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Thank you.*



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## From PID Larry Edwards

### And we Continue .... To Serve, Together We Can...Change the World



Greetings, Lions and Leos,

Has anyone attended a football game yet? That must mean the fall is around the corner and we are into the third month of this Lions' year. WOW! Time does fly. By now all should know that International President Dr. Patti Hill's message is "Changing the World." How do we as Lions do that? We need to set goals to meet the needs of our neighbors, our communities, and our world. Action and execution are what we need to do to make that happen. I know that the Lions of MD-14, PA have those skills and the initiative to move forward with the President's message. Maybe your club needs to complete a community needs assessment to better determine what those needs are. Don't wait. The year is moving fast. Get started tomorrow.

How about the four-year initiative of Mission 1.5? The drive to reach 1.5 million members by June 2027. Ambitious but doable. Has your club started its recruitment plan? If not, contact your District GAT team and get the help you need. Don't forget to have your Zone Chairperson involved with your team. Set your goal and develop your plan. Track it and report your progress. Keep looking for that prime location for a new club. PDG Cheryl Wilbur can provide ideas and help with that.

I have had the opportunity to attend several various club and cabinet meetings. I am never disappointed to hear what the clubs and districts have planned. Plenty of organization and coordination. That is what makes the Lions such a strong organization. Keep that **Roaring** going.

Lots of fall and pre-winter activities are out there for your clubs. Take advantage of this time of year to boost your service projects. By the way, don't miss reporting them on MyLion. Your Service Coordinator should be doing that regularly. Need help? Reach out to MD GSL PDG Bob Roebuck for help!

My article is for The Pride Magazine. I want to take a moment and thank Lion Betty Lou Ivell for the hard work she does in putting together this quarterly publication. Since it is now digital everyone can submit pictures and brief articles about your club's special service project. Let's share those ways and stories about how to serve our communities with all Lions through The Pride digital publication.

In closing, I want to mention the loss of my mentor, PID LeGrand Perce III. LeGrand lived close to me in Bedford, and he helped me along the way as I progressed in Lions leadership. He was a great individual. MD-14 has lost a true leader. Since he did live nearby, Lion Susan and I were able to visit with him many times during his last several days. He passed peacefully and with great respect.

Until the next time we meet at a Lions event, I wish you all the best and keep serving.

*PID Larry*





**From Council Chair Linda Zaneski**

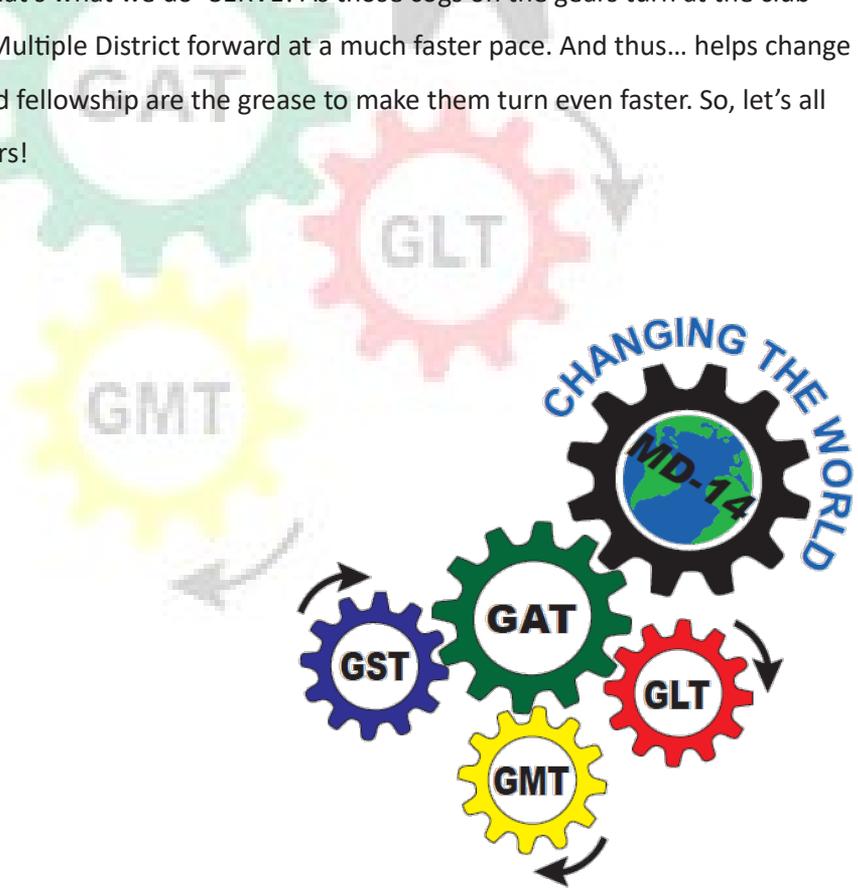
Welcome to the first edition of the Pride magazine for 2023-2024 which is also my first message to my fellow lions as the MD-14 State Council Chairperson. I am so excited to once again this year be a part of the leadership for the Multiple District. As a District Governor last year, I had so many wonderful opportunities to visit my clubs, spread my message and assist them in growing their membership, service and leadership. Now, as your Council Chair, I can do that for Pennsylvania.

The International Convention in Boston was filled with such excitement and PRIDE especially when the PA Lions All-State Band performed. It was such a treat to march behind them in the International Parade. But now we are off and running in another Lions Year. As your Council Chair, it is my plan to help guide the Pennsylvania Lions to a new level. My logo for the year shows what the clubs, districts and Multiple-District need to do to change the world. Strong Leadership will help attract new members who can do more service and that's what we do- SERVE! As those cogs on the gears turn at the club level, it moves the district and Multiple District forward at a much faster pace. And thus... helps change the world! Your enthusiasm and fellowship are the grease to make them turn even faster. So, let's all work hard on turning those gears!

*Linda Zaneski*

MD-14 Council Chair

2023-2024



# LeGrand W. (III) Perce

December 9, 1926 ~ September 5, 2023 (age 96)



LeGrand W. "Gwynn" Perce III 96, of Bedford, died Tuesday, September 5, 2023. He was born on December 9, 1926 in Baltimore, MD a son of the late LeGrand W. and Kathleen (Tate) Perce. On June 12, 1992 in Reno, NV he married Joan M. Bisko Link who preceded him in death on September 3, 2022. They had no children of their own.



Mr. Perce was an attorney-at-law, a graduate of The George Washington University in 1950 and The George Washington University Law School in 1953, where he received his A.B. and Juris Doctor Degrees. He had his private practice of law in Bedford from 1956 until July 1, 2019. In addition to practicing law, Mr. Perce was the second Director of the Bedford County Emergency Management Agency, serving in that capacity from October 11, 1961, until his retirement on December 31, 1992. During his service to Bedford County, he established the Bedford County Communications Department in January 1977.

## Services

### Funeral Service

Friday

September 15, 2023

10:00 AM

Bedford Presbyterian Church  
145 S. Juliana Street  
Bedford, PA 15522

Always active in his community, LeGrand served as President of the Bedford Junior Chamber of Commerce, Bedford County Unit of the American Cancer Society, Bedford County Employ the handicapped Committee, Bedford Toastmaster Club, The American Lung Association of the South Alleghenies, and three times as President of the Bedford County Bar Association. From 1957 until 1997 he served continuously as either an officer or member of the local Lung Association Board of Directors.

Mr. Perce was a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Legal Aid, Inc. from 1977 until it was dissolved in 2001, and served as its President continuously from 1988 until 2001. On the state level Mr. Perce was the only person to serve twice as Governor of District 13 of Toastmasters International, twice as a director of the Pennsylvania Division of the American Cancer Society, for twenty years on the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of Pennsylvania serving two years as its President and was Chairman of the Pennsylvania Lions State Council of Governors after serving as District 14-L Governor in 1980-1981. Nationally, Mr. Perce was a member of the American Lung Association's Council for seven years. Internationally LeGrand served as a Director of the International Association of Lions Clubs from 1992 to 1994, serving as that Board's Constitution and By-Laws Chairman in 1993-1994. As one of the Lions Club's finest speakers, Mr. Perce was frequently called upon to be a Lions club or district keynote speaker both in the United States and overseas.

As a member, and current secretary, of the Bedford Lions Club he had perfect attendance from the date he joined in April 1982 until his death. He was a Life Member of International Association of Lions Clubs, was Pennsylvania's first Leadership Development Chairman from 1982 to 1986 and the State Parliamentarian twice. He was a presenter at seven USA-Canda Leadership Forums and a member of the International Convention Credentials Committee 30

times and as its chairman 16 times. When the International Convention was held in Philadelphia in 1997 Mr. Perce was the announcer for the convention's large parade, and was Parliamentarian for the International Convention in Korea in 1995.

As a Lion Mr. Perce was recognized by District 14-L twice for Distinguished Service, three times as News Letter Editor of the Year, and as Melvin Jones Fellow. He received eight presidential medals. When he was Governor of District 14-L in 1980-1981, he was recognized with the Presidential Commendation with two torches. After serving as a member of the International Board of Directors in 1992-1994, he received the Association's highest award, The Ambassador of Good Will Award.

The American Cancer Society recognized LeGrand with its highest volunteer award – The Bronze Medal. The Bedford County Medical Society recognized him twice with its Benjamin Rush Award, and the Bedford County Pomona Grange presented him with its Public Service Award. From Toastmaster International he received its Distinguished Leadership Award, and was Toastmaster of the Year in District 13. For service from 1950 to 1956 as a member of the "Traveling Troubadours", a singing group that entertained the United States Armed Forces throughout the world, and represented the U.S. State Department on two tours of Iceland and once in the Azores, Mr. Perce received from the United States Department of Defense its Certificate of Appreciation.

At the time of his death Mr. Perce was a member of the Finance-Property Committee in the Bedford Presbyterian Church, and was its former Stated Clerk. For four years he was an Instructor for the AARP Safe Driving course in Bedford and Fulton counties.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., at the Bedford Presbyterian Church, in Bedford, with Rev. Jack Miller officiating. Private burial at Bedford Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Bedford Lions Club c/o Dan Kerr 811 Echo Vale Dr., Bedford, PA 15522; or Bedford Presbyterian Church, 145 S. Juliana St., Bedford, PA 15522. Our online guestbook is available at [www.berkebilefuneralhome.com](http://www.berkebilefuneralhome.com).

Ironically, the following three pages were found shortly before PID LeGrand's passing. The editor thought they might be interesting to other Lions in Pennsylvania. LeGrand Perce was indeed a Lion's Lion; may he rest in peace having served as a faithful member of Lions Clubs International.



# The International Association of Lions Clubs

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We Serve Better  
TOGETHER 

Dear Fellow Lion:

The Lions of Multiple District 14 will have the privilege of electing a Lion to be a candidate for International Director at the State Convention in Monroeville next May.

All of the Lions of our proud District 14-L will offer to you and the Lions of Multiple District 14 Past State Council Chairman LeGrand W. Perce, III of the Bedford Lions Club. We sincerely believe he is most qualified to represent the Lions of Pennsylvania at the International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan next July.

The attached flyer lists the many accomplishments of Lion LeGrand. I think you will agree he is the most qualified to represent all of us on the International Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International.

It is imperative that we have a good hard working Lion to represent us at this critical time in our organization. We are involved in many legalities and what better person than LeGrand to help us understand the problems we are going to be faced with in our future.

Yours in Lionism,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amos Shatzer".

Amos Shatzer, PDG  
Campaign Chairman



LeGRAND W. PERCE, III

A PROVEN  
LEADER



A MAN  
OF ACTION



Bring Quality To Life

Candidate  
for  
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

### LIONS SERVICE

#### CLUB

Life Member with perfect attendance since joining in 1963  
President 1968 - 1969  
Two Time News Bulletin Editor of the Year  
Citizen of the Month  
Many other offices and committees

#### DISTRICT 14-L

District Governor 1980 - 1981  
Deputy District Governor 1979 - 1980  
Zone Chairman 1976 - 1979  
Secretary/Treasurer 1975 - 1976  
On District Cabinet since 1975

#### MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 (Pennsylvania)

State Council Chairman 1981 - 1982  
Vice State Council Chairman 1980 - 1981  
Leadership Development Chairman 1982 - 1986  
President-Elect Seminar Presenter 1982 - 1985

#### LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

International Convention Credentials Committee  
Vice Chairman 1986  
Member of Committee 1982 - 1986  
USA-CANADA Lions Forum  
Presenter at Forums in Chicago, Philadelphia and Fort  
Lauderdale  
Attendance at all Forums since 1978 (1979 - 1986)

#### RECOGNITIONS

Two Presidential Medals  
Kay Murakami 1982  
Joseph Wroblewski 1986  
Presidential Commendation Medal With One Torch 1981  
100% District Governor's Award 1981  
Key Member

## CIVIC SERVICE

Presently serving as:

President South Alleghenies Lung Association  
Director American Lung Association of Pennsylvania  
Director South Alleghenies Legal Aid, Inc.  
Treasurer Bedford County Unit American Cancer Society  
Director Bedford County Unit American Cancer Society  
Vice President Bedford Toastmasters Club 574  
Treasurer New Hope Care Center (Exceptional Children)  
Member Bedford Lodge # 1707 B.P.O. of Elks  
Life Member Bedford Presybterian Church

Presently serving as:

Governor District 13 Toastmaster International 1962 -  
1963; 1976 - 1977

Only person to serve District 13 twice as Governor  
President Bedford County Unit American Cancer Society  
Assistant Treasurer Pennsylvania Division American  
Cancer Society

President Bedford County Employ the Handicapped Committee  
President New Hope Care Center  
President Bedford Junior Chamber of Commerce  
Vice President Bedford Heritage Commission  
First Lieutenant Civil Air Patrol Pennsylvania Wing

## CIVIC RECOGNITION

Bronze Medal 1981 (American Cancer Society's Top  
Volunteer Award)  
Benjamin Rush Award from Bedford County Medical Society  
for Leadership in Community Health 1968 and 1985  
Bedford County Pomona Grange Public Service Award 1984  
Toastmasters International Distinguished Leadership  
Award 1977  
Toastmaster of the Year District 13 1971 - 1972  
United States Department of Defense Certificate of Esteem  
1952 - 1953

## EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

The George Washington University AA and AB degrees  
The George Washington University Law School Juris Doctor  
Admitted to Legal Practice before:  
United States District Court for the District of  
Columbia  
United States Court of Appeals  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania  
Superior Court of Pennsylvania  
Several Courts of Bedford County, Pennsylvania  
In Private Practice of Law in Bedford, Pennsylvania since  
1956  
Director Bedford County Emergency Management Agency since  
1961  
Organizer and Director of Bedford County Communications  
Department since 1977  
President of the Bedford County Bar Association 1965 and  
1980

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## From the Global Leadership Team Coordinator

In the last issue of The Pride, my Global Leadership Team article highlighted the many different resources a Lion may tap into for training. I will mention one more in this article, and it is the most important source of training, learning, and education for any Lion. That would be a Lion Mentor.

Why is a Lion mentor important? Studies show that good mentoring can lead to far greater success and opportunities for a Lion within your club, zone or district – possibly even higher. A Lion requires certain characteristics to mentor another Lion. The primary features of a good Mentor include the three As of Mentorship:

- **Availability** - means that a mentor should offer or avail you of their time, experience, encouragement, feedback, and advice.
- **Active listening** - means your mentor should be quiet and attentive when you're speaking, and not distracted.
- **Analysis** - means good mentors should be able to analyze what you're saying, your situation, and provide detailed feedback or solutions so that you can grow.

Most mentors get a certain thrill when someone they mentored reaches their goals either in a service project, fundraiser or call to a higher leadership position. A good mentor is sincerely interested in helping someone else without any "official" reward. The reward is simply seeing someone the mentor has invested time and knowledge with become successful, knowing the mentor had a hand in their success.

Now we know the characteristics of the Mentor, let's take a look at the Mentee. This Lion will need to be able to take positive and constructive advice. A good Mentor will share with the Mentee stories of how I got it "right" and how I got it "wrong." Both provide excellent learning opportunities for the Mentee.

A Mentee will seek guidance and ask questions of a more experienced Lion. This develops motivation and additional skills to help their home club and district.

Mentoring is a great opportunity to deliver a rewarding and potentially life-changing experience for both the mentor and the mentee. It is one of the most important things a person can do to enhance their Lions career. It takes time and commitment, but it is well worth the effort. Whether you are the Mentor or the Mentee, it's a "win-win" for any Lion.

More information on the Lion Mentor/Mentee relationship is available in the Lions Learning Center at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/search-results?keys=Basic+Mentoring+Guide>.

*PDG Kerry McKnight*



## Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Report

Recently with the disasters that have been happening, especially in Hawaii, LCIF needs our support more than ever. Just seeing the devastating pictures on the news makes one realize just how much help these fire victims need. Last Lions year MD-14 was way down in donations compared to the previous Lions year. Every club and Lion's help is needed to turn this around!

LCIF's goal per member average is \$27.00, but PIP Brian Sheenan, LCIF Chairman's, stretch goal is \$36.00 per member average. So that LCIF can continue giving grants, especially in disasters, it is important for every club to contribute. PIP Brian told us how difficult it is having to choose who should be awarded grants knowing that some people will be left out. That is the reason for his stretch goal.

LCIF is asking every club to appoint an LCIF Coordinator. If your club doesn't have one, they are asking the club president to appoint someone and if they are unable, then the immediate past president would be the coordinator. The club secretary then needs to list that Lion in MyLCI with their contact information. This is very important that LCIF knows who to communicate with at the club level.

A reminder of the LCIF Legacy Society where you or someone you know can continue your legacy of service through wills, IRAs, insurance policies, among others, that people who are in need will always have help and will know that Lions do care about them!

Thank you once again for your past and continued support of LCIF! LCIF cannot do their mission without you!

Respectfully Submitted,

*PDG Evan Punched,*  
MD-14 LCIF Coordinator



**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**



## The Jared Box Project

Greetings, fellow Lions and Leos,

The mission of the Jared Box Project is to entertain and put a smile on the faces of children in the hospital. The Jared Box Project was started in 2001. In Pennsylvania there are 122 hospitals that could be served.

The Jared Box Project is promoted and sustained by volunteers. It is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The Jared Box Project can be provided to a boy or girl in the hospital with the following guidelines for their appropriate age:

|                          |             |                          |                                |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Boy</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Infant..... (0 - 12 months)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Toddler..... (1 - 3)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Preschool..... (3 - 5)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Girl</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Elementary..... (5 - 8)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tweens & Teens..... (8 and up) |

The articles in the box would be age appropriate for the child.

Since the inception of this project over one million Jared Boxes have been distributed to more than 400 hospitals across the United States.

At this point we do not know what age the child in need these boxes will be intended for, this will be determined closer to the time of our Pennsylvania State Lions Convention here in Harrisburg at the Red Lion Inn.

This will be a state service project conducted by attendees at the State Convention.

Clubs wishing to make a contribution to this project, or individuals wishing to make a contribution to this project can do so at this time. If a Club is making a contribution to this project, please indicate the name of the Lions Club, and if an individual cares to make a contribution, please indicate that you are a member of a Lions club in Pennsylvania.

Please make checks payable to *The Jared Box Project* and mail the check to *The Jared Box Project, 129 Fenwick Drive, Port Matilda, PA 16870*.

It is my wish that all of us as Lions will support this very deserving project.

Changing The World

MD-14 Global Service Coordinator

*PDG Bob W. Roebuck*





## LIONS LCICON POST GROUP TOUR TO AUSTRALIA

**JUNE 26-JULY 2, 2024**



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**PCC Dan is offering this post International Convention tour to Lions of PA. He provided a full description which is too long to be included in this issue. If you are interested, please contact PCC Dan for the full details. The editor can also forward them to you if you contact her at [nectarine1@zoominternet.net](mailto:nectarine1@zoominternet.net).**





Pictured on the left are **PDG Richard Hautz, Lion Tracey** and **PDG Dave Amacher** with the letter and check from the **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation**.



In 2022, the **Ridgway Lions Club, 14-J**, started the process of getting donations to purchase eight Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). With the help of the Ridgway American Legion and the Ridgway Rifle Club and a matching grant from the **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation** the AEDs were ordered by the Ridgway Ambulance Corporation. The AEDs were delivered at the end of August 2023.

The devices are serviced by the Ambulance Corporation which offered to teach anyone who works at the locations where they are located how to use them.

The units were supplied to Elk County Foods of Ridgway and Johnsonburg, one unit to each store; the American Legion, Ridgway Little League field, Ridgway Moose Club because they do many benefits for the community, and the Ridgway Rifle Club received two units due to the distance of their shooting ranges and the amount of people who use them. One will go to a local convenience store on the other side of town and tracks.

Contributed by **Lion Sue Houston, Adams Township Area Lions Club**, on behalf of **Lion Tracey Amacher** of the **Ridgway Lions Club**.



## AED's distributed by Ridgway Ambulance Tuesday

By **Jake Mercer**  
Staff Writer

RIDGWAY - The Ridgway Ambulance Corporation was happy to have AED's on hand to distribute to representatives from the Ridgway American Legion, the Ridgway Moose Club, and the Ridgway Little League.

The Ridgway Lions Club will also present an AED at the Ridgway Rifle Club at a later date.

Tracey Amacher wrote a grant to the PA Lions Foundation to acquire the AED's.

The foundation agreed to match the grant, and this process began in May of 2022.

Since then, the RAC has been eagerly waiting to get these AED's to the station and they finally arrived this month.

The goal was to get distributed. More pictures at these different organizations will be featured as they continue to receive them.

There are a total of eight AED's that will be distributed.

Photo submitted



The **Abington Lions Club, 14-H**, donated four bicycles to "Peranglie's Pedals" in the **Minisink Lions Club** where bicycles are recycled and then donated to children or adults who cannot afford one.

*Pictured is **Abington Lions President Shirley Skinner** with four of the bicycles.*

Contributed by **PDG Joe Skinner**



Seventeen members of the **Mechanicsburg Lions Club, 14-C**, volunteered service at the annual Community Day at the Park in Mechanicsburg. They assisted at several stations including helping the children to safely enjoy the day.

Contributed by **Chris Stank**



The **Blakely-Peckville Lions Club, 14-H**, recently donated a basket full of teddy bears to the Blakely Police Department for their "Operation Donate a Bear!" drive. The stuffed animals provide comfort and a sense of security to little children of Blakely who sometimes find themselves in difficult situations.

*Pictured from left to right above: Blakely Police Chief **Guy Salerno**; Lion **Gerry Tarby**, Secretary/Treasurer; Lion PDG **Bill Tarby**, **President**; and Lion **Beverly Lesnefsky**, Valley View Leo Club Advisor.*

Contributed by **PDG William Tarby**

### **Some Materials Available to New Officers (or review by any Lions)**

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-officers-training>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/leo-advisor-training>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/member-officer-club-info-requests>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/second-vice-district-governor-training>

**These are but a few of the many resources available at Lions Clubs International; check it out!**



Lions of the **Forty Fort Lions Club, 14-W**, proudly presented their Second Annual WSCTC Law Enforcement Student Award to **Andres Quiroz**. West Side Career & Technology Center has developed articulation agreements with Lackawanna College and King's College. Andres plans to attend King's College this fall majoring in criminal justice.

*Pictured are CC Linda Zaneski, Andres Quiroz and award co-chairperson Lion Jerry Novak.*

Both articles contributed by **Lion Mark Serafin**



The **Forty Fort Lions Club** recently initiated three new members who were honored to be initiated by District Governor (now Council Chair) **Linda Zaneski**.

*Congratulations!!!*

*Pictured are DG/CC Linda Zaneski, new member Jen Rudiman, sponsor Ann Verbyla, new member Dave Bales, also sponsored by Ann Verbyla, new member Joseph Piazza, sponsored by club president Robert Thomas.*

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- Diabetes
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- Environment
- Humanitarian
- Hunger
- Vision
- Youth



**IPDG Dennis Alleman, 14-T**, installed the **G-A Blue Leo Club** officers for the 2023-2024 year at the Evangelical Lutheran Church during the Greencastle Lions Club family picnic

*Pictured are **Charles Booze**, **Kate Booze**, **Anna Booze** (club president), **IPDG Dennis Alleman**; **Cole Johnson** (vice president); **Joshua Johnson** (treasurer); **Linda Johnson**; **Joe Johnson**; **Darrell Miller** (Leo Club Advisor).*

Contributed by Lion **Darrell L. Miller**  
**Greencastle Lions Club**





Shown above are members of the **Clairton Lions Club** with **PDG MaryAnn Belles**, **IPDG Dr. Kamal Gella**; club president **Lion Geno Tognarine**, **2VLDG Ralph Imbrogno**, **Lion Patti Imbrogno**, **Lion Chris Tognarine** and **PDG Joe Donkin**.



Pictured left are **PDG MaryAnn Belles** who presented the award to the **McKeesport Lions Club** president **Lion Marie Domingo**.

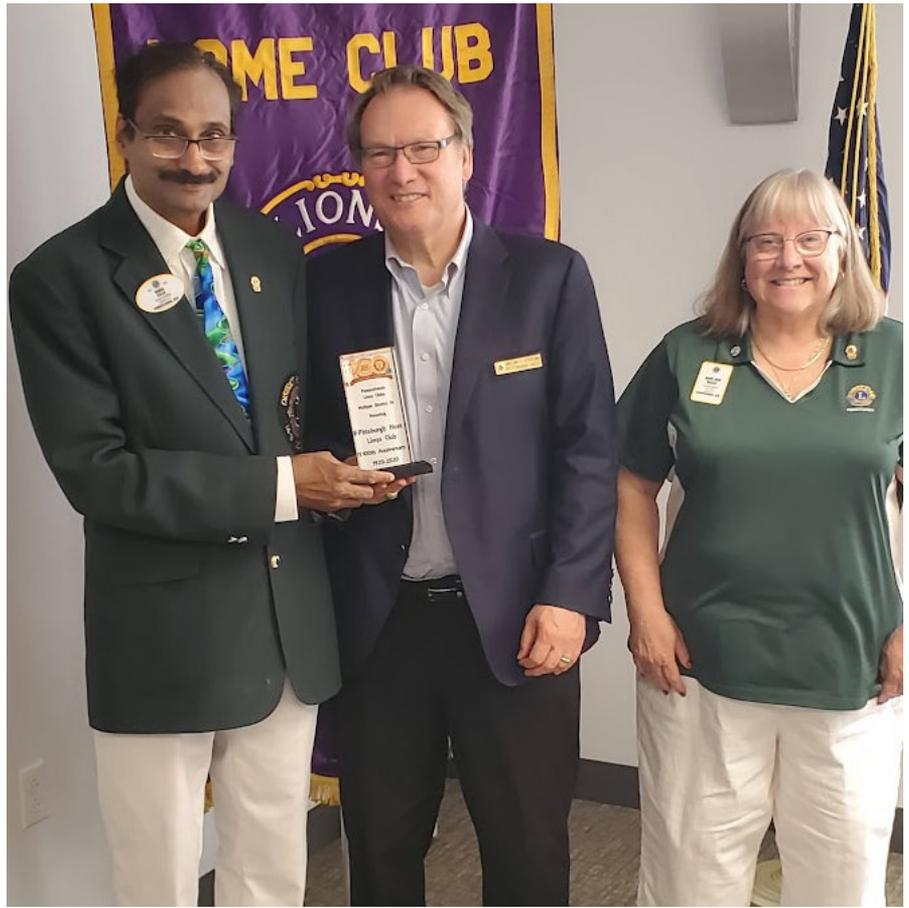


Pictured to the right are IPDG Dr. Kamal Gella, Pittsburgh Host Lions Club president Bill Lestitian and PDG MaryAnn Belles.

The three clubs shown on this and the preceding page are clubs in **District 14-B Allegheny County** that have been serving their communities for 100 years and more.

At the MD-14 100-year Birthday Party at the State Convention in Indiana, PA the awards were presented to IPDG Gella and PDG Belles who in turn presented them to the clubs' representatives.

Contributed by **PDG Mary Ann Belles**



**Lion Theresa Craley** is shown (left) being congratulated by IPIP **Brian Sheehan** upon receiving a Leadership Medal. Lion Theresa has held many officers in the **Dallastown Lions Club, 14-C**, since she joined in 2000. She is currently the club's LCIF Coordinator, Membership, Service and Marketing Chairperson and the district's Marketing and Public Relations and Lions Information Chairperson, as well as the club's Administrator. She has been the Leo Club Advisor, the club's secretary, a Zone chairperson and the District's GMT Family & Women's Specialist, among other offices.



*Kids' Village Day  
International Village*



*McKeesport Lions Club  
District 14-B*



Contributed by  
Lion Annette  
James



The McKeesport Summer Concert Series drew to a close near the Labor Day weekend. The **McKeesport Lions Club** would like to thank everyone who attended these concerts, keeping in mind that without the help and cooperation of the city of McKeesport and RAD, these concerts would not be possible. The city helped the club by beautifying the Lions bandshell this year and the club purchased and placed a lion drinking fountain near the bandshell that our Lions built in 1953. Renziehausen Park includes a playground, walking trail, history center, rose garden (second largest in the state), basketball courts, tennis courts, dek hockey rinks, pavilions, Lake Emilie, senior center, spray park and the bandshell. The next big project the Lions members are raising funds for is to build a handicapped accessible viewing platform and paved walkway to the restrooms at the rear of the bandshell, to be dedicated to the memory of fellow **Lion Tom Kearney**.

Contributed by **Lion Annette James**





**Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P**, conducted a KidSight vision screening at the Penn Township Sunset Park Day and Avon Grove Lions Craft Fair. Thirty-one children were screened and given children's books and lollipops.

*Pictured left are Avon Grove Lions **president George Steel**, Lions **Dr. Eric Miller** and **Dave Priebe**.*



**Penn Township Sunset Park Day and Avon Grove Lions Craft Fair, 14-P**

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



**Avon Grove Lions** set up an information booth and handed out brochures and other articles about the service they do for the communities.

*Pictured are **Lion Barry Marteny**, Avon Grove Lions Hospital Equipment Program Manager **Lion Bob Yeatman** and **Lions Dave Graham** and **Ben Keller**.*

The **Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P**, set up an information booth at Canine Partners for Life Fall Festival where they handed out information about Lions, diabetes book markers and children's books from the Lions Book Barn.



Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



**Avon Grove High School Leos Club** members assisted with hay rides and children's games at Canine Partners for Life Fall Festival.

The Leos also helped the Lions hand out lollipops to the children.





“LEESBURG – Firetrucks will sound their horns. State police sirens will blare. Let your children put their imaginations in gear and enjoy climbing into and onto over 50 different kinds of vehicles when Touch A Truck '23 returns Saturday, Aug. 19, to the grounds of Leesburg ECO Presbyterian Church, 1831 Perry Highway, Volant, at the intersection of routes 19 and 208 West.

The free community event brings enjoyment to all ages, offering an opportunity to get up close and explore the school bus, firetruck, farm equipment, a huge Piedmont crane, police cruisers, and Shriners scooters.

Barring any emergency elsewhere, the Lawrence County Canine Unit will be on hand, and the MedeVac helicopter will pay a visit. Once again, the **Volant Lions Club** and the church will hand out free items such as

sunglasses, construction hats, and fireman hats to the children.

Clowns will entertain and music will fill the air.”

“Borrowed” from the Allied News, Grove City, August 15, 2023

The **Volant Lions, 14-N**, were indeed at this event, seven of them in fact: **Lions Bob Rudolph, Scott Winder, Pat Grundy, Larry Warner, Jim Nagy and PDG Kim Stevenson** are shown in the picture below. **Lion Dick Welton** was the photographer. More than 300 people attended the event.



For the uninformed: “A Touch a Truck event is an event where community members of all ages are invited to learn more and interact with vehicles from different organizations and companies.”

If your Lions club has not tried such an event, plan to do so. Not only the children are intrigued by the machinery, parents and grandparents are too! To climb around in a tri-axle, bulldozer or high lift and learn how they are operated could be interesting to anyone!



**Lion Kathryn Lynn Shoff**  
March 4, 1954 - July 24, 2023  
Brogue Community Lions Club, 14-C  
Partner-in-Service, IPDG Keith Shoff



**PDG Harland J. Evans**  
January 28, 1928 - August 12, 2023  
Wells-Jackson Lion Club, 14-G  
District Governor 1999-2000



**PDG John J. Dunn, Sr., Esq.**  
1929 - August 23, 2023  
Scranton Lions Club, 14-H  
District Governor 1988-1989



**PDG Lyle E. Brunot**  
December 27, 1929 -  
September 12, 2023  
East Hempfield Lions Club, 14-E  
District Governor 1968-1969



**Lion Janet E. Snyder**  
April 1, 1939 - September 18, 2023  
Burnham Lions Club, 14-L  
Executor Director  
Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind

# Registration Form

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 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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Registration is FREE.

Please send completed registration form  
 to Karen Minick by

Friday, September 29, 2023 at

Penn State M.S. Hershey

Medical Center,

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Fax it to: (717) 531-5475

If you have any questions, please call

Karen at (717) 531-8783.

## Schedule

8:00-9:00 AM Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:20 AM Opening Remarks

9:20-10:20 AM Presentations

10:20-10:40 AM Coffee Break

10:40-11:40 AM Presentations

11:40-12:00 PM Closing Remarks

12:00-1:30 PM Lunch and Conversation



From the main Penn State Hershey entrance:

- Follow Governor Road/Rt. 322 West for 0.4 miles.
  - Turn left at the first traffic light onto Bullfrog Valley Road.
  - Travel 0.4 miles and turn left at the first traffic light onto Life Lion Drive.
  - Follow Life Lion Drive to the first stop sign.
  - Turn left on Campus Drive.
  - The University Fitness and Conference Center building will be on your left (#16 on the map), with parking on the West and South sides of the building; turn left off Campus Drive at the UCC Parking sign.
- OR
- After turning on University Drive, you will come to a stop sign and take a right on to Campus Drive. Stay on Campus Drive until you see University Fitness Center sign and turn right and follow sign to Conference Center Parking Lot.



To: MD-14 Club Officers  
From: Lion Ashley Grimm, Legal Counsel  
Re: PA State Sales & Use Tax Exemption Form  
Date: July 7, 2021

Pennsylvania State Sales and Use Tax Exemption form awarded to the PA State Council of Lions Clubs for use by clubs during fundraising projects. This form is valid through February 2026 and may be duplicated as needed but **SHOULD NOT BE POSTED ON CLUB OR DISTRICT** websites or social media where it would be accessible by the general public. We do not want to risk losing the exemption as the result of improper use of this form.

Courtesy of Multiple District 14 Legal Counsel Lion Ashley Grimm:

*"The PA State Council of Lions Clubs is registered in Pennsylvania as an Institution of Purely Public Charity under The Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act, 10 P.S. § 371. et seq. As such, it, and its subsidiary clubs, qualify for an exemption from PA Sales tax. This means clubs are exempt from paying sales tax when they purchase goods or services. It does NOT mean they are exempt from remitting sales and use tax to Pennsylvania during fundraisers."*

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**Department of Revenue**

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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Quoted in part from *The Mane Connection*, page 7, July 2022

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This and the following page are corrections for the corresponding pages in the State Directory which was recently sent out. Also on page 36 PDG Debbie Lillegard's cell phone is 610-739-9434.

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## NO LIQUOR IN RAFFLES!

### 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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