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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*(Schedule subject to change)*

**January 7-10, 2021**

**Vice District Governors Training Retreat**

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg

**January 18, 2021**

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

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

**February 5-7, 2021**

**2020-2021 State Council Meeting #3 Hosted by District 14-T**

Courtyard by Marriott, 503 Newburg Road, Shippensburg

**February 20, 2021**

**GAT Eastern and Central Regions Spring Symposium**

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

**February 21, 2021**

**GAT Western Region Spring Symposium**

Site To Be Determined

**March 12-14, 2021**

**Regional Lions Leadership Institute**

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg

**April 12, 2021**

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

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

**May 13-16, 2021**

**2020-2021 State Council Meeting #4**

**& 98th Annual State Convention Hosted by District 14-L**

Blair County Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Drive,  
Altoona

**May 24, 2021**

**Membership Connections Seminar**

Wyndham Garden State College Mountain View Country Club

310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg

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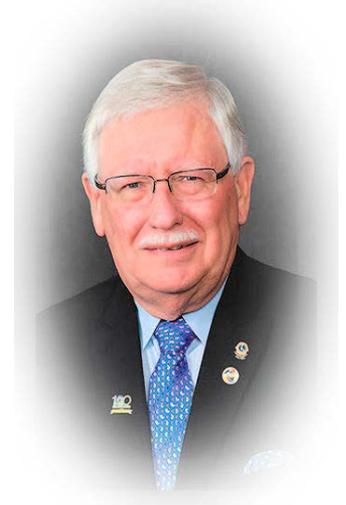
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# International Director Larry Edwards

## And We Continue.....To Serve

Greetings Lions, Leos, and Lioness,

In mid-October I completed the third virtual Board of Directors' meeting. Each meeting has improved and the efficiency of them and committee meetings has been good. We all miss the opportunity to meet in person, share thoughts and continue to do the work of Lions at the International level. As everyone hopes for a resolve in the COVID pandemic we are becoming better at meeting, serving and connecting through virtual means. I am happy to hear that more and more clubs have been meeting, some in person and some virtually. The USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum was a good example of how that team was able to switch to a virtual platform to deliver a successful event. As we have been saying all along, it is so important to keep the lines of communication open for our members. We all want to know what our clubs are doing and what the next fundraiser or service opportunity is.



Not trying to be a downer on the subject, I have been reading several recent articles from various leaders in business and non-profit entities. They have been asked what the expectation should be once a vaccine is provided and the virus begins to reduce significantly in numbers. One CEO who stood out was the CEO of Walmart, Doug McMillon. He believes that the culture for US businesses and organizations are going through a metamorphosis now and will continue after the virus subsides. His take is that this is a good thing as we all learn how to operate more efficiently, spend less time meeting and more time providing the services that our countries will need. He believes that we may come out of the need to mask full-time and everyone will have a better sensitivity for healthcare and the well-being of others. In his mind, change is unavoidable. But a change for the better. I believe in his thoughts; as Lions we have already begun to turn those corners, learning how to do our business differently and more efficiently but still serving those in need. We should keep our thinking caps on and work hard at determining how to best keep doing what we always do best...SERVE.

Now to a timelier subject, the holidays. Christmas and New Year's may have passed by the time this issue reaches you. I still feel it is important to mention. We are seeing more and more individuals and families with a need for food and, as winter comes, assistance in keeping their homes warm. These are the necessities for life. As we are in different times, I see this as an area where our clubs can provide some help. There are so many ways to assist with hunger: food collections for food banks, helping with deliveries, identifying those in need and making sure that your own club members are taken care of. Even though this edition may be after Christmas, why not think of a Christmas present for those in need in January. If we can find the way to do this, that warm feeling of providing service to those in need will go through us. Remember, "Where there is a need, there is a Lion."

My hope for the New Year is that all Lions are staying safe while identifying how we all can serve others during these difficult times. We still have a way to go with the pandemic. Let us be positive and get that Lions spirit running through all that we do.

In Lions Service,

*Larry*

# Louisiana Hurricane Relief

Lowe's, Morgantown; PA Lions Office; Cranberry Township, Butler County to Lake Charles, Louisiana







THANK YOU  
MD-14  
WE SERVE!

## Best of the best still shine

The theme was a simple one:

*“Past MD-14 Leos of the Year:*

*Where are they now? What memories do they have of their days as a Leo?”*

The manner in which research was done, a little more complex. But, with the help of Facebook and other social media outlets and “working the network,” state Leo coordinator PDG Kathy Fouse was able to touch base with most of our state’s best-of-the-best past Leos. Here, primarily in the former Leo of the Year’s own words, is what they had to say:

“I would definitely say being in the Leo club made a difference in my life as far as helping me be more confident in myself and becoming more of a people person,” 1996-1997 Leo of the Year **Traci Swanger-King** said. “I was very shy, quiet and insecure and I felt like being involved would help bring me out of my shell.”



From that seed and out of that shell, and in spite of experiencing a traumatic change in her life and future plans, has blossomed a bountiful career as a nurse.

Swanger-King took a few years off after graduation from high school and then, in November 1999, shortly after she had started nursing school, was severely injured in an automobile accident that in her words “erased or badly affected much of my memory.”

She recovered relatively quickly from that setback and, in 2003, earned an Associate’s degree in Nursing from Penn State Mont Alto.

For a variety of reasons, Swanger-King did not actually become a nurse until 2009, but once she did she’s gone full throttle. She has been employed at Wellspan Chambersburg Hospital for 19 years, 10 as a registered nurse. A year ago, she also began working with a home care



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— 1997-98 Leo of the Year **AMANDA DOMAN-LUCCHINO**

agency, Age In Place. And, as if that’s not enough, she also helps her husband with their landscaping/mowing business.

Swanger-King and her husband are parents of seven children and grandparents of three with a fourth one on the way, so they also try to spend as much time with them as possible.

Her future plans are to continue to work at the hospital and maybe also in home healthcare because “I enjoy the work I do and helping people, knowing that I’m making a difference.”

*“As the youngest members of Lions Clubs International, Leos embody the best qualities of our incredible organization. They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together, Leos and Lions form a powerful partnership – one of mutual respect, where Lions learn from the innovative insights of Leos, and where Leos gain access to the proven strategies of those who’ve successfully served the world for decades.”*

— LCI website

“Being a Leo, especially a Leo of the Year, impacted my life in such positive and meaningful ways,” 1997-98 award winner **Amanda Doman-Lucchino** said. “Leos gave me leadership skills and confidence to grow from a youthful teenager into a strong woman.

“Our mentor, Sara Greenlee, exuded positivity, strength and devotion. She provided loving support and a female role model who was both strong and passionate about guiding our Leo club.

“For me, the Leo organization’s influence is more than service to the community,

it’s about growing as a person,” Doman-Lucchino continued.

“The food drives, tire clean-ups and parade booth sales allowed me and other young Leos to utilize lifelong skills such as leadership, teamwork, organization and time-management. These skills carried me throughout both my personal and professional life and made me the person I am today.”

Doman-Lucchino graduated from Saint Vincent College in 2004 and added a Master of Science degree in Environmental Management from Duquesne University in 2007. She has been employed at Arcadis for the last 16 years as a Senior Environmental Scientist specializing in hazardous and non-hazardous waste management and the shipment of hazardous materials.

Doman-Lucchino volunteers with Pennsylvania Resource Council’s Household Hazardous Waste and Hard to Recycle events and is a board member of the Three Rivers Chapter of the Alliance of Hazardous Material Professionals.

She also finds time to serve as a “Troop Mom” for her oldest daughter’s Brownie Girl Scout troop, as well as the local PTA’s Garden Club chairman.

She and her husband of 11 years live in Mount Lebanon and are the proud parents of two daughters, ages 8 and 4. Family time revolves primarily around skiing, hiking, camping, cooking, board games and “Friday Family Movie Nights,” although we can never seem to agree whose turn it is to pick.”

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## Leos of the Year

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Future plans include fulfilling a longtime dream of hiking the 70-mile Laurel Highlands Trail – “I look forward to the challenge and adventure,” she said – as well as visiting the Swiss Alps, Greece and the Galapagos Islands.

The family is also avid home improvement DIYers, who follow the motto “Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!”

“My main influence to serve my community started at an early age with the South Williamsport Lions Club and my late father, Lion Larry Kilgus,” 1999-



2000 Leo of the Year **Kimberly Kilgus Gardner** said. “From helping him promote awareness on White Cane Days to working

annual Chicken BBQ Dinner, I grew a sense of social responsibility and a heart for giving back and helping others. So naturally I became a member of the Leo Club in high school and continued my passion for serving my community.

“Leo Club gave me the opportunity to build upon my leadership skills and to carry those skills into my adult life,” Gardner said.

Gardner is not currently a Lion, but she plans to soon change that and join the South Williamsport Lions Club in memory of her father.

Since receiving her high school diploma, Gardner has held various roles in the retail industry and, in 2015, joined Citizens & Northern Bank as a Customer Transaction Specialist. She currently works as a Loan Support Specialist in the Commercial Lending Department and resides in the South Williamsport area with her husband, Travis, and their three children.

While enjoying her children’s youth sports activities and just generally spending time with her family and being outdoors, Gardner has also been an active part of her employer’s “Giving Back,



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– 2003-2004 Leo of the Year **JACLYNNNE MADDEN**

Giving Together” fundraising campaign that helps a different cause each year make a positive, lasting impact on the local community.

“I feel that having a sense of community unites us,” she said. “Being a part of a community can make us feel as though we are a part of something greater than ourselves. It can give us opportunities to connect with people, to reach for our goals and makes us feel safe and secure. It’s important for every person to have a sense of community.”

Gardner’s future goals involve learning and gaining more knowledge within her profession and to eventually take on a leadership role.

“I’m really excited and look forward to seeing where my career will take me,” Gardner said.

As was the case with Gardner, 2003-2004 Leo of the Year **Jaclynnne Madden** found great role models to follow in her own home.

“When you see your own role models volunteering and making a positive impact on others, it inspires you to do the same,” Madden said. “My parents instilled the importance of volunteerism in me from a young age. Some of my earliest childhood memories are of my mom volunteering at my elementary school and my dad readily lending a hand to neighbors in need.

“Throughout my life, I’ve taken the time to volunteer at local events, nursing facilities and for social justice causes. Until I joined the Leo Club at 14, I sought out volunteer opportunities on my own and typically volunteered alone as well. When I found the Leo Club, I became part of a group and team. I met people of different age groups and found friends with the same passion for our community.

“But the biggest way in which the Leos inspired me was by showing me the

importance of leadership,” Madden said. “Our local Leo’s organization was led by a high school teacher who was larger than life. She was kind, funny, passionate, approachable – and she was the #1 fan of her students. She taught me to believe in myself and she encouraged me to shoot for the stars.”

The confidence Madden gained as a Leo paved the way to her being elected as the National Honor Society’s president. “That would never have happened without the support I received as a Leo,” she said.

Her experiences as a Leo also helped inspire Madden to stand up for others.

After reading a local news article that she believed unfairly characterized a group of people, she wrote a Letter to the Editor to speak up for the group. “I was brave enough to do this because of the strong leaders I had in my life, my parents and my fellow Leos and Lions,” said Madden, who received several letters thanking her for speaking out.

“Looking back at situations like that 18 years ago, I realize how deeply they impacted my life and actions I still take in my community to this day,” she said.

After graduation from high school and moving on from the local Leo club, Madden went to college and moved to Chicago, where she worked in the television production industry while earning an MBA degree. She has since switched professions and now works for a non-profit trade association that supports the property management professionals who oversee Chicago’s beautiful, historic high-rise buildings.

Madden is an active volunteer for several organizations dedicated to assist with social justice, women’s rights, diversity in the workplace, homelessness and mentoring young leaders.

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– DAVID CARROLL, 2004-2005 Leo of the Year

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“The best way to inspire action is to embrace your passion for the cause and get others excited,” Madden said. “My time as a Leo also taught me passion is the center of action. When you are passionate about your work and the causes you support, that passion is contagious. Both in my job and personal life, this rings true time and time again.”

*The first Leo club was founded in 1957 by Jim Graver, an active member of the Glenside (Pa.) Lions Club and baseball coach at Abington High School, with the assistance of Lion William Ernst. The club adopted the high school’s colors of maroon and gold and created the acronym Leadership, Equality, Oppportunity for the word Leo. “Equality was later changed to “Experience.”*

*The Leo Club Program became a sponsored program of Lions Clubs International in 1964 and quickly expanded beyond Pennsylvania and U.S. By 1968, the program had more than quadrupled in size to include 918 clubs in 48 countries. As of August 1, 2020, LCI’s Leo club membership totalled approximately 130,000 members in 7,200 Leo clubs based in more than 150 countries around the world. Collectively, Leos completed 20,395 projects during the 2019-2020 Lions year.*

**“Leos serve. It’s what they’ve done since 1957 when the first Leo club was formed. Now, more than 60 years later, Leos have grown into a dynamic force for good, actively providing their communities and the world with kindness and service.**

**The good Leos can offer is endless. The success of Leo clubs is a crucial part of the success of Lions Clubs International. Leos are the ones who will carry our great story into the future and improve upon it.**

– Lions Clubs International website

“Being a part of the Leo Club inspired me to live a life of service and the willingness to stand up for causes I believe in,” said **David Carroll**, MD-14’s 2004-2005 Leo of the Year. “I was able to take the cultural experience and love for community service and continue serving the communities I lived in.”

Following graduation from high school, Carroll earned a degree from Washington & Jefferson College, where he was chosen to serve as a commencement ceremony speaker and helped charter a Lions club in 2008. He later earned an MBA degree from Carlow University while working in higher education with a focus on Change Management.

In 2013, Carroll moved to Portland, Oregon, to accept a position in a Director role and continue take a few courses in the Willamette University MBA program. Five years later, he married his partner, Curtis, an equally civic minded leader, and together they have rescued two dogs and a small flock of chickens while serving as active volunteers.

Among the causes Carroll supports are St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and as an alumni mentor for W&J College and his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta. He is also a supporter of social justice and learning to be an ally to address systems of racism in our country. He has also served as Chair of the Emerging Professionals of Portland (Portland Business Alliance), a board member of the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Portland and co-founder of whYPartner, which hosted opportunities for community members to gain exposure to community focused organizations to advocate for more people to volunteer.

Carroll has also served as chair of the Associate Board of the American Cancer Society, the board of the Lents Neighborhood Association and participated in leadership programs with Leadership Portland and Leadership Salem. He also served as the sponsorship chair for the 2017 Gay Softball World

Series that brought 4,000+ athletes to Portland for a week-long tournament.

Carroll left the world of higher education two years ago and currently works as a lead manager for the rideshare company Lyft in the Pacific Northwest.

Carroll and his partner are also TV stars. “We appeared on HGTV’s “House Hunters,” re-enacting our house-hunting experience, which of course, as a TV show was a little embellished, but still exciting,” he said.

Carroll’s future goals include “to continue to move up at Lyft while finding new ways to support local communities here in the PNW. Before adopting children, my partner and I hope to do some backpacking in South America or Asia and learn more about cultures I was exposed to at the International Lions Conventions.

“I still have many of the pins that were gifted to me and reflect on the tremendous experience granted to me through my service as a Leo and Lion,” Carroll said.

**Emily Vasko**, Pennsylvania’s 2010-2011 Leo of the Year, credits “the mentorship of our Bentleyville Lions, Lionesses, and Mrs. Greenlee,” for instilling “a passion to serve communities.

“Serving others with large or small gestures is something I truly enjoy,” Vasko said, “and I don’t believe that this passion will ever go away, and honestly, I don’t want it to.”

Owner of a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Penn State and currently enrolled in a Master of Science program at the University of Kansas for environmental geology, Vasko resides in Memphis and works as a geologist for an engineering and environmental firm.

When she’s “not traveling the country for work, my boyfriend and I enjoy renovating our 1920’s cottage style home,” Vasko said.

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Vasco and Nathan also volunteer with Streetdog Foundation, Memphis-based dog rescue organization dedicated to taking “the most helpless dogs, helping them on their way to recovery and ultimately finding their forever home,” Vasco said. She and Nathan have two rescue pups of their own,

Officially a transplanted Southerner for the last four years who “never wants to look back,” Vasco’s future plans call for her to move to the Greater Nashville/Middle Tennessee region and owning her own “farmette.”

“I was raised on a cattle farm in southwest Pennsylvania and I have missed it greatly,” she said. “I am so grateful to live in such an amazing city with so much history and character; however, I am ready for wide open spaces.”

Upon completion of her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine program at Ohio State University, 2011-2012 MD-14 Leo of the Year **Breanna Lincoski** plans to return to Pennsylvania and “do my part in fostering the Human-Animal bond.”



Lincoski points to valuable lessons she learned as a Leo as the foundation upon which she has built an impressive resume and career.

“While participating in the Leo Club, I was able to see the power of action within a community,” she said. “I learned what a powerful partnership new innovation combined with real world perception could be, especially when used for the betterment of a community. The opportunities Leo Club gave me not only allowed me to give back to my community, but also shaped my leadership and communication skills, which I use every day.”

Lincoski parlayed those opportunities into a full menu of involvement in campus activities as a student at California University of PA,



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— **LEAH SEADER, 2012-2013 Leo of the Year**

from which she received a Bachelor’s degree in Biology with a Chemistry Minor, and also at Ohio State.

Displaying the ability to balance her undergraduate and doctoral program classwork and extracurricular activities, Lincoski earned the respect of her instructors and was afforded several special opportunities.

Lincoski was part of a study-abroad-and-research program in Madagascar and, in her senior year at Cal U, helped conduct research on Lyme Disease and present the findings at conferences across the country.

“The trip to Madagascar not only gave me an opportunity to do research, it also allowed me to gain a better understanding of another culture and make connections across the globe,” Lincoski said.

During her first summer of veterinary school at Ohio State, Lincoski was accepted into the The Stanton Externship Program, which, in her words, afforded her “exceptional hands-on experiences working with a broad range of socioeconomic clients in West Virginia.”

Currently in the clinical year of veterinary school, Lincoski does not have much opportunity to do volunteer work, but she said “I am excited for the future when I can do my part to give back to the community.”

“I have had a passion for community service ever since I was a little girl,” 2012-2013 Leo of the Year **Leah Seader** said. “In middle school, I learned the motto of the Leo Club: Leadership, Experience and Opportunity. I soon adopted this as my own motto when I joined my school’s Leo Club immediately after I started high school.”

Guided by the motto, Seader said she felt compelled to be active in her community, seek leadership roles and



Former MD-14 Leo Coordinator Sara Greenlee (left) joined State Council Chair Jim Day (right) in presenting Leah Seader with her 2012-2013 Leo of the Year award. Seader also earned a “World of Service Award” from International President Sidney Scruggs.

broaden her network to reach more people through a wider range of volunteer opportunities. Those opportunities included raising a Leader Dog and hosting a spaghetti dinner to send care packages for soldiers.

The depth of Seader’s commitment to and involvement in Leo activities earned her a World of Service Award from 2012-2013 Lions Clubs International President Sidney Scruggs. With that honor came, in Seader’s words, “the opportunity to meet many wonderful Lions and Leos, and I am still in awe of the many accomplishments of these amazing individuals who have become role models.

“Knowing I could put a smile on someone’s face and make a difference in this world was always my driving factor, and that was shaped through my involvement in the Leo Club.”

One of the many success stories of LCI’s Leo-to-Lions program – she made the transition immediately upon high school graduation in 2013 – Seader has quickly compiled an impressive resume.

In 2015, while a student at Cal U, she had two mathematics research articles published in the Fibonacci Quarterly,

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an International Mathematics Journal, and was able to present her research at National Mathematics Association of America conferences.

That paved the way to her graduating from Cal U in May 2017 with a dual degree: Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics with a minor in Statistics, and Bachelor of Science Business Administration Finance with a minor in Management. In May 2020, she completed work on an MBA degree along with a Certificate in Business Analytics.

Seader is currently employed as a Portfolio Analytics and Strategy Analyst and Assistant Vice President in Balance Sheet Analytics and Modeling by PNC Bank and is active in her employer's "Grow Up Great" project that focuses on early childhood education. She is also a member of the United Way Women's Leadership Council, Co-Team Captain for the Multiple Sclerosis Society's MS Walk, as an ambassador for Alex's Lemonade Stand, volunteer with Mutt Strutt to support Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs and Sit With Me, which supports women in technology.

In terms of her future goals, Seader said, "I hope to continue giving back to my community and inspire youth to become more involved and help make a difference.

"I look forward to becoming more involved with the Lions Club as a member of the Scenery Hill Lions Club and I am anxious to become more connected to the community and increase my service," she added. "One of my goals will be to stay true to the statement, 'I Live to Serve.'"



2013-2014 Leo of the Year **Delanie Baker**, despite being on deployment as a commissioned active duty U.S. Army medical services officer, took the time to tell us,

"Leos taught me a lot about planning and

## MD-14'S TOP LEOS

Year	Leo of the Year, Club
2019-2020	Maggie Degler, Avon Grove Charter School
2018-2019	Summer Martinez, Penbrook
2017-2018	Rachel Pier, Fort Le Boeuf
2016-2017	Laura Do, Whitehall
2015-2016	Kaylie Shojaie, Penn Trafford
2014-2015	Brad Pier, Fort Le Boeuf
2013-2014	Delanie E. Baker, Beaver Area H.S.
2012-2013	Leah Seader, Bethlehem-Center H.S.
2011-2012	Breanna Lincoski, California H.S.
2010-2011	Emily Elizabeth Vasko, Bentleyville
2009-2010	Matt Metzger, Monessen
2008-2009	Jennifer Marie Tharp, Charleroi
2007-2008	Dominic Sicchitano, Bentleyville
2006-2007	Jule' M. Cooke, Tamaqua Area
2005-2006	Stefan P. Sabo, Charleroi
2004-2005	David Carroll, Bentleyville
2003-2004	Jaclynne D. Madden, Upper Perkiomen HS
2002-2003	Jessica Brown, Faust
2001-2002	Kelly Allen, Abington
2000-2001	Chelsea Pajak, Bentleyville
1999-2000	Kimberly Kilgus, South Williamsport H.S.
1998-1999	David Morse, North Pocono
1997-1998	Amanda Doman, Bentleyville
1996-1997	Traci Swanger, G-A Blues

Source: Lions Clubs International

time management skills which have served me well into early adulthood.

"Leos gave me a great link in the civilian world to lean back on when I retire from the military," Baker said, "and taught me the value of interpersonal skills and problem solving."

Owner of a Bachelors of Science degree from Purdue University, Baker's future goals including attending medical school.

2014-2015 Leo of the Year **Brad Pier** said, "Leos taught me to always be



humble. From working with those in need, I saw how blessed I am and how impactful a kind gesture or donation can be.

"The experiences that being a Leo

provided will always serve as a reminder that one can always do more to give back to the community," he said.



"Being a Leo helped grow my love for volunteering and taught me there is always a way to help others."

— 2015-2016 Leo of the Year **KAYLIE SHOJAIE**

Another of LCI's Leo-to-Lion success stories and a current member of the Waterford Lions Club in District 14-F, Brad Pier is employed as an engineer at a local aerospace manufacturer.

"Being a Leo helped grow my love for volunteering and taught me there is always a way to help others," 2015-2016 Leo of the Year **Kaylie Shojaie** said. "My experience as a Leo president also gave me the confidence and skills to lead others in community outreach."

Currently attending Penn State studying Health Policy and Administration, Shojaie was recently accepted into the University's integrated undergraduate/graduate Masters of Health Administration program. She has gained valuable experience the past two summers as an administrative intern for Excelsa Health and risk management intern at Redstone Highlands.

An active volunteer for the Penn State Dance Marathon (THON), Shojaie also donates some of her free time to Harmony, a musical theater organization for individuals with and without disabilities.

Upon receipt of her college degree, Shojaie hopes to complete an Administrator in Training program through which she can earn a nursing home administration license and ultimately work in that capacity.

"Leos had a really big impact on my high school years," 2017-2018 Leo of the Year **Rachel Pier** said. "It was my time in Leos that led me to wanting to become a Lions club member. It taught

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me a lot about how by helping in the local community you can make a large impact and bring a smile to people's faces as well as help others through a hard time."



Another of LCI's Leo-to-Lions success stories, MD-14's 2017-2018 Leo of the Year **Rachel Pier** is a member of the Waterford Lions Club in District 14-F and a junior at Penn State Behrend, majoring in Project and Supply Chain Management with a minor in Management Information Systems. Following college graduation, she hopes to put what she's learned to good use by continuing to be a Lion and

working in "supply chain."

The younger sister of 2014-2015 Leo of the Year Brad Pier and president of Random Acts of Kindness, a club dedicated to spread kindness and strengthen relationships at Penn State Behrend and the local community, Rachel said, "My time in Leos influenced me to get involved in service organizations on campus."

"We are involved in projects such as finals week bags, weekly shout-outs, a kindness stairwell where students put words of encouragement and our Random Acts of Kindness Week when we pass out things to help brighten people's spirits during the winter months and remind them they can spread kindness too."

"One of my favorite parts about this club," Rachel said, "is we do everything without recognition of our members. We believe you should give back and be kind without expecting recognition."

That's a motto by which all Lions, Lionesses and Leos operate as "We Serve" collectively and cooperatively to meet our communities' needs.

*The Multiple District 14 "Leo of the Year" award winner is selected each year by members of the PA State Council of Lions Clubs' Council of Governors from a pool of candidates comprised of first-place finishers in sub-district competitions.*

*Leos considered for the prestigious award sponsored by Lions Clubs International must demonstrate outstanding leadership skills, achieve a superior record as a Leo in implementing successful service projects and make an identifiable contribution to the development and growth of the Leo Club Program.*

*Leo of the Year award winners are also expected to achieve distinction in community or school activities outside of Leo club commitments and demonstrate high ethical standards and personal integrity.*

**Editor's Note:** Special thanks to Lion Sara Greenlee, who served many years as the MD's Leo Coordinator and provided valuable assistance and contact information on past Leos of the Year.

## 28 PA Lions receive LCI's top honors

Lions Clubs International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi presented a total of 28 Ambassador of Goodwill, Presidential and Leadership awards – the top three honors presented by LCI – to Multiple District 14 Lions at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 Lions year. The list of recipients included:

### AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL (2)

Lion	District	Club
PCC Brian B. McCarl	14-N	Little Beaver
PDG Edmund A. Tustin	14-A	Bensalem Township

### PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS (11)

Lion	District	Club
PIP Joseph L. Wroblewski	14-W	Ashley
ID Larry L. Edwards	14-G	Harris Township
PID Cindy B. Gregg	14-E	Rostraver Township
IPCC William H. Morgan	14-N	New Castle
PDG Robert H. Blake	14-E	Jamestown
PDG Gerald R. Chapman	14-L	Blairs Mills
PDG James E. Crawley	14-G	South Williamsport
PDG Clifford G. Martin	14-E	Bushy Run
PDG Kerry L. McKnight	14-C	New Freedom
PDG Donald S. Richardson	14-A	Dublin
PDG Charles R. Zimmerman	14-U	Pine Grove

### LEADERSHIP AWARDS (15)

Lion	District	Club
PDG William R. Brown, Jr.	14-D	Wilshire Hills
PDG Dennis H. Butz	14-K	Emmaus
PDG Gloria Schmalz	14-M	Greater Canonsburg
Lion Dr. John T. Gump	14-N	Beaver Falls
Lion Kathy Fenstermacher	14-K	Saucon Valley
Lion Paula Hoffman	14-U	Lehighon Franklin Twp.
Lion Joy Lewis	14-H	Minooka
Lion Barry Marteny	14-P	Avon Grove
Lion Tracey J. Melia	14-P	Lionville
Lion Alicia Shutack-Silliman	14-U	Palmerton
Lion Roger Sowers	14-C	York Springs
Lion Angela D. Tarr	14-F	Summit
Lion Michael J. Zaken	14-B	Pleasant Hills
Lion Linda A. Zaneski	14-W	Dupont
Lion Donald Zimmerman	14-J	Sykesville



**PID James Cavallaro** is shown (above) presenting the Ambassador of Good Will award to **PDG Edmund "Ed" Tustin, Bensalem Township Lions Club, 14-A.**



**ID Larry Edwards** is shown (right above) presenting the Ambassador of Good Will award to **PCC Brian McCarl, Little Beaver Lions Club, 14-N.**

The plaque reads:

The International Association of Lions Clubs  
Ambassador of Good Will

Whereas, The International Association of Lions Clubs through its worldwide program for the relief of human suffering, the improvement of human living and the advancement of human understanding fosters the growth of amity, unity and Good Will among the peoples of the world, and whereas

(Brian B. McCarl/Edmund Tustin)

has rendered distinguished and unselfish service to the Association in the fulfillment of this program and is hereby appointed Ambassador of Good Will of Lions Clubs International, with all the honors and privileges of the Ambassadorship. This appointment, one of forty so made by the President, is authorized by the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International.

(Signature of Jung-Yul Choi, International President 2019-2020)

(Seal of the International Association of Lions Clubs)



## From Council Chair Marilyn Wagner

### "Looking Forward"



I sincerely hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and relatively stress-free Holiday Season, as we look to the promise of a better 2021 and leave behind a year of turmoil, cancellations, restrictions and missing out on the fellowship we would have shared at conventions and council meetings. Discovery of a brand-new virtual world helped us a little – but admittedly it did not cover the loss adequately.

Having said that, I would like to share a quote from Maya Anjelou that echoes my wishes for all of us as we move into the New Year: ***“My wish for you is that you continue. Continue to be who you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness.”***

With the dawning of this brand-new year and the promise of a solution to this pandemic I hope that we can return to working on our district goals; continue to strengthen our membership through the North American Membership Initiative and involve our members in relevant and meaningful service. It really is the responsibility of all of us to encourage our friends to join us in service.

There have been some very encouraging achievements to date despite the pandemic. At the end of November – six new clubs had been chartered and only two were cancelled; however, as of December 19, 2020 MyLCI shows that we have lost a net total of 41 Lions and five additional clubs are in the process of disbanding. Challenging times indeed, but our communities need us more than ever and we need to engage more hands to help us in our endeavors.

Service to others is at our core and so far this year MD-14 Lions have volunteered just short of 75,000 hours and have served almost 670,000 people and it should come as no surprise that the largest area of impact was in Hunger Relief. I am in awe of the service Lions have continued to provide in their communities despite the restrictions impacting our getting together. Lions in our Multiple have excelled in joining together to provide much needed relief in other parts of our country impacted by horrific weather conditions in a wonderfully coordinated state wide project, sent care packages to our service men and women so far away from their homes and families as well as provided an abundance of books to Hershey Medical and Care for Kids – I hear that more than 1,000 books were donated by our Lions to this second anniversary donation for and on behalf of Samuel Gregg – thank you all for your continuing generosity as a we continue to serve United in Kindness and Diversity.

In closing I would ask you all to keep in your prayers those lost to this pandemic and those who are slowly recovering and join me in looking forward to a time when we can meet without the anxiety of proximity to one another and get back to sharing the fellowship we so sorely miss. Helen Keller once said, ***“What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.”***

Stay safe and well, Lions – we have work to continue!

Respectfully,

**CC Marilyn**

## From Area Global Action Team Coordinator PID Cindy Gregg

### "New Year's Resolutions"

Happy 2021, Lions and Leos,

This new year brings a time of hope, resolutions and reflections. Who could have predicted that the entire world would be shut down? Yet, I'm certain that nearly 104 years ago, our founder Melvin Jones could not have envisioned that the Lions' organization would encompass more than 200 countries with 1.45 million Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service to the less fortunate throughout the world.

Although COVID-19 has wreaked havoc, it has also pushed us to find new ways to communicate, meet, provide service and raise funds. Like many of you, I continue to learn more about Zoom to become more proficient in "meeting" with various committees. Likewise, preparing PowerPoints has become second nature.



While we continue to wear masks and practice social distancing, I would like to recommend a few resolutions for individual club members this year:

- Use this time to learn more about our great Association.
- Take a course in the Lions Learning Center, or plan to get your Bachelors or Masters Degree from Lions University.
- Think of new ways to safely serve or raise funds for your community.
- Offer some suggestions to help improve your club's online presence, whether it's social media or Zoom meetings.
- Consider accepting a leadership position and learn about the duties. (The e-books for each of the positions are fantastic!)
- Get involved with the North American Membership Initiative.
- Talk to prospective members and encourage them to learn more about Lions.

While it doesn't appear that "normal" club meetings will occur in the near future, club officers need to:

- Plan interesting online meetings that members will be anxious to attend.
- Communicate with those who do not have internet capabilities and help them realize that they can participate by phone.
- Do portions of the Club Quality Initiative at each meeting to help improve your club.
- Develop a new project that ALL members can do from the comfort of their homes.
- Provide orientation for your club members so that they are aware of our history, partnerships and projects.
- Attend district training sessions (especially those that relate to the North American Membership Initiative) so that you can provide the leadership that your club deserves. After all, your club's future is in YOUR hands.
- Think of ways to recognize the accomplishments of deceased members or those individuals who have made a special impact in your community.
- Let your community know how you have helped during this difficult time.

In the words of the famous cowboy, actor, and radio columnist Will Rogers: "If you want to be successful, **Know** what you are doing. **Love** what you are doing. And **believe** in what you are doing. "With your commitment and action, I believe that we will continue to be successful if we remain "United in Kindness and Diversity."

Thanks for all that you do, and best wishes for a successful remainder to this Lions' year.

In Friendship and Service,

**Cindy Gregg**, Area Global Action Team Coordinator



The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12, or 13 years of age on November 15, 2020.

**Leen Khraisat**

**Peace through service** is a broad term that can mean multiple things. To many people it might be a fancy charity event with a lot of planning, but to me I found that the most wonderful peace through service acts are the ones that are done with kindness and empathy.

The three acts of service that assist me as a person are giving someone my time, advocating for my needs, and making others aware of what it takes to make me a more successful person. Giving someone my time may be simple yet a needed act of service which provides peace and mutual comfort is very rewarding. Whether it is sitting down with a friend who is struggling or giving them an ear and a shoulder to cry on or just simply asking someone how their day was are simple examples of acts of service that can bring one peace.

Additionally, it is important that we as people with visual impairment communicate our needs to other people that might be able to help us. This would cause less struggles for both of us and would help educate someone who can go on to use that knowledge to be able to further assist more people. This can be an essential act of service because it can bring awareness to how to adapt materials, how to interact with someone, or how to give more effective directions to a person with a visually impairment. In addition, we must learn how to advocate for ourselves. That is the most effective service we can do for ourselves and others.

From my point of view as a person with visual impairment at a middle school, it is essential to distinguish between advocacy and awareness. An awareness is educating someone of how to assist you, while advocacy is asking someone how they can better assist you. For example, many times in the middle school when a general education teacher is describing a picture, they are not describing all the details that meets my needs as a student with visual impairment. One might then choose to advocate and ask for a more detailed explanation of the picture. This is an essential service to oneself since it can prevent any obstacle on the path to success.

We don't have to be the founders of some great organization, big leaders in our community, or anyone special to make a difference. Even the most simple and selfless acts can give peace and comfort to both the one receiving and the one giving the service.

This essay was written by Leen Khraisat, a 13-year-old, eighth grade student of Jefferson Middle School, Mt. Lebanon, sponsored by the Mt. Lebanon Lions Club (14-B). It will now be sent to LCI for further judging.



# PEACE POSTER



**First place winner:**

**Quentin Petschauen**, age 12, seventh grade,  
St. Jerome Regional School, Tamaqua.

Quote: "You can't get peace single handed; it  
takes teamwork."

Sponsor: McAdoo Lions Club, 14-U.

Winners were chosen by the **Western Berks  
Fire Department/EMS Unit** who support the  
Lions Clubs in that area.





(Left) **Second place winner:**

**Sophia Landis**, age 13, eighth grade, Peters Township Middle School, McMurray

Quote: "When people make a choice to help one another, they choose to make the world a better place and create peace through service."

Sponsor: McMurray Lions Club, 14-M

(Right) **Third place winner:**

**Zoie Reckas**, age 13, eighth grade, South Hills Home School Group, South Hills

Quote: "Service men and women are holding onto peace in the world during these challenging times."

Sponsor: Whitehall Community Lions Club, 14-B



(Left) **Fourth place winner:**

**Sage Matthews**, age 12, seventh grade, East Juniata High School, McAllisterville

Quote: "Peace overcomes chaos."

Sponsor: Richfield Lions Club, 14-T

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
March 12-14, 2021

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION FORM

**Cost \$175.00 per Candidate** (includes Institute, lodging and meals)  
Checks should accompany this form and be made out to **PA State Council of Lions Clubs**  
**Mail to PDG Deb Burkholder**  
**25 James Drive, Denver, PA 17517**

Questions to PDG Deb Burkholder at [kburkholder@dejazzd.com](mailto:kburkholder@dejazzd.com) or 717-484-4892

*Application Submission Deadline Date: February 28, 2021*

**Please type or print**

District Number \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Lion's Title \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Lions Office Held \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Will be used for ALL Communication regarding the institute – Please Type or Print**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_ Month and Year Joined \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held Within Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Committee Positions Held Within Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

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Why is this institute of interest to you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

 **DG Form on next page**

**District Governor Must Complete and Sign this Form**

In what ways will this candidate benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute?

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**District Governor**

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of District Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of District Governor

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Email (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Presenting sponsor:



# 98th Annual MD-14 Convention

Hosted by District 14-L • Thursday-Sunday, May 13-16, 2021

Blair County Convention Center, Altoona



**DR. JUNG-YUL CHOI**  
Lions Clubs  
International President



**LARRY L. EDWARDS**  
Lions Clubs  
International Director



**CINDY GREGG**  
Lions Clubs  
Past International Director



**BETH SLADE**  
Leader Dogs for  
The Blind



**DAVID CRONE**  
"I'm No Dummy"



**PDG ED TUSTIN**  
Lions of Pennsylvania  
Foundation President



**LION KATIE ANDERSON**  
PA Lions Care - For the Kids  
Four Diamonds

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### Thursday

- State Council Meeting
- Partners in Service Meeting

### Friday

• Committee meetings  
• Luncheon sponsored by Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation. *Keynote speaker: ID Larry L. Edwards. Presentation of Leader Dogs for the Blind "Top Dog" awards*

• Necrology Service  
• PA Counsellors/District Governors Honor Banquet sponsored by Lions of PA Foundation. *Keynote speaker: PDG Ed Tustin*

- Hospitality Night event

### Saturday

#### Morning session

• Committee meetings  
• All State Band concert #1  
• Luncheon. *Keynote speaker: Lion Katie Anderson, PA Lions Care - For the Kids/Four Diamonds. Presentation of Lioness of the Year awards.*

#### Afternoon session

• "I'm No Dummy" motivational seminar featuring David Crone  
• Diabetes Awareness benefit walk

#### Evening

• All State Band concert #2  
• Social Hour  
• International Banquet.  
*Keynote speaker: International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi*

### Sunday

• Melvin Jones Fellow/Key Member Breakfast. *Keynote speaker: PID Cindy Gregg*  
• Voting on Constitution & By-Laws/Policy amendments  
• Business Session  
• 2021-2022 Council of Governors Orientation Session  
• 2021-2022 Partners in Service Orientation Meeting





## **Pennsylvania Lions District 14-L**

### **2021 State Convention**

### **Presented by Sheetz**

## **“Embracing our Differences to Change the World “**

Greetings Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

The 2021 PA Lions State Convention Host Committee has been diligently working to make this year’s experience a memorable one. There will be seminars planned along with speakers and entertainment to inspire you and hopefully make your experience while here in Altoona an enjoyable one. We are in the process of arranging an open golf match for those Lions arriving on Thursday morning.

Friday will start you off with some seminars. Then ID Larry Edwards will be our after-lunch feature speaker, followed by a presentation of Hellen Keller and Melvin Jones. Friday evening will be the Necrology services followed by the Counsellors/District Governors Honors banquet. The evening will conclude with the Hospitality night with a Patriot theme and dancing to the Sharptons.

Saturday will open with additional seminars and the Four Diamonds Foundation presentation at the luncheon. Later in the afternoon we will have David Crone presenting “I’m No Dummy,” this show is a must see full of fun and laughter. Concluding your day with the International Banquet where we are pleased to have our International President Dr Jung-Yul Choi as the keynote speaker.

We look forward to seeing you at the 98th State Convention in Altoona.

PDG Dennis Clark

Chairman

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14  
2021 STATE CONVENTION  
PRESENTED BY SHEETZ  
CONVENTION SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THURSDAY MAY 13, 2021

TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
8AM-5PM	State Convention Office	Room 211
12-5PM	Baskets Raffle	Room 204
12-5PM	Convention Registration	Front Hall
12-5PM	State Merchandise Store	Room 201
12-5PM	Vendors and Exhibitors	Exhibit Hall F&H
1-2:15 PM	State Council Preliminary Meeting	Ballroom 1&2
1-2:30PM	Partners in Service Meeting	Room 202
2:30-5PM	State Council Regular Meeting	Ballroom 1&2

FRIDAY MAY 14, 2021

TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
8AM-5PM	State Convention Office	Room 211
8-5PM	Basket Raffle	Room 204
8-5PM	Convention Registration	Front Hall
8-5PM	State Merchandise Store	Room 201
8-5PM	Vendors and Exhibitors	Exhibit Hall F&H
9-10AM	Diabetes Program: Linda Lupo	Rooms 202&203
9-10AM	PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp Board	Rooms 205&206
9-10AM	PA Lions Eye Research & Sight Conservation	Rooms 207&208
10-11AM.	Lions Club International Foundation	Rooms 202&203
10-11AM	PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation	Rooms 207&208
10-11AM	PA Lions Beacon Lodge Seminar	Rooms 205&206
11:30AM-1:30PM	Luncheon featuring ID Larry Edwards Leader Dogs for the Blind "Top Dog" Awards	Ballroom 4
2-3 PM	Helen Keller & Melvin Jones	Ballrooms 1&2
4:30-5:30PM	Necrology	Ballroom 1&2
6-7PM	Social Hour	Main Hall
7-8:30PM	Honors/PA Counsellors Banquet	Ballroom3
9-11PM	Hospitality Night	Ballroom 4

SATURDAY MAY 15, 2021

TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
8-9AM	Lions of PA Foundation Open Meeting	Rooms 205&206
8-9AM	LCIF	Rooms 202&203
9-10AM	LEO Gathering	Rooms 207&208
9-10AM	Global Action Team Meeting	Rooms 202&203
9-10AM	PA Counselors	Rooms 205&206
9-10AM	Western PA Hearing Foundation Meeting	Rooms 207&208
10-10:45 AM	IP Choi Meets with PA Lions	Ballroom 1&2
10:45-11:45 AM	All State Band Concert #1	Exhibit Hall
12-2PM	Luncheon: Four Diamonds Foundation and Lioness of the Year	Ballroom 3
2:15-3:30PM	Stride Walk	Around Complex
2:15-3:30PM	Sage Vision Sponsor	Ballrooms 1&2
3:45-5:15PM	"I'm No Dummy Productions": David Crone	Ballrooms 1&2
6-6:45PM	All State Band Concert"2	Exhibit Hall A&E
6-7PM	Social Hour	Hall
7-10PM	International Banquet	Ballroom 3&4

*Please see page 21 for tentative Sunday, May 16, activities.*

The State website: <https://www.palions.org/>

The State Merchandise Store: <https://palions.tbsonlinestore.com/>

Lions Clubs International: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>





**MD-14 State Council of Lions Clubs Convention  
98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – May 13 - 16, 2021  
The Blair County Convention Center, Altoona, PA 16602**

Registrant Information:  Lion  Lioness  Leo  Guest

Sub District \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First, Preferred Name) (example DG, PDG, Lion)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Residence) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) Email: \_\_\_\_\_

First Convention:  Yes  No Years as a Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Office Held: \_\_\_\_\_  Past  Present

**Spouse/Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs:**  Hearing Challenged  Visually Challenged  Physically Challenged  
Let us know how we can help!

**Dietary Restrictions:**

<b>Hotel Information: ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE Made Directly to one of the below Hotels</b>		
Conv. Center Marrot Court Yard	Call (814)-312-1800	\$104.00 Plus Taxes
Holiday Inn Express	Call (814)693-1004	\$112.00 Plus Taxes
Altoona Grand Hotel	Call (814)946-1631	\$ 79.00 Plus Taxes
Hampton Inn	Call (814)941-3500	\$129.00 Plus Taxes
Deadline for Hotel Reservations April 17, 2021		
Meal reservations Deadline April 17, 2021 <b>NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 17, 2021</b>		

**REGISTRATION**

Convention Registration – **REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES** (No fee for children under 12 or Leos)  
Registration category will be determined by the postmark on your envelope!

Early Bird/Regular (January 31<sup>st</sup> \$10.00) Regular (Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup> \$12.50) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Late (April 18<sup>th</sup> to on site (\$15.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Buffet Luncheon: Chicken Parmesan   
Alvera’s Meatballs  OR Pasta  Price: \$22.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday PA Counsellors/ District Governors Honors Banquet:  
10 Oz. Pork Chop  or Grilled Breast of Chicken  Price: \$32.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Tortellini  Price: \$28.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of persons to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Buffet Luncheon: Soup and Sandwich Buffet  Price: \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

International Banquet: Salmon Fillet  Price: \$31.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
12 Oz Delmonico Steak  Price: \$31.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Three Cheese Lasagna  Price: \$26.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of persons to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_

Melvin Jones Breakfast: Breakfast Buffet  Price: \$17.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
2021 State Convention Pin  X\$3.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please visit <http://www.lions14L.org/> for more information on the hotel accommodations and menus

**EACH REGISTRANT SHOULD COMPLETE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM!**

Make checks payable to: **2021 PA State Convention**  
Mail completed forms and payment to: **Lion Kathryn Long, 423 Walnut Street, Lewistown, PA 17044**  
**Registration committee chair: Lion Kathryn Long, (717)242-2205**  
email [katyel.long@gmail.com](mailto:katyel.long@gmail.com)

## From Global Membership Coordinator PDG Cheryl Wilbur

### "Lions are Here!"

Happy Holidays! **AND** we are getting to our goals at a slow pace, **BUT** never fear – **LIONS ARE HERE!**

To sustain Lions clubs for the next 100 years, we need to continue to build our organization. There are millions of individuals that have never been asked – **"Would you like to attend a Lions meeting to see what we do, and we will even provide a FREE dessert?"** Just the thought of food usually brings people together, and Lions are no exception!

Except – if your current club members are **NOT** satisfied. While receiving numerous phone calls from dissatisfied Lions, as MD-14 GMT Coordinator, the answers rest within the club and the responsibility remains at the hands of the leaders inside.

"Keeping your club efficient, productive and meaningful to your members results in many benefits:

- A club that is vital and a respected part of your community
- The ability to provide service locally and globally
- The ability to offer personal and professional growth opportunities to your members
- A club that provides enjoyable fellowship

If a club is not thriving, it cannot survive." (Membership Satisfaction Guide)

Where do we begin? We start off with an informative membership orientation with new members. It is here where the person or persons doing the briefing will discover the gifts the member will bring to the club. New members generate new ideas and keep the club well-rounded in viewpoints. Get the new members immediately involved in areas of their interests while listening with an open heart. Making comments – "we have done that before and it did not work" or "we already are too busy to begin something new – we don't have enough people now to help." Heard those in your club? If so, Lions and leaders, adjustments need to be made sooner than later!

Next step? Time for a **Membership Satisfaction Guide**. <https://temp.lionsclubs.org/EN/pdfs/me301.pdf>

"Research shows that people become Lions for many reasons. The most common are:

- To serve their community
- To be involved with a specific service or cause
- To be with friends
- To become a leader in the community
- To be with other family members who are Lions"

December 31, 2020 is the cut-off date to recruit new members not having to pay the \$35 application fee. How many new members have you recruited? Every Lion should be asking **"JUST ONE!"**

Some District Governors are not only asking **"Just One,"** they are asking specialty groups to form a Lions Club and they are working diligently even during a pandemic that could not hold us back! **Many thanks to District Governor Tom Vasek with four NEW Clubs, making District A with 80+ members** as of December 9, 2020!! Congratulations, Governor! This effort does not come easily, especially now. We have other new clubs adding because of the Lioness Bridging Program or Lioness joining a current Lions Club. We **MUST** keep these new Lions and retain them long into our future.

Time has come to search the guidance Lions Clubs International offers in support. These tools are a benefit to Lions while providing leadership skills, conflict resolution protocol to solve difficult issues within the club and celebrations/awards of good in every Lion. Have you publicly acknowledged a Lion for their help, initiating a new project, bringing a potential member to a club meeting or for their hours of devotion to the community? Complementing a Lion will take your club forward for the next century.

Thanks to the 2020-2021 State Council of Governors for supporting the future in a new effort to assist Lions in membership. A scheduled **Membership Connections Seminar** has been rescheduled for May 24, 2021. It is here you will learn more and gain support of recruiting young Lions, writing grants, creative fundraising, future technology, understanding acronyms in Lionism and membership satisfaction during the pandemic. Take one day out of your hectic schedule to benefit your club members and your community for only \$15 with raffle baskets and awards while meeting and sharing with other Lions in the state of Pennsylvania! Hope to see you there – mark it on your calendars.

Let us put our foot on the gas, move at a quicker pace to meet our goals of helping others – **"Never Fear, Lions are Here!"**

**PDG Cheryl Wilbur**

# 1st Annual Membership Connections



\$5 per 10 tickets  
7 Baskets

Sponsored by PA State Lions  
Council of Governors for the  
Global Membership Team

## Seminars



We can only accept 70 Lions at this time; 23 per session with 3 sessions running at one time frame, separate rooms!!!!  
**CALL EARLY TO GET A SEAT!!**

Saturday, May 24, 2021

Wyndham Garden State College Mountain View Country Club, 310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA

Cost: Lunch Only \$15.00

Seminar Reservations: [cawilbur65@gmail.com](mailto:cawilbur65@gmail.com) or 607-738-6909

## Topics of Interest

**Members: A, B, C Acronyms** New members arrive with heads turning and twirling in all directions: what to do, what does that mean, what did she/he just say? *PID Cindy Gregg* will put a spin on those initials for better understanding!

**Members: Boosting Satisfaction** Additional ways to encourage Lions to step-up; keeping seasoned members active; and handling conflicts with resolutions. *A Leading Lion* will guide us to the future in Lionism.

**Members: Fun(ds) Raising-FUN & Games** Bored with same 'ole, same 'ole? Creating ways to add enjoyment and excitement to the traditional meetings. Co-Instructors *Lions Dorothy Daugherty and Debra Bieber* will entertain new ideas.

**Members: Grants-Funding Awards** An alternative to gaining access to funds to keep serving those in need. *IPDG Jim Wilbur* will provide Guidance with access and applications to assist with providing members and clubs more financial opportunities.

**Members: Membership: Panel of Young Lions** What do they want to do; how can they add energy to your club; and they will answer your questions, with steps to recruiting and enticing the next generation. *Lions representing the Mansfield Lions Club*

**Members: Service: More Opportunities** Lions are always looking for new ways to provide service to those in need. With the leadership of our Multiple District *PDG GST Tom Gregg*, you will need to bring a book to make a list!

## LION CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT

### MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14, NOVEMBER 2020

Coordinators- PDG Kerry McKnight - East, PDG Evan Punchard - West

Donations to LCIF are down by 40% this current Lions year while we are still in the pandemic. This is due to many clubs' fundraisers having been cancelled or postponed. There are clubs and districts in MD-14 that are being creative and going to ticket raffles and some are even having drive-through dinners. In District 14-C, they originally had a bingo night planned, but after postponing it four times, they decided to have a ticket raffle instead which was very successful.

Campaign 100 throughout the world has raised \$16 million this current Lions year and has served 4.5 million people. As PDG Kerry reported earlier, MD-14 has surpassed the \$1 million mark in contributions to LCIF since 2017, the beginning of Campaign 100. We are fourth in Multiple District donations in Constitutional Area 1.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, five districts in MD-14 have received emergency grants worth \$10,000. District 14-G has also received a \$9,000 grant for disaster preparedness and a \$1,000 Community Impact grant. Congratulations to these districts. As you can see MD-14 has really benefited from LCIF and we need to return the favor to the Foundation!

PDG Kerry and PDG Evan are very excited about a new fundraiser for LCIF in MD-14, (thanks to ID Larry Edwards and PDG Jim Cavarallo), called "Shave the Statches" in which both Directors would shave their mustaches if we raised at least \$10,000 by selling \$25.00 tickets. For every 40 tickets sold, a Melvin Jones Fellowship would be awarded to a winning ticket. If the winner already has a Melvin Jones Fellowship, they would be awarded a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. The winning tickets would be drawn at the next State Convention held. Between ID Larry and PID Jim, their mustaches have been growing for over 100 years, so this is a great personal sacrifice for them; let us make this fundraiser a great success!

Also, clubs will be receiving LCIF donation boxes in the near future to be passed around at club meetings or put in strategic places in their communities as another way of raising money for LCIF. More information will be forthcoming on this.

PDG Kerry and PDG Evan greatly appreciate your support to LCIF throughout Campaign 100; we are asking you to continue this to make it a very successful campaign, especially with so many recent disasters during a record storm season.

PDG Evan Punchard and PDG Kerry McKnight



## MD-14 Campaign 100 Fundraiser



International Director  
Larry Edwards

A current International Director and a Past International Director. What is a common feature in both pictures? Yes, a mustache. Both men have sported a mustache for many years without shaving it off. Be sure to be there when ID Larry and PID Jim remove their own mustaches. All Lions who attend have an opportunity to watch. It's all about raising needed money for the LCIF Campaign 100.



Past International Director  
Jim Cavallaro

The **Shave The Staches** campaign is intended as a fun event with the overall goal of raising funds for Lions Clubs International Foundation **CAMPAIGN 100**.

When the overall goal of \$10,000.00 is reached both International Director Larry Edwards and Past International Director Jim Cavallaro will relieve their upper lips of the growth that has nestled there for a combined 100 years.

The rules are:

Contribute \$25.00 to LCIF by purchasing a numbered ticket.

With each contribution of \$25.00 your ticket will be eligible for a drawing at the conclusion of the Campaign for either a Melvin Jones Fellowship or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

There will be one MJF/PMJF awarded by the Multiple District for each thousand dollars that is sent to LCIF. The Campaign will be concluded with the Shaving Event to be held at the first State Convention when our goal of \$10,000.00 is reached.

Purchase additional tickets and return the stubs and money to the one of the addresses below.

PDG Kerry McKnight  
(717) 880-6617  
6 Mulberry Lane  
New Freedom, PA. 17349

PDG Evan Punched  
(724) 664-1953  
401 W. First Street  
Rural Valley, PA. 16249

Your checks should be made payable to Pennsylvania Lions MD-14.

## From Paws to Refresh (worthy of repeat....)

by State Administrator Lion Bob McComas

### Liquor not permitted in basket raffles

**Please be aware:** A popular staple in basket raffles is a “no-no.”



After researching the matter with the Executive Director of the PA House of Representatives' Liquor Committee and the PA Liquor Control Board, MD-14 legal counsel Lion Ashley Grimm reported that “liquor is not permitted to be in a basket for purposes of a raffle. This also

includes silent auctions.

“This equates to selling liquor without a license,” Lion Grimm said. “A wine and spirits gift card is permitted to be included in a raffle basket, though.”

Lion Grimm’s research supported the opinion expressed by Lawrence County Treasurer Richard Rapone in a recent New Castle News story that had prompted MD-14 State Council Chair Bill Morgan to contact Lion Grimm.

As part of the News story, Capt. Jamie Jones of the LCB Enforcement Bureau said including any type of alcoholic beverage – be it a six pack of beer, a bottle of wine, a bottle of whiskey or the like – is a violation of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code, Title 47, and is an unclassified misdemeanor offense. The fine upon conviction is \$500, levied to the organization sponsoring the fundraiser and not the donor of the basket.

In the News story, Rapone pointed out, under the state’s small games of chance law, it is illegal to host basket raffles at fundraising dinners used to benefit someone who is sick.



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# Pennsylvania Lions

## 2020 – 2021 Pennsylvania State Pin Order Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

State Pin (left)	No. _____	@ \$3.00 each	\$ _____
Prestige Pin (right)	No. _____	@ \$4.00 each	\$ _____
		Sub Total	\$ _____
		Plus 6% Sales Tax	\$ _____
		Shipping Cost	\$ _____
		Total Due	\$ _____

Make checks payable to: Pennsylvania Lions

Return form and check to: Pennsylvania Lions State Office  
949 East Park Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Shipping: \$15.00 or under including tax, add \$5.00  
\$15.01 to \$30.00 including tax, add \$7.00  
\$30.01 to \$55.00 including tax, add \$9.00

*Our heartfelt condolence and sympathy to the families*



PDG John Holland  
April 17, 2020  
Eagleville Trooper,  
and Montco Lions Clubs, 14-A  
District Governor, 14-R, 2010-2011



PDG Donn W. Barber  
October 16, 2020, age 100  
Kennett Square Lions Club  
District Governor 14-P, 1977-1978



PDG Donald E. Mills  
January 11, 1932 – October 19, 2020  
Bellwood-Antis Lions Club  
District Governor 14-L, 2003-2004  
and 2008-2009



PDG William R. "Bill" Brown, Jr.  
July 27, 1955 - November 20, 2020  
Wilshire Hills Lions Club  
District Governor 14-D, 2017-2018



**Sleep in Heavenly Peace** is an organization that believes "all children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads."

They are "a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need."

**Luzerne County in 14-W** received a \$6,000 grant from **Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation** and raised more than \$8,000 to build 48 beds.

Currently Luzerne County has more than 400 children on the waiting list for beds.

More than 60 volunteers, Lions, community and family members came to help with the event.

The Luzerne County Chapter president said it was the most organized event they have had yet. **ROAR Lions!**



Thank you from the Lions of 14-W to the NEPALSF for approving the grant for this very worthwhile project. Together we provided 48 beds for children who need them.

Contributed by **PDG Joan Milligan**





The **Jersey Shore Lioness Lions, 14-G**, held their charter night celebration on October 6 at the Jersey Shore Moose Lodge. The club chartered with 36 Lions, several who were original charter members of the Lioness Club. **District Governor Jim Douthett** had each charter member sign the charter and presented them with their member pin and the pen with which they signed the charter.

Members: **Angie Boncal (Secretary), Sandra Buttorff, Jennifer Campana, Karen Confer, Roxanne Crist (President), Karen Davidson, Denise Dieter, Sharon Dietzel, Kathy Douthett, Linda Hubbell, Darlene Jameson, Diane Johnson, Tiffany Kilpatrick, Jayne Knieser, Cheryl Koons, Margaret Koons, Barbara Kozlowski, Donna Maines, Pamela Maines, Bonnie Mitcheltree, Dorian Myers, Nancy Oakes, Melanie Palski, Ardella Paucke, Joni Pauling (Treasurer), Deborah Rupert, Nancy Simmons, Cecelia Wachter, Kimberly Waldman, Abby Welker-Yoas, Laurie Wells, Candance Welshans, Joyce Wheeland, Judy Wirth, Terri Wool and Judy Young.**

Contributed by **PDG Cheryl Wilbur and ID Larry Edwards**



The **Bedford Lioness Lion Club, 14-L**, held its charter night celebration on October 17 at the Bedford American Legion. Seventeen members bridged into Lions. District Governor Jim Foreso had each member sign the charter and presented their member certificate while IPDG John Harker presented each one with their charter member pin and the pen with which they signed the charter.

Contributed by **ID Larry Edwards**



The **Horton-Brockway Area Lions Club, 14-J**, met a new milestone when they inducted their first third generation Lions member. When **Austin Geitner** turned 18, he filled out an application to join the club; he has helped over the years with many of the club's programs and projects and has attended conventions and been a guest at cabinet meetings.

*Pictured left to right are: **PDG Duane "Duey" Geitner**, grandfather, who inducted his grandson; **Brad Black**, club president; **Sis Geitner**, grandmother; **Austin Geitner**, the new member; **Buddy Geitner**, sponsor and father and **Kristen Geitner**, mother.*

**Little Beaver Lions Club, 14-N**, has partnered with the Darlington Food Pantry for the last four years for the Christmas food distribution. The Food Bank purchases the food through the Pittsburgh Food Bank and can maximize their purchases with \$5 worth of food for every dollar spent. Little Beaver's donation of \$1,500 became \$7,500 in food and supplied more than 300 families with Christmas dinner. Each family received several boxes of dry goods, fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, cheese, meat and other assorted items.

Contributed by **Lion Patrick Lindner**





The **Avon Grove Lions, 14-P**, (left) donated to **Camp Abilities PA** at West Chester University; supporting their program for blind children. The camp was held virtually this year with 20 children and 30 volunteers.

*Pictured are **Monica Lepore**, Immediate Past Director, Professor Emeritus and **Maria Lepore-Stevens**.*

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



(Above) The **Hanover Township Lions Club, 14-W**, collected Toys for Tots.

Contributed by **Lion John Van Why**

**Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club, 14-G**, members conducted free meals to the community titled "Free Pop-up Dinners on the Go!" They purchase, prepare and deliver meals to those in need. Although donations are not encouraged, they have made approximately \$500 toward future meals. Wegman's grocery store provided \$250 to help purchase foods to assist with the meals.

*Pictured are **Lions Andrea Stone, Colleen Kriner, Joanne Rockwell, Roberta Jones, Nathan, Michelle Bousquet**.*

Contributed by **PDG Cheryl Wilbur**





**McKeesport Lions, 14-B**, once again took over manning the bell and kettle for The Salvation Army in McKeesport. The club has manned the kettle for many years on the weekend before Christmas.

*Pictured are **Tony Ura, Linda Povirk and Joe Clemente.***

Others not pictured but who participated are **Donna Byrne, Keith Soles, Dan Carr, Ernie Oatneal and Chuck Jarrell.**

Contributed by **Lion Annette James**

**Avon Grove High School Leos, 14-P**, helped clean out books and chalkboards and put up Christmas decorations (candles and candy canes) at the Penn Township Book Nook.

Leos participating and shown are: **Sofia Trone, Angelina McGrath, Emily Rineer, Connor Crymes, Jack Perlman, Nikole Laws, Megan Obetz and Eileen Obetz.**

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



**Riverside Area Lions Club, 14-N**, donated Christmas toys to the Riverside Elementary School, Ellwood City School, Holy Redeemer Social Services and Central Valley School Systems.

Shown is **Colleen LaNave**, receptionist at Riverside Elementary School with boxes of toys.

Contributed by **DG Chip Campbell**



**Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions, 14-G,** presented a check for \$500 to KARE, Inc. for Community Christmas in Tioga County.

*Pictured are **President Michelle Bousquet, Megan Hutchinson, 2VP Bill Kriner** and (back) **Lion Rodney Fountain.***

**Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Club, 14-G,** inducted five new members: **Maurice Loy, Jean Ward, Ronda Heinrich, Kathie Confer** and **Julianne Snyder.**



**Williamsport Sight Services Lions Club, 14-G,** sold dinners in support of a recent employee of the North Central Sight Services, Inc. who was injured when hit by a car. Lions from the **Jersey Shore Area Lioness, Loyalsock Township and Northern Tioga County Centennial Lions Clubs, Rose Crawley** of South Williamsport and **Maladia Sausser** of Jersey Shore assisted with packaging for pick-up. Following the work efforts, the workers were given a guided tour of the North Central Sight Services, Inc. facility.

All articles on this page contributed by **PDG Cheryl Wilbur.**



North Central Sight Services, Inc. holds an annual Lions Appreciation Dinner for **District 14-G**. This year they presented awards to **DG Jim Douty**; Board Member **PDG Kerry Drake**; **ID Larry Edwards** and **IPDG Jim Wilbur** in appreciation for assistance in obtaining a \$50,000 matching Community Impact Grant from LCIF.

The grant was awarded to NCSS to set up an Assistive Technology Lab within their facility and was sponsored by 14-G. Many thanks are due **Lion Amy Alexander**, treasurer of the newly formed **Williamsport Sight Services Lions Club**, for her work in writing the grant.

Following the presentations, IPDG Jim Wilbur announced to NCSS an LCIF Community Impact Grant was achieved to purchase an enclosed cargo trailer to take the assistive technology equipment on the road. The news left CEO/President **Lion Brian Patchett** in awe: the fulfillment of his lifetime dream for the ability to take equipment to serve and support the blind and visually impaired.

Contributed by **PDG Cheryl Wilbur**

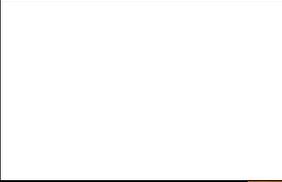
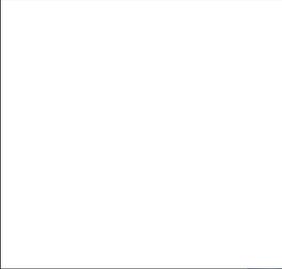


**Avon Grove Lions, 14-P**, conducted a highway clean-up between West Grove and Route 41.

Pictured are Lions **Chuck Connor, Robin Rios, Dave Priebe, Brian Coe** and **Dave Graham**.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**

# Avon Grove Lions Honor Students of the Month

		<p>October 2020  <b>Senior Hannah Kahan</b>  <b>Avon Grove Charter School</b>  Plans to attend school for Hospitality and Business Management, perhaps in the UK</p>
		<p>October 2020  <b>Senior Max Haas</b>  <b>Avon Grove High School</b>  Plans to attend the USAF Academy or the US Naval Academy majoring in Aerospace Engineering</p>
		<p>November 2020  <b>Senior James (Steven) Thornton</b>  <b>Avon Grove Charter School</b>  Plans to attend Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA</p>
		<p>November 2020  <b>Senior Mary Roberts</b>  <b>Avon Grove High School</b>  Recognized for her outstanding community service and academic excellence</p>
		<p>December 2020  Seniors recognized for academic achievements and community service</p> <p>Pictured: Lakshmi Jalluri, Ravi Jalluri, Student of the Month, <b>Senior Haripriya Jalluri</b>, Lions President Dwayne Degler, Student of the Month, <b>Senior Brisa Luzzi</b>, Mirta Castro and Adrian Luzzi</p>
		<p>December 2020  <b>Senior Grace Blevins</b>  <b>Avon Grove Charter School</b>  Plans to attend a four-year college to explore her interests in exercise science, business and music therapy</p>
		<p>December 2020  <b>Senior Joseph Daghir</b>  <b>Avon Grove High School</b>  Plans to study engineering and enter a career that explores product development and computer-aided design</p>

# SPLASH

The Newsletter for Residents of  
Jenner's Pond Retirement Community



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## Lions Medical Equipment Program Serves Community

Two goals of the Avon Grove Lions Club, started in 1950, are to lead by example and improve the world through kindness. Their Hospital and Medical Equipment Program is proof of living that ideal.

Member Gene McDowell began the program in 1987 with equipment donated by the Newark, Delaware, Lions Club. This included a few hospital beds, wheelchairs, commodes and walkers. The program has now accumulated a large variety of manual and electric equipment which is loaned at no cost to anyone in the community who has a need. Donations of equipment and money from the community help support the program.

"Many home care nurses and doctors' offices know about us," said Bob Yeatman, who coordinates the program. "Over the years I have taken equipment to and received donations from people throughout the area, including Jenner's Pond."

Yeatman and his older brother Jim were very active with the Lions. When the family mushroom and dairy farm between Avondale and Chatham was bisected by the Route 1 bypass, the family decided to get out of the dairy business, which left a barn unused except for storage. "My brother and I decided to clean out the barn," Yeatman explained. "We expanded in back, and today have two floors of medical equipment." The Lions Book Barn, which takes up the rest of the space, has also benefitted from book donations from Jenner's Pond.

Growing up, Yeatman watched and learned how a mechanic fixed farm equipment, and soon became the

one handling repairs. That education helps the program today. "One reason I got involved in medical equipment is that I love to work on things," he said. "Some of the equipment we get needs a little work. The brakes may need adjusting or the arm rests need fixing. So, I just fix them before I loan them out."

While inventory varies, they rarely run out of anything that someone needs. They accept a wide variety of equipment and supplies, as long as they are not beyond their useful life. Because the equipment is loaned out for as long as it is needed, usually about 50% is returned. "But that has worked out okay because we keep getting pieces donated," he said. Financial donations to the program help pay for the repairs he works on and often for batteries for the electric equipment.

"A lot of home care nurses and physical therapists come in to get equipment for their clients and are amazed at all the things we have," Yeatman said with a smile. "They tell me how thankful they are that the Lions have this program."

The outreach covers a wide area. In addition to the immediate locale, equipment goes to people in Coatesville, Downingtown, West Chester, Aston and beyond. An occupational therapist that used to work in the area now comes up frequently from Delaware as do people from Maryland.

Watching people picking up their equipment tells the story. Some have tears of joy they try to blink back. Others beam with happiness at what they know will be a new be-

ginning. The equipment can be life-changing for recipients, providing a restored sense of independence and improved confidence in coping with their own needs.

"Every day people come in who can't say enough about the program," he said. For the Avon Grove Lions, such gratitude is a wonderful form of payment.

—Wendy Pennier



Bob Yeatman finishing the loan documents for a customer borrowing a walker. Photo by Roger Gormel

*For information about the Medical Equipment Program call Bob Yeatman at 484 883-0515.*

*For information about other programs including the Lions Book Barn and the Lions Christmas Tree Sale visit [www.aglions.com](http://www.aglions.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Avon-Grove-Lions-Club>*

*Donations of books and eyeglasses can be made at the yellow Lions drop boxes, including the one across from the Giant Shopping Center near BB&T Bank.*



The **Hazleton Lions, 14-T**, honored all the hospital staff at Lehigh Valley Health Network Hospital in Hazleton with the club's annual Humanitarian Award. The hospital staff was chosen as a group to say "thank you" to all of them, from the doctors to the janitorial staff.

Contributed by **Lion William Rasinger**



**DG Dave Barrett's** visit to the **Tunkhannock Lions Club, 14-H**.

*Pictured above are Lions **Judy Ginger, Jen and Jeremy Daubert, PDG/Club President, Harold "Butch" Sands, DG Dave's son, Preston and DG Dave Barrett.***

Contributed by **Lion Jen Daubert**



**PDG Charlie Poust**, Disaster Committee Chair, **Ferguson Township Lions Club, 14-G**, and **Lion Sally Tressler**, President of the **Milesburg Club** collected goods for the Louisiana Hurricane survivors.

Contributed by **PDG Cheryl Wilbur**



**Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P**, held White Cane Days in October; they collected more than \$700 for sight impaired individuals. Aurora Pizzeria and Pasta Kitchen provided lunch for the Lions.

*Pictured above are **Lion Fran Thomson** (left); **Lions George Steele** and **Ian Currie** (center) and **Lion President Dwayne Degler** (right).*

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



**Adams Township Lions Club, 14-J**, packed 600 Halloween treat bags which were handed out at four locations within the township. The club traditionally would provide a float for the parade, award cash prizes and give out the treats. This year the parade was canceled but the community's children received a treat bag containing a fruit drink, an apple, chips and candy.

Contributed by **Lion Sue Houston**

