive**  
**Columbia Borough**  
**Fire Department**

Bingo Hall  
726 Manor Street  
Columbia, PA 17512

**Monday, March 2, 2026**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

SPONSORED BY COLUMBIA LIONS CLUB AND ELKS

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

Help save lives and empower your health! In March, successful donations get free A1C testing (1 result per calendar year). Plus, come to give March 1-31 and get a \$15 Amazon Gift Card by email. See [rcblood.org/March](https://rcblood.org/March) for details.



Scan to be directed to  
RapidPass®



**All Presenting Donors March 1-17, 2026, Will Receive An  
American Red Cross St. Patrick's Day T-Shirt - While  
Supplies Last.**



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**East Cocalico Lions**



With **Fries** Or **Baked**  
**Potato & Coleslaw**

**Drive Thru At Reamstown Park**

**March 13  
& March 27**

**HOURS:**  
**3:00-6:00 PM**





THE EPHRATA LIONS CLUB  
PRESENTS THE 46TH ANNUAL

# Sports Card Show & Auction

THE EPHRATA RECREATION CENTER  
130 S. ACADEMY DRIVE, EPHRATA, PA 17522

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026**  
**8:30 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

Autograph session 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring former Penn State, Washington Redskins and New York Giants linebacker LaVar Arrington. Lavar's appearance is sponsored by Keystone State Sports, Kinetic, Lester R. Summers, Inc. and White, Rudy, LLC.

Autographs are \$35 each for flats (cards, photographs, programs, etc.) and mini helmets; and all other items are \$45 each. Only 250 to be sold at the door, starting at 8:30 a.m.. Autograph sales will stop at 12:30 p.m. Must be in line for autographs by 12:45 p.m. No mail orders or advanced tickets accepted. Limit of 2 autographs per person



## ADMISSION

Adults \$7.00

Students 10 and under -  
\$2.00

**SILENT  
AUCTION**  
ends at 1:30 p.m.

A Quality Auction will begin at approximately 2:30 p.m. featuring cards, complete sets, publications, autographs, photographs and other memorabilia. Auctioneer, David F. Birmingham, AU-2127-L

*We also have a separate online-only auction of sports memorabilia, run by Pannebecker and Wolf Auctioneers, Inc. at <https://pannebeckerwolf.hibid.com>. The online auction will run from Monday, March 23, until Friday, April 10. All details will be posted on the Pannebecker and Wolf auction site.*



Visit our web page for auction items at:  
<http://ephratalions.org/cardshow.html>

For more information contact:

Jack Fomey, 1119 W. Main Street, Ephrata, PA 17522 717-314-0962

Brad Lauderman, 1015 Dawn Avenue, Ephrata, PA 17522 717-471-3968

Email: [cardshow@ephratalions.org](mailto:cardshow@ephratalions.org)





# DINNER IN THE DARK

*hosted by the*  
**LITITZ LIONS CLUB**

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**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](mailto:clairmeghan2@gmail.com) or 717-668-9239**







ephratalions.org

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  
[alauscha@faulknercollision.com](mailto:alauscha@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.





# 2026 Pa State Council of Lions Clubs

## 103<sup>rd</sup> State Convention May 14-17, 2026

**Ads submission Deadline is Monday, April 14, 2026**

**Email: [palionsconvention2026@gmail.com](mailto: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. \_\_\_\_\_



## **103<sup>rd</sup> 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





**103<sup>rd</sup> 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**



## LIONS BASKET RAFFLE EXTRAVAGANZA

PA LIONS STATE  
CONVENTION MAY 14-17



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:liondavebarrett@gmail.com)

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



**Columbia Lions Christmas Food box project.**

Each food box includes a turkey, mashed potatoes, butter, milk, eggs, cereal, fruit and vegetables—everything needed to provide a nourishing holiday meal for families who need it most. Hundreds of volunteers in western Lancaster County came together to share the spirit of the season on December 21, delivering 600 Christmas food boxes to families in need. Student athletes from Columbia High School, volunteer firefighters, police officers, local business owners and caring neighbors all stepped forward. For more than 25 years, the Columbia Pa Lions Club and the Sunsnappers Club, supported by generous donations from local businesses and individuals, have worked to bring Christmas joy to families throughout Columbia, Marietta, Wrightsville and surrounding communities





**Columbia Lions Club's senior meals delivery project.**

**More than 100 volunteers — including student athletes from Columbia Borough School District and Hempfield School District — came together on December 28 to prepare and deliver 440 turkey and ham dinners to seniors citizens in need. A heartfelt thank you to the Foresters of America, Columbia Pa Lions Club and Sunsnappers, for making these nutritious meals possible. Your generosity reached residents of: St. Peter Apartments, Trinity House Apartments. Our Home of Hope, Faith Friendship, Hershey Mill Home, Landisville Apartments. Sylvan Retreat Apartments and Marietta Senior Apartments**





Our 2025 Heidelberg Lions Scholarship winners! Minus one.



**3 new members were inducted last night at our monthly meeting. Please welcome them. Left to right: Lion Jim Groff Sponsor for Lion Mike Sinsheimer and Filiz Sinsheimer, Lion Ron Patterson, Sponsor Lion Lou Bond, President Lion Jeff Rowe and Secretary Lion Walt Crellin**



The Millersville Lioness Lions club has been busy this winter. We participated in the Millersville Santa Comes to Town event on Dec 6. This event is sponsored by the Millersville Business Assoc and provides an opportunity for children to come and visit with Santa. The club gave out approximately 123 hats, gloves and scarves so children will be warm this winter.



One of our long standing community events is our flower/cookie project. We obtain names from Millersville Area Meals on Wheels and deliver a beautiful poinsettia, a bag of cookies, two oranges and a handmade craft item to each client. We delivered to 55 people starting on Dec 18. This is such a great project because the people are so happy to receive these items, especially the cookies! They are always so surprised when they realize that there is no cost for these items. We thank the Millersville Lions club for assisting with the project by paying for the flowers.





The Mount Joy Lions Club completed a service project on 1/8/26 by providing 100 bags filled with food and snacks to be distributed to the clients of DSAA (Donegal Substance Abuse Alliance). We also included encouraging cards signed by the club members. This event was part of our Lions District-wide "Hunger Service Project week".

