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February 2020

Northeast Lion



Hi Fellow Lions

February is the month of Love - Groundhog Day - President's Day and this year is leap year, yippie! An extra day to - We Serve, spread the word of the great things we do and recruit new members. Remember our next 14H Cabinet meeting will be 2/16, starting at 1pm at Pete n Reenies, 463 Main Street, Eynon (plan on attending). I'll be heading to MD State Council meeting in State College 2/7 - 2/9. Anyone interested in the spring symposium, they are always very informative, it's being held at the PA State Council is Lions Clubs, 949 E Park Dr, Harrisburg, starts at 9am. Call (717) 564-2586 to reserve your spot.



Enjoyed my January Club visits with Dunmore and Jermyn Club (belated) Christmas get together. Upcoming February Club meeting is set for 2/22 Taylor Lions.

I sent all Clubs an informative packet in the mail with lots of information, upcoming events, my upcoming Governor's Project designer purse bingo fundraiser tickets now available \$20 in advance and \$25 at the Door), (spread the word for me!)

Our St. Patrick's Day float in parade 3/14, Pringle's can challenge, LLI. & a challenge to get one new member and more.

NAMI - North American Membership Initiative - you will be hearing more about this in the upcoming months.

FYI - If your Club doesn't have a website, you can go on lionsclubs.org to create a free and easy one - Each e-Clubhouse site features:— **Club Home Page** : Feature a photo of your club members participating in a project or club activity and provide a brief history of your club.— **Calendar of Events** : Use the calendar to keep everyone informed of important dates.— **Club Projects** : Provide information on your projects and let your community know how they can support your projects.— **Photo Gallery** : Showcase your club's activities by posting photos of recent projects.— **Contact Page** : Post key contact information for people in your community to call so they can learn more about your club and get involved. —Up to five additional pages for your club's special functions or news. **New Member-Only Features** A new member-only section is now available. This new section will provide a way for your members to communicate important club news, encourage attendance to meetings and recognize member dedication.

Thanks very much for all you do!

We Serve

DG Fran 

Hi everyone,

As some have heard, our beloved Lion Irene Masco has passed away at the end of January. From as long as I have been involved with district activities, I have always seen Irene as one of the leaders of our district. Whether it's running the books at our sight/hearing meetings, attending our cabinet meetings, or promoting an event for the Falls Lions, Irene has always been there for us and she will be deeply missed.



After the passing of First International Vice President Haynes Townsend in December, International President Choi has appointed Past International Director Douglas Alexander to fill the vacant spot. I will have the opportunity to meet our new International officer this month as I will be traveling to Chicago for District Governors training. I am looking forward to this trip as I will have a chance to visit LCI headquarters and meeting my group leader, PIP Ed Farrington, who was our guest speaker at our district convention in 2015.

Last month, I had the chance to attend the annual Snowflake Gala hosted by the Eynon/Archbald Lions. as always, the community support keeps growing for the club's contributions to Leader Dogs for the Blind and I look forward to attending again next year.

Don't forget that we have a district cabinet meeting on the 16th. as always, these meetings are open to all members to attend to see what is going on in our organization from the club level all the way up to international. We will also be talking about upcoming events like our float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, district convention, and anything else that the clubs in our district have planned.

I hope to see everyone soon. And if you or anyone you know would like to be part of a district committee next year, please let me know.

Dave

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Taylor
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3rd Cabinet Meeting of 2019-2020 DISTRICT 14-H

District Governor
1st VDG

Fran Stepkovitch
PDG/VDG Dave Barrett

Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

@ Pete N' Reenies, 463 Main St., Eynon, PA 18403



Cost is \$18 per person; reservations are due no later than

February 7, 2020

Please make check payable to District 14-H

And mail to:

Joy Lewis, PO Box 4071, Scranton, PA 18505

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

Registration will begin at **12:30**

Meeting will begin at 1:00

MENU

Tossed Salad or Chicken Noodle Soup

Rosemary Chicken or Roast Beef

Herb Roasted Potatoes

Normandy Blend Vegetables

Cheesecake topped w/ strawberries



PLEASE JOIN US AT THE 2019-2020
DISTRICT 14-H CONVENTION AT THE
HILTON HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER, SCRANTON, PA
APRIL 24 AND 25, 2020

Hospitality Night – April 24, 2020 from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Hosted by VDG PDG Dave Barrett and Minooka Lions Club

Laurel Line Room and P.J.'s Pub

PARKING AVAIL \$4.00 IN MEDALION GARAGE (NEXT TO HILTON)

Convention Business Meeting – April 25, 2020
(PDGs, District Officers and Zone Chairs dress is formal; others business attire)

Convention Registration 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Coffee, tea and water will be available

Meeting begins promptly at Noon – Electric City Ballroom

Social hour 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. – _____

Banquet 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Electric City Ballroom (dress is semi-formal)

MENU: (choose entree)

- *Chicken Piccata*
- *Vegetable Lasagna*
- *Abaca fish*

Cash bar – closed during dinner

Basket raffles will be available until 5:30

\$35.00 per person



In Loving Memory of a Great Lion

Irene Masco

Rest with God



What is going on in District 14 - FH

BLAKELY - PECKVILLE LIONS CLUB

In the January 19th Sunday paper, sports section, had an article about a young basketball coach who had the opportunity to save the life of one of the referees. The coach was Alec Rodway and the referee was Sammy Bio. Midway through the third quarter the referee collapsed. With the assistance of a local firefighter, who was at the game, the young coach knew where to go and what to do. He retrieved the schools AED (Automated External Defibrillator), which probably saved the referees life. A few years ago a local firefighter from the Blakely Hose company was also saved by an A.E.D.

These units were purchased by the Blakely/ Peckville Lions Club and a matching grant from Walmart, due to the efforts of the Project Chairpersons PDG Pam Savitski and Lion/Dr. Ken Savitski.



Isn't this a great legacy for Lions
and this Lions Club

Wouldn't something like this be a
Great Legacy for **your** Lion's Club

NORTH POCONO MINISINK LIONS CLUB



Fri., Dec.13th at the NP Minisink Lions Club 25th annual Christmas Gifts distribution for NP students during a Holiday prize drawing. The drawing took place at the North Pocono Middle School. Lions participating are left to right: Jerel Wayne, Frank Bonacci, Don Brown (Chairman), Joe Sabie and Bob Jones.

ABINGTON LIONS CLUB



September 29th 1989 – Abington Lions Club officers are installed in a meeting at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit. From left, seated Joe Caputo, Director, Ed Kocis, past president; Rich Kubick, president, Frank Moulder, secretary. Standing, Bengt Berg, Jim Hood, Jerry Fragin, Ted Warnock, Ed Klovensky, Ray Freethy, Don Griffith, treasurer, and Don Wrona.



Abington Lions Club inducts a new member at their January dinner meeting. L to R Lion President and sponsor Shirley Skinner, New member Joanne Pezzuti, Induction by PCC Mark Kusma.



Same Photographer, different view

(Photo by club treasurer)

Talk of The Times

WITH LOUIS J. RAPOCH

This week, staff writer Laura Rysz talks with Louis J. Rapoch about the Eynon-Archbald Lions Club annual Snowflake Gala benefiting Leader Dogs for the Blind.



RAPOCH

Residence: Mayfield
Professional background: Owner and operator of the Louis J. Rapoch

Funeral Home for more than 30 years and charter member of the Eynon-Archbald Lions Club

Title: Co-chairman with his wife, Karen

Q: Tell us about Leader Dogs for the Blind.

A: Leader Dogs for the Blind is an organization located in Rochester Hills, Michigan. It is a non-profit program which breeds and train dogs to be the answer for people who are blind or visually impaired. The Eynon-Archbald Lions Club believes every person deserves equal opportunity for a life of confidence, independence and safe mobility. Leader Dogs for the Blind provides that. More information is located at leaderdog.org. Here you will find photos of clients, trainers and Leader Dogs destined for greatness. Each year, more than 75,000 people will become visually impaired or blind in the United States.

Q: Who is the guest speaker?

A: Jeff Hawkins with his Leader Dog, Gracie.

Q: What will be on hand at the fundraiser?

A: The 2020 Snowflake Gala will feature passed hors d'oeuvres, a chef-inspired dinner, open bar throughout the evening, dancing with the Wanabees and Top Shelf Entertain-

ment. There also will be basket raffles, a silent auction and cash raffles. Tickets will be available for a chance to win a snowflake tree filled with lottery tickets. The room will be eloquently decorated by Ros-Al Floral and Mazza Linens, with photos taken by Mike and Kathy Haffner, plus a photo booth.

Q: What is your fund-raising goal?

A: Our club wants to make sure all our guests have a great and memorable time. Because of the support and generosity of local businesses/sponsors and residents, Eynon-Archbald Lions Club is ranked fourth internationally in donations to Leader Dogs for the Blind. This is an honor and tribute we wish to uphold for Northeast Pennsylvania. We make every effort to keep the event at a favorable cost so all may be able to attend and enjoy the evening of fun while contributing to a worthy cause. We hope to raise the same if not more than we raised in 2019, which was \$23,000. All money raised will go directly to Leader Dogs for the Blind organization.

If you go

What: Ninth annual Snowflake Gala

When: Saturday, Jan. 25, 6 to 11 p.m.

Where: Fiorelli Catering, 1501 N. Main St., Peckville

Details: Tickets cost \$75 and can be purchased by contacting Fran Stepkovitch at 570-470-7838 by Monday, Jan. 20. Proceeds benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind. For more information, visit the Eynon-Archbald Snowflake Gala Facebook page, text or call Karen at 570-877-4845, or email Krapoch@aol.com or lembalm@aol.com.

DUNMORE LIONS CLUB

ON THURSDAY JANUARY 23, DUNMORE LIONS CLUB HOSTED DISTRICT GOVERNOR FRAN STEP KOVITCH AND VICE GOVERNOR DAVE BARRETT AT CARMELLA'S RESTAURANT IN DUNMORE THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR PRESENTED HER GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR HER TERM OF OFFICE, ALSO, SERVICE AWARDS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB. OUR PRESIDENT JIM AITA INFORMED FRAN THAT WE DID INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP BY ONE MEMBER WHICH WAS ONE OF FRAN'S GOALS.



Sam – Sam – Fran – Jim – Rich – Angelo



Sam Sebastianelli gets 15 yr. chevron

From January 27th until February 22, 2020 will mark our 2nd year doing vision screening at Dunmore and St Mary's Elementary schools. Last year with Cathy and Bill assisting the District's School Nurse over 1000 student had their vision screened. This year the School Nurse is fully trained on the camera and procedures.

ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, WE WILL BE HOSTING THE GIRL'S INTRA-BOROUGH CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL GAME BETWEEN DUNMORE AND HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOLS AT DUNMORE 'S AUDITORIUM., will have pictures for next month

ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13WE WILL BE HOSTING THE BOY'S INTRA-BOROUGH CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL GAME BETWEEN DUNMORE AND HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOLS AT HOLY CROSS'S AUDITORIUM.WE WILL BE COLLECTING FUNDS AT TO SUPPORT OUR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SENIOR STUDENTS AT BOTH SCHOOLS. THIS WILL MARK OUR 39TH CONSECUTIVE WE HAVE FUNDED SAID PROGRAM. PICTURES WILL FOLLOW.

JERMYN LIONS CLUB



**New voices certificate of recognition
Bambi Wilson Secretary Jermyn Lions**



SNOW FLAKE GALA



Council chair Bill Morgan, 14-N -- DG Steve Shipman, 14-C -- DG Fran, 14-H -- DG George Andrako, 14-M -- DG Bill Grager 14-D



Dale Ferguson, Ida Ferguson, Karen Smith PDG Karen Cokely, Nancy Weinhardt, Ed Johnson -- Falls Lion's Club



Council chair William Morgan with partner in service Will Ross, Jeff Hawkins with his leader dog Gracie and wife - DG Reverend Steve Shipman 14C and Lion Linda, DG George Andrako 14M and lion Rose Marie, DG Bill Grager 14D and Lion Sharon, DG Fran, and Lion Ed 14H



Eynon -Archbald Lions Club
Another successful year for Leader Dog

Questions to ask your club

Are you loosing membership?

WHY? Are you boring?

Do you do the same projects that you have always done?

Are your projects relevant in your community?

Do you need to think of new Projects?

How are you trying to get new members?

Are you doing service projects or just fund raisers?

Maybe nobody knows that you are around, that is why they don't join.

What do you offer new members?

Why should they join and pay dues?

Do your Projects / fundraisers interest your members?

If they are not interested, they will not come out.

Be aware that there will always be 1 or 2 members that will always find reasons not to do something. Someone else did it and it didn't go well.

Do not let that rule your club's decision, plan around the other club's failure.

There are members that you can turn off by nixing a project they have interest in.

Brain storm (club or committee) Club survey ask members 1 on 1

Are your projects relevant to the community?

When was the last time that you discussed this with your club?

Is your community changing?

Yes, it is!

Are your members interests changing?

Yes, they are!

Is your club addressing these changes

Oops!

Contact Township, schools, businesses, non- Lions, senior centers.

Categories: Community Service

Environmental

Health

Youth



**COME TO THE FEBRUARY
CABINET MEETING AND SEE
HOW MANY CAN TABS IT
TAKES TO MAKE**

117 POUNDS

Membership District 14H

Abington	42
Benton	13
Blakely / Peckville	18
Dalton	8
Dunmore	19
Eynon / Archbald	102
Falls	38
Forest City	20
Hawley / Lake	
Wallenpaupack	16
Honesdale	68
Jefferson Township	34
Jermyn	15
Jessup	15
Lake Ariel	18
Mayfield	17
Minisink	27
Minooka	50
Montrose	39
Moosic	20
Old Forge	29
Olyphant	31
Ransom	11
Scott Township	32
Scranton Central	22
South Abington	10
Stonebridge /	
Susquehanna	25
Taylor	29
Tunkhannock	15
Waymart	23
Total Members	806

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@timeshamrock.com
Wayne Independent	mlee@tricountyindependent.com
Times Leader	shando@timesleader.com
Times Leader Weekender	indynews@indepnentweekender.com
Valley Advantage	advantage@timeshamrock.com
Moscow Villager	kedwards@eayneindependent.com
Triboro Banner	triborobanner@timeshamrock.com
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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
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BEACON LODGE – NEWS

It is great sadness to report that Ellen Miller has submitted her resignation from Beacon Lodge on Tuesday January 7th, to be effective on January 28th. Her replacement will be Jonathan Carver who is currently the Maintenance Supervisor. Jonathan has great knowledge of the camp and the Board of Directors are certain that he will complete his duties as the Executive Director in a professional manner. His position as the Executive Director will be from January 29, 2020 until September 30, 2020 when the Board of Directors will complete an approval vote and remove him from the probationary status.

In addition, the Office Manager Ann Marie Dean has resigned, effective January 28th. Both the Office Manager and Maintenance Supervisor positions are open and applications are being accepted. Jonathan Carver will be seeking employees for both positions and with the Board of Directors approval, hired.

During this transitional time, we need to support our camp to the best of our ability. Please consider Club 500, sponsoring a camper or camp counselor, an item or items from the 2020 Wish List or a donation for District 14H's cabin maintenance fund. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your districts board members; PDG's Bill & Cathy Metschulat 570-254-8098.

Respectfully submitted by,
PDG Cathy Metschulat
Board of Directors Secretary



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Lions Clubs International

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Dear International Board of Directors,

Lions Clubs International delivers support to our clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. The international support and work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

Our executive officers undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, we are proposing to increase dues effective July 2021, by \$3, then adjusted annually for U.S. inflation. We propose using a three-year inflation average not to exceed 3.0%, but also not to be lower than 1.5%.

We realize the organization has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years. We have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The option we're proposing will help us cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, we do not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

When we consider a dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff that we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training software and events, club operational support, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as the Learning Management System (LMS), development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and others tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive.

Lions is a way of life and an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see. I hope that you will see this proposal as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions.

Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

Regards,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



Lions Clubs International

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Overview of proposed international dues adjustment

The Executive Officers are proposing an international dues increase effective July 2021 of \$3, and then dues adjusted annually for U.S. inflation. We propose using a three-year inflation average not to exceed 3.0%, but also not to be lower than 1.5%.

Lions Clubs International completed a rigorous financial review and took the following steps to reduce expenses:

- Operating budgets were reduced.
- Vendor contracts were renegotiated to yield savings.
- Programs were cut after thorough review and consideration of Return on Investment (ROI).

Despite these reductions, the international dues adjustment is needed because:

- International dues have not been adjusted since 2011, but the cost of doing business has increased due to annual inflation.
- Supporting a global organization with more than 1.4 million members and 48,000 clubs requires extensive resources.
- Innovations in technology and communications require organizations to invest in infrastructure and products that can increase impact, connections, and efficiencies.

The additional funding will enable Lions Clubs International to:

- Launch and expand our new online Learning Management System (LMS)
- Refine and evolve MyLion
- Continue to build and maintain our international website, lionsclubs.org
- Develop new leadership and training curriculum such as digital literacy
- Enhance global advertising and storytelling to elevate our brand and brand awareness
- Build marketing kits to provide clubs, districts, and MDs with the tools to leverage the power of the Lions brand
- Amplify our support of global causes and create new service resources
- Invest in membership initiatives that can revitalize our districts and clubs

The dues adjustment will position Lions Clubs International for future success so we can:

- Provide the level of support that members expect and the world-class membership experience they deserve.
- Keep Lions at the forefront of innovation, which is key to enhancing our impact now and engaging the tech-savvy members of the future.
- Keep Lions growing all over the world.
- Remain the global leader in humanitarian service.



Dear Lions,

We ask that you please visit our website and review the documents we are sending you. Please share with your Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs in your districts. Our Leo Council is working extremely hard to coordinate an awesome 4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum in Visalia, California. We will have great motivational speakers, workshops for Leos and Lions, daily fun activities hosted by the Leo Council, a joint service project, and a fun but educational trip to Yosemite National Park. That is why we ask for the support of all Lions Leaders to promote and share our material with the clubs.

The USA/Canada Leo Advisory Council would like to wish all Happy Holidays and a Festive New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Leo Fabian Maxwell

Chair, USA/Canada Leo Advisory Council



**Register by January 10 for
maximum savings**

Registration for LCICon 2020 is well underway, but our greatest discount is only available until January 10, 2020! Plan to join the celebration in Singapore with Lions from all over the world — head to the [registration website](#) to secure your spot today!