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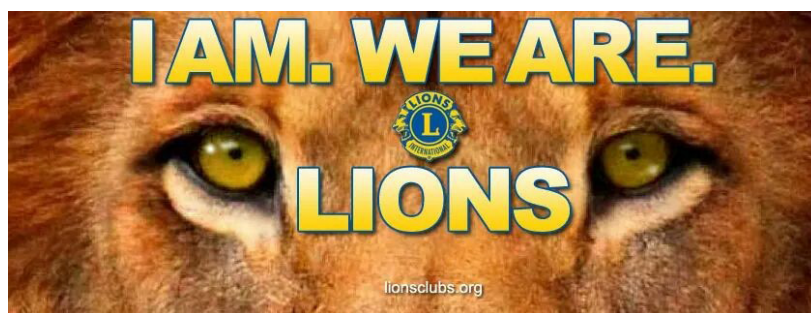
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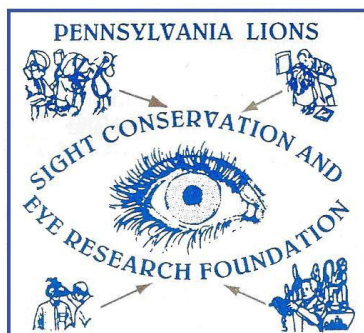
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This issue will be somewhat unique in that both March's and June's submissions are included. The Editor has had some minor issues and was unable to use the computer for some months but is now back to doing her job. Thank you, Administrator Deb for your patience and understanding.

The Editor



Save the Date!

The Annual PA Lions
Sight Conservation
& Eye Research
Foundation Seminar
Salus University
Philadelphia
October 18, 2025

Change of Date

October Council meeting

October 31 to November 2, 2025



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From Council Chair Larry A. Frankenfield

First, I would like to thank all my fellow Lions for their thoughts and good wishes on my health issues. I had a few setbacks but think I am on a good path, and hopefully a transplant soon. Also, remember to keep PID Larry and wife, Susan in your thoughts, he is making progress but needs your help too.



Next is a Thank You to VCC Michael Crossey for stepping up at the last Council meeting. He had a lot on his plate with the Council meeting and the House of Delegates. Great job and again Thank You.

What a wonderful day to be a Lion, Pennsylvania will have the opportunity to present a candidate for International Director at this year's International Convention. PDG Richard Sware from 14-D was selected to represent MD-14 and the state of Pennsylvania at the International level. However, PDG Richard will still need your help by voting for him at our State Convention. **Congratulations ID Candidate PDG Richard Sware.**

I hope all of you were able to stay warm the past few months; spring is right around the corner. With spring in mind, the State Convention will be here before you know it. Remember to do your registration along with making your hotel reservation as soon as possible. That is the time we see old friends and make new friendships that last a life time.

This year has been a challenge for me with my health. I was not able to do everything the I had planned. However, I was able to visit a few districts and I still have some visits on my schedule. There is still time for you to schedule me for a visit, I will make every effort to visit you if I can.

To anyone who doesn't know: there is a major project underway at the State office. The meeting room area is being expanded to make use of the back part that we have tried to rent for years. New lighting and video projector equipment will be installed. One other major improvement will be made to the security system. When our State Administrator is in the office working alone, she needs to feel safe and secure.

We have work to do on Mission 1.5. I know most of you might be tired of hearing about this, but it is our future. We need to grow our clubs and districts to continue to serve the people in need. I ask that we all try to take it to the next level and knock on every door you can find. Let's make Pennsylvania the best multiple district there is.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention and hope you continue to serve every day.

WE MAKE OUR MARK BY SERVING

Council Chair *Larry A. Frankenfield*



From Council Chair Larry A. Frankenfield



Where did the year go? I did not get everything done that I had planned, but we had a good year. The first thing I need to do is thank the sitting council for all their help and support. I would especially like to thank VCC Mike for stepping up to the plate when I was not able to attend meetings. When the council presented me with a Wroblewski fellowship I was extremely surprised and happy, because that was on my bucket list. Next, I must thank all of you for your thoughts and concerns during my health issues. All MD-14 Lions must tell District 14-H "job well done" on the state convention. The location, the food and the events were exceptional.

Just because the calendar is telling us the Lions year is ending does not mean the work is done. We must always keep membership on our minds. Without new members and retaining existing Lions we cannot serve. I know you have added members and started new clubs, but we can always use more.

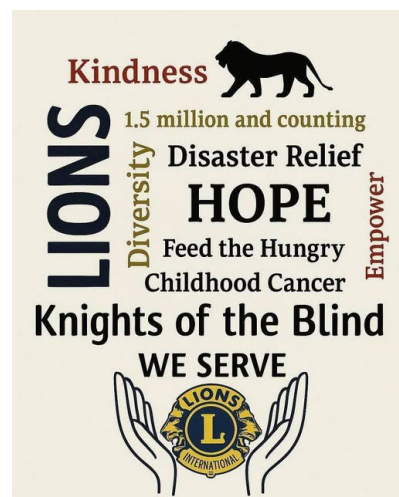
Right around the corner is the International Convention. I hope you have all your reservations made and are excited to attend. Also, The Canada/USA Forum is in our back yard. Both events are something all Lions should attend sometime in their journey.

One big thing that happened at the State Convention is that Pennsylvania will have a candidate for International Director. He is Richard Sware from District 14-D. Good luck, Dick.

Again, a very big THANK YOU to all PA Lions for the help and support this year.

Continue to serve and make your mark.

CC Larry A. Frankenfield



From Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Kerry McKnight

I feel I need to address an issue within our Multiple District 14. The critical challenge facing our Multiple District is the growing shortage of Lions willing to serve as Vice District Governors and District Governors. These leadership positions are vital for the continued success and vitality of our organization. They provide essential guidance, support, and oversight to our clubs and carry the responsibility of representing Lions Clubs International at the district level.



Our best scenario is when each of our 17 districts in Pennsylvania has a Second Vice District Governor, a First Vice governor, and a Governor who has served both of the Vice District Governor positions. As I write this article, MD-14 has seven SVDG and four FVDG positions vacant. Not only are there vacancies, but three districts have neither Vice District Governors' positions filled.

Lions may not fully understand the personal and professional growth opportunities that come with leadership roles, such as enhanced communication, problem-solving, and team-building skills. A Lion who accepts these leadership positions will receive invaluable training in these crucial skills. They may also be unaware of the positive impact they can have on their communities and the satisfaction that comes with serving others. Many District Governors bring service project ideas and fundraisers to their club or district that they learned from other Lions across the state.

Even if you have never had any thoughts about holding a leadership position in your Lions District, take the next step and contact me or your District Global Leadership Team Coordinator to talk (no pressure or arm twisting) about the opportunities and responsibilities of working with a like-minded team of Lions who share similar goals as you.

Discover the personal rewards of being a Lions Club leader, from developing new skills and inspiring fellow Lions, to making a real difference in your community.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Kerry McKnight

MD-14 GLT Coordinator
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Global Leadership Team Report



The role of a Lions leader is to **inspire and motivate**. They have the responsibility of maintaining our organization's mission, promoting service and igniting a passion within their members. A truly effective leader doesn't just delegate tasks; they empower individuals by recognizing their strengths and their contributions. They understand that a motivated member is a productive member, capable of tackling even the most challenging project.

A Lions leader must be an experienced **planner and organizer**. They are responsible for identifying the pressing needs within their community and developing effective service projects to address them. This requires careful planning and the ability to work as a team efficiently. A successful leader understands the importance of goals, timelines and delegation. They have the ability of ensuring that service projects run smoothly and achieve their intended goals. Whether it's organizing a vision screening clinic, a food drive or a community cleanup, the leader provides the direction for a successful project.

A Lions leader acts as a **facilitator and collaborator**. They foster respect within the club, encouraging open communication and listening to different perspectives. They understand that the strength of a Lions club lies in its members working as a team. A skilled leader resolves conflicts and ensures that every Lion feels heard and valued.

A Lions leader must also be a **champion of learning and adaptation**. They encourage members to stay informed about the changing needs of their community and to accept new approaches to service. This might involve promoting training opportunities, exploring innovative project ideas or fostering partnerships with other organizations. A forward-thinking leader understands that "We always did it that way" can hinder progress. A successful Leader finds ways for the club to remain relevant and impactful in the long term.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, a Lions leader embodies the **spirit of service**. They lead by example, actively participating in projects and demonstrating a genuine commitment to the well-being of others. Their actions speak louder than words, inspiring fellow members through their own dedication and selflessness. They understand that leadership in Lions is not about personal gain or recognition, but about the feeling of making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Kerry McKnight

MD-14 GLT

Leo of the Year 2024-2025
Natalie Miller
Avon Grove Leo Club

Leo Natalie Miller is a junior at Avon Grove High School in West Grove, PA. She has been an active member of the **Avon Grove Leo Club, 14-P**, since her freshman year and currently serves as president. Her goal is to create a place where everyone is welcome in the club and to encourage more involvement from each member to keep the club thriving in the community.

Leo Natalie is a third-generation member of her family associated with the Lions Club and is proud to continue the tradition of service.

Natalie has consistently earned distinguished honors throughout her school years. She is a member of the French Club, UNICEF, Women in Business and the National Honor Society. She has competed on the high school girls' track and field team for three years. She has been selected as a Student of the Month and has received many perfect attendance and athletic awards.

She has coordinated several events in coordination with other club officers and members to promote membership: Sunset Park Festival, Canines Partners for Life Festival, Penn Township Fall Festival and the Avon Grove High School Homecoming Booth. She helped set up a membership booth at the school's activity fair, collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and organizing the Stockings for Soldiers Project.

Sixteen members of the Leo Club have been sponsored by Leo Natalie.



*Pictured are **Barbara Miller, Lion Eric Miller, Natalie and International President Fabricio Oliveira** at the Pennsylvania Lions Convention May 3, 2025*

Contributed by Lion Barry Marteny and PDG Amy Thompkins.
Information also taken from the program at the Convention.



Graduates of the training class for District and Vice-District Governors held in Chicago, Illinois.

*Shown in the photo above: (Seated) **Doug Nace; Steve Lowe; Leona Houseknecht; Theresa Kuhar; Lee Sikora; Shirley Skinner; Barbara Dudek***

*(Row 1) **Daniel Borchick; Ralph Imbrogno; David Flurie; Michael Hepner; Brad Baillie; Frank Mehler***

*(Row 2) **Hunter McVey; Alfredo Torres; PDG Deb Burkholder (Instructor); Marina Martin Turnbach; Joel Leckron; Alicia Silliman; PDG Bill Grager (Instructor); Paula Hilbert; Craig Merkey, Patricia Wurzbacher; Lawrence Healy; PDG Kerry McKnight (Instructor).***





Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs

TO: 2025-2026 State Council of Governors, Lions of Pennsylvania International Family,

Vice District Governors, MD-14 Committees and Coordinators and interested Lions

Multiple District 14 Council Chairperson Michael Crossey has issued a call for the 2025-2026 Council of Governors to hold its first meeting Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg-Hershey, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

State Council will meet initially in a preliminary meeting at 10 a.m. at the hotel, followed at Noon by a complimentary "Lunch & Learn" presentation provided by the Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation. An RSVP form for the complimentary lunch may be found in this packet of information.

Prior to the State Council preliminary meeting, MD-14 Vice District Governors will also meet at 8 a.m. for their first training session of the 2024-2025 Lions year.

If your committee needs a room to meet on Saturday morning, please notify me by Monday, July 21, 2025. Meeting rooms will be given out on a first come first served basis. There are a limited number of rooms available.

Individuals desiring discounted overnight accommodations at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey should call the hotel's front desk at 717.939.7841 or use the link in this letter to book a room online. The link is [PA State Council of Lions Clubs](#). A discounted rate of \$129/night plus tax is available. Please ask for the "PA Lions" rate when making your reservations by phone. **The discounted rate is only valid for reservations made through Thursday, July 17, 2025.**

Committee chairpersons/coordinators who have an Action Item for State Council to consider during the Saturday, August 2, 2025 Council meeting must submit that item in written form to the State Office no later than Saturday, July 5, 2025. Any Action Item proposal received by the State Office less than 14 days prior to a State Council meeting must be approved by a two-thirds vote (12 of 18) of the Council of Governors before it may be presented for consideration. An Action Item that does not receive the needed two-thirds vote for consideration will be tabled until the next State Council meeting. Committee chairpersons/coordinators with Action Items must be present or have a representative at both the Preliminary and Regular State Council meetings. Council Chair Crossey reminds everyone: Oral committee reports to State Council will be subject to a three-minute time limit.

State committee chairs and coordinators who do not have an Action Item for Council to consider are also asked to submit written reports to the State Office by Saturday, July 5, 2025 so they may be included in the packet of information for the State Council to review prior to the meeting.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Lion Deb Burkholder

MD-14 State Administrator



COMPLIMENTARY

“LUNCH AND LEARN”

Saturday, August 2, 2025

Lunch: 12 Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Presentation: 12:45-1:30 p.m.

MD-14 STATE COUNCIL 2025-2026 MEETING #1
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey

Lunch Buffet Menu:

Meatloaf, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Mashed Potatoes
Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Fresh rolls & butter, Fruit Crisp and beverages.

Email reservations to:

administrator@palions.org

or mail to:

PA State Council of Lions Clubs
949 East Park Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111

DEADLINE: July 23, 2025

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RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ District _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Number of reservations _____

Trading Pins

Many Lions may not know about the International policy to use only an official licensee to have their pins and other items produced. Please check the following links for more information.

"Lions Convention Trading Pins may be obtained solely from Club Supplies and/or an official licensee authorized to manufacture, sell and distribute trading pins."

International Board Policy Manual, Chapter XV, Paragraph A, Revised October 2020.

"Here is the link from a Google search for the list of official licensees:

https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/pages/official-licensees?srsltid=AfmBOoolq16U5Y8_LnKg8KFh3mdAo2yekgyxnqBx35D0zaYyH9i2H

Here is the link for the full trademark policy from the LCI site:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/v2/resource/download/116536507>

Here is the link for the "summary" from the LCI website:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/v2/resource/download/79864197>

PDG Trisha
District 14-L"

This excerpt is from correspondence between PDG Trisha and the Editor.

Dear Fellow Lions,

I am honored to be serving throughout the 2025-2026 Lions' year with PDG Kerry McKnight in facilitating Lions Leadership training and events for our Multiple District. Currently, I am working on the Fall Leadership Symposiums to be held in October.

I am asking for your suggestions for relevant, contemporary topics for our Symposiums, to help us as Lions and servant leaders. As we continue to grow as Lions, our communities greatly benefit from our knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm.

Please email or text me your suggestions for Symposium topics to bilbomzk@gmail.com, 717-615-1974. Thank you so very much for your help and support. Have a wonderful summer.

In Friendship and Service,
PDG Bill Grager
bilbomzk@gmail.com
717-615-1974



Official Notice

2025 International Convention, Orlando, Florida, USA

The following proposed amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2025 International Convention.

ITEM 1: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSOCIATION TO INCLUDE LOCAL TAXES AND FEES TO THOSE CLUBS IN WHICH SUCH FEES AND TAXES APPLY.

(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International By-Laws, Article XII. Fees and Dues be amended by inserting a new Section 3 as follows:

Section 3. LOCAL FEES AND TAXES. In addition to any Membership Dues issued pursuant to Section 2. above, the association may levy additional amounts to address local taxes and fees imposed upon international dues by any governmental entities or tax authorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Section 3. Carrying Charge, be renumbered as Section 4.

ITEM 2: A RESOLUTION TO REDISTRIBUTE THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS BY REDUCING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ITS AFFILIATES, BERMUDA AND THE BAHAMAS BY ONE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR IN EVEN YEARS AND TWO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS IN ODD YEARS; INCREASING SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, MEXICO AND ISLANDS OF THE CARIBBEAN SEA BY ONE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR IN EVEN YEARS; AND INCREASING INDIA, SOUTH ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST BY TWO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS IN ODD YEARS.

(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 2026, Article V., Section 3. be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the language as set forth below:



Section 3. COMPOSITION AND ELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL BOARD BY CONSTITUTIONAL AREAS. The International Board of Directors shall be composed of the president, immediate past president, the first, second and third vice presidents and directors, which shall be elected as follows:

In each even-numbered year, eighteen (18) directors shall be elected, consisting of four (4) from clubs in the United States of America, its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas; two (2) from clubs in South America, Central America, Mexico and Islands of the Caribbean Sea; three (3) from clubs in Europe; three (3) from clubs in the Orient and Southeast Asia; four (4) from clubs in India, South Asia and the Middle East; one (1) from clubs in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Islands of the South Pacific; and one (1) from clubs in Africa;

In each odd-numbered year, seventeen (17) directors shall be elected, consisting of four (4) from clubs in the United States of America, its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas; one (1) from clubs in Canada; one (1) from clubs in South America, Central America, Mexico and the Islands of the Caribbean Sea; three (3) from clubs in Europe; four (4) from clubs in the Orient and Southeast Asia; and four (4) from clubs in India, South Asia and the Middle East.

ITEM 3: A RESOLUTION THAT WILL PROHIBIT A DISTRICT GOVERNOR, FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR FROM BEING MEMBERS OF THE SAME CLUB.

(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article VIII, Section 7. District Cabinet, of the International By-Laws, be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the language as set forth below:

Section 7. DISTRICT CABINET. Each single and sub-district shall have a district governor's cabinet composed of the district governor, as chairperson, the first and second vice district governors, none of whom shall be from the same club, the immediate past district governor, and the following who shall be elected or appointed under procedures provided in the respective single, provisional or multiple district constitution: the region chairperson, the zone chairperson, secretary and treasurer or secretary-treasurer and such other club members as may be provided for in the respective district (single, sub- and multiple) constitution



and by-laws. PROVIDED, however, each respective district governor shall have the authority to determine whether the position of region chairperson will be utilized during his/her term. If not so utilized, the position of region chairperson shall remain vacant during said district governor's term. The respective district (single, sub and multiple) shall provide in its district constitution and by-laws for the elected offices of the first and second vice district governors, duties of said offices to be established by the International Board of Directors. A club member shall be elected or appointed as a region chairperson or zone chairperson only over the region or zone in which his/ her club is located.



July 13 - 17, 2025



Smiles for Abby

The **Hazleton Lions Club, 14-W**, applied for a grant for Smiles for Abby, a non-profit group started by Nick Valentine, son-in-law of PDG Andy Piskel and his wife, Rose, in memory of their daughter and Nick's wife, Abigail Rose "Abby."

They collect items to be included in comfort bags for young adult cancer patients to help brighten their day or when they are receiving an infusion. The grant was obtained from the **Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation** and presented by District Governor Jamie DePalma of District 14-W, a member of the Foundation board. The grant was part of a \$1,500 donation to Smiles for Abby from the Hazleton Lions Club.

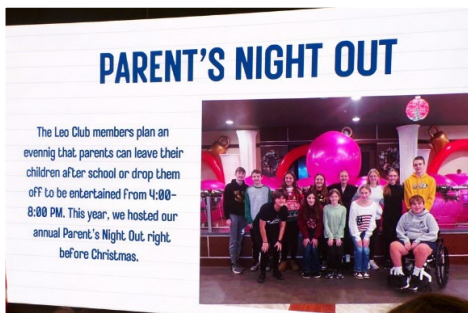
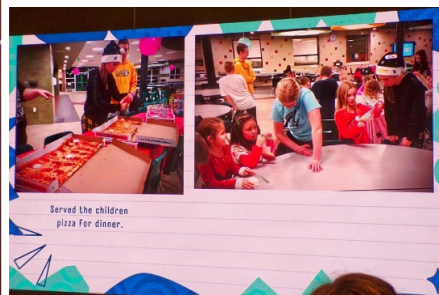
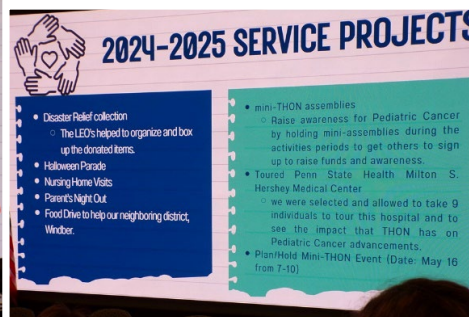


Pictured above: PDG Andy Piskel; Rosemary Piskel, secretary of Smiles for Abby; DG Jamie DePalma, member of the board of directors of NEPLSF and Lion Richard Piskel, president of Hazleton Lions Club.

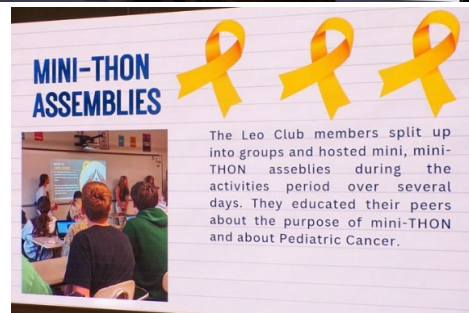


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The **Forest Hills Leo Club, 14-J**, co-sponsored by the **Adams Township Area Lions Club** and the **South Fork Lions Club** gave a presentation for both clubs recently. The club was chartered at the PA State Convention in 2023; they now have nearly 20 members.



The students have had a very busy year. Some of the things they have done are shown here. They helped to box up and donate items for a Disaster Relief Collection, handed

out treats at the Local Halloween parade, visited nursing homes, held a Parents Night Out, held a food drive to help a neighboring school district (Windber), held mini-THON assemblies to raise awareness of Pediatric Cancer, toured the Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Their advisor is **Cassie Layton**.

Contributed by **Lion Sue Houston**, Adams Township Area Lions Club

Students of the Month Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



October 2024
Avon Grove Charter School

Addison Shallis

Future plans: Gettysburg College, veterinary

Pictured: *Keith Shallis, Kerry Shallis, Addison Shallis, AG Lions President Jack Weber and AG Charter School Principal Matthew Messick*



October 2024
Avon Grove High School

Ryan McKeon

Future plans: Finance with a minor in Spanish

Pictured: *AG High School Assistant Principal Ashley Penn, Kate McKeon, Ryan McKeon and AG Lions President Jack Weber*

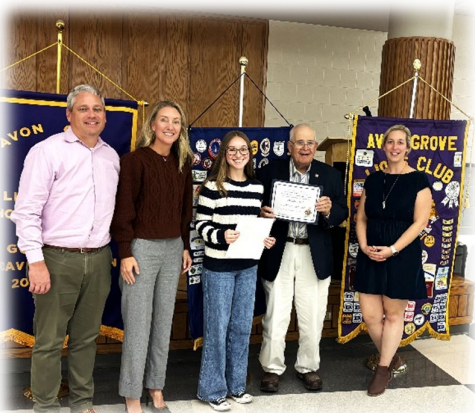


November 2024
Avon Grove Charter School

Ian Ditzel

Future plans: Psychology

Pictured: *Heather Ditzel, Bill Ditzel, Ian Ditzel, AG Lions President Jack Weber, Kim Guarneri, teacher*



November 2024
Avon Grove High School

Abigail Hood

Future plans: Mechanical Engineering, Law School

Pictured: *Chris Hood, Heather Hood, Abigail Hood, AG Lions President Jack Weber and AG High School Assistant Principal Ashley Penn*



December 2024
Avon Grove Charter School

Collin Wheeler

Future Plans: West Chester University, Paramedic

Pictured: *AG Lions President Jack Weber, Collin Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and AG Charter School Principal Matthew Messick*



January 2025
Avon Grove Charter School

Meghan Whipple

Future Plans: Interior Design, Indiana University

Pictured: *AG 1VP Debbie Bollenbach, Meghan Whipple, Annette Whipple, Derek Whipple and AG Charter School Principal Matthew Messick (slightly behind the others)*



January 2025
Avon Grove High School

Taylor Remsburg

Future Plans: Chemistry, Art History

Pictured: *AG 1VP Debbie Bollenbach, Taylor Remsburg, Carolyn Remsburg and Assistant Principal Ashley Penn*



February 2025
Avon Grove Charter School

Alyssa Russell

Future Plans: Alvernia University

Pictured: *AG Charter School Assistant Principal Mark Miller, Kelly Russell, Vernon Russell, Alyssa Russell and AG Lions President Jack Weber*



February 2025
Avon Grove High School

Justin Weber

Future Plans – Chemical Engineer

Pictured are: *Jean Weber, Andrew Weber, Justin Weber, AG Assistant Principal Anton Ocepek and AG Lions President Jack Weber*



March 2025
Avon Grove Charter School

Ebunoluwa "Ariel" Ojikutu

Future Plans: Four-year college or university

Pictured are: AG High School Principal *Matthew Messick, Ayoade Ojikutu, Ariel Ojikutu and AG Lions Vice President Debbie Bollenbach*



March 2025
Avon Grove High School

Elise Westley

Future Plans: University of Pittsburgh, Law

Pictured are: *Lion Danielle Roy-Dilkes, Lion Becky Tolmie, Assistant Principal Matthew Berkheiser, Lataoya Clark (mother), Elise Westley, AG Lions President Debbie Bollenbach and Elena Westley (sister)*



April 2025
Avon Grove Charter School

Elizabeth "LJ" Baker

Pictured are: AG Charter School Assistant Principal *Mark Miller, AG Lions President Jack Weber, Elizabeth "LJ" Baker, Judy and Ken Baker*



April 2025
Avon Grove High School

Shaun Weaver

Pictured are: Assistant Principal *Ashley Penn*, AG Lions President *Jack Weber*, *Shaun Weaver*, *Julianne* and *Valerie Weaver*.



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Chester County Technical School
Academic Achievement Awards
Avon Grove Lions

Jayden Lopez

Achievement in Engine Technology

Pictured are: *Lion Eric Hansen* and *Jayden Lopez*



Chester County Technical School
Academic Achievement Awards
Avon Grove Lions

Zander Coldiron

Achievement in Culinary Arts

Pictured are: 1VP *Debbie Bollenbach* and *Zander Coldiron*



Chester County Technical School
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Guadalupe Mendez

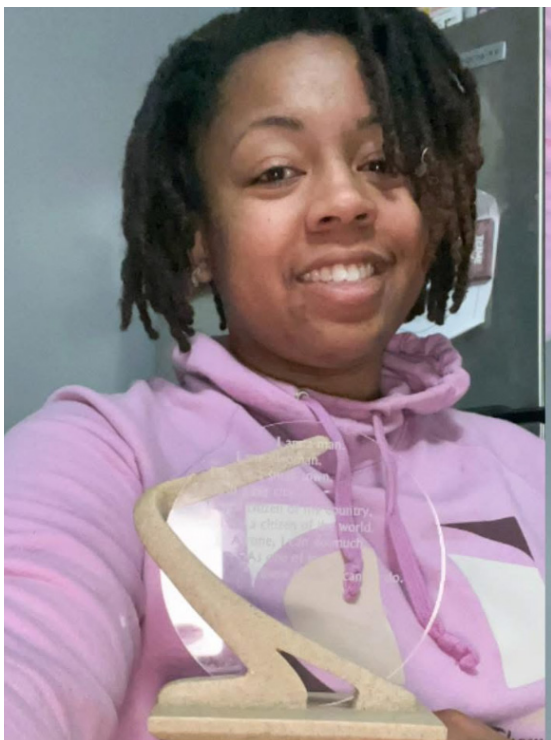
Achievement in Health Career Pathways

Pictured are: *Mr. Johnson* and *Guadalupe Mendez*

Thank you, Avon Grove Lions and congratulations, students.



The **Waterford Lions Club, 14-F** presented scholarships to four outstanding seniors at Fort LeBoeuf High School at their Honors Convocation in May.
*Pictured are **Leo Club President Ashlyne Rohler**, **Leo Club Vice President Alaina Dinsmore**, **Leo Club members Addison Purcell and Caden Purcell** with **Waterford Lion Matt Stebick***
 Contributed by **Lion Angela Tarr**



The **Parkersburg Lions Club, 14-P**, presented the Lion of the Year Award to **Jasmine Johnson** for her dedicated service to her community.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



The **Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club, 14-F**, held a surprise retirement party for **Lion Angela Tarr**. She has been the Leo Club Advisor for 15 years and retired from teaching this year.

Pictured: (Front row) **Leo Kylie Lesser; Alina Melnyk, Jade Shotts** and **Rachel Preston**; next year's officers.

Row two: **Claire Schrumpf, Ashlyne Rohler, Mrs. Tarr, Alaina Dinsmore** and **Ollie McDevitt**; current officers. Photo taken by **J.J. Gaeta**.

Other Leos and teachers who stopped in for cake and snacks are not pictured.

Contributed by **Lion Angela Tarr**

Thank you, Lion Angela, for your years of dedication and service to the Leo Club.

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*Morton, Anita K. Springfield Twp.
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Miller, Christopher B..... Towanda
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Gallagher, Daniel Jefferson Township
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Hamady, Brady J..... South Fork
Miller, C. Franklin South Fork
Vivian, Susan L..... South Fork

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Schantz, H. Walker Emmaus
Lauffer, Winnie..... Lehigh Township Lioness
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Haggerty, James E. Lehigh Township
Kent, Edward C. Lehigh Township
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Healey, Gerald.....Slatington
Wisser, Richard M.....Upper Lehigh
Hassick, Lynda L.....Whitehall
Sassaman, Melissa.....Whitehall

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Name Club

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Knepper, Harold J.....Forbes Road
Emerick, David K.....Hyndman Londonderry
Holsinger, John.....Newry
Harper, Charles E.....Three Springs
Urban, Denis P.....Three Springs

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Name Club

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Williams, Joyce E.....Boswell
Hileman, James S.....
.....Fayette City Washington Township
*Molesky, George.....
.....Fayette City Washington Township
*Ramsier, Mark.....
.....Fayette City Washington Township
*Roberts, Francis.....
.....Fayette City Washington Township
*Rusnak, Larry J.....
.....Fayette City Washington Township
Stasko, Jr., Edward A.....
.....Fayette City Washington Township
*Swaney, Richard M.....
.....Fayette City Washington Township
*Zadrozny, John J.....
.....Fayette City Washington Township
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Wilson, Gregory S.....Old Trails
Putman, Karen.....Somerset
Koast, John W.....Waynesburg
Williams, Barbara.....Waynesburg

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Name Club

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Wenckowski, Susan E.....Apollo Area

District N (con't)

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Hertzog, John F.....Butler
Moore, Russel A.....Butler
Winkler, Carolyn A.....Butler
Delaney, James F.....Clarion
Subramaniam, Ramesh.....Cranberry Twp. Area
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Palermo, Anthony M.....Ford City
Croyle, Ted J.....Kittanning
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.....Riverside Area/Hopewell Branch
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*Ivell, Betty Lou.....Volant

District P

Name Club

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Spero, Laura.....Blandon
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Rudy, Melissa M.....Exeter Township
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*Dollar, Jr., Duval V.....Honey Brook
*Hiltebeitel, Daniel L.....Honey Brook
*Risbon, George A.....Honey Brook
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Meitzler, Terry L.....Longswamp
Legge, Amanda S.....Muhlenberg
Harris, Alan T.....Shillington
D'Antonio, Marie.....West Goshen
*Staffelbach, Pat.....West Goshen

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Name Club

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Dietz, Duane.....Landisburg
Quigley, Elizabeth.....Landisburg
Finnegan, Christine E.....Lower Paxton Twp.
Bachtell, Rodney L.....Mercersburg
Pike, John E.....Mt. Parnell
Mohler, Nathan K.....New Bloomfield
Cordell, Charles Edward.....Paxtang

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Name..... Club

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Koons, James E.....Mahoning Township
Zimmerman, Judy A.....Pine Grove
Koch, Brenda R.....Porter Tower
Becker, Maudie E.....Saint Clair
Cappel, Rosaline.....Saint Clair
Wentzel, Brianna.....Saint Clair
Haas, Wayne J.....Schuylkill Haven
Reichert, Gerald C.....Schuylkill Haven
Tokarz, James V.....Schuylkill Haven
Bailey, Bruce.....Wayne Township
Clauser, Christopher S.....Wayne Township
Heim, Brook.....Wayne Township
Rieth, Gary E.....Wayne Township
Sausser, Michael A.....Wayne Township
Bova, James D.....West Penn Township

District W

Name..... Club

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These Lions served a total of more than 360 years collectively.

Thank you, Fellow Lions, rest in peace!



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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