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WE NEED YOU!



Remembering
Melvin Jones
on his birthday,
January 13!



*Articles for the next issue of The Pride
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for publication by March 31.
Thank you.*



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On behalf of Lions International and Lions around the world, it is with great sadness that we mark the passing of a great leader, a great Lion, and a great man. Lions International extends its condolences to the family of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. President Carter believed in building alliances, in the virtue and just pursuit of human dignity, and in the power that we have to transform not only our world, but ourselves.

Lions Clubs International Foundation has been proud to partner with **The Carter Center** for nearly 30 years. Our partnership is among the most important and long-lasting relationships enjoyed by the SightFirst program and LCIF. Together, we've worked to combat avoidable blindness around the world through our joint efforts in onchocerciasis and trachoma control programs. The Lions family is grateful to President Carter for his lifelong humanitarian spirit and dedicated service to the people of the world.

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This tribute is taken from LCIF's Facebook post after the death of former President Jimmy Carter. The link is to a YouTube video tribute.

Disclaimer: No political connection is intended here, only a tribute to a great Lion.



Hello, my fellow Lions. Summer is behind us and the holiday season is fast approaching. By the time you read this some of the holiday time will be over, and I hope you enjoyed the time with family and friends. This time of the year our Lions do some of their best work; spreading holiday cheer, providing help for those in need, and making sure the children are not forgotten. To all Lions I say, thank you.



This year will be a very special time for Pennsylvania Lions; we will be presenting a candidate for International Director. At this time, we have three Lions interested in serving in the ID position. At the next Council meeting, the House of Delegates will meet and vote to select a candidate. The name of the candidate chosen will be presented to Council and an action item will be called to officially endorse the candidate.

On November 6th I was asked to be the speaker at District 14-E's mass induction of new members. What a great time. When one can celebrate a new Lion, it is a good day. Congratulations to District 14-E.

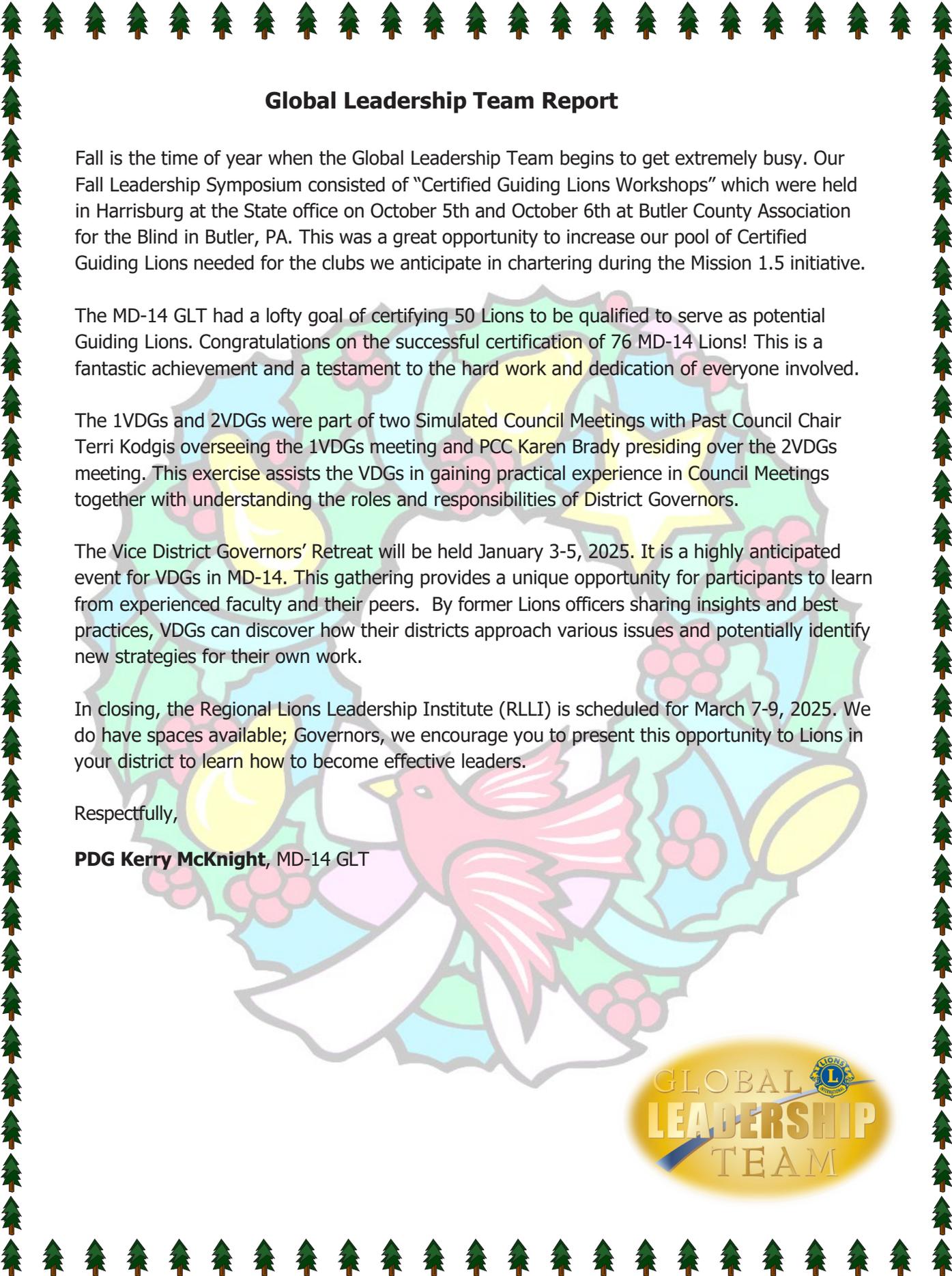
Now for Mission 1.5, Lions, we are not doing very well. As of this writing MD-14 is plus 10. With a goal of 1391 new members, we have our work cut out. I know you are working on membership; however, we must make this our number one job. I understand the 1391 is a large number, and to be honest I hope we can achieve it. As I have said before, if you want something done put a challenge out to a Lion and then stand back. I have a few district visits scheduled but have time that I would like to visit your district.

Anyone who has been to the State Office knows the back part of the building has been vacant for quite a while. At the last Council meeting an action item was introduced to remodel that space and add some security items to the building. This will save the State in the long run with the ability to hold onsite training instead of having to rent space.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

WE SERVE BY MAKING OUR MARK

Council Chair **Larry A. Frankenfield**



Global Leadership Team Report

Fall is the time of year when the Global Leadership Team begins to get extremely busy. Our Fall Leadership Symposium consisted of "Certified Guiding Lions Workshops" which were held in Harrisburg at the State office on October 5th and October 6th at Butler County Association for the Blind in Butler, PA. This was a great opportunity to increase our pool of Certified Guiding Lions needed for the clubs we anticipate in chartering during the Mission 1.5 initiative.

The MD-14 GLT had a lofty goal of certifying 50 Lions to be qualified to serve as potential Guiding Lions. Congratulations on the successful certification of 76 MD-14 Lions! This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

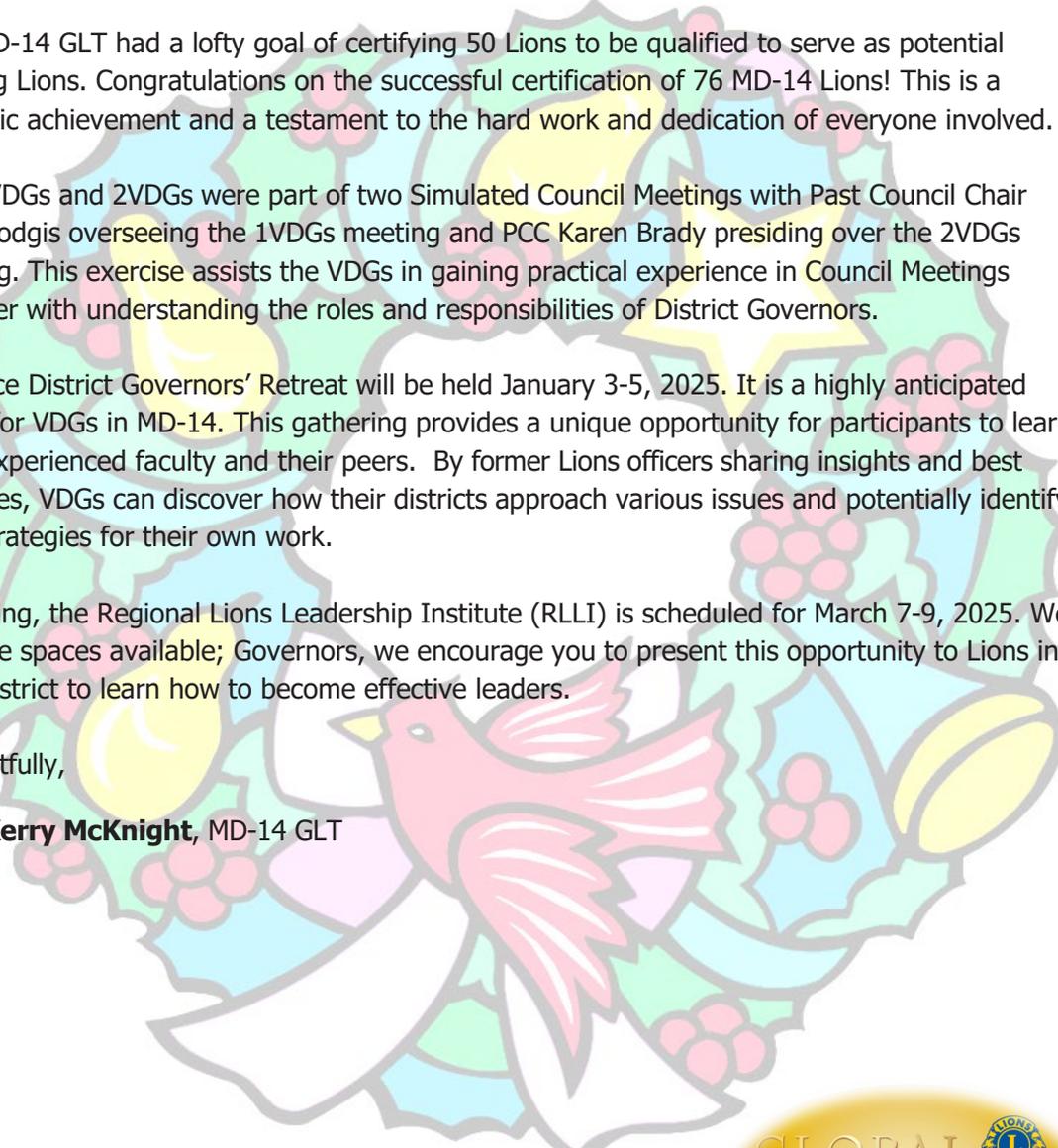
The 1VDGs and 2VDGs were part of two Simulated Council Meetings with Past Council Chair Terri Kodgis overseeing the 1VDGs meeting and PCC Karen Brady presiding over the 2VDGs meeting. This exercise assists the VDGs in gaining practical experience in Council Meetings together with understanding the roles and responsibilities of District Governors.

The Vice District Governors' Retreat will be held January 3-5, 2025. It is a highly anticipated event for VDGs in MD-14. This gathering provides a unique opportunity for participants to learn from experienced faculty and their peers. By former Lions officers sharing insights and best practices, VDGs can discover how their districts approach various issues and potentially identify new strategies for their own work.

In closing, the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) is scheduled for March 7-9, 2025. We do have spaces available; Governors, we encourage you to present this opportunity to Lions in your district to learn how to become effective leaders.

Respectfully,

PDG Kerry McKnight, MD-14 GLT



GLOBAL
LEADERSHIP
TEAM

LCIF REPORT

DECEMBER 2024

As we have seen this past year disasters keep happening which is why those affected will be depending on Lions more than ever to help them. Not only are our donations helping to meet their immediate needs, but they also show that someone cares about what they are going through, which as Lions they can see that "we serve" gives them hope.

Donations to LCIF's Empowerment Fund through grants help those with diabetes, vision problems, children with cancer, hunger, youth and humanitarian needs. What can a donation of \$100 do? It can provide screenings for 50 at risk through Vision Grants, house one family during their child's cancer treatments through Childhood Cancer Grants, Screen 98 individuals at risk for diabetes through Diabetes Grants, improve access to food for 90 hungry people through Hunger grants and fund Lion Quest curriculum for one year for an entire classroom through Lions Quest Grants.

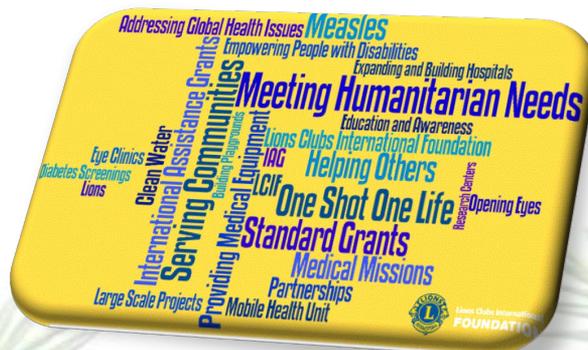
There are once again this year new Presidential Supporter Pins which for \$50-\$99 would be a bronze pin, for \$100-\$199 would be a silver pin and any amount over \$200 would be a gold pin.

We can continue our service after we are gone through the LCIF Legacy Society with wills or living trusts, retirement plans, life insurance proceeds and savings, checking or investment accounts.

January 13, 2025, is Melvin Jones' birthday and will start off LCIF week. This would be a good time to have an LCIF fundraiser and/or donate to LCIF in memory of Melvin Jones' birthday.

Thank you once again for your support to LCIF and if you or your club has not done so yet, please seriously consider donating to LCIF as it will make a difference in people's lives!

PDG Evan Punchard, MD14 LCIF, Co-Coordinator West



GREATER CANONSBURG LION, AWARD WINNING ARTIST – AGAIN!!

If you attended the State Convention this past May or the District 14-M regional conventions over the past three years you have most likely seen or met **Lion Diane Krek** at her BLT Art booth. Lion Diane, and her husband, **Lion Melvin**, are members of the **Greater Canonsburg Lions Club**. Diane has a genetic retinal disease called Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) along with hearing loss. The two combined are referred to as Usher-2A. There is currently no treatment or cure for her affliction although worldwide clinical trials are ongoing looking for a cure.

Diane was diagnosed with RP in 1990 at the age of 33. With the assistance of specialized software, large screen monitors and magnification tools supplied by Blind and Vision Services of Pittsburgh, she was able to continue her employment. In 2012 her vision loss progressed to the point that she could no longer work. Faced with going on disability, she wanted to become an advocate for vision loss and help where she could by making people aware of the help that is available for the blind and visually impaired.

Having been an artist her entire life, she decided to go back to painting. In 2015 Lion Diane started her business, BLT Art, (Bear, Lighthouse and Train art). These are things that she and her husband enjoy and by incorporating all three items in a painting, she hoped to build vision awareness. Diane paints acrylic on canvas. The originals are high resolution scans and prints are made from the scans. The prints are then matted and sold. For every sale, Lion Diane donates 20% to blind and vision research organizations.

In March of 2023, Lion Diane received an opportunity to enter one of her original paintings into an international art contest sponsored by American Printing House for the Blind (APH). The painting is a 28" x 34" acrylic on canvas, autumn scene of New Presque Isle Lighthouse in Northern Michigan. In May of 2023, Diane received a phone call informing her that Autumn in Harmony was unanimously selected for the Visioneer Award. As part of her prize, Diane and Melvin were invited to Louisville, Kentucky to participate in the APH annual convention. During the convention, her original painting was on display and offered for sale. This award is a very prestigious recognition from the blind and low vision community. Diane and Melvin attended the APH Convention in Louisville and Diane was presented with her award.

While there, they noticed that there were many entries from Schools for Blind Children across the country and worldwide but no entries from The Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children in Pittsburgh (WPSBC). When they returned home, Diane contacted the art director and made her aware of the competition. The art teacher promised to have some entries for 2024.

Diane entered another one of her pieces, Matthews House, for the 2024 competition. This year, she won first place in the adult category! And even more exciting, one of the entries from The WPSBC won first prize in the age/grade category. Diane has committed to raising funds for WPSBC in 2024 and is on target to present them with a generous donation from money raised all year from various raffles, cash donations and a percentage of her artwork sales from 2024.

Lions Diane and Melvin were presented with The International President's Certificate of Recognition at the District 14-M regional convention in April 2023 from **DG Mark Ellsworth** and **International Director Allen Snider** for their commitment to fundraising and raising awareness to blindness and low vision. She also has a website: www.BLTart.com.

The Greater Canonsburg Lions Club is proud of Lion Diane's accomplishments and to have Diane and Melvin as members.



Contributed by PDG Gloria Schmalz, from Lion Melvin Krek



**Peace Poster Contest
First Place Winner**

Dhriti Patel

Age 13, Student at Eyer Middle School

"Peace comes from the heart and spreads like sunlight, so live life peacefully like how the sun rises."

Sponsored by the Emmaus Lions Club, Emmaus, PA

Club President Richard Litzenberger

District Governor Scott Lohman



(Left)

Peace Poster Contest Second Place Winner

Hannah Choi

Age 13, Student of Pennbrook Middle
School

"There are no barriers to peace"
Sponsored by the Lansdale Lions Club,
Lansdale, PA

Club President John T. Curlett
District Governor Donna Vasek

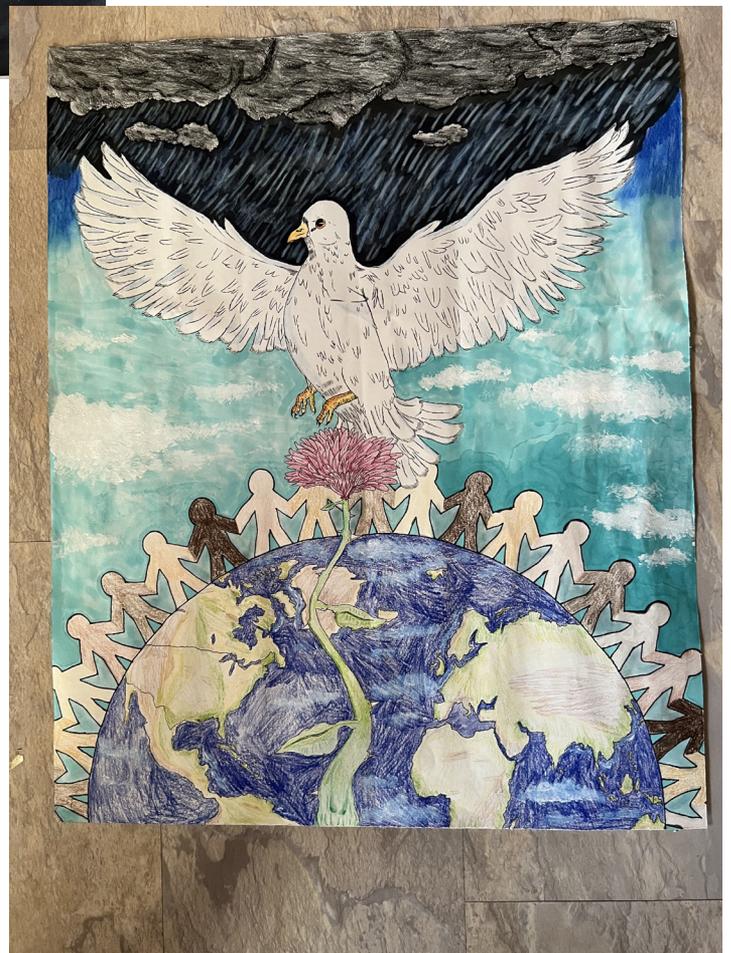
(Right)

Peace Poster Contest Third Place Winner

Madison Sevier

Age 11, Student at Dallastown Intermediate School
"The wings of peace protect and shield the world from
the reign of darkness"

Sponsored by the Jacobus Lions Club, Inc.
Club President Stacy Snyder
District Governor Galen Burkholder



Multiple District 14 Pajama Drive Service Project

It started as an idea for a local Children and Youth office that blossomed into an amazing state-wide show of what Lions serving together can do. At the first MD-14 PA Lions State Council Meeting, Global Service Team (GST) Coordinator **PDG Lion Lisa León** informed the Lions there were currently about 15,000 kids in foster care. She challenged all Lions to a Pajama Drive. The dare was to collect as many new pajamas as possible for children entering foster care, with our second PA State Council Meeting on October 25, 2024, as the deadline. From there, the districts got to work. Lions placed collection bins in public areas and churches. Lions solicited friends and co-workers. The District Global Service Team chairpersons had a Zoom meeting to discuss promoting the drive and our October collection "Pajama Party." Many clubs donated money to their districts to purchase pajamas. Thirteen different clubs and another ten individuals donated money through the Stroudsburg Lions Club to purchase pajamas on behalf of MD-14. Over \$3,000 was collected on behalf of the State. So many more clubs and individuals donated pajamas. At first, GST Lisa prepared to have 1,500 zipper storage bags on hand for the event, even though this seemed quite a stretch goal. We celebrated the first 50 and 100 pairs of pajamas donated. Then, we heard a single club collected over 100 pairs on their own, as did another club, and another. District 14-P Governor Art Pecht obtained a Lions International District and Club Community Impact Grant to purchase pajamas. First Vice-District Governor Lisa Gismondi, 14-E, set up an Amazon Wish List for pajamas. Suddenly it hit us: 1,500 zipper bags would not be enough. Our October 25th Pajama Party arrived. Any Pennsylvania Lion who attended the PA MD-14 second



Council Meeting could tell you...the response was overwhelming. None of us could have imagined how crowded that East Derry meeting room of the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey would get. At least 80 Lions were in and out of that room bagging, labeling, organizing by size, and filling boxes. ***Our final count was over 4,070 pairs of pajamas.*** Each of our 17 Districts was able to take six or seven large containers of pajamas back to our 67 county Children and Youth Services offices. If you were there, chances are you felt it in your gut, and maybe even a tear welled up in your eyes. This was Lionism. This is what we all talk about: serving our communities. We will never know exactly who was impacted by this project. And that's okay. Lions don't plant trees because we will get to see them bloom or tower. We know those Batman PJs made someone smile and hope the pink Barbie robe made someone else giggle. We can imagine those comfy lounge pants made someone feel a

little bit better on a horrible first night away from home. Because we are Lions. We Serve.

Written and contributed by **PDG Lisa León, 14-U**

Lower Swatara Lions Club Recruits Community Groups to Support Keystone Military Families Stockings for Soldiers

December 2, 2024 – Lower Swatara Lions Club, consisting of 45 members is actively involved in their community, sponsoring an annual Easter Egg Hunt, food drive, Halloween Parade, and several local high school scholarships.

The Club has participated in Stockings For Soldiers for the past two years, but this year when they requested information from their previous program sponsor, they were informed that they were no longer participating. The Lions felt that the local community had embraced this project so well that they decided to continue their support. Past President Jeff Eberts contacted the national organization who directed him to Cindy Mellinger from Blue Ridge for assistance.

In organizing this effort, the Lions reached out to the community and enlisted the aid of several other groups. Highspire VFW Post 8638, under Commander Susan McMurray supplied manpower, materials and a location for the stocking filling assembly. Susquehanna River Reactors softball/baseball team joined with the VFW to acquire goodies for the service people and to assemble additional stockings. Lower Swatara Lions Club accepted goodies and gifts from a community drive and recruited Central Penn Chaos softball team to assist club members with stocking filling. “Through everyone’s efforts, we were able to fill over 750 stockings for distribution to our service personnel,” stated **Lion Jack Rudick** (Secretary-Lower Swatara Lions Club). “Our club feels this is a great project and we look forward to participating again next year. Our goal next year is 1,000 stockings.”

Cindy Mellinger, Central PA Coordinator for KMF Stockings for Soldiers, and Marketing & Community Relations Coordinator for Blue Ridge stated, “We are extremely grateful to the Lower Swatara Lions Club and the other fine community organizations for their support, dedication, and compassion. Sending these heartfelt packages to our men and women serving overseas would not be possible without their generosity. We truly value their partnership, and feel these gift-filled packages of love will bring a smile to our men and women, knowing they are remembered and thought of with love and appreciation every day, and especially at this very special time of year.”

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About Keystone Military Families:

KMF’s mission is to provide caring support for our troops, our veterans, and their families. Located in Shoemakersville, PA, Keystone Military Families is 100% funded through public donations. For more information, please visit keystonemilitaryfamilies.com.

Contributed by District Governor Nathan Pfister, 14-T



WHERE THERE IS A NEED...



THERE IS A LION (OR TWO OR THREE)



Never underestimate the difference you make



October 4, 2024, my husband and I (**Lions Ken and Cindy Ashley**) left our home in **Hyndman, 14-L**, PA to go to NC (North Carolina) where Hurricane Helene destroyed their area of the Country. We saw how no government agencies had helped the folks in the mountains so we went into action we decided to go down and just start helping wherever the need would be. As we got closer to NC from rest areas and truck stops we met people headed in to volunteer just like us. So we conversed and signed up to serve with the Cajun Navy, & Carpenters Heart, and set out to help boot to ground with non-profit organizations run by individuals like you and me, with a heart for service. Our service was to unload trailers that came into sites and re load horses, mules, pickup trucks side by sides, 4 wheelers, backpacks any type of deliverable device to reach out in to the folks still trapped in the hardest hit areas, some days it meant working daylight til dark then driving our pickup truck 1 hour in the mountains to get supplies delivered to hungry, scared folks who had no way to reach out for help. Then we would meet before daylight have information given to us on needs to be met we would drive into other states to pick up supplies like charcoal and livestock food to bring back and take to someone in need. We would fill up our pickup truck daily with supplies and deliver to wherever the need was, if it was to take pallets of water, medical, clothing, food whatever the need we delivered straight to the folks in need because we had 4-wheel drive and could get through places no one else could get through. We drove through washed out roads, made paths through the mud down through creek beds, the important thing was getting to the folks who were in need. We served with many great volunteers from all over to help with this Disaster Relief in the WNC with our family Appalachians! I saw so many cry I cried with them, heard so many stories, hugged so many precious people who felt like they were forgotten. Our fellow Americans should never have to feel forgotten! We served as counselors, advocates, delivery, food service, construction, lumberjacks, forestry service, water waste, tree removal service, packaging and loading and unloading, whatever the need we served from the donations of supplies coming in by people with a heart to donate. We had dinner with a family who had a mud slide 400 feet off the mountain in the front of their home and a 20 feet flood in the back of their home that left them soaked 4 feet of mud in the garage and 1 foot of water in their basement, that left them without power. We helped them muck out the garage and dry out the basement, so they made us soup on the wood stove for helping them. Our team included 6 of us from around the Country all volunteers with a heart for service. I interviewed some folks who wanted to tell their story, some who had lost much and some who lost little. The stories I left there with will live with me always. Posting pictures was my way to show awareness of Helene's mass destruction of family, homes, infrastructure throughout WNC, everyone we talked to outside of the area didn't hear any news on the tragedy so we would drive out of the area to get cell service so I could get pictures posted on social media for people to donate and make awareness of how truly bad it really was down there! We delivered Starlinks to folks so far up in the mountains so they could get contact out of the mountains. Elon Musk was there providing free service of Starlinks for folks in need. I finally after 3 weeks saw FEMA, and interviewed the director of FEMA Deanne Criswell and the Governor of NC Roy Cooper. Told them to try and get these folks campers that are fully self-contained, can be set up anywhere, that are small enough to get through the washed-out roads.

Because so many people are staying in tents and using charcoal and buddy heaters to keep warm. We delivered so many generators, buddy heaters, tents, tarps, gas cans, propane tanks, EpiPens, but not always enough gas to fill the generators, gas was a hard thing to get most of the stations were down from the flood. To get to them we drove miles away just to get gas. Those folks still need help.

Think about this: if you have just lost everything in your possession because your home washed away, how can you provide proof of your lively hood? All your possessions washed away in your home, some folks only had the clothes on their backs. But the government wants proof of residents and ID to help them! Wow! They are alone and in need people, reach out and help! I will forward some pictures!

Feel free to use any part of this or add me on Facebook and use any of my remarks, live feed, interviews, pictures, videos to help awareness for the help needed in WNC! It's not just one time it's going to take some time and a one-time donation is wonderful but on going help is a blessing!

(This article was written by **Lion Cindy Ashley, Hyndman Londonderry Lions Club, 14-L**)



Kutztown Lions, 14-P, helped decorate the Lions International float for the Rose Bowl Parade. The club members met many Lions and Leos from different places.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



Bern Township Lions, 14-P, had a wonderful opportunity to do service. They spent some time with the residents of Berks Heim Nursing Home sharing stories, playing games, enjoying sweet treats, painting nails and spreading holiday cheer. The residents were happy for the visit. The Lions, their families, SV Leos and Jarad W. Wawa made this event so special.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



The **Owen J. Roberts Middle School Leos, 14-P**, visited a local charity, **In Ian's Boots**. They were informed of the origin and purpose of the charity and then helped to clean and tag the shoes for donation. Two of the Leos input the inventory into the computer inventory system and created bar codes for labeling. The Leos commented on how glad they were to have volunteered for this amazing organization.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**





Owen J. Roberts Middle School Leos (plus one Leo mother and younger brother), **14-P**, went to visit residents at the new assisted living facility Fieldstone of Chester Springs. They enjoyed holiday crafting with eight of their new senior friends. They painted holiday wreaths, trees and trucks. They also made snowy, glittery lanterns with ModPodge and sparkle. Many stories of their schooling and lives were shared. The Leos also had the opportunity to meet and talk with a three-star Army General who had a rich history to share.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club, 14-F, sponsored by the **Waterford Lions Club** are shown celebrating Leo Club Day, December 5.

Front Row: Secretary Ollie McDevitt, President Ashlyne Rohler, Vice President Alaina Dinsmore and Treasurer Claire Schrupf
Back Row: Isabella Brown, Isla Mitchell, Caden Purcell, Addison Purcell, Kaylie Flickner, Alina Melnick and Jade Shotts

Contributed by **Lion Angela Tarr**



**The Lions Lego Club
at Fort LeBoeuf**

Middle School meets after school in the LAB, the school's makerspace. Students are given a challenge to work on to encourage them to think creatively and problem solve.

This month they built wind powered vehicles. The LEGO and LEGO wall were provided by the **Summit, Waterford, and Waterford Lioness Lions Clubs, 14-F.**

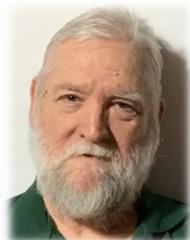


Contributed by **Lion Angela Tarr**





PDG Joseph A. Donkin
March 27, 1947 – October 28, 2024
Central Elizabeth Lions Club
and Clairton Lions Club, 14-B
District Governor 1992-1993
and 2015-2016



PDG Richard Padfield
c. 1947 – October 28, 2024
Jefferson Township Lions Club, 14-H
District Governor 2011-2012



PDG William E. "Old Bill" McLaughlin
June 4, 1932 – November 11, 2024
Altoona Lions Club, 14-L
District Governor 1969-1970



PDG James E. Davis
c. 1935 – December 12, 2024
Chalfont Lions Club, 14-A
District Governor 2014-2015



PDG Arthur Balieu
c. 1938 – December 27, 2024
Roscoe Lions Club, 14-M
District Governor 2013-2014



Lion Rita M. Fusco
- January 25, 2025
Marple Newtown Lions Club, 14-A
Widow of ID Theodore "Teddy" Fusco
International Director 1989 – 1991
District Governor 1978 – 1979
Northeast Doylestown Lions Club, 14-A

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:

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

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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Dear Lions, Lionness, Leos,
and Friends,

The walkway was installed in 2007, and will be updated each year. The walkway, patio, and wall area was professionally installed, and is a beautiful addition to Governor's Green. This fundraiser has helped with several major improvements; and it continues to be a wonderful way to show your dedication to Beacon Lodge, and to honor or memorialize those we love and respect.

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

Respectfully,
The Board Members

Orders received by
May 1st of each year
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