

NORTHEAST LION

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Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming Counties*

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DG Bill's Welcome to 2019 - All District 14-H Lions and Leos.

No matter how 2018 was, good or bad, we now need to focus on this wonderful opportunity that we call 2019. Personally, and as Lions, we have accomplished many awesome things this past year but, 2018 is now in the rearview mirror and the road ahead is full of bright promise and possibilities. Our community, club, state and this world need us to do even more than ever before. Now I'm not one to make resolutions per se, but we do need to resolve to increase our presence, our care and mostly, our service to those who need us. Lions are blessed with the heart to step up and get involved when some shy away or turn and run from adversity. But we are Lions, and we walk forward when we are needed. I know that love for humanity is why every one of you joined Lionism in the first place.

I've always been a numbers guy so here are a few to think about. Lackawanna County has a population of 210,760. Wayne has 51,200. Susquehanna has 41,500 and Wyoming is home to 27,300. That is roughly 330,760 people in our districts borders. I know that the total includes many children and if only 1/3 were adults that would still leave 110,250 possible members in a district where we have less than 850 members. I have heard many times that a club can't bring in new members. That leaves 129.7 people per person that we could ask to join us. OK forget .7. I am well aware that a vast majority would not become members. But there still are many people in your own circle of influence you could ask. And who knows? Please, at least consider asking someone you know to join us in this most worthwhile service that we love to be a part of. We could do so much more.

OK, now that I got that off my chest, let me remind you of the many great things we already have planned for 2019. The 3rd State Council meeting will be in Altoona at the Altoona Grand Hotel on February 1-3. Our 3rd Cabinet Meeting will be held at Happy Valley [not so much after Penn States Orange Bowl loss] Sports Bar in Dickson City on February 10th. The dress is casual, but don't forget a Lions pin, and wear something that represents a sport you like.

March 30th will be the Lions / Four Diamonds 5 K run-walk in Scranton. We need Lion volunteers to man certain spots along the course. You will receive a free special Lions / Four Diamonds race T shirt. Our District Convention will be held at the Radisson in Scranton April 6th. Don't miss FDG Fran's Hospitality Night on Friday evening the 5th. I can't wait.

Also, I urge you to report your service to LCI each month. Your reporting helps LCI know all the amazing things you do to serve where needed. Don't forget your dues and fair share donations help your district, state and LCI to accomplish all the many tasks that we as Lions are committed to. Thank you for your support and amazing service. DG Bill

Yep, that really happened!

Most of my life, I've had a need for speed. I have drag raced, drove an Indy and NASCAR type of race car, and owned and drove a dirt track super stock car at 4 different local tracks. I never was very comfortable racing on the main roads. BUT!! When I was in college in Reading I was headed back to school one Sunday and had to pick up my school buddy in Hazelton who had a girl friend who had a friend who I liked. Well I was going to be late so I did what any young man would. It just happened that Mom had a new 66 Impala she let me use for school. SOOO, Tearing down I-81 near Pittston in a bit of a hurry I drove past a State Trooper with a radar gun out. I looked down and lo and behold I was doing 87 miles an hour in a then 55 zone. I was dead. Mom would kill me. That trooper pulled out behind me threw on the lights. but what to my wondering eyes, the Police cars lights went dim and then out. I hit the exit as fast as possible and took off down 309 at or below the speed limit.

Oh yep, that really happened. Just once!

Our District Convention will be April 6th and 7th and much planning is needed. Our first convention meeting will be January 17, 2019 at the Dunkin Donuts on Moosic Street beginning at 6:30. All are welcome.

I need MANY Lions to volunteer to help with the **Lions /Four Diamonds 5K**. A pre-meeting to get started on the planning of our districts first 5K race will be held on Jan. 17th @ 6:00 pm at the Dunkin Donuts on Moosic Street.

Below please find a copy of the sponsor sheet as well as the corporate letter that you and your club can use to distribute to the community, businesses, friends, family and YOU! This race is depended on everyone's help. Additional information about the can be found on Scranton Running's website:

www.scrantonrunning.com

Please call or e-mail me if and how you can help. Thanks, DG Bill

**The District 14-H Lions Clubs Announce The
Lions –Four Diamonds 5 K Run and Walk**

Saturday, March 30, 2019

LIONS CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL



FOUR  DIAMONDS
— Conquering Childhood Cancer —

 **PennState Health**
Children's Hospital

We would be proud to have you as a partner in this most worthy cause.

Working in concert with the Lions Clubs of Pennsylvania and Penn State – Hershey Medical Center, the goal of the Four Diamonds Foundation is not only cancer research but also that no parent will ever receive a bill for the treatment of their child.

Corporate Sponsorship @ TBD	_____
Platinum Sponsorship @ \$500	_____
Gold Sponsorship @ \$250	_____
Silver Sponsorship @ \$125	_____
Runner Sponsorship @ \$25 per runner	_____
Walker sponsorship @ \$20 per walker	_____
Personal gift of any amount	_____
Total amount	_____

All checks should be made out to District 14-H Lions, and sent to DG Bill Metschulat
5 Cole Village, South Abington Township, Pa. 18411 Please; add 5-K in the memo line.

Name _____ Phone # _____ email _____

Additional information _____

The District 14-H Lions of Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties, *Thank You!* Your support will help us serve our communities and children throughout the state as we live out our motto *“WE SERVE”*.

Lions District Governor Bill Metschulat wmetschulatsr@yahoo.com 570-351-5177

Online registration and event coordinator; scrantonrunning.com

Four Diamonds Foundation information; fourdiamonds.org

DISCLAIMER: District 14-H is a 501c3 foundation and your gift will be tax deductible if it is deposited directly to the foundation. The submittal form is available upon request.



I would like the opportunity to introducing myself. I am District Governor William Metschulat of the Lions Clubs International District 14-H. Our district encompasses the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming. We are 29 clubs and 850 members whose purpose is to serve those around us. The reason for contacting you is to ask your inclusion in our most worthwhile project. Our Lions District 14-H has contracted Scranton Running Company to schedule a 5-K Run/Walk for March 30, 2019 on the Lackawanna Valley Heritage Trail in Scranton. The reason for this event it to raise awareness of, and funding for, The Four Diamonds Foundation. Four Diamonds focuses only on childhood cancer research and implementation of cancer treatments to our most vulnerable. They also provide funding to all families affected by this egregious and too often deadly disease. Teamed with the Penn State Health System and Hershey Medical Center and the Lions Clubs of Pennsylvania, Four Diamonds has the opportunity to continue to treat and cure childhood cancer with the end resulting goal of restoring a family unit.

I would ask you to, please, carefully consider how you may become a partner with us that a child can once again be capable of doing everything any other child can do. If you would have any questions or input, please contact me by cell phone or e-mail and I will return your call/e-mail ASAP. I would like to close this letter by saying from my heart, I pray you or your loved ones never hear those heartbreaking and life changing words,

“Your Child has Cancer”

Thank you, District Governor Bill

wmetschulatsr@yahoo.com Cell phone 570-351-5177

District 14-H is a 501c3 foundation and forms are available on request.

If possible, please take the time to check their website @fourdiamonds.org

Fellow Lions

Happy New Year! I can't believe it's 2019 already. We can reflect on the past year, all our accomplishments, events, meetings and just getting together with friends and family. What goals we have accomplished and which goals we still need to accomplish. The New Year is a time to look forward to new beginnings, new friendships, new goals and new plans. And guess what, half of our Lions year is already complete. Only 6 more months and we will begin our new Lions year 2019-2020.

I attended my Vice District Governor training in Harrisburg 12/7-9. Had an awesome group of trainers and my co- FDG's are an amazing group.

Had a wonderful meal with Tunkhannock Lions chicken and biscuit dinner, great time, great meal, great Lions.

I enjoyed meeting Lions of the Falls and Honesdale Clubs in December, great hospitality by all. Thank you.

Again, wishing everyone a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Thank you for all you do.
We ServeVDG Fran



Membership

District 14-H by the numbers:

Abington	43 -1
Benton	13
Blakely / Peckville	18 -2/+1
Dalton	9
Dunmore	19
Eynon / Archbald	102 -4/+3
Falls	30
Forest City	22
Hawley /	17
Lake Wallenpaupack	-
Honesdale	72
Jefferson Township	33 -4
Jermyn	13
Jessup	14 +1
Lake Ariel	18
Mayfield	17
Minisink	30
Minooka	57
Montrose	43
Moosic	26
Old Forge	29
Olyphant	31
Ransom	11
Scott Township	32
Scranton Central	21
South Abington	10
Stonebridge /	
Susquehanna	22
Taylor	28
Tunkhannock	19 -1
Waymart	25

Beginning # of Members/29 Clubs	835
Total Dropped Members	26
Total Deceased Members	5
Total New Members	21
Total Members as of 12/2018	825
YTD Net Growth/Loss	-10

Lions Worldwide **1,437,207**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS 2018-2019

Blakely/Peckville - TAMRAT J BEKELE

**Eynon/Archbald - KRISTI CLEVELAND,
ED STABECK & SUE VLADKA**

Jessup - DONNA M SCASELLATI

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



TUNKHANNOCK - RICHARD L MACIALEK

February's Cabinet Meeting



Location: Happy Valley Sports Bar, 516 Storrs St., Dickson City, PA

Dress: Casual, please feel free to wear your teams attire!

Date: February 10, 2019

Time: Registration will begin at Noon
Meeting will begin at 1 P.M.

Cost: \$18.00 per person

Menu: Buffett / Chicken, Beef, Veggies, Potato, Salad & Dessert

Deadline for Registration: February 1, 2019

Registration to be sent to: District Secretary, Joy Lewis
2027 Prospect Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505

Should there be a topic that is to be addressed, please make sure that it is submitted to District Secretary Joy Lewis by February 1st to be added to the agenda. Otherwise, it will need to be delayed until June, 2019. Thank you!

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Number of Guests: _____ Lions Club Name: _____

Lion(s) Name(s): _____

Topic to be submitted for agenda: Yes _____ No _____

Topic Subject: _____

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
IPDG Cathy Metschulat
5 Cole Village
South Abington, Pa. 18411
570-504-6261
c.metschulat@outlook.com

Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack Honesdale Jefferson Township Lake Ariel Minisink Old Forge Waymart Old Forge Leo's

Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack

Honesdale

Lions Club hosts Christmas Party



The Honesdale Lions Club held their annual Christmas party recently. (CONTRIBUTED)

HONESDALE — On Sunday evening, Dec. 2 at the Central House in Beach Lake was the setting for the 73rd annual Honesdale Lions Club Christmas Party for special children and young adults. One-hundred-and-forty people celebrated the start of the holiday season and were served a delicious full course turkey dinner with all the trimming prepared by Fred and Tammy Thurmann, owners of the Central House Resort, and their staff.



Lions Club Dinner Chairman Rudy Schemitz, who has served in this capacity for 10 years, and wife Francine welcomed the 45 honored children, young adults and members of their respective families to the party where each of the guests received several presents and a food basket for their family. The items were purchased, wrapped and prepared by the Rudy Schemitz family and members of the Lions Club.

Entertainment during the party was provided by the musical ensemble from Honesdale High School directed by Betty Ann Robson. The Ensemble consisted of Ella Bruford, Jenna Mohn, Alex Reed and Alyssa Stumpo.

Dinner was provided by Julie Eschler of Pleasant Mount on the piano and also provided accompaniment for a Christmas Song sing-a-long led by Lion Paul Meagher and ably assisted by Santa Claus (Ab Rutherford) who has served as the Jolly Old Elf for the Lions Club Party for over 30 years.

The Honesdale Lions Club will be celebrating its 94th year of serving the citizens of our area by taking an active interests in the cultural, social and welfare of the community.

Currently, 75 men and women are members of the club and is always looking to add to the membership.

If interested, contact Lions Club President Randy Heller at 570-470-9937.

Lion Herzog reported 297 pairs of eyeglasses collected in October, an all time high, and 180 in November. A note of thanks to Tony for his good work on this project. There were no requests for eyeglass assistance. **District Report:** President Heller sent some media articles regarding the Honesdale Pool Project to District 14H. They did a very nice job of bringing attention to the project in the District Newsletter, which members can view at www.lions14h.org (November Newsletter). **Secretary's Report:** Lion Spoor announced the daily number raffle tickets are available for 14-H Leader Dog Fund. It runs for 6 months at \$20.00 a ticket. A 2017-2018 membership was received by International for member retention for the past year. **Pool** – Lion Herzog reported some work done this Fall but weather was a factor and work will commence in the Spring. **Bonanza** - Lion Card gave a thorough report on the Bonanza held November 10th at Silver Birches Resort. It was a gala affair with 182 attending plus the band, Cub Scouts and soloist. There were many positive

comments from the community. Dan said any concerns will be addressed at a wrap up meeting. It was noted that non-attending ticket sales were down. This will be addressed. A measure of rousing applause was given to Dan Card, Paul Meagher and Bill O'Neill for their leadership in making the 50th Bonanza a success. Also thanks to the many committee members who helped in anyway. Card stated that since he became Chairman in 2010, we've given \$118,000 back to the community. Children's Christmas Party – Paul Meagher reported on the event held December 2nd at the Central House with Rudy and Francine Schemitz and family coordinating the party. There were 140 total with 60-70 Special Needs persons and their families in attendance. It was a great time with Santa Ab Rutherford, making his appearance. Many thanks go to Fred and Tammy Thuman for all they do for this event. Rudy and his family do a wonderful job and we certainly appreciate their time and effort to make this day special. This was the 76th year. District Governor Metschulat spoke briefly, congratulating the club on the Pool project, Bonanza and other projects. He spoke of his goals for the year with the main one being Project Four Diamonds, a program through Hershey Medical Center and Penn State for children with special needs and receiving care at no cost. There will be a 5K run in Scranton in March with all proceeds going to Four Diamonds. He then presented chevrons for service as follows: 10 years – Brian Smith, Lee Garing Vince Smith: 20 years – Greg Frigoletto, Dave Flederbach, Dave Dulay, John Martin, Roger Dirlam and Scott Rickard – 25 years. Vice Governor, Fran Stepkovich spoke briefly on a 14-H project.

Jefferson Twp. Santa stopped by the banquet hall to have lunch with children from the community. The local Girls Scout troop was there to help little ones write their letters to Santa and make sure that they were mailed on time! The children all received a gift from Santa and had the opportunity to decorate their own Christmas cookies!



Lake Ariel
Minisink
Old Forge
Waymart Old Forge LEOs

Zone 2
1ST VDG Fran Stepkovitch
107 Krystal Circle
Archbald, Pa. 18403
570-470-7838
fran623@comcast.net

Eynon/Archbald Forest City Jermyn Jessup Mayfield Olyphant Scott Township Olyphant Leos at Mid Valley

Eynon / Archbald

1/26 - 8th Annual Snowflake Gala at Fiorelli's in Peckville \$75pp contact Fran 570-470-7838 for tickets 6-11pm benefits leader Dogs for the Blind if not able to attend we are selling chances to win a Caribbean cruise for two for \$10

Forest City

Jessup

Mayfield.

Olyphant

Scott Twp.

Olyphant LEOs at Mid Valley

Zone 3
PDG Butch Sands
833 No. Eaton Road
Tunkhannock, Pa. 18657
570-836-1205
bjs2lions@epix.net

Benton Dalton Falls Montrose Ransom Susquehanna-Stone Bridge Tunkhannock

Blue Ridge Leo's

Benton

Dalton

Falls Twp. The Falls Lions will be having their Game Dinner on Sunday, January 27. It will be held at Ardees beginning at 1Pm. There's is a donation of \$12.

Montrose

Ransom

Stone Bridge/Susquehanna

Tunkhannock The Tunkhannock Lions Club hosted their Annual Christmas Chicken & Biscuit Dinner and Toy Collection for Interfaith Friends at the Lake Winola Fire Hall on Saturday night, December 15th. Corissa Taylor of Interfaith, was very pleased with the wonderful assortment of new toys collected. The Tunkhannock Lions Club wants to thank all 41 Lion Members, friends and family who attended and made this event a success, and the Lake Winola Fire Co. for the use of their facility.

Pictured from left to right are 14H Past District Governor Joe Skinner, Corissa Taylor from Interfaith Friends, 14H District Governor Bill Metschulat, 14H Past District Governor Gene Scaglotti, 14H Past District Governor Karen Cokley, 14H Past District Governor Cathy Metschulat, her granddaughter MaLya, and 14H Vice District Governor Fran Stepkovitch.

Zone 4
PDG Joe Skinner
2703 Atherton Street
Clarks Summit, Pa. 18411
570-587-2073

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

Abington

Blakely/Peckville

Dunmore On January 16th, 17th, 25th, 30th and 31st we will be assisting IPDG Cathy Metschulat complete vision screenings at the Dunmore Elementary school. There are over 130 students to be screened at this time; hopefully there will be more at a later date.

Minooka

Moosic

Scranton Central

South Abington

Taylor

Valley View LEOs

If your clubs news is not posted, it's because it wasn't shared!

DISTRICT NEWS

DUES

Presidents/Secretaries

PLEASE pay the International, State, and District DUES by January 31st!!!!

SNAPSHOT OF OUR LIONS DISTRICT CALENDAR

Details previously listed...

January 17th @ 6pm-5K Pre-Mtg. / 6:30-Convention Mtg.

February 10th District Cabinet Mtg.

GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

January 7th Minooka 22nd Dunmore

February 5th Eynon/Archbald, Jermyn and Jessup ~ joint visitation

March 5th Ransom March 7th Moosic March 18th Taylor March 19th Mayfield March 21st Minisink

April 4th Scott Twp.



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 will be screening the elementary school students of Dunmore School District
January 16th, 17th, 22nd, 30th and 31st.

DG Bill 570-351-5177 or PDG Cathy 570-504-6261. Thank you for your help!

PA LIONS STATE NEWS

CONTACT INFO: State Administrator Lion Bob McComas PA State Council of Lions Clubs 949 East Park Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111 bob.mccomas@palions.org Office telephone: 717.564.2586 Fax: 717.564.2880 Cell phone:
724.421.5658 Website: www.palions.org

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 MultipleDistrict14 Constitution & By-Laws/Policy Manual is posted on the state website (www.palions.org).

Important Dates:

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 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

Calling of 3rd State Council Meeting



Altoona Grand Hotel
1 Sheraton Drive
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601

February 1-3, 2019

Watch her for more details

SPECIAL ELECTION

Saturday, February 2, 2019
Altoona Grand Hotel, Altoona

PURPOSE: Endorsement of an MD-14 Lion as a
candidate for the high office of International Director.

[Council Call Letter](#)

[Council Supplements - Three Pages](#)
[\(Includes Speaker Information](#)
[Friday Night Hospitality Information &](#)
[Saturday Night Banquet Reservation Form\)](#)

[Special Election Notice](#)

[Special Election Club Delegate Form](#)

[Special Election PDG Delegate Form](#)

Documents can be printed directly from website: palions.org

Lions,

It is my honor to provide information regarding the special election to be held at the Altoona Grand Hotel, Altoona PA., on February 2nd, 2019 from 8 AM to 10 AM. As the MD-14 recommended candidate for International Director, I am encouraging you as a PDG, Club Officer or Cabinet committee person to make the effort to come to Altoona and represent your Club or District as a delegate and make your vote count.

This is a great time to visit Altoona, attend the Council weekend events and stay for the diner program on Saturday. If you are not able to stay, bring a car load of Lion delegates to vote and then you are free to return home or visit with the other Lions attending.

I am asking for your support and vote on the 2nd. I feel that my years of experience both in the business arena and Lions in various leadership positions will allow me to serve our Multiple District and the Lions of the US and world as a Director for this great organization.

I am ready and feel well prepared for this next leadership step in Lions. Please help me to accomplish this by casting your vote for me.

Along with this e-mail, I am including a flier that outlines my experiences and qualifications.

Thanks in advance for your generous support. Lion Susan and I look forward to seeing you in Altoona.

In service and Friendship,

PCC, Larry

Larry Edwards
PA Lions
MD-14 Past Council Chairperson
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Altoona PA 16601
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cousin10@aol.com

"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be." Ralph Waldo Emerson

PDG's, PDG's, Lions of MD-14, Please make plans to vote in the MD special election on February 2, 2019, 8 AM to 10 AM at the State Council Meeting held at the Altoona Grand Hotel in Altoona PA.

***PCC Larry Edwards, MD-14's Recommended
Candidate for International Director***

"PROUD to SERVE as WE SERVE"



- Served 27 years in the US Army National Guard
- Held Battalion level Leadership positions in the National Guard
- Currently serving with the Central Pa. National Guard & Veterans Association
- Current member of the American Legion
- A Lion with 13 years of service
- Served twice as a District Governor
- Served as MD Council Chairperson
- Was the first GATC for MD-14
- A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
- Served 4 years as District MERL Leadership Coordinator
- Active with Club and District Service
- President of the Sight Conservation Foundation of Blair County

My Mission is: To be an ambassador of Lions International while improving the means and processes used to deliver humanitarian service to those in need around the world.

Your support for my candidacy is greatly appreciated. If elected, my personal commitment to all Lions is to serve with the vision of our founders.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

ROBERT "BOB" DUNNE
Past DISTRICT GOVERNOR, DISTRICT 14 G
PENNSYLVANIA, 2014 - 2015
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December 27, 2018

Dear District Governors;

I am writing you to help me dispense information to member of your district that may be interested in attending the International Convention in Milan, Italy. Attached, I have a copy of the information. The committee would appreciate you sending this out to the members of your district via email.

The information that we are providing will hopefully answer some of the questions they may have in determining whether they will attend this year's international convention.

Again, thank you for your cooperation.

December 28, 2018

Hello Fellow Lions;

Today am writing to you about the Lions International Convention in Milan, Italy. Some information has come to my attention that I feel needs to be presented to anyone who has any intention of attending the international convention. The following will require your attention; please review as timing may be an important factor.

1. Passport – it must be current and valid for six (6) months after your return
2. Health insurance – Medicare does not cover you out of the country; check your supplement insurance for coverage.
3. Travel Insurance – check with your travel agent to see if they recommend this coverage. Estimated cost \$100 or more per person. Death benefits are important here.
4. Visa – not required if you are a United States citizen.
5. Currency – Italy uses the euro which can be obtained state side from various agencies, one being AAA, for a fee.

The committee hopes that this will be helpful information for you to make your experience an enjoyable one at the international convention. If more information is needed please contact me.

Together in Lionism

PDG Bob Dunne

Leo Club Program Advisory Panel Nominations

Do you know a Leo or Lion who would make a great representative for the Leo Club Program? Advisory panelists share valuable feedback and are eligible to receive funding to offset the cost to travel to local, regional and international events, while serving as ambassadors for the Leo Club Program. Submit your nomination form **before January 15, 2019**. The Leo Club Program Advisory Panel is comprised of two Lions and two Leos from each constitutional area and the continent of Africa. One Lion and one Leo from each area will be selected to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

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.

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Hello, mobile Lions.

Have you heard? The all-new MyLion™ web experience is now available to Lions and Leos around the world! Over the next few months, we'll have lots of new videos, club activities and talking points to help you explore MyLion and get your club online. Login, explore and, as always, let us know what you think!

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

TIPS & HINTS

Log in to MyLion

Explore MyLion

What does the new addition to the MyLion family mean to you and your service?

- A streamlined experience with the MyLion app
- A global digital experience available to all Lions on all devices
- A powerful way to connect to others and share your service

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MyLion users are leaders in Lions International's digital journey. Do you want to share a story of how your club got online? Describe how you earned your digital badges? Explain one of the service projects you planned using MyLion? Contact us, and you could become a guest writer!

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Now that there are two ways to access MyLion—through the app and on the secure MyLion website—some Lions and Leos are wondering which platform to use. Check out what each platform offers below.

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Greater Service

JANUARY 10, 2019 / 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM CST

Dear Lion Leader,

I would like to personally invite you to attend the Global Action Team's January membership webinar *8 to 48—Growing Clubs for Greater Service* on **Thursday, January 10, 2019**. This event will help you build membership in your club so you can provide additional services to your community.

Join us for the Global Action Team Constitutional Area 1's first webinar of the New Year, and discover how you can "Dial It Up" to recruit new members. This learning session will share innovative ways of increasing membership in your club and impacting service so that our Constitutional Area can achieve its membership and service goals.

RSVP to this exciting webinar now!

Thank you for your service and your kindness to others.

Sincerely,

Jerome Thompson, Past International Director

Global Membership Team Constitutional Area Leader One



Ways you can donate.....



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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](#).

Or please feel free to contact our LCIF's District Chair, PDG Pam Savitski via email mibride@aol.com