

September 2019

District 14-H

# Northeast Lion



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## *From your District Governor*

Fellow Lions,

My directories are in the mail!

It's back to school time, fall is right around the corner and football season is here. We are two months into our new Lions year.

We had a great District Cabinet Meeting up in Susquehanna on September 11th.

Thanks to Stonebridge Lions for help in organizing and the yummy meal by the American Legion. PCC Mark inducted our new officers and had a great turnout of 30 Lions. IPDG Bill and PDG Cathy won the pasta marshmallow challenge.

Save the date **November 17th** is our next cabinet meeting.

Let me know if interested in our Lions night out **September 28th** at Mohegan Sun pocono.

**October 19th** is our health fair, bring lots of friends and family, there will be much information, free giveaways, diabetes awareness, flu shots, free food, and much more. 940 Jefferson ave at Valley Care pharmacy. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Another save the date is **November 1 thru 3**, State Council meeting at the Woodlands in Wilkes barre, a great opportunity to attend, close by.

Had a great time at the Benton/Dalton Lions golf tournament, awesome event, perfect golf weather - thank you. Another awesome time was at the Scott Twp. Lions Cow Flop, delicious ribeye sandwich, food, fun. Only, the Cow didn't flop in my spot, boo-hoo.

As our new International President states - Serve through Diversity

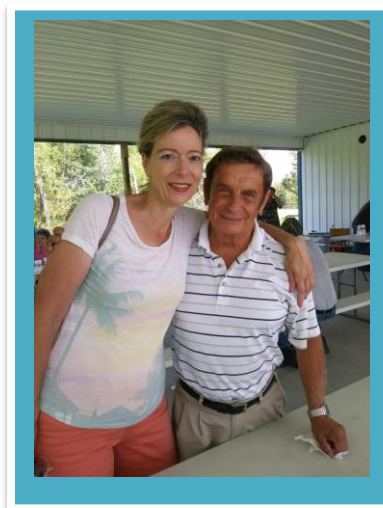
& what can I do for you? I work for you. Let me know what I can help your Club with, an event, drawing in new members, fundraising, ideas, orientation, training .....

Remember - like our Facebook page - District 14H Lions  
(If you would like an event posted, let me know)

Thank you for all you do in making District 14H amazing.

We Serve,

Fran 😊



## *From Your Vice District Governor*

Happy September everyone,

Last month, District Governor Fran and I had the opportunity to meet with the Benton and Dalton Lions Clubs in the same night as a co-op meeting. I have always said in the past that teaming up with other clubs whether for meetings, events, or even small gatherings at local picnics and fundraisers can only show more support in serving others. Our meeting went so well that Fran and I did not see the members as part of their own club, but as one for how well everyone bonded with each other.

Now that August has flown by and the weather went from hot to "I need a jacket" in the matter of hours, this is a good time for clubs to start planning for the holiday season. Some events can include a Halloween party for the kids, a food drive for Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner baskets, Breakfast with Santa, or even distributing decorative flowers to the elderly and ill community members for Christmas. Even though this holiday season doesn't start for two months, your club can still hold small fundraisers to help cut costs of these events.

On the first weekend of November, District 14-W will be hosting the second State Council Meeting at the Woodlands in Wilkes Barre. With this meeting being so close to us, this will be an excellent opportunity to meet with other Lions from across the state and see first-hand some of the duties a District Governor does. There will also be meetings for committees such as Global Leadership and Membership, USA/Canada Forum, and information on this year's State and International Conventions. On top of all of this, the Pennsylvania Lions will be welcoming Past International President Frank Moore where he will be doing a presentation on Campaign 100, the most recent promotion for the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

If your club hasn't yet, done so please schedule with DG Fran for us to come visit your club. We are always excited to meet with our members and see what you're all up to.

One last thing, make a schedule of your clubs events and submit it to be put in the newsletter. Promoting it will only increase people's interest in attending.

Take Care,  
Dave



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DAVE

## **District 14H Sight First & Hearing Committee Minutes July 11, 2019 meeting**

**Members present:** DG Fran Stepkovitch, VDG/PDG Dave Barrett, PDG Karen Cokely, IPDG/PDG Bill Metschulat, PDG Cathy Metschulat, Gordie Potratz, PDG Butch and Josie Sands, Ernie Seagraves, PDG Joe and Shirley Skinner, Dr. Ken and Pam Savitski, PCC Mark Kusma, Roger Wallace, Mari Olshefski, Bill Igoe and Barb Taylor Guests: Preston Barrett, University of Scranton's Dr. Julie Nastasi and Meg Hambrose.

President PDG Butch Sands called the meeting to order with members reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance**. President Lion Roger Wallace welcomed everyone to South Abington.

**Minutes from the last meeting** were provided via email and newsletter. The minutes were approved based on motion by PDG Pam Savitski.

Lion Irene Masco indicated the Sight Treasurer's report has the following amounts: \$4363.68 for Sight First after the deposit of the Fair Share \$1,602.50, transfer to Kidsight of \$1,980 and Health Fair table @ VNA, Olyphant of \$25, for a new total of \$3,961.18 \$1923.45 for Kidsight after the deposit of grant monies received \$5,000, transfer of \$1,980 from Sight First, payment of \$6,980 to School Health for new camera and \$92.44 for supplies for printer, for a new total of \$1,831.01. Bringing the new total balance to \$5792.19 A motion to accept was made by PDG Joe Skinner, seconded by Lion Bill Igoe and passed unanimously.

Two applications have been completed for the new year and no new applications.

PDG Karen Cokely reported that the **Hearing account balance** started with \$1,747.27 with a deposit from Montrose co-pay, applicant co-pay and Fair Share in the amount of \$1,802.50. A check was written in the amount of \$500 to Abington Audiology leaving a balance of \$3,049.77. A motion to accept was made by Lion Bill Igoe, seconded by Lion Barb Taylor and passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS** Prior to the meeting there was a presentation by our guests Dr. Julie and Meg of the University of Scranton, followed by a Q&A. They are in the beginning of their fundraiser where they are seeking to raise \$10,000. Lion Dr. Ken suggested that a grant from LCIF may be applicable and PDG Bill Metschulat stated that a grant from NEPA Lions Service Foundation may be as well. Continued conversation was had after the guests left to see what we as Lions would be able to do.

Continued conversation...Lion Dr. Ken commented that usually when donations are made like this, it is to keep the equipment there for all to use and future clients, but this is equipment such as goggles to go out into the community. Lion Gordie suggested that we make a stipulation that it stays in house. Lion Barb commented that this is not the time to be considering giving a donation with the Kidsight monies still due. Lion Gordie suggested that we revisit this next meeting and each meeting afterwards until we have an answer to what we can or will do. PDG Butch agreed with Lion Dr. Ken. Lion Dr. Ken also mentioned that the clinic has a trust fund that they inherited and he also reiterated that the equipment would have to stay in house. PDG Pam and PCC Mark commented that the District Counselors Fund has monies and to get a matching grant. It was agreed that this would be discussed again at the next meeting after PCC Mark, Lion Dr. Ken and PDG Bill have the appropriate time to review the documents that the ladies had provided. Motion made by Lion Barb, seconded by Lion Shirley Skinner and passed unanimously.

An update was given by PDG Cathy Metschulat concerning the funding for the new Spot Camera. The Scranton Area Community Foundation grant requires a PA Bureau of Charity Organization Certificate; which

the district does not have. She wrote a letter to the foundation requesting that we be held exempt and had it signed by DG Fran Stepkovitch. The grant will be submitted accordingly.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**EYEGLASSES/HEARING AIDS/CELL PHONES**

Abington Lions – 90 glasses/13 cell phone ----- Jermyn Lions – 200 glasses  
Blakely/Peckville – 14 glasses ----- South Abington Lion – A bunch!  
250 glasses collected from various Lions Clubs

**DG/VDG/PDG REPORT** DG Fran reported that she survived Italy! She spoke of the International President's theme "fostering diversity in service". She acknowledged International Director Larry Edwards from PA. She advised that she has new member packets and if we need more, she will get them. Unfortunately her director is not printed as of yet but as soon as it is, she will mail them out. Her schedule for the upcoming year includes: September 28th for the Lions Night Out at the Mohican Casino and October 19th Health Fair.

VDG/PDG Dave Barrett stated that he and DG Fran will be starting their visits in 2 weeks. He talked about MyLCI and clubs needing to learn how to use it because LCI is no longer accepting hardcopies via postal mail. There are still clinches that LCI has to work out with MyLCI but encouraged to just keep trying.

PDG Karen Cokely reported that her club has helped a little girl named Evie that has Spina Bifida and Epilepsy. She will be participating in Ryan Leckey's Race; they will be sponsoring her. She now goes to Geisinger Danville and has learned more there than any other medical facility that they have been to. September 17th they will be selling Chicken BBQ at the town event.

PDG Pam spoke about the health fair that they club is hosting. She commented that the chair person for the event is not a LION and has worked very hard at organizing the event. PDG Pam asked that we please show support and come out for the event on October 19th from 1-4.

PDG Joe reported that the Abington Lions Club will be having a coffee stop on Labor Day weekend, Fri/Sat 8a.m. until 8p.m. on the southbound side of i81 near Lenoxville. He also requested that Lions of the district please send him pictures of themselves when they were younger to put in the newsletter.

PDG Bill commented that the current International President is from Busan, South Korea. When he became a district governor the first time, he went to Busan for the International Convention. His classmates of governors have decided that they will be wearing their class shirts when they meet the IP at the state convention. Also he is working with District W to start at Kidsight Program. He has made one presentation and will be returning.

PDG Butch reported that the Tunkhannock Lions will be parking cars on August 28th at the Wyoming County Fair and will have their food truck on September 1st at the Harvard County Fair.

**GOOD OF THE DISTRICT** Lion Barb reported that Scott Twp. is hosting their 30th Cow Flop on August 17th at the Scott Municipal. Tickets are \$5 each and the first prize is \$1,000. She also made a comment that the service for the late Lion Pete Dubik was the most beautiful service that she has ever seen. He is truly missed.

September 12th by the Minisink Lions Club at the Daleville VFW October 10th by the Eynon/Archbald Lions Club – location tba November 14th by Tunkhannock Lions Club at the Lake Winola Senior Center.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lion Dr. Ken Savitski and seconded by PCC Mark Kusma. **Minutes recorded and submitted by PDG Cathy Metschulat.**

## WE SERVE -- Services Projects

No matter how you choose to serve, Lions matter now more than ever!

Diabetes contributes to more than 5 million deaths a year, making it the eighth-leading cause of death in the world. And the numbers are rising.

The health of our planet is essential to life. The environment impacts the quality of our air and water, the availability of food and medicine, the health and beauty of our local communities, and the future of us all.



Trees play an important role in sustaining a healthy environment. Every tree planted by a Lion is part of a large scale effort by members around the world to make a significant impact on the environment.



Plant a Tree or Trees (LCIF grants available)  
Plant a Butterfly Garden  
Recycling Containers with LIONS on them  
Adopt a Local Park  
Build Bat or Bird houses  
Bring your own Grocery Bag campaign  
Composting  
Vacant lot cleanup



Nothing on this will cost over \$100, and there is a goal to increase the number of LCIF grants to preform larger service projects.

Go online and find your own clubs signature service project

*Early to Bed – Early to Rise – Work a Little and Advertise*



# *What are the clubs in 14-7 doing*

## **ABINGTON LIONS CLUB**

Gave out 6 scholarships totaling \$4,000. Photos of 2 recipients.

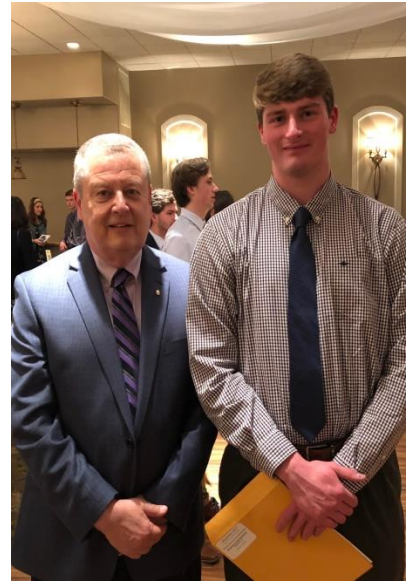


### **LEFT**

Scholarship chairman, big Rich Winslow, and Amber Kusma. Amber will attend Syracuse University.

### **RIGHT**

Small Rich Winslow, and Ryan Flynn. Ryan will attend Penn college of Technology.



## **STONEBRIDGE LIONS CLUB**



In July we participated in our local hometown days. We entered a float in the parade and won 1st place. At our booth we gave out helium Lions balloons to the kids and picked the winner of our hot air balloon ride raffle. The winner was Stan Rockwell of Lanesboro





**July 28th** we held our 9th annual golf tournament at Golden Oaks Golf Course. It was a great success with a total of 22 teams entered. Stone trophies were given to the 1st and 2nd place teams.

**In August** we plan to contribute to the national night out event at our local elementary school. The Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend we will be at the i81 rest stop and welcome center in Great Bend providing coffee and baked goods to travelers in hopes of getting some donations. This will be the first we have tried this type of fundraiser, hoping for a heavy traveled holiday weekend.

## **DUNMORE LIONS CLUB**

Dunmore lions Club have no **August** service activities to report as vacations have deleted the manpower. In **September** we will be collecting funds for our College Scholarship Program at the Dunmore /Lackawanna Trail Football game on Sept. 13, 2019. Also, we will be collecting at churches in Dunmore for **White Cane Day** funding. I do not have at specific date as yet as we're at the beck and call of the churches. I will forward write ups and photos for the October issue. And we keep our hat on tight!



# **Jermyn Lions Club**

## **A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE**



## **MINISINK NORTH POCONO LIONS CLUB**

**August 2,3,4** NP Minisink Lions Club will be manning a tent at the Moscow Country Fair. Also we will be passing out info about what our Lions Club does for the Community. We will have Promo letters and applications available for any people interested in becoming a new member.

We are wrapping up our totals for our annual Fireworks Extravaganza raising approx. \$8K after expenses.

Our 29th annual Golf Tournament at Scranton Muni on Sept. 8th. Shotgun start, \$85 per Golfer. After the event, everyone heads to Van Fleets Clambake Grove for a feast, which is included. A good time for all. If you don't golf, you can still attend the feast for, I believe, \$25.



**September Sight / Hearing meeting on** the 2nd Thurs. **September 12th.** at the VFW in Daleville. Around 6:30pm.

**September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** the club's annual **White Cane Day** is in October on Columbus Day weekend. At Bill's ShopRite in Daleville.

We will be selling our annual **Fund Raising Raffle Calendars** at Ace Hardware at Bill's Shopping Center on **Aug. 24th, Sat. Sept. 14, Sun. Sept. 22.**

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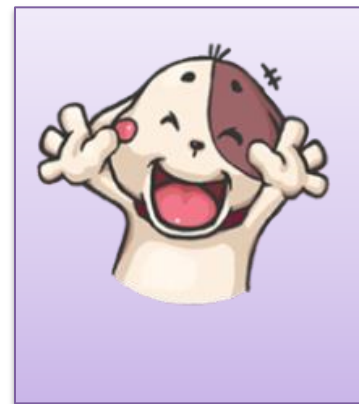
## **FOREST CITY LIONS CLUB**

Forest City Lions annual Fishing Derby at Kennedy Parkeas held Aug 4, 2019, a beautiful Sunday morning. Forty nine participants, 38 male and 11 female, include 2 registrants from London, England. Fifty one fish were caught by the anglers and included 30 Blue Gills, 10 Perch, 10 Bass and 1 Crappie. Prizes were awarded for the Largest fish 16 inches, the most fish 5, with 10 prizes total for the Anglers. A great time was had by all!!

(even the guy that caught that crappie fish ???)







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## **BENTON LIONS CLUB AND DALTON LIONS CLUB**



Benton Lions Club, together with the Dalton Lions had a golf tournament at Lakeland Golf Course on a beautiful Saturday afternoon **August 17<sup>th</sup>**. They had 14 teams and a lot of fun. After a strenuous afternoon, of golf, everyone enjoyed a nice lunch of salads, hot dogs and hamburgers, and told lies, about how well they did. A regular golf tournament...

## **BENTON LIONS CLUB**

Benton Twp. Lions Club will be holding a "Horseshoe Tournament" at Factoryville Sportsmen's Club on Saturday September 28th. Cost is \$40.00 per participant. There will be cash prizes and free Refreshments. Contact Roger Walker at 570-563-2218 or Lee Remick at 570-904-0024 for tickets and information. The Tournament will be limited to first 128 paid participants.



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**Blakely Peckville Lions Club** Turned in two bags of tabs, which weighed 1 lb. 4 ozs. I cannot believe that I counted them, but it came out to 1846 tabs.



← 1846 times

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Who is this beautiful little Angel, and this handsome little Devil



answer on last page



## **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Minooka Lions Club**

### **Golf Classic 2019**

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**\$90/golfer (\$360/team) Captain & Crew**

**Pine Hills Country Club in Taylor**

**Noon Registration & Shotgun Start at 1:30 pm**

**Register your team A.S.A.P. Spots fill up fast!**

**Hot Dog & Beer at the Turn & Dinner Follows**

To sponsor a hole for \$100 or Enter a Team contact : Lindsey Manley 570-468-4413, Tom Shields 570-466-8178 or Tom Calpin 570-614-3078

If you would like to donate anything for raffles, etc. contact  
Lindsey 570-468-4413 or Joy Lewis 570-241-7528.

**Join us for Dinner only \$35/person!!**





## JEFFERSON TWP. LIONS CLUB

Check this out! WOW!



Jefferson Township LC has been blessed again....this time by Girl Scout Gabby Edwards. Her community mural on our building represent our club, LCI, veterans and many local organizations as well as local businesses and their products. This project helped her achieve the Girl Scout Gold Award, the equivalent of the Boy Scouts' Eagle Badge. Gabby and a handful of others spent approximately 80 hours on the mural, 60 of which were by Gabby. A "reveal" was held on Saturday, August 24th with an open house and light refreshments. If you are in the Mt. Cobb area take a drive to our building to see this impressive piece of art in person....you will be amazed at the talent of this young lady.

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SPREAD THE WORD  
SAVE THE DATES!  
APRIL 24-25-26, 2020  
MD14 LEO RALLY  
AT  
PA LIONS  
BEACON LODGE CAMP

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION TO COME  
PDG KATHY FOUSE, MD14 LEO COORDINATOR  
[Lionkathyfouse@gmail.com](mailto:Lionkathyfouse@gmail.com) / 717-645-4322



## SCOTT TWP. LIONS CLUB

The Scott Twp. Lions Club had an absolutely picture perfect day for a poop in the park. There was plenty of great food. Lion Dave Naniewitz was cooking his world famous Rib eye steak sandwiches, which were popular with everybody, except the cow, who was the honored guest. The event was well attended, everybody was waiting for --- well you know.



Governor Fran with Scott Twp's. Top Plops



President Dan Lake, with Secretary Mickey of Stonebridge and DG Fran. Dan took home a plastic bag with a nice souvenir of the day.



DG Fran with President Shirley Skinner of the Abington club, with PDG Joe



PDG Joe also got a souvenir

Join Us For a Day of  
Fellowship and Learning!



Let Us Know You Are  
Coming!

## 2019 Multiple District 14 Fall Leadership Symposium

The Lions of PA are cordially invited to attend  
the Multiple District Fall Leadership Symposium

When: Saturday October 12, 2019 from 9 am –3 pm  
or

Sunday October 13, 2019 from 12–5 pm

Where:

PA Lions State Office—Saturday

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Westmoreland County Blind Association—Sunday

911 S. Main St., Greensburg, PA 15601

Saturday Lunch will be provided. A \$6.00 donation  
will be collected. Snacks provided on Sunday.

### Topics for Lions at all levels of Lionism

- ♦ Orientation: Not Just for New Lions
- ♦ Are You a Leader?
- ♦ Cultivating Clubs (bring your laptop)
- ♦ MyLion : Bring Your Questions for Answers!
- ♦ Don't Moan about the Zone!



To Register Email  
[kburkholder@dejazzd.com](mailto:kburkholder@dejazzd.com)  
with the number attend-  
ing so we can plan for  
lunch. Seating in Harris-  
burg is limited so register  
early!

Questions???

Email to the above  
address or call  
PDG Deb Burkholder  
717-484-4892

All Lions are Encouraged to Attend!

- Club Members
- Club Presidents, Secretaries,  
Treasurers
- District Cabinet members
- District GLT, GMT, GST  
Coordinators
- Past District Governors
- Zone Chairs, Region Chairs
- District Governors, VDGs



**2019 – 2020 Council of Govenors for MD14**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY**  
**FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR**



**DISTRICT 14H LIONS CLUBS**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2019 1:00PM - 4:00PM**  
*LOCATED AT AND SPONSORED BY*



**940 JEFFERSON AVE**  
**SCRANTON, PA 18510**

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RISK TEST, EYE SCREENING, DENTAL HEALTH, NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION & MUCH MORE

**FREE** GIVEAWAYS

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND PLEASE CONTACT

KAREN@VALLEYCAREPHARMACY.COM OR CALL KAREN 570-800-2273(CARE)



**DISTRICT 14H - 14W - 14U**

**LIONS NIGHT OUT**

**WE SERVE**

**At Mohegan Pocono Casino**

**MEETING IN THE BACK PARKING LOT at 5:30pm**

**\*\*Contact your District Governor if attending\*\***  
**Join your fellow Lions and enjoy a fun night out**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY- SEPTEMBER 28th, 2019**

- - More information to come !!! We will need a head  
count for reservations, Please RSVP with your DG a week  
prior, Thank you





## 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

## 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	letters@timesshamrock.com
Wayne Independent	mleet@wayneindependent.com
Times Leader	shando@timesleader.com
Times Leader Weekender	indynews@independentweekender.com
Valley Advantage	advantage@timesshamrock.com
Moscow Villager	kedwards@wayneindependent.com
Triboro Banner	triborobanner@timesshamrock.com
Carbondale News	kedwards@wayneindependent.com
Forest City News	fcnews@nep.net
Susquehanna County Independent	indynews@independentweekender.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



OK! Who took this picture of  
DG Fran and Erin Owen?

The Wonderful pictures on page 11 are PDG's Cathy & Bill Metschulat at age 3.