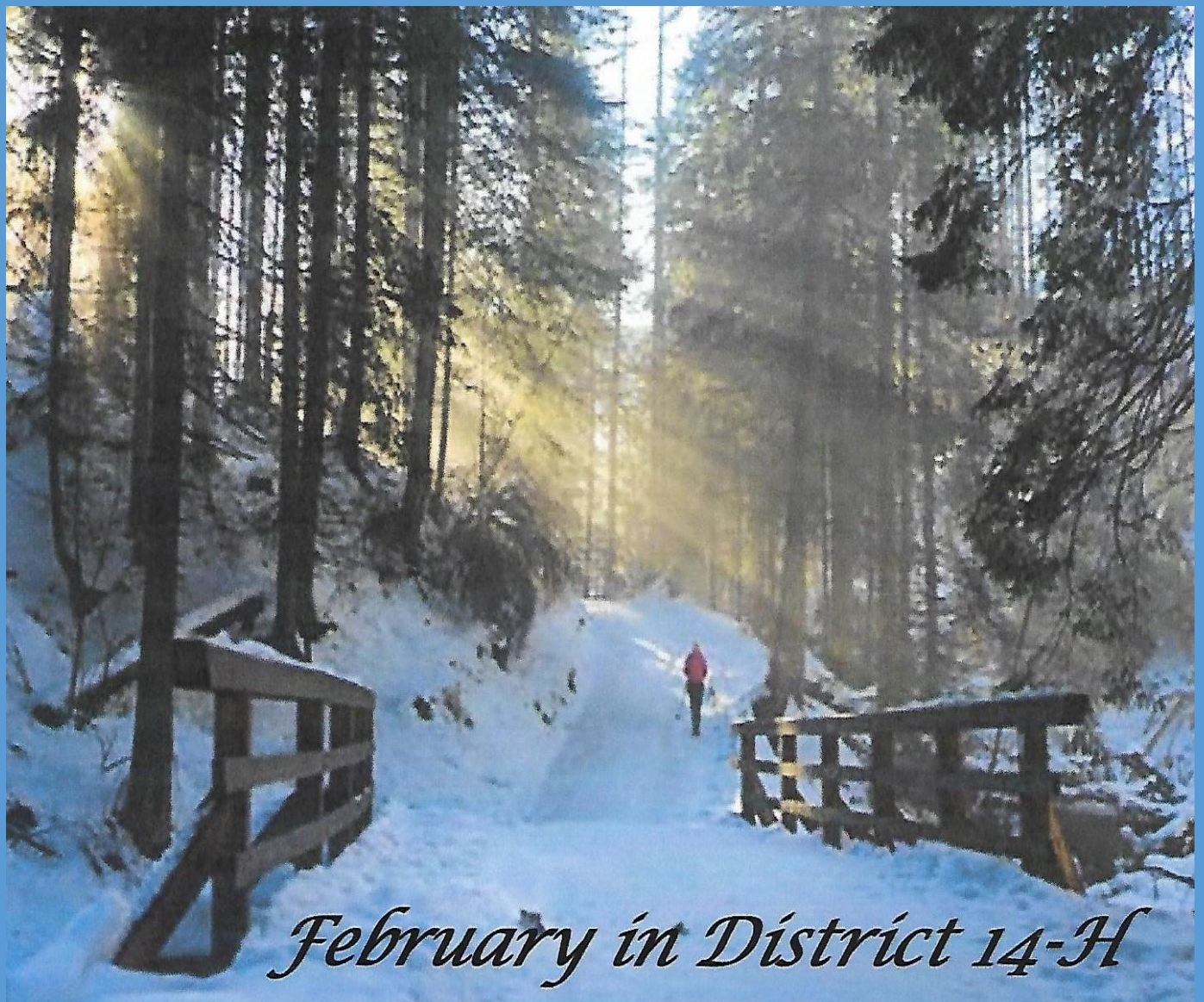


# *Northeast Lion*



February 2021

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*February in District 14-H*

# *From the pen of our District Governor*

Happy February everyone!!!!

As we have passed the halfway point of our current Lions year, we can all agree that this is quite a year. For those clubs who are still serving our communities, thank you. For the clubs that are holding off on meeting to keep yourselves safe, thank you. But I would still like to hear how your club is doing.

In the next few weeks, things are going to be a bit busy on the district level. As we are uncertain as to when gathering restrictions will ease, we are still going to at least plan for our annual district convention. As of now, we have modified the convention as follows:

- The business meeting with election of next year's officers will be tied in to a semi-formal luncheon on April 10, 2021. We have eliminated the evening banquet to reduce cost to attendees and the district. This also means that nobody will need to rush from the meeting to get changed for the evening. The flow of the luncheon will be similar to our regular cabinet meetings.
- We have eliminated Friday night's hospitality party as social distancing will make this part difficult.
- The Hilton Conference Center is on board with our modifications and is working with us as much as they can. Our guest for the weekend, International Director Justin Faber, is also on board with this.
- Convention packets will be mailed out towards the end of February.

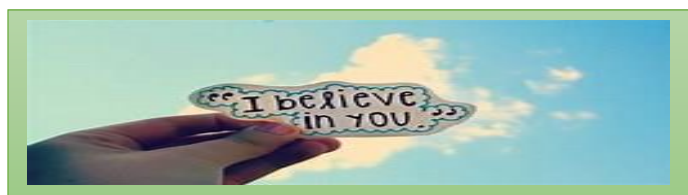
Likewise, with uncertainty of the gathering restriction timeline, we are also planning to meet in-person for the third cabinet meeting. A final decision to switch this to on-line will be made by the middle of February if needed. The meeting will be held at the American Legion in Minooka on February 21, 2021. Meeting info was sent to club secretaries or presidents.

I am still open and available to meet with clubs for my annual visitation. This does not have to be a formal meeting like in the past. Like I mentioned earlier, I would still like to hear how your club is doing.

Finally, tickets for our district's Melvin Jones raffle were sent to club presidents if clubs and/or members would like to purchase. This is a substitute to the district's regular lottery fundraiser. Although this isn't necessarily a fundraiser for the district as no profit is being made, it is a way for us to make an additional contribution to the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Each ticket is only one dollar and I am requesting them to be returned, sold or unsold, by the end of March. Winner will be named based on the evening "pick three" of the Pennsylvania Lottery on the night of the district convention.

Thank you for your time and everything we do for our communities.

Your District Governor - Dave



# *From the pen of our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor*

Hello Everyone!

I hope that everyone is keeping warm and safe this winter. With the COVID 19 continuing, it is certainly a challenge and a time of change; learning the "new norm". Even when it comes to Lionism, we have come against our challenges and LCI has recognized this. Please take notice of the two posts from LCI, one concerning dues and one concerning the International Convention.

As you can see, I am returning as your 1st Vice District Governor; to be the Governor July 1, 2021. It is my pleasure and honor to become a governor again. I am looking forward to visiting each of the 29 clubs and having the chance to fellowship with each of you. Also, during my year I would like to encourage each club to participate as best of their ability and come to the Sight First & Hearing meetings, Zone meetings, District Cabinet meetings and/or the District Convention. Although these meetings are not mandatory, they are certainly a good way for you to meet other members within our district community. I would like to thank everyone who has shown their support to me for coming through as Governor again, it is greatly appreciated. I am in need of Zone Chairs and other various chairs, should you be interested please let me know. We are also in need of a 2nd Vice District Governor who would start on July 1, 2021. Should you be interested, please contact PCC Mark Kusma or IPDG Fran Stepkovitch.

Again, I look forward to seeing everyone throughout my year and should you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email [c.metschulat@outlook.com](mailto:c.metschulat@outlook.com) or cell phone 570-504-6261. You may also contact me via postal mail at 135 Lakeside Park, Madison Township, PA 18444.

In Service & In Friendship,  
1st VDG/PDG Cathy

# TO PLACE AN AD IN NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT 14-H DIRECTORY

I/We wish to make a donation for an ad in the 2021-2022 district directory. Please find enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a  
quarter page, half page, full  
page Message:\_\_\_\_\_

Art work included: Yes/No

Make check payable to: District 14-H Lions      memo: District directory

Please mail to: 135 Lakeside Park, Madison Township, PA 18444

## HEED THE WARNING

### You May Be At Risk for Type 2 Diabetes or Have Prediabetes If You:

- Are 45 years of age or older
- Are overweight
- Have a family history of type 2 diabetes
- Are physically active less than three times a week
- Ever had diabetes while pregnant or gave birth to a baby that weighed more than 9 pounds



Talk to your health  
care provider to find  
out if you are at risk

## 3rd Cabinet Meeting of 2020-2021 DISTRICT 14-H

District Governor

Dave Barrett

2nd Vice District Governor

Dan Lake

**Sunday, February 21, 2021 at**

*American Legion Post 568, 2929 Birney Ave., Scranton, PA 18505*



Cost is \$12.00 per person; reservations and money are due no later than **February 14, 2021**

**MAIL TO PO BOX 4071, SCRANTON, PA 18505**

**Checks payable to District 14-H**

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](mailto:dutchsdoll2@gmail.com) or District Governor Dave Barrett also by that date.

Registration will begin at 12 noon

Meeting will begin at 1:00

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## FALLS TWP. LIONS CLUB

Falls Lions Zoom meeting on the 12th with 11 members attended

On January 30 and 31 from 10-3. We are having a bucket drop on Falls Bridge with all monies collected given to Carol Bardzel to help with her medical cost after spending 2 months in the hospital with Covid-19. She is home now and recovering slowly. Anyone wanting to donate can send money to Falls Lions, Box 66, Falls, Pa 18615. We will make sure that she gets it. Any help would greatly be appreciated.

We are also working with our state representative Karen Boback to get the bridge on 92 to be named Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge. It was brought to our attention that our bridge in Falls doesn't have a name.

January 29th we will be helping to prepare and serve dinner at Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen in Tunkhannock from 1500 to 1800. Last month we served 154 meals.

## NORTH POCONO MINISINK LIONS CLUB

North Pocono Minisink Lions Club update:

The Club's Christmas clothing gifts donation to North Pocono Middle School Lucky Winner students amounted to \$1900 of winter apparel.

The 2020 Fundraising Calendar Raffle resulted in \$6600 of winner payouts and a net of \$6800 which will be used to support the local Food Pantry and local needy residents in 2021.

Donated \$500 to the North Pocono Public Library in addition to the Club's annual Capital Improvement \$500 donation.

Our first meeting for the New Year was held on Jan. 21, 2021 at our base meeting place the VFW Post 5207 Daleville.

1st VP Lion Tony Seidita is in the preliminary planning stages of a new Fundraiser 12 month by-mail calendar from July 2021 to June 2022. More to follow.

Lion Tom Furino, Highway Cleanup Chairman, has moved out of the area and has resigned from the Club.

## Minooka Lions Club Super Bowl Tickets

### MINOOKA LIONS CLUB SUPER BOWL LV POOL

Sunday, February 7, 2021

#### \$5,000 IN CASH PRIZES

Exact Number ..... \$1500

One Above ..... \$500

One Below ..... \$500

First Two ..... \$150

(seven winners)

Last Two ..... \$150

(nine winners)

\*\*\*\*\* See reverse side for example of how to win \*\*\*\*\*

Donation of \$10 per ticket

Proceeds benefit community activities and services in Minooka

### SUPER BOWL LV

To Win, Total Number of Points by Both Teams in Second  
Third & Fourth Quarters Using Last Number  
on Right Hand Side of Each Quarter

~EXAMPLE~

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
N.Y. JETS	X	10	10	0
N.Y. GIANTS	X	21	17	0
TOTAL	X	31	27	0

EXACT NUMBER IS 179

One Above is 180 - One Below is 178

## DUNMORE LIONS CLUB

**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.



## 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*

## HAWLEY-LAKE WALLENPAUPACK LIONS CLUB

Lion Judy Potratz and Lion President Joan Nixon putting goody bags together for the Shut-ins they made up 96 bags for the guests at Ellen Memorial Nursing Home. Each one got a pair of nice socks, a magnifying glass, a Chapstick, a small stuffed animal, and a personalized Christmas card. One of our new members, Pat Bartleson, made beautiful holiday clips to hold the bags closed. We also wrote out 300 extra cards so each of them would get 4 cards over the 3-week period.



We donated 50 large print books for their library and a dozen HUGE bears to be used as prizes for bingo, etc. Some of them will be used for the dementia patients, who love to have something to snuggle

Rhoda (Dutton) Dewey passed on January 18, 2021, at the age of 88. She was one of the founding members of our Lioness' Club in 1972. She joined the Lion's Club in 2006 and was a very active member until poor health took its toll and she moved into Ellen Memorial several years ago.

She really enjoyed having an "election day hoagie" brought to her by members of the club every time. We will all miss her unique sense of humor and her wonderful smile.



## 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
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>800 +1</b>

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@tricityindependent.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	indynews@independentweekender.com
Susquehanna Transcript	susqtran@epix.net (Melanie Barrett)
Dunmorean	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.com

**We currently have about 47 lbs.  
on our goal of 100 lbs. for  
Ronald McDonald House**

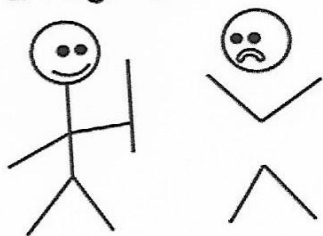
**Or**

**Kidney Dialysis**

Send them to PDG Joe Skinner



I've got your back!



# 1st Annual Membership Connections



\$5 per 10 tickets

7 Baskets

Sponsored by PA State Lions  
Council of Governors for the  
Global Membership Team

## Seminars



We can only accept 70 Lions at  
this time; 23 per session with 3  
sessions running at one time  
frame, separate rooms!!!!  
**CALL EARLY TO GET A SEAT!!**

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Wyndham Garden State College Mountain View Country Club, 310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA

Cost: Lunch Only \$15.00

Seminar Reservations: [cawilbur65@gmail.com](mailto:cawilbur65@gmail.com) or 607-738-6909

## Topics of Interest

**Members: A, B, C Acronyms** New members arrive with heads turning and twirling in all directions: what to do, what does that mean, what did she/he just say? *PID Cindy Gregg* will put a spin on those initials for better understanding!

**Members: Boosting Satisfaction** Additional ways to encourage Lions to step-up; keeping seasoned members active; and handling conflicts with resolutions. A *Leading Lion* will guide us to the future in Lionism.

**Members: Fun(ds) Raising-FUN & Games** Bored with same 'ole, same 'ole? Creating ways to add enjoyment and excitement to the traditional meetings. Co-Instructors *Lions Dorothy Daugherty and Debra Bieber* will entertain new ideas.

**Members: Grants-Funding Awards** An alternative to gaining access to funds to keep serving those in need. *IPDG Jim Wilbur* will provide Guidance with access and applications to assist with providing members and clubs more financial opportunities.

**Members: Membership: Panel of Young Lions** What do they want to do; how can they add energy to your club; and they will answer your questions, with steps to recruiting and enticing the next generation. *Lions representing the Mansfield Lions Club*

**Members: Service: More Opportunities** Lions are always looking for new ways to provide service to those in need. With the leadership of our Multiple District *PDG GST Tom Gregg*, you will need to bring a book to make a list!

**Members: Technology: Taking It Forward** The pandemic has us adapting ways to meet, conducting services, and fund-raising. *PDG John Mallonee*, LCI Certified Instructor, will show new tools assisting our members with new applications in technology.

**Lions Clubs International will extend the waive of the \$35 fee for new members and will hold back on the clubs of 'Status Quo' We NOW have 5 months to continue to recruit new members with no entrance fee!** Can each district add 10 more new Lions? Take a look at page 4 to see where your district stands and decide the direction your district needs. Let's Energize and Gear-Up to recruit, recruit, recruit!

## How to approach and attract new members:

First off do not shove an application in their face and have them find out 6 months later that they are expected to work and pay dues, be up front with them. Do not paint a picture of roses and butter cups, let them know what is expected of them, and why Lions exist. We exist to help others.



- 1 Purchase coffee and donuts or candy bars or Lion Mints.
- 2 Produce some information about your club.
- 3 Set up a card table in a prominent location.
- 4 Give away whatever you decided in #1
- 5 **DO- NOT-ACCEPT- DONATIONS.**
- 6 Talk to people about your clubs history in your town.
- 7 Invite people to your club meeting.
- 8 Have a snack or wine and cheese party meeting
- 9 Show people who you are and why they might want to join.
- 10 Explain about what is expected and about the DUES.
- 11 **DO- NOT- HAND- OUT- APPLICATIONS.**
- 12 Wait 2 days and call them and see what they think of your club
- 13 **NOW- YOU- OFFER- THEM- AN- APPLICATION.**

First of all we know that the Lions club is an extended family of 1.4 million men and women, from your town, your state, your country, and 210 other countries around the world. Lions are in more countries than the United Nations. We know that we all have our own religion and political views, but we are **NOT** a religious or political organization. **We are a service organization.** Our entire function is to serve our fellow man, regardless of religion, race, sex, color, location, or political affiliation; because when you look at your own club you will likely see many of these criteria met by your own club members.

We follow the motto **WE SERVE** period.

The acronym LIONS stand's for **Liberty Intelligence Our Nations Safety**

Lions were formed by Melvin Jones, a Chicago businessman in 1917. In 1925 Helen Keller challenged the lions to take up the cause of the visually impaired, to become "Knights of the Blind", and that is what started the Lions on our path to eye sight preservation, which is what we are mostly known for, to this day.

Pennsylvania Lions are broken up into 17 Districts, we are 14 – H. "14" refers to Pa. and "H" refers to our District, which is Wayne, Susquehanna, Wyoming, and Lackawanna counties. Each district has it's own Governor and all 17 Governors together make up the State Council, which meets 4 times a year. We have our State Administration Building and Administrator in Harrisburg. Under the Lion Governor's responsibilities are all the clubs along with many committees such as Hearing & Sight, Leader Dog, (no longer known as "seeing eye dogs"), Environmental, Kid's Sight & Hearing, Youth Exchange, Culture & community, Women and Family, Peace Poster, United Nation Day, Youth Outreach, Food pantries, Diabetes awareness programs, blood drives, Public Relations, and of course **MEMBERSHIP GROWTH.**

In order to serve people in need, the Lions branched out into other types of community service, which we will not try to elaborate on, because there are simply too many projects taken up by various clubs, but you will learn about many of them as your time in Lionism increases, so let us just consider what **YOU** do.

Dear Lions,

The corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic is continuing to impact the work of Lions around the world. As you know, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors unanimously passed another resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2021.
- Flexible payments – No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. Full payment is required to be received before June 30, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation.
  - Please note that clubs placed on financial suspension on December 31, 2020 will remain on suspension until the full balance is paid. Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at Lions Clubs International to avoid cancellation scheduled for March 1, 2021.

These additional measures will help Lions facing financial hardships and give our clubs the support and encouragement they need during these challenging times. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

The world needs Lions now more than ever, so thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Regards,  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President

***Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic***, the board of directors voted to transition the **2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention** to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- **Convention updates** – Check our convention website LCIcon for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President

January 18, 2021

Minutes for District 14H PDG Zoom meeting to appoint 1VDG

Start time - 7pm

Present - IPDG Fran Stepkovitch, PCC Mark Kusma, DG PDG Dave Barrett, PDG Gayle Padfield, PDG Rich Padfield, Rose Ellen Skodacek, PDG Cathy Metschulat, PDG William Metschulat

Meeting called to order & started with Pledge of Allegiance led by IPDG Fran Stepkovitch.

Email was sent (by IPDG Fran Stepkovitch) to PDG's for this 1/18/21 meeting & made several calls for attendance on 1-14-2021.

Discussions of PDG Cathy Metschulat volunteering to fill vacant District 14H 1VDG position 2021-2022. Letter of support was presented from her Club, Jefferson Twp. Lions, received & signed by Secretary PDG Gayle Padfield. PDG Rose Ellen Skodacek made a motion to accept, DG, PDG Dave Barrett seconded, all in favor and no abstains. Majority of 7 yes's, so carried.

DG Dave Barrett mentioned about upcoming District 14H Convention April 10th, more details coming, things will be a little different, shorter program.

Motion was made by PDG William Metschulat to adjourn and seconded by PDG Gayle Padfield, all in favor, so carried. Meeting ended 7:21pm

Minutes submitted by IPDG Fran Stepkovitch

### *Spontaneous Sputtering*

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

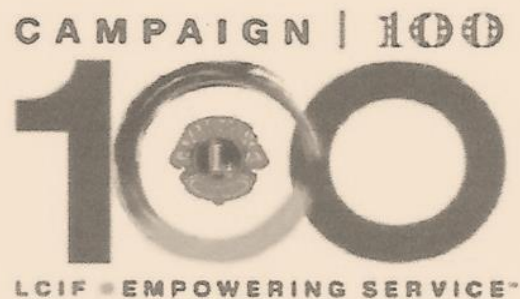
If you keep your feet firmly on the ground, you'll have trouble putting on your pants.

Cosmetology student missed class and was forced to take a makeup test.

Is it wrong that only one company makes the game of Monopoly?

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Do they allow a loud laughter in Hawaii or just a low ha?



## **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 Coffey – 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 Cooler / 2 Custom Masks / Steelers Keystrap**

**(Approx Value: \$1,250)**

**All items donated by Lions 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@gmail.com](mailto:jasonrad13@gmail.com) or call 814-330-4740**

