

A Message from District Governor Steve Lowe

Hello Lions!

Welcome to a new Lionistic Year! I hope that everyone has entered your new officers into the Portal so everyone has the access that they need to smoothly run our clubs. As we start the new year, I wanted to put out some of the initiatives that the District leadership team has set into place. In honor of DGE Craig Merkey, we have chosen to follow the goals and plans that he had put into place, to the best of our abilities. He was very passionate about the Leos and we are going to be working toward our District Fundraiser benefiting the Leos in some way/shape/form. More to come as that is firmed up. Over the next several weeks, we will be putting out the District Goals that DGE Craig, along with many of the District leadership team, worked on for this year. These, as always, will cover Leadership, Service, and Membership goals for our district.



This past Lionistic Year, many of us had to take a long, hard look at our clubs and perform some housekeeping in regard to members who were no longer a viable part of our clubs. Unfortunately, one club ended up closing because they didn't realize that the club had essentially dissolved itself some time back. They remaining few members finally realized that they could not go on any longer as a club. Ideally, we will be able to restart this club, or a totally new one, in the Gap area this year. We will focus on strengthening our existing clubs while adding a new club or two along the way in areas that are underserved. We will also focus on service by encouraging clubs to band together to perform joint projects. Region 3 has a very robust history of the clubs working together to achieve a common goal. We will also place a focus on succession planning for our clubs. We need to identify and develop leaders within our own clubs who will be the drivers for future growth and continued viability for years to come.

This is going to be a great year for all of us to step outside of our comfort zone and Serve The Path Less Traveled, in honor of my friend, the late Lion Craig Merkey.



Message from the 1st Vice District Governor Pat Benson

Hello Lions and Happy 250th to the USA.

I am so excited to serve as your First Vice-District Governor this year and can't wait to meet you and visit your clubs.

I hope you all had a chance to read DG Steves' message last month about DGE Craig Merkey and the idea of doing a NEW Service Project in his memory this Lionistic year. This is such an amazing way we could honor and remember this great Man and Lion.

This past month I had the privilege of training our new Presidents, 1st Vice Presidents and 2nd Vice Presidents. It was a great turnout and the enthusiasm and interest by those attending shows me we are in good hands as a District. I also had the honor of attending the Denver Lions Clubs 100th Anniversary and installing their new club officers and inducting their newest member on such a festive night. Congratulations to the Denver Lions Club on 100 Great years of Service.

As you are reading this the Lions International Convention will be going on in Hong Kong. There we will be installing our new International President Mark Lyon, and he is from the USA. You can get more info on our new President on the Lions website.

There are so many things I am looking forward to this year including the training I will receive to better serve you and your clubs, performing new service projects in memory of DGE Craig Merkey and working with this team of awesome people, PDG Deb, DG Steve, and SVDG Rick, we are here for you and excited for a great year.



Pat Benson

1st Vice-District Governor



Message from the 2nd Vice District Governor Rick Bates

Hello Fellow Lions

First let's say Happy 250th Birthday to America.



I want to thank everyone who voted for me and who had confidence in me to help guide the district through its upcoming years. I am here to serve you and the community; in any way I can. I am looking forward to helping our new Board, District Governor Steve Lowe and 1st Vice District Governor Pat. Please don't hesitate to call on us to help whenever possible.

We are going to honor the wishes of elected District Governor Craig posthumous. So, let's honor him in the way he would want by concentrating on membership, fellowship and joy, and follow his lead by "Serving the Road Less Travelled".

I am looking forward to seeing you this year at our Region Rallies and Club meetings.

In Lionism

Rick Bates

2nd Vice District Governor

Memoriam

DGE Craig Merkey	Baron Steigel Lions
Sidni Schlegel	East Cocalico Lions
Dallas Lucas	East Cocalico Lions
William Peters	Ephrata Lions
Leon Wolf	Ephrata Lions
Anthony Kilkuskie	Ephrata Lions
Earl Ziegler	Fredricksburg Lions
Marlin Bitner	Lafayette Lions
Joseph Mesics	Lebanon Lions
William Dussinger	Lititz Lions
James Nuss	Lititz Lions
Robert Philip Johnson	New Holland Lions
Donald Welk	Strasburg Lions
Bryant Webb	West Earl Lions



NEW MEMBERS

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Carrington J Frick	Columbia Lions	Alex Vazquez
Robert E. Nauroth	Denver Lions	Mark South
Robin Witmer	East Cocalico Lions	Janice Long
Doug Thomas	E Petersburg-Landisville Lions	Dave Hussar
Lisa Mayo	Millersville Lions	Tony Mayo
Antoniono Ellia	Warwick Area Lions	Steve Lowe

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

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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Hershey, PA 17033

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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/RI 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.

WEEKS OF SERVICE FOR LIONS YEAR 2026-2027

October 8, 2026 to October 18, 2026 - VISION



February 13, 2027 to February 21, 2027 – YOUTH



May 29, 2027 to June 6, 2027 – ENVIRONMENT



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

August 27

2026

PDG Abe Shrom Memorial Key Member Picnic

This could be you...

at the PDG Abe Shrom Memorial
Key Member Picnic

August 27, 2026 6:30 pm

West Earl Community Park

A nice August evening at beautiful West Earl Park, eating a mouthwatering steak you grilled to your own liking, "hobnobbing" with fellow Lions and meeting new or seeing old friends. Save August 27, 6:30 pm on your calendar. Registration forms will be in next month's newsletter.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31			Key Member Picnic		

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PDG Abe Schrom Memorial Key Member Picnic**Thursday, August 27, 2026 6:30 pm**

West Earl Community Park

189 S State St

Leola, PA 17540

Cost \$26.00

For those who have never been to the Key Member Picnic, now is the time to experience the joy of **cooking your own steak** on a charcoal grill, adding a delicious baked potato, salad and desert.

Bring your own silverware

All Lions and guests are invited to attend.

Why not make it a club meeting night and have a brief business meeting afterwards. Wear your club shirts.

Good food, fellowship and fun. What more could you ask

Club or individual name_____

Number attending_____ X \$26.00=_____

Please respond by August 17, 2026

Mail response to PDG Gene Hilton

566 W Market St

Marietta, PA 17547

Questions call me 717-314-9075

genehilton1@gmail.com

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

GOLF SPONSORSHIP (Please check)

_____	\$2,000.00	Title Sponsorship
_____	\$1,500.00	(2) Lunch Sponsorships
_____	\$1,200.00	Score Card Sponsorship
_____	\$1,200.00	Drink Cart Sponsorship
_____	\$700.00	Birdie Sponsorship
_____	\$300.00	Hole Sponsorship
_____	\$125.00	Individual Golfer

SPONSOR COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIP

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Make Checks payable to: Lebanon Lions Foundation

Please Complete both sides, detach & return w/ check

Lebanon Lion's Foundation (Tax ID#25-1900318)

PO Box 17

Lebanon, PA 17042

Questions can be directed to Chad Smith:

717-223-2870 or csmith@stockcheck.net

[The Lebanon Lions is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, and your donation is deductible as a donation. Please make a copy of this form and your check as record of your payment.]

The Lebanon Lions will be hosting their ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT. We invite you to be a part of our major fundraising event which goes to support our charitable work.

- LEBANON COUNTY SIGHT FUND
- LEBANON COMMUNITY LIBRARY
- WORLD BUNDMEN'S OUTREACH (WBO)
- LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 140 VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
- VISION CORPS
- USED EYEGLASSES COLLECTED for reuse

We hope you will join us to play golf! Enclosed is a registration form.

We greatly appreciate your generosity in sponsoring this Benefit

Tournament! One of our Lions Club members will contact you soon about our sponsorship opportunities and an invitation to play some golf with us.

Thank you for participating in the Lebanon Lions Club Annual golf tournament.

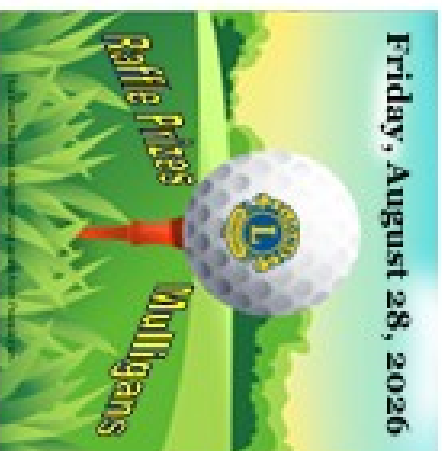
B.T. Trefegar, President

Golf Committee : Chad Smith, Kristen Vengling, Jeff Stockcheck, Jan Berre



LEBANON LIONS CLUB 38th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

Friday, August 28, 2026



Iron Valley Golf Club
201 Iron Valley Dr
Lebanon, PA 17042

Highlights

Prizes:

(Included w/ paid tournament entry)

1st-3rd Place Team

(2 Flights)

Pot-O-Gold

Putting Contest

Schedule:

- 11:30 am Buffet Lunch & driving range practice
- 1:00pm Golf Tournament (four person scramble)
- 6:00pm Awards & Prizes, Drinks, Grab-n-Go Dinner

Other Activities:

Mulligans
Raffle Prizes



SPONSORSHIPS

Table Sponsorship.....\$2,000.00

- 8 golfers w/ greens fee, cart and gift bags
- 8 lunches & 8 grab & go dinners
- Entry into prize contests for paid golfers
- Your company name/logo at registration table

- 4 Tee box advertisements

Lunch Sponsorship.....\$1,500.00 (2 available)

- 4 golfers w/ greens fee, cart and gift bags
- 4 lunches & 4 grab & go dinners
- Entry into prize contests for paid golfers
- Your company name/logo on large sign at lunch
- 2 Tee box advertisements

Scorecard & Drink Cart Sponsorship.....\$1,200.00

(1 of each sponsorship available)

- 4 golfers w/ greens fee, cart and gift bags
- 4 lunches & 4 grab & go dinners
- Entry into prize contests for paid golfers
- Your company name/logo on center of scorecard or sign on Drink Cart
- 2 Tee box advertisements

Birdie Sponsorship.....\$700.00

- 4 golfers w/ greens fee, cart and gift bags
- 4 lunches & 4 grab & go dinners
- Entry into prize contests for paid golfers
- Tee box advertisement

Hole Sponsorship.....\$300.00

- Tee box advertisement

Individual Golfer.....\$125.00

- 1 golfer w/ greens fee, cart, and gift bag
- 1 lunch & 1 grab & go dinner
- Entry into prize contests for paid golfers

GOLFER REGISTRATION

TEAM REGISTRATION

Player 1 _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Make Checks payable to: Lebanon Lions

Foundation

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in joining the Lebanon Lions Club? We are interested in you and encourage new membership. Please contact Jeff Steckbeck at 717-269-1530 or jsteckbeck.mes@lions.com for more information.





Willow Street Lions Club

MEAT BUNDLE RAFFLE



**3 lb Delmonico Steaks, 3 lg Chicken Legs, 3 lb Center Cut Pork Chops,
3 lb Country Style Ribs, 3 lb Lean Beef Patties, 3 lb Regular Hot Dogs**

TICKET

TICKETS: \$2 each

\$5 for 3 tickets or \$10 for 7 tickets

DRAWING: TUESDAY 9/1/26 AT 7PM

Contact Lion Lori for raffle tickets

Cell: 717-350-5536 or Email: willowstreetlions@gmail.com

www.willowstreetlions.org

Proceeds benefit LS Students Back to School Supplies

42nd Annual

LANDISVILLE

ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



Rain Date Sunday, September 27, 2026

At Amos Herr Park, 1700 Nissley Rd., Landisville, PA 17538

A project of the East Petersburg-Landisville Lions Club

In conjunction with the "Amos Herr Community Festival"
Crafts - Food - Dance & Musical Entertainment - Kid Zone - Herr House Tours

SHINE AND SHOW ONLY - THERE WILL BE NO JUDGING
REGISTRATION 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON IN THE FOLLOWING CLASSES

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|---|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. 1900-1927 | 12. Red Rose Antique Auto Club | 23. Muscle Car (original) 1962-1973 |
| 2. 1928-1934 | 13. Mustang | 24. Commercial thru 1999 |
| 3. 1935-1940 | 14. Sports Car to 1999 | 25. PACE Miata Club |
| 4. 1941-1949 | 15. No Club Just Friends (NJ) | 26. Northeast Hemi Owners Assoc. |
| 5. 1950-1954 | 16. 1955-1957 Chevrolet | 27. Vagabonds Car Club |
| 6. 1955-1960 | 17. Corvette | 28. Susquehanna Valley Camaro & Firebird Club |
| 7. 1961-1964 | 18. Lancaster County Cruisers | Special Awards: |
| 8. 1965-1968 | 19. Motorcycles - Motorbikes | Longest Distance |
| 9. 1969-1998 | 20. Street Rods to 1934 | Contestant's Choice |
| 10. Open Class (newer than 1999) | 21. Street Rod 1935-1948 | People's Choice (Spectator Judging) |
| 11. Open Class Trucks (newer than 1999) | 22. Street Rod 1949-1999 | |

Please register and park in class appropriate for your car for orderly display purposes only. A participation award will be presented to the first 150 registered cars. Attendance is necessary to receive an award. Participation awards to be handed out between 3:00 and 3:45 p.m. **NO** participation awards will be handed out before the designated time. Car Clubs are welcome to meet as a club in your own designated area and judge your own cars if desired. Please - **NO** music other than that provided by the event, and **NO** canopies that take up parking spaces in classes.

Registration prior to September 14, fee \$15.00 - Registration at gate \$20.00

Information or weather check: BILL ULRICH, 303 West High Street, Manheim, PA 17545

717-587-0735



Return to: EAST PETERSBURG-LANDISVILLE LIONS CLUB c/o Bill Ulrich, 303 W. High St., Manheim, PA 17545

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

STREET/RD/BOX _____

CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____

MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ CLASS _____



Annual Pennsylvania Lions



Fall Leadership Symposium

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, October 3, 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, October 4, 2026 Noon-5 PM

Butler County Association for the Blind

322 N. Cedar Street

Butler, PA 16001

Refreshments will be available

This is a "Save the Date" notification

Topics and Instructor Information will be forthcoming

FREE & OPEN to all MD-14 Lions

To register, please contact PDG Bill Grager at

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

Space is Limited!

Empowerment is the key to success!



East Pete – Landisville Lion Diane Ciro scales down the Holiday Inn in support of Vision Corps Eye Drop 2026.



Diane Ciro



Diane Ciro



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Thank you to IPDG Deb Keeperts for the installation of our incoming board and officers.

