

A Message from District Governor Steve Lowe

Hello Lions!

I hope that everyone is gearing up for another wonderful Lionistic Year! Let's all work to ensure that we are setting club goals high and really stretching ourselves to meet them. When setting goals for your clubs, make sure that you address the three areas that keep our clubs relevant and moving along: Membership, Service, and Leadership. Without any of the three of them, things don't work very well at all.

We will be holding our District Club Officer Training on Tuesday, June 16th at Samuel United Methodist Church in Lititz, PA. The event kicks off at 6:30PM. This training is for all Presidents (and vice presidents are welcome), Secretaries, and Treasurers at the club level. It is designed for both the beginner as well as those who are more seasoned.

It will cover a lot of information, and will allow leaders to speak with the other club leaders from around the district to get ideas, network, and help to build relationships. I HIGHLY recommend this training for all of our club officers throughout the district. Please reach out to PDG Dick Sware (email: rms-ware@icloud.com) for more information and to get registered.



It is very possible that by the time this newsletter goes out, the meeting of our Past District Governors will have been held. It is scheduled for June 2nd, 2026 to decide on a name to forward to the International Board of Directors for approval and appointment as our next District Governor as well as the Multiple District 14 Council Chair for the 2027-2028 Lionistic Year. An announcement will be sent out to the district once that person is named and sent to LCI.

DGE Craig Merkey's motto for the upcoming year was Serving The Road Less Travelled. To honor that motto, I challenge each of our clubs to come up with a new service project that is something that your club has never done before and outside of your comfort zone. It doesn't have to be elaborate. Make it your own, and let's ALL honor DGE Craig's memory and legacy by making sure that we are all Serving The Road Less Traveled.

We recently returned from the State Convention in Indiana, PA. While there, we finished up some of the state business that was still outstanding. We also took the time to honor those incoming District Governor Elects from around the state, as well as others who had been nominated for a Presidential Medal. We were able to celebrate the many successes that have occurred over the past year within the state of Pennsylvania.

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful Spring!

In Lionism,

DG Steve Lowe

Message from the 2nd Vice District Governor Pat Benson

Hello Lions

I can't believe this is my last month serving as your Second Vice District Governor and will be moving to First Vice District Governor very soon. I really enjoyed this year getting to attend 4 out of 5 Region Rallies and some club visits. I look forward to visiting a lot more clubs this year and learning about your activities and how I can help your club grow.

Membership will still be our focus next year, I know we all want new members to join our clubs so we can give back and serve our communities the way Lions do. Great job for the clubs who have increased their membership and please share your success and ideas to your fellow Lions clubs, we are in this together.

Our District has a few leadership positions we are working on filling, if you would like more information please reach out to us and we can give you all the information and training you will need to be successful. This is such a great opportunity and very gratifying to serve.

Thank you to DG Steve and PDG Deb for guiding me this year and sharing your knowledge and experience and some good laughs. I also must thank VDG Craig for his friendship and guidance. I only really got to know FVDG Craig this year, we sat next to each other at the Rallies and meetings and we just clicked. I know we would have made an awesome team with his Leadership. I will do everything I can to honor Craig this year as this should have been his to enjoy. Rest in Peace my friend and keep your eye on us as we celebrate your year.

Pat Benson

First Vice District Governor Elect



Memoriam

**NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.
WILL BE PROVIDED NEXT MONTH**

NEW MEMBERS

New Member

Club

Sponsor

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



DISTRICT 14-D CABINET MEETING

Hosted by: Region V
Zone A & B Chair: George H. Darling 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, June 7, 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 V would be appreciated.

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

Lion George H. Darling Jr.
george_darling@comcast.net
717-869-2501

Please join us at
 The Penn State Hershey
 Medical Center
 University Conference
 Center
 500 University Drive,
 Hershey,
 Pennsylvania
 on
 Saturday,
 October 24, 2026

Any questions or concerns,
 please contact Karen Minick at
 (717) 531-8783 or via
 email at
 kminick@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

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 E-mail: kminick@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

**2026 Annual Research
 Seminar of the Pennsylvania
 Lions Sight Conservation &
 Eye Research Foundation**



Saturday October 24, 2026
 Continental Breakfast to
 begin at
 8:00 AM

Meeting begins promptly at
 9:00 AM

Located at:
 The Penn State Hershey
 Medical Center
 500 University Drive
 University Conference
 Center
 Hershey, PA 17033

Schedule

- 8:00-9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-9:20 AM Opening Remarks
- 9:20-10:20 AM Presentations
- 10:20-10:40 AM Coffee Break
- 10:40-11:40 AM Presentations
- 11:40-12:00 PM Closing Remarks
- 12:00-1:30 PM Lunch and Conversation



From the main Penn State Hershey entrance:

- Follow Governor Road/RL 322 West for 0.4 miles.
- Turn left at the first traffic light onto Bullfrog Valley Road.
- Travel 0.4 miles and turn left at the first traffic light onto Life Lion Drive.
- Follow Life Lion Drive to the first stop sign.
- Turn left on Campus Drive.
- The University Fitness and Conference Center building will be on your left (#16 on the map), with parking on the West and South sides of the building; turn left off Campus Drive at the UCC Parking sign.

OR

- After turning on University Drive, you will come to a stop sign and take a right on to Campus Drive. Stay on Campus Drive until you see University Fitness Center sign and turn right and follow sign to Conference Center Parking Lot.

Registration Form

First Name _____
 Last Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone: _____
 Fax: _____
 Email Address: _____

Registration is FREE.

Please send completed registration form

to Karen Minick by

Friday, October 9, 2026 at

Penn State M.S. Hershey

Medical Center,

Dept. of Ophthalmology, HU19

500 University Drive,

Hershey, PA 17033-0850

or

Email it to: kminick@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

or

Fax it to: (717) 531-5475

If you have any questions, please call

Karen at (717) 531-8783.

CHRISTIANA LIONS CHICKEN BARBEQUE

FUND RAISER

COOK RANDY YODER

WHEN: JUNE 20TH

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



East Cocalico Lions Club 33rd Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Fairview Golf Course

2399 Quentin Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

Tee Off Time is 7:30 AM

Lunch to follow at Pavillion

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

(Vegan meals available with advance notice)

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





RESERVATION FORM
33RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY
EAST COCALICO LIONS CLUB



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

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

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

LIMITED TO FIRST 144 GOLFERS
MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATION

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

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

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded during dinner

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

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

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

PLEASE DETACH HERE

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

(1) Name of Captain: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	(3) Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
(2) Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	(4) Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

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



AKRON LION'S CLUB & AXLE SNAPPERS CAR CLUB

PRESENT:

The 27th Annual Akron Day in the Park & Car Show
Roland Park Saturday June 13th 11:00am - 3:00pm

FOOD- FUN-FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Special Events:

Free Bingo 12:00 - 3:00

(large pavilion)

Candy Scatter 1:00

(hill behind large pavilion)
(near pine trees)

Swartz Petting Zoo 12:00-2:00

(near play ground)

Bounce House all day

Kiddy Train Ride all day

Music by: Adriano all day

Face Painting and Balloon designs

Please bring a nonperishable food item for a food drive to benefit
Ephrata Area Social Services (EASS).

This day is made possible through the cooperative effort of Akron Lions Club, Akron Borough and our sponsors: Berlanco Insurance Co.; Bobcat of Lancaster, Carl Eshelman Tax Services, Double Insurance Agency, Ephrata National Bank, Harding & Yost Insurance, Good's Disposal, Stradling Funeral Home, State Farm Flomerfelt Agency, T. Glenn Horst Enterprise and The MarionRutt.com Team., Bumpers Auto Body, Rank Plumbing, and Park Place Automotive.

Participants Requested For The
Lititz Lions Club July 4th Patriotic Parade
Saturday, July 4 11AM Downtown Lititz



We Need Musical Groups!



**Marching Bands or Smaller Musical Groups On Floats
Or Pickup Trucks Are Needed For Our Parade!**

Parade route is 1-mile long through downtown Lititz with thousands of spectators and provides great exposure and publicity for your musical group!

Celebrate July 4th and our Nation's 250th Birthday!

Are you a new musical group looking for exposure? Are you an experienced musical group looking for gigs? We offer no compensation but you will be exposed to thousands of spectators along the parade route.

- *Display your name on your truck or float and/or hand out information along the route.*
- *If you have a sponsor you can display and carry your own banner.*

**To Enter A Band or Music Group, Contact:
Aimee Taylor Email: aimeetaylor01@gmail.com**



Manheim Township Lions Club



**Date: Saturday June 20, 2026
10 AM - 2 PM or Sold Out**

**Dinner Includes: Half Chicken, Baked Potato,
Roll/butter and Applesauce
and Water**

**Cost: \$15 for Dinner or
\$8 Half Chicken Only**

**NEW LOCATION: St. Peters Lutheran Church
Parking Lot. Corners of Lititz Pike and Delp road**





Denver Lions Club
Chartered 1926

DENVER LIONS CLUB 100th Anniversary Celebration

Date: Saturday, June 20th, 2026

Location: Fox Chase Golf Club 300 Stevens Rd., Stevens PA 17578.

Doors Open at 5:30pm • Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres available.

Dinner served at 6:30pm

Join us for Fun, Fellowship and a History of the Denver Lions Club.

Happy Hour and Dinner Music provided by Ben Mauger Vintage Jazz Band

Please complete the reservation form on page 2 and return with payment as soon as possible.

Because we expect a sell-out event, tickets will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Our available seating is only 100.

Make checks payable to Denver Lions Club.

Up to 8 people can be seated at each table.

RESERVATIONS (see page 2)

DENVER LIONS CLUB 100th Anniversary Celebration
Reservation form

Make checks payable to DENVER LIONS CLUB,

____ reservations @ \$50 per person = \$ _____ Reservation deadline is May 30th, 2026

If you require a vegetarian meal, place a "V" next to the person's name.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

____ Seat me/us with other Lions. I/We request _____ vegetarian meal(s)
I/We wish to be seated with my club, the _____ Lions Club.

Please list the names of your Lion members and guests below.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____ 8. _____

Mail reservations payments to:

Dennis Worley
9 Meadowlark Dr.
Stevens, PA 17578



LEADING THE WAY



Leader Dogs for the Blind & Lions Newsletter

June 2026



Congratulations on another year of Lionism! This year, Lions banded together to support efforts for the cause of vision. Lions spread the Leader Dog mission in their communities, helped clients complete their applications and donated to drive our programs forward. At Leader Dog, we launched a new website with advanced accessibility, piloted new programs to increase the impact of our services worldwide and committed to a future providing holistic services to those who are blind and low vision. We hosted more than 150 Lions leaders for Summer Visits, traveled to more than 30 Lions conventions and club visits, and met **thousands of Lions who are passionate about serving the cause of vision as knights of the blind.**



Lion Gordon & Leader Dog Bruce of Oklahoma

Lion Gordon became a Lion after learning about them when he received his first Leader Dog. A veteran, he loves to kayak, fish, and hike. "I lost vision later in life and had to work hard to find safe ways to do things without vision. With Leader Dog Bruce, I'll be more mobile than I have been since my last Leader Dog passed." When asked about Leader Dog Bruce, Lion Gordon shared, "he looks like he's been left in the toaster too long."

Lion May & Leader Dog Monte of Michigan

Lion May is a competitive athlete. She plays blind cricket for the US Women's National Team and loves sky diving. "Monte is my third Leader Dog and, no offense to the other two, but he's already become my favorite... He's very cautious, he will slow down for cracks or twigs in the road. And he definitely eats like a lab; he loves food."



LeaderDog.org | LionsSupport@leaderdog.org



Lions International

Lion Charity of Georgia

Lion Charity has worked with a few Leader Dogs and applied for her next match. In the meantime, she attended the Orientation & Mobility program at Leader Dog to strengthen her cane skills. "Previously I had only traveled during daylight hours unless I had a Leader Dog with me. I know now, when I get my next Leader Dog, that I will be able to make a decision to leave my dog at home for certain events and can instead choose my cane if it is a more reasonable option. I've learned that the cane is not a 'lesser substitute' for a dog, but rather a different option. **It's a new tool in my ever-expanding toolbox for my independence.**"



Share Your Story at Community Events This Summer

By Lion Jess VandenBoom, Manager of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement (Western United States and Canada), pictured on the right with her club.

Lions are gearing up for summer! With more community events, **summer is a perfect opportunity to share the story of Lionism with our neighbors.** My club, the St. Clair Shores Lions Club, sets up a table and a craft at community events each summer.

When people donate glasses and include the case, our Lions members clean and display them at community events. We invite people to take home a case, and we encourage children to use some art supplies to decorate their own to use as a toy or purse. While they're browsing, we can tell the story of Lions and Leader Dog, talk about our other service projects, and encourage our neighbors to get involved.

We display Lions club flyers and Leader Dog brochures so it's easy for people to learn more and sign up to help. **Leader Dog's programs are free to those who need them, and Lions help get the word out.** Go to LeaderDog.org/request-materials/ to request free brochures to share with those who may need support near you.



Service in Action: A Big Thank-You to Our Mount Joy Lions!

Thank you, thank you to the incredible members of the Mount Joy Lions Club who rolled up their sleeves to help get our grounds ready for the upcoming season! With teamwork and dedication, dry leaves were gathered and hauled away, weeds were pulled, and shrubs were trimmed—and the results look fantastic.

Laurie, Steve, Doug P., John, and Doug R. (pictured below, left to right) braved the forecast and pitched in before the rain on Saturday, April 25, and Doug also joined Tim and Mary (not pictured) on the Friday before to make sure everything got done. We truly appreciate every one of you for your time, energy, and community spirit!

The Mount Joy Lions Club is a volunteer service organization made up of neighbors helping neighbors. Their members work together to support local nonprofits, with the goal of improving quality of life through hands-on service and civic engagement.

Did you know? The Mount Joy Lions have a blue box (an old U.S. mailbox!) on our front porch where the community can donate used eyeglasses and sunglasses. These glasses are cleaned, sorted, and shipped to missions around the world, where they're given free to people in need. The Lions also generously provided the bench on our front porch—made from recycled plastic grocery bags. It takes 1,000 pounds of plastic bags to create just one bench! We are also looking forward to their help with our upcoming used book sale in June.

We're so grateful to the Mount Joy Lions Club for all they do for our community—on our grounds and far beyond.



Help Us Bridge the Funding Gap - Together We Can Help the Library

Each year, the Library reaches out to our community for support—something we never take lightly. We know how many important causes compete for your attention, and we are deeply grateful for the generosity you've shown us in the past. Your support has helped us remain a welcoming, safe, and vibrant place where people of all ages can learn, connect, and grow.

Mount Joy Lions “Stop the Bleed presentation from MESA “

