



The Northeast Lion

**Proudly serving:
Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming Counties**

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NEW OPTION: YOU CAN NOW SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER ON
OUR WEBSITE AT <http://lions14h.org/newsletters/>

Let's not keep this newsletter a secret! Please share it with your club members so that they can see what is happening in our district as well. Offer to have their email addresses sent to Lion Tyler Kusma of the Abington Lions Club at webmaster@lions14h.org He is extremely careful not to spread viruses, even when the weather is nice outside ☺

***AND REMEMBER...CARING IS SHARING
THANK YOU!***

A greeting to all our District Lions and Leo's from Indiana, Pennsylvania. The site of our second State Council of Governor's meeting. I thought I might wait until I was here to pen my letter for this month. While I am here with my class of 2018-2019 District Governors and many Lion friends, it came to mind that not all Lions have had this wonderful experience. Some may not even have an inkling of what transpires at the State Council level. Not only do we share experiences to what transpires in other districts, but most importantly how each Lion member can be assisted in growing and understanding who we are and why we are Lions in the first place. Many questions asked and conversations are used to assess every day challenges and problems we all endure.

Please, let me assure you that no matter what your club or particular Lions are going through, you are not alone. For the most part it's been done before, or that situation has arisen in another club. That's not to minimize your plight, but to let you know all Lions are in the same boat, so to speak.

Do we have membership issues? Do we have issues with a member? Do we need new clubs to serve in a way we aren't able to serve now? Can we find a unique way to serve our local community? Is there someone whom is in desperate need of what Lions have to offer? The answer to all of this is a resounding YES! This brings to focus another question or two. What can we do as individual Lions, as a district, as a state and as an International organization? Here is the crux of this letter. Are we actively using every asset available to us? I truly wish that we could all answer yes to that. Your DG team, PDG's, all the various committee chairs are all assets available to Lions, including resources: Lions of PA Foundation, NE Lions of PA Service Foundation (eye bank), LCIF; are all willing and awaiting grant applications.

No Lion or Club stands alone! That is the greatest asset of being the largest service organization in the world. 1,46million Lions is not just a number, but it is you, me, and every Lion worldwide. That translates to enormous power and the ability to live out our motto "WE SERVE"!

DG Bill

YEP THAT REALLY HAPPENED!

Raising a large family on a limited budget does not allow for an expensive car payment. I always struggled to keep an automobile that could transport my entire family. I purchased a large station wagon that I saw sitting in a yard. We negotiated the price and I was quite proud of my negotiating skills. The car had a very nice clean interior and no rot on the body. This was a very good purchase. My whole family was comfortable in the car, especially the ones who sat in the rear facing back seat. I was driving around for a few weeks, when I got a real surprise.

I was at a restaurant with my wife and my car was parked on the side of a main street in Scranton. When we walked out after dinner, I was horrified when I saw my precious automobile which looked like it had been in a terrible accident. I ran around the car to assess the damage. There was NO damage to the car, yet the back went down and the front also about touched the ground. My very wonderful automobile that I was so proud of had a rotted frame and actually broke in half. "Caveat Emptor" buyer beware! Yep that really happened.

Fellow Lions

Hope all is well with everyone adjusting to the cooler temperature and shorter days; I know I'm trying to adjust. Just as the seasons change, so do Our Lions events. All Communities have different needs and events. Our job as Lions is to find the fit that's best for Our Community. As I watched PA Live on television today, they talked about Community service, that U put the U in Community. That's a perfect description of a Lion, along with We Serve. As I visit Clubs, it is really wonderful to see how Lions make all Our Communities better. Thank you for all you do, continue your volunteering, hard work and dedication. Don't hesitate to ask me for help with any events. I am enjoying attending Club events, thanks for your warm welcomes, as well as your wonderful hospitality with Club visits. Again, thank you for all your service.

This month we honor all Veteran's, November 11th, thank you for your service. It is also, Diabetes Awareness month; remember to get your blood sugar checked with your annual Dr. Appt.

And let's not forget one of my favorite holidays – Thanksgiving! I give thanks for being a Lion able to serve others - I wish everyone and all your families a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. Enjoy!

We Serve,
VDG Fran



Lions All, I am happy to announce that a candidate has submitted their Letter of Intent for the position of 2nd VDG 2018-2019. The announcement will be made at the upcoming district cabinet meeting. On the flip side, we are still searching high and low for the following 2nd VDG for 2019-2020 to have a complete district team in 2019-2020. If you are interested or know someone that would be a great addition to the district team please contact me via email: c.metschulat@outlook.com or cell 570-504-6261. Thank you for your help! IPDG Cathy

2ND CABINET MEETING OF 2018-2019 DISTRICT 14-H

District Governor

Bill Metschulat

1st Vice District Governor

Fran Stepkovitch

2ND Vice District Governor

N/A

Sunday, November 11, 2018 at
The Grills @ the Highlands Archbald
1 Highland Blvd, Archbald



Cost is \$18 per person; reservations and payments are due no later than
October 29, 2018

Please mail checks to:

Joy Lewis 2027 Prospect Ave., Scranton, PA 18505

If you have something you would like placed on the agenda, please notify
District Secretary Lion Joy Lewis via e-mail at dutchsdoll2@gmail.com or
District Governor Bill Metschulat also by that date.

Registration will begin at 12 noon Meeting will begin at 1:00

BUFFET MENU

Membership

District 14-H by the numbers:

Abington	44
Benton	13
Blakely / Peckville	18
Dalton	10
Dunmore	18
Eynon / Archbald	105 -1/+1
Falls	31
Forest City	22 -1
Hawley /	15
Lake Wallenpaupack	-
Honesdale	72
Jefferson Township	35
Jermyn	13+1
Jessup	14
Lake Ariel	18
Mayfield	17
Minisink	30 +2
Minooka	57
Montrose	44
Moosic	26
Old Forge	29
Olyphant	32
Ransom	11
Scott Township	34
Scranton Central	25
South Abington	10
Stonebridge /	
Susquehanna	20
Taylor	27
Tunkhannock	21
Waymart	25

Beginning # of Members/29 Clubs	835
Total Dropped Members	10
Total Deceased Members	3
Total New Members	14
Total Members as of 10/31/18	836
YTD Net Growth/Loss	+1

Lions Worldwide **1,473,996**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David Moran @ Eynon/Archbald

Michael & Daphney Macloed @
Minisink

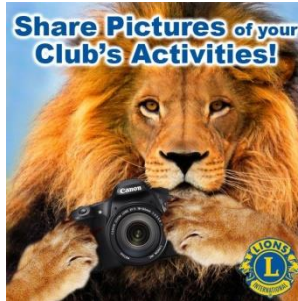
*MEMORIAL TO ALL LIONS WHO
HAVE GONE ON BEFORE US*



RICHARD DENNIS SANDS

What's Happening In Our Back Yard!

Dear Lions Club Secretaries, please assist your zone chair and provide them with information about your club! It is inspiring to fellow Lions within our 29 clubs to see what others are accomplishing. It is good publicity to get the word out and share it with the other clubs "what's happening in our back yard"!



Zone 1
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Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack Honesdale Jefferson Township Lake Ariel Minisink Old Forge Waymart Old Forge Leo's Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack, November is our hoagie project. We make and deliver about 550 hoagies. Also we will be at the local Lake Region IGA to solicit food pantry donations; both food and money.
Honesdale

WAYNE PIKE NEWS
YOUR COMPREHENSIVE NEWS SOURCE FOR WAYNE COUNTY
Thursday, October 11, 2018, 3:04 PM

NEWS

Honesdale Rotary Helps Lions With Honesdale Pool
By Melissa Short • 07/25/18 5:41 AM



The Honesdale Rotary is among many helping out the Honesdale Lions' Club initiative to renovate the Honesdale Borough pool. The pool was threatened with closure in the last few years due to serious structural issues, so the Lions club took it upon themselves to raise money for a new filtration system and repairs. Honesdale Rotary was happy to help with a \$5,000 donation. Honesdale Rotary is a service club of about 40 members who raise funds through events to end polio worldwide. The club meets the last three Tuesdays of the month at 12 noon at Cordaro's Restaurant in Honesdale and all are welcome.

Wayne Bank supports pool project

HONESDALE — Lewis J. Critelli, President and Chief Executive Officer of Wayne Bank, is pleased to announce that the Bank will support the Honesdale Lions Club in their continuing project to repair the Honesdale Borough Pool with a donation to the Wayne County Community Foundation.

Members of the Honesdale Lions Club accepted a check in the amount of \$5,000 from Mr. Critelli, who is also a Lions Club member.

"Wayne Bank is proud to support the Honesdale Lions Club with this important community project," stated Mr. Critelli. "We hope that this contribution will aid in the completion of the final repairs needed for the pool to remain open for the residents and community organizations of Wayne County."

The Honesdale Borough Pool is used by hundreds daily during the summer months, including the Dyberry Day Camp and the YMCA. During the past year, the Honesdale Lions Club has overseen repairs including the installation of new water filtration and pumping systems, with digital monitoring to aid in operation. However, the pool is still in



Shown, from left: Paul Meagher, Honesdale Lions Club Member; Randy Heller, incoming Honesdale Lions Club President; and Lewis J. Critelli, President and Chief Executive Officer of Wayne Bank, and Lions Club Member.

(CONTRIBUTED)

need of concrete and coping repair or replacement on the poor perimeter, sand blasting, tile repair, and painting.

The Lions Club's original fundraising goal was approximately \$225,000, \$180,000 of which has been collected. They are now hoping to join with local community organizations, businesses, and individuals to reach their goal and complete the final repairs.

Wayne Bank is a subsidiary of Norwood Financial Corp., Member FDIC, and is located in Honesdale, Pennsylvania. The Bank has 26 Community Offices serving Wayne, Pike, Monroe, and Lackawanna Counties in Pennsylvania, along with Delaware and Sullivan Counties in New York State. The stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol—NWFL.

Honesdale Pool – Lion Knash and committee met with Superior Pools and signed the contract. They will start work on October 10. Rich Doney and the Borough crew will tear up the tiles on top and coping. The money raised so far will cover this phase. Phase 3 would include tiles on the bottom of the pool and other cosmetic projects as funds allow. There have been offers to spruce up the bathroom areas at no cost to us.

Lake Ariel Four Lake Ariel Lions; including the long time president Lion Mike Butler traveled to North Carolina with the clubs 40ft cargo trailer to deliver supplies. The Girl Scout troop that meets at the Jefferson Twp. Lions hall helped gather the supplies and greeted those that dropped off additional supplies with homemade cookies. WBRE was there to interview Lion Mike about his upcoming trip and had the chance to also talk to DG Bill about his recent trip to North Carolina making deliveries too.

Minisink: Completed our 28th annual Golf Tournament. Completed our annual White Cane weekend. We will be helping our local Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. We are in preliminary planning stages for a capital improvement project at Robert Aston Baseball Fields that will provide a new scoreboard for next year's baseball season. We will be working in association with Dandy Lion Little League. More to follow. Jim St.

Old Forge

Waymart

Old Forge LEOs

Zone 2
1ST VDG Fran Stepkovitch
107 Krystal Circle
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Eynon/Archbald Forest City Jermyn Jessup Mayfield Olyphant Scott Township Olyphant Leos at Mid Valley

Eynon / Archbald

11/10 - Trivia Night - lots of fun \$20pp Eynon VFW 6pm.

1/10 - Trivia night \$20pp at the Eynon VFW

11/19 - help Mid Valley Manor prep for their soup sale

11/22 - delivering thanksgiving turkey dinners to area residents in need

11/24 - supply and serve hot chocolate at Archbald Borough Christmas tree lighting

1/26/19 Save the Date for Our 8th Annual Snowflake Gala at Fiorelli's Contact Fran for tickets 570-470-7838 \$75pp - if not able to attend we are selling chances to win a Caribbean cruise for two for \$10

Forest City The Forest City Lions had our semi- annual roadside trash pickup through PennDot on Oct. 5th. We cleaned up ST 171 north of Forest City!

Jermyn The Jermyn Lions Club and THE WRIGHT CENTER FOR PRIMARY CARE

Are hosting a free community educational event: November 29, 2018 at 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Jermyn Borough Building 440 Jefferson Ave. Jermyn, PA any questions please contact Bambi Linn Wilson 570-335-3833. The Wright Center program called; "Wright Steps for Healthy Living" is intended to help people with or at risk for diabetes, to make lifestyle changes to successfully manage their condition. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Jessup

Mayfield We are displaying flags around the town of Mayfield on Veteran's Day. We also are "putting-up" Christmas decorations around the town of Mayfield (the ones you see around all of the towns in the valley attached to the telephone poles). The Mayfield Lions have always purchased and maintained the decorations around the town, and this year, we refurbished, as well as built new cross-over, decorations.

Olyphant The Olyphant Lions Club will be helping with the Santa Train on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Santa Claus will leave his sleigh at the North Pole and come to town early on a train! Six local communities will celebrate Christmas in a Small Town when Santa arrives aboard a special train provided by Steamtown National Historic Site.

Now in its 22nd year, the Christmas in a Small Town celebration, also known as the Santa Train, is a project of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area. The event draws large crowds of excited families to restored train stations throughout the Lackawanna Heritage Valley. It has become a tradition and a day to celebrate the heritage of Northeastern Pennsylvania! The Santa Train will arrive at local train stations at the following times:

- **10:30 a.m.** – Carbondale Train Station, River Street, Carbondale
- **11:35 a.m.** – Archbald Train Station, Pike Street, Archbald
- **12:20 p.m.** – Jessup Train Station, Church Street, Jessup
- **1 p.m.** – Queen City Train Station, Lackawanna Avenue, Olyphant
- **1:45 p.m.** – Dickson City Train Station, Boulevard Avenue, Dickson City
- **3 p.m.** – Steamtown National Historic Site, Scranton

Families are encouraged to assemble at the train station in each community to welcome Santa as the train pulls into town. At each stop, Santa and his friends will greet all of the children, hearing their lists for special Christmas wishes. After visiting with Santa, families can enjoy refreshments, live entertainment and special activities. The Valley View Marching Band will perform at the Archbald and Jessup train stations, greeting Santa with holiday music and entertaining the crowd. The Santa Train and its crew will be available for photo opportunities at each station. All activities are free.

Scott Twp.

Olyphant LEOs at Mid Valley

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Benton Dalton Falls Montrose Ransom Susquehanna-Stone Bridge Tunkhannock Blue Ridge Leo's

Benton
Dalton
Falls Twp.
Montrose
Ransom
Stone Bridge/Susquehanna

Lions Club Fetes Ron Dubas As Distinguished Citizen

By Chuck Ficarro

The Stone Bridge Lions Club decided to celebrate their 70th year of service to the community by a first, choosing a local Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

Their choice as a first wasn't difficult, at a glance Ron Dubas "sticks out". He owns and operates Schneider's Market in the downtown Shop's Plaza, which he purchased from his father-in-law, Joe Schneider.

On Saturday, August 4, 2018 the Lions hosted a social gathering in St. John's Parish Hall, Susquehanna to "shine a light" on Mr. Dubas and his unselfish contributions to our area.

Susquehanna County Commissioner MaryAnn Warren aptly served as Master of Ceremony, welcoming attendees with, "We are very proud of Ron. I couldn't think of a better, more giving or deserving person for this honor and feel compelled to recognize the Stone Bridge Lions for bestowing this honor on him."

The Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance was completed by Boy Scout Troop 81, Susquehanna.

the official introduction and guest speakers. She began by reading citation recognitions and congratulations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; Pennsylvania Senate; Susquehanna County Commissioners; Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolfe.

Commissioner Warren offered a brief history of the area's Lions Club and their many, many contributions, fund drives and successes over the past seven decades.

Then it was time to toast, and toast (a little) Ron Dubas as a Distinguished Citizen.

Commissioner Warren commented, "Ron has a passion for and fully supports our area's small businesses. He personally makes deliveries of donated foods to the local food bank. His family makes the Susquehanna Area a better place to live."

Ron Dubas, noticeably uneasy over all of the attention, commented, "Thank you, for all the kind words, for the honor and the nice things you've said. When I was growing up, I had heard of Susquehanna but never knew where it was. A friend and I were riding around on back roads one day and found ourselves lost in the little town of Jackson. We decided to turn left and ended up in Susquehanna, where we had lunch in the Town Restaurant. Who would have thought we would end up in this community of nice people and a great place to raise our children. When Carol had her health problems all the local churches and people came together to help. It turned everything around for us.



Ron Dubas and his wife, Carol.

Lions' Chaplain Colleen Wilkes offered prayer and recited a poem written by her grandfather which we thought worth repeating, as follows: "Friendship like yours that's good and true, Makes my heart glad when I think of you. The deeds that you do, the words that you say, Bring hope to my heart throughout the whole



Tunkhannock

Tunkhannock Lions Club

Annual Christmas Party/Toy Collection

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

@ Lake Winola Fire Hall

(Rt. 307 Lake Winola)

\$10.00 PER PERSON PLUS AN UNWRAPPED CHILD'S TOY

Free For children 12 yrs. & under

(Includes a chance to win "Basket of Cheer" drawing)

All Toys Collected Are Donated To

INTERFAITH FRIENDS TOY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

**SPONSORED BY
THE TUNKHANNOCK LIONS CLUB**

6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM-Social Hour

BYOB

(Appetizers, Soda & Coffee Provided)

7:00 PM-Dinner

(Homemade Chicken & Biscuits,
Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable & Desserts)

PLEASE CALL & RSVP TO:
PDG Butch & Josie Sands 570-836-1205
Dale Wilsey 570-836-6208

"Basket of Cheer" is from the Nimble Hill Winery
3971 US-6 Tunkhannock, PA
570-836-9463



On October 18th, Lions will be available to answer any questions that parents or students may have during the schools "Teacher/Student Conferences". They will be there from 2-4pm and 6-8pm.

Blue Ridge LEOs Sponsored by the Montrose Lions Club, they are participating in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest. For more information about the contest please visit www.lionsclubs.com

Zone 4

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570-587-2073

Abington Blakely-Peckville Dunmore Minooka Moosic Scranton Central So. Abington Taylor Valley View Leo's

Abington Contributed articles to the Abington Seniors Center's wish list.

Pictured L to R Lion Ellen Burkey, PDG Joe Skinner, Lion Vice President Shirley Skinner



Blakely/Peckville

Dunmore

Minooka

Moosic

Scranton Central

South Abington



South Abington Lions Club
invites you to our

TURKEY BINGO

Saturday November 17, 2018
7:00pm to 10:00pm

To Be Held At:
CHINCHILLA HOSE COMPANY

- GIFT CARD RAFFLE -
Raffle will be drawn at end of evening
Tickets may be purchased in advance through any
South Abington Lions Club member or at the door

Delicious Food From: 

Non-Alcoholic Beverages Will Be Served
B.Y.O.B.

South Abington Lions Club  "We Serve"



Taylor

Valley View LEOs

Grandma Yoder's Amish Corn Chowder (Submitted by PDG Joe Skinner)

1 pound of bacon 1 large onion, chopped
1 can of cream of chicken soup 1 pint of half and half
2 cans of creamed corn salt and pepper to taste

Cook the bacon in a cast iron skillet (crispy), crumble the cooked bacon and set it aside. In a large pot, saute the onions in the bacon grease until it softens, and begins to turn light brown. Stir in cream of chicken soup and the half and half. Dump in the creamed corn and season with the salt and pepper. Serve with crumpled bacon pieces on top, and a hard roll or butter bread.

DISTRICT NEWS



Lions All: New Name "District Raffle Tickets"



Many may not know that, club members may sell their tickets to the general public and that the club receives **\$3** for every ticket that is sold. That is instant money in your clubs coffer! In addition to the sales helping the clubs, it also helps finance the 2nd VDG's travel expenses. It enables the PDG Council to donate monies where needed, for example, the new windows in our cabin at Beacon Lodge and to LCIF. It is a win/win situation. Whether your club/club members decide to sell the tickets or not; **please do not throw away tickets that are not sold.** Please return them to Lion Barb; someone else may want to sell them! This fundraiser can only be a success, if we have your help.

In Friendship & In Service,
IPDG Cathy

SNAPSHOT OF OUR LIONS DISTRICT CALENDAR

District's Sight First and Hearing meetings @ 7 p.m. at the various locations listed below:

Nov 8th Tunkhannock, Lake Winola Fire Hall, Route 307
Dec 13th Moosic, Grande Pizza, 4200 Birney Ave, Moosic

As reported by Lion Irene Masco there is a \$50 increase in the cost for the hearing aids that are being purchased which brings the cost to \$500. Based upon that information, during the November Sight First & Hearing meeting, it was voted that each club would be responsible for \$250 in place of the \$225 as given in the past. **In Addition:** The total household income does include any benefits received from both Social Security and Dept. of Welfare. The income limitations for a single person are \$19,000 and for a couple is \$25,000.

GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

November 6 th So. Abington Twp.	November 12 th Lake Ariel
December 1 st Falls	December 3 rd Honesdale
January 22 nd Dunmore	February 5 th Eynon/Archbald, Jermyn and Jessup ~ joint visitation
March 5 th Ransom March 7 th Moosic	March 18 th Taylor March 19 th Mayfield March 21 st Minisink
April 4 th Scott Twp.	Minooka: TBA

NEW OPTION: YOU CAN NOW SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE AT
<http://lions14h.org/newsletters/>



Diabetes:

World Diabetes Day Is November 14— We Can't Wait to See How You're Going to Serve.

By now, you're likely putting the finishing touches on your diabetes service activity and will be reporting it in [MyLCI](#) or your regional reporting system soon. We wish you the best with your activity in conjunction with World Diabetes Day on November 14.

We're grateful to all the Lions and Leos worldwide who have used the [Diabetes Service Journey website](#) to learn how to reduce the impact of diabetes in their communities.

If you haven't started planning a diabetes service activity yet, or if you want to do more, you can support this important global cause at any time. Check out the [Diabetes Service Journey website](#) for access to educational materials, planning resources and more.

And finally, don't forget to send your club members to the site. You all have one more chance to enter to win a Fitbit Charge 2 and answer another fun poll question!

Thank you for taking steps to fight diabetes.

A New Service Project, is being requested by PA Lions State Global Service Team (GST) PDG Tom Gregg:

The state office in Harrisburg often receives telephone calls inquiring where they can donate/drop off their used eyeglasses. Currently there is not a database for the state office to be able to direct the caller when it is outside of the Harrisburg area.

*This is where our local clubs come in at....*each one of the 694 Lions club in the state of PA is being asked to advise their own district GST, where they have drop off locations in their community. The district GST's will then in turn report this information to the state office and a database will be compiled. Your help is greatly needed, so please, take a moment and email PDG Joe Skinner at jskinner710@comcast.net with your clubs drop off locations. Thank you for your help and cooperation! We save one eyesight at a time and each one matters!





Kidsight is proud to announce that more screenings are being completed; whether it is Lions completing the screenings or school nurses in our area school districts. Below is a listing of the screenings that have been completed since January 2018. Please continue to reach out to your local day care centers and local school districts to advocate for our Kidsight Program. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either co-chair persons: DG Bill 570-351-5177 or PDG Cathy 570-504-6261. Thank you for your help!

DATE	LOCATION	AGES	CHILDREN	ADULTS	TOTAL	Child Refer	Adult Refer
1/30/2018	Here We Grow Day Care, Olyphant	6 months	3				
		7 months	1				
		9 months	2				
		10 months	1				
		11 months	1				
		1 year	17				
			25	0	25	2	0
3/22/2018	Hildebrandt Day Care, Moosic	6 months	2				
		7 months	1				
		9 months	3				
		10 months	1				
		11 months	1				
		1 year	17				
		2 years	20				
			45	1	46	4	0
3/24/2018	Stone Bridge/Susquehanna Community	1 to 18	10	8	18	1	3
3/24/2018	Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupak Library						
	No Data - Borrowed Spot from 14U						
9/24-9/28/2018	Susquehanna Elementary School	5 to 11	350	0	350		0
9/30/2018	Eynon/Archbald Community	1 to 18	33	12	45	6	7
10/10-10/18/2018	Issac Tripp Elementary School, Scranton	5 to 11	579	0	579	134	0
10/26/2018	Day Dreamer Day Care, Newton	6 month	1				
		1 year	8				
		2 year	6				
		3 year	7				
		4 year	8				
		5 year	9				
		6 year	4				
			43	0	43	3	0
		TOTALS	1,085	21	1,106	150	10

PA LIONS STATE NEWS

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The 2018-2019 MD-14 directories is available through the State Office. The directory has been expanded to include more contact information for district and state committee members, as well as additional historical information. To receive a copy of the directory via email, please contact State Administrator Bob McComas at bob.mccomas@palions.org. Printed copies will also be available for \$10 to cover costs. Please send a check payable to "PA Lions" to the State Office at 949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

The complete Multiple District 14 Constitution & By-Laws/Policy Manual is posted on the state website (www.palions.org).

Important Dates:

November 15, 2018 Postmark deadline for a club to send winning Peace Poster to District Governor
December 1, 2018 Postmark deadline for winning sub-district Peace Poster to be sent to State Council Chairperson
December 15, 2018 Postmark deadline for sub-district Leo of the Year recipients to be submitted to State Council Chair
December 15, 2018 Postmark deadline for State Council Chair to send winning MD-14 Peace Poster to LCI Public Relations Department
January 4, 2019 Deadline for hotel and meal RSVPs for 2018-2019 State Council Meeting #3
February 1-3, 2019 2018-2019 State Council Meeting #3 Hosted by District 14-L Altoona Grand Hotel
February 2, 2019 Special Election to select endorsed candidate for International Director Altoona Grand Hotel
February 2, 2019 Selection of MD-14 Leo of the Year by Council of Governors
March 16, 2019 Spring Global Action Team Symposium PA State Council of Lions Clubs office
April 1, 2019 Deadline for MD-14 Leo of the Year award winner to be received by Lions Clubs International
April 16, 2019 Deadline for hotel reservations for 2018-2019 Council Meeting #4 and 96th MD-14 State Convention
May 17-19, 2019 96th Annual Multiple District 14 State Convention Hosted by District 14-W Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center 250 Kalahari Blvd., Pocono Manor, PA

A reminder from LCI's Legal Division: "Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts that have annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 and do not have to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well."

Check please! EIN numbers The State Office reminds district and club treasurers that each club and district should have its own Employee Identification Number (EIN) and file a yearly report with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Clubs should not use the EIN assigned to the PA State Council of Lions Clubs and/or Lions Clubs International. If you have questions or need more information on this matter, please contact LCI's Legal Division at 630.468.6732.

Links to information related to EIN numbers and IRS regulations on the LCI website (www.lionsclubs.org) include: • Exempt Organizations Annual Reporting Requirements – Annual Electronic Notice (Form 990-N) for Small Organizations http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/irs_faqs.pdf

Tax issues and regulations affecting Lions clubs and leadership - http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/tax_reg_lions.pdf

Reinstatement of tax-exempt status: http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/tax-exempt_reinstatement.pdf

FAQ: Current LCI and MD-14 per capita dues The following information on LCI per capita dues can be found on at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/tk188.pdf>: New Members pay a charter fee of US\$35 or must submit the proper certification form waiver. International dues total US\$43 annually and will be billed on a semi-annual basis. Additional district, multiple district and club dues may apply. International dues for newly chartered clubs will be prorated for the months remaining in the semi-annual period ending either June 30 or December 31. Family Members: The first family member (head of household) pays full international dues (US\$43), and up to four additional family members pay only half the international dues (US\$21.50). All family members pay the one-time charter fee of US\$35. The Family Membership Program is open to family members who are (1) eligible for Lions membership, (2) currently in or joining the same club, and (3) living in the same household and related by birth, marriage or other legal relationship. Common household family members include parents, children, spouses, aunts and uncles, cousins, grandparents, in-laws and legal dependents. Complete family member certification on the Report of Charter Members (TK-21a). Students between the age of majority and through age 30 pay no charter fee and half international dues. Students over age 30 and joining a Campus Lions club pay a US\$10 charter fee and full international dues. Submit the Student Member Certification Form (STU-5). *New campus clubs, and clubs with a majority of students, must prepay one year international dues at the

student member rate. Graduating Leos: All graduating Leos receive a charter fee waiver. Graduating Leos, through the age of 30 who have been a Leo for at least a year and a day, pay half international dues. Submit the Leo to Lion Certification and Years of Service Transfer Form (LL-2) for each graduating Leo under 30. Young adults, through the age of 30, receive a charter fee waiver and pay half international dues when joining a Leo Lions club. Submit the Leo to Lion Certification and Years of Service Transfer Form (LL-2) for each young adult. Transfer members pay a US\$20 charter fee and must have left their former club in good standing and transfer to the new club within 12 months. Reminder: As of June 30, 2018, LCI will not issue international dues credits for membership drops after the release of the semi-annual billings on July 1 and January 1. In the past, LCI had given clubs a grace period in January and July to adjust their club rosters and receive a credit for unreported membership drops. This practice has been a courtesy extended to clubs by LCI despite rules governing the practice in Board Policy. The board of directors recently decided that enforcement of existing policy is necessary in order to be in compliance with Board Policy. This will also provide greater alignment with district billing and create more accurate reporting that better reflects true membership growth. State per capita dues are collected to provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of the Multiple District and each sub-District and a Multiple District Convention Fund, annual per capita dues of \$16.00 per member per year are collected. These dues are collected in two semi-annual payments based upon a club's membership total as shown by Lions Clubs International (LCI) as of July 1 and January 1 of each fiscal year. As is the case with LCI for international dues, state per capita dues are not pro-rated for members added or dropped from club membership rolls after July 1 and before December 30 and/or after January 1 and before June 30. State per capita dues collected are used, distributed and credited as follows:

- State Convention Administrative Fund: \$0.45/member/year
- International Convention Fund: \$0.85/member/year
- Promotional Fund: \$0.35/member/year
- District Governors International Conv. Fund: \$0.35/member/year
- Sub-District Administrative Fund: \$2.50/member/year
- PA News Publication Fund (The PRIDE): \$1.50/member/year
- All State Band: \$1.50/member/year

TAX ISSUES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING LIONS CLUBS AND LEADERSHIP

DISCLAIMER: Please note that the content contained in this material is for informational purposes only and is not intended to be deemed legal or tax advice. **TAX ADVICE NOTICE:** Tax advice, if any, contained in this material does not constitute a "reliance opinion" as defined in IRS Circular 230 and may not be used to establish reasonable reliance on the opinion of counsel for the purpose of avoiding the penalty imposed by Section 6662A of the Internal Revenue Code.

INTRODUCTION TO TAX EXEMPTION

Exemption for LCI and Charter Clubs

Lions Clubs International (LCI) is exempt from federal income taxation under § 501(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). When a Lions club receives its charter from LCI, it is granted 501(c)4 tax-exempt status under LCI Group Exemption Number 0239. When granting the Group Exemption to LCI, the IRS noted that the Association is "the parent organization of clubs operating in 150 countries and geographical locations around the world. All such clubs have as their primary functions the performance of activities which must serve to alleviate in some way a need in their respective communities, which is financed through funds raised from members of the public." (IRS Ruling Letter, June 11, 1981). This seminar will discuss what it means to be a 501(c)4 organization, the difference between a 501(c)4 and an organization exempt under 501(c)3, and the tax filing requirements for clubs. In addition, we will cover incorporating your club and creating a foundation.

What does 501(c)4 mean?

IRS § 501(c)4 provides the tax exemption for "[c]ivic leagues or organizations not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare." Therefore, the organizations are exempt from paying federal income tax. However, LCI and its chartered clubs are not "charitable organizations," as defined in IRC § 501(c)3, and donations made to LCI and local clubs are not tax-deductible under IRC § 170.

Disclosure requirements for deductions.

Contributions to 501(c)4 organizations are NOT deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. In certain circumstances, tax-exempt organizations that are not eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions (501(c)4 organizations) must disclose, in any fundraising solicitation, in an express statement (in a conspicuous and easily recognizable format), that contributions to the organization are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Please note that this disclosure requirement applies to a fundraising solicitation: if the organization soliciting the funds normally has a gross receipts over \$100,000 per year, the solicitation is part of a coordinated fundraising campaign that is soliciting more than 10 persons during the year, and the solicitation is made in written or printed form, by television or radio, or by telephone.

TAX FILING – CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

Obtaining an EIN. Every Club and/or District must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service. To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form

SS-4 and its Instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an EIN online (www.irs.gov/charities), by telephone (1-800-829-4933), or by fax (fax number at the location accepting applications from your state). It is important that the Clubs and Districts are using the correct EIN for their annual filing. Failure to use the correct EIN will result in revocation of the 501(c)4 exemption. Should your Club or District have the wrong EIN, you may correct the records with the IRS through their Exempt Organizations (EO) customer service at 877-829-5500.

Filing Requirements. Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, most small tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less (\$50,000 or less for tax years 2010 and later) must file Form 990-N, *Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ*. Before this law was enacted, these small organizations were not required to file annually with the IRS. This means that ALL clubs and districts must annually file a 990-N, 990-EZ or 990.

E-Postcard Filing. If your club is eligible to file a 990-N, then it must provide the following information on the 990-N: the club's legal name; any other names the club uses; the club's mailing address; the club's website address (if applicable); the club's taxpayer identification number (TIN or EIN); name and address of principal officer of the organization (President); the fiscal year the club runs by which should be June through July; a statement that the club's annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less (\$50,000 or less beginning with the 2010 tax year); and if applicable a statement that the club has been canceled or is planning on canceling.

When to file: Forms 990, 990-EZ and 990-N must be filed by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. For example, if the club's tax period ends on December 31, 2011, the form is due May 2012. Please note that **an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N.**

Revocation: If a Lions Club or District fails to file timely a Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-N, then their exemption will be revoked by the IRS. This is regardless of whether they are part of a group exemption like Lions Clubs or Districts. The IRS issued instructions for organizations wishing to get reinstated. As part of this, the IRS issued guidance on how organizations can apply for reinstatement of their tax-exempt status, including retroactive reinstatement. In addition, the IRS announced transition relief for certain small tax-exempt organizations – those with annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less for 2010 – that were made subject to the new "postcard" filing under the Pension Protection Act. The relief allows eligible small organizations to regain their tax-exempt status retroactive to the date of revocation and pay a reduced application fee of \$100 rather than the typical \$400 or \$850 fee. Full details are available in *Notice 2011-43*, *Notice 2011-44* and *Revenue Procedure 2011-36*, issued by the IRS. If an organization appears on the list of organizations whose tax-exempt status has been automatically revoked, it is because IRS records indicate the organization had a filing requirement and did not file the required returns or notices for three consecutive years. Any organization that wishes to receive retroactive reinstatement under the new rules has to file an application for recognition of exemption. Therefore, either a Form 1023 or 1024 has to be filed EVEN IF they didn't have to file one initially, such as an organization covered initially under a group exemption like Lions. There are two processes from there, depending upon what filing was missed resulting in

the revocation. If the organization/club had less than \$25k in income and was only required to file the 990N, reinstatement is fairly straightforward. The organization only has to explain that it wasn't required to file a 990 or 990EZ and then must file the IRS Form 1023 or 1024, depending upon the classification, and pay a \$100 filing fee. However, for organizations that had to file a 990EZ or 990, it will be more difficult because they have to establish reasonable cause for failure to file. For these organizations we recommend that they work with local counsel or tax professionals to assist them in getting reinstated with the IRS.

INCORPORATION

Many clubs may wish to incorporate their club in their local state or jurisdiction. This is something that will benefit the club and is encouraged by Lions Clubs International.

Benefits to incorporating. There are several benefits to incorporating your club or district. Following are a few:

- i. In most jurisdictions, individual club members are not liable, individually or severally, in lawsuits against the club. Liability is limited to the capital or assets of the club.
- ii. Some states may not allow an unincorporated association of volunteers to hold title to property. Property ownership would require a "trustee" arrangement where some other party holds title for the club. Even where unincorporated associations may hold title, the legal setup does not serve the members' interest as well as incorporation.
- iii. Legal documents, such as contracts are more easily handled under a corporate structure.
- iv. Tenure of a corporation is perpetual in nature.

Annual Filing Requirements. Annual filing requirements that vary state to state. If a club determines that it is in its best interest to incorporate, it should be aware that there are various filing requirements that they must fulfill in the state or local jurisdiction in which they operate. Therefore, it is important for the club to research the requirements before they decide to incorporate or secure the services of a provider like CT to assist them.

Authorization to Incorporate. Before a club is incorporated, they must submit their proposed Articles of Incorporation to Lions Clubs International Legal Division for approval. The following conditions must be met before incorporating.

- i. The Articles of Incorporation must contain a jurisdictional statements that states that the club is subject to International Constitution & By-Laws;
- ii. The Purposes enumerated must remain the same as those in the International Constitution and By-Laws; and
- iii. The Name of club should be the same as our records.

Lions Clubs International is required to maintain complete records of all Lions clubs that become incorporated. At the start of each year, it is necessary for LCI to file with the IRS a list of clubs that become incorporated during the preceding year. Therefore, if your club incorporates, please notify the Legal Division immediately.

FOUNDATIONS

A Lions Foundation formed in accordance with IRC 501(c)(3) would be eligible to obtain a 1023 exemption number from the IRS which would qualify a contributor's donation as tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Other benefits available to a 501(c)(3) organization include exemption from property and sales taxes in most states.

To form a Lions Foundation, the by-laws and policies of Lions Clubs International provide that the applying Club or District must request authorization from Lions Clubs International. Also, the applying Lions Foundation must satisfy criteria established by the International Board of Directors. Through the member benefit program established with CT, a Lions Club or District can engage the services of CT in forming a Lions 501(c)(3) Foundation that satisfied the criteria established by the International Board of Directors. If your club or district decides to take advantage of this membership benefit program with CT and establish such a foundation, please submit the following documents directly to CT and CT will coordinate the review and authorization by the Lions Clubs International Legal Division and handle all necessary filing.

1. A completed application for use of the Lions name and/or emblem.
2. A copy of the minutes or resolution of the club and/or district indicating the support of the Lions Club or District in the formation of the Lions Foundation.
3. A copy of the proposed Articles of Incorporation and Constitution and By-laws for the Lions Foundation.

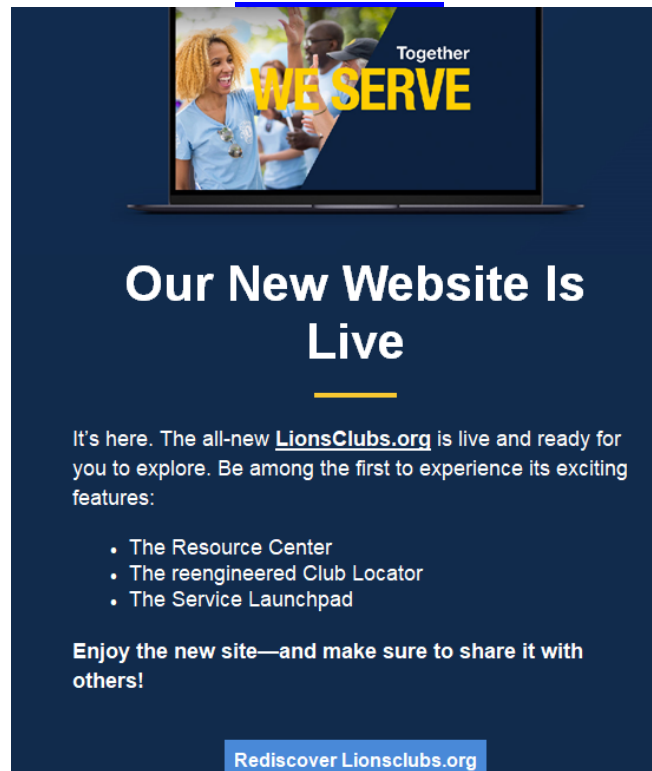
Of course, a Club or District always has the option of handling all necessary filing to establish a Lions Foundation on its own. In that case, the club or district may submit the required documents directly to the LCI Legal Division for review and authorization.

IRS Assistance:

IRS Exempt Organization Web site – www.irs.gov/eo
Web based training – www.stayexempt.org
EO Customer Service – (800) 829-5500

Incorporation/Foundation Assistance:

CT, a Wolters Kluwer Company
Chicago Team 3
208 S. LaSalle, Suite 814
Chicago, IL 60604
Phone: 866-331-2303
Fax: 312-750-0660
Email: lionsclubs@wolterskluwer.com



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Getting the most out of our new website

Our all-new website is almost here! And it's been designed to improve the experience of Lions and potential Lions alike. The website is a critical part of Lions' and clubs' experiences, and we're extremely proud to be launching a product that's the result of years of research and development—listening to members' and clubs' wants and needs, and incorporating them in useful ways. So, exactly how can our new website enhance your service? Let's take a look!

1. The Service Launchpad

Lions Clubs International has developed ready-to-use, comprehensive project planners. The Service Launchpad guides you through a few simple questions to help you find the perfect project that supports one of our five global causes: diabetes, hunger, vision, childhood cancer and the environment.

2. The Resource Center

Over the years, Lions have produced so many great resources like guides, presentations, media and much more. To help members find what they need with ease, our new website features a powerful search and discover tool called the Resource Center. It's as simple as typing a keyword into the search bar, and content filters in the sidebar will help you narrow your search.

3. The Club Locator

With more than 48,000 clubs around the world, the service of Lions reaches communities far and wide. The new website allows potential Lions, and Lions, to find any and every club by simply searching a location or keyword in the Club Locator. The new Club Locator is also fully integrated with MyLion™, so clubs that are using the MyLion™ app can showcase their clubs' information, photos and upcoming projects to potential members.

4. Enhanced Storytelling

Lions are on the frontlines of service in countless communities around the globe. It's time that these stories are given a bigger platform than ever before and are shared with the world. One of the main focuses of the new website is exactly this—featuring the stories of Lions, beautifully and across a variety of media including blogs, photography and videos. Sharing these incredible service stories will not only show potential Lions what we're all about, it will also help Lions inspire one another and take pride in the good that our nearly 1.5million members are doing every day.

5. Simple Donations

Lions Clubs International Foundation empowers the service of Lions through grants given to humanitarian projects around the world. Funding these projects, which help so many in need each year, requires donations from Lions and potential Lions alike. To make donating as easy as possible, the online process has been streamlined. We've added a "donate" button to the top of every page so that all website visitors are aware of the opportunity to give in support of our life-changing service.

Important Dates To Remember:

- November 1: International Leo Day Video Contest submissions due
- November 14: World Diabetes Day
- November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning Peace Poster (per contest) to the district governor
- November 15: Leo October Membership Growth Award nominations due
- November 15-18: OSEAL Forum (Haikou, Hainan, Peoples Republic of China)



In recognition of all the hard work you do to recruit new members, including the time it takes to report them in MyLCI, **the deadline for the Balance in Membership Presidential Challenge has been extended to November 19, 2018.** Please make sure that all members who have recently joined a club are reported to LCI by that date. Any members not reported by November 19 will not count toward the totals for this award.

Thank you for your continued efforts!

Gudrun Yngvadottir
Your International President

http://fightdiabetes.lionsclubs.org/?utm_campaign=5508_EN_10%2F18_Leader%20WDD&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&elqTrackId=D2D656C3ECDEFCE08DE832EA9E0D461F&elq=65b0aee437aa4ea8ab49b158feb2e424&elqaid=4328&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=758

It's time to plan your diabetes service activity.

Our [Diabetes Service Journey website](#) has been informing and inspiring Lions and Leos worldwide for two months now. We've given away two Fitbit Charge 2 wristbands, and you're responding to our poll questions in record numbers.

With World Diabetes Day just weeks away on November 14, it's time to start planning your club's diabetes service activity if you haven't already.

We're here to help you with valuable planning resources, and when you get them through our [Diabetes Service Journey website](#), you'll automatically be entered into this month's contest.

Please encourage your club members to get involved by entering our contest and participating in at least one diabetes service activity. Through your leadership, we can fulfill our mission to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the lives of those diagnosed.

Thank you for taking steps to fight diabetes.



Ways you can donate.....



[AmazonSmile](#) is a simple and automatic way for you to support LCIF every time you shop online, at no cost to you. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to LCIF.



Own a Limited-Edition Lions Clubs Centennial Commemorative Coin

For a limited time only, you can order this historic Lions Centennial keepsake and support the life-changing work of LCIF. For each coin sold, US\$10 is authorized to be paid to LCIF. This represents a US\$4 million opportunity to improve the lives of people in need through LCIF initiatives around the world. These collectable coins make great gifts for family and friends and are the perfect way to show appreciation to your club members for outstanding service.

LCIF Nearing US\$50 Million Goal

Along with celebrating LCIF's 50th anniversary, the foundation also has a goal to raise US\$50 million this fiscal year. Many clubs and districts are working hard to have 100% supporting members, meaning every member makes a donation. Lions from all over the world are making contributions of all sizes. Please make your gift today so we can continue to make the world a better place!

Empower Service with Campaign 100

Our global foundation is committed to empowering Lions in your district. Here's what you can do to support LCIF:



- **Collaborate** with LCIF district coordinators by inviting them to a cabinet meeting.
- **Lead** by example and [make your gift](#) to Campaign 100.
- **Advocate** for LCIF and Campaign 100 by engaging your club presidents or having a seminar at your district or MD convention.

Show your support by promoting LCIF within your district. For more information, visit the [LCIF website](#).