

NORTHEAST LION

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

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Hello my frozen Lion and Leo friends.

The end of January saw some of the coldest days on record for our corner of the world. Yet, we as Lions continue to share our warm hearts with our communities. I pray that you had a minimum of difficulties with the frigid weather and you are as warm as a bug in a rug. We Lions can't let the temperature stifle our efforts, nor let snow hinder our commitment to those who are most susceptible to the winter storms. Please watch for anyone who may be in danger and try donating to citizens within your own community who are at risk. Please don't forget those in homeless shelters either. We can make a huge difference in some one's life or even save a life.

The next few months will be packed with events and your district will need your assistance to accomplish all that is planned. Please volunteer to be an active part of our functions. I am well aware of all you as club members have in store for the new year. You have commitments and responsibilities that must be planned well so they can be executed as only we Lions and Leos can. Together let's make this year one that will show our friends and neighbors what we are capable of and why they should be Lions also.

Some, but maybe not all may be aware of all of the foundations and outreaches that Lionism encompasses. We have many resources to help us help others. I'd like to list them, not in order of importance, but in way of refreshing your memory.

Lions Clubs International Foundation Pennsylvania Hearing Research Foundation
Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation NEPA Lions Service Foundation Lions Alert
Pa. Beacon Lodge Pa. Sight Preservation and Research Foundation
District 14-H sight First and Hearing Reading Action Program White Cane Day
US/Canada Forum St Patrick's Day Parade Peace Poster Contest Lions Day at the U.N.
I don't give you all this to in any way overwhelm you but to make you even more aware of all that is available to us as Lions and Leos. We have many tools at our disposal to help in

our communities and those we may never meet. As we move into the spring season please consider how we can put these vastly different opportunities to use to better our world. Also I would challenge you to ask someone to join us in our quest to better the world we live in. We are doing important work, and some things no one else is doing. We seriously need new members to help us forge forward as Lions continue to take on new challenges. We are truly the leaders in many aspects of humanitarian service and we can use more hands as "WE SERVE". Thank you and God bless, DG Bill

Yep that really happened!

All Lions that have had to sit at the head table for a district or a state banquet dinner have had to deal with "The Curse of the White Pants". At one particular dinner my choice of meal had a type of red sauce on it. Fortunately I had a napkin on my lap to protect me from all evil. Part way through the wonderful meal [I know that is objective] I wiped my hands on the napkin which was also white. But to my amazement and dismay the napkin had slipped to the floor and I wiped my hands on my white pants. No if at home I would have excused myself and changed my pants. But here I sat and only one pair of white pants in my wardrobe. I can tell you this anything when applied to white stands out especially when you are the only one with red stripes on your white pants. And much to my embarrassment, "Oh, yep that really happened

Our District Convention will be Saturday night April 6th and Sunday the 7th and much planning is needed. Our convention planning meeting will be Thursday, February 21st beginning at 6:30 at the Radisson. 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 after the February Cabinet Meeting. Please come and be a part of what may be the biggest FUNdraiser our district has ever undertaken.

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 race and online registration site 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



I would like the opportunity to introduce 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 is 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

If possible, please take the time to check their websites:

fourdiamonds.org

scrantonrunning.com

Fellow Lions,

I would like to start off by saying goodbye to chilly and snowy January and hello to February, it is off to a great start with an almost 60 degree day. Maybe Punxsutawney Phil will be right in predicting an early spring!

I attended Minooka Lions meeting and it was wonderful seeing Our District Governor Bill inducting all their new members, **congratulations** and welcome to Our great District of wonderful Lions. Also, stopped in Abington Lions meeting, thank you for all you do for your community and hope to see you at the ice festival. Dunmore Club visit was wonderful as well, always like hearing the great things District 14H Lions do for their Communities. Thank you for all you do. Just ask your fellow workers, friends, acquaintances, tellers, postal workers..... would you like to join and become a Lion? Who wouldn't want to help others and their Community. Brag and let them know all the great things we do.

I attended Falls Lions Game dinner, many tasty dishes. Also, attended my home Club's (Eynon Archbald) 8th Annual Snowflake Gala benefitting Leader Dogs for the Blind, fantastic job by all, thanks to everyone who attended and helped in any way, making it another successful event. Save the date 1/25/20.

I will be attending Q school in Chicago this month, almost finished with my training. Join us at the next cabinet meeting at Happy Valley in Dickson City **2/10**, 12:30.

Mark your calendars for the District Convention 4/6-7 at the Radisson. My Club will be hosting hospitality night. It's approaching fast.

Have a Happy Valentine's day



We Serve
VDG Fran

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Dear District Members,

What would we be without leaders? No presidents, secretaries, treasurers, chairpersons, workers? We would not be the successful organization that we are and we would not be able to serve to all the millions of people that need our help. The next step from being a leader within your own club is to be a leader for all of our clubs that are within our designated district. Each year new leaders are needed to be able to continue our great work and this continues again this year. We are in search of our next district's leader to step up and become our 2nd Vice District Governor for 2019-2020 and move forward to Governor in 2021-2022! If you have served as a President and a Zone Chair, you can send your letter of intent to me ASAP. If you have not taken either position but you are interested, please contact me for further details to how to move forward.

Your help is needed and greatly appreciated! Thank you, IPDG Cathy Metschulat

February's Cabinet Meeting



Where: 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: _____

Membership

District 14-H by the numbers:

Abington	42 -1
Benton	13
Blakely / Peckville	20 +2
Dalton	9
Dunmore	18 -1
Eynon / Archbald	102
Falls	30
Forest City	22
Hawley /	17
Lake Wallenpaupack	-
Honesdale	69 -4/+1
Jefferson Township	33
Jermyn	13
Jessup	14
Lake Ariel	18
Mayfield	17
Minisink	27 -3
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
Waymart	25

Beginning # of Members/29 Clubs	836
Total Dropped Members	34
Total Deceased Members	6
Total New Members	24
Total Members as of 12/2018	820
YTD Net Growth/Loss	-16

Lions Worldwide **1,444,835**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS 2018-2019

JOHN & MARGARET KUBASH
Blakely/Peckville

TIM MORGAN
Honesdale

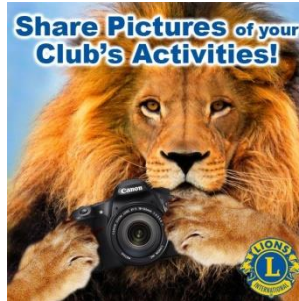
*MEMORIAL TO ALL LIONS WHO HAVE
GONE ON BEFORE US*



LEONARD WEISS - HONESDALE

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

Jefferson Twp.

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

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 Beast Feast Monday March 4, 2019. Contact Lion Roger Walker for tickets and information. 570-563-2218.

Dalton

Falls Twp.

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



The Abington Lions made a donation to Leader Dog. Presenting the check to PDG Karen Cokely, Leader Dog Chairperson, from the right is, Lion Shirley Skinner, PDG Joe Skinner and PCC Mark Kusma.



The Abington Lions Club, donated \$500 to Toys for Tots, collected by Eagle Cleaners, of Clarks Summit. Pictured is Buddy Croft, owner of Eagle Cleaners, and President Lion Amber

February 15th Valentines Day Ice skating party at Hillside Park.

Free hot dogs and Hot Chocolate and a great lakeside fire

February 16th and 17th Clarks Summit Ice Festival. This year's theme is "SUPERHERO" so be a superhero and come and enjoy the Lions Club at the Gathering Place (The old Fire House, on Main St.)

February 20th Joint meeting with the Abington Rotary. Which is the same as saying a great time with fireworks, and a great speaker and her Leader Dog.

Blakely/Peckville

Dunmore

Minooka

Moosic

Scranton Central

South Abington

Taylor

Valley View LEOs

Please share your clubs news, for all to see!!

DISTRICT NEWS

DUES

Presidents/Secretaries

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

SNAPSHOT OF OUR LIONS DISTRICT CALENDAR

March 14, 2019 – Sight/Hearing meeting at the Joe Torrey Center in Montdale. Hosted by Scott Twp. Lions. 7:00 PM.

GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

February	5 th Eynon/Archbald, Jermyn and Jessup ~ joint visitation	23 rd Taylor
March	5 th Ransom	7 th Moosic
	19 th Mayfield	21 st Minisink
April	4 th 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 j Skinner710@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!

5 OF 100 WAYS TO FIND NEW MEMBERS

6. Have public meetings at malls, outdoors, etc
7. Have a booth at malls, fairs, festivals etc. ding-ding-ding
8. Place pamphlets in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, etc.
9. Give the membership chair one minute at every club meeting
10. Put together guest information packets



Kidsight is screening the elementary school students of Dunmore School District, Our goal is to screen 1,000 children!!

Stone Bridge/Susquehanna Lions will be using the Spot in March.

If anyone is interested in learning how to use the Spot Vision Screener, please contact PDG Cathy.

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

Important Dates:

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



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

The Women's Initiative

Women are integral to the Lions family. Through our empowerment programs, Lions Clubs International encourages women to get involved at all levels. **The Women's Initiative** promotes recognition for contributions by women and raises awareness of recruitment and leadership opportunities.



A new program created by International President, Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, the first female president of Lions Clubs International, The New Voices initiative celebrates the impact women Lions make every day. New Voices promotes gender parity by focusing on increasing the number of women in Lions clubs, as well as closing the gap between men and women in leadership positions. This initiative seeks to recognize those who champion women's voices in one of four areas: Service, Membership, Leadership, and Marketing.

View some of our current New Voices and find out how to submit your work as a New Voice by visiting weserve.org/newvoices/.



Celebrating New Voices

Celebrating women's contributions to Lions Clubs International along with its first female international president, this initiative focuses on increasing the number of women in Lions clubs, as well as closing the gap between men and women in leadership positions.

Show your support with these fantastic new items from the LCI Store!

[SHOP NOW](#)

Pictured Above:

[New Voices Lapel Pin](#)

US\$2.00 Each



Present these beautiful pins to Lion members who have achieved 12 consecutive months of perfect attendance. Handsome clutch back pin in gold electro plate finish.

[100% Attendance Award for 2018-2019](#)

\$2.00 Each



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