



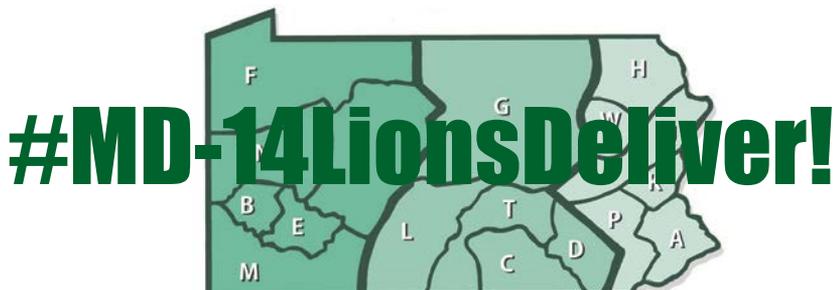
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Service from the Heart



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On January 8, 2022, Lion Linda Zaneski (14-W) represented Pennsylvania in the Mrs. USA Earth national pageant in Orlando, Florida where she was a Top 10 finalist. Linda is back to work in her new job as National Program Manager for the VA, as well as an adjunct professor at Wilkes University. She looks forward to continuing her Lions training for her role as District Governor this year.

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AND WE CONTINUE....TO SERVE FROM THE HEART



Greetings, Lions and Leos,

As February is winding to a close, I wish that we had had a conversation with the Punxsutawney Lions Club to see what they could have done to change the groundhog's outlook for spring. It has been a tough winter. In our travels we have had some weather delays and actual cancellations as we have visited a number of districts for their conventions.

One of the parts of being a director that has been enjoyable is meeting so many great Lions and district officers. While talking with them, it doesn't take long to see the passion burning for Lionism. Some of it is aimed at service, some at membership and some at leadership. It doesn't matter which area since all are parts of the three-legged stool approach to an awesome Lions Organization. Everywhere we travel we are greeted with open arms and the Lions are so anxious to show us what they have been doing.

I must mention the February Council meeting. It was an exceptional weekend of learning, socializing and doing business. Lion Donna Townsend topped off the weekend with a moving keynote address. She showed why the late VP Haynes was so impassioned about kindness and how he until he passed went about sharing that message with all. We all truly enjoyed Lion Donna being with the MD-14 Lions.

How about that hospitality night and the corn hole contest between districts? What a fun evening of various games and just talking with everyone in attendance. That is what hospitality is all about: fun and socializing.

Lead by several DGs, the gauntlet was thrown down to raise funds for LCIF. And that we did. What a sight to see \$20 bills being passed and collected for Campaign 100. Way to go, PA Lions! We still have a way to go to meet the \$300,000,000 target but we are getting closer. As I write this, we need about \$46,000,000 to meet our goal. I am confident that our Lions worldwide can make this happen. If you or your club has not yet given, please consider it and help us all to make the goal a reality. Thank you.

As the season is fast approaching, I hope that you have a Happy and Blessed Easter. Don't forget those in other parts of our world who are battling for their freedom. We have 652 Lions in 29 Clubs in Ukraine. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

In Lions Service,

ID Larry



Cover story:

PA Lions deliver Service from the Heart to Kentucky

Lions Clubs International's motto of "We Serve" and 2021-2022 LCI President Douglas Alexander's theme of "Service from the Heart" – as well as Lions' proud proclamation that "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion" – were never better illustrated than in the wake of a violent EF-4 tornado that began in northwest Tennessee and moved across western Kentucky.

The tornado was on the ground for nearly 250 miles and resulted in significant damage, particularly in the western Kentucky communities of Mayfield, Dawson Springs, Benton and Bremen.

Mobilized by the storm and the need to serve others in need, Multiple District 14 Pennsylvania Lions stepped up and delivered big time.

The bottom line: PA Lions collected well over \$250,000 in food, clothing, supplies, equipment and monetary donations to assist tornado victims' recovery efforts.

"First and foremost, I am saddened we had to activate our disaster relief plans because it meant property was destroyed and lives were lost," PA Lions Disaster Relief Team Assistant Coordinator Lion Ed Baylor said. "But Lion Jim (Groff) and I want to thank everyone who helped make this disaster relief project a big success.

"We continue to get thank you's from folks in Kentucky who are so appreciative of what we have and are doing to help them in their time of need," said Baylor, who stepped in to oversee the project when Groff, MD-14's Disaster Relief Coordinator, was sidelined by medical issues..

The following are excerpts from a journal written by one of the frontline players in the MD-14 effort, District 14-C Past District Governor Dennis Cope, and Baylor's report to



Throughout its week on-site in the Bluegrass State, MD-14 Lions' all-volunteer "Team Kentucky" cleared trees and debris, sorted and distributed food and supplies and worked tirelessly to help the disaster's victims regain a sense of normalcy in their lives.



the Council of Governors during its October meeting in York:

The wheels of the project were put in motion almost immediately after word of the tornado's devastation reached Pennsylvania.

Jim Groff contacted Kassondra Byrd in the Lions Clubs International Foundation office to get a contact in Kentucky with whom he could start making arrangements to send help. That led to correspondence with DG Gary Logan and receipt of a list of needed items.

Soon thereafter, Lions Groff and Baylor issued a call to PA Lions to begin collection of relief supplies for victims of the tornadoes.

Two weeks later, the project was expanded and volunteers were sought to help load the PA Lions' "Roarin' Down the Highway" trailer with the materials collected and follow the trailer to Kentucky to assist with the unloading and distribution of the materials and participate in clean-up efforts.

Cope was among the volunteers who donated their time and energy to assist those in need in Kentucky.

Hand-in-hand with the collection of materials to assist the tornado victims came the Council of Governors' establishment of a Kentucky Disaster Relief Fund to collect monetary donations to complement the food, clothing and supplies collection.

The Disaster Fund grew and funds were converted into Lowe's gift cards for use by the disaster's victims. Especially noteworthy was \$10,000 in gift cards purchased through donations from District 14-C clubs.

The groundwork of the MD-14 Disaster Relief Team effort was laid

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Team Kentucky

The following MD-14 Lions were members of the on-site “Team Kentucky”:

- Andy Byler (F)
- PDG Dennis Cope (14-C)
- PDG Jim Crawley (14-G)
- Don Esposito (14-J)
- 1VDG Dr. Kamal Gella (14-B)
- PID Cindy Gregg (14-E)
- PDG Tom Gregg (14-E)
- Annette Jackson (14-M)
- DG Karl Jackson (14-M)
- Carol Lasch (B)
- PDG Bill Metschulat (14-H)
- 2VDG Michael Schaeffer (14-D)
- Steve Sherwood (F)
- 1VDG Keith Shoff (14-C)
- PDG Chuck Thompkins (14-E)

List of items

A partial list of items collected by PA Lions and donated to Kentucky tornado victims:

- Air Conditioners
- Apples
- Brooms
- Buckets
- Chainsaws and blades
- Clothing
- Dustpans
- Electrical cords
- Gas cans
- Generators
- Hand sanitizer
- Juice
- Kerosene heaters
- Non-perishable food
- Personal care products
- Rakes
- Shovels
- Table saw
- Tarps
- Toothpaste
- Trash bags
- Work gloves

Kentucky Disaster Relief

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a little more than one year earlier when MD-14, formed a “Roarin’ Down the Highway” partnership with Mark Branzell and A&S Kinard Trucking in Spring Grove, York County. The partnership resulted in the production of three 53-foot trailers wrapped in vinyl bearing vibrant colors featuring the purple and gold of Lionism. Two of the trailers are on the road virtually every day along the eastern corridor of the U.S. as part of everyday commerce, while the third remains anchored in Spring Grove for full use by PA Lions on short notice when a disaster occurs.

The primary purpose of the partnership was to increase visibility and enhance membership in PA Lions clubs. To pay for the vinyl wraps, the MD applied for and received \$25,000 in public relations grants from Lions Clubs International, the Lions of PA Foundation and the Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation,

An important secondary purpose of the partnership was the promise by A&S Kinard to provide one of the trailers and a driver on short notice if and when a disaster occurred with which PA Lions would assist victims.

Almost immediately after the agreement was signed and the trailers were produced, the project was put into action motion as “Roarin’ Down the Highway” headed for Louisiana to assist victims of a devastating flood.

As part of the Kentucky disaster relief project, York County businessman John Bailey of Bailey Coach joined the team. Bailey provided, at a greatly reduced rate, full use of a motorcoach to transport PA Lions to Kentucky to provide on-site assistance to the tornado victims.

District 14-C First Vice District Governor Keith Shoff negotiated the Bailey deal, then handed the coordinator duties to PID Cindy and PDG Tom Gregg.



Baylor also had special praise for Dawn Madara, manager of the Lowe’s store in Morgantown, Pa. “As they have in the past for our smaller, more localized projects, she and Lowe’s were outstanding partners in this project,” Baylor said. “They not only helped us load the trailer in their parking lot en route to Kentucky, they also provided us with thousands of dollars’ worth of supplies at cost and donated products as well.”

The Kentucky project hit full stride Friday, January 21 when all the donated food, supplies and clothing were loaded into the trailer on stops in Morgantown, Harrisburg and Cranberry Township.

All went smoothly until, upon the trailer’s arrival at the PA State Council of Lions Clubs office in Harrisburg, it was quickly realized PA Lions had collected more items than could be loaded into the “Roarin’ Down the Highway” trailer.

A few anxious moments later, following a frantic telephone call from Groff to Branzell, the problem was solved. A second trailer was secured and would transport the items collected in Cranberry Township to Kentucky. again at virtually no cost to PA Lions.

The Bailey motorcoach departed Spring Grove early the morning of January 23 with stops in Lancaster County and Belle Vernon to pick up the nine PA Lions.

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Kentucky Disaster Relief

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Less than 12 hours later, the group arrived at Broadway United Methodist Church in Paducah, Ky., which would serve as PA Lions' home base.

Bright and early the next morning, the group – which now included two more PA Lions who had driven to Kentucky on their own – helped clean up debris around a home near Mayfield. This afforded the group its first glimpses of the devastation done by the storm. “The path of the storm quickly becomes obvious, and the damage to the landscape and properties is chilling,” Cope said.

Team Kentucky's assignment for the day was using chainsaws to cut up damaged and downed trees, clearing and stacking limbs and logs and picking up trash.

At the end of their work shift, the team was led on a tour by District 14-H PDG Bill Metschulat, who had been in Mayfield the prior two weeks working with Mennonite Relief Services.

“The property damage we see as we drive through the streets of the town is unbelievable and nearly indescribable,” Cope said. “Well over half the properties were either damaged or destroyed. Homes, churches and businesses were reduced to rubble. Large piles of twisted steel, metal roofing, cinder blocks and bricks line each block in the town.”

The team mobilized again January 25 for the arrival of the PA Lions trailers at the Paducah Lions Club storage building, where they helped unload the trailers. After a quick assessment of the storage facility, it became clear there was not enough space for contents from the trailers, so arrangements were quickly made to unload the second trailer at a nearby disaster relief distribution center.

PA Lions Pride shone immensely that day as, on hand to greet the PA Lions trailers were Lions Clubs International President Douglas



“When you see the photos of the massive destruction of buildings, it certainly makes you think about how emotionless Mother Nature can be. The sight of a teddy bear demands the realization that an innocent child and others suffered and continue to suffer from that vicious, uncaring force.”

– District 14-C 1VDG Keith Shoff

Alexander and International Director Shea Nickell. Later that evening, PA Lions' Team Kentucky had the honors of dining with IP Alexander and ID Nickell.

The team was back in action the next two days in Princeton, Ky. where it was split into two groups. One group sorted and organized donations at H.R. Ministries, a relief distribution center where qualifying individuals pick up food and supplies. The Lions heard heart-breaking stories of individuals displaced by the tornado.

The second Team Kentucky group braved 20-degree weather to help clear debris from a wooded area near what used to be the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center. The center, which was less than two years old, took a direct hit and was destroyed despite being designed to withstand a tornado. Debris was scattered hundreds of yards up a wooded hillside, upon which PA Lions removed damaged trees and twisted metal roofing and bagged litter. The nine-member PA Lions group devoted two full days to this 75 yards-by-50 yard area.

At the end of the second day, Team Kentucky reconnected with Lions Shawn and Elaine from the Madisonville (Ky.) Lions Club, who three days earlier had assisted with

the unloading of materials from the trailers. The local Lions gave Team Kentucky a tour of the Dawson Springs area, which is served by the Madisonville club, and reported that one of the generators delivered from Pennsylvania had already been delivered to a family in need.

Team Kentucky's final day in the Bluegrass State included filling a 16-foot trailer, 30-foot box truck and the belly of the Bailey motor coach with equipment and supplies to be delivered to the main disaster relief distribution center in Mayfield – a facility that consists of two fieldhouses, one for “shopping” and one for storage.

The day also included PA Lions attending a Tunnel to Tower Foundation ceremony at which initial donations were made to replace five homes in Mayfield owned by military veterans and first responders destroyed by the tornado. Capping off the day was a Zoom debriefing meeting with Lions Groff and Baylor, during which several stories, tears and expressions of gratitude for the opportunity to serve were shared.

“When you see the photos of the massive destruction of buildings, it certainly makes you think about how emotionless Mother Nature can be,” Shoff said. “The sight of a teddy bear demands the realization that an innocent child and others suffered and continue to suffer from that vicious, uncaring force.

“We were surprised to hear many of the individuals who seemed to accept this tragedy as ‘God's will’ and were hopeful for the future. One woman remarked that she had always been a hoarder, so “it was God's way of letting me know I didn't need all that stuff!” Shoff said.

“I again thank the Lions of Pennsylvania for the fantastic hard work and cooperation they gave to make this disaster relief project – the largest and most intensive in which I've ever participated – a success,” Baylor said.



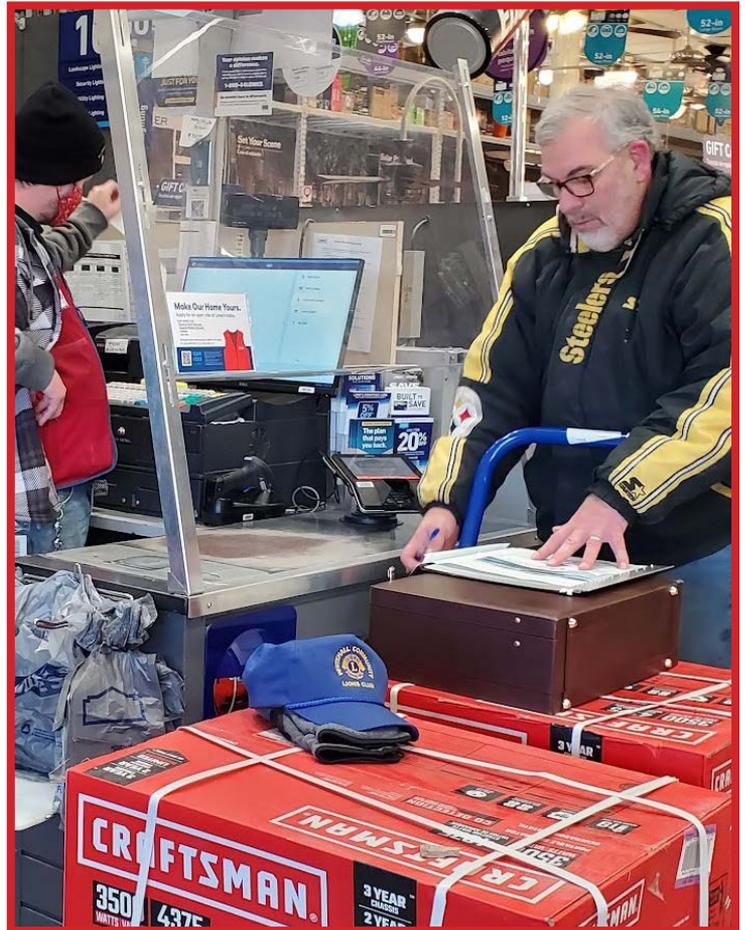
PA Lions Kentucky Disaster Relief Team:



Kneeling (L to R): PDG Chuck Tompkins 14-E; Lion Steve Sherwood 14-F; VDG Keith Shoff 14-C.

Standing (l to R): PDG Dennis Cope 14-C; Lion Andy Byler 14-F; Lion Don Esposito 14-J; PDG Tom Gregg 14-E; VDG Mike Scheaffer 14-D; PID Cindy Gregg 14-E; Lion Carol Lasch 14-B; PDG Jim Crawley 14-G.

Missing: VDG Kamal Gella, 14-B, PDG Karl and Lion Annette Jackson





From Council Chair Cathy Baker



Greetings, Lions and Leos!

I recently saw flocks of small birds in my neighborhood. A sure sign that spring is on its way along with warmer and longer days. Our weather has been mild so far and we are all anxious to get out into our communities and provide needed services.

It is hard to believe we have only four months left in this Lions year. It has been a great year so far. We have all focused on recruiting new members in our districts and clubs, but let's not rest with these new members, we should continue to recruit for the remainder of the year. A huge incentive for new members is there is no entrance fee through 30 June 2022, and there is no fee to charter a new club either. Let's all try to increase our clubs by a minimum of 10%. We should really look hard at the friends we have that are younger than ourselves. They will be the successful Lions who will continue to do service in our communities in future years.

We also need to look at our members who will be our future leaders. Have a conversation at a club meeting and openly discuss who may be a leader in your club. Have you considered becoming a Zone Chair and then moving up the leadership ladder to become a District Governor? We have many Lions who are Past District Governors (PDGs) who are very willing to help and guide you along that path. Many current District Governors are planning to hold a Zone Chair training course for next year's zone chairs. Have a conversation with them face to face or on the phone. That was what I did, and it gave me the incentive to move forward. (A BIG thank you to PDG Lee Eisenhard for that guidance.) Some things have changed since I became a Lion in 2010 and our organization will continue to adjust and evolve in the future to make being a Lion leader more affordable.

Have you read the current issue of Lions Magazine? A major focus is on the fundraising goals and status on how our multi-year goal is going. We are close to reaching our goal. The article shows the grants that were given out globally. Here in CA-1, which is our country and its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas, the grant was \$21,337,023. Remember, when you donate to our Foundation you can designate where you want your donation to be used. You can even set up a set amount to be drafted from your checking account monthly.

Our international convention will be in Montreal from 24-28 June. I hope you will consider attending. It will be a great time to meet Lions from around the planet and make new friends. A registration form is in your Lion magazine.

Yours in Service from the Heart,

Cathy Baker

Council Chair MD-14

Shining example of service

Sydney Smith's credentials clearly stood out among the candidates and earned her the 2021-2022 Pennsylvania "Leo of the Year" Award presented by the Multiple District 14 Council of Governors.

In the words of John McCormick, faculty advisor of the Owen J. Roberts High School Leo Club in which Smith is a member, "Sydney's desire to serve others has stood out in impressive fashion. In 26 years of teaching, I cannot think of any student that has dedicated more time, energy and talents to serving our local community.

"Sydney is not only quick to lend a helping hand where needed, she constantly accepts leadership roles in planning, organizing, and implementing efforts and events to help others and the environment," McCormick added. "It has been a tremendous blessing to witness her talents and dedication in action."

Smith is one of 230 members of the Pottstown-based OJRHS Leo club, "several of which are friends of Sydney's that were inspired by her servant's heart and joined our club," according to Terry Stouffer, the Coventry Lions Club's liaison to



both the OJR middle and high school Leo clubs. "She consistently provides opportunities for others to help."

An 18-year-old senior at OJRHS and fourth-year Leo, Smith enthusiastically embraces her role as a Leo and leader.

"The Leo program has shown me the difference I can make in my immediate community," she said. "I love having the opportunity to engage with people of all types, from all different socioeconomic backgrounds, ethnicities and perspectives.

"In school, success is based on grades, but, in the community, service is measured by impact. I eagerly anticipate working alongside my peers to truly maximize my personal impact.

"Being a Leo has given me access to a completely different side of not only my school, but my area as a whole," she said. "Through volunteering, I've been able to become involved in the behind-the-scenes details of the significant projects, I've gotten to know all types of people and I've been able to try out many different activities. These opportunities have shown me what I am passionate about: helping people, environmentalism and history. Now

I want to incorporate these fields into my future.

"Being a Leo has also given me wonderful connections," Smith said. "I had an excellent support system throughout high school made up of my advisor, Mr. McCormick, and my peers. I was also able to become involved in experiences in which I would ordinarily not have the ability to partake."

Those experiences included involvement with the local food pantry, promotion of community wellness programs and serving on the staff of camps and holiday events for children.

It pretty much goes without saying, but Smith exclaimed, "I love being an active member of my school!"

In addition to the Leo club, Smith is president of the Mock Trial and Geography Bee clubs and Rho Kappa Honor Society and member of the Student Tutoring Club. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction, earned National Merit Commended Scholarship and Philadelphia Classical Society Summa Cum Laude recognition in 2021 and the National Society of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award in 2018. She is also an Environmental Excellence award nominee.

Somehow, Smith also finds time to participate in the fall and spring plays, debate club, I Wish, JCL, NHS, Mu Alpha Theta, NEHS, and NSHS.

Away from school, she is on the the Board of Directors of GreenAllies, a local student-run non-profit organization devoted to sustainability that runs the Althouse Arboretum and Elwood's Acres Organic Farm in Pottstown. And she volunteers at local animal shelters.

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LEO OF THE YEAR

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Smith describes herself as “a very compassionate person. I care a great deal about the world around me. I love to learn about different cultures and peoples.”

Eternally energetic, upon high school graduation, Smith plans to pursue a Bachelor’s degree with a double major in Archaeology and either Environmental Studies or Ecology. She said she’s unsure what college or university she will attend, “but I am considering schools from as far west as California to as far east as England.”

Her future plans also include either graduate school or joining the Peace Corps, “a path that will guide me in the direction I want to follow so I can touch the lives of others each day by working with those around me, especially children.

“I love working with kids,” said Smith, who shares her home with her parents, a 10-year-old brother, five cats and two dogs, “so each time I can help a child emerge from their shell. Being able to affect someone’s outlook, especially a child’s, is a wonderful privilege I feel fortunate to have as a Leo. Each time I am able to make a shy child smile, it makes my day!”

MD-14’S TOP LEOS

Year	Leo of the Year, Club
2021-2022.....	Sydney Smith, Owen J. Roberts HS
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 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.....	Jaclyne Madden, Upper Perkiomen
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

Smith inherited her volunteer spirit from her mother, as a middle-school student and member of the National Charity League, which empowers women to coordinate volunteering chapters. “Not only was I able to increase my involvement with the community, I’ve also been able to work with my mother in a unique way.”

Smith was selected as the state Leo of the Year from a pool of candidates that included sub-district winners. She is the 26th recipient of the state honor.

Smith will receive her Multiple District Leos Founders Recognition Award and a \$250 check May 21 at the International Banquet at the State Convention in King of Prussia.

As the Multiple District’s Leo of the Year, Smith is eligible for a Merit Award from Lions Clubs International.

Joining Smith as award recipients in this year’s Multiple District 14 Leo of the Year competition were seven individuals who earned Honorable Mention recognition after being selected as their sub-district’s Leo of the Year.

Honorable Mention award recipients included (listed alphabetically):

- **Gabriella Corson** (Apple City Leo Club, District 14-C)

- **Kathryn Grace “Gracey” Hinkley** (Blue Ridge Leo Club, District 14-H)

- **Saren L. Martinez** (Penbrook Leo Club, District 14-T)

- **Rachel Stockdill** (Armstrong River Hawks Leo Club, Dist. 14-N)

- **Emily Wilhelm** (Springdale High School Leo Club, District 14-B)

- **Madison Wright** (Jefferson-Morgan Leo Club, District 14-M)

Candidates considered for the prestigious Leo of the Year 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.

Honorable mention MD-14 Leos of the Year



District 14-A
EMILY WILHELM

17 years old
Springdale HS Leo Club
Springdale, Pa.
*Sponsored by Cheswick
Springdale Lions Club*



District 14-C
GABRIELLA CORSON

18 years old
Apple City Leo Club
Biglerville, Pa.
*Sponsored by
Arendtsville Lions Club*



District 14-H
KATHRYN HINKLEY

16 years old
Blue Ridge Leo Club
New Milford, Pa.
*Sponsored by
Montrose Lions Club*



District 14-M
MADISON WRIGHT

18 years old
Jefferson-Morgan Leo Club
Jefferson, Pa.
*Sponsored by Jefferson
Morgan Centennial Lions Club*



District 14-N
RACHEL STOCKDILL

17 years old
Armstrong River Hawks Leo Club
Kittanning, Pa.
*Sponsored by
Ford City Lions Club*



District 14-T
SAREN MARTINEZ

18 years old
Penbrook Leo Club
Penbrook, Pa.
*Sponsored by
Penbrook Lions Club*

Profiles of Honorable Mention award winners

The following are thumbnail profiles of Leos selected as their district's Leo of the Year and recipients of Honorable Mention MD-14 Leo of the Year awards.

Information included was taken from their Leo of the Year nomination form:

Emily Wilhelm (Springdale High School Leo Club, District 14-B) serves as club president after being instrumental in the re-establishment of the club's charter this year.

"Being Leo club president taught me what it means to truly be a leader, listener and a positive on the people around me," Leo Emily says. "Leo club has taught me the importance of helping and doing everything in my power to set a good example for community members and peers. I have learned communication, collaboration and resilience, which will help me in my future plans to be a teacher."

Leo Emily coordinated her club's Fire Department Food Truck Festival, Amber Woods Nursing Home Christmas decoration and Valentine's Party projects this year.

The recipient of Girls Scouts' Silver and Bronze awards, Leo Emily is president of her school's Computer Club, vice president of the Future Business Leaders of America and Spanish clubs and National Honor Society treasurer. She is an honor student and Dynamo Ambassador and team captain of the basketball and softball teams.

Gabriella Corson (Apple City Leo Club, District 14-C) is currently club president after serving three years as secretary.

In addition, Leo Gabriella has been an active participant in her club's projects, including nursing home gift bags, greeting cards and caroling; community trash cleanup, SPCA bake sales and child care.

Leo Gabriella is president of the Solutionaires Club and Student Council secretary and member of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and Technological Student Association and a member of her school's Stage/Tech Crew.

"Leo club has taught me about myself and how I can do so much good," Leo Gabriella says. "I have learned how to lead a diverse group of classmates. Helping nursing home residents and

Special Olympics athletes has brought a light into my life. Leo club has shown me the value of giving back. Even in a small town we make a big difference. My fellow club members amaze me."

Kathryn Grace "Gracey" Hinkley (Blue Ridge Leo Club, District 14-H) ascended to the position of club president this year after serving one-year terms as Vice President, Secretary and Eighth Grade Representative.

Leo Gracey leads the Veterans Day Breakfast, Toys N Tots Shopping, PJ Day and food pantry projects. She previously coordinated cards for shut-ins, Feed a Friend Thanksgiving food collection, Lions Party, Jogathon, coat drive and PTO babysitting projects.

Vice President of the Class of 2023 and a former Student of the Year, Leo Gracey is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Science and Geocaching clubs and serves as Students Against Drunk Driving class representative. She has also earned varsity letters in three sports and a six-week internship in the Northern Tier Industry & Education Consortium's nursing program.

"Leo club has taught me the value of giving back at school and in local communities," Leo Gracey says. "Giving up a small amount of my time can make a huge difference and how you should not judge someone by how they appear, because you don't know what they are facing. Overall, this has made me a better person. I have learned to take leadership and listen to others' opinions before forming my own."

Madison Wright (Jefferson-Morgan Leo Club, District 14-M) is Vice President of the Class of 2022 and the National Honor Society and volleyball team captain.

Leo Madison helped organize the school's Light Up Night event that raises funds used to purchase books for each elementary school student in the Jefferson-Morgan School District.

Rachel Stockdill (Armstrong River Hawks Leo Club, District 14-N) is club president after completing a one-year term as secretary and has been recognized by the school's administration for her vital role in the largest student organization.

Leo Rachel helped coordinate a talent show that raised over \$1,000 for a local animal shelter and the "Operation LEO Bunnies" project that filled and hid in community residents' yards more than 2,000 Easter eggs.

Leo Rachel is also the Student Council secretary and Junior Class representative on the School Cabinet and coordinates the new-student orientation program.

"I have learned the true value of helping in the community," Leo Rachel says. "Seeing the smiling faces of children and being able to help those in need brings me real joy. I have acquired leadership, computer and communication skills through the Leo club. I have also learned the importance of working hard to achieve my goals. Leo club has prepared me to continue what I have learned as an adult and working together."

Saren L. Martinez (Penbrook Leo Club, 14-T) served as club president in 2019-2020 and October 2020 through June 2021 after her successor stepped down, then assumed her current duties as club treasurer.

The project leader for her club's current Community Garden Manna Food Pantry project, lead Leo for the Greenbelt Signature Project since 2018 and borough stormdrain environmental cleanup project since 2019, Leo Saren has received a Lions Service Award each of the last four years.

Leo Saren has also donated her time and energy as a volunteer for the borough's Little Valley Park Program serving children 6-12 years of age, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation fundraisers.

A two-time recipient of the Southside Elementary School "Alumni Volunteer Award," she is an honor student at Central Dauphin High School.

"The Leo Club has prepared me for the future in many positive ways," Leo Saren says. "I was given a multitude of leadership opportunities not readily available at the school, such as public speaking, project presentations in front of the borough council, event planning, fundraising skills, record-keeping, notetaking as a secretary and peer-to-peer problem solving skills at the kids summer program."



MD-14 WINNER

Alanna McEnaney

14 years old ■ 8th Grade
Blessed Francis Seelos Academy
Wexford, Pa.

Sponsored by
Cranberry Township
Area Lions Club
District 14-N

Quote about Peace:

“Lifting the world
through love
brings peace.”

As the MD-14 winner, Alanna will receive a \$250 check and plaque and is eligible for Grand Prize and Merit awards from Lions Clubs International.



Lions International
PEACE
Poster Contest

2021-2022 Peace Poster Contest



SECOND PLACE

Ethan Zola



12 years old ■ 6th Grade
Upper Perkiomen Middle School
Pennsburg, Pa.

Sponsored by
Upper Perkiomen Lions Club
District 14-A

Quote about Peace:

"Peace to me is when countries, states and people come together with hope and love."



THIRD PLACE

Sage Matthews



13 years old ■ 8th Grade
East Juniata High School
McAlisterville, Pa.

Sponsored by
Richfield Lions Club
District 14-T

Quote about Peace:

"Our differences bring us together."

2021-2022 Peace Poster Contest

DISTRICT 14-B

WINNER

Delaney Ruby

12 years old ■ 7th Grade
Trafford Middle School
Irwin, Pa.

Sponsored by
Pitcairn Lions Club

Quote about Peace:

"Love connects
us all."

DISTRICT 14-C

WINNER

McKinley Lentzy

11 years old ■ 6th Grade
Upper Adams Intermediate
Aspers, Pa.

Sponsored by
Upper Adams
Lions Club

Quote about Peace:

"No matter our
differences or beliefs
by joining together and
being connected we can
come out of the darkness
and into the light."

DISTRICT 14-F

WINNER

Sarah Giannamore

12 years old ■ 6th Grade
Northwestern Middle School
Albion, Pa.

Sponsored by
Albion Area
Lions Club

DISTRICT 14-G

WINNER

Nina Rhoades

13 years old ■ Xth Grade
Mount Nittany Middle School
State College, Pa.

Sponsored by
????? Lions Club

Quote about Peace:

" . "

DISTRICT 14-K

WINNER

Lizzie Bender

12 years old ■ 7th Grade
Eyer Middle School
Macungie, Pa.

Sponsored by
Emmaus Lions Club

Quote about Peace:

"United for a
stronger future."

DISTRICT 14-L

WINNER

Makena Kuhn

12 years old ■ 6th Grade
Forbes Road
Elementary School
Harrisonville, Pa.

Sponsored by
Forbes Road
Lions Club

Quote about Peace:

"I believe peace
can happen when we
are all connected
and working together."

Peace Poster Contest

DISTRICT 14-M

WINNER

Hailey Simms

13 years old ▪ 8th Grade
Charleroi Area
Middle School
Bentleyville, Pa.

Sponsored by
Charleroi Lions Club

DISTRICT 14-P

WINNER

Peyton Nolan

11 years old ▪ 6th Grade
Wilson West Middle School
Sinking Spring, Pa.

Sponsored by
Spring Township
Lions Club

Quote about Peace:

"It doesn't matter what country you're from, the color of your skin or your gender, we are all united by love."

2022-2023 Contest "Lead with Compassion"

Children know how powerful compassion can be. They're often able to express this feeling more openly than adults. Lions Clubs International invites young people to explore and visually express the peaceful future that compassionate leadership brings.

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have sponsored a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest.

Contest Deadlines

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster per contest sponsored to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified.

NOTE: A kit is needed for each contest sponsored.

Each kit contains:

- Club Contest Guide and Rules
- School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

DISTRICT 14-U

WINNER

Quentin Petschauer

13 years old ▪ 8th Grade
St. Jerome Regional School
Nesquehoning, Pa.

Sponsored by
McAdoo Lions Club

Quote about Peace:

"We are all connected through peace and war and should strive to only be connected by peace."

DISTRICT 14-W

WINNER

Madalyn Danks

13 years old ▪ 8th Grade
Crestwood Secondary
Campus
Mountain Top, Pa.

Sponsored by
JLW Mountain Laurel
Lions Club

Quote about Peace:

"No matter the race, color, religion, sexuality, everyone should be accepted."

While this isn't the typical Global Action Team article, it does illustrate our motto: "We Serve."

Most of us awakened to learn that on December 10, 2021, a violent tornado moved across Western Kentucky, the poorest area of that commonwealth, producing catastrophic damage in numerous towns, including Mayfield, Benton, Dawson Springs and Bremen, in what may be one of the most devastating tornadoes ever seen, just two weeks before Christmas. As the tornado cut a 250-mile path of devastation across south central United States, 70 Kentuckians were confirmed dead, including 12 infants.



As in the past, the PA Disaster Relief Team, spear-headed by Lions Jim Groff and Ed Baylor of the Christiana Lions, quickly organized a program to help the Lions of Kentucky deal with the catastrophic damage. Two 53-foot trailers carried 18 kerosene heaters, 25 generators, 19 chainsaws and extra blades, one table saw, two air conditioners, 114 boxes of food that immediately went to the Food Ministry, along with two boxes of juice and 27 boxes of apples; 35 bins of trash bags, six bins of hand sanitizer, numerous work gloves, electrical cords, shovels, rakes, brooms of all types, dust pans, hundreds of gas cans, 400 buckets, 25 tarps and 160 boxes of clothing that were delivered to three warehouses.

These supplies, in addition to numerous monetary donations and gift cards, totaled at least \$200,000! Lion Jim Groff was amazed at the immediate response and commented, "This was our largest disaster project ever!" Thank you, Lions and Leos!

On Sunday, January 23, just six weeks after the tornado, Lions from eight districts throughout MD-14, carried additional tools and supplies and traveled to Paducah, where they helped to unload the two trailers. Throughout the week, the volunteers worked in the cold to clear numerous trees and scattered debris; they sorted and distributed various supplies and met with International President Douglas Alexander, ID Shea Nickell and many people from Kentucky who expressed their immense gratitude for our concern and assistance.

After seeing the utter devastation and listening to the horrifying stories, all of our lives were changed forever. FVDG Keith Shoff (14-C) stated, "When you see the photos of the massive destruction of buildings, it certainly makes you think about how emotionless mother nature can be ... But the teddy bear demands the realization that an innocent child (and others) suffered and continue to suffer from that vicious, uncaring force ..."



However, we were surprised to hear many of the individuals who seemed to accept this tragedy as "God's will" and were hopeful for the future. Likewise, one woman remarked that she had always been a hoarder, so "it was God's way of letting (her) know that (she) didn't need all that stuff!" Reminiscing on the events of the week, many of us commented that more people should appreciate what they have, rather than what they don't have.

We are especially grateful to John Bailey of Bailey's Coach, Mark Branzell and his trucking firm, the many Lowe's stores who offered deep discounts, especially Dawn Madara and her Morgantown employees, those who collected and packaged our supplies, those who helped to load the trucks and the dedicated Lion volunteers who traveled to Kentucky.

President Alexander asks everyone to "serve from the heart." That was evident in your dedication and generosity because this project would not have been as successful without your assistance. May God bless each of you and the people of Kentucky.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

Cindy



Canada is OPEN and Welcomes Lions and Leos to Montreal!!!

Event Highlights – Something for Everyone

- *Expert-led seminars
- *March in Parade of Nations
- *Meet and chat with LCI staff
- *Hear from world-renowned speakers
- *Meet Lions/Leo friends from around the world
- *Exhibit Hall resources
- *Convenient Registration
- *Attend Mid-Atlantic Breakfast
- *Enjoy live music and entertainment featuring singer/songwriter Smokey Robinson
 - *Opportunities to serve people of Montreal at projects around the city
 - *Touring beautiful Montreal historical sites and cuisine

Thursday, June 23 – Tuesday, June 28, 2022

International Convention Travel Facts

- *LCICon Registration fee US \$250 after April 1st.
- *PA MD-14 Delegation Hotel – Delta Hotel by Marriott Montreal
US \$167 per night (not including 19% taxes)
- *Monetary Exchange – US currency and credit cards preferred
- *Entry Requirements – Valid US Passport. Proof of Covid 19 vaccinations and ArriveCAN Receipt needed but subject to change.
- *Language – Montreal is one of the largest French-speaking populations in the world but visitors can get by easily only speaking English. Although it is handy to have a few words such as greetings.
- *Registration and Housing - <https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/attend/registration-information/>

PA MD-14 International Convention Committee
PDG Ron Kodgis, Chair
PCC Mark Kusma
3/20/2022

We're rallyin' the troops at Valley Forge!

99th Annual PA Lions State Convention

May 19-22, 2022 • Hosted by District 14-A

Valley Forge Casino Resort. King of Prussia, PA

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Immediate Past
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Dr. Jung-Yul Choi



Past International
President
Joseph L. Wroblewski



International Director
Larry L. Edwards



Past International
Director
James A. Cavallaro



Lion Beth Slade
Leader Dogs for
the Blind



Lion Jim Quirk
Lions Eye Bank of
Delaware Valley



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Honors Banquet

Feature events

Thursday, May 19

- 2021-2022 Council of
Governors Meeting #4

Friday, May 20

- Luncheon
Keynote Speaker:
Lion Beth Slade
Leader Dogs for the Blind
"Top Dog Award"
- PA Counsellors/District
Governors Honors Banquet
sponsored by Lions of
Pennsylvania Foundation
Keynote Speaker:
ID Larry L. Edwards
- Necrology Service
- Hospitality Night event
hosted by District 14-A

Saturday, May 21

- Luncheon
Keynote Speaker:
Lion Jim Quirk
Lions Eye Bank of the
Delaware Valley
- International Banquet
Keynote Speaker:
IPIP Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Sunday, May 22

- Melvin Jones Fellow/Key
Member Breakfast
Keynote Speaker:
PID James Cavallaro
- Business Session
- 2022-2023 Council of
Governors Orientation
- 2022-2023 Partners
in Service Orientation

99TH ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION



Friday-Sunday, May 19-22, 2022
Valley Forge Casino Resort
1160 1st Avenue, King of Prussia, PA 19406



Form Required for each Attendee • Return reservation form by April 27, 2022

Please print clearly

REGISTRANT

Name (Last, First Initial) _____ Sub-District _____
Circle applicable membership: Lion Leo Guest Title: ID PIP PID DG VDG PDG
Street Address (City, State, Zip) _____
Telephone (Circle appropriate): Home Cell Work _____ Email _____
First State Convention: Yes No Years as a Lion _____ Highest Office _____ (Circle one) Past Present
Spouse or Partner _____
Special Needs (Circle all appropriate): Dietary Restrictions Hearing Vision Physically Challenged

State Convention Pin: _____ @ \$5.00/pin..... \$ _____
Convention Registration: \$15.00/attendee (no fee for children)..... \$ _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS

Friday Luncheon (Includes sandwich, fruit, chips, cookie, water or soda)..... \$28/meal
_____ Honey Ham & Swiss _____ Roast Beef & Smoked Gouda
_____ Turkey & Provolone _____ Grilled Vegetable Wrap
PA Counsellors/District Governors Honors Banquet..... \$38/meal
(Includes entrée, butternut squash bisque, farm salad, chocolate mousse, coffee, hot and iced tea
_____ Pan Roasted French Chicken Breast _____ Pan Seared Pork Tournedos
_____ Vegetarian Selection
Saturday Luncheon Buffet style, includes soups, salads, lunch meats, bread/rolls, cookies, fruit, iced tea, soda and water)... \$25/meal
International Banquet (Includes entrée, Minestrone soup, Caesar salad, tiramisu, coffee, hot and iced tea) \$38/meal
_____ Teriyaki Glazed Salmon _____ Piccata Seared Chicken Breast
_____ Vegetarian Selection
Melvin Jones Fellow/Key Member Breakfast \$25/meal
Includes fruit, scrambled eggs, hash brown patty, bacon, French toast, danish, bagels, juice, coffee and hot tea)

Amount Due for Meal Reservations..... \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

Checks payable to:
14-A Lions

Mail to:
PDG Rita R. DiAntonio
1109 Childs Avenue
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

HOTEL INFORMATION

Check in time: 3:00 PM • Check out time: 11:00 AM
Group Code: PA State Council of Lions Clubs – A522SLC
Discounted Room Rate: \$119.00 per night plus applicable tax

Deadline for Discounted Room Rate: April 27, 2022

Reservations

Online: [https://reservations.vfcasino.com/cgi-bin/lansaweb?procfun+m+resnet+BVF+funcparms+UP\(A2560\)::A522SLC:.....?&d=m](https://reservations.vfcasino.com/cgi-bin/lansaweb?procfun+m+resnet+BVF+funcparms+UP(A2560)::A522SLC:.....?&d=m)
Direct Telephone: 610.354.8118 (7:00 AM to 11:00 PM)



**MD-14 State Council of Lions Clubs
99th Annual Convention
The Tower at Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, PA
May 19 - 22, 2022**



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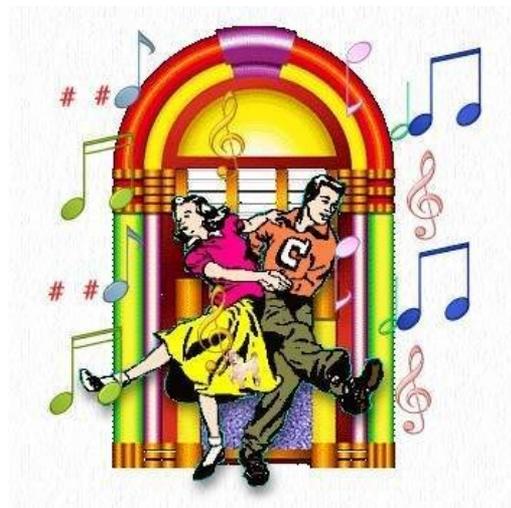


2022 PA State Convention
Friday, May 20, 2022 9 PM to 11 PM

HOSPITALITY NIGHT

**Everyone's invited to our
Oldies-DooWop Sock Hop**

Gals, grab your poodle skirt, pencil skirt, and cardigan. Guys, sport your ivy league look with your letter sweater, or dress like a 'greaser' with your leather jacket. Oldies dress is optional, just come and join us for a nifty, fun evening!



Reminisce the street corner harmonies
of the 1950s & 1960s. Music by
The Belairs

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THANK YOU to the Filipino-American Lions Club

From MD Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Kerry McKnight

The 2022 MD-14 Spring Fling Symposiums were held on February 12-13 in Harrisburg and Butler. Our faculty members were overjoyed at the fantastic turnout in both locations! Harrisburg hosted 33 Lions, with 25 Lions traveling to Butler to take advantage of this free training with our wonderful instructors. District-N won the *Super Bowl Trivia Contest*.



The Lions in attendance who braved the cold to increase their knowledge on Lions Clubs topics were not the only ones who benefited from the Symposiums. PDG Tom Gregg held a two-hour, in-depth, detailed, MyLion training session to aid in increasing our MD-14 Service Activity reporting. Thanks to PDG Dennis Cope (14-C), 23 Lions from across Pennsylvania also took advantage of the opportunity and viewed this informative training Saturday on Zoom. The video will be available to all Lions. This brought a total number of 83 Lions benefiting from our MD-14 GLT Spring Fling Symposiums.

Our generous Lions attending the Symposiums also donated 220 pounds of non-perishable food for local pantries.

Pennsylvania Lions Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) will be held March 11-13 at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg.

Realizing the importance of this training to increase Lions Leadership, my goal since I accepted the GLT position is to have all 40 seats filled at the RLLI. I am pleased to report that not only are all seats reserved, there is now a waiting list, and all 17 MD-14 Districts are sending at least one Lion, with one District having six Lions taking advantage of our RLLI training.

In closing, as I write this report, four MD-14 Districts still have a Second Vice District Governor vacancy. As I look back at this past year, I think of the training the future District Governors will have missed by not serving as a 2nd VDG. Please continue to recruit these leaders. Contact your GLT if we can help your district in any way in its search to fill these roles.

I hope to see everyone at the State Convention in May.

PDG Kerry McKnight
Multiple District Global Leadership Team Coordinator



An Amazing Breakthrough for Retinitis Pigmentosa and Big First Step

by Lisa A. Goldstein

After 40 years of total blindness, a 58-year-old French man saw stripes in a crosswalk. He was also able to reach out and touch a large notebook, a staple box, and hydroalcoholic gel on a table and discern whether two or three glass tumblers were before him.

This newfound ability didn't just happen overnight. A new kind of gene therapy called optogenetics finally paid off after 13 years of research.

The breakthrough study published in the May 2021 issue of *Nature Medicine* detailed how a team of researchers led by Dr. José-Alain Sahel, Chair and Distinguished Professor of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, delivered a protein called ChrimsonR directly to the retina to make it more receptive to light.

This was accomplished by genetically manipulating a common non-pathogenic virus so that it carries the protein. After about four months, the ganglion cells in the retina could transform and absorb light. Shapes and shadows on the amber color spectrum became visible.

In other words, optogenetics was used to make the top layer of ganglion cells at the front of the retina photosensitive, bypassing the non-functioning degenerated layer of photoreceptors.

There are caveats, of course. So far, the treatment had only proven successful in one patient (the only one trained before the project was interrupted due to COVID), and in only one eye, with the help of special goggles to deliver sufficient and safe levels of light. The goggles also scan the field of view, register light changes in each pixel, and send pulses of amber light to the eye.

The 58-year-old man's retina was given five months to accept the treatment, followed by seven months of training with the goggles. Prior to the injection, he could not visually detect any objects with or without the goggles, nor could he after injection without the goggles. According to the study abstract, "This is the first reported case of partial functional recovery in a neurodegenerative disease after optogenetic therapy."

The significance of this work will be recognized at the Falling Walls Conference in November, an event that commemorates the fall of the Berlin wall that the BBC calls a convening of "the brightest minds on the planet." Dr. Sahel is one of seven winners from 1,000 nominations in 115 countries for Science Breakthroughs of the Year. His award in the Life Sciences category is "Breaking the Wall to Restoring Vision for Retinal Degeneration."

Meanwhile, more research is needed to determine dosing levels, improve the goggles and training to use them, and consider the best treatment timing. The trial is now expanding, with new patients being treated and trained in Paris and Pittsburgh. Right now, the trial only patients with very advanced disease. Additionally, researchers cautioned, the patient's vision is not expected to get to the point of reading or recognizing faces. Yet this is undeniably a significant achievement that is expected to have long-lasting, maybe even permanent, results for patients with retinitis pigmentosa. **S+S**



José-Alain Sahel, MD in his Insitut de la vision Lab, Paris, France. (CNRS Photothèque/Céline Anaya Gautier)

THE NEPALSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ITS ANNUAL WINTER RETREAT

(1/08/22) this year at the PA State Council of Lions Clubs State Office in Harrisburg. This meeting is important since it reviews the previous year's activities and lays plans for the coming year. Below are a few of the many items the dedicated directors accomplished.

SALUS UNIVERSITY

PROGRAM: Fabiana Perla, Ed.D, COMS, CLVT; Chair, Department of Blindness & Low Vision Studies, College of Health Sciences, Education & Rehabilitation will pilot an initiative where stipends are offered to students eligible for clinical courses (i.e., internship) so they can devote a full semester to the provision of services (under Salus supervision) at agencies/field placements in the central and northeast sections of PA. This could be a way to incentivize students to relocate to the NE area if needed, or to provide financial support to those who already reside in the area and won't be able to work during their internship, while providing high quality services at no cost to the agencies.

This proposal would extend NEPALSF's support and address three critical areas: a) scholarship for courses, b) purchase of didactic materials/updated equipment, and c) direct service provision.

GRANT: NEPALSF approved a \$45,000 grant to Salus University to fund scholarships and to cover student expenses for internships as requested. **(Let us know if you come upon an intern student!)**

NEPALSF renewed our Mission and Vision Statements as follows:

MISSION STATEMENT

To assist Lions and Leo Clubs in their service goals by providing grant funding for community service projects, education, equipment and patient care.

VISION STATEMENT

To see all of our Lions and Leo Clubs serve, support and benefit their communities with the resources of our Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation.



We are happy to announce the return of PDG Joe Skinner to the Foundation Board 11/10/21. PDG Joe was instrumental in the creation of the Foundation in 2016. Welcome back, PDG Joe!

Thank You!

"I'm happy to report that our grant recipient received the hearing aids and is thrilled with them Her daughter told me that they've changed her life and allowed her to leave the house and just live! Thank you so much for approving our grant request. It's wonderful to be a part of changing someone's life for the better."

Thanks,
Carl Birkmeyer
Stewartstown Lions Club Secretary

STRASBURG LIONS HANDICAP RAMP SUPPLIES GRANT \$5,000.00.
BEAUTIFUL JOB!



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Here are pictures of the Strasburg Lions Club recent Handi-capped ramp project.

The project was in coordination with Strasburg's Wesley Methodist Church for one of their senior members.

Thanks to the Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation grant to cover the cost of the material.

Thanks to the other Lions and volunteers (not pictured) that helped with this project.

The Group Photo is (L-R) volunteers Brian Hohman, Laura Ryder, Lions - Rick Weymer, Bruce Ryder, Jim Rice and church representative, Pete Kingsly

In addition, Scouts and leaders of Troop 56 volunteered a few hours as well.

Seems like we were too busy or too tired to take more pictures.



Other Grants

Date Approved	District	Club	Grant Type	Purpose	Grant Amount
09/20/21	14T	Lower Paxton Lions Club	Community	Encyclopedias for schools	2,100.00
09/13/21	14U	Stroudsburg Lions Club	Patient	Hearing Aids	4,000.00
09/20/21	14T	NewBloomfield Lions Club	Community	Perry Co Fairgrounds	5,000.00
09/22/21	MD14	Partners in Service	Community	Meals for Needy in 14C	1,800.00
09/28/21	14D	Strasburg Lions Club	Equipment	Handicap Ramp	5,000.00
10/04/21	14D	Lancaster Lions Club	Equipment	Dishwasher for Anchor Program	3,200.00
10/05/10	14G	Williamsport-Newberry Lions Club	Equipment	Exit, Ramp, Small Patio	11,000.00
10/06/21	14D	Columbia Lions Club	Equipment	Van Accessibility	15,445.96
11/06/21	14C	Stewartstown Lions Club	Patient	Hearing Aids	3,600.00
11/08/21	14G	Jersey Shore Lioness Lions Club	Equipment	Vision Screeners (2) & Supplies	14,879.88
TOTAL					66,025.84

2022 board meetings will be held Wednesdays at the Harrisburg PA Sate Council of Lions Clubs State Office, 949 E Park Drive as follows: March 9th, June 8th, September 14th (Annual Meeting), and November 9th. If you would like to join us, please call your Representative or 484-546-2085.

2021-2022 Council Meeting #3 Action Items Recap

The 2021-2022 PA State Council of Lions Clubs' Council of Governors took the following action during its third meeting February 5, 2022 in York:

- Approved minutes of 2021-2022 Council Meeting #2 as presented by Council Meeting Recording Secretary PDG Deb Burkholder
- Approved State Convention "Rules of Procedure"
- Approved changing the deadline for submitting sub-district Leo of the Year winners to the state Leo Coordinator to Jan. 7 of each calendar year
- Approved the presentation of the MD-14 Leo of the Year award at the annual State Convention instead of the third State Council Meeting
- Approved Creation of special MD-14 Centennial Pin
- Authorized the State Administrator to add the Council Chair and Vice Chair as co-signers on transactions over \$2,500.00.
- Authorized the State Administrator to add the Council Chair and Vice Council Chair as co-signers for all financial transactions and granted the Council Chair and Vice Council Chair authority for all financial transactions.



- Approved revision of State Council Administrator Job Description
- Approved Preliminary 2022-2023 Budget
- Approved the closing of the Merchant Services, Payroll and Regional Lions Leadership Institute checking accounts at PNC Bank and consolidating those funds into the Council Administration account at PNC Bank
- Approved the closing of the Money Market account at M&T Bank and transfer of funds into the Morgan Stanley Wealth Management account
- Approved the transfer of funds from the Morgan Stanley Wealth Management Money Market portfolio to the Bond portfolio to comply with guidelines outlined in State Policy

- Approved the list of Exhibitors and Vendors for the 2022 State Convention
- Approved the waiving of state per capita dues for PA Lions who meet the LCI definition of "Leo-to-Lion" membership
- Endorsed the bid submitted by VisitErie to host the 2026 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie
- Re-appointed PDG Kerry McKnight (14-C) to three-year term as MD-14 Global Leadership Team Coordinator
- Re-appointed PDG Cheryl Wilbur (14-G) to three-year term as Global Membership Team Coordinator
- Appointed PDG Robert W. Roebuck (14-T) to three-year term as Global Service Team Coordinator
- Tabled appointment of 2027 State Convention Host Committee Chair (14-C) until the fourth 2021-2022 State Council Meeting
- Tabled appointment of 2024-2025 Council Meeting #2 Host Chair (14-B) until the fourth 2021-2022 State Council Meeting
- Tabled appointment of 2024-2025 Council Meeting #3 Host Chair (14-L) until the fourth 2021-2022 State Council Meeting

Submitted by Lion Bob McComas, State Administrator

2022 Regional Lions Leadership Institute graduates

The following is a list of the most recent additions to the list of MD-14 Lions who have earned degrees from a Regional Lions Leadership Institute. These graduates attended the RLLI held March 9-11, 2022 at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey:

Dist.	Lion	Club
B	Jordan Botta	Bloomfield Lawrenceville Area
C	Donald Dippner	Red Lion
C	Ben Strine	Brogue Community
C	Jay Stroup	Arendtsville
C	Raymond Highlands	Carlisle
D	Pat Benson	Millersville
D	David Husser	Manheim
D	Ed Keyser	Manheim
D	Joyce Sweger	Mountville
E	Henry Kedzierski	Lower Burrell City
E	Messias Key	Lower Burrell City

Dist.	Lion	Club
F	Frank Mehler, Jr.	North East
G	2VDG Kathy Douty	Jersey Shore Lioness
G	Leona Houseknecht	Watson Cent. Lioness
G	Steven Myers	Watson Cent. Lioness
G	Wanda Walters	Watson Cent. Lioness
H	1VDG Allan Hetkowski	Scranton
J	1VDG Galen George	South Fork
K	Richard Litzenberger	Emmaus
K	Scott Lohman	Saucon Valley
K	Joanne McFerren	Hellertown
K	Melissa Sassaman	Whitehall
K	John Weremedic	Slatedale-Emerald Area
L	Theodore Long	Burnham
L	Hunter McVey	Allenport
M	Robert Macik	Greater Canonsburg
M	Gregory Wilson	Old Trails
N	Elliott Hilton	Zelienople
N	1VDG Gaylene Toland	Apollo Area

Dist.	Lion	Club
P	Michael Hepner, Jr.	Lionville
P	Paula Hilbert	Boyertown
P	Geoffrey Littlefield	Boyertown
T	Nathan Pfister	Lower Swatara
T	PDG Robert Roebuck	Lower Paxton Twp.
U	Grace Karrer	Saint Clair
W	Jamie DePalma	Hazleton
W	1VDG Linda Zaneski	Dupont
	Brendan Byrne	(W. Va.)

FACULTY

ID	Larry L. Edwards	Harris Township (14-G)
PID	Cindy Gregg	Rostraver Township (14-E)
PCC	Bill Morgan	New Castle (14-N)
PDG	Kerry McKnight	New Freedom (14-C)
PDG	Deb Burkholder	Baron Stiegel (14-D)
PDG	William Grager	Willow Street (14-D)
PDG	Tom Gregg	Rostraver Township (14-E)
PDG	John Mallonee	Hershey (14-T)

Council Meeting #4 Committee Appointments



The following state committee appointments are scheduled to be made at the fourth 2021-2022 Council of Governors Meeting on Thursday, May 19, in King of Prussia:

Committee assignments are open to any MD-14 Lion in good standing within a club in good standing within its district, Multiple District 14 and Lions Clubs International.

Candidates interested in serving in one of those capacities should notify his/her District Governor and submit a Letter of Intent and Lions resume to State Administrator Bob McComas via email (bob.mccomas@palions.org), fax (717.564.2880) or US Mail (PA State Council of Lions Clubs, 949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111) prior to May 1, 2022.

Committee member job descriptions and responsibilities may be found on the MD-14 Lions website, www.palions.org.

Protocol Chairperson (Policy 112) – 1-year term. Current chairperson PCC William H. Morgan (14-N) is eligible for re-appointment.

Constitution and By-Laws and Policy Committee Chairperson (Policy 200) – 1-year term. Current chairperson PCC Terri Kodgis (14-J) is eligible for and seeks re-appointment.

Constitution and By-Laws and Policy Committee members (Policy 200) -- 1-year term. Current committee members PCC Karen Brady (Eastern Region Representative, District 14-K) and PDG Lance Remic (Western Region Representative, District 14-E) are eligible for and have indicated their interest a re-appointment. PDG Dennis Cope (Central Region Representative, District 14-C) does not seek re-appointment.

2026 State Convention Host Committee Chair (Policy 201) – District 14-M appointment. Previous chairman PDG Jack Bauer has submitted his resignation.

2027 State Convention Host Committee Chair (Policy 201) – District 14-C appointment.

2024-2025 Council Meeting #2 Host Chair (Policy 202) -- District 14-B appointment.

2024-2025 Council Meeting #3 Host Chair (Policy 202) -- District 14-L appointment.

PA Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation Board members (Policy 207) –



Recommendations are made by the PLSC&ERF board and approved by the Council of Governors.

State Lions Publication –The PRIDE of Pennsylvania (Policy 212) – 1-year term. Current editor Lion Betty Lou Ivell is eligible for re-appointment.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Coordinator (Policy 306) -- (3-year term). Appointed made by LCIF board of directors. Current co-coordinators PDG Kerry McKnight (District 14-C) and Evan Punched (District 14-N) are not eligible for re-appointment.

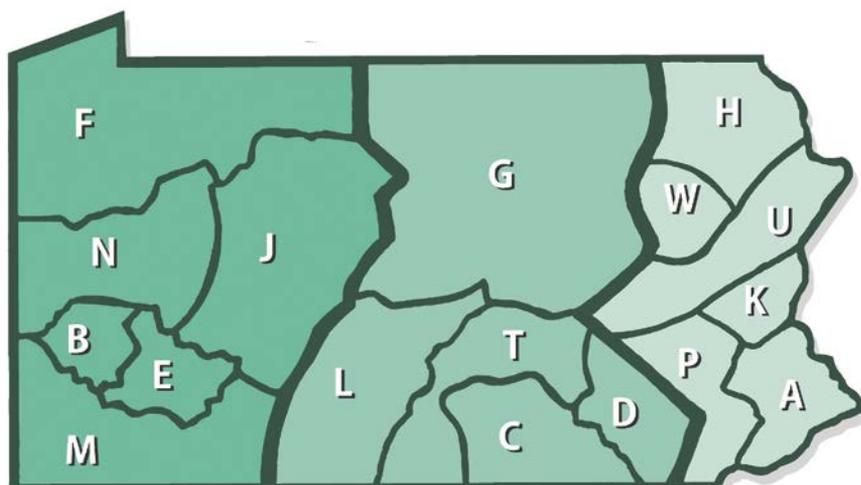
Diabetes Program Coordinator (Policy 307) – 3-year term. This position is currently vacant.

Youth Exchange Coordinator (Policy 309) -- 3-year term. This position is currently vacant.

Global Membership Approach Coordinator (Policy 310) -- 1 year term. Current coordinator PID Cindy Gregg (District 14-E) does not seek re-appointment.

Leo Clubs Coordinator (Policy 311) -- 3-year term. Current coordinator PDG Kathy Fouse (District 14-T) is eligible for and seeks re-appointment.

MD-14 Disaster Relief Coordinator (Policy 312) – 3-year term. Current coordinator Lion Jim Groff is eligible for and seeks re-appointment.



Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
The history of its name



Most PA Lions refer to the Lions Special Needs Camp simply as Beacon Lodge. Most surrounding area community residents refer to it as the Camp for the Blind; actually, the correct name is Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.

In November 1947 several meetings and discussions concerning a need for a camp for the blind were held at the Pennsylvania Federation for the Blind. As a result of these discussions, a corporation was formed in Mifflin County by Carl Shoemaker, who was blind. The Mifflin County Court approved the statewide charter in August 1948 and the camp was incorporated as "Vacations for the Blind."

In 1953 the name was changed to "Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind." In 1994, the name was once again changed to what it is known as today: "Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp" to indicate that the camp serves many more individuals than only the visually impaired and reflects the support of the Camp by the Pennsylvania Lions.

PDG Jay Adams, Paxtang Lions Club, 14-T
PA Lions Beacon Lodge Board Member
Veterans Project New Hope Chairperson

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On behalf of our Board of Directors, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to tell you more about our non-profit, Lions-affiliated organization. Since our founding in 1979, originally named the Western Pennsylvania Ear Bank and Research Institute, we have long implemented our vision to assist those needy individuals in Pennsylvania who have hearing loss. Our mission continues as the Foundation to provide such

assistance through the purchase of audiology devices that will improve hearing for those who have carried the burden of hearing impairments in their daily lives.

Since 1986, we have been formally recognized as the Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation, Inc. (WPLHF and/or WPALHF). The Foundation continues to hold its original non-profit status, as well as our long-term affiliation with Pennsylvania Lions within our defined service area. We were originally founded by six western Pennsylvania District Governors, representing the western region of the Commonwealth (Lions Districts 14-F, N, J, B, E and M). In recent years we are pleased to be able to serve and provide our programs in two additional districts of central Pennsylvania, (Lions Districts 14-L and 14-G). We are especially excited to now begin work with our newest Lions partner and be able to formally extend our service area and programs to residents of 14-G. Our programs and services are provided by our designated professional audiology staffs located in the twelve satellite offices (soon to be fourteen), found throughout our service area.

Over the years, the Foundation has worked closely in partnership with physicians and audiology professionals at UPMC Eye and Ear Institute, University of Pittsburgh, to help individuals communicate and perceive sound and language. In the past our Foundation has assisted with funding for electro-larynx devices for those who lost their larynx due to trauma or cancer, cochlear implants for those who are deaf, specialized audiology equipment to facilitate testing and rehabilitation of people with hearing loss, and teaching grants to support surgical education of future otolaryngologists. We remain dedicated to helping those with deafness and other hearing difficulties by providing funds for research, surgery and hearing aids. Our intent is to serve those individuals who can benefit from new surgical techniques and quality hearing devices designed to overcome the problems of living with hearing impairments. Through these efforts the Foundation helps those who are deaf or hard of hearing appreciate the sounds of the world that many take for granted.

Today our Foundation's 18-member Board of Directors consists of two dedicated Lions Club members from each of the eight western and central Pennsylvania Lions Districts that encompass our present service area. Also included as board members are two Co-Medical Directors who provide us with the highest university and healthcare technology and quality standards available in the health professions.

WPLHF has a long-standing record of service area growth and an accomplished provision of quality services through its affiliation with Pennsylvania Lions. We are not only proud of our services to others, but we are most appreciative of Pennsylvania Lions and all our Foundation stakeholders who make this possible. Our special thanks to all for stepping up and bringing our mission to life in service and friendship to others.

Best regards,
PDG Don Gibala, Dr.P.H., President
Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation < www.wpalhf.org >

Learning to be Blind



As Lions, we have all helped those in society who are blind or who have impaired vision problems. In fact, it is one of the founding cornerstones of our entire Lions organization. In keeping with that mission, New Bethlehem Lion Kevin Reichard brought up at a regular meeting in the summer of 2018 that he attended church with a woman who was about to give up her substitute teaching job to attend the University of Pittsburgh to earn a "Certificate as a Teacher of the Blind." Lion Reichard asked to bring her to our next meeting as she wanted to discuss her new venture with us.

At the next meeting, we met Sharon Barron, a wife, mother of two teenaged daughters and a woman with a passion to teach. We were all impressed with her for switching jobs at the age of 38 and leaving her rural home to attend a four-year program at the University of Pittsburgh. She had concerns about the upheaval she was placing on her husband and daughters, but she stated they supported her desire to earn her degree. She asked our club if we could financially sponsor her in any way, as her new course would be expensive. After she departed, our club discussed what we could do to help Mrs. Barron. We voted on giving her \$1,000 a year, broken into increments of \$250 which we would mail at the end of every quarter.

We believed in her and what she was trying to accomplish in helping the blind learn Braille and other skills to help them thrive in a sighted society. The last four years have been rigorous and fulfilling for Mrs. Barron. She has taken and passed 21 academic courses, consisting of Braille, Nemeth (Braille code used for math), the biology of vision disorders and other required classes. Her education also included learning how to use a white cane to navigate the streets of Pittsburgh while blindfolded. At the end of August 2022, Mrs. Barron will graduate with three separate but complementary degrees – a Certified Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired, a Master's of Education and a Certified Orientation/Mobility Specialist. Our club is proud of her accomplishments and happy to have aided her in becoming a teacher to the blind. It can truly be said that Mrs. Barron has learned to be blind and has now had her eyes opened.

When asked what she would like other people to know about her journey, Mrs. Barron stated, "The Lions club has been wonderful in showing their belief in the need to have more professionals who are able to help those with visual impairments live a full and independent life. Don't listen to the ones who say you can't, when you know you can."

Those are the words that we as Lions have accepted and turned into action. There are many ways to serve the people in our communities and, thanks to Sharon Barron, our club has now gained a lasting commitment to serve and touch future generations.

Rex L. Munsee
Secretary, New Bethlehem Lion Club



We Serve

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Report

As we enter the final four months of Campaign 100, worldwide we are at 82% of meeting the goal of 300 million dollars. Hopefully with your support MD-14 can do our part to help LCIF towards this goal!



At the third State Council Meeting in York, 2VDG Mike Schaeffer made and donated two amazing corn hole boards with Campaign 100 logos and the bags. There were 180 tickets, printed by PDG Kerry McKnight, and all were sold for a total of \$1,660. State Council Chaplain DG Karl Jackson held up a \$20 dollar bill and challenged those in attendance to match it. He raised \$600 and did the exact same thing at the international banquet and raised another \$600, all for LCIF! Thank you to everyone who took part in this very successful fundraiser!

It is still not too late to become a model club with having three years to complete your commitment from the time that the paperwork is turned in. Remember the total goes back to July 1, 2017, when the campaign started.

LCIF coin boxes are still a great way to get everyone involved. Please send in the money from them to LCIF no later than early June.

With spring conventions coming up, there are many Lions in your clubs and districts deserving of a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Even if your club can't award one, please donate what you can as contributions from every club counts!

The legacy society is a sure way of continuing your legacy of serving through wills, estate planning, IRAs and gift annuities. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact PDG Kerry or PDG Evan who will get you in touch with the right person to help you.

The goal for us is to have an increase in both club and individual donations for these last four months; please help us reach this goal!

MD-14 LCIF Coordinators PDG Kerry McKnight and PDG Evan Punched



Lions Clubs International
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From PDG Thomas Gregg, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Member



The Stampede Telegram

The latest news and information for the Calgary 2022 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

A Message from Our General Chair



Lions of Canada, the United States, and around the world, the 46th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Calgary is only 6 months away and we cannot wait for this new baby to be born into reality. The planning started last October and will continue until the last days. We are excited about having another in-person Forum and being able to provide you the best leadership and learning opportunities available from great Lions and guest speakers We can never stop learning.

As I mentioned earlier, we are planning an in-person Forum. We understand the concern about whatever variant may be out there and possible travel difficulties in getting to Calgary, but we truly believe that in-person is better. Will circumstances change before September? They probably will, but we can only plan with the facts at this time and if adjustments need to be made we will make them. I have an outstanding committee and they are committed to bringing you the best Forum possible.

Thank you to all the past attendees, the current attendees, and the future attendees of the Forums. From the humble beginnings in Illinois to today we believe our purpose is to train and we will continue to fulfill that purpose.

Until next time stay safe stay healthy and continue your great Lions work.

Yours in Service,

Randy Heitmann

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 June 4, 1934 – December 13, 2021
 District Governor 1984-1985
 Richmond Lions Club, 14-K



PDG Alvin B. Hayes
 March 2, 1933 – January 7, 2022
 District Governor 1991-1992
 Pinchot Park Lions Club, 14-C



PDG Charles A. Williams
 October 5, 1944 – January 14, 2022
 District Governor 1990-1991
 Shade Gap Lions Club, 14-L



PDG John W. "Jack" Bittig
 February 14, 1936 – January 17, 2022
 District Governor 1998-1999
 Audubon Oaks Lions Club, 14-R



PDG David J. "Dave" Stitely
 July 15, 1957 – January 23, 2022
 District Governor 2012-2013
 Stewartsville Lions Club, 14-E



PDG Dominic G. Acalotto, Jr.
 August 15, 1936 – March 6, 2022
 District Governor 1999-2000
 Irwin Lions Club, 14-E



PDG Sarah A. Clark
 1940 – March 7, 2022
 District Governor 2002-2003
 Penbrook Lions Club, 14-T



Lion Christine M. Green
 February 8, 1949 – March 8, 2022
 Partner-in-Service of
 PDG William C. Green III
 District Governor 1980-1981
 Union City Lion Club, 14-F

*"These Lions gave to us duty,
 love and trust. Because of
 them, we are stronger, we are
 better."*

Adapted from Volant Lions' necrology service.





Pictured are **Gary Benasutti**, Assistant Principal; **Emily Pfaff**, **Annika Pfaff**, **Ava Pfaff** and Lions President **Dave Graham**

Annika Pfaff was Student of the Month for January 2022 from Avon Grove High School. Annika is active with Cross Country, swimming, track, National Honor Society, Freshman Mentor Program and Peer Tutoring. She volunteers in the community with Project Cure, LaMancha Animal Rescue and Ware Presbyterian Village. She has won many awards and honors in high school. She plans to attend either the University of Virginia, Southern California, South Carolina Honors College or Columbia University to study public health and then attend medical school to become a Pediatric Anesthesiologist.

Pictured are **Matthew Messick**, Principal, **Sirpa Cossaboon**, **Michael Cossaboon**, **Karl Cossaboon** and Lion **Dave Graham**



Karl Cossaboon was Student of the Month for January 2022 from Avon Grove Charter School. Karl is involved in Jazz Band, Tri-M Honor Music Society and Video Game Club. He has completed volunteer service at Camp Horseshoe Boy Scout summer camp; he served as a Counselor in Training there. He is an Eagle Scout and has served in many capacities as a Scout. Karl will be attending a four-year college; his major is undecided but will be in science or math.



Pictured are **Gary Benasutti**, Assistant Principal; **Andy Puffenberger**, **Beth Puffenberger**, **Emma Puffenberger** and Lion **Dave Graham**.

Emma Puffenberger was Student of the Month for February 2022 from Avon Grove High School. Emma is active in girls' soccer, Chester County Student Forum, National Honor Society, women's choir, indoor track and field and FCA. She is active in the community with Night to Shine: Shine-Thru, Willowdale Chapel Respite Night and is a Youth Ministry Volunteer. She has had many awards and honors throughout high school. Emma plans to attend either Penn State, Messiah University or James Madison University for nursing. She'd like to work with International Medical Missions.

Pictured are **Adrienne Basilio**, Guidance Counselor; **Wendy Patterson**, **Natalie Patterson**, Lion **Dave Graham** and **Andy Patterson**



Natalie Patterson was the Avon Grove Charter School's Student of the Month for February 2022. Natalie has served in the school's Leo Club, participated in the Library's Teen Service Club and contributed artwork to Barclay Friends. She has also been a Wolfpack Mentor. She painted the spirit rock outside the school, representing her senior class. She co-leads a movie discussion club and is a server at the Kendal Retirement Home. She plans to attend West Chester University; her major is undecided.



Avon Grove Lions Club's Students of the Month
 Congratulations!





Pictured are **Rajesh Kochhar, Chris Kochhar, Suman Kochhar, Kshitij Kochhar,** Lion **Dave Graham** and Assistant Principal **Gary Benasutti**

Kshitij Kochhar was the Student of the Month for March 2022 from Avon Grove High School. Kshitij is involved with Pride Leadership Academy, Chess Club, cross country, computer science honor society, dodgeball club, ENACT, French club, Hack Club, indoor track, NHS, student council, style swap, tennis and UNICEF. He is active in his community with ENACT, Project Cure and has taught computer classes; he's won many awards and honors. He plans to study computer science at the University of Pittsburgh, CMU, Cornell or the University of Maryland.



Pictured are **Adrienne Basilio,** Guidance Counselor; **Bill Coiffi, Peggy Coiffi, Destiny Richards** and Lion **Dave Graham.**

Destiny Richards was Avon Grove Charter School's Student of the Month for March 2022. Destiny participates in the school's Dance Company, video production endeavors, political discussions, senior planning and community service. She has participated in peer tutoring and tutoring younger students. She is a member of the Wolf Pack mentoring program. She works as a cashier at Giant and hopes to attend the University of Rhode Island or Ohio State University to major in textile marketing and digital media marketing.

Avon Grove Lions Club's Students of the Month Congratulations!

All student of the month information for Avon Grove Lions submitted by Lion Barry Barteny



Avon Grove Lions, District 14-P, presented **Lion Robin Rios** with a plaque for his many years of service to their club. Lion Robin is moving to Tennessee and will join a Lions club there. The Avon Grove Lions will miss his service.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**

*Pictured are Lion **Robin Rios** and Club President Lion **Dave Graham.***



District Governor Peggy Hummel, 14-T, is shown presenting International President Douglas Alexander's Certificate of Appreciation to King Lion Ernie Charlesworth of the Chambersburg Evening Lions Club for his service to the club and the District.

Below members of the Chambersburg Evening Club are shown celebrating having sent 100,000 pairs of eyeglasses to the Lions Recycle for Sight Program, delivered to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in New Jersey.

Contributed by **Lion Doug Harbach**





The **Blakely-Peckville Lions Club, 14-H**, recently presented a check for \$3,021 to the William Hopkins American Legion Post 570 in Blakely. The funds were received from a grant obtained by the Lions club from the **Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation** and will be used to purchase an air purifier for the Legion Hall.

*Pictured are club president **Lion William Tarby**, Legion Post 570 Commander **Tom McKeon** and Legion Financial Officer **Tony Cardell**.*

Contributed by **Lion William Tarby**



The **Columbia Lions Club, 14-D**, donated \$2,000 to Mennonite Central Committee for the Ukraine emergency response. The funds will be used to provide emergency housing, food, supplies and trauma counseling. Lions raised \$600 at their St. Patrick's Dance and Lions members and their families contributed \$1,400.

*Pictured are **Les Horning**, MCC Donor Relations Director, East Coast Region; Lions **Rob Anderson**, **Paul Resch**, **John Meshey** and **Steve Horner**.*

Contributed by **Lion Paul Resch**



Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club, 14-F, Vice President **Anjalena Bucci** and Treasurer **Liz Keppler** represented the club at the annual Eighth Grade Orientation Night for next year's ninth graders. They explained to students what Leo Club is about and encouraged them to join in the fall.

Contributed by Lion Angela Tarr

The **Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club, 14-F**, members made buttons for Fort LeBoeuf Middle School's Spread the Word: Inclusion Day. Mrs. Hunter's class had a table outside the cafeteria during lunch periods and the buttons were one of the several things handed out to encourage students to include everyone. Buttons had either "#ChooseToInclude" or the 2022 theme "#ChampionsOfChange" on them. The button maker was provided by the Fort LeBoeuf Middle School PTO. The Spread the Word campaign is sponsored by the Special Olympics.

*Pictured below (left) are Sophomore **Maria Preston** and (right) Senior **Bailey Mutchler**.*

Contributed by Lion Angela Tarr





(Left) **Avon Grove Leos, 14-P**, collected more than 1,100 food items that were donated to Mighty Writers in Kennett.



(Above) **Avon Grove Charter School Leos** held a stuffed toy drive for the Orphan Grain Train.



(Left) **District Governor Gary Hilbert, 14-P**, presents the Leo of Honor Award to Avon Grove High School Leo Club President **Angelina McGrath**.

Contributed by District Leo Representative **Lion Barry Marteny**

District Governor Gary Hilbert, 14-P, intalled the officers of the **Avon Grove High School Leo Club.**

*Pictured are **DG Hilbert, Vice President Tanvi Joshi, Community Outreach Coordinator Eden Manolescu, Leo Club President Angelina McGrath and Treasurer Sophia Trone.***



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Avon Grove High School's Newest Leo Club Members

Contributed by Lion Barry Marteny

**RED LION AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

DECEMBER 2021

EMMA MADER



JANUARY 2022

SHANA CAREY



FEBRUARY 2022

ANNA HEILMAN



Pictured with each of the students is Lion John H. Fishel, co-chairperson of the Education Committee, Red Lion Lions Club, 14-C.

Contributed by **Lion Don Dippner**



The **Lions Club of Mount Joy, 14-D**, collected 9,444 pounds of plastic for recycling in a project that began in April 2019. The project was initiated to promote good stewardship of the earth by offering an opportunity to keep plastic out of landfills and oceans. Through the TREX program, the club secured five benches made of recycled plastic and placed them throughout the community.

Collection boxes are placed in numerous businesses and churches and many businesses donate overwrap to the project. The club has collected as much as 3,500 pounds of plastic in six months.

Pictured is a bench donated to the Donegal School District, presented by Lion president **Timothy Markovits** to **Dr. Michael Lausch**.

Contributed by **Lion Joanna Smith**

DG/PDG Linda Lupro inducted **Michael Minor** and **Alexis Benshoff** into the **Adams Township Area Lions Club, 14-J**. **PDG Harry Kornprobst** sponsored them.

Contributed by **Lion Susan Houston**



PDG Cassy Sojak from the **Johnstown West End Lions Club, 14-J**, inducted two members into the **Adams Township Area Lions Club**. They are **Patti Shable** and her daughter, **Cortney Colby**, sponsored by **PDG Richard Hautz**. **PDG Cassy** asked **Patti** and **Cortney** to hold **PDG Richard's** arms and close their eyes to better understand blindness.

Contributed by **Lion Susan Houston**





On September 1, 2021, the small community of Wilmore, PA, population 201, was hit with heavy rains from Hurricane Ida. There were rumors the Wilmore Dam was going to break, but, thankfully, it did not. Families in that borough were evacuated for safety's sake. Many of the homes were damaged and the residents lost major appliances, including furnaces and hot water heaters.

There was a community-wide outpouring of donations to help the Wilmore families. The **Adams Township Area Lions Club, 14-J**, set up a donation jar at the local Labor Day Festival held in St. Michael and donated funds from the club to help several of the families who came to the club for help. One of the families that were helped was the Bill and Maureen Brence household. The Brences came to the club's October basket raffle to show their support and appreciation of the help given them. They wanted to join the club...a two-way effect of our motto: WE SERVE.

Pictured are PDG Richard Hantz, Maureen and Bill Brence and their sponsor Lion Bart Wagner.

Contributed by **Lion Susan Houston**

ID Larry Edwards presented his banner to the **McKeesport Lions Club, 14-B**, at the celebration of their 100th anniversary in February. Lions members from the Pittsburgh area and friends of the McKeesport Club gathered at The Palisades Event Center for the event. Dinner consisted of Pittsburgh favorites kielbasa, pierogies and halushki; presentations, proclamations and entertainment by the band "Dancing Queen."

Contributed by **Lion Annette James**



The **Bedford Lions Club, 14-L**, recently presented a check for \$1,663 to **Sharon Demko**, grandmother of **Teagan Imler** of New Enterprise, PA. Teagan, who is 15, has been battling Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) since the age of six. Lion Denzil Valentine spearheaded the special drive to raise the funds for Teagan. The monies will help cover the ongoing costs of trips to doctors in Hershey. A major operation is planned for the end of June.

Pictured are Lion David Gash, Sharon Demko and Lion Denzil Valentine.

Contributed by **Lion Ron Rhodes**

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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