



# Paws to Refresh

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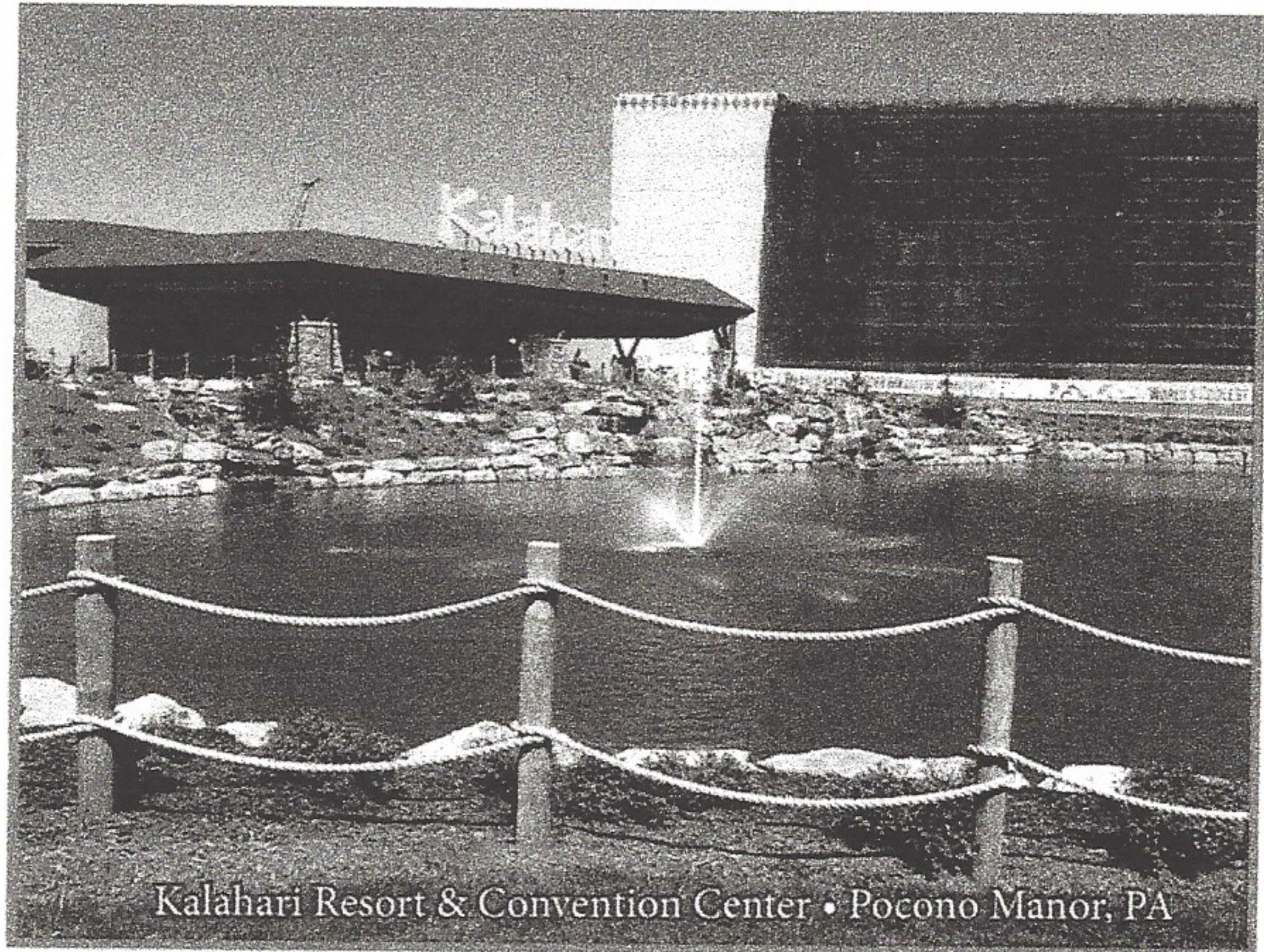
## Volunteers needed for 2020 State Convention

The 2020 MD-14 State Convention Host Committee from District 14-F requests assistance with committee functions at this year's convention in Erie. Anyone interested in serving on the Certification/Election, Necrology, Registration and/or Sergeant at Arms committee(s) is ask to contact host committee chair PDG Bob Blake (robertblake@zoominternet.net).



## Leo of the Year

The 2019-2020 MD-14 Leo of the Year will be selected as part of the third State Council meeting in State College.



Kalahari Resort & Convention Center • Pocono Manor, PA

## MD-14 seeks to host 2024 Forum

The 2019-2020 Council of Governors will be asked during its third meeting in State College to endorse a bid proposal to host the 2024 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Pocono Manor.

The proposal to hold the Forum at the site of the 2019 MD-14 State Convention last May has received the endorsement of the PA International Family and the MD-14 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Committee.

The bid proposal will initially be presented for Council's review and approval at the COG's Preliminary meeting Friday, Feb. 7, before formal approval will be sought at Council's Regular Meeting the following day.

Upon approval by the COG, the bid will be forwarded to the Forum's Site Selection Committee for its review and possible on-site visit in the spring. The final decision on the site of the 2024 Forum will be announced in mid-September at the 44th annual Forum in Louisville, Ky.



## USA/Canada LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

The bid proposal will be presented by Ann Pilcher, Sales Manager for the Pocono Mountains Convention & Visitors Bureau. She, along with Stephani Bann, Senior Sales Manager for Kalahari Resort & Convention Center Pocono Mountains - Pennsylvania, has worked in conjunction with MD-14 State Administrator Bob McComas.

Pennsylvania hosted the eighth Forum (1984) in Philadelphia but was unsuccessful in its attempt to secure the host bid for the 2022 Forum in York. The Forum has not been held in a Mid-Atlantic or northeast state since 1997, when Syracuse hosted the event.

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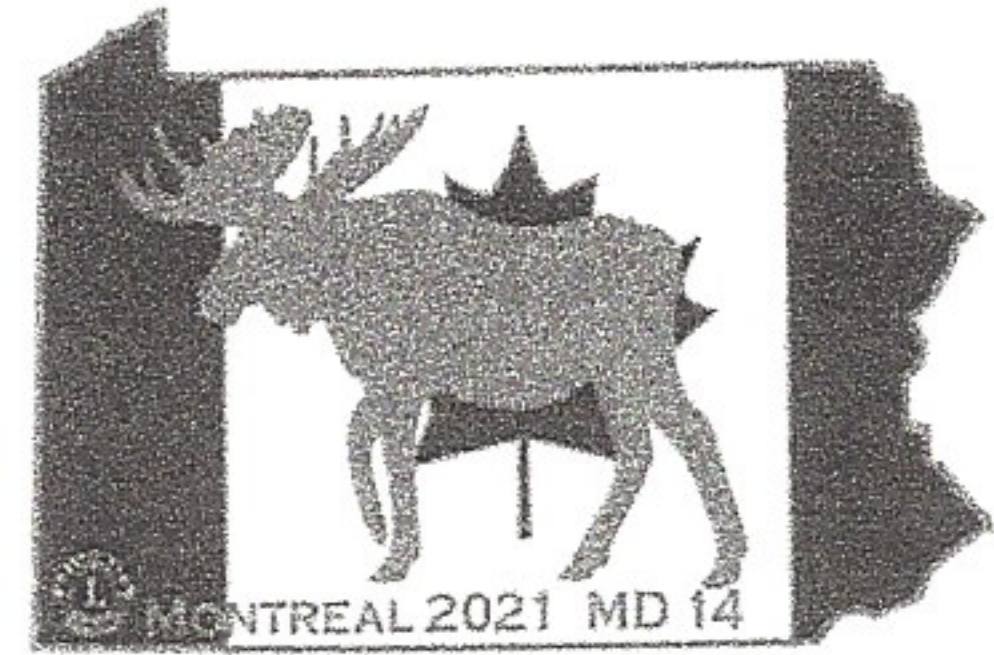


## PA state pins

The 2019-2020 Council of Governors, during its third meeting in State College, will be asked to approve designs for the 2020-2021 MD-14 state pins as presented by the Pin Traders of Pennsylvania.

The Pin Traders request approval of the design shown at the top of the right-hand column on this page as the "Regular" state pin and the design immediately below that as the "Prestige" pin.

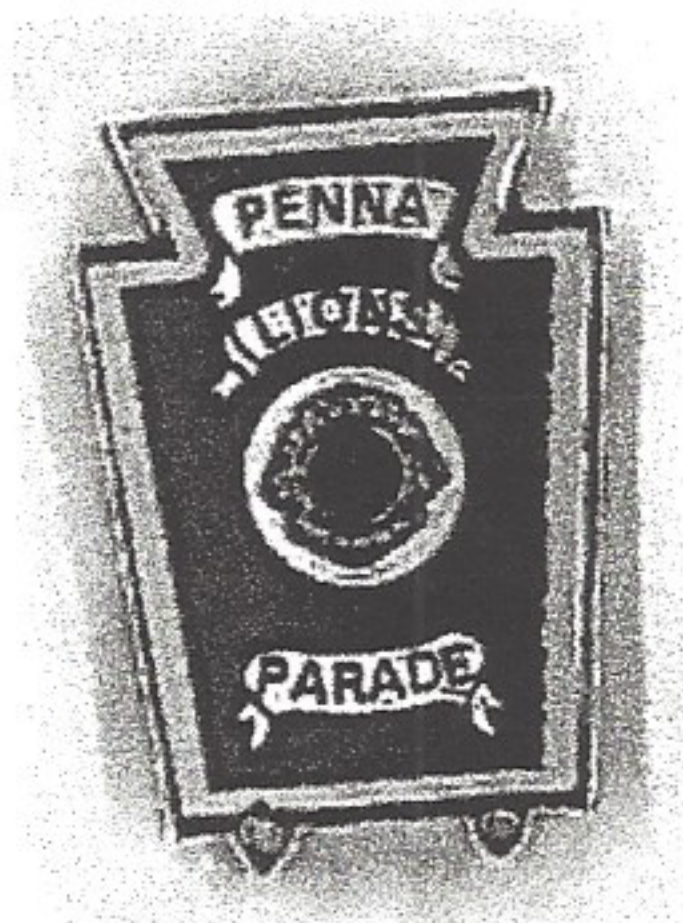
A good supply of 2019-2020 state pins remain available for purchase through the State Office Merchandise Store. The Regular pin (top left photo) is priced at \$3.18 perpin, while the cost of the Prestige pin (bottom left photo) is \$4.24 per pin, including state tax. Order forms for the 2019-2020 pins will appear in the next two issues of *The Pride of Pennsylvania*.



## Parade participant pins

The State Office has Parade Participant base pins and rockers for MD-14 Lions who marched in the International Parade at the annual LCI Convention.

Lions who desire a Parade Participation pin or rocker should contact the State Office. The Parade Participation pin and rockers are provided free of charge and will be available at both the state convention in Erie and 2020 International Convention in Singapore.



## Upcoming features in *The PRIDE*

### Issue #3 (Jan.-Feb.-March)

**Deadline to submit material:**

**February 15**

- International Officer Message
- State Council Chairperson Message
- Global Leadership Team Coordinator
- Global Membership Team Coordinator
- Global Service Team Coordinator
- State Convention information
- PA. Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
- PA. Lions Hearing Research Foundation
- Lioness Clubs Coordinator
- Leo Clubs Coordinator
- PA. Lions All State Band
- International Convention Committee
- LCIF Coordinator
- Peace Poster contest winner profile
- Essay contest winner profile
- PDG obituaries



### Issue #4 (April-May-June)

**Deadline to submit material:**

**May 15**

- Presidential & Leadership awards
- International Officer
- State Council Chairperson
- Global Leadership Team Coordinator
- Global Membership Team Coordinator
- Global Service Team Coordinator
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- New Melvin Jones Fellows
- Lionesses of the Year Listing/Profiles
- USA/Canada Lion Leadership Forum
- LCIF Coordinator
- PDG obituaries
- Pride Boosters and Patrons listings

**NOTE:** State committee chairpersons and coordinators and all PA Lions, Lionesses and Leos are encouraged to submit material for any edition.



# Mark Your Calendar

February 7-9, 2020

## **2019-2020 State Council Meeting #3**

*Hosted by District 14-G*

Ramada Hotel & Conference Center  
by Wyndham State College  
1450 S. Atherton St., State College

February 11-13, 2020

## **District Governor-elect Seminar (Days 1-3)**

February 22, 2020

## **Spring Global Action Team Symposium**

PA State Council of Lions Clubs Office  
949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg

February 23, 2020

## **Spring Global Action Team Symposium**

Cambria County Association for the Blind and Handicapped  
211 Central Avenue, Johnstown

March 7, 2020

42nd Annual Lions Day with the United Nations (New York City)

March 13-15, 2020

## **Regional Lions Leadership Institute**

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey  
4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg

March 14, 2019

## **District 14-W Convention**

Holiday Inn Wilkes Barre-East Mountain  
600 Wildflower Drive, Wilkes-Barre

March 28, 2029

## **District 14-N Convention**

The Atrium  
1031 New Castle Road, Prospect

April 4, 2020

## **District 14-G Convention**

Genetti Hotel by Best Western  
220 West 4th Street, Williamsport

April 4, 2020

## **District 14-L Convention**

Site To Be Determined

April 4, 2020

## **District 14-U Convention**

Holiday Inn Wilkes Barre-East Mountain  
600 Wildflower Drive, Wilkes-Barre

April 17-18, 2020

## **District 14-D Convention**

Victory Church  
114 North Franklin Street, Strasburg

April 17-18, 2020

## **District 14-M Convention**

DoubleTree Hotel Meadowlands  
340 Racetrack Road, Washington, PA

April 18, 2020

## **District 14-A Convention**

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia West  
640 Fountain Road, Plymouth Meeting

April 18, 2020

## **District 14-C Convention**

Wyndham Garden Hotel  
2000 Loucks Road, York

April 18, 2020

## **District 14-E Convention**

The Lamplighter Restaurant  
6566 William Penn Highway, Delmont

April 20, 2020

## **Constitution & By Laws/Policy Committee Work Session**

PA State Council of Lions Clubs Office  
949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg

April 24-25, 2020

## **District 14-H Convention**

Hilton Scranton & Convention Center  
100 Adams Avenue, Scranton

April 24-26, 2020

## **MD-14 Leo Clubs Rally**

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp  
114 PA-103, Mount Union

April 25, 2020

## **District 14-J Convention**

Luigi's Villa  
800 West Weber Avenue, DuBois

April 25, 2020

## **District 14-T Convention**

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey  
4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg

April 25-26, 2020

## **District 14-K Convention**

Holiday Inn & Conference Center  
7736 Adrienne Drive, Breinigsville



April 25, 2020

**District 14-P Convention**  
Trinity Church of Boyertown  
250 Sweinhart Road, Boyertown

May 14, 2020

**2019-2020 State Council Meeting #4**  
*Hosted by District 14-F*  
Bayfront Convention Center  
1 Sassafras Pier, Erie

May 15-17, 2020

**97th Annual Multiple District 14 State Convention**  
*Hosted by District 14-F*  
Bayfront Convention Center, Erie  
1 Sassafras Pier, Erie

June 26, 2020

**District Governor-Elect Seminar (Day 4)**

June 25-29, 2020

**103rd Lions Clubs International Convention in Singapore**

June 28, 2020

**MD-14 Pennsylvania Lions Hospitality Reception**  
Venus Ballroom, Furama Riverfront Singapore Hotel  
405 Havelock Road, Singapore

July 31-August 1, 2020

**2020-2021 State Council Meeting #1**  
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey  
4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg

September 17-19, 2020

**44th USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**  
Louisville, Kentucky

October 17, 2020

**GAT Fall Symposium – East and Central Region**  
PA State Council of Lions Clubs Office  
949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg

October 18, 2020

**GAT Fall Symposium – Western Region**  
Site To Be Determined

November 6-8, 2020

**2020-2021 State Council Meeting #2**  
*Hosted by District 14-M*  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh - Meadow Lands  
340 Racetrack Road, Washington, PA

January 15-17, 2021

**Vice District Governors Training Retreat**  
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey  
4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg

February 5-7, 2021

**2020-2021 State Council Meeting #3**  
*Hosted by District 14-T*  
Courtyard by Marriott Shippensburg  
503 Newburg Road, Shippensburg

February 20, 2021

**GAT Spring Symposium – East and Central Region**  
PA State Council of Lions Clubs Office  
949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg

February 21, 2021

**GAT Spring Symposium – Western Region**  
Site To Be Determined

March 12-14, 2021

**Regional Lions Leadership Institute**  
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey  
4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg

May 13, 2021

**2020-2021 State Council Meeting #4**  
*Hosted by District 14-L*  
Blair County Convention Center  
1 Convention Center Drive, Altoona

May 14-16, 2021

**98th Annual Multiple District 14 State Convention**  
*Hosted by District 14-L*  
Blair County Convention Center  
1 Convention Center Drive, Altoona

June 25 – 29, 2021

**104th Lions Clubs International Convention in Montreal, Canada**

August 6-7, 2021

**2021-2022 State Council Meeting #1**  
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey  
4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg

September 9-11, 2021

**45th USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**  
Des Moines, Iowa

October 28-31, 2021

**2021-2022 State Council Meeting #2**  
*Hosted by District 14-A*  
Valley Forge Casino Resort  
1160 1st Avenue, King of Prussia

February 4-6, 2022

**2021-2022 State Council Meeting #3**  
*Hosted by District 14-C*  
Site To Be Determined



May 18, 2022  
**2021-2022 State Council Meeting #4**  
*Hosted by District 14-A*  
 Valley Forge Casino Resort  
 1160 1st Avenue, King of Prussia

May 19-22, 2022  
**99th Annual MD-14 State Convention**  
*Hosted by District 14-A*  
 Valley Forge Casino Resort  
 1160 1st Avenue, King of Prussia

July 1 - 5, 2022  
**105th Lions Clubs International  
 Convention in New Delhi, India**

August 5-6, 2022  
**2022-2023 State Council Meeting #1**  
 Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey  
 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg

September 15-17, 2022  
**46th USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**  
 Calgary, Alberta, Canada

October 28-30, 2022  
**2022-2023 State Council Meeting #2**  
*Hosted by District 14-N*  
 Site To Be Determined

February 3-5, 2023  
**2022-2023 State Council Meeting #3**  
*Hosted by District 14-D*  
 Site To Be Determined

May 18, 2023  
**2022-2023 State Council Meeting #4**  
*Hosted by District 14-J*  
 Frank J. Pasquerilla Conference Center  
 301 Napoleon Street, Johnstown

May 19-21, 2023  
**100th Annual Multiple District 14 State Convention**  
*Hosted by District 14-J*  
 Frank J. Pasquerilla Conference Center  
 301 Napoleon Street, Johnstown

July 7 - 11, 2023  
**106th Lions Clubs International  
 Convention in Boston, Massachusetts**

September 14-16, 2023  
**47th USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**  
 Reno, Nevada

June 21 - 25, 2024  
**107th Lions Clubs International  
 Convention in Melbourne, Australia**

July 4 - 8, 2025  
**108th Lions Clubs International  
 Convention in Mexico City, Mexico**

July 3-7, 2026  
**109th Lions Clubs International  
 Convention in Atlanta, Ga.**

## MD-14 State Convention host rotation

Year	Host	Site	Dates
2020	14-F	Bayfront Convention Center, Erie	May 14-17
2021	14-L	Blair County Convention Center, Altoona	May 13-16
2022	14-A	Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia	May 19-22
2023	14-J	Frank J. Pasquerilla Conf. Ctr., Johnstown	May 18-21
2024	14-T	To Be Determined	May 16-19
2025	14-H	To Be Determined	May 15-18

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# International Board of Directors approves dues adjustment resolution

The following message was emailed 11/20/19 by International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi to Council Chairpersons, District Governors, Vice District Governors and Past District Governors and is being shared here to help assure the message reaches all MD-14 Lions:

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

At the International Board of Directors meeting in October, the Board voted to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that will be voted on at the International Convention in Singapore in 2020.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues by US\$3 effective July 2021, raising dues to US\$46, then adjusted annually for U.S. inflation thereafter. We will use a three-year inflation average not to exceed 3.0% or be lower than 1.5%.

## Why an international dues adjustment is needed

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts

and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and

to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as a new online learning platform, development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and others tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

## Why your help is needed

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

We need you to help our members and leaders understand why this adjustment is needed. We have developed an international dues adjustment FAQ and PPT to help you present it to your Lions.

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President

