

**A Message from District Governor Steve Lowe**

Hello fellow Lions! It has been a very busy month of September. I visited several clubs, did a good amount of service, and attended the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Atlantic City, NJ! Along with several other Pennsylvania Lions, I received a degree from Lions University while I was there, which is earned by taking Lions related classes through Lions University. Please reach out to me if you are interested in this program. I received my Bachelors in Lionism, while our ZC/RC for Region II, Ellen Pruden, received both her Bachelors AND Masters in Lionism. Congrats, Lion Ellen!



This month, I want to talk about forming partnerships both within and outside of Lions. As many clubs are fighting to increase their membership, they find that they are not able to do the amount of service that they previously were able to do due to attrition, and members aging out of being able to help with the more active projects. By forming partnerships, this allows two or more smaller clubs to pool their resources and everyone reaps the benefits of it. Since all Lions clubs are focused on “We Serve” aligning goals and organizational focus aren’t an issue. But what about when we look outside of Lions to partner with someone? We have to ensure that both entities are focusing on the same goal and have similar aims. The upside to these partnerships are: increased manpower, reciprocal consideration when your club is asking for help with a project, shared revenue (assuming that this is a negotiated item), and increased presence in your community. I encourage each club in our district to try this out: find another Lions Club close to yours and see if they need help with an upcoming service project or fund raiser. Take as many of your club as you can to help out. The crazy thing about this is that you and your club are more than likely to come home with not only a full heart from helping a sister club, but also new Lion friends, and some great ideas that you picked up from talking to the other club. Synergy is the key to growing our district and we create synergy when we step outside of those walls we have built around our clubs and start participating in things going on around our district!

October is the month of Region Rallies, so I hope to see each of you at one or more of them! My calendar for October:

- 10/1 – Lafayette Lions Official Visit
- 10/2 – Region II Rally
- 10/4 – Fall Leadership Symposium, Harrisburg
- 10/6 – Wakefield Lions Official Visit
- 10/8 – Lancaster Lions Official Visit
- 10/9 – Region V Rally
- 10/14 – Akron Lions Official Visit
- 10/16 – Region I Rally
- 10/21 – Strasburg Lions Official Visit
- 10/23 – Region III Rally
- 10/27 – East Cocalico Lions Official Visit
- 10/30 – Region IV Rally
- 10/31 – 11/2 – State Council #2, Harrisburg



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

Hello Lions,

It is that time of the year again for the Region Rallies and I am excited to join everyone again this year to meet those in attendance. Thank you to the Zone Chairs who have worked hard to set up the rallies for the clubs in their region. Come out and meet Lions from the other clubs in your Region! Most importantly, it is a time to recognize those Lions that receive awards and recognition for serving their communities. Please come out and support these Lions in your clubs for the work they have done this past year. It takes all of us to serve to meet the many needs in our communities.



In addition to the above, our district is the one of the only in the state that does not have district dues. Your attendance at the rallies helps support our district operate dues free. (Yes, I said this last year too!)

I hope to meet you at one of the upcoming Rallies. I would encourage your club's new officers to look at the training opportunities in the Lions Portal to learn more about the position they hold. Things change over time, so this training is also valuable for those Lions continuing in a position as well!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you this year!

Craig Merkey  
1st Vice-District Governor



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

### Greetings Lions

It's almost October and that means it's time for the Region Rallies. I am looking forward to attending all the Rallies and meeting those in attendance. It's not too late if you have not signed up, this is a great time to meet Lions from other clubs and share your Service projects and Membership ideas. Most importantly, it's time for PDG Deb to recognize some deserving Lions with awards.

Most importantly, we are one of the only Districts in the State that does not have District dues. Your attendance at the Rallies will help keep this going.



### Memoriam

Barry Fair  
 Kay L Mc Ellhenney  
 Craig P Richards

Akron Lions Club  
 Akron Lions Club  
 Lititz Lions Club



### NEW MEMBERS

#### New Member

#### Club

#### Sponsor

John D Reitzel  
 Kevin T  
 Jared W Ebersole  
 Amanda Smith  
 Terry Horvath  
 Deborah Parkinson  
 Daniel Parkinson  
 Tont Mayo  
 Matthew Bugli  
 Mike Pvasco

Columbia Lions Club  
 East Petersburg Landisville  
 Lancaster Lions Club  
 Lancaster Lions Club  
 Lititz Lions Club  
 Marietta Lions Club  
 Millersville Lions Club  
 Millersville Lions Club  
 Palmyra Lions Club  
 Palmyra Lions Club

Mark Seibert  
 Larry Oxenberg  
 Michael Schaeffer  
 Erle Smith  
 Crystal Crawford  
 Daniel Parkinson  
 Kathy Ratliff  
 Bruce Ratliff  
 Carl Garver  
 Carl Garver

**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**



**LIONS INTERNATIONAL**  
**WEEK OF SERVICE OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

As a friendly reminder, Lions International's First Week of Service is coming up on October 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. How many clubs are going to do a service project for Mental Health and Well-Being that week? In order to be eligible for the Club Excellence Award for the Lions year 2025-2026, clubs must hold **AND REPORT** a service project for service during each of the week of service projects scheduled for this Lions year. Below are some ideas for service for Mental Health and Well-Being:

- Visit some residents at a nursing home, those without any family to visit get lonely.
- Assemble care packages with journals, herbal teas, stress balls and resources for local counseling.
- Organize a walk in a park with cellphones turned off.
- Organize weekly neighborhood walks in your area, encouraging connections, exercise and accountability.
- Have a table at a park with a cut out of leaves and have kids share their feelings on these leaves.
- Have a "gratitude wall" in a public space where people can post what they are thankful for.
- Post signs with words of encouragement in your yard and/or your development such as the example below.



## ***REGION II RALLY***



Thursday, October 2nd , 2025

**Yoder's Banquet Facility**

14 South Tower Road  
New Holland, PA 17557

**6:00 pm Social - 6:30 pm Dinner**

Meal will include Fruit Cup, Tossed Salad, Beef Tips, Ham Loaf with Pineapple Glaze, Gourmet Red Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Noodles, and Green Beans  
Pie and Ice Cream for Dessert.

**Cost: \$35.00 per person**

Each Club should bring their Club Banner and a donation for the Food Bank and 1 or 2 items for the door prizes.

Reservation Deadline is Saturday, September 25, 2025

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**Mail to:** ZC Lion Ellen Pruden POB 516 Brownstown, PA 17508

**Name:**

**Club:**

**Number Attending:**

**Enclosed (Checks Payable to District 14-D):**



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

**Space is Limited!**

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

# REGION 1 RALLY DISTRICT 14-D

## YOU ARE INVITED

**October 16th**  
**Kinzer's Fire  
Hall**



**Doors open at 6pm**  
**Dinner at 6:30**

**Raffle Prizes**



**Great Food and FUN**

***\$25 per person***

*Meal: Roast Beef, Parmesan oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, veggies, dessert, and drinks*

*RSVP By 10/8/25 to Leo Maynard  
610-755-1057 or lionleoserves@gmail.com*

***Clubs are asked to bring 2 Raffle items per club  
and food items to donate to the local Food Bank***





# District 14-D

## Region III Rally



### Cocalico Area Fire Hall

12 W. Church Street, Stevens, PA 17567

**October 23, 2025 at 6:30pm**

**Cost is \$22/person**

Includes meal and 1 raffle ticket

Additional Raffle Tickets and 50/50 will be available for purchase.

Clubs are asked to bring 2 Raffle items and items to donate to the local Food Bank.

Please Contact ZC Lion Chuck Holsey (732-492-6948) with questions.

Detach and mail bottom with payment to  
ZC Lion Chuck Holsey at 324 Orchard Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540

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Checks should be made payable to Lions District 14-D and must be received by October 16th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

# of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**REGION RALLY IV  
OCTOBER 30, 2025  
6:30pm  
Hebron Banquet Hall  
701 E Walnut St.  
Lebanon, PA 17042**



6:00pm Social Time  
6:30pm Dinner

### **Menu**

Garden Salad, Roast Beef, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mashed Potatoes,  
California Blend, Dinner Rolls, and Dessert Table

**Cost: \$25.00 per person**

All Clubs should bring their club banner and a donation for the food bank.  
Also please bring 1 to 2 items for the raffle/door prizes.

**RSVP By October 24, 2025**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to District 14-D**

**Mail To: ZC Michelle Musumeci**

22 Fairview Dr

Akron, PA 17501



## DISTRICT 14-D CABINET MEETING

**Hosted by: Region III**  
**Zone A & B Chair: Charles Holsey**

**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, November 9, 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 III would be appreciated.**

Lion Joyce Sweger  
[JKL1953@comcast.net](mailto:JKL1953@comcast.net)  
717-314-7455

Lion Charles Holsey  
[holz1123@yahoo.com](mailto:holz1123@yahoo.com)  
732-492-6948

# Small Steps to Big Changes



## Things You Can Do to Reduce Your Risk for Heart Failure

### Diabetes and heart failure are related.

Over time, type 2 diabetes weakens your arteries.

The insides of your arteries slowly fill with plaque (a fatty substance). The more blocked your arteries become, the harder it is for your heart to keep up.

### If you've been diagnosed with heart failure

your heart isn't pumping, it means as well as it should. People with type 2 diabetes are at increased risk for this serious and progressive condition.

## Millions of people with type 2 diabetes are leading healthy lives. It's time to give your Type 2 a Take 2.



### Lead a healthy lifestyle

Your lifestyle has a big influence on controlling your diabetes and reducing your risk for heart disease. Get regular check-ups, take your medicine and follow a healthy diet. Keep moving, too!



### Be in the know

Talk to your doctor about how you can manage your risk for heart disease, including heart failure.



### You do you

Each person with type 2 diabetes has a unique journey. Using tools like medication guides, healthy menu plans and tips for exercising can set you on the right path. Your doctor can help.

**IF YOU HAVE DIABETES, THERE IS A LOT MORE YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE YOUR RISK FOR STROKE.**

**Talk to your doctor about your next steps. You're not in this alone. For more information please visit <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/diabetes>.**



## BINGO AT THE PARK

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.WestEarLions.org)



**NO BINGO ON THE 28TH OF AUGUST**

**WILL RESUME IN SEPT THE NORMAL SCHEDULE**





## 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.



Valid at: 31 Quarry Ridge Road Ephrata, PA 17522

# DINE TO DONATE

**Support**

**Ephrata Lions Club**

**Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**3pm-10pm**



**EPHRATA LIONS CLUB**

[ephratalions.org](http://ephratalions.org)

# 10% DONATION NIGHT

Support the Ephrata Lions Club by presenting this flyer to the Ephrata location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the Ephrata Lions Club





**MILLERSVILLE LIONESS LIONS CLUB  
THEME BASKET BINGO**

**OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**TICKETS \$25 FOR 3 CARDS (STRIPS) FOR 20 REGULAR GAMES**

**ADVANCED TICKET SALES CONTACT**

**DOTTI AT (717)-405-6115**

**EMAIL Phyllis Ream At: [MLClub168@gmail.com](mailto:MLClub168@gmail.com)**

**GAMES START AT 6:30 P.M.**

**(DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.)**

**DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLES, 50/50 AND SPECIAL GAMES**

**ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH**

**2111 MILLERSVILLE PIKE LANCASTER, PA 17603**

**East Cocalico Lions**



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

**Drive Thru At Reamstown Park**

**October 10th &  
October 24th**

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





# Join the Millersville Lions Club as we Roar for Mental Health Awareness



**October 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 3pm**  
**St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church -**  
**Gymnasium**  
**2111 Millersville Pike Lancaster**

Lions are working to raise awareness of the importance of Mental Health and well-being and support their communities

## Activities/Vendors:

- Rock Painting
- Learn to Meditate
- Music Therapy
- LEMSA
- Sending cards to Veterans, Children in the Hospital, Senior citizens
- Coloring Books
- Kpets
- Building Bridges - Counseling for Veterans, Adults and Children
- Philhaven WellSpan
- Chair Yoga
- Origami Demo
- Autism Awareness

Interested in being a vendor and sharing your expertise on mental health?

Please reach out to Lion Pat at [pattycake119@comcast.net](mailto:pattycake119@comcast.net) or Lion Deb at [baglady2030@yahoo.com](mailto:baglady2030@yahoo.com)



# Dinner *in the* Dark



**Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Reception & Silent Auction - 6 PM

Dinner - 7 PM

**White Chimneys Estate**

5117 Lincoln Highway

Gap, PA 17527

**\$45/Ticket**

Includes Dinner, Beer/Wine, & Silent Auction

**Sponsorships Available:**

For information, contact **Bill Dodds**  
at [williamedodds@comcast.net](mailto:williamedodds@comcast.net)

**RSVP**

To purchase tickets, contact:

**Bill Dodds** at 717.435.0706

[williamedodds@comcast.net](mailto:williamedodds@comcast.net)

*Hosted by Paradise Township Lions Club  
to benefit VisionCorps*

During dinner, attendees will have the option to wear a blindfold or vision impairment simulator glasses. Discuss your experience over dessert and hear from VisionCorps on the work they are doing.



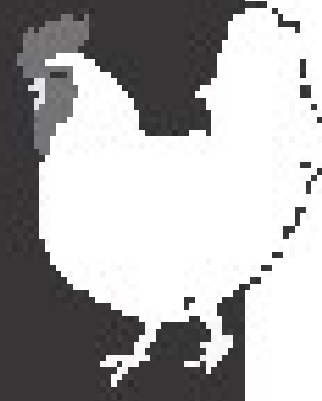
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**Mountville**  
**Lions Club**  
**"World Famous"**



**Chicken  
Pot-Pie  
Sale**



**Sat., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> • 10 AM - ?**

**St. Pauls' UM Church  
100 W. Main St.  
Mountville, PA**

**TAKE-OUTS  
ONLY**

**By the Quart  
\$11.<sup>00</sup>**

**Also Selling  
Lions  
Brooms!**

**Desserts  
Available  
\$2.00**





## **Community Blood Drive** **Trinity Reformed UCC**

**Social Hall**  
**450 West Main Street**  
**Mountville, PA 17554**

**Monday, November 3, 2025**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

SPONSORED BY MOUNTVILLE LIONS CLUB

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

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

**Come to give blood Oct. 20-Nov. 16 for a \$10 e-gift card**  
**+ chance at \$5K prize! [rcblood.org/harvest](https://rcblood.org/harvest)**

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# INTERCOURSE LIONS CLUB



## GIFT CARD BINGO

**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

Gap Fire Hall @ 802 Pequea Avenue, Gap

Doors Open @ 5:30 PM

Early Bird Bingo @ 6:45 PM

Bingo @ 7:00 PM

**Food      Raffles      Fun**

Tickets

\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door

Advance tickets can be purchased from

Lion Dale High, call 717-371-4004

Sunday, November 9  
11 am to 3 pm



# Community VETERAN EXPO

*Ephrata  
American Legion  
Post 429  
300 Locust Ave*

★ **FREE ENTRY:**

Please consider bringing a donation for **Christmas Stockings for Soldiers**  
( stateside & deployed) or a monetary donation

★ **Featuring:**

Veteran artisans & businesses showcasing & selling their creations  
Organizations that support our veterans  
Food trucks on-site  
Raffles & 50/50 — to fund Lions Veteran programs  
Goodie bags for the first 100 families!

★ **Calling Vendors!**

\$50 refundable registration fee per vendor  
Tables provided  
Meal provided by The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus of Lancaster-Santa Marie Assembly 915

★ **Contact the Ephrata Lions to reserve your spot:**

vetexpo@ephratalions.org or call Lion Kendra Rhinier @ 717-587-6563

**NEW THIS YEAR - FOOD TRUCKS!**



Hosted by the  
Ephrata Lions Club





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](mailto:brupp21@gmail.com)  
or Kendra Rhinier at 717-587-6563 [KendraR@ptd.net](mailto:KendraR@ptd.net)

*See you there!*





On Saturday, September 13th the New Holland Lions Club collected 1,068 lbs. of food and monetary donations from our community at Yoder's Country Market for the CrossNet Ministries food pantry for the New Holland Area. We thank the community for their generosity!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 14 at Yoder's Restaurant. Come out for dinner at 6 p.m. to learn more about what we do. Our next event we will be at is serving our Fair Favorite Hot Ham Sandwiches at the New Holland Fair on October 1-4, 2025.





**The Lions Club of Mount Joy presented a monetary award to Mia Seidel, valedictorian of the class of 2025 at Donegal High School. Shown with Mia (center) are Mia's mother and PDG Carl Spellman. The club presents the Valedictory Award annually to the DHS graduate with the highest class ranking.**





**The Lions Club of Mount Joy presented a monetary award to Kayla Ellinger (second from right) for her achievement as the highest-ranking 2025 graduate from Donegal High School in the CTC program. Kayla's family accompanied her to a recent meeting of the club, where PDG Carl Spellman recognized Kayla.**