



Northeast Lion

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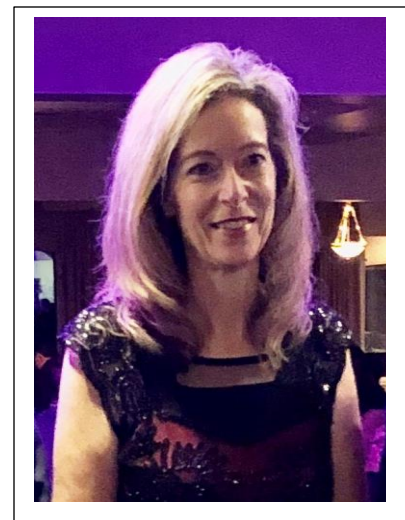
From the Governors Pen

Hi Fellow Lions,

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy, and all your families.

I received the \$10,000 Emergency COVID19 grant from LCIF & have been working on getting supplies for our First Responders, supplies should be distributed end of April, first week in May. Thanks to all who have helped in any way, even your suggestions help. This will be done in a way, keeping everyone safe and healthy. Thank you LCIF, Our Foundation.

The Council of Governor's had a conference call 4/6 and unanimously decided to cancel the State Convention, for the health and safety of everyone. If anyone had a hotel reservation or registered for convention, you will receive a credit. Our next meeting is May 16th.



Ballots for District 14H election have been mailed and are coming in, due by April 30th. I will plan a zoom or very small social distance meeting (only a few) with several witnesses when ballots will be opened. Details will be emailed.

Club elections - the guidance from LCI's legal department is as follows - "All Lions clubs are permitted to conduct meetings via alternative meeting format. Therefore, they can conduct elections via phone, email, or any other method that will permit the Lions club to move forward. Practically speaking, as each Lions club is an independent legal entity, it can conduct elections (or chose not to conduct elections) at the discretion of the club. Provided the decision is supported by the membership and no complaint is filed, the actions of the club will be accepted in "good faith." Therefore, your club can proceed with your elections at your discretion and in whatever manner you see it.

We still have 2 months left in our Lion's year. Don't forget about my challenge for each Club to add just one new member by June. You can still spread the good news of what lions do, on your Facebook pages, newspapers..... we all have a lot or even a little spare time on our hands now.

Think of setting up a zoom meeting, conference call meeting, other ways to be able have discussions and planning of future fundraisers or events. Many clubs have continued service throughout Pa. and Our District, participating in helping at food pantries, providing free meals, making masks and more. There are many learning courses online at Lions University, you can work towards a bachelors degree, then masters degree, or

more. You can just take a few courses of interest, without any degree, they are always very informative. Also, on lionsclubs.org there is lions learning center for all types of online courses at the Club and District level for all.

Don't forget to have your secretaries do the Monthly Membership Reports each month on MyLci, even if no changes, you just have to verify it online, And it only takes 2 minutes. Appreciate it. This is a good time to catch up on MyLion to post all your Club events or fundraisers. It shows what we do in Our District servicing those in need. If you don't put anything online, it looks as if we have done nothing all year. If help is needed, please let me know. Tentative June 7th for next Cabinet meeting, will keep you posted as we see how things go.

Enjoy May, Happy Memorial Day. Let the sunshine in!
STAY SAFE and HEALTHY - If anyone needs anything, don't hesitate to ask. Check on your neighbors, friends..... thank you for all you do.

We Serve
DG Fran

From the Vice Governor

Happy May everyone.

I hope everyone is still staying safe and healthy.
I feel that we are coming up to the end of this pandemic and can get back to what we do best, serving our community. Late last month I sent out letters to all current club presidents in our district requesting the contact information for next year's officers. I know it is difficult for clubs to meet but reach out to your members to discuss your plans for next year. It is also important that you provide contact information that is the quickest way to exchange essential corresponding information.



Last month I asked for everyone to consider making donations to local food pantries. Whether it's monetary or non-perishable products, I am asking once again to consider doing this. For more on pantries near you, WNEP is currently promoting pantries in need and has all the information to help.
Until we can start having meetings in person and performing our service projects, keep brainstorming new ideas for fundraisers and projects to perform later down the road. Before we know it, it will be Christmas.....
Dave.

Pa Lions Beacon Lodge 2020 Camping Season has officially been cancelled.

My Fellow Lions,

I hope this finds you all well during these unprecedented times.

COVID-19 has proven to be especially dangerous to those with underlying medical conditions, which includes most of our campers that attend sessions at Beacon Lodge. The office of Governor Wolf has instructed that all gatherings of groups of people be cancelled to "flatten the curve". This effort is not intended to eliminate the threat posed by COVID-19, but rather to spread the impact on the medical system over a longer period of time. This means the virus will still be an issue during our camping season. Due to this, the members of the Board of Directors of Pa Lions Beacon Lodge Camp have decided to cancel our 2020 camping season.

Watching all of our careful preparations dissolve in the wake of this pandemic is disheartening. However, we know that we are part of an organization that has been built by generations of Pennsylvania Lions over the past 72 years, and our spirits are lifted by their legacy. We are eagerly looking forward to our 2021 camping season.

To get to 2021, we must first make it through these troubling times. The facilities at Beacon Lodge are such that we cannot simply lock the doors and walk away. We have certain requirements to meet in terms of our permits through the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Health. With the cancellation of the Work Weekends, there are many maintenance items which will need to be completed. We will also need to have staff available to address the multitude of questions and concerns that will inevitably come from our campers, who will feel abandoned if there is no one to answer. Completing these tasks and filling these rolls requires funding.

We understand that most Lions Clubs have had to cancel fundraising events, and may not currently have the means to continue giving to Beacon Lodge. If your club needs the money donated previously for camper sponsorships or registration fees for the 2020 season, let us know and it will be refunded without question. If you are able to allow Beacon Lodge to keep these funds, we are requesting that you permit us to change the designation from sponsorship or registration to operating budget. This will help us continue the necessary operations at the camp until we are all back on our feet.

Abington Lions Club

Donated \$500 to the Dalton Food Pantry.

Selected 3 seniors from Abington Heights to receive the
Abington Lions Club Memorial Scholarships

RAIN

We have a love / hate relationship with rain.
We love it when we sit on the front porch, on a summer evening, and watch and
listen to the gentle rain falling through the leaves
We hate it when we have a picnic or some other outing planned and the
rain comes down and spoils it.
We love it when the rain makes the flowers grow.
We hate it when it turns to ice and then turns us from vertical to horizontal.

You get the idea – everything has two sides
The Lions club for instance.

We are not real fond of bending over to pick up garbage along the road.
But we are proud and happy to see our town's street free of litter.
We don't like getting up early in the morning on a holiday weekend to go
set up and serve coffee to travelers.
But we do enjoy the people that we meet and the fact that we
have helped them have a safer trip.
I hate being away from my Skinner family.
But I do love being with my Lion family.

The pendulum swings.

Nothing is all good, but then again nothing is all bad
Everything is life has consequences.
The trick is learning to enjoy the good and control the bad.
That is where your club members come in.
That is where the correct project and the correct fundraisers come in.
That is where we the Club and District officers MUST listen to the membership.

You learn when you listen with your ears
You become wise when you understand what is being said

Sometimes it is not all about money.
Sometimes it is about enjoying the ride.

Sometimes doing more is not the answer. That hour or that day that the
member gets to spend with his or her family, just might be the catalyst
to make a better member.

What do you gain and at what cost?
Are you burning out your "Old reliable members"?

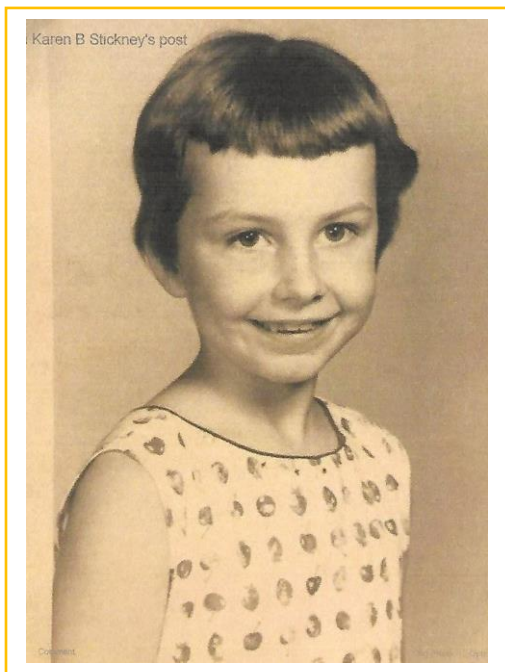
Is that the cost?

If the majority of your club is not behind you then you will burn out the few
members that you can always count on.
What do you gain? Understand and become wise

Maybe a different direction is the correct direction. Maybe doing less will get you farther in the
long run, because you might be involving more of your membership. And if you make more of
your members happy, they will recruit more new members. Again, we win.

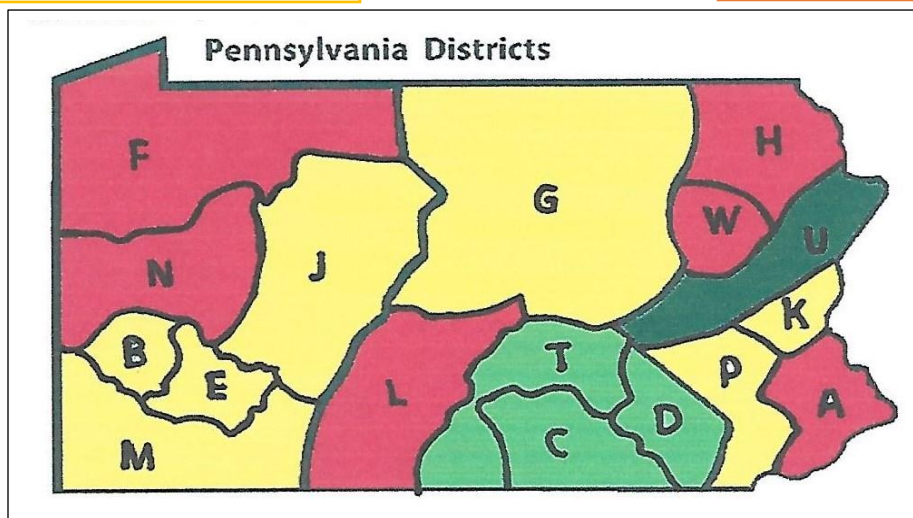
Work smarter, not harder
We will never run out of things to do
Let's make sure that we never run out of people to do them.

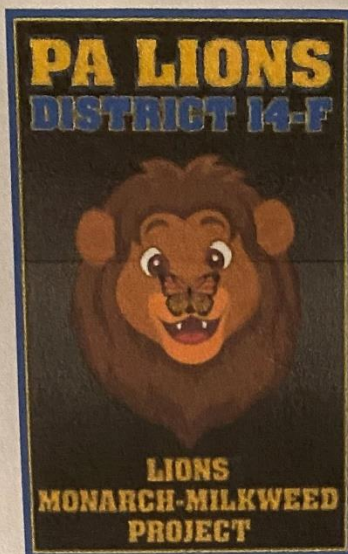
Take care of yourself and each other
Keep your hat on tight and God Bless.



One of
these little
girls will
grow up to
lead the
blind, and
one will
grow up to
lead her
Lions club.

Who are they?
See last page.





DISTRICT 14-F MILKWEED FUNDRAISING PROJECT

What is milkweed?

Milkweed is a plant that provides all the nourishment the Monarch butterfly needs to transform from the Monarch caterpillar to the Monarch butterfly. Monarch larva only eat milkweed and the mature butterfly can only lay eggs and reproduce on milkweed. No milkweed, no Monarchs.

Why do we need the Monarch Butterfly?

The Monarch Butterfly is a symbol of conservation it is a beautiful insect. It is an important pollinator; a food source for birds, small insects and small animals. The Monarch butterfly helps the flowers grow and brings beauty to our planet.

How does it work?

Your club purchases seeds, enough for 35 packets, or \$54.00. There will be 100 seeds for each packet. Sell each packet for \$10.00(or more). Your club will make a profit of \$296.00. Your club can purchase as many seeds as you want.

Remember, this is more ABOUT PLANTING MILKWEED than it is about "making money".

Fortunately, we can do BOTH!

yourclub will be provided with a poster, like the one at the top of this message. Seeds and seed envelopes will be provided. You will have to measure the seeds and put them in the envelope. 100 seeds is roughly between $\frac{1}{2}$ and one teaspoon. The right size measuring can be provided or use your kitchen measuring spoons. Logo stickers and instructions for planting and other support information will be provided as well.

How does my club get involved?

Place an order with Lion Hugh Clark, Jamestown Lions Club.

He will also be at the State convention in Erie.

Pennsylvania Lions

2019 – 2020 Pennsylvania State Pin Order Form



Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

State Pin (left)	No. _____	@ \$3.00 each	\$ _____
Prestige Pin (right)	No. _____	@ \$4.00 each	\$ _____
		Sub Total	\$ _____
		Plus 6% Sales Tax	\$ _____
		Shipping Cost	\$ _____
		Total Due	\$ _____

Make checks payable to: Pennsylvania Lions

Return form and check to: Pennsylvania Lions State Office
949 East Park Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Shipping: \$15.00 or under including tax, add \$5.00
 \$15.01 to \$30.00 including tax, add \$7.00
 \$30.01 to \$55.00 including tax, add \$9.00

Note: the green outline on the pins is actually gold; the color does not show well here.

Abington Lions Club

Making a donation to the
Abington Heights High
School

2011

Lion Rich Kubick
 Lion Chris Arnone Esq.
 President Joe Skinner
 Dr. Elwin C LaCoe
 Lion Ed Kocis





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VIRTUAL LEO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

MAY 30-31, 2020

2:00 PM EST

zoom

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Visit our website

Dear District Leader:

The USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation is happy to invite you to our Virtual Leo Leadership Conference that will be conducted via Zoom on May 30-31, 2020 at 2:00 PM (EST). This online **FREE** event is open to Leos, Lions, Leo Advisors, and Faculty Advisors. We have scheduled awesome facilitators from throughout the United States and Caribbean. Among our facilitators is Lions International First Vice President Douglas Alexander. See below the list of webinars that will be offered during our Virtual Leo Leadership Conference.

We ask for your assistance in sharing this information with Leo Clubs throughout your districts.

Registration for the Virtual Leo Leadership Conference is **NOW OPEN**.

Register Today: leoconference.leosforum.org

If you have any questions feel free to email us at info@leosforum.org

Sincerely,

LION PABLO ROMANO

President

USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation

LEO FABIAN MAXWELL

Chairperson

USA/Canada Leo Forum Advisory Council



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2 DAYS | 6 AMAZING WEBINARS
For All Leos, Leo Advisors, Faculty Advisors and Lions

SATURDAY, MAY 30



PUBLIC SPEAKING | 2:10 PM ET
Lion Douglas Alexander
INTERNATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



LEO CLUB OFFICER ROLES | 2:45 PM ET
PDG Barbara Moody
DISTRICT LCIF COORDINATOR, 20-K1



E-LEOCLUBHOUSE | 3:20 PM ET
Leo Zamir Narvaez
WILLEMSTAD LEO CLUB, CURAÇAO, 35-N

SUNDAY, MAY 31



MENTORSHIP FOR LEOS | 2:10 PM ET
Lion Anwar Hollingsworth
DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 60-A



SOCIAL MEDIA BEST PRACTICES | 2:45 PM ET
Leo Dereck Rodriguez
DESAMPARADOS LEO CLUB, COSTA RICA, D-4



LEOS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS | 3:20 PM ET
PCC Pamela Longo Graney
MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO CHAIRPERSON, MD 1

zoom

REGISTER NOW at leoconference.leosforum.org

PDG Joe Skinner,
Good morning! I hope you are well.

On behalf of the Beacon Lodge Directors, campers and staff we would like to say thank you for your donation of \$450 towards 14-H cabin repairs.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and dedication to helping us achieve our goal of providing recreation to children and adults with special needs.

Check Received: 3/26/2020

Thank you!

Membership District 14H

Abington	39
Benton	13
Blakely / Peckville	17
Dalton	8
Dunmore	19
Eynon / Archbald	102
Falls	38
Forest City	20
Hawley / Lake	
Wallenpaupack	17
Honesdale	68
Jefferson Township	33
Jermyn	15
Jessup	15
Lake Ariel	18
Mayfield	17
Minisink	27
Minooka	49
Montrose	39
Moosic	20
Old Forge	29
Olyphant	31
Ransom	11
Scott Township	32
Scranton Central	22
South Abington	10
Stonebridge /	
Susquehanna	26
Taylor	28
Tunkhannock	14
Waymart	23

Total Members 800



From PID Cindy Gregg

Here are some ideas:

Bring packaged snacks and show extra kindness to the staff at grocery stores who are working hard to serve you.

Remember Delivery Men and Women. If you are ordering online, remember your delivery men and women and show kindness there as well by remembering to tip or leave small snacks outside.

Stay Home. One of the biggest ways to serve others is to stay home. It's the only way we can flatten the curve and prevent the virus from spreading.

Consider making sack lunches for those children who will not get lunch or other meals since school is not in session. Donate to organization who provide this service.

Pray for doctors, nurses and first responders.

Decorate your yard to spread cheer to your neighbors. Whether it is chalk art or decorating your porch with banners, try to put a smile of others' faces.

Surprise your Neighbors. Put together a little package, dinner, cards or cookies and spread some sunshine by placing it on their doorstep.

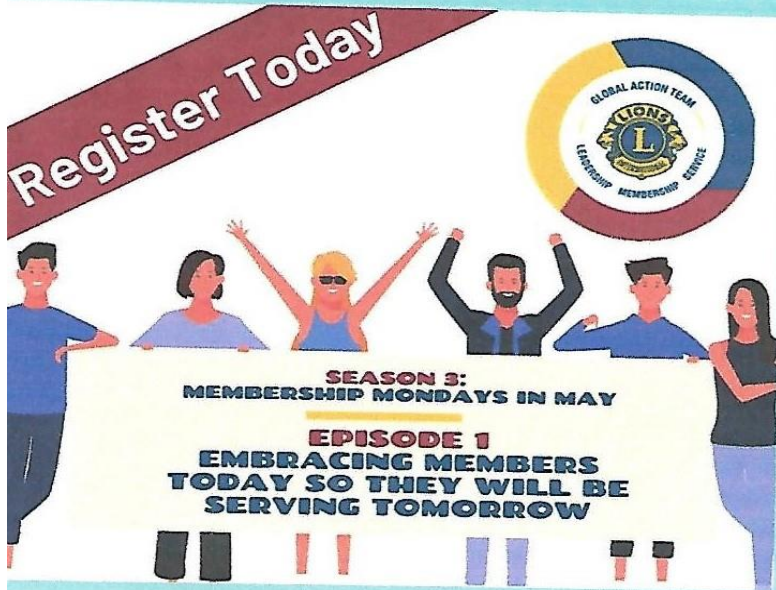
Delivery Groceries. Grocery Shop for those, who cannot due to age or other restrictions.

Snail Mail. Tell someone how much you care for them and are thinking about them.

Make cards for your family, neighbors, nursing facilities, nurses and doctors, grocery store workers, or anyone else who could use a smile.

Stay Connected and check on your loved ones with Facetime, phone calls, and zoom. Play games together over the video chat; call family members and friends to chat.

In addition, the North American "Serving Safely" Committee provided these suggestions for Lions and Leos to serve during this challenging time, which is broken down into 5 sections:



Membership
Mondays
in
May

Embracing Members Today
So They Will Be Serving Tomorrow
May 4, 2020 3:00 PM CDT



By registering you will receive the link to the webinar and your personal copy of the recording.

[Save Your Seat Now!](#)

WHO ARE THEY - FROM PAGE 5



They are Shirley Skinner, president of the Abington Lions Club.

Century the Golden retriever that the Abington Lions Club sponsored for leader Dog.

Two cute little puppies

