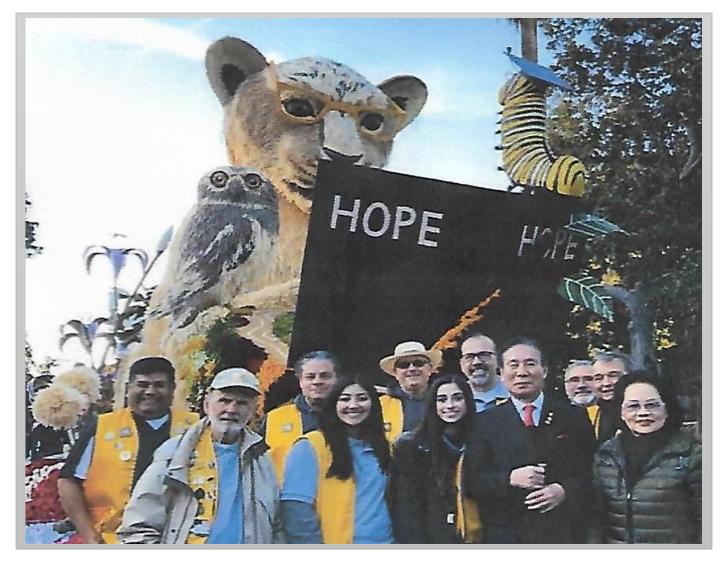
# Northeast Lion









# **LEADERSHIP**

# From the pen of our District Governor

Happy New Year, Everyone.

All I have this month is a few updates. The Council of Governors has voted to have the third State Council meeting via ZOOM again. We voted for this because the state will not lose any deposits to the venue with lodging and meals.

Our third district cabinet meeting will be decided to meet in person or ZOOM by the second week of next month pending on in-person gathering restrictions. If in person, It will be held at the American Legion (upstairs hall) on Birney Ave in Minooka. We will be having a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner to kick off St. Patrick's Day season. Full menu and meeting details will be

sent out to each club soon. Price should be around \$12 to \$14 each.



This is also an important meeting as we will be opening up nominations for 2nd Vice District Governor for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. We are also still in search of a 1st Vice District Governor for our current year. We will also have an update on our coming District Convention.

Clubs will also be receiving a letter from me asking if your club is active with everything going on. please respond with a simple yes or no through email. If you are still having meetings or events, I would like to stop by to say hello. This does not have to be a formal meeting.

I've been having a few repetitive questions regarding the Melvin Jones Raffle and here are the answers:

- You do not have to be a member to receive a fellowship. Thus, If you win, you may also gift it to someone else whether it's a member or not.
- If you win and are already a Fellow, it may go towards a Progressive Fellowship.
- You may purchase as many chances as you like. For only \$1 each, multiple chances will not break the bank.
- Payment can be made through PayPal, Venmo, cash or check and I can mail/email a copy of the filled-out stubs to you.

Many tickets have been purchased but selling 1000 of them is still a task. Please have your club consider purchasing some as well.

Please keep an eye out for updates on the above items and I hope to see everyone soon.

Dave

#### **Lions Clubs International District 14-H Melvin Jones Fellowship Raffle**

Winner will be based off of the evening drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery "Pick Three" on Saturday, April 10, 2021 (District Convention)

Proceeds benefit the Lions Clubs International Foundation Donation: \$1.00 per ticket Winner need not be present to win

## Attention all Lions of District 14-H

# We are looking for a person, like you to become First Vice District Governor

Contact PCC Mark Kusma or IPDG Fran Stepkovitch 570-575-4925 ----- 570-470-7838

### **BENEFITS**

Attend club meetings of all 29 Lions Clubs.

Meet the 800 Lions of District 14-H.

Learn so much more about Lionism than you ever knew.

Meet Lions from all over the State of Pennsylvania (MD 14).

Attend District and State Cabinet meetings.

Attend International Conventions, meet Lions from all over the world.

Learn what other clubs are doing, from other parts of MD-14.

Learn more about yourself Grow as a Lion – Grow as a person



HONESDALE - On the lower end of the "Park and Shop" lot on Main Street stands a pavilion where many Honesdale festivities occur, including those at Christmas time, such as Santa Claus coming to town.

A generation ago, THE Santa Claus of Honesdale was the gentleman whose name appears on that pavilion. Fred Miller was a man well known and well loved for different roles which he played, but especially well loved as Santa Claus.

Generations of Honesdale children enjoyed Fred Miller's portrayal of the role during the 61 years he enjoyed it just as much as did the children. Many of them, however, may not realize that the name memorialized on the white column at the pavilion belongs to the Santa Claus they loved so much.

Dear Lions and Friends:

Another year has passed and since it is 2020, THANK GOD!

District 14-H has had many set-backs this year, but then again, we have had many successes in this very troubled year.

So where do we go from here, and how do we get there?

Right now, 2021 is a giant question mark. What we do know is that we have 800 dedicated Lions with good minds and good Lion hearts. We have families and we have friends. Also, and quite importantly, we have people, organizations, and communities that need our help. It is time to roll up our sleeves, and get to the work at hand. That what Lions are known for. We may have to get away from the idea of just asking someone to join, and instead, show them why they should become a member of the greatest service organization in the world. Show them the benefits of becoming a member of our Lion family, by showing them what we are doing. Talk is cheap, the supply is much larger than the demand. Action, is what people are looking for. We may have to get away from being a fund raising and check writing organization, and get back the basics of being a "service organization". We have to realize that we are all aging and look for some younger members. Look what we can bring to the table. We have experience, we have contacts, we have know-how, we have desire, we have resources, and we have each other.

2021 is a new year. Filled with new challenges, and new opportunities. Last year was a bad year, for everyone. We lost a lot of ground, but now it is time to put on our big boy and big girl pants and get back to what Lions do, and what we do better than anyone else in the world. Our world. Let's make it a better world.

"We Serve"

God Bless and PDG Joe



This is a Christmas present from my granddaughter, the artist.

## DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee Minutes November 12, 2020

PRESENT: PDG Butch Sands, Barbara Taylor, DG Dave Barrett, Josie Sands, Dale Wilsey, IPDG Fran Stepkovitch, Dale Ferguson, Ida Ferguson, PDG Gene Scagliotti, Pres.

PDG Butch opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, thanks to my Club Tunkhannock Lions for hosting, at Todd & Rachels and lead us to the Pledge of Allegiance. He also thanked all veterans for their service.

The minutes of last meeting, all were asked if reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Lion Dale Ferguson, seconded by DG Dave Barrett and so carried.

Hearing Treasurer's report: by PDG Karen Cokely \$1,006.00 from 2019-2020 year, District 14H fair share added, added Judy Potratz fine of \$5.00, and added copay \$50.00 (total \$1,061.00 deposited) - paid to Abington Lions \$500.00. Closing Balance - \$1,960.27 A motion to approve made by Lion Ida Ferguson, seconded by Lion Dale Ferguson, so carried.

Sight Treasurers report: by Lion Barbara Taylor - no changes Opening balance \$8,780.19 A motion to approve was made by DGDave Barrett, seconded by Lion Dale Ferguson, so carried.

No new applications received. There was no correspondence or bills to be paid.

### **OLD BUSINESS** –

None –

**NEW BUSINESS** - No new business Lion Ida Ferguson mentioned that Humana pays for \$500 towards hearing aids, and \$200 toward eyeglasses w/ Medicare & \$0 copay, \$20 Chiropractor visits.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS –**

March 11, 2021 Scott Twp Comm. Center

**DG & PDG Comments** - -DG Dave - Cabinet meeting will be a zoom meeting, this Sunday at 1pm. Light agenda, not much going on at State level, State meeting will also be a zoom meeting too. DG Dave has started to hand out Chevrons, not many visits, still selling tickets for Melvin Jones Raffle to be awarded at District Convention on April 10th, Downtown Scranton Hilton, hospitality night is Friday 4/9/21. St. Pat's Parade probably not going to happen 2021. — IPDG Fran - Stay safe and healthy, hoping to return to normalcy soon, to be able to get together with everyone. —

PDG Gene - District calendars eliminated, Olyphant and Scott sold most, not enough support to continue. —

PDG Butch - encouraging to hear about vaccine, curious how it can be kept extremely cold for transporting.

### **EYEGLASSES/HEARING AIDS -**

Tunkhannock - (again - haha) another box - not sure amount Falls - 2 pair eyeglasses Dalton - 120 pair eyeglasses Scott Twp - 130 pair eyeglasses

### **GOOD OF THE DISTRICT –**

FALLS - Fall Safety Awareness was a success - working on teens Christmas project, filling stockings at DeLeo's 12/12/20 around 11am - see attached paper

EYNON ARCHBALD - working on Barrett's Pizza (selling tickets) fundraiser \$13, Delivering Thanksgiving Dinners to those in need in our Community 11/26

SCOTT TWP - Chicken BBQ was 10/31, great time, thanks to all who bought tickets, sold 600 tickets (last year we did 300), thanks for all members help

TUNKHANNOCK - 12/12/20 from 3-6pm - Chicken & Biscuit dinner will be a drive thru, at Sherwood Chevrolet - want to get the toys to the children in need, \$10 ticket for meal, \$5 for just chance for prizes.

MINOOKA - Info coming soon for their Super Bowl pool - - \$10 each ticket

Before adjourning IPDG Fran mentioned, any Clubs that have Boy Scouts help, your Club can purchase the Lions/Scouts patch at the LCI shop. -No further business, PDG Butch thanked Tunkhannock Lions for hosting the meeting, and reminded everyone the next meeting will be March 11, 2021 at Scott Twp. Comm Center, 7pm. Lion Ida Ferguson made a motion to adjourn and IPDG Fran Stepkovitch seconded, so carried.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Fran Stepkovitch

# Spontaneous Sputtering

Next to Warsaw, Chicago has the Largest Polish population of any city in the world.

There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland:

There are more Italians in New York City than in Rome, Italy:

There are more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel:

### Membership District 14H Abington 36 Benton 13 Blakely / Peckville 16 Dalton 8 Dunmore 21 Eynon / Archbald 99 Falls 45 Forest City 22 Hawley / Lake Wallenpaupack 15 Honesdale 68 Jefferson Township 37 Jermyn 14 Jessup 15 Lake Ariel 17 Mayfield 17 Minisink 26 Minooka 50 Montrose 39 Moosic 20 Old Forge 29 Olyphant 30 Ransom 11 **Scott Township** 32 Scranton Central 21 **South Abington** 10 Stonebridge / Susquehanna 25 **Taylor** 28 Tunkhannock 14 Waymart 23 **Total Members** 800 +1

We are here on earth to do good unto others.

What the others are here for, I have no idea.

## 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	mlee@tricountyindependent.com
Times Leader	shando@timesleader.com
Valley Advantage	advantage@timesshamrock.com
Carbondale News	kedwards@wayneindependent.com
Forest City News	fcnews@nep.net

Susquehanna County Independent

Dunmorean

indynews@indepenentweekender.com Susquehanna Transcript susqtran@epix.net (Melanie Barrett) dpi22news@gmail.com Wyoming County Examiner news@wcexaminer.com

### Pennsylvania Lions Pride Magazine

Betty Lou Ivel 2142 Clintonville Rd. Harrisville, Pa. 16038 Nectarine1@zoominternet.net

Scranton Times / Community Snapshot Submit Photos JPG or PDF yesdesk@timesshamrock.con

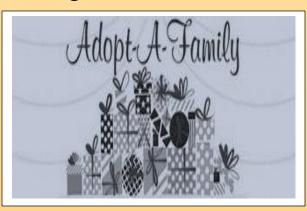
We currently have about 47 lbs.

on our goal of 100 lbs. for **Ronald McDonald House Kidney Dialysis** 

Send them to PDG Joe Skinner



# Abington Lions Club



# Adopted 3 families for the Christmas Holidays

The **Dunmore Lions** did have a meeting on December 14th. We discussed plans for Santa's delivery of goodies to the students at Saint Mary's Elementary Center in Dunmore. We sent donations to St. Francis' Kitchen, St. Joseph's Children Center and the Weinberg's food pantry. Our planning for January includes meeting with the District Governor for his annual visitation. February includes our 50/50 raffle for Valentine's Day. BTW if you are not going to buy Raffle tickets, please return them so we can sell them prior to the actual raffle. We did include a self-addressed stamped return envelope. March includes planning for our annual Easter Bunny Hunt which most likely will be a Drive Thru event.

Be well and stay safe and Happy Holidays to all.





## North Pocono Minisink Lions Club update:

The Club's annual Lucky Winner Christmas Raffle for North Pocono Middle School and Moscow Elementary Center students will take place after the Christmas Holidays because of COVID 19 restrictions. Lion Donny Brown, Chairman for the event, delivered the clothing gift packages on Dec. 4, 2020.

President Ron Donati made arrangements for the annual \$500 purchase of Dr. Seuss Day books for Moscow Elementary Center students. Books will be stamped and delivered by President Ron and Lion Andrew Kaminski after the Christmas Holidays.

Presented a \$250 donation check to ARC of NEPA in memory of recently deceased Club member Thomas Lynch. A \$100 donation check was presented to the North Pocono Public Library for a Thomas Lynch engraved memorial Leaf to be placed in the Richard Donati Vestibule.

The Club's annual Superbowl Raffle for 2021 has been cancelled because of COVID 19 restrictions at local ticket sales venues.

Club's Treasurer, Frank Bonacci, delivered our \$1500 Christmas donation to the NP Daleville Food Pantry.

Bi-monthly Club meetings will resume in January 2021.

**Stone Bridge Susquehanna Lions Club**. Sunday December 6th, the Stone Bridge Lions club participated in the towns first Winter Festival on Main street Susquehanna. We served FREE Hot cocoa and Chili dogs to those that braved the cold weather. There was holiday music playing and many local vendors set up along the street. Santa Claus made an appearance on a horse drawn carriage.





### FALLS LIONS CLUB

Nov 27th. Seven loaves, Bob and Nancy Smith, Ida Ferguson assisted with making dinners for 148

We had a zoom meeting on Dec 9 with 11 members present

Dec 12th stuffed 310 bags for our Teen Christmas Stocking Project, with handmade scarfs thanks to Marie Pritchyk, Elaine Jackson, and Ida Ferguson, Ear muffs were made for the girls by Elaine and Ida. Bags also had hats, gloves, toiletries, flashlights for boys, makeup and jewelry for girls, along with snacks, 11 members present to help with the stuffing along with a friend from Ida's ugly quilts group.

**Editors note:** When they say "Ida's ugly quilt group", it is not the group that is ugly, it is the type of quilt, that is described as "ugly"

Dec 15th Adopt a family gifts were taken to Tunkhannock Fire Station. This year we donated 2 bikes with helmets, outfits for the 2 children and present for Mom

Dec13th helped with food drive for Lower Wyoming County Food Bank.

Dec 18th donated food and Christmas gifts to 3 families that were in need, all families had lost their jobs do to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Dec 25th presents will be given to residents of the Falls Senior Center along with some Christmas goodies.

Dec 11th. Donation to The Gardens NH towards gifts for the hourly wage employees. Dec 14th. Donation of scented shampoo, body wash, lotions, and chocolate candy given to the residents of The Gardens.

Our **Hawley Lake Wallenpaupack Lion's Club** was busy! We only have 15 members but we made up 97 personalized gift bags for everyone at Ellen Memorial. Each one received a pair of cozy socks, a magnifying glass, chap-stick, a tiny stuffed animal, and a decorated Christmas card. They also received some large print books and large Christmas bears. Although our focus is on free eyeglasses and hearing aids, we felt this was the year to add another project.



The **Tunkhannock Lions Club** held their Annual Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, take out style, and toy collection this year. Many toys were collected for local children and over 70 dinners were sold. The winner of the **Wine Raffle Basket is Ed Stepkovitch from Archbald**. The Tunkhannock Lions Club wants to thank all who participated and donated. Special thank you to Sherwood Chevrolet, Inc in Tunkhannock for their help. Special thank you to **Scott Twp** Lions Club member Barb Taylor for helping prepare and serve dinners. Pictured are Tunkhannock Lions Members: Secretary, Lion Dale Wilsey, President PDG Harold "Butch" and Lion Josie Sands, Lily and Emma Daubert. Not pictured: Lion Judy Gingher and Lion Jen Daubert. And Lion Josie and PDG Harold "Butch" Sands dropping off the Raffle Basket at Pete and Reenies Restaurant for Ed Stepkovitch.



Nay Aug Park, Scranton Pa. 1953



Trolly car #413 on the Petersburg line, Scranton Pa. July 1947

The **Jefferson Twp. Lions Club** members and community volunteers, chaired by Darlene and Nate Mills, were proud to serve 170 free turkey dinners (drive thru and dine-in by reservation) to local residents. Everyone enjoyed the meals and the opportunity to purchase bake sale items and take chances on basket raffle items. The feedback has been very rewarding.

On December 5th Santa greeted 103 children and the members presented each of them with a wrapped gift box containing multiple age-appropriate items. Several days before there was a "wrapping party" involving members and volunteers. As always, Cheryl and Jim Simpson organized a great event.

The Gun Raffle was held live on Facebook on December 8th. Chair Sara Chaparro reported that 483 of the 500 tickets were sold! We are sure the winners were very happy!

Late January we will be selling Welsh Cookies, and we will be open for business for our Lenten Dinners in 2021. More details will follow.



# Pittsburgh Professional Sports Teams Raffle

### Contents:

Mark Recchi – Pittsburgh Penguins Autographed Jersey

Joe Mullen – Pittsburgh Penguins Autographed Jersey

Evgeni Malkin – Pittsburgh Penguins Autographed Puck

Paul Goffey – Pittsburgh Penguins Autographed Puck

Jarvis Jones – Pittsburgh Steelers Autographed Mini Helmet

Kris Benson – Pittsburgh Pirates Autographed Baseball

Pittsburgh Pirates Mini Louisville Slugger Bat

Pittsburgh Penguins Sweater Tumbler

Blanket / 6 Pack Gooler / 2 Gustom Masks / Steelers Keystrap

(Approx Value: \$1,250)

All items denated by Liens Jason & Trisha Radmann

Drawing at the 2021 PA Lions State Convention - May 16, 2021

Donation: \$5.00 - (Not deductible as a charitable donation)

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LCIF Campaign 100 - ONLY 200 TICKETS!!!!

CONTACT Jason or Trisha Radmann for Tickets

Email - jasonrad13@qmail.com or call 814-330-4740