

District 14-h

July 2019

The Northeast Lion

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I want to wish everyone a Happy Summer, Happy 4th of July. I can't believe it's that time already. I'm heading to Milan for my final training session and will officially be your District Governor when I return. It is amazing getting together with all Lions from all over the world and we all have the same thing in common, helping others, meeting needs of our Communities, Where there is a need, there is a Lion.

I have been busy planning and have enjoyed all the Lions of District 14H events that I have participated in so far, and I'm looking forward to more in our new Lions year.

If you haven't had your secretary put your Club Officers on MyLci, please do and if any help is needed, let me know and I will have someone assist. There are new webinars for navigating through the new My Lion website, don't hesitate to ask for aid. Also, there are a lot of training aids on the lions website, search Lions Learning Center (LLC).

Don't forget, you can attend any of our Hearing Sight Meetings, held the second Thursday, contact me for the schedule.

I will be sending all the Clubs information on all the Save the Dates for this year, watch your mail. If you want to participate in anything, contact me as soon as possible to reserve your spot and enjoy getting together with your fellow Lions.

-7/20 District 14H Lions Night Out at the Railriders Ballgame \$11pp6:30 start

-8/10 LCIF Fundraiser bus trip to Sands Casino in Bethlehem, during Muzikfest \$30pp w/ \$25 rebate

-8/11 First Cabinet Meeting in Susquehanna at The American Legion, 1234 Main St., 12:00 registration, starts at 1:00pm

-9/28 DISTRICT 14H-14W-14U LIONS NIGHT OUT at the Casino, meeting at 5:30 in the back parking lot

-10/19 Lions of District 14H Health Fair at Valley Care Pharmacy, 940 Jefferson Ave from 1-4pm

-3/29 Event tbd for my Governor's Project

More events coming, More information coming - contact me at 570-470-7838 (call or text), email fran623@comcast.net

Appreciate all you do, Thank you.
We Serve
DG Fran



Passing the Gavel

Because the second time is a charm, lightning strikes twice, I'm back in the saddle. Now that I'm officially back in line to serve a second term as Governor. Those were some of the answers I gave when asked "why are you doing it again?" But the real answer is because I want to continue to serve and lead our district and communities to the highest potential we have.

In just a few days I'll be heading out to Milan for the 102nd International Convention where our district will have Fran coming in as our next Governor. I am looking forward to working with her and mentoring her as a PDG but also learning from her with the constant changes we see as Lions.

My main focus this year will be to get as many club officers to use the MyLion / MyLCI website. With the modernization we see in everything, it is a must that clubs utilize this program to help with reporting activities, updating rosters, or even officer training courses to help move up in leadership.

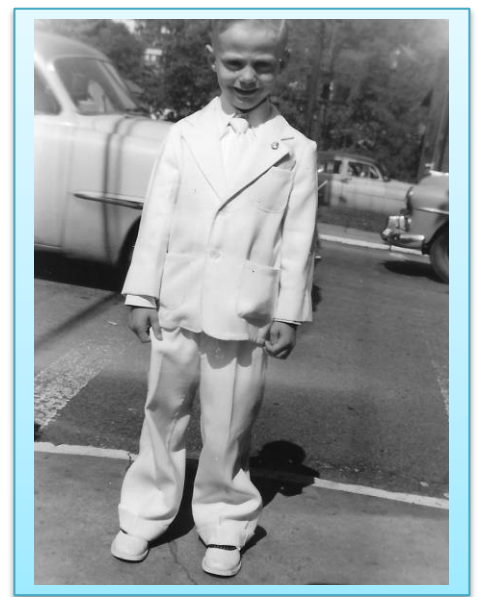
DG Fran has a lot planned for us this year, especially the next few months. There will also be a state council meeting in Wilkes Barre at the end of October which is an excellent opportunity to learn what goes on throughout the state and even international level.

I am looking forward to meeting with clubs again and especially preparing to step up once again as Governor.

A man wearing a dark baseball cap, sunglasses, and a dark t-shirt with yellow accents is crouching on a grassy area. He is holding a young child in a red shirt. In the background, two other children are visible: one in a pink shirt and another in an orange shirt. The scene is outdoors on a sunny day.

First Holy Communion -- Who are these cuties?

A color photograph of a young girl with dark hair and glasses, wearing a white dress and a white veil, smiling. The photo is mounted on a light-colored card with a decorative border.



BEACON LODGE NEED LIST

Which one of you clubs cannot afford to help with a case of the following articles?

Beacon Lodge is OUR camp. Lions Appreciation Day is July 14

If you are not going PDG's Bill and Cathy are our District representatives,
and are willing to transport the items.

Let's support OUR camp, and their good work

Paper Towels --- 13-17 gallon trash bags --- 33 gallon trash bags
Laundry Detergent --- Refill-Liquid Hand Soap --- Clorox Wipes
Napkins - picnic or dinner --- Sunscreen

Sight Hearing meeting minutes

Members present: James Aita, Dave Barrett, Jim Colangelo, Richard Green, Bill Igoe, Angelo Martarino, Irene Masco, Gordie Potratz, Butch Sands, Ken Savitski, Pam Savitski, Ernie Seagraves, Sam Sebastianelli, Ed Stepkovitch, Fran Stepkovitch

President PDG Butch Sands called the meeting to order with members reciting the Pledge of Alligance. President Lion Jim Aita thanked everyone for coming and welcomed them from the Dunmore Lions Club.

Minutes from the last meeting were provided and approved based on motion by Lion Rich Green.

Lion Irene Masco indicated the Sight Treasurer's report has the following amounts: \$1823.45 for KidSight, \$4378.13 for Sight First, for a total of \$6,201.58.

A motion to accept was made by Lion Rich Green, seconded by Lion Sam Sebastianelli and passed unanimously. No applications are currently in progress. Lion Irene Masco announced that a new checking account has been opened for the KidSight program at the Community Bank, there are no fees and for the purpose of checks only.

Lion Irene Masco reported only one person contacted her for eyeglasses. She reported that we go to Lens Crafters at the Viewmont Mall. LCI provides funding to Lens Crafters however, they do not always help. PDG Butch Sands drives Irene to where she needs to go for matter of Sight First.

PDG Karen Cokely was not present, therefore, no Hearing Treasurer's report.

Last month a woman needed a hearing aid and the South Abington Township Lions Club provided the funding. We cover Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties for our hearing program.

Lion Ken Savitski asked where the monies come from for KidSight come from. Lion Irene Masco explained that it started with donations and grants. There was \$7,000 to start for the camera, case and tent; over \$8,000 for everything. The Montrose Lions Club donated \$2,200 for the camera. The camera is booked at local schools for screenings until next February. PDG Cathy Metschulat is in the process of submitting paperwork for another camera. Further donations can be made to District 14H with a note on the memo line and send it to Lion Irene Masco; she will put it in the correct account.

OLD BUSINESS

Meetings: June 13th was hosted by the Dunmore Lions Club at Case Quattro Winery. July 11th will be hosted by the Jefferson Twp. Lions Club at their downstairs club room, August 8th by the South Abington Twp. Lions Club – location tba, September 12th by the Minisink Lions Club at the Daleville VFW, October 10th by the Eynon/Archbald Lions Club – location tba and November 14th by Tunkhannock Lions Club at the Lake Winola Senior Center.

NEW BUSINESS

PDG Cathy received a telephone call and email from Meg Hambrose of the University of Scranton; requesting a donation for their Low Vision Clinic & Laboratory. The donation would update the laboratory and purchase goggle magnifiers for student with visual impairment. Discussion was had suggesting that there would be a LCIF grant available and to suggest contacting the Lackawanna Blind Association. She has requested to attend the July Sight First & Hearing meeting however; a motion was made by PDG Pam Savitski and Lion Ken Savitski with all in favor for her to attend the August Sight First & Hearing meeting. DGE Fran Stepkovitch will request the presence of Lion Mark Maslar, PA Lions Foundation Chair.

EYEGLASSES/HEARING AIDS/CELL PHONES

Glasses – Dunmore (482 pairs)

DG/VDG/PDG REPORT

DGE Fran Stepkovitch reported the following dates that she has on her 2019-2020 schedule: July 20th 14H Night Out At the Railriders @ 6:30 \$11pp, August 10th LCIF fundraiser bus trip to casino \$30pp and get \$25 back, August 11th 1st Cabinet Meeting at the American Legion 1234 Main Street Susquehanna @ 1pm, September 28th District 14H, W & U Lions Night Out at Mohegan and October 19th District 14H Health Fair at the Valley Care Pharmacy 940 Jefferson Ave. Scranton

1st VDGE/PDG Dave Barrett shared that in August he will be attending a trip to Leader Dog with his state council classmates.

PDG Pam Savitski extended her good luck wishes to DGE Fran Stepkovitch and 1st VDGE Dave Barrett. She commented on Campaign 100 – asking Lions to consider making donations as an individual or as a club. Also, announced the 2019-2020 District Convention will be held on April 24th & 25th 2020, at the Scranton Hilton.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Dunmore's White Cane Day is coming up and their Magic Show in November at the Dunmore Elementary and St. Mary's schools.

Jessup's White Cane Day is in September.

Eynon/Archbald's Harvest Festival is in September. They will be helping with Police Night Out in August.

Minooka will host a Bowling Tournament on June 22nd and in September a Softball and a Golf Tournaments.

Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupak is quite right now.

Falls is planning their River Festival. They will be hosting a Dog Walk for Leader Dog and have a food tent.

Tunkhannock has donated scholarships. They attended the Bluegrass Festival with their food truck. They will be attending the annual Hartford Fair-antique truck show with their food truck on Labor Day.

Comments were made that the food was good!! The next meeting will be held on July 11th at the Jefferson Township Lions Club @ 7pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lion Irene Masco and seconded by Lion Sam Sebastianelli.

Minutes recorded by DGE Fran Stepkovitch and submitted by PDG Cathy Metschulat

What are the Clubs of 14-H doing

Abington Lions Club

May 21 The club awarded 6 scholarships (\$4000) at the Abington Heights Reflections

May 24 & 25 The club did the PennDot Safety Coffee Break on Rt. 81 North. They gave away coffee, pastries, and hot dogs.

June 8 The club participated in the “Forever Young” fishing derby, in honor of Bud Young, who was one of our members.

June 15 The club has their 2nd Adopt-A Highway for the year scheduled.

June 26 the club will be serving food at the “Music in the Park” at Hillside Park. Along with
July 3 – July 10 – July 17 and July 24

July 2 Club will assist the Abington Rotary, with parking, at their Annual Fireworks.

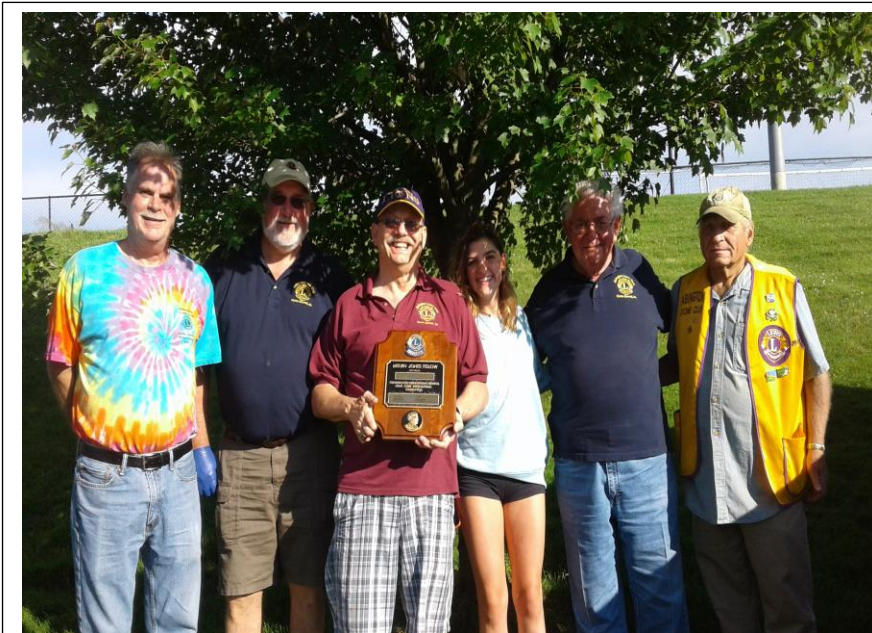
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New members Patricia Dubon and Ken Lee

Sponsor Rich Kubick installed By PCC Mark Kusma

(The glow behind Marks head is not a halo)



New Melvin Jones Fellow.

L to R Dave Lindsey, Mark Davis
PDG Joe Skinner, President Amber
Kusma, Rich Foley, Eddie Borek.

Mayfield Lions Club

Cleaned-up the towns Memorial Park in lieu of Mayfields Annual Memorial Day Parade.

Put up United States Flags (150 plus) for Memorial Day, and Flag Day

Planted Flowers in Memorial Park the club cared for by one member each week throughout the summer, and attend to the gazebo (power wash, stain, etc...) Cleaned up headquarters facilities and repaired flag brackets.

June 14 Raised United States Flages in observance of Flag Day.

June club cleaned-up the inside and outside of its headquarters and fix and replaced broken or missing flag brackets around town.

Club continues to fix and maintain Christmas decorations around town.

Forest City Lions Club



May 16

Photo of Lion Lee Rowan, Forest City Chief of Police, and Regional High school students releasing Hatchling trout grown to fingerlings in a project with the Pa fish Commission and

Forest City Lions Club

May 24 Forest City Lions held a roadside trash day cleaning up RT 171 north of Forest City

JUNE 24 The Forest City Lions met at the Crystal Pines for a dinner meeting and each Lion brought a guest. 20 members/guests in attendance. We will see how many members we get

August 3 We are planning our annual golf Tournament to be held at Panorana Golf Course. More information in next month's Northeast Lion News Letter

AUGUST 4 We are also sponsoring a Fishing derby for kids up to age 15 at Kennedy Park in Forest City.

Honesdale Lions Club

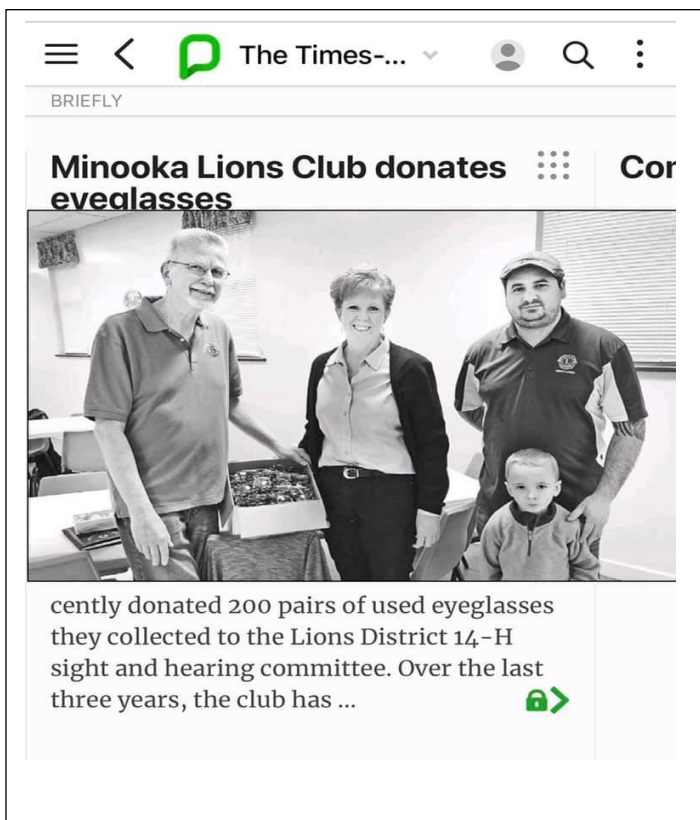
A heating system is in the process of being installed at a cost of \$20,000

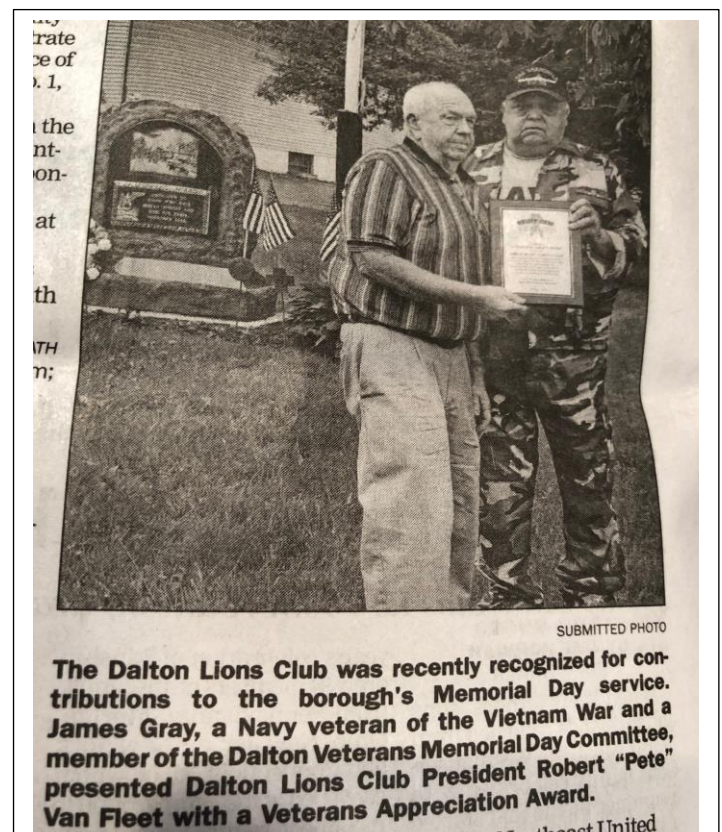
June 11 Blood Drive: the Blood Drive from 1:00 – 6:00 P.M. at the Park Street Complex.
40 pints were captured

July 17 The Dyberry Day Camp Railriders game is set for July 17th.

Look what we found in the newspapers

Come on guys.... SMILE!





SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Dalton Lions Club was recently recognized for contributions to the borough's Memorial Day service. James Gray, a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of the Dalton Veterans Memorial Day Committee, presented Dalton Lions Club President Robert "Pete" Van Fleet with a Veterans Appreciation Award.

Stonebridge – Susquehanna Lions Club

June 22 The club donated \$250 to each of two graduating students from our local Susquehanna Community High School, who each had earned their Eagle Scout rank in the BSA Scouts program.

July 17th-20th, The Club will have a booth set up and give out helium balloons for our Susquehanna Hometown Days (firemen's field days). The parade will be on Friday Night, the 19th. We will decorate a float with a balloon theme.


July 28th - Will be our 9th annual golf tournament at Golden Oaks Golf Course in Windsor, NY. Details are on the attached flier.

On Saturday night we will draw the winner of our Hot Air Balloon ride raffle. The balloon is scheduled to launch at the Binghamton, NY annual Spiedie fest and balloon rally August 3rd and is good for 2 adults. Only selling 100 tickets at \$20 per chance.

Tickets available from any club member.

HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE CHANCE

Spiedie Fest 2019
August 3rd
6-9 PM



2 Adults
\$20

Drawing will be held
@Hometown Days
on July 20th, 2019

STONE BRIDGE LIONS CLUB

9th Annual Golf Tournament

Captain and Crew



JULY 28TH, 2019

Start 8:30am – (9:00am shotgun)
Golden Oak Golf Course, Windsor, NY
\$65.00 per player (\$260 per team)

*Entry fee Includes Cart, Greens fees,
Skins, closest to the cooler, prizes
and lunch!*



Ladies and Mens prizes for closest to the pin & longest drive
1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Prizes & Trophies

For more info, or to enter, call or text
Dan Lake at (607) 727-0919



Minisink Lions Club

May 3 AJ Auto Center, member Tony Descipio sponsored a antique and classic car cruise. Food, refreshments and oldies music. 75 plus and 8 members in attendance.

May 21 North Pocono Scholarship Banquet held at the Hilton in Scranton. Our Lions Club gave out 20 Scholarships worth \$10K. 7 members were in attendance.

May 31 AJ Auto Center, 2nd Car Cruise by member Tony Descipio. It was a packed house. 150 in attendance, over sixty cars and 8 members in attendance.

May Club donated a new scoreboard to the Dandy Lion Little League. The new scoreboard is installed and operating at Robert Aston Field located on O'Hara Road, Springbrook Twp. With the help of a few Club Members and volunteers, there was no cost to Dandy Lion.

June 6 Started putting together a 1 year Calendar Fundraiser Raffle for 2020. Sales have started. Dailey Number winners will start Jan 1, 2020.

June 15 Highway Cleanup. 2 miles of Rt. 690, Moscow. 9 members 2 hours.

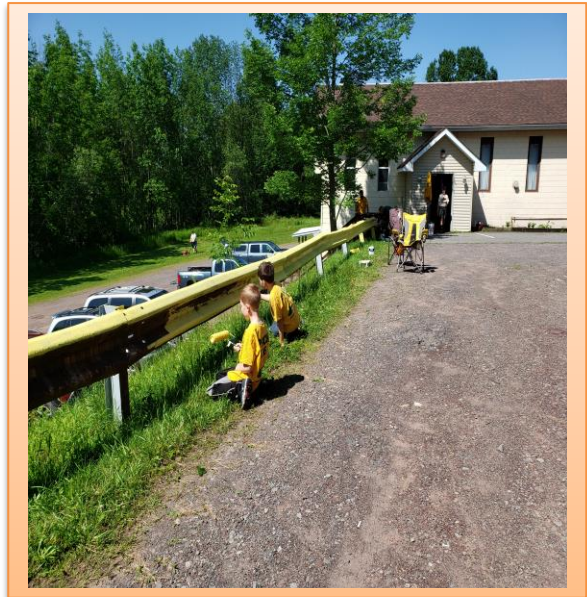
June 17 Fireworks Event busy making contacts for Sponsorships, food vendors, fireworks vendor, band, police, fire co., BSA Troop 132, etc. 28 members involved.

July 6 Fireworks Extravaganza at NP Football Stadium. Major Fundraiser for next years Scholarship Program.

Food, Refreshments, Live Music, Fireworks. 15 to 20 members working. Attended by thousands.

Jefferson Twp. Lions Club

You may have seen our club on WNEP and WBRE, thanks to Tyler Yablonski, a local boy scout working toward his Eagle Scout classification. Tyler grew up in our community and attended many youth activities at our club. So, to give back, he chose us for a needed work project. He got donations from individuals and businesses and rounded up a crew. The back deck was replaced so that we have a better and safer place as an exit. Younger scouts planted shrubs and plants in our long flower bed, and painted the guard rail. Scouts and adults cleared overgrown areas. Lions Nate, Dan, Jay, Sara and Paul were busy with mowing and tree clearing. Lion Brittani arranged for the Fidelity Bank's ice cream truck to give out ice cream products to the crew.



3 new members for Jefferson



July 12 When you come to the July 12th Sight & Hearing meeting we are hosting, take a look at all our improvements!

On Saturday, **July 6th** members will be holding our annual Coin Drop at Mt. Cobb corners. If you are traveling through that day be sure to let us know you are a Lion supporting Lions.

This year we gave three \$1000 scholarships. One to a North Pocono Senior, one to a Johnson College student from our area, and a special award to a senior at Canaan Christian Academy for his dedication to our club, and his community. He will be attending Penn State Scranton this Fall

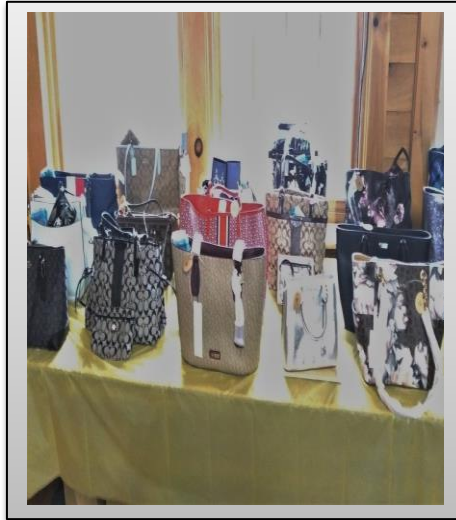
Falls Township Lions Club

May the club, headed up by Lion Nancy Weinhardt, conducted a “Purse Bingo” event at Ardee’s Foodrinkery in Falls, attended by an enthusiastic crowd, netting nearly \$5000 (five thousand dollars) in funds to help serve other people.

The club sponsored a Leader Dog puppy, “Century,” at a cost of \$500, for which our club will be sent a photo and periodic updates.



We also donated \$300 to sponsor a camper for Camp Cadet Troop P this summer.



Our club once again hosted a Memorial Day observance at George Hock Memorial Park, aided by the services of West Falls Baptist Church Pastor Tom Harmon, the Center Moreland Boy Scout Troop 336, and Rep. Karen Boback, who shared words appropriate to the occasion.

Finally in May, the club voted to help a struggling local family to avoid losing their home by donating \$500 to them.

June the club participated in the flea market held at the Falls Active Adult Center by selling hot dogs, wimpies, halushkie, and beverages as a fund raiser.



The club held the annual Fishing Derby, headed up by Lion Karen Smith, was held at How Kola Campground, much to the delight of 74 children. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes were awarded for largest fish caught, and it was a great day for all. The success of the event was aided by contributions from three local business establishments, as well as from the Eynon/Archbald Lions Club.

In June members welcomed two new members to the club, Lions Emily Strange and Elaine Jackson.

Also in June, the club held another successful chicken barbecue and bake sale at the pavilion in George Hock Memorial Park, the first of two chicken barbecue fund raisers scheduled for the year.



The club voted to sponsor an ice cream social for seniors at the Falls Active Adult Center on Friday, July 12, 2019.

With news of recent tornado damage in the news media, Falls Lions voted to donate \$500 to help Countryside Community Church in nearby Newton Township begin restoration of the damaged building.

Dunmore Lions Club

May- The Dunmore Lions Club held its 39th Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet at La Buona Vita Restaurant in Dunmore. Honored with Penn State Scholarships were Jennifer Robinson of Holy Cross High School and Cole Blasko of Dunmore High School. Also, honored with monetary gifts were: Greg McDade , Boy Scholar/Athlete and Gianna Delfino ,Girl Scholar/Athlete of Dunmore High School and Anthony Fletcher, Boy Scholar/Athlete and Kiearra Saldi of Holy Cross High School. Remarks were offered by Margo Balderson, Guidance Counselor, Dunmore High School and Alexa Schoenberg, Guidance Councilor, Holy Cross High School. Presentation of awards was made by Lion President James Aita and Lion Committee Co-Chairmen Sam Sebastianelli and James Colangelo. Lion Michael Colangelo offered invocation and Lion Anthony DeSantis served as Toastmaster. Desantis commented "All recipients demonstrate the outstanding traits necessary to receive Lions awards. All recipients have shown exemplary leadership. They're all amazing students'.

June- The Dunmore Lions Club Sponsored the District Hearing and Sight Committee meeting at the Martini's Fireside Grill in Dunmore on June 13,2019. Lion President Jim Aita welcomed the Committee and congratulated them on the extraordinary humanitarian work they provide to our Northeastern Pennsylvania residents. The Club also turned in 484 pairs of used eye glasses. Attended the dinner meeting for the "gift of scholarships" sponsors at the Penn State Scranton campus on June 26,2019



Creating
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Leaders

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How Do We Create Better Leaders?

Special Savings End July 20th

Affordable and Walkable

The Spokane Forum will be held in the Convention Center District. This District is a part of the walkable downtown region. Shops and boutiques, national retailers, award winning wineries and breweries are within minutes of the hotels and convention center.

Before and After Tours... Great Values

Make the Spokane Forum a destination to remember, travel and explore with "Before and After" cruise and tour packages. Impressive values presented by Group Coordinators. Value Priced...visit lionsforum.org for complete details.



Creating a New Learning Experience for You

In its 43rd year, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum has offered a premier learning experience. Lions with all positions of leadership have grown to value what the Forum is all about. Simply, the one event that helps you become a great leader by increasing your

knowledge, giving you insight and attentive information about programs and services of Lions Club International and a chance to speak with other Lions across North America expressing ideas and strategies for continued success.



For 2019, we have incorporated changes with our seminars that will give you the opportunity to express our mission to persons of all age groups. You'll feel confident in communicating to any group in your community, town or city.

We will give you the communication skills and knowhow that will make you feel comfortable and confident in a leadership position because that's the trait of a great leader.

Membership District 14H

Abington	44
Benton	13
Blakely / Peckville	20
Dalton	9
Dunmore	18
Eynon / Archbald	104
Falls	30
Forest City	22
Hawley / Lake	
Wallenpaupack	17
Honesdale	70
Jefferson Township	34
Jermyn	13
Jessup	14
Lake Ariel	18
Mayfield	17
Minisink	28
Minooka	61
Montrose	43
Moosic	20
Old Forge	29
Olyphant	32
Ransom	11
Scott Township	32
Scranton Central	22
South Abington	10
Stonebridge /	
Susquehanna	22
Taylor	28
Tunkhannock	19
Waymart	25

Total Members 825

Holy Communion Photos

DG Fran Stepkovich

PDG Joe Skinner

Local Newspaper Connections

We all want press
We all want new members
We all want people to know what we do

Here are the newspapers in 14-H,
17 emails cost the same as 1

Scranton Times	yesdesk@timesshamrock.com
Wayne Independent	mleet@wayneindependent.com
Times Leader	shando@timesleader.com
Times Leader Weekender	indynews@independenweekender.com
Valley Advantage	advantage@timesshamrock.com
Moscow Villager	kedwards@eayneindependent.com
Triboro Banner	triborobanner@timesshamrock.com
Carbondale News	kedwards@wayneindependent.com
Forest City News	fcnews@nep.net
Susquehanna County Independent	
	indynews@independenweekender.com
Susquehanna Transcript	susqtran@epix.net (Britany Walker)
Dunmorean	dpi22news@gmail.com
Citizens Voice	lifestyles@citizensvoice.com towncrier@citizensvoice.com
Wyoming County Examiner	news@wcexaminer.com
News Eagle	kcollins@neagle.com
Abington Suburban	
	suburbanweekly@timesshamrock.com
Abington Journal	dmartin@timesleader.com