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2020-2021 MD-14 "Leo of the Year" Angel Diaz

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Virtual experiences

New formats for 2021 LCI, MD-14 conventions

For the second consecutive year, there will be no live Lions Clubs International or Multiple District 14 conventions held this summer. As was the case a year ago when the International Convention in Singapore and State Convention in Erie were both canceled, ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related social distancing regulations have forced a change in routine. Lions, Lionesses and Leos will enjoy a "virtual" new and totally different experience; the conventions will be held electronically. "Attendees" of the conventions will simply need an Internet connection and Internet browser to access and enjoy the proceedings.

LCICon 2021, the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention, originally scheduled to be held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, will be held June 25-29. The registration fee is \$75 for Lions and Lionesses and \$30 for Omega Leo (18-30) members. Approximately 1-2 weeks prior to the event, registered participants will receive the link and credentials to access the virtual convention. General questions about the convention should be emailed to convention@lionsclubs.org; questions about registration should be sent to registration@lionsclubs.org.

The 93rd Annual Multiple District 14, Pennsylvania Lions State Convention, scheduled to be held May 14-16 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, will instead be a one-day event on Sunday, May 16.

Information on the conventions can be found on the respective organization's website, www.lionsclubs.org for the LCI convention and www.palions.org for MD-14.

This issue of *The PRIDE* also features information on the state convention, including a list of times (subject to change) and featured speakers for the various sessions.

Featured speakers during the virtual State Convention include International President **Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**, Pennsylvania's own Past International President **Joseph L. Wroblewski**, International Director and former MD-14 State Council Chair **Larry L. Edwards** and current State Council Chair **Marilyn Wagner**.

Convention participants will also be treated to presentations by **Lion Katie Anderson** (Palmyra Lions Club, District 14-C) on the PA Lions Care - For The Kids / Four Diamonds partnership between MD-14 and Penn State Health Children's Hospital's childhood cancer program, and **Lion Beth Slade** will present Leader Dogs for the Blind's "Top Dog" awards to deserving PA Lions clubs in recognition of their financial support of the program based in Rochester, Michigan.

Rounding out the awards portion of the convention will be the annual presentation of Lioness of the Year awards.

For a break from Lions-specific sessions, **David Crone** will entertain participants with his "I'm No Dummy" motivational presentation. David is the son of District 14-F Past District Governor **John Crone** and Partner in Service **Lion Shirley**.

The 2021 conventions won't be like any previous Lions International and/or state annual gathering, but change is good.

We hope you enjoy the experiences!

From International Director Larry Edwards

And we Continue To Serve

Greetings, Lions, Leos, and Lioness,

As I am writing this article, I just finished my daily chore of blowing snow from my driveway. I would guess that most PA Lions have been doing the same. This has been a winter to remember. If it isn't snow, it is ice. We can be thankful that we have not received some of the terrible cold that our friends in Texas, the mid-west and the south have been getting. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they are in need of help.

Speaking of help, what a great tribute to our MD Disaster Coordinator and his team recorded in the last Pride Magazine. Lion Jim Groff has been a great asset to our Multiple District and to those in need all over the country. As the saying goes, "Where there is a need, there is a Lion." Thanks Lion Jim for your service.

Well, District and Multiple District Convention time is about here. We are seeing a mix of in-person with limitations and virtual conventions. Of course, our MD-14 and International Conventions will both be virtual this year. I encourage all Lions to participate in both. If you do, I assure you that you will end the event with more Lions' knowledge and be ready to reach out to recruit more potential Lions to join in the road to serve others. Registration for the International Convention is available on the LCI website and the MD Convention information will be out soon.

Speaking of virtual conventions, I have been the presenter at several. I have to say that all have been handled very well. They covered all the required items for a convention, had many attendees and were able to say comfortably that they met the needs for the convention. I encourage those Districts holding virtual conventions to plan your time frame well and have a good technology individual to assist with the programs.

Spring should be right around the corner. I hope that many of our Lions will have received the COVID-19 vaccine by then. The COVID-19 numbers in PA are coming down. As Lions we still need to be safe and do all the necessary precautionary steps to protect ourselves. Continue to meet on a virtual basis until your club feels the ability to meet in-person with social distancing and all precautions. Look for those ways to provide service for others while maintaining safety. As time goes on, we all hope to begin more open meetings, fundraisers, and service activities to get our Lions back on track. Do not forget that we in the first year of the North American Membership Initiative. Keep the pressure on this process as your DGE will be taking the reins in July. Keep working toward the District goals and have a clean hand-off to the next year's Governor and team to keep the momentum going upward.

Please have a safe and productive spring. I am looking forward to seeing many more of our Lions in person as this year moves on. Keep up that positive attitude and keep on serving.

In Lions Service,

ID Larry



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Diaz named as Silver Anniversary award winner



Angel Diaz, a fourth-year member of the Penbrook Leo Club in District 14-T, was selected as the 2020-2021 Pennsylvania "Leo of the Year."

Diaz was awarded the honor after voting by members of the current Multiple District 14 (PA) Council of Governors from a pool of candidates that included winners of MD-14 sub-district competitions.

Diaz is the 25th recipient of the state Leo of the Year honor and



the second Penbrook Leo in the last three years to win the award. Summer Martinez was the 2018-2019 award winner. The

Penbrook Leo club is sponsored by the community's Lions club.

Diaz is scheduled to receive his Multiple District Leos Founders Recognition Award and a \$250 check at a dinner held February 5, 2022, as part of the third 2021-2022 Council of Governors meeting at the Wyndham Garden York Hotel.

As the Multiple District's Leo of the Year, Diaz is eligible for a Merit Award from Lions Clubs International that would earn him a medallion and commemorative certificate.

A 17-year-old junior, Diaz is a

student in the Central Dauphin School District's Technical Division with a focus on Home Building/Masonry. He is also a member of his school's baseball team.

Diaz wasted no time becoming an active and vital member of his Leo club. He was named as the club's treasurer immediately after joining the club in July 2016 and served in that capacity for three years before accepting his current position as Vice President.

Recipient of the prestigious Lions Youth Service Award for Leadership three times since 2017, Diaz led the Leo club's Adopted Capital Area Greenbelt environmental clean-up project that included the removal of invasive plant species and riparian repairs. He also led the club's Manna Food Drive project that raised over \$1,200 and collected a van-load of dried goods to help feed 250 children in the backpack program.

Diaz devoted over 100 hours of community volunteer service in the five-week Penbrook Little Valley Park Summer Program for children ages 6-12, conducting small group classes in health and fitness, sports and crafts.

Diaz has also done his part to assure the continuation of the Penbrook Leo club legacy; he was the proud sponsor of two new members during the 2020-2021 Leo year, including his younger brother, Brian.

Hixenbaugh, Jageman receive honorable mention citations

Kameryn Hixenbaugh and Sadie Jageman were selected as honorable mention state Leos of the Year.

An 18-year-old high school senior, **Hixenbaugh** has been a Leo since 2018 and is currently president of the Waynesburg Leo Club sponsored by the Waynesburg Lions Club. She became a Leo during her



2020-2021 state Leo of the Year Angel Diaz was the featured guest at the Penbrook Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt event

sophomore year of high school and served as the club's secretary last year.

Undeterred by the pandemic, Hixenbaugh earned the District 14-M Leo of the Year and state honors by



completing projects independently, including one that creates mats for the homeless. She also helped lead the Operation

Shoobox project for children in other countries and packing bags for the local Lions club's Halloween parade.

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LEO OF THE YEAR

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Hixenbaugh has received the Silver Star Award in recognition of donating 50 hours of community service and sponsored two new members this year.

An Honor Roll student, Hixenbaugh has been a member of her school's cheerleading squad and band throughout her high school career.



Jageman is the 18-year-old vice president of the Armstrong River Hawks Leo Club sponsored by the Ford City Lions Club and was selected

as the District 14-N winner prior to receiving the state honor.

A Leo since 2016 and sponsor of four new members, Jageman was instrumental in the creation of a school-wide food collection project. She also helped coordinate a talent show that raised funds for the local animal shelter and Operation Christmas Child.

Jageman has been included in the Principal's Leadership Breakfast at her school and is active in her church's youth group leadership efforts.

Leos considered for the prestigious award sponsored by Lions

MD-14'S TOP LEOS

Year	Leo of the Year, Club
2020-2021	Angel Diaz, Penbrook
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 Shojai, 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 Sharp, 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 Madden, Upper Merion
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

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.

'Life is sometimes like a hamster wheel'

Editor's note: The following was inadvertently omitted from a feature story in Issue 2 (October-November-December 2020) of the 2020-2021 PRIDE

"I'm thankful for my time in the Leo Club and all that it taught me," said 2000-2001 MD-14 Leo of the



Year" award recipient **Chelsea Pajak Vaughn**, a 2006 graduate of Allegheny College with an extremely-

challenging double major in the neuroscience and psychology.

"Most of my community service revolved around animals," Vaughn said, so she focused her sights on veterinary school. After working nine years in North Carolina State University's veterinary school and as a veterinary nurse and marketing lead, she decided that wasn't the path on which she was meant to be.

Vaughn was the second of five members of the Bentleyville Leo Club to have received the state Leo of the Year award.

For the last seven years, Vaughn has been employed as a Territory Manager for Patterson Veterinary Supply in Raleigh, NC.

"I find my career to be very challenging and fulfilling," she said. "It is very rewarding."

Away from work, "My life is sometimes like a hamster wheel and there aren't enough hours in the day," Vaughn said.

She and husband Rudy are the parents of three children under the age of four, the youngest of whom was born in August 2020; two dogs and one cat.

Please confirm accuracy of club rosters, officer lists

Lions Clubs International and the Multiple District 14 office ask club officials to regularly review and update club rosters and officer listings on the "MyLCI" feature of the LCI website, www.lionsclubs.org.

Club membership totals are used, among other things, for LCI, Multiple District 14 and sub-district per capita dues invoices generated in early July and early January of each Lions fiscal year.

Accurate club officer listings are needed for correspondence from the International, state and sub-district offices to reach the proper club officials, who may then distribute the most up-to-date information to members of their club. **Please note:** Club officer updates for the 2021-2022 Lions year should be submitted no later than May 15.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

March 30, 2021

NOTICE OF SALES TAX EXEMPTION EXTENSION

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Dear Applicant:

This responds to the above organization's request to be granted an extension of sales and use tax exemption.

The Department has received the organization's application, therefore an extension of sales and use tax exemption will be granted. The extension is only intended to assist the organization to continue daily operation without interruption. The extension will expire **JUNE 30 2021**. **You may use this correspondence as your authority to make tax-free purchases with the use of an Exemption Certificate (REV-1220).**

This extension shall not constitute an approval of the organization's status as an "institution of purely public charity".

We appreciate your patience and look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Greider
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Bureau of Registration & Taxpayer Management
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State committee appointments: Council Meeting #4

In accordance with State Policy 403, Annual State Coordinator and State Committee Appointments, the following state committee positions are scheduled to be filled during the fourth 2020-2021 State Council Meeting May 14 in Harrisburg:

Building Maintenance and Property Committee (Policy 110) – One-year appointment. 3 positions. PDG Wayne Bickel (14-A), PDG Ronald Kodgis (14-J) and Lion Douglas Nace (14-C) is eligible for re-appointment.

Protocol Chairperson (Policy 112) – William Morgan (14-N) is eligible for re-appointment.

Constitution and By-Laws and Policy Committee (Policy 200) – Chairperson and 3 members. One-year Appointment. PCC Terri Kodgis (14-J, chair), PDG Dennis Cope (14-C), and PDG Lance Remic (14-E) are eligible for re-appointment. PCC Mark Kusma (14-H) is not seeking re-appointment.

Chair, 2022 State Convention (Policies 201, 201 A, 201 B, 201 C and 201 D) – Hosted by District 14-A. PID James Cavallaro has submitted his resignation; PDG Rita DiAntonio seeks the appointment.

Chair, 2025 State Convention (Policies 201, 201 A, 201 B, 201 C and 201 D) – Hosted by District 14-H.

Chair, 2026 State Convention (Policies 201, 201 A, 201 B, 201 C and 201 D) – Hosted by District 14-M.

Chair, 2023-2024 State Council Meeting #2 (Policies 202, 202 A and 202 B) – Hosted by District 14-H.

Chair, 2023-2024 State Council Meeting #3 (Policies 202, 202 A and 202 B) – Hosted by District 14-G.

Finance Committee (Policy 203: Revised and approved by the Council of Governors at the third 2020-2021 State Council meeting) – Chairperson and 3 members One-year appointment, one representative from each of the three regions plus one at-large representative. PDG Thomas Toland (14-N) and Lion Shirley Skinner (14-H) do not seek re-appointment.

PA Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation board members (Policy 207) – Members of the Council of Governors recommend the appointment of representatives from their district for approval by the PLSC&ERF board of directors.

State Lions Publication – The PRIDE of Pennsylvania (Policy 212) -- One-year appointment. Lion Betty Lou Ivell (14-N) is eligible for re-appointment.

Lions of PA Foundation board members (Policy 219) -- Members of the Council of Governors recommend the appointment of representatives from their district for approval by the LOPF board of directors.

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp board of directors

(Policy 300) – Members of the Council of Governors recommend the appointment of representatives from their district for approval by the Beacon Lodge board of directors..

North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) Champion (Policy 301) – One-year appointment. PID Cindy Gregg (14-E) is eligible for re-appointment.

Global Leadership Team Coordinator (Policy 302) – One-year appointment. PDG Deb Burkholder (14-D) does not seek re-appointment.

Global Service Team Coordinator (Policy 305) – One-year appointment. PDG Tom Gregg (14-E) does not seek re-appointment.

LCIF Coordinator (Policy 306) – Three-year term. The coordinator(s) is/are appointed by the LCIF board of directors. PDG Kerry McKnight (14-C) and Evan Punchard (14-T) are eligible for re-appointment.

Diabetes Program Coordinator (Policy 307) – Appointment is to complete the unexpired three-year term to which IPDG Linda Lupro (14-J) was appointed in 2019-2020. IPDG Lupro resigned from this position to fill the vacancy as District 14-J's 2020-2021 First Vice District Governor/2021-2022 District Governor-Elect.

Youth Exchange Coordinator (Policy 309) – Three-year term. This position is currently vacant.

Coming in July:

2020-2021 PRIDE Issue #4

The fourth and final 2020-2021 issue of *The PRIDE of Pennsylvania* is scheduled to feature the following:

- 2020-2021 Multiple District 14 "Lioness of the Year" award winners
- Review of 2021 MD-14's 2021 Virtual State Convention
- Updated information on LCICon 2021, the 103rd LCI Convention
- Message from International Director Larry L. Edwards
- Message from State Council Chair Marilyn Wagner
- Message from NAMI Champion PID Cindy Gregg
- Messages from Global Action Team (Leadership, Membership and Service)
- Message from Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Message from the USA/Canada Lion Leadership Forum committee
- Message from MD-14's Lions Clubs International Foundation coordinators
- Roster of MD-14's 2021-2022 District Governor Leadership Team members
- Roster of MD-14's 2020-2021 Melvin Jones Fellow recipients
- Roster of Pride Boosters and Patrons
- Lions, Lioness and Leo club service project photos

Please note: Any state committee chairperson or coordinator may submit an article for possible publication.

Recycled Governors may soon be past history

Lions Clubs International's board of directors is expected to approve during their April 2021 meeting a resolution forbidding Past District Governors from serving a second – or, in some cases, third – term as District Governor. So we thought it would be interesting to see how frequently MD-14 sub-districts have called upon Past District Governors to “recycle” into the top leadership position in their sub-district.

Disclaimer: This may not be a complete list of MD-14 Lions who have served more than one term as District Governor but was a best-faith effort by the editors. This list will be updated, if needed, in a future issue of *The PRIDE*.

What will the proposed LCI board resolution mean?

“We need to improve and increase our search for good, qualified leaders,” International Director Larry Edwards said in his report to the MD-14 Council of Governors during its third 2020-2021 meeting held via Zoom in February.

“Every District that is struggling needs to get a small team together and get working on this very quickly. The leadership process is very important to us moving forward and keeping things going,” said Edwards, a former two-term District 14-L Governor and State Council Chair.

Ironically, the decision by the LCI Board may be made two months prior to the largest group of MD-14 repeat PDGs beginning their second term in office. Six of the Multiple District's 17 sub-districts will be led in 2021-2022 by a Lion who had previously served as District Governor. Prior to now, the 2019-2020 Council of Governors had the top total with five.

Including the 2021-2022 Council of Governors class, the last three groups will have included a total of 13 repeat Governors, an average of 4.3 per year. The last six Councils have included 20 repeat Governors, an average of 3.3 per year.

Each of the last eight MD-14 Council of Governors, a span extending back to 2014-2015, has included at least one second-term Governor. That string began after three consecutive Councils did not include a single PDG.

The list of MD-14 repeat Governors includes two individuals – the late James Hartman (14-B) and Fred Isabella (14-N) - who each served *three* terms as a District Governor.

The list also includes two individuals – ID Edwards (14-L) and William H. Morgan (14-N) – who agreed to serve a second term as District Governor in order to become the State Council Chairperson in accordance with the rotation process outlined in the MD-14 Constitution & By Laws/Policy Manual. A third member is scheduled to be added to that list in 2022-2023 when David Leon, the current District 14-U First Vice Governor and 1994-1995 District 14-E Governor, becomes Council Chair. VDG Leon will serve as State Council Vice Chair in 2021-2022.

A review of the list of MD-14 District Governors dating back to 1923 when the Multiple District was chartered showed that 40 individuals have served two or more terms as their sub-district's chief executive officer. Interestingly, there have been no repeat Governors in three sub-districts: 14-C, 14-M and 14-P.

District	Governor	First Term	Second Term
MD-14#	H. L. Beach	1921-1922	1922-1923
	Dr. Arthur J. Haines	1928-1929	1939-1940
14-A	Rita DiAntonio	2018-2019	2019-2020
14-B	Frank A. Donatelli	1968-1969	1969-1970
	Joseph Donkin	1992-1993	2015-2016
	James Hartman	2006-2007	2009-2010
		2014-2015*	
	Richard Keller	2003-2004	2016-2017
	Sylvan Lang	1995-1996	1998-1999
	Geoff Temple	2011-2012	2017-2018
14-C	None		
14-D	Dale High	2008-2009	2016-2017
14-E	Mary Ellen Neff-Miller	2011-2012	2013-2014
14-F	David Hollern	2010-2011	2021-2022
	Bernadette Holzer	2016-2017	2019-2020
	H. Robert Mitchell	2015-2016	2018-2019
14-G	James Wilbur	2019-2020	2021-2022
14-H	David Barrett	2016-2017	2020-2021
	Cathy Metschulat	2017-2018	2021-2022
	William Metschulat	2012-2013	2018-2019
14-J	Lester Good	1998-1999	2012-2013
	Linda Lupro	2019-2020	2021-2022
14-K	Donald Kaufman	2017-2018	2019-2020
	Bernice Kulp	2006-2007	2009-2010
	George Moyer	1994-1995	1995-1996
14-L	Gerald Chapman	2005-2006	2013-2014
	Larry Edwards	2010-2011	2016-2017
	James Foresio	2017-2018	2020-2021
	William Higgins, Jr.	2012-2013	2015-2016
	Donald Mills	2003-2004	2008-2009
14-M	None		
14-N	Melvin W. “Dutch” Blair	1973-1974	1988-1989
	Richard Clever	1987-1988	1994-1995
	Frederick Isabella	1997-1998	2002-2003
		2010-2011*	
	Anna Marie Larkin	1999-2000	2008-2009
	William Morgan	2013-2014	2018-2019
	Evan Punchard	2005-2006	2009-2010
	Kim Stevenson	2015-2016	2019-2020
14-P	None		
14-R ##	Fred Leven	1991-1992	1992-1993
14-T	Clyde Q. Hunter	1987-1988	1991-1992
	Dalton Paul	2004-2005	2009-2010
	Samuel R. Wagner	2000-2001	2019-2020
14-U	David Leon	1994-1995**	2021-2022
14-W	Andrew J. Piskel	2013-2014	
	Marilyn “Mimi” Tosh	2011-2012	2014-2015

KEY:

No sub-districts had been created *

Third term as DG

** District 14-E

Merged with District 14-A in 2015-2016

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION: A PROUD TRADITION

The Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation (WPLHF) has had a long, proud tradition of service to community. Originally founded in 1979 as the Western Pennsylvania Ear Bank and Research Institute by Pennsylvania Lions Club District Governors from six western Pennsylvania districts, the organization initially collected tissue for research and clinical uses. As technology progressed, the Ear Bank became obsolete and the Foundation was established in 1986. Working with physicians and audiologists at UPMC Eye and Ear Institute and University of Pittsburgh, the Foundation continues to help those who are deaf or hard of hearing to appreciate the sounds of the world that many people take for granted.

Since 1986 the Foundation has been working with the medical and professional staffs of the UPMC Eye and Ear Institute and its numerous satellite offices to help individuals communicate and perceive sound language. In our past, the Foundation has provided funds for electro-larynx devices for those who have lost their larynx from trauma or cancer, cochlear implants for those who are deaf, specialized audiology equipment to facilitate testing and rehabilitation of people with hearing impairment. WPLHF has helped to fund teaching grants to support surgical education of future Otolaryngologists, and has supported the University Temporal Bone Lab on an ongoing basis.

The current mission of WPLHF is to purchase auditory devices, especially hearing aids for adults and children with significant hearing impairment who would benefit from this technology and who demonstrate financial need. Through these efforts the Foundation helps Pennsylvania residents who are deaf and blind or have hearing impairments, so they too might enjoy the natural sounds we are all accustomed to.

WPLHF is presently structured as a non-profit corporation, operating through the leadership of an Executive Medical Director, an elected set of officers and a 15-member volunteer Board of Directors. Board directors are represented by two Lion members from each of the seven Lions districts within our service area of western and central Pennsylvania. Our present service area encompasses the communities of Districts 14-F, N, J, B, M, E, and L.

Foundation board meetings are held quarterly throughout the year in July, October, January and April. Each year in October we open our boardroom to Pennsylvania Lions District Governors, Vice District Governors, and guests to attend our quarterly meeting, tour the Temporal Bone Lab, and learn more about our organization and the services we provide. The Temporal Bone Lab is a valued University classroom educational setting for medical students and audiology professionals who master their high-quality skills in the technical field of Otolaryngology.

WPLHF has no paid personnel. The Medical Director and the Lions Board Members are a totally volunteer group. This enables the Foundation to return all its resources to individuals in need of assistance. The Foundation relies solely on donations from individuals, Lions clubs, districts, and grants from other sources. The Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship has also been established to help provide funding for hearing aids for individuals in need. By naming a person a WPLHF Fellow, your contribution of \$250 is directed toward those with hearing challenges to be able to once again hear and communicate with the world around them.

More information about WPLHF can be found on our website at: www.wpalhf.com, or you may contact me or one of our Board Members directly. My best regards to you all.

PDG Don Gibala, Dr.P.H., President
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By the numbers



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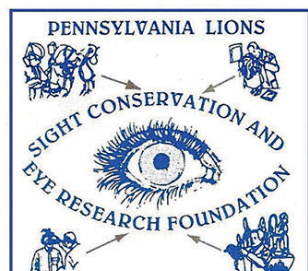
Lions Clubs International's ranking among the world's largest and best civic service organizations

\$1.1

million donated by Multiple District 14 clubs to Lions Clubs International Foundation's "Campaign 100" since the fundraising project's inception

1.4

million Lions Clubs International members worldwide



\$2.0

million in grant money awarded by PA Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation in the last 20 years

11

Former MD-14 Lioness clubs that made the transition to Lioness Lions clubs since June 2019

16

MD-14 sub-districts with at least one Leo club

17

Districts in Multiple District 14

26

Lioness Lions clubs in MD-14

113

Leo clubs in Multiple District 14



468

Lioness Lions in Multiple District 14

663

Lions Clubs in Multiple District 14 (as of April 1, 2021)



1,113

Leo club members in MD-14

1,149

Books donated to Penn State Children's Hospital during the 2nd Annual Samuel Grimm Birthday Bookdrive



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

\$5,700

Donated (as April 1, 2021) to LCIF's "Campaign 100" as part of the "Shave the 'Staches" fundraiser challenge

17,180

Lions in MD-14 as of April 1, 2021

\$17,562

Grants awarded by Lions of PA Foundation since July 1, 2020

\$20,000

Grants scheduled to be made during the 2020-2021 Lions year by PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation



\$26,000

2020-2021 Lions year donations

\$39,760

Grants awarded during the 2019-2020 Lions year by PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation

\$41,229

Grants awarded by Lions of PA Foundation in 2019-2020 Lions year

\$146,000

Donations in the first 33 months of PA Lions Care - For the Kids project



\$219,760

Grants awarded the last five years by the PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation

\$319,760

Grants awarded by the PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation since 2013-2014

\$344,218

Grants awarded by Lions of PA Foundation in the last five years



\$696,128

Grants awarded by Lions of PA Foundation in the last 10 years

\$900,657

Grants awarded since the Lions of PA Foundation Grants Program began January 1, 2002

Presenting sponsor:



98th Annual MD-14 Convention

"Embracing our Differences to Change the World"

A Virtual Experience • Hosted by District 14-L

Sunday, May 16, 2021 • Noon to 5:00 PM

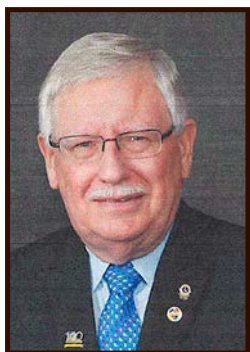
FEATURED EVENTS



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
*Lions Clubs
International President*



Joseph L. Wroblewski
*Past International
President*



Larry L. Edwards
International Director

<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>
Noon	Welcome by Convention Chair Past Dist. Gov. Dennis Clark Welcome by Host District Governor James Foresa National Anthem of the Republic of Korea National Anthem of the United States of America
12:15 PM	Message from International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
12:30 PM	Message from Past International President Joseph Wroblewski
12:45 PM	Message from International Director Larry Edwards
1:00 PM	Remarks by: State Council Chairperson Marilyn Wagner
1:15 PM	Lion Beth Slade of Leader Dogs for the Blind
1:45 PM	Lion Katie Anderson - PA Lions Care - For the Kids
2:15 PM	Performance by PA Lions All State Band
2:45 PM	"I'm no Dummy" Motivation Presentation by David Crone
3:00 PM	Presentation of Lioness of Year Award by Lion Deb McKnight
3:45 PM	Necrology Service
4:30 PM	Presentation of Gifts to IP Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
4:45 PM	Closing remarks by Incoming Council Chair Cathy Baker



Lion Beth Slade
*Leader Dogs for
the Blind*



Lion Katie Anderson
*PA Lions Care -
For the Kids*



David Crone
"I'm No Dummy"



Veterans' Project New Hope

The "Veterans' Project New Hope" Program offered by PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp is an opportunity for disabled veterans and their immediate family members to attend a five-day camp retreat at absolutely NO cost to the veteran.

Wartime experiences do not always end when a disabled veteran returns home; healing and understanding are vital after military service. Beacon Lodge offers a beautiful setting to relax and interact with other veterans.

Which era or branch of service in which a veteran has served has no affect on their eligibility to attend the retreats, **ALL** PA disabled veterans and their immediate families are welcome.

Regardless, if the veteran has a physical or PTSD issue, veterans and their families can attend on the two designated summer weekends. Tentative Retreat dates of July 24-28, 2021 and August 7-11, 2021 are subject to CDC and Health Department official guidelines this summer.

Air-conditioned cabin sleeping quarters and all meals are provided by Beacon Lodge, in addition to all activities such as lake fishing, miniature golf, wheelchair accessible outdoor heated pool, zipline and much more. For more information and registration applications, veterans should contact Jonathan Carver, Executive Director at Beacon Lodge at 814-542-2511 or office@beaconlodge.org.

Submitted by **PDG Jan Adams**
Project New Hope Chairperson



Making Friends at Beacon Lodge

A new maintenance worker joined the team at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp in January 2004. His son was born the following July. We'll call the son "X". Fast forward eight years, and "X" and his mother were enrolled to attend Family Camp. "X" had been diagnosed with cerebral palsy, and he really wanted to come to camp where his Daddy worked.



When they arrived, "X" jumped out of the car excitedly and ran to meet the first other child he saw, who was about the same age. The other boy's mother hovered near and explained that her son may not respond much due to Asperger's Syndrome, a form of Autism. We'll call him "Y". "Y"'s mother explained to "X"'s mother that "Y" had not been away from her since birth, other than for using the restroom and other personal needs. Even during these brief separations, "Y" would get very anxious and act out.

"X" and "Y" ended up hitting it off, and the four of them attended the same activities for the first three days of the four-day session. The mothers also hit it off, sharing the bond of caring for their special needs children. During that time, "Y" would get anxious if he lost sight of his mother for even a brief moment and returned to her side frequently.

During the final evening, the boys made a plan to meet at the playground in the morning so they could play before it was time to go home. The mothers agreed that they would meet after they had packed so the boys could each spend time with their new friend right up until it was time to go.

The next morning came, and "X" couldn't wait! He asked his mother if he could go to "Y"'s room so they could play there until they were ready to go to the playground. He understood that "Y" would not go if his mother wasn't there. She said "yes," and he ran to the cabin where his friend was staying. When "X" knocked, "Y" answered – his mother was busy packing. Instead of inviting "X" in, "Y" turned and asked if they could go to the playground. His mother replied that they would go as soon as she was finished packing. Then he said something she had wished for so many times, but thought she would never hear: "Can I just go with him?"

"X"'s mother came and knocked on the door soon after, expecting to find her son inside. Instead, she found her new friend, peeking through the blinds, through tears. "Y"'s mother explained how she almost couldn't speak to say yes when her son asked to go without her. How she had hoped that some day he would develop the independence to function without her literally by his side. How much brighter the future looked for her son! The mothers spent the next half hour crying happy tears together and spying on their sons through the blinds of the cabin. Good Things Happen at Beacon Lodge!

The Lions of Pennsylvania built Beacon Lodge to provide those with special needs with a camping experience among their peers. What happens at summer camp that is so important? Friendships form, confidence grows and life improves. Thank you, Lions, for understanding this and for stepping up to provide it.

Where there's a need, there's a Lion!

Lion Jonathan Carver
Executive Director
PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

From Council Chair Marilyn Wagner

"Spring is a time of new beginnings and new possibilitieswhat would you like to grow this Spring? " - Tara Killen



Seems like a reasonable question to ask ourselves after living through a year that has tested all of us to our limits – as individuals, as families and as Lions. This time last year we were just beginning to feel the effects of the pandemic – notices of cancelled District Conventions and the State Convention were being sent to us all and within a few days we learned that the International Convention was also being cancelled. We all discovered new technology to help us meet and greet and some clubs found new ways to use technology to continue to grow and prosper, other clubs continued to meet safely and some sadly felt neither option was the right way forward for their members and decided to wait until better times and spring to determine their future.

Fast forward to today – a vaccine or should I say vaccines are available and that is giving hope to new beginnings and new possibilities. We still have some cancelled conventions – but there are a number who have decided to reach further into their districts by offering a virtual option and a few who will hold an in-person convention.

I am an optimist by nature and these past few weeks I have been extremely fortunate to be part of a group of volunteers, made up of Lions, school district employees, Alvernia Medical students and area health system workers helping at several vaccine clinics in our small town. Just being part of this community effort, led by our local pharmacist and fellow Lion, offered "*new beginnings and new possibilities*" to so many of our town's residents and only confirmed my ongoing commitment to Lionism and Service.

I know of similar events in other districts across our Multiple and other things that also give us the opportunity to share our journey as a Lion and interest others in joining our clubs.

Membership today remains a problem subject, but very soon we are not going to have the pandemic to fall back on as a reason we cannot attract or replace ourselves with new members. As of writing this article I am noting that we have added **905 new Lions and eight clubs** but lost a total of **1,330 Lions and 17 clubs**. **Challenge coming up??** Just keep asking – what is your question going to be the next time you are working with other groups and non-profits in this season of new beginnings and new possibilities?

We Serve; why not ask your friend or co-worker to join you on your club's next project – it just might lead to your next new member.

In closing I would like to share a poem penned by Uniontown Lions Club King Lion Mike Ellsworth and read during our last NAMI progress meeting where they shared their success in recruiting 12 new members to their club since July 2020 and many of the ways they continued to engage in service and spread the word on social media (Uniontown Lions Club) – I have shared their presentation on Facebook to the Multiple District 14-P Lions Club page – but would be willing to send a copy if you contact me.

Prowling for New Lions

Uniontown Lions Club is on the prowl
New Members are needed, the President growls
We must grow our Pride and never throw in the towel
The members are excited but do not know how
The leaders provide Training and Support
The President smiles
Now its time to go on the prowl.

Until the next time,
CC Marilyn

From Area Global Action Team Coordinator PID Cindy Gregg

"Positive Attitudes, Positive Results"

Dear Lions and Leos,

How is your club doing? Are you using the pandemic as an excuse, or have you and your members developed a positive attitude to determine ways to be successful during these challenging times?

Despite the odds, the **Waynesburg Lions Club** (14-M) decided last summer to utilize their new amphitheater to hold outdoor concerts to provide entertainment while social distancing. Guess what? According to President Dorothy Ann Podolinski, they added 15 new members because of those concerts!



Likewise, the **Uniontown Lions Club** (14-M) went "Prowling for Lions" and increased their membership by 12! Their president Mark Ellsworth established goals prior to assuming his new office and he, along with his club members, work diligently to achieve these goals. Like many successful clubs, he believes that communication is vital, whether it's social media, emails, meeting reminders or forwarding the minutes. He also recognizes those who participate in projects or celebrate a special event with personalized certificates or handcrafted items. He also uses the meetings as opportunities to teach about our history and share important information through fun games, activities, and challenging contests.

President Louise Hanson said that the **Philadelphia South Philadelphia Lions Club** (14-A) added 8 members by talking about their projects with others and by inviting interested individuals to "check" them out. In September, they recognized the veterans at the Navy Yard which attracted three of their new members.

In addition, President Jumper Warner of the **Drums Lions Club** (14-W) credits his Membership Chairperson in helping to attract 14 new members. He also said that his club members realize the importance of recruiting younger members. Of course, their meetings and fundraising events are engaging and fun ways to bring the community together.

Even though the **Bradford Community Pride Lions Club** (14-F) is new, they are still looking for more members. Because of their visibility within the community and not being afraid to ask, President Deb Craft said they have added six new members, with a few more possibilities.

Lion Babette Rudick of the **Lower Swatara Lions Club** (14-T) credits Facebook, as well as the club's community involvement, for gaining four new members.

After speaking with Lion Traci Petrino of the **Palmyra Area Lions Club** (14-D), it's easy to see how others are easily drawn to her club. Her infectious, positive attitude and innovative ideas helped to add four members (and counting). She said, "Everyone cared for the frontline workers, but we sent pizzas to the grocery workers and bottles of water and Gatorade to the firefighters." Because of their visibility, the club has been able to form business partnerships to allow their projects to continue and thrive.

From the **Lakemont Lions Club** (14-L) President Chad Landeck said his members are realizing that "change is how we can improve our organization, and that it should be celebrated." He describes himself as quirky, but fun! This year, the club has increased their membership by seven through a cash bash, raffles and other popular "fun"draisers.

Would you believe that the **Bradford Area Lions Club** (14-F) actually had four volunteers for their "Hotcakes for Heroes" event? These volunteers chose to join because of their passion to serve. However, their president, Olivia Mascho, also ensured that they each have a mentor!

In 14-U, the **Porter Tower Lions Club** distributed food to their community on a weekly basis from March to November. They also continued the Community Giving Tree to purchase holiday gifts for families.

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ID Cindy Gregg's Article, continued

Furthermore, they partnered with other groups to provide care packages for hospitalized children. President Libby Schreiner believes that their community involvement is the reason they added five members this year.

According to President Michele Lefler, the **Shrewsbury Area Centennial Lions Club** (14-C) added seven members by attracting Lioness and community-minded individuals.

Finally, President Brad Black reports that the **Horton-Brockway Area Lions Club** (14-J) added eight new members because they share stories about what their club does and the enjoyment they receive with family members, friends and acquaintances.

This is just a small snapshot of some of the success stories that are happening in MD-14. Each of these clubs looked beyond the challenges and searched for possibilities. They communicate regularly, share events on social media, provide visible and meaningful service, host in-person/virtual meetings, form partnerships and "Ask" others to join.

Anything is possible when "I Think I Can." Will your club be our next success story? Best wishes to all of you as you continue to serve with "diversity and kindness."

Thanks for all that you do.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

PID Cindy Gregg, Area 1-D GAT coordinator



(Right) Attendees

Regional Lions Leadership Institute

**March 12-14, 2021
Harrisburg**

(Left) Instructors





**MD-14 Vice District Governors' Retreat
January 7, 2021, Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey**

***Pictured: Row 1: 2VDG Christina Smaltz (14-P), 1VDG Margie Wolff (14-E),
1VDG Peggy Hummel (14-T), 1VDG MaryAnn Belles (14-B),
Virtual 2VDG Lisa Leon
Row 2: 1VDG Debbie Lillegard (14-K)
Row 3: 1VDG Dan Brant (14-C), 1VDG Gary Hilbert (14-P),
1VDG Karl Jackson (14-M), 1VDG Richard Sware (14-D),
1VDG PDG David Leon (14-U), 1VDG PDG James Wilbur (14-G)
Row 4: 2VDG Thomas Ralston (14-T), 2VDG Clayton Steward (14-G),
1VDG PDG Dave Hollern (14-F), 1VDG Gary Shetter (14-L),
1VDG PDG Andrew Piskel (14-W), 1VDG Larry Frankenfield (14-A),
2VDG Linda Zaneski (14-W), 1VDG Jeff Loudermilk (14-N) and
2VDG Keith Shoff***



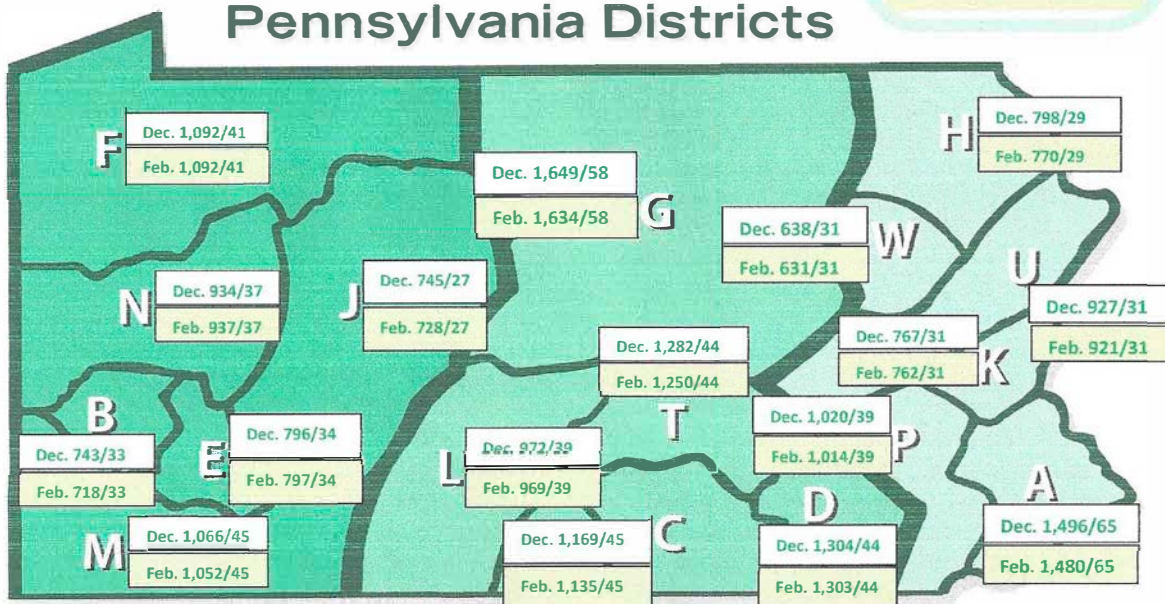


Two Months Ago . . .



Total Membership on February 28, 2021

Pennsylvania Districts



- ⇒ Below displays what each district accomplished in two months
- ⇒ Where will your district be by March 31, 2021???

We asked, "Will we still be in the same place?"

As you can see, the state is dropping more and more each month. Are you following your plan to recover from this situation? **DO NOT GIVE UP!** Four months may seem like a long time from today, but a lot can be accomplished! District E added 1 member to their total; District N added 3 to their total; and District F remained the same, according to MyLCI. The remainder of the sub-districts were at a loss from 1 member to 34 members. I would ask if you need help to contact me, but rarely do I get a phone call asking for assistance. What does the GAT Team need to do to assist in creating clubs? I set a goal for PA to gain 20 new clubs and I am holding to it. I am challenging myself to gain two more clubs prior to June 20, 2021. What is your goal?

**Within 90 Days
we DROPPED
209 Members**

7

Most important words: "Well done, you did a good job!"

6

Most important words: "I admit I made a mistake."

3

Most important words: "I appreciate that."

5

Most important words: "Thank you for your contribution."

2

Most important words: "Thank you."

4

Most important words: "What do you think?"

Least most important word, "I"

MD-14 Global Membership Team



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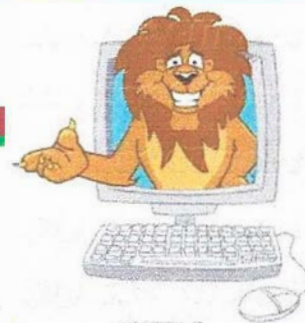


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CALL EARLY TO GET A SEAT!!

Saturday, May 22, 2021 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Wyndham Garden State College Mountain View Country Club,

310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA Cost: Lunch Only \$15.00

Seminar Reservations: 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. *International Director Larry Edwards* 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!

Members: Technology: Taking It Forward The pandemic has us adapting ways to meet, conducting services, and fundraising. *PDG John Mallonee*, LCI Certified Instructor, will show new tools assisting our members with new applications in technology.

Rooms are available for YOU on May 21, 2021 @ \$89.00 + 11% tax

(Code: 012221LIO) for Reservations Call: 814-466-2255 State you are a PA Lion, attending the Membership Seminars.



Pennsylvania has donated over \$1,200,000 to LCIF since Campaign 100 started. The ongoing pandemic has made creativity in fundraising a necessity. MD-14 Coordinator-East PDG Kerry McKnight and Lion/Lioness Deb McKnight started a fundraiser on Facebook and in just two weeks raised \$1,000 for LCIF! An email was sent to all the District Coordinators in Pennsylvania with the instructions on how to do it. PDG Kerry stated that it wasn't difficult at all.

ID Larry Edwards and PID Jim Cavallaro have graciously agreed to shave off their mustaches if we raise at least \$10,000 by selling "Shave the Stache" tickets for \$25 each. A Melvin Jones Fellowship will be given with a drawing for every 40 tickets sold. Between the two of them, they have had their mustaches for over 100 years! Each District Governor was given tickets; if you need more, please contact either PDG Kerry or PDG Evan. When the goal of \$10,000 is reached, the drawings will take place at the next State Convention held. We are over a quarter of the way so far, but still have a way to go.

All Lions clubs in Pennsylvania will be receiving Campaign 100 coin boxes, if they haven't already. These can be passed around at club meetings or placed in a store in their community. Then in June, they will send a check to LCIF from the money collected. Hopefully, the clubs will continue this through at least the end of Campaign 100, June 2022. This is another great way to raise money for Campaign 100 and give each member a chance to be involved with LCIF.

On Sunday, April 11 from 5-9 p.m., LCIF will be hosting a Campaign 100 Tell-a-Thon. **The goal is to challenge every Lion to donate at least \$20 to Campaign 100.** Please remember that 100% of your donation goes to those in need! The Emcee will be LCI VP Doug Alexander and there will be music and entertainment, special guests and inspiring stories. It will be on YouTube Live at <https://youtu.be/hC-s5yXPgeo>.

LCIF has also started the Legacy Society, in which they encourage Lions to put LCIF in their wills, living trusts, IRA distribution, beneficiary designation and other assets. Please consider this, as it will help LCIF tremendously.

Once again PDG Kerry and PDG Evan greatly appreciate all of your support to LCIF and encourage all clubs to continue this, especially with just about a year and a half left to Campaign 100. You are truly making a difference!

Respectfully submitted,

MD-14 LCIF Coordinators, PDG Kerry McKnight and PDG Evan Punchard





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 Punchard
(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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Our Heartfelt Sympathies to the Families of these departed Lions



**PDG April
Portnova Kucsan**

April 18, 1942 –
December 25, 2020

Hecktown-Lower
Nazareth Lions Club,
14-K
District Governor
2010 - 2011



**PDG Linda D.
Cunningham**

Age 78, January 5,
2021

Wills Eye Hospital Lions
Club, 14-A
District Governor
2010-2011



**Berniece M. "Sis"
Geitner**

Partner in Service of
PDG Duane "Duey"
Geitner (2010-2011)
August 29, 1948 –
January 8, 2021

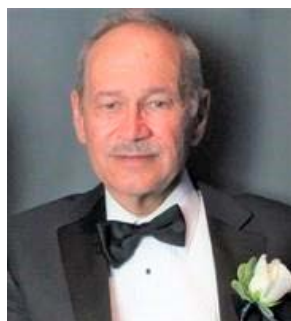
Horton-Brockway
Area Lioness Club,
14-J



**PDG Carol Conrad
Berzon**

July 10, 1934 –
January 20, 2021

Kennett Square Lions
Club, 14-P
District Governor
1997-1998



**Theodore
Kristiniak, Jr.**

Partner in Service of
PDG Estella Kristiniak
(2015-2016)
Age 77, February 10,
2021

Langhorne Lions
Club, 14-A



**PDG Wilbert "Wib"
Hite**

Age 89, February 12,
2021

Roaring
Spring/Lakemont Lions
Club, 14-L
District Governor
1992-1993



**PDG John J. "Jack"
Smith**

February 5, 1937 –
February 26, 2021

Millheim Lions Club,
14-G
District Governor
2003-2004



**PDG P. Frederick
Trump**

October 14-1933 –
March 24, 2021

Spring Grove Lions
Club, 14-C
District Governor
1995-1996



Ford City Lions (14-N) recently received a matching project grant for \$5,498.00 from the **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation** to assist with the purchase of up to 12 historical markers along the section of the Rails to Trails path bordering the community of Ford City, Armstrong County.

*Pictured from left: Club President **Brad Baillie**, 14-N's Foundation Board Member, **PDG Don Gibala**, **DG Chip Campbell** and Club Project Chair Lion **Tom Bernot**.*

Contributed by **PDG Dr. Don Gibala** and **Lion Brad Baillie**





Contributed by **PDG Richard T. Taylor (14-P)** through PDG Kathy Fouse

<https://lionsofpafoundation.org/>



Ford City Lions Club (14-N) donated \$1,000 to **Leader Dogs for the Blind**.

*Pictured are **PDG Linda Gibala**, 14-N's Leader Dog Chair; Ford City's President **Brad Baillie** and Lion **Adam Fleeger** of the Butler Lions Club with his Leader Dog.*



Pleasant Gap Area Lioness Lions Club (14-G) adopted a family in need with seven children for the holidays.

Emmaus Lioness Lions Club (14-K) gave away free scarves as a community service project.



Emmaus Lioness Lions Club's (14-K) display of scarves given as a community service project.



All photos on this page submitted by **Lioness Debbie McKnight**



The **East Cocalico Lions (14-D)** were in the right place at the right time. The club was contacted by **Tammy Frey**, a nurse in the Cocalico School District which was trying to determine a way to perform vision screening on students considering the pandemic and mitigation protocols. The scanner and methods previously utilized could not be used because of the COVID-19 safety issues. A new vision screening device was found but cost nearly \$8,000. This device could also be used to screen special needs students who might have limited cognitive or physical limitations. The club was short of funds due to the cancellation of many of their fundraisers. The **Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation**, formerly the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank, was contacted and they approved a grant to the club in the amount of \$7,980.

*Pictured are **PDG Bruce Carpenter** presenting the check to **Tammy Frey** for the Cocalico School District for the purchase of the new vision scanner.*

Submitted by **PDG Bruce Carpenter**



Ford City Lions (14-N) recently welcomed their newest member, **Leo to Lion Dawson Dingey**, who is shown with his grandfather, **Lion Tom Bernot**.

Contributed by **Lion Brad Baillie**



West County Lions Club (14-F) recently awarded 2020 Fairview High School graduate **Brendan Humphrey** and Girard High School graduate **Nathan Jones** with \$500 scholarships. The presentation took place at the Progressive Chiropractic Office of Lion Dr. Katie Kutterna, the club's treasurer.

Humphrey, 19, attends George Washington University in Washington, DC as a freshman engineering student. Jones, 18, is a freshman secondary mathematics education major at Grove City College in Grove City, PA.

West County Lions conducted an essay contest to select these scholarship winners.

*Pictured are from left: **Lions Kiriam Kraut** and **Margaret Dutkowski**, **Brendan Humphrey**, **Nathan Jones** and **Lion Dr. Katie Kutterna**.*

Contributed by **Lion Margaret Dutkowski**, Club Secretary and Public Relations Chair

West County Lions (14-F) presented face shields and hand sanitizers to the Girard Borough Police Department to protect the officers from exposure to COVID-19.

PDG John Dutkowski, president of the club, made the face shields with his 3-D printer. He is shown presenting one of the shields to **Officer Ryan Zuern** at the police department.

Contributed by **Lion Margaret Dutkowski**



McKeesport Lions Thank First Responders



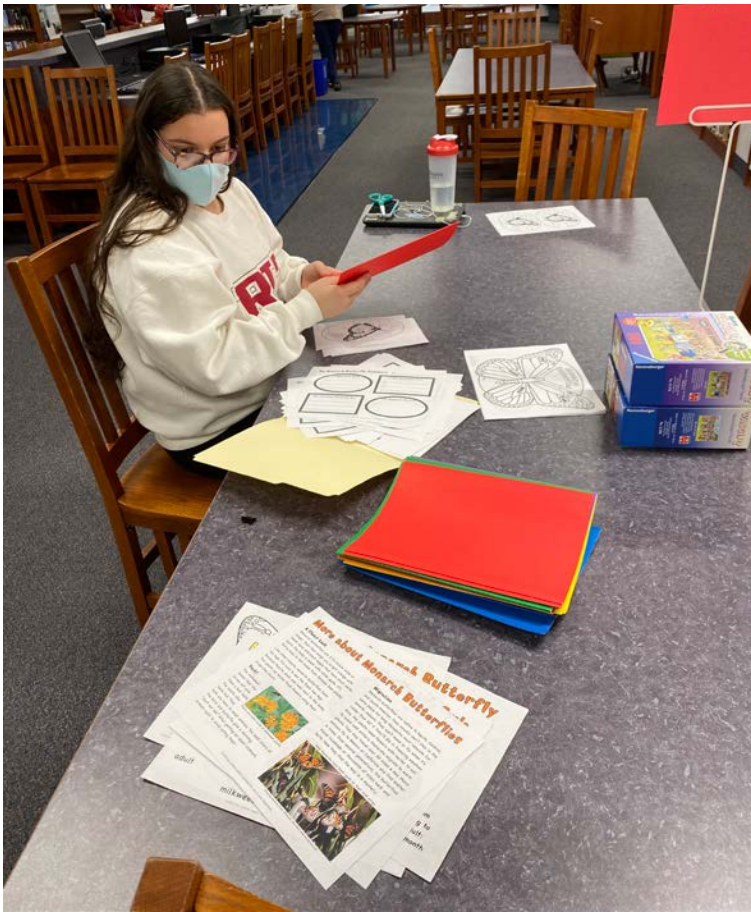
Members of the **McKeesport Lions Club (14-B)** provided a hand-written thank you card and an Eat 'n' Park gift card to each of the McKeesport firefighters, police officers and McKeesport Ambulance Rescue Service workers. This was in lieu of the annual First Responders' Dinner which could not be held due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Chief Bill Miller accepting the cards for the ambulance workers.



Firefighter J.P. Baker and Chief Tomovcsik accept cards for both the firefighters and the police department.

Photos and captions provided by **Lion Annette James**



Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club (14-F) Secretary **Ashley Riley** helped put together learning packets of information and activities on Monarch butterflies and planting milkweed for a Girl Scout Brownie Troop from Waterford. There were fact sheets, activities and coloring pages. **Lion Hugh Clark** provided packets of milkweed seeds for the young Scouts to distribute after learning about the plight of the butterflies.

*Pictured below are **Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club** President **Kyleigh Rohler** and new member **Madisen Hinterberger** packaging milkweed seeds.*

Contributed by **Lion Angela D. Tarr**



Avon Grove Lions Honor Students of the Month



January 2021

Ulises Aguilera-Bedolla

Senior, Avon Grove High School

Avondale Fire Company exterior firefighter; honors throughout high school; plans to become a police officer in Chester County

"All my teachers...have had a HUGE impact on me."



January 2021

Dylan Florschutz

Senior, Avon Grove Charter School

Eagle Scout (handicap accessible fishing pier); student council, National Honor Society, DECA; college for civil engineering or architecture, own construction company, government job to build a moon base

Pictured: Mother Jennifer Florschutz, Dylan and Lion Dr. Blasé Maitland



February 2021

Elena Sarkissian

Senior, Avon Grove Charter School

Worship team for youth group; counselor at vacation Bible school; Orphan Grain Train; Longwood Performing Arts, dance student; college for music therapy or child life

Pictured: Elena Sarkissian, Chief Academic Officer Bryan Brutto



February 2021

Sophia Omar

Senior, Avon Grove High School

Lacrosse, orchestra, FMP, SEL, National Honor Society, Tri-M, Our Minds Matter; summer camp counselor, youth lacrosse referee, school groups' leader, blood donor; college for political science, work for the CIA



March 2021

Faith McAfee

Senior, Avon Grove Charter School

Community service with AG Lions Club; Green Team Camp, vacation Bible school; babysits school staff's children before school; concert choir, Tri-M Music; Honor Society president; college to study forensic science

Pictured: Faith McAfee and Administrator Jennifer Weaver



March 2021

Maggie Przywara

Avon Grove High School

Active in Avon Grove TV Studio; lifeguard at the YMCA; achieved distinguished honors throughout high school

Contributed by Lion Barry Marteny

Pennsylvania Lions

2020 – 2021 Pennsylvania State Pin Order Form



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State Pin (left)	No. _____	@ \$3.00 each	\$ _____
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The walkway was installed in 2007, and will be updated each year. The walkway, patio, and wall area was professionally installed, and is a beautiful addition to Governor's Green. This fundraiser has helped with several major improvements; and it continues to be a wonderful way to show your dedication to Beacon Lodge, and to honor or memorialize those we love and respect.

Once again we thank you for your continued support of the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp and programs.

Respectfully,
The Board Members

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