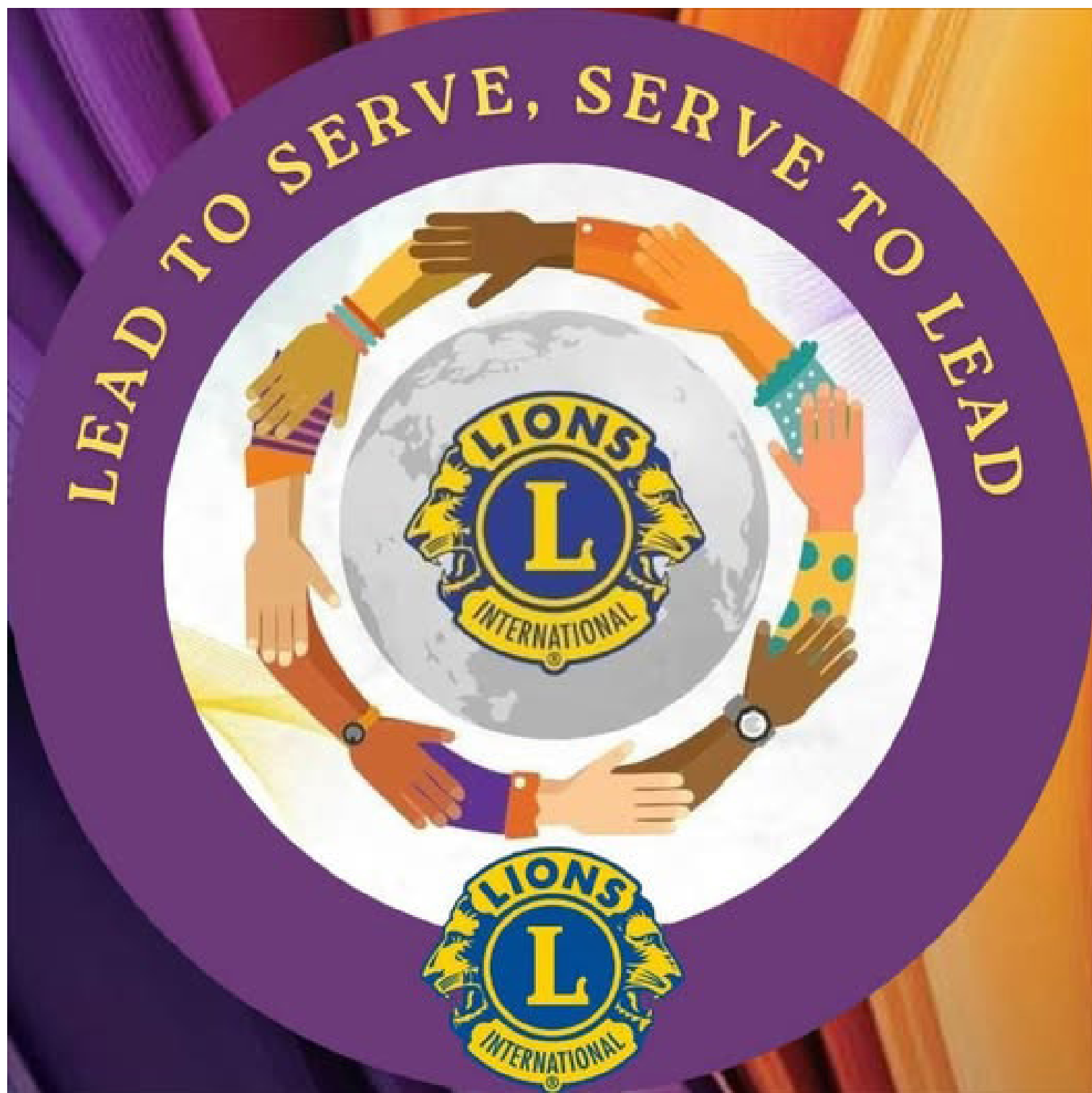




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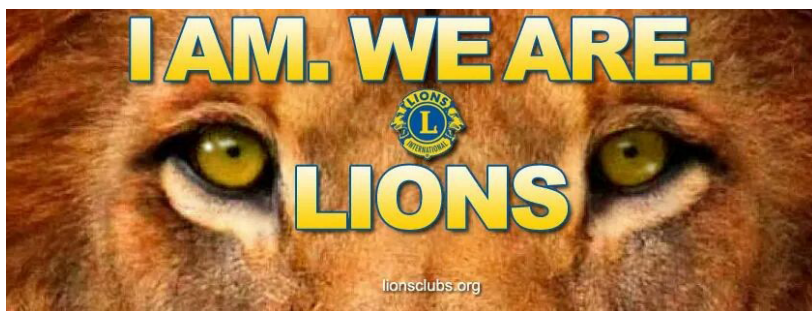
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WE NEED YOU!



Again I must apologize for the issues of The Pride not being done within proper timing. I've kept some of the outdated material for its context and importance. The year 2026 will bring better editing, I promise.

Thank you, State Admin Deb, for your patience and understanding.

Editor, Betty Lou Ivell



Hello, my name is **MaryAnn Fleegeer**. I am the state diabetic chair. I would very much like the opportunity to speak with you and your clubs about the changes in diabetic research and give as many updates as I can. To contact me you can either email me at MAFleegeer@zoominternet.net or call me at 724-256-2856.



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From Council Chair Mike Crossey



Welcome to a new year in Lionism. It is with great excitement and a deep sense of responsibility that I step into my new role as your Council Chair. I say that again - Your Council Chair - because I am here to serve you. Our toast says it perfectly:

“Not above you - Not beneath you but, - With you.”

We would not be Lions if we did not believe and understand that each of our communities has needs and gifts, and as servant leaders, we can bring these together, to better our neighborhoods. We serve with hands and hearts to connect people, causes, benefits and projects.

For those who do not know me well, I am a retired teacher, retired Union Leader, retired financial planner, and former elected official. While I have retired in several areas I am still actively working as a business broker and personal coach.

I am enthralled daily by the mission and work of our Lions clubs. Our clubs are the foundations upon which we build. We serve our communities and neighbors like nothing I have ever seen or experienced before. I congratulate and thank you for your leadership and service.

Internationally, we have been given a huge task: Mission 1.5. Our leadership has asked us to grow to 1.5 million members. That's a mighty big number and simply seems like an impossible task. But, like anything else, it all depends on how we approach it.

I'm sure you've heard the phrase “how do you eat an elephant?” The answer of course: one bite at a time.

That's how I want you to think and look at our directive from International.

I believe in the K.I.S.S. method for everything I do. Keep It Simple Success.

I ask you, each and every Lion in Pennsylvania, to invite one person each week to attend an event, a meeting, a service project. The odds are that out of four invitations you will get one person.

Half of those will join... why? Because we are the best kept secret in Pennsylvania.

We just help people. No politics. No BS. Just service.

Everybody wants to be somebody. Remember the old TV show “Cheers.”

Everybody wants to make a difference.

Everybody wants to belong.

Let's give our friends, our neighbors that chance.

You were saying Lionism.

Mike Crossey, Council Chair.



MISSION 1.5 

Happy Thanksgiving

As we gather for Thanksgiving, something subtle happens. The pace eases. We relax. We converse more. We seem to be at peace. It's as if gratitude itself pulls up a chair at the table and reminds us of what matters.

Gratitude seems like a simple virtue, but it's a real powerhouse. It changes how we see the world. It changes how we interact with others, with ourselves and it changes how we weather the daily storms that keep showing up.

In Lions, we have so much to be grateful for: the institution itself that gives us a structure to serve others. Our fellow Lions who are treasures, often friends even outside of Lions. The causes we work so hard to support and the others as we serve.

When we practice gratitude, we notice the small things that might go unseen: the smile of a friend who checks in at just the right moment. The warm meal that starts our day. The family member who checks in and asks how the day is going. These are like little gifts that stack up daily when we notice them.

The remarkable thing about gratitude is how it spreads. When someone expresses true gratitude, it makes us smile, warms our heart, and brightens our day. You feel taller. Breathe easier and hopefully pass on that kindness to another person.

Gratitude can spread ripples just as a rock skipping across the pond.

So, this Thanksgiving spread gratitude everywhere. It is contagious. Tell someone you appreciate them. Name one thing you might have overlooked. Start each morning jotting down three things you are grateful for, and at the end of each day reflecting on three comments or gestures you made that demonstrated your gratitude to others.

Gratitude is more than a feeling. It is a posture. It is a way of life. It's a belief that no matter how chaotic the world is, I will find and see the good.

This Thanksgiving season be thankful, be grateful. Show thankfulness. Show gratitude.

This Thanksgiving be a Lion. Spread gratitude and thankfulness to others.

Happy Thanksgiving, Lions.

Mike Crossey, Council Chair



Global Leadership Team Report
PDG Kerry McKnight, MD-14 GLT Coordinator

The First Vice District Governors (FVDGs) and Second Vice District Governors (SVDGs) gained practical experience in Council Meeting etiquette and a deeper understanding of the District Governor's roles during two simulated Council Meetings at Council Meeting #2 in November. VCC Douglas Nace oversaw the FVDGs' meeting, while current CC Mike Crossey presided over the SVDGs' meeting.

The VDG Retreat will be held January 9-11, 2026. 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 sharing insights and best practices, VDGs can discover how their districts approach various issues and potentially identify new strategies for their own work.

The 2026 MD-14 GLT Spring Symposium is scheduled for February 14 at the State Office in Harrisburg and February 15 in Butler. Further details regarding the agenda and registration will be announced soon.

In closing, the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is scheduled for March 6-8, 2026. Spaces are available, so, Governors, we encourage you to present this unique and valuable opportunity to the Lions of your district to learn to become an effective leader.

Please contact your District Governor for an application. This empowering institute will be held at the State Office, with accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express East.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Kerry McKnight,
MD-14 GLT Coordinator



Sign Up Today - Space Is Limited!



RLLI



REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



March 6-8, 2026

PA Lions State Office



Contact Your District Governor
Or
PDG Kerry McKnight
md14glt-learn@yahoo.com

Space is Limited!
\$195 Per Lion
Meals & Rooms Included

SUBJECTS

- Effective Teams
- Keeping Members Engaged
- Lions Fundamentals
- Communicating in a Fast World
- Overcoming Resistance
- Time Management
- Public Speaking
- Diversity
- Delegation

INSTRUCTORS

- PDG Bill Grager
- PDG John Mallonee
- PCC Linda Zaneski
- PDG Dick Sware
- PDG Mike Schaeffer
- CC Mike Crossey
- PDG Kerry McKnight

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?srltid=AfmBOoolq16U5Y8_LnCq8KFhRh3mdAo2yekgyxnqBx35D0zaYyH9i2H

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.



MD-14 REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

MARCH 6-8, 2026

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

CANDIDATE'S REGISTRATION FORM

Cost \$195.00 (includes Institute, lodging and meals)

Checks should accompany this form and be made out to "PA State Council of Lions Clubs"

Mail to: PDG Kerry McKnight, 6 Mulberry Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349

All questions to PDG Kerry McKnight
MD14GLT-Learn@Yahoo.com or 717-759-0711

(Past participants, District Governors, Past District Governors ineligible)

Maximum 40 attendees **Please type or print CLEARLY!**

First Name _____ Last Name _____

District Number _____ Member Number _____

Highest Lions Office Held _____ Current Lion's Title _____

Email** _____ Preferred Telephone # _____

****Please Type or Print CLEARLY! Email is used for ALL Communication regarding the institute**

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Club Number _____ Month/Year Joined Lions _____

Offices Held Within Lions Club _____

Committee Positions Held Within Club _____

Why is this institute of interest to you?

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By signing below I hereby commit to the conditions of attending the 2026 MD-14 RLLI

- Let us know if there are any special dietary considerations we should be aware of?
- Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel to and from the Institute.
- MD-14 GLT will make all hotel reservations.
- Participants are required to stay until the conclusion on the last day of the institute.
- If they depart early, they will not receive an acknowledgement pin nor their RLLI participation certificate.
- Participants may bring a laptop for use outside of the classroom.
- Participants are required to complete pre-assignments prior to arrival at the institute.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

District Governor Must also Complete and Sign this Form

In what ways will this candidate benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

District Governor Member Number _____

Name of District Governor _____

Signature of District Governor _____

Email (Please print) _____

Date _____



Learn how to grow Lions & our impact

Join Lions & Leos across the U.S. & its Affiliates for **Let's Grow**, a 4-part interactive workshop designed to help you start new clubs, rebuild existing ones & ignite unstoppable momentum in your community.

You'll learn proven strategies, share ideas & leave each session ready to grow your pride.

BONUS: All new success stories, inspiration & interaction!

Our Focus:

- January 6: Process & Club Types
- January 20: Recruiting
- February 3: Marketing & PR
- February 17: New Club Application & Keep Growing

Perfect for:

- GAT Coordinators & Team Members
- Lions & Leos hungry for growth & impact



January 6 – February 17

(Every Other Week)

8 pm EST / 7 pm CST

/ 6 pm MST / 5 pm PST

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/GrowthWkshp26>

?s membership@lionsusa.org



Collect Aluminum Can Tabs



**Bring Your Tabs to the Third Council Meeting
and the State Convention!**

**Support Ronald McDonald House Charities
of Danville, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.**

Help families stay close to their children receiving medical
care by donating aluminum can tabs.

Why Collect Tabs?

- Tabs are made of high-quality aluminum
- Easy to collect and store
- Proceeds from recycling help support Ronald McDonald House programs

How to Donate

- Remove the tab from any aluminum beverage can
- Place tabs in a bag, jar, or box
- Drop them off at the collection location below

Collection Locations

Third State Council Meeting
Lobby area at the Red Lion Hotel
Harrisburg, PA
January 30-31, 2026

State Convention Registration Area
Kovalchick Convention Center at IUP
Indiana, PA
May 14-17, 2026

Contact: PDG Dave Barrett — liondavebarrett@gmail.com

Every tab counts — thank you for helping families when they need it most! ❤️



103rd ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION
Thursday, May 14 through Sunday, May 17, 2026
Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, 711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705

REGISTRATION (complete one form per attendee)

Return form by: April 21, 2026

Name (Last Name, First Name) _____ Sub-District _____
Circle Membership: Lion Leo Guest Title: ID PIP PID DG VDG PDG CC PCC

Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Club Name _____ Spouse/Partner/Guest _____
First State Convention: Yes No (circle) Years as a Lion/Leo _____
Special considerations: Dietary Hearing Vision Physical Challenges (circle)
Notations: _____

Convention Registration Fee \$15 per attendee (no fee for Leo but must register) \$ _____
State Convention Pin _____ @ \$5 per pin \$ _____

Meal Reservations

Friday Luncheon * \$25 per person Various sandwiches, side salads, chips, pickles, \$ _____
assorted cookies and beverages

PA Counselors/District Governors Honor Banquet – Friday * \$35 per person \$ _____

Plated meals with garden salad, roasted fingerling potatoes and garden vegetable medley,
Layered Mouse Martini dessert

Entrée choice check one: _____ Asiago Crusted Chicken with Red Pepper Sauce
_____ Garlic & Herb Roasted Pork Loin
_____ Garlic Vegetable Lasagna Roll-up w/creamy garlic sauce

Saturday Luncheon * \$25 per person Deli meats, side salads, bread/rolls, assorted cookies \$ _____
and beverages

Saturday International Banquet * \$35 per person \$ _____

Plated meals with garden salad, mashed potatoes and hand turned carrots, NY style cheesecake

Entrée choice check one: _____ Roast Beef
_____ Sliced Turkey
_____ Arancini-Italian Rice Ball w/ San Marzano tomato, parmesan & basil

Melvin Jones Fellow / Key Member Breakfast Sunday * \$20 per person \$ _____

Breakfast buffet with pastries, potatoes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, juices.

EXTRA EVENTS

Friday morning tour to the Jimmy Stewart Museum \$10 per person \$ _____

Saturday afternoon “Wine Tasting Event” \$25 per person \$ _____

Total amount enclosed (payable to: PA LIONS DISTRICT 14M STATE CONVENTION) \$ _____

Send to: Dan Swincinski, PA Lions Convention, 246 Rock Cut Road, Central City, PA

15926 - 814-244-9210 email: palionsconvention2026@gmail.com



103rd Annual Pennsylvania Lions Clubs State Convention

Thursday, May 14 through Sunday, May 17, 2026

Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, 711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705

Hotel Information

Your Convention Host Committee, District 14-M has secured blocks of rooms at five different hotels. In addition, there are other hotels in the area.

To make a reservation contact the hotel directly at the phone numbers provided. Rates are per night plus taxes and fees. Please mention PA Lions State Convention.

Cut-off date for contract rates is April 14, 2026.

Host hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Indiana at IUP
714 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705
724-349-2222

Rate \$159

Ramada by Wyndham
1395 Wayne Avenue, Indiana, PA 15705
724-463-3561

Rate \$99 May 14
Rate \$125 May 15 and 16

Quality Inn and Suites
1545 Wayne Avenue, Indiana, PA 15705
724-349-9620

Rate \$104 1 queen
Rate \$109 1 king
Rate \$119 2 doubles
Rate \$124 2 queens

Hampton Inn and Suites
1275 Indian Springs Road, Indiana, PA 15705
724-349-7700

Rate \$149

Holiday Inn Express
1350 Indian Springs Road, Indiana, PA 15705
724-465-7000

Rate \$165



2026 PA State Council of Lions Clubs

103rd State Convention May 14-17, 2026

Ads submission Deadline is Monday, April 14, 2026

Email: palionsconvention2026@gmail.com Type in subject line: **Lions Convention Ad.**
Enclose a paper reference copy of the ad along with this form and your payment.

**Clean, reproducible hard copy, business card, letterhead, can be submitted, but quality cannot be guaranteed. Please do not fold, tape or staple within the image area.

**Cover placements are on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be in full color. Check preferred choice below.

Outside back cover (1) 4.5" x 7.5" \$250 _____

Inside back cover (1) 4.5" x 7.5" \$200 _____

Full page 4.5" x 7.5" \$100 _____

Half page 4.5" x 3.75" \$60 _____

Quarter page 4.5" x 1.375" \$30 _____

Patron ads limited 40 letters/spaces one line \$5 each x _____ = _____ (list below)

Program Advertising Contract: *The undersigned authorizes the insertion of their advertisement (enclosed or sent electronically) in the 2026 PA Lions State Convention Booklet, published for their convention which is to take place May 14-17, 2026.*

Club/Company/Individual _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Authorized Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Make checks payable to: **2026 State Convention 14-M**. Include this form, payment and ad copy. Mail to: Dan Swincinski, PA Lions State Convention, 246 Rock Cut Rd., Central City, PA 15926

Convention Program Booklet Patron Ads (print or type legibly)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

1960-70'S HIT MIX MUSIC BINGO

**Friday
Night
Hospitality
9-11 pm**

HOSTED BY
DISTRICT 14M
"BE SURE TO
WEAR YOUR
BELLBOTTOMS,
HIPHUGGERS,
MINI-SKIRTS,
BOOTS&WILD
AND CRAZY
OUTFITS"



**Complimentary Ice Cream Bar with toppings
Fruit and Cheese Trays, non-alcohol drinks
Cash Bar for beer, wine and cocktails**

LIONS BASKET RAFFLE EXTRAVAGANZA

PA LIONS STATE
CONVENTION MAY 14-17



Donate a gift basket and make this the "greatest basket raffle ever".

Baskets should be an approximate value of \$50 or higher. NO Alcohol is permitted as part of your basket. If you can have your basket delivered to the convention center on the first day May 14.**** It will still be accepted if late.

In addition there will a separate "Lions Quilt Raffle"
pictured below.



For information contact PDG Robert Macik 412-760-3770 rmacik@yahoo.com

A grant from the **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation** was presented at the **South Fork Lions Club** picnic on August 25, 2025. The background information was presented by Lion Rob Dill, from the South Fork Lions Club.

The South Fork and the **Adams Township Lions Clubs** are proud to announce that they have been jointly awarded a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation (LOPF) to support local disaster preparedness efforts. This innovative project will provide funding for Forest Hills High School students to complete the Fire Safety 1 certification course through Bucks County Community College.



Lion Rob Dill, South Fork Lion

Upon earning their certification, participating students will volunteer with local fire departments, strengthening emergency response capacity while gaining valuable skills that serve both their futures and the community. This initiative not only addresses a critical need for trained volunteers but also embodies the Lions' mission of service and investment in youth.

The clubs worked together to secure matching funds through local fundraising and community support, ensuring the project met the rigorous LOPF criteria of long-term benefit, broad community impact and strong Lions involvement.



PDG Richard Hautz presenting the \$5,000 check to
Lion Rob Dill

PDG Richard Hautz, member of the Adams Township Lions Club and Global Leadership Team Chairman, stated, "This grant is a testament to what Lions can achieve when we work together. By joining forces, our clubs are helping to prepare the next generation of volunteers, supporting our fire departments, and making our community safer."

The South Fork and Adams Township Lions Clubs look forward to seeing students take part in this program and to sharing their progress as they train and serve with local fire companies.

UPDATE as of 09-08-2025 - An additional \$15,000 was obtained from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). South Fork Lions Club

President, Lion Brady Hamady, stated: "We applaud the joint efforts of the Forest Hills School District along with the South Fork and Adams Township Lions Clubs to secure \$20,000 in grants to begin a Fire Safety Certification course for the students. It is our hope that we can help boost participation in our local fire companies and ambulance services by helping students get involved. When our community speaks.... WE LISTEN!"

Thank you.

Lion Sue Houston

Adams Twp. Area Lions
District 14-J



Dr. David Lehman, PDG Richard Hautz, PDG Galen George,
District Governor Herman Rush, Brookville Lion and Lion
Rob Dill



Lion Brady Hamady, South Fork Lions Club President; PDG Galen George,
South Fork Lion; PDG Richard Hautz, Adams Township Lion; PDG Harry
Kornprobst, Adams Township Lion and Dr. David Lehman,
Superintendent of Forest Hills School District and South Fork Lion.

LIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION

VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM



DONATE YOUR VEHICLE TO THE LIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Donate your car, truck, motorcycle, RV, boat, or Real estate to the **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation** by simply completing the form on our website. Go to the ABOUT LOPF tab and click on the box "Vehicle Donation Form". **CARS** will reach out to you to arrange the pick-up of your vehicle donation, at no cost to you. You may qualify for a tax deduction while supporting a cause that is near and dear to your heart!

Vehicle donation pick-up is always free to you and most vehicles can be picked up within 24-72 business hours. You'll receive an initial car donation receipt upon pick-up and then our team will work to turn your car into cash to support our cause. Once your vehicle is sold, we will provide you proper tax forms in time to file. Our friendly Donor Support Representatives are here 7 days a week to assist throughout the process.

For more information about **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation**, please visit our website link below. Thank you for your support!

<http://www.lionsofpafoundation.org/>

<https://careasy.org/nonprofit/lions-of-pennsylvania-foundation>

The Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation Continues To Thrive

The Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation began the current Lions year with its annual Lunch and Learn presentation at the State Council meeting in August. The presentation recaps the previous year's accomplishments and serves to educate incoming vice district governors regarding the Foundation's mission and operations.

September's board meeting marked the beginning of our new board president PDG Marty Zimmerman's tenure. Three newly elected board members from PA District H were welcomed to the board of directors; PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands and Lion Barbara Taylor. Lion Christina Pacelli joined as the newest voting board member from District W as well.

Our 2025-2026 budget includes \$330,000 intended for grant awards. The Foundation was proud to award almost \$233,000 in the 2024-2025 Lions year. Since its inception in 2016, the NEPALSF has awarded over 1.8 million dollars to aid Lions and Leo clubs in service to their communities.

If your Lions or Leo club is located within these nine districts (C, D, G, H, K, L, T, U, W) please visit www.nepalsf.org for more information about the four types of grants your club may apply for (patient care, equipment, education and community service) and the requirements for each type of grant application. It is important that you use the current grant application from the website. Electronic submissions are preferred and will expedite the process of reviewing your application. Your district's representatives are another resource to answer questions or to speak at a club or zone meeting.

The Northeast PA Service Foundation continues to demonstrate its commitment to improving the quality of life for the communities it serves. The Foundation is well-positioned to build on its current momentum and create lasting impact by enabling Lion and Leo clubs to make a greater impact in their communities – remember, "Together We Serve!"

Submitted by **Lion Vicky Dougherty**





For more than 75 years, PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp has stood as a place of belonging, joy, and independence for campers with physical, developmental, and sensory disabilities. Every Lions Club in Pennsylvania has played a part in that legacy — and now, we've taken a big step forward to help every club stay connected, informed, and empowered.

Introducing the Beacon Lodge Club Hub

The Club Hub is a brand-new online resource center designed exclusively for Pennsylvania Lions Clubs. It's your club's one-stop destination for everything you need to promote, support, and sustain Beacon Lodge Camp in your community. Inside, you'll find:

- Fundraising guides and ready-to-use materials
- Flyers, brochures, and wish lists
- Communication templates and social media assets
- Educational and presentation tools for club meetings
- ***Resources to help establish or strengthen your club's Beacon Lodge Camp Committees***

Every Lions Club has a role to play — and the Club Hub makes it easy to get started.

Access Information

[Click Here To Access The Club Hub Resources](#)

Password: beaconlodgecamp

(No account or special login required — just enter the password and go!)

Why This Matters

Beacon Lodge Camp has changed countless lives — and with your help, it will continue to do so for generations to come. The ongoing success of the camp depends on active engagement from our Lions Clubs.

Your leadership can ensure that each club in your district:

- Appoints or renews a **Beacon Lodge Camp Committee**
- Shares the camp's story locally
- Uses the Club Hub to access tools and plan activities that sustain the mission

This is an important moment for Beacon Lodge — one that calls for every Lion's heart, voice, and hands.

Together, We Keep the Light Shining

Please share this resource with all club presidents and encourage them to explore the Club Hub. If every club reconnects with Beacon Lodge, we can secure a strong, vibrant future for the camp and the communities it serves.

Thank you for your continued dedication and leadership — and for keeping the Beacon shining bright.

In service,

Lion Lysa Greer

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

Beacon Lodge was the proud recipient of a new Kubota All Terrain vehicle made available by two grants from the **Lions of PA Foundation** and the **Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation**. This vehicle will go a long way to help with the camp's daily activities. We could not be more grateful to both of these foundations for their support!

Contributed by **PDG Kathy Duelley**



McKeesport Lions Club, 14-B, has been collecting pop and beer tabs from area residents for the past year, and **Lions Marie Domingo** and **Annette James** made a day of it by dropping off the tabs at the Pittsburgh Ronald McDonald House. While they were at it, they picked up 225 pairs of unclaimed eyeglasses from the Pittsburgh International Airport and sent them off for recycling at Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.



Contributed by **Lion Annette James**





District 14-W's PDG Andy Piskel presents a donation to the **Red Cross** from **Hazleton Lions Club** which sponsored a blood drive in the memory of **Abby Piskel Valentine** in conjunction with the non-profit group **Smiles for Abby**, which provides care packages to recently diagnosed young adult cancer patients.



Contributed by **PDG Andy Piskel**



Hazleton Lions, 14-W, donated a little library to the Hazle Township Community Park. Members of the club are shown above with the Township supervisors at the dedication ceremony.

Contributed by **Lion William Rasinger**





The **Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P**, donated a Stryker evacuation chair that was donated to the Lions Hospital Equipment Facility to the West Grove Ambulance Service which will make good use of the chair. A Stryker evacuation chair is designed to give the ability to evacuate disabled occupants from multilevel facilities in emergency situations. It also assists in an easy descent down stairs; thus complying with fire safety requirements and emergency response guidelines.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



Quilts of Valor is a national organization founded in 2003 by a Blue Star mother whose son served in Iraq. While he was deployed, she got the idea of comforting veterans and service members with quilts. The Stars & Stripes of Lancaster, Quilts of Valor team mission is to honor the service members and veterans who have been touched by war with a Quilt of Valor. These quilts, made completely by volunteers who care, are not handed out, they are *awarded*. They consist of three layers, the top layer represents communities; the middle batting brings warmth, comfort, peace and healing and the backing represents strength. Veterans of the **East Cocalico Lions Club, 14-D**, are shown above with their quilts.

The members of the East Cocalico Lions Club thank their veterans and want them to know their service is greatly remembered as is the valor they have shown in doing their duty in spite of possible consequences.

Pictured are (seated) Lions John Danielson and Ray Kunkel. Standing are: Lions Carl Slegel, Paul Keller, Ray Sweigart, Donald "Bud" Lewis, Raymond Wolf and Kevin Rathman.

Contributed by **PDG Bruce Carpenter**



Richland Elementary children participated in the Lions Peace Poster Contest.

*Pictured are **Dr. Kelly Lashinsky**, principal of Richland Elementary School; **Lion Lynne Dougherty** of the **Geistown and Richland Lions Club, 14-J**; **Sutton, Brooklyn, Mila** and art teacher **Dave Beyers**.*

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



The newest members of the **Dupont Lions Club, 14-W**, are shown here. All three were sponsored by **Lion Amy Gale**: **Amanda Pramick**, **Nicole Ciali-Gradigan** and **Alana Bartuska**! Congratulations!!! Welcome to the greatest Association in the world!



Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**

Students of the Month



Delaney Rineer

Taylor Elementary School
Columbia Lions Club, 14-D



Amir Crenshaw

Park Elementary School
Columbia Lions Club, 14-D



Dylan Adams

Avon Grove High School
Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P



Teagan Sargent

Avon Grove Charter High School
Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P



Chloe Sullivan

Avon Grove Charter High School
Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P



Sam Goodwin

Avon Grove High School
Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P



Aidan Heavener

Avon Grove High School
Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P



Wyatt Nelson

Avon Grove Charter School
Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P

Students of the Month



Tylir Jackson-Smith
Taylor Elementary School
Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P



Moussa Aderaman
Park Elementary School
Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P

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New Member



Plainfield Lions Club, 14-C, were honored to have District Governor Doug Nace induct their newest member, Susan Dye,

Shown above are: Zone Chair **Ron Garman**, President **Scott Leidigh**, Sponsor **Stanley Dye**, New Member **Susan Dye** and **DG Doug**.

Congratulations!

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The **East Petersburg-Landisville Lions Club, 14-D**, welcomed their newest member, **Kathleen "Kathy" Dermody**.

Shown above: President **Robert Hollenbach**, **Kathy** and Sponsor **Diane Daffin**.

Congratulations, Lion Kathy!!!



The **Mohnton Cumru Lions Club, 14-P**, recently welcomed two new members.

Lion Andrea Goodman, sponsored by **Lion Karl Stamm** and **Lion Jay Marcano**, sponsored by **Lion John Crossan**.

*Pictured are **Lions Andrea Goodman, Karl Stamm, Jay Marcano and John Crossan**.*

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**Welcome to the largest service organization in the world,
Lions International!!!**

Pride in the Green and White after a Disaster

Attending a Lions International Convention is a trip all Lions should take at least once in their lifetime. Lions International Conventions provide Lions the opportunity to meet other Lions from around the world and to truly get an idea of how big and far-reaching Lions International is. When attending you meet and talk to Lions, hearing their stories and learning about projects they do from all corners of the world. During the 107th International Convention in Orlando, FL, 2nd Vice District Governor Raymond Highlands from District 14-C was moving around the exhibition floor taking in the sights and sounds of the show and exhibitors when MD-13 Immediate Past Council Chair George Suggs came walking over and said he was looking to find someone wearing the Pennsylvania Green and White.

MD-31 IPCC George Suggs explained that he was council chair in 2024 when the devastating flooding from Hurricane Helene struck North Carolina. IPCC George talked with great pride about Lions and at times he would be a little choked up about the impact of the flooding in and around his home state and the help their state received. He stopped the first PA Lion wearing the PA Green and White. IPCC George specifically talked about the impact that Lions from MD-14 had on North Carolina. IPCC George lives in the Ashville area and opened a warehouse accepting truckloads of donations after the flooding. PA Lions sent multiple truckloads of supplies and staff to NC to help after the massive flooding. IPCC George talked about how PA Lions showed up with their uniquely wrapped tractor trailers loaded with goods accompanied by PA Lions who helped in the warehouse and throughout the impacted area.

IPCC George came to the first Lion from PA he could find who was wearing with pride their green and white, and 2nd VDG Ray was honored to be the one to hear the stories of Lionism and success. IPCC George talked about the service he had done for years as a Lion but truly learned what Lionism meant when he and his multi-district were the ones being served.

2nd VDG Ray said, as a Lion for over 35 years it was a great honor to meet IPCC George and an even greater honor to be the one who was able to hear the story of how PA Lions once again have stepped up and impacted not just our local communities but Lionism across the country.

It was great to hear how Lions are there before, during and after disasters to help those in need. Also, it reinforced that Lions provide support through the local Lions clubs to help those in need, giving a greater meaning to the Lions motto "WE SERVE."

Raymond E. Highlands

2nd Vice District Governor,
Disaster Relief Coordinator, 14-C





Ruth M. (Ross) Battistone
September 23, 1931 – July 20, 2025
Wife of PID Col. Carl L. Battistone
International Director 1998-2000



PCC Gary Machmer
November 16, 1947 – July 23, 2025
Troy Lions Club, 14-G
Past Council Chair 1995-1996



PDG Carl F. Wuchter
March 12, 1934 – July 30, 2025
Kutztown Lions Club, 14-P
District Governor 1996-1997



PDG John D.W. Reiley
October 29, 1935 – August 7, 2025
Pottsville Lions Club, 14-U
District Governor 1971-1972 (14-K)



PDG Frances O. Griffin
December 27, 1938 – August 11, 2025
Eagle-Glenmoore Lions Club, 14-P
District Governor 2004-2005



Lion Diana (Zell) Deal
June 18, 1947 – September 25, 2025
Wife of PDG G. Thomas Deal
Manor Township/Kittanning Lions Club, 14-N
District Governor 2006-2007

Thank you for your many years of Lions service.



PDG Michael Turek, Sr.
December 27, 1936 – October 19, 2025
Bellwood-Atnis Lions Club, 14-L
District Governor 2002-2003



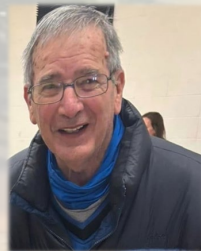
PDG James A. Harrington
July 13, 1935 – October 19, 2025
Springfield Lions Club, 14-A
District Governor 2009-2010



PDG Lee R. Eisenhard
November 9, 1952 – November 3, 2025
Waynesboro Lions Club, 14-T
District Governor 2013-2014



PDG John W. Frombach
December 19, 1946 – November 5, 2025
Whitehall Community Lions Club, 14-B
District Governor 2008-2009



PDG Robert J. Hunter
January 30, 1944 – November 14, 2025
Sylvania Lions Club, 14-G
District Governor 1981-1982

Thank you for your many years of Lions service.

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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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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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

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