

September
2021

N O R T H O N E N A S T



*Be the
difference
in your
community.
Be a Lion!*

Written and edited by PDG Joe Skinner - JSkinner710@comcast.net

From the Governor

Dear Lions All,

I hope the month of August has found you safe and well. With the hot days of summer almost being over, we can plan on our fall events and fundraisers now. Even though August was a busy month for me, it was an informative and fun one. It started out on the 6th attending the August State Council meeting in Harrisburg. At the end of the meeting, for the good of the district, it was announced that PID Jim Cavallaro and ID Larry Edwards had surpassed their goal for LCIF's fundraiser. They wanted to raise \$10,000 and raised \$11,700!! But because of that, they had to cut their mustaches off, yes you heard me right, cut their mustaches off! In addition, 12 people's tickets were drawn raffle style and they each received a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Congratulations to each of you!

My next stop was visiting with the Lake Ariel Lions Club and then on to our first District Cabinet for the year. We were honored with special guests; PID Cindy Gregg and her husband PDG Tom Gregg in addition to PID Bob Miller and his wife Lion Judy Miller. PID Cindy gave a presentation about the GMA, Global Membership Approach. Please go online www.lionsclub.org and search GMA for information concerning this new program. It is very informative, user friendly and applicable for each club. PID Bob was in attendance to present several awards to various members of the district. All were well deserved and greatly appreciated.

My directory and governor's pins are ready for distribution. I will be mailing them to each club that I am to meet from October through March. Those clubs that I am meeting this month; I will bring them with me. When I am coming to visit with your club, if there are awards or membership inductions to be done, please let me know ahead of time so that I may be prepared.

To All Club Secretary's, please do not forget to go online and post your clubs activities, whether they be events, fundraisers, or special projects. If you need training to do this, please let me know so that I can arrange this for you.

As of June 30, 2022 Past District Governors are no longer allowed to repeat office; this means that we need to look within our district for "A few good Lions". Have you considered becoming a District Governor and you are just not sure what it's all about? Then speak with me or any PDG and we would be happy to answer your questions. The requirements is that you have been a club president and zone chair/cabinet member. The fulfillment is great, and you will walk away with an experience like no other.

I wish all of you a successful September and until next month....

In Friendship and In Service

DG/PDG Cathy



Upper lips that are as bald as Bob!

District 14-H Sight / Hearing meeting

John J Michaels VFW Post 5207 - Daleville



September 9th – 6 p.m.



501 - C - 3

Foundation

If it would benefit your club to get donations while getting the donor a tax break, the 501-C-3 foundation is available, to any club in District 14-H.

Not available for gambling or any games of chance

Lions clubs are 501-C-4 – social welfare organization, but not tax exempt organization

Contact District Governor, PDG Joe Skinner, or any PDG

Why isn't our membership growing?

Yes! The economy and COVID has perhaps made growth more challenging, over the last few years. That is true, but you can't ride that horse forever. You need to change gears, and try some different methods, or even retry something old. The real reason may be that one or more of the foundations that support a growing membership program have gone missing.

Does your town know that you even exist? Is recruiting new members a priority? Are you recruiting men and women? Does your club have a web page, and are you on the other social medias? Have you ever tried putting a small blurb in the newspaper? Are you in the towns Welcome Wagon? Do you have banners at your projects? Do you publish photos in the newspaper? How many “SERVICE” projects does your club do?

Membership District 14-H

Abington	36	Benton	15	Blakely/Peckville	14
Dalton	8	Dunmore	21	Eynon/Archbald	94
Falls	45	Forest City	22	Hawley	15
				Lake Wallenpaupack	
Honesdale	69	Jefferson Twp.	35	Jermyn	13
Jessup	15	Lake Ariel	15	Mayfield	16
Minisink	25	Minooka	45	Montrose	36
Moosic	16	Old Forge	22	Olyphant	30
Ransom	11	Scott Twp.	34	Scranton	18
South Abington	10	Stone Bridge	23	Taylor	27
Tunkhannock	16	Waymart	20		

District 14-H 29 Lions Clubs 765 Lion Members

District 14-H		
	Club	Charter Date
1.	Scranton	April 24, 1923
2.	Honesdale	March 20, 1925
3.	Dalton	July 13, 1939
4.	Jermyn	December 14, 1943
5.	Moosic	May 22, 1944
6.	Waymark	October 22, 1946
7.	Old Forge	June 17, 1947
8.	Montrose	September 19, 1947
9.	Stone Bridge	January 16, 1948
10.	Forest City	January 31, 1948
11.	Abington	December 13, 1949
12.	Olyphant	August 15, 1951
13.	Minisink	September 11, 1951
14.	Dunmore	March 31, 1952
15.	Scott Township	July 30, 1952
16.	Lake Ariel	May 28, 1953
17.	Blakely Peckville	November 6, 1953
18.	Taylor	November 15, 1954
19.	Mayfield	May 12, 1961
20.	Jefferson Township	October 18, 1961
21.	Ransom Township	October 5, 1971
22.	Hawley Lake Wallenpaupack	March 31, 1972
23.	Benton Township	April 16, 1975
24.	Falls	March 21, 1978
25.	Jessup	March 6, 1979
26.	Minooka	March 20, 1979
27.	South Abington	September 26, 1979
28.	Tunkhannock	June 20, 1989
29.	Eynon Archbald	March 11, 2010

Scranton's St. Patty's Day Parade

September 18, 2021



Step off is at 11:45 a.m. location/position in parade to be determined
Come out with your fellow lions and have a day of fun. We will have a float that will be decorated. You can ride on the float or walk, if you like, or both. 😊

Bring your family, bring your friends, but most importantly

BRING YOURSELF!

In the years past we have had lot of fun with a float full of people and a lot of walkers. But in the last few years we have had many fewer people attend, and the last year that we were in the parade the float was empty, and only a hand full of people walking. Please come out for a day of fellowship and good times.

If you have questions, please contact me at 570-504-6261 or by e-mail at c.metschulat@outlook.com

What's Happening...?

The Dunmore Lions and Rotary Clubs joined together to provide an appreciation luncheon for the members of the Dunmore Fire Department for their gallant service in our community in these troubling times. These firefighters exemplify the courageous conduct required of the Fire Department and continuously demonstrate readiness, performance, and excellence at all times, particularly during the Covid pandemic. Pictured from left to right; Committee Co-Chairmen: Rotarian Rich Sabato and Lion Jim Colangelo. Firemen: Chris Cichocki, Fire Chief Chris DeNaples Adam Valkos, and Dave Price.



As part of the Dunmore Police Appreciation breakfast, the **Dunmore Lions** and Rotarian Clubs presented an achievement award to the Department for outstanding service to our community during the Covid pandemic. Accepting the award is Dunmore's Police Chief Sal Marchese Jr. with Committee Co-Chairmen Lion James Colangelo and Rotarian Rich Sabato.



Honesdale Lions Club are collecting any throw away plastic bottle caps from the tops of Soda, Water, milk, etc., bottles for Children with Cancer: through an affiliation with our Local Radio Stations, **WDNH Bold Gold Media**. These donations help to provide resources for fighting Childhood cancer

Go to website

www.snopes.com/fact-check/capped-well/

Saving Plastic Bottle Caps for Medical Treatment



SEPTEMBER - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Honesdale Lions Club

Held their Annual Steak bake, on the Martin Farm on July 26th. Past President Randy Heller swore in the newly elected officers:

Bill O'Neill – President	Tom Fausshauer – Vice President
Derrek Ballinger – Secretary	Jason Nacinovich – Treasurer

The Annual *B-O-N-A-N-Z-A* is scheduled for Saturday, November 13 at the Anthracite Hotel in Carbondale. More information coming as it becomes available.

The annual Bonanza, which started in 1968, through the tremendous support of the community and the efforts of many Lions has raised and donated back to the community over \$500,000, to numerous community organizations. Over the past 53 years, some of the recipients of major contributions are: Wayne Memorial Hospital, Special needs Children's Christmas Party; Dyberry Day Camp for Special needs Children; Eye glasses for the needy; Honesdale Emergency Medical Services; Wayne Public Library; YMCA; and others

Honesdale Lions Club has held an annual Christmas Party for children with Special Needs, since 1951 (with the exception of last year due to COVID), a tradition dating back 60 years.

Honesdale Lions sponsor an annual blood drive since 1959.

In the 1940's the Honesdale Lions Club helped to sponsor and build Honesdale's first swimming pool, which was completed in 1952. Among the fundraising efforts to help support the pool was bringing in a circus performance. At the time the efforts started, the pool, was estimated to cost around \$30,000. The pool was unique for its time in that it was not only poured concrete, but it was prefabricated, in part, from steel. This is the pool that PDG Joe swam in, in his youth, many happy hours. Thank you Lions!

Organize a "Park Walk" No money, but you will get some publicity

Abington Lions Club

PDG Joe and District treasurer Shirley attended the Honesdale Lions Club Annual Stake Bake

8 members attended the August board of Directors meeting

PDG Joe attended the August Sight / Hearing meeting

President Dave Lindsey took our storage trailer to Wilkes-Barre to have the roof repaired

2 members attended the district Cabinet meeting at Coopers restaurant

Preparations are being made for the PennDot Safety Break Coffee stop in the Southbound Rest Stop in Lenox, on Labor Day Weekend.

MINOOKA LIONS CLUB



Charity Golf Classic 2021

When: Saturday, October 2nd

Where: Pine Hills Country Club

Captain and Crew

Cost: \$360/team(\$90/golfer)

Includes a hot dog and a drink at the turn and a buffet at Pine Hills following golf

7am Registration with shotgun start at 8am

Register your team now before all spots are filled

To sponsor a hole for \$75 or to enter a team

contact: Dennis Grendel at 570-961-3015 (home) or 570-335-1562 (cell)

or use venmo@minookalions

(for venmo please include golf tournament and either hole sponsor or team entry)



Minooka Lions Club Golf Classic Registration Form

Date: Saturday, October 2nd
Time: Registration begins at 7am with tee-off at 8am (shotgun start)
Location: Pine Hills Country Club, 140 South Keyser Ave, Taylor, Pa. 18517
Entry Fee: \$360 per team (\$90 per golfer) Please make checks payable to Minooka Lions Club or use venmo@minookalions and tag as golf tournament team entry and use captain's name (please only use venmo for entire team entries)
Format: Captain and Crew with Shotgun Start
Prizes: Flight winners, long drive, closest to the pin, raffles, prizes and giveaways
Dinner: Immediately following golf at Pine Hills banquet hall

Entry Form

Captain: _____

Player2: _____

Player3: _____

Player4: _____

Please send completed forms with payments to:

Minooka Lions Golf Classic c/o Dennis Grendel 2431 Cedar Ave. Scranton Pa. 18505 Or use venmo@minookalions , use golf tournament team entry and captain's name

Register your team early to ensure your spot



Look who just got added to the pot



The Tunkhannock Lions Club is proud to welcome new members to the club. members being sworn in by club president Harold Sands. From left to right are Lizzy's sponsor Lion Josie Sands, Lizzy, Chris, and President Harold Sands, Chris' sponsor.

“Heart of a Lion Award” doesn’t have to be a Lion! - \$10 for a plaque

Publicity – Publicity – Publicity – Publicity

Pancake and sausage breakfast



Operate the Gift wrap stand at the mall



Dunmore Lions Sam and Rich watch PDG Fran's Handbag. "Good Luck getting that one back, with anything in it".



Eynon / Archbald BINGO crowd on Sunday August 22
P. S. I won squat!

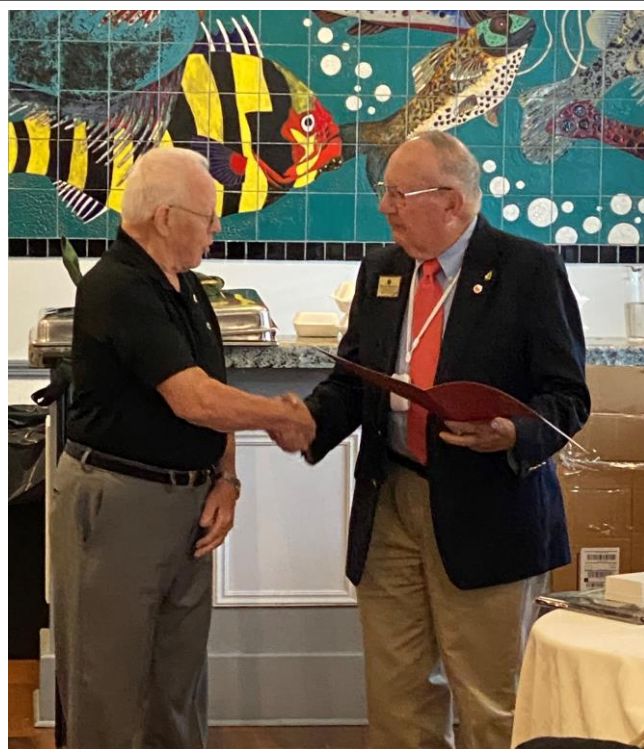


Mark Kline, Marie Finley, Rich Guman, Sandy Guman, Jack Kubash, Karen Rapoch, Louis Rapoch, Shirley Barrett, Peggy Kubash, Paula Turpack, Jerry Rouilliard, Linda Phillips Kline, Dave Moran, Erin Owen.
Question; What was Sandy Guman looking at?

District Cabinet meeting - Coopers Seafood



Past District Secretary Joy Lewis receives a **Presidential Leadership award** from Past International Director Bob Miller



Lion Francis Scott, from the Taylor Lions Club Received the **Presidential Certificate of Appreciation** from Past International Director Bob Miller.



PDG Gene Scagliotti received the **Presidential Leadership Award** from Past International Director Bob Miller.



Lion/Dr. Ken Savitski, from the Jessup Lions Club, receives the **Past International Director Joe Wroblewski award** from Past International Director Bob Miller



Honored guests and guest Speaker Past International Director Cindy Gregg, from the Bells Vernon Lions Club 14-E, with District Governor Cathy



Benton Twp./Dalton Lions Clubs Golf Tournament committee:
Front L-R Alden Lori, Pete Van Fleet. Back L-R Mark Young, Gene Geeza, Dave Rees.

The tournament was held on Saturday August 21 at Lakeland Golf course as a joint venture between the Dalton and Benton Lions clubs. The format of the tournament was Captain and Crew. There were 13 teams of four, and one team of three that participated.

The Dalton Club took care of the tournament registration details, and the Benton Club provided the food and beverages for the players during and after the tournament.

I am pretty sure that my last words will be

“Oh Crap! that didn’t work”

North Pocono Minisink Lions Club

ran a vendor raffle table at the Moscow Country Street Fair that was held on August 6th and 7th. Grand Prize included (4) gift cards for ShopRite of Daleville. Other prizes were donated by Ace Hardware, Mendicino's Restaurant and The High Bridge House Restaurant, and a Ladie's watch donated by Lion Terry Nye of Nye Jewelers.

At the end of the Fair on Saturday night the winning ticket was drawn for local resident Mark Bell.

Pictured are Chairman Lion Donny Brown presenting Mark Bell with the Grand Prize

The Lions current Fundraiser **Calendar Raffle tickets** are also available for sale at a reduced rate



There were approx. 40 food and merchandise vendors at the Fair with a Firemens parade on Friday night and a Farm tractor parade on Saturday night.

The Lions Club donated funds to The Pedal Pushers & Joe Pierangelli, a bike refurbishing organization that restores bicycles with new parts for needy individuals.

The **Minisink Lions** also donated funds for a local needy resident to obtain an eye exam and new eyeglasses.

The Club's annual Sight First meeting is coming up on Thursday Sept. 9, 2021 at the VFW John J. Michaels Post 5207 Daleville.

Make a donation to the Public Library – **Publicity** – **Publicity** – **Publicity**

Give away **FREE** coffee / tea / bottled water at the local parade

Have an Ethnic theme Dinner



Ida Ferguson From the **Falls Lions Club**, (in disguise)
shhh! Don't tell anybody. She is "undercover"

North Pocono Minisink Lions Club •Covid Edition• **CALENDAR RAFFLE**

July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022
**MATCH THE PENNSYLVANIA
PICK 3 NIGHT DRAW**
Straight

Prizes:

All Weekdays (M-F) - \$30.00

All Weekends (Sat-Sun) - \$50.00

Holiday Prizes

Independence Day (July 4, 2021) - \$500.00

Labor Day (Sept. 6, 2021) - \$300.00

Halloween (Oct. 31, 2021) - \$200.00

Thanksgiving (Nov. 25, 2021) - \$300.00

Christmas (Dec. 25, 2021) - \$500.00

New Years Day (Jan. 1, 2022) - \$300.00

Valentine's Day (Feb. 14, 2022) - \$200.00

St. Patrick's Day (Mar. 17, 2022) - \$200.00

Easter (April 17, 2022) - \$300.00

Memorial Day (May 30, 2022) - \$200.00

\$30.00 DONATION



Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Malya

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9TH 2P- 7P
@ JEFFERSON LIONS CLUBS
LIONS ROAD JEFFERSON
TOWNSHIP PA

Tickets to be purchased
at door

\$10 per person

Dine in or Take out

Age 6 and under free

50/50 raffles Gift Baskets

Donations can also be made on Cashapp
at \$MalyaMcgowan



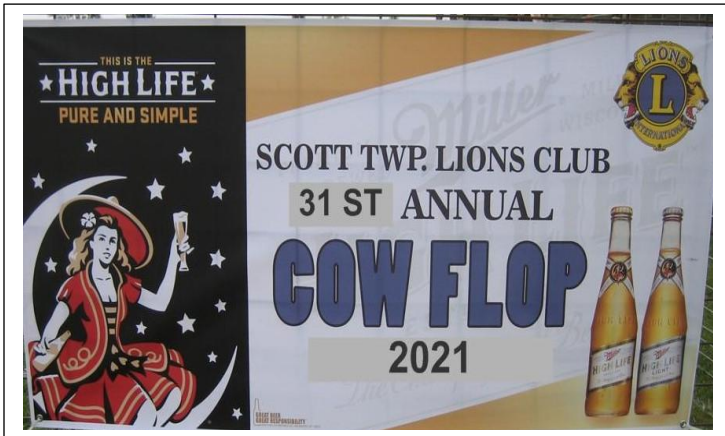
In November of 2020 Malya was diagnosed with a form of Epilepsy that is not manageable by medication. She has multiple seizures on a daily basis and will need to undergo surgery. Proceeds will be used to help purchase a service dog to accompany her throughout this process.



I am sharing this flyer with you, in hopes that you or your Lions Club would please consider providing a raffle basket or donation. Some of you are familiar with Goose's story and she has a long road ahead of her. Having a service dog would certainly help her during the next part of her journey. Please, should you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask, thank you.
In Friendship and In Service,
DG Cathy

Scott Twp Lions Club's

"COW FLOP BINGO"



The Queen arrives with her Royal Minion



The Royal Court Yard



Queen in her Royal Chamber



Sir Dale Furgerson
Knighted by the Queen



Royal planning session



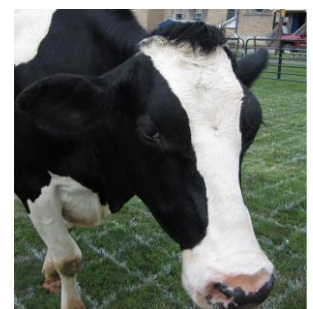
Royal Court



Preparing Dinner for the Royal subjects



Payoff from Royal Treasury



I just want to go home
I'm Pooped! **ALOHA!**



MD14 Global Action Team Fall Leadership Symposium

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, October 16 9AM-3PM

PA Lions State Office
949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111
Lunch available for a \$7.00 donation

OR

Sunday, October 17 Noon-5PM

Cambria County Assn. for the Blind and Handicapped
211 Central Ave, Johnstown, PA 15902
Snacks will be available

FREE & OPEN TO ALL LIONS!

ATTEND EITHER LOCATION!

PRESENTERS

PID Cindy Gregg, Area 1D GAT Coordinator
PCC Terri Kodgis, MD14 CB&L Chairperson
PDG Tom Gregg, Past GST Coordinator
PDG Cheryl Wilbur, MD14 GMT Coordinator
PDG Kerry McKnight, MD14 GLT Coordinator

Register to Attend:
Email PDG Kerry at klm52@aol.com
or call (717)235-2790

MD-14 Global Membership Team Coordinator
PDG Cheryl Wilbur

*"Leadership is more than service,
it is enabling others to be more productive."*

Guiding Lion Certification Course

Designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or are rebuilding—which is recommended as a foundation to steering leading Lions to guide our struggling clubs in a positive direction.

Certified Guiding Lions Course:

- ⇒ Understand Your Role as Guiding Lion
- ⇒ Develop a Plan to Guide Club
- ⇒ Provide Tools to Help Club Officers
- ⇒ Establish a System to Track Development



Saturday, September 18, 2021

929 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111-2810

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lunch: \$10.00

RSVP by September 2, 2021

Email: cawilbur65@gmail.com

MD-14 Global Membership
Team Coordinator

PDG Cheryl Wilbur
118 Trowbridge Station Road
Millerton, PA 16936
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C: 607-738-6909
Email: cawilbur65@gmail.com

Just a Phone Call away!

**District Governors: Want to SEE a Guiding Lion
Course in YOUR District—Let's Schedule!**

We are

**Ordinary People
doing
Amazing Things**

Come join us.



September is Childhood Cancer Month

If your club is looking for a service project in the very special category of **Childhood Cancer**, please consider one of the following projects in **September**.

As we continue to develop our community of Lions in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness, research and of families with children fighting Cancer, I want to first acknowledge Four Diamonds as our partner in PA Lions Care For The Kids.

First, our ongoing relationship with Lion Katie Anderson of **Four Diamonds (PennState Hershey Children's Hospital)**, is growing statewide as we begin our 4th year together. Four Diamonds is coordinating a month long event called *Play For The Kids*. [Home | Four Diamonds Play For The Kids™ \(donordrive.com\)](https://donordrive.com/PA-Lions-Care-For-The-Kids)

You select an activity category: Move Your Body, Eat Like a Kid, Fun & Games, or Play Your Way. Register on the link above, and begin! Some Lions have registered as individuals and others have selected something with a group of friends or as a Lions Club. If you or your club participate, they will recognize your efforts and credit your efforts towards our PA Lions Care For The Kids overall goal.

The Rostraver Township Lions Club, have registered for the **Four Diamonds Play For The Kids event** in September and pledged \$1000. Representing 14L, under the leadership of DG Gary Shetter, he has made a personal challenge of riding his bike 200 miles in September and gathered a group to ride with an amazing overall goal!. Lion Emily of 14T has registered in support of her daughter who has experienced the support of Four Diamonds over the past few years. These are just a few examples and we know they will all have fun achieving their goals.

I have made contact with **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia** and I wanted to highlight especially for the Lions in the Philadelphia area (or if you would like to participate virtually), the inspiring **CHOP Parkway Run/Walk on September 26th**. Last year was virtual year, but in recent years they had over 10,000 participants! [Parkway Run & Walk \(chop.edu\)](https://chop.edu/parkway-run-walk)

For the Western PA Lions that have requested something closer to home, I have reached out and will continue to try to make contact with the Pittsburgh Children's Hospital. In the meantime, I did find this. . . The 14th Annual Children's Hospital Golf Classic will be held on Tuesday, September 21, at Laurel Valley Golf Club. [Click Here](#) for a list of sponsorship and participation opportunities – limited spots available.

Additionally, I hope to connect soon with Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville. It appears their last Superhero Ball was in 2019 and I could not find information for an upcoming event in September as of yet but if you are interested in this specific area, please let me know so I may make a note of it.

Keep in mind, you may support any of the Children's Hospitals in the state as they serve patients who come from all over the state. You may choose to continue support with PA Lions Care for the Kids (Four Diamonds) and/or you may support Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, or Danville. Your service and funds raised will go to a good cause in every way.

Be creative! Maybe host a pancake breakfast, plan a bingo night, or Fall activity to raise funds and awareness for Childhood Cancer. No matter what you choose to do, big or small, I would encourage you and your fellow Lions to show support and enhance awareness in September for children battling Cancer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Service,

PDG Keldeen Stambaugh, District 14-T
MD 14 Childhood Cancer Coordinator

Sponsor a hero. Be a hero.



Throughout our history, thousands of amazing donors worldwide have helped us empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel. Now you have the opportunity to show your support in a new way, through a **Symbolic Puppy Sponsorship**. For \$500, you'll receive a picture, a profile and an official certificate of your sponsored Future Leader Dog. But more importantly you'll help make the following possible each year:

► **1,000,000+**

Days of safe and independent daily travel

► **200**

Leader Dog teams paired

► **100**

Clients receive white cane training

► **6**

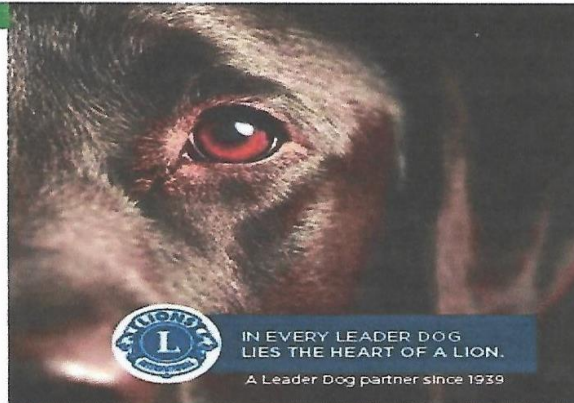
Clients who are deaf and blind receive customized guide dog training

► **24**

Teenagers gain leadership and travel skills

► **\$0**

Cost to client



"I'm retired and on my own, so the dog is my world. If I don't get my five miles of walking, hiking or snowshoeing—I don't feel right. It's kind of an existence." -Randy & LD Senna



**LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND**

For more information or to sign up, visit
LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy

FOLLOW THE LEADER
LeaderDog.org

1039 S. Rochester Rd | Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115

Spontaneous spullering

I got kicked out of the hospital. Apparently, the sign "stroke patients here" meant something completely different than I assumed.

The more I get to know people, the more I realize why Noah only let animals on the boat.

Covid-19 Fact: 87% of gym members didn't even know their gym was closed

Every day, thousands of innocent plants are killed by vegetarians.

Help stop the violence - eat bacon.

A mosquito just landed on my husband's face ... easiest decision of my life ...

PUPPY SPONSORSHIP

A \$500 donation allows you to choose from a select group of puppies to symbolically sponsor and receive:

- ▶ A portrait of your sponsored Future Leader Dog suitable for framing
- ▶ Four wallet-size photos to share
- ▶ A profile of your Future Leader Dog with fun information such as personality traits, favorite toys and more
- ▶ An official sponsorship certificate
- ▶ **Each sponsorship comes with a matching plush puppy!**



Sakari
Michigan



Benton
Tennessee



Thea
Wisconsin



Sequoia
Michigan



Papi
Michigan



Harper
Maryland

☐ **YES!** I would like to sponsor a puppy!

Name (Required) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Email Address _____ Phone (____) _____

Sponsoring (please circle *ONE* puppy) Sakari Benton Thea Sequoia Papi Harper

Please make check payable to "Leader Dogs for the Blind" with "Puppy Sponsorship" in the memo.

Mail to: Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115

You can also sponsor a puppy online at LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy



- Raised by volunteer Lion puppy raisers



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Service from the heart with International President, Douglas X. Alexander

Dear Lion,

I learned very early on about the importance and power of community. In Brooklyn, we work together and support each other to make life better for everyone. And that's why Lions has always felt like a family to me—like my home. Because for Lions, helping others is more than what we do. It's who we are. And we give our "Service from the Heart." That is the message I want us to share with the world.

We have a vision to make a better world for all people. That vision begins with us at home in our communities. Our safe service is helping so many people, so let us continue to be guided by our hearts and to move our communities forward. Let's live out who we say we are. Let's show the world what it truly means to have the heart of a Lion.

It is a great honor to be your international president. And I promise I will serve you with all my heart.

Yours in service,

Douglas X. Alexander
International President

2022 Lions International Convention Relocated



Posted **June 16, 2021**

Due to the ongoing challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the board of directors has voted to relocate the 2022 Lions International Convention from New Delhi, India to Montréal, Canada.

The ongoing travel and health advisories, and the size and complexity of our convention, led to this difficult decision. The board of directors also agreed to host a future convention in the beautiful city of New Delhi in a mutually-agreed upon year.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time COVID-19 has required our organization to make adjustments for the health and safety of our Lions, staff, vendors and local communities. In 2020, the board of directors voted to cancel the Singapore convention due to the government of Singapore restricting entry to the country. In January 2021, the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention was transformed from an in-person event in Montréal, Canada to the organization's first virtual convention in response to the ongoing global pandemic.

We would like to recognize our Lions in India, who are such an important part of our Lion family. They have been dealing with a very challenging moment in their country, like so many others around the world. We know that Lions are working there to safely serve their communities, and everywhere we serve. While COVID has forced us to change the way we live, work and serve, we will continue to meet this challenge together.

We will be working to move ahead with planning our 2022 International Convention in Montréal, which will take place on June 24-28, 2022. As plans come together, we will be sure to communicate to the Lions of the world.

