

# *Northeast Lion*



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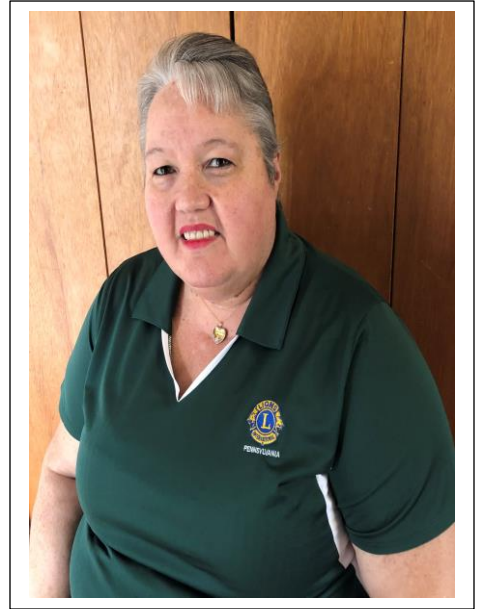


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# *From Your Lion District Governor*

Happy Fall Y'all

I have no doubt that your club is out and about these days. The weather has been beautiful and it's time to do service projects or fundraisers. I have said it before and I will say it again, I am very proud of all of you and what you and your club get accomplished, thank you! I have visited with several clubs in September and of them was unique and a pleasure to have had the opportunity to meet their members; both old members and the new! We visited with Old Forge, Benton, Dalton, Tunkhannock and my home club Jefferson Township. While we were at my home club, we had two special guests join us from Lancaster County. Both Lion Jim Groff and PDG Dave Samson where at the meeting. No ha-ha they didn't drive just for the meeting, they are here to help PDG Bill and I with a remodeling project. They have been here for a total of 6 days and PDG Dave will be returning later on his own. This is what Lionism is all about, helping our fellow neighbors when there is a need. To have the heart of a Lion is what our International President speaks about quite often. That when you have a heart of a Lion, you have a heart to help others! Here is the latest that our International President has to say....



Dear Lion,

You give your service from the heart- generously and without expectation because you know that the greatest reward is the joy found in serving others. And every day, you have the incredible opportunity to share that joy by inviting someone to change the world with you, as a Lion. Let's help our communities discover what we have found. We all know friends and family who are looking to put their kindness in action, and if each one of us invited one of them to join us in service, imagine how much more we could accomplish. So, invite them to become a Lion. Give them the gift of service and a joy that will change their life forever. Yours in Service, Douglas X. Alexander Just some housekeeping..... I have received a letter from Lion Bob McComas of the PA Lions State Office concerning Per Capital Dues that have not been paid as of September 27, 2021. Please have your treasurer check their records and make sure that your club is up to date. There were a few from 14H that have not been paid, so please make sure that this gets paid as soon as possible.

In Service and In Friendship

DG/PDG Cathy



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# Lions Clubs International History

**T**he International Association of Lions Clubs began as the dream of Chicago businessman Melvin Jones. He believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large.

Jones' own group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed. After contacting similar groups around the country, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917 at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago. The new group took the name of one of the groups invited, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and a national convention was held in Dallas in October of that year. A constitution, by-laws, objects and code of ethics were approved.

Among the official objects adopted in those early years was one which read, "No club shall hold out the financial betterment of its members as its object." This object has remained one of the association's main tenets ever since.

Just three years after its formation, the organization became international when the first club in Canada was established in 1920. Major international expansion continued as clubs were established, particularly throughout Europe, Asia and Africa during the 1950s and 60s.

Perhaps the single event having the greatest impact on the association's service commitment occurred in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed the Lions at their international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. It was there that she challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."



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## We Serve

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In 1990 Lions launched their most aggressive sight preservation effort to date, SightFirst. The US\$130 million dollar program strives to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness by closing the gap between existing health care services and those that remain desperately needed.

Broadening its role in international understanding, the association helped the United Nations form the Non-Governmental Organizations sections in 1945, and continues to hold consultative status today. Each year, during The Lions Day With The United Nations ceremonies, an award is presented to the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Since those first years, the association has grown to include nearly 1.4 million men and women in more than 41,000 clubs located in approximately 180 countries and geographical areas. Lions Clubs International celebrated 75 years of service in 1992.

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## *Abington Lions club PennDot Safety Break Coffee Stop*



Ready to serve coffee and hot dogs. L to R, Shirley Skinner, Karyn Bevard, John Bevard, and Ed Borek.



Pictured are Ida Ferguson (Falls Lions) Shirley Skinner, and PDG Joe Skinner. Photo by Dale Ferguson (Falls Lions)

## SCRANTON LIONS CLUB



Scranton Central Lions Club presents a check to the Lackawanna Association for the blind for \$16,000, the proceeds of the Annual Dream Game L to R



Karen Boback and Dale Ferguson President of  
**Falls Lions Club**



Sept 18th at 11AM. Falls bridge on 92 was named. Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge. **Falls Lions Club** participate with this event.

October 10th at 11AM **Falls Lions Club** will be having their last Chicken Barbecue for this year. Price remains at \$10. All are welcome to attend. We will be doing 200 chickens so come early.

We have started collecting items for our Christmas Teen Project. The Christmas bags go to InterFaith and are distributed to Wyoming and Susquehanna Counties. Hoping to do 330 bags like last year. If you would like to help, here are some items we need. Toothpaste, Gloves, toiletries, Hats for guys, Any small items you can think of, and snacks of course. We are setting Dec. 1st as our deadline to gather the items. Any questions call Ida at 607-742-2170

All donations are greatly appreciated



## DUNMORE LIONS CLUB



The **Dunmore Lions Club** recently made a significant donation from their Children Welfare Fund to help a local handicap child. The donation was to make her apartment fully handicapped accessible. Pictured L to R: Lion Leo Wentline Jr. Chairman of the Children's Welfare Fund, Lion Jim Colangelo, Secretary, Recipients Masie, Casey, and Heather Bognatz.

Contributions to the Lion's Children Welfare Fund may be made to **Dunmore Lions Club**, C/O Children Welfare Fund, P.O. Box 391, Dunmore Pa. 18512.

### **NEW MEMBER IN FALLS LIONS CLUB**

Lion Joe Peters --- sponsored by Ida Ferguson

*Welcome aboard Joseph*

**We are**  
**Ordinary People**  
doing  
**Amazing Things**

**Come join us.**



# Membership District 14-H

Abington	35	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	14	Lake Ariel	15	Mayfield	16
Minisink	25	Minooka	45	Montrose	36
Moosic	16	Old Forge	22	Olyphant	30
Ransom	11	Scott Twp.	34	Scranton	17
South Abington	10	Stone Bridge	23	Taylor	27
Tunkhannock	16	Waymart	20		

District 14-H    29 Lions Clubs    762 Lion Members

## Eynon – Archbald Lions Club

*Up-D-Eynon*

Craft Fair

AC Field    October 16-17



## *Spontaneous Sputtering*

*New newspaper editor sought*

Police begin Campaign to run down J-walkers.

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian takes over.

Red tape holds up bridges.

Study on obesity looks for a larger test group.

Kids make nutritious snacks, for teachers.

Local High school dropouts cut in half.

# 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

**Honesdale Lions Club** is 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/](http://www.snopes.com/fact-check/capped-well/)

**Saving Plastic Bottle Caps for Medical Treatment**

**SEPTEMBER - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

**District 14-H Sight / Hearing meeting**  
**Christ The King Parish Center - 411 Church St. Archbald**  
**Across from the Borough Building**



**October 7th – 6 p.m.**





# **DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee Minutes**

## **of September 9th, 2021**

### **VFW in Daleville - Hosted by Minisink Lions**

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PRESENT: DG Cathy Metschulat, PCC Mark Kusma, IPDG Dave Barrett, Lion Preston Barrett, PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, PDG Gene Scagliotti, PDG Fran Stepkovitch, PDG Karen Cokely, Lion Barbara Taylor, Lion Ida Ferguson, Lion Dale Ferguson, Lion Ed Stepkovitch, PDG Gayle Padfield, PDG Rich Padfield, PDG Pam Savitski, Lion Ken Savitski, PDG Joe Skinner, Lion Shirley Skinner, Lion Allan Hetkowski, Lion David Rudis, Lion Jim Strempek, Lion Frank Bonacci, Lion Ed Gaughan, Lion Donny Brown, Lion Jerel Wayne

**President PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting** by welcoming everyone, thanks to Minisink Lions for hosting, thank you to PDG Joe Skinner for filling in at last month's meeting, and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Lion Jim Strempek said thanks to everyone for attending, great fellowship with different clubs and said grace. We took a pizza break

The minutes of last meeting, all were asked if reviewed. A motion to approve was made by DG Cathy Metschulat, seconded by PDG Karen Cokely and so carried.

- - Hearing Treasurer's report: PDG Karen Cokely Last Balance - \$1,617.27 Deposited \$1,000 from DG Dave Barrett Balance as of 9/9/21 is \$2,617.27

A motion to approve made by PDG Gayle Padfield, seconded by Lion Shirley Skinner, so carried.  
No applications, no bills.

- - Sight Treasurers report: Lion Barbara Taylor Opening balance \$9,687.19 Deposited \$1,000 from DG Dave Barrett Kidsight has \$1,943.45, therefore Sight First has \$8,743.74 A motion to approve was made by PDG Rich Padfield, seconded by Lion Dale Ferguson, so carried.

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

PDG Joe Skinner asked when we last used account, Lion Barb Taylor stated insurance is generous with money for programs, what else can we do to get word out to clubs? PDG Butch mentioned hearing aids are more expensive than eyeglasses. Scranton Lions contact Lackawanna Blind Assn. for eyeglasses.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- - **KIDSIGHT** - DG Cathy, its the 3rd year for cameras going out to the School Districts for vision screening. Last year there were 13 School Districts using the cameras, this year it's only 11, 2 purchased their own cameras. Cameras are currently out to Scranton and Honesdale.

#### **- - NEW BUSINESS**

- - PDG Gene Scagliotti concerned about St. Patrick's parade 9/18 with covid uptick & should we continue the district calendars? Need support from all Clubs. If every member bought one ticket, would be super. Bonus is clubs get \$3 back for every one sold. District sold approx. 750 in the past. Minisink Lions do a daily number calendar, \$25 a ticket, works well for the Club as a fundraiser. PDG Fran Stepkovitch suggested to hold off on 9/18 parade until March, skip September. All in agreement. PCC Mark Kusma suggested might be to late to do calendars this year, let's skip until next year. Calendars tabled until next Cabinet Meeting.

#### **- UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- October - Eynon Archbald - Christ the King Parish Center, 411 Church St Archbald, across from the Borough Bldg. park and enter in rear. November - Tunkhannock (Hawley Lake Wallenpaupack can step in if needed for a meeting)

### PDG Comments

- DG Cathy - I would like to introduce Our First Vice DG Alan Hetkowski and Second VDG Dave Rudis, both Scranton Lions, thank you for stepping up in Lionism. (Pending approval by LCI). Enjoying visits with Clubs, Kidsight too. Montreal will host next International Convention 2022-2023.
- IPDG Dave - I want to share letter - **my dad was a donor (cornea)**, received letter from recipient thanking for being a donor and all worked out well with the transplant. Thanks to everyone for your condolences to myself and Preston in this difficult time.
- PDG Fran - Just a reminder \$35 fee waived until December 31, promote new members, welcome & thank you to 1VDG Alan & 2VDG Dave.
- PDG Karen - thank you to 1VDG Alan & 2VDG Dave
- PDG Joe - 1 VDG Alan & 2VDG Dave, you will love the ride, lots of work and you will remember it for the rest of your life, & you won't regret it. PDG Joe, IPDG Dave & PDG Gene all have the same birthdays. Don't forget to send me info for the newsletter - PDG Gayle - thank you to Scranton Lions Alan and Dave for stepping up, we are all behind you, will help anytime, glad you are joining us
- PDG Rich - good luck Alan & Dave, if I can do it, anyone can
- PCC Mark - welcome and thank you Alan & Dave
- PDG Butch - thank you Alan & Dave for stepping up

### - - EYEGLASSES / HEARING AIDS

- FALLS - 105 eyeglasses - 28 cases
  - JEFFERSON TWP - 1 box eyeglasses
  - OLD FORGE - 1 bag eyeglasses
  - MINOOKA - 5 eyeglasses - 4 hearing aids - 2 cell phones
  - ABINGTON - 278 eyeglasses, 11 cell phones, 1 hearing aid
  - MINISINK - 1443 eyeglasses, small bag hearing aids, 4 bags of cases
- \*\*Fran will hold and give to Lion Gordie at next month's meeting

### GOOD OF THE DISTRICT –

- ABINGTON** - Gave out 3 Scholarship checks, Coffee stop Friday & Saturday, Labor Day weekend, South Lenox 81S. Santa Claus Project - we go to school and do a drive thru, approx 400-500 children. We send 7 Santa's out with candy and coloring books, crayons.
- EYNON ARCHBALD - 8/22 Cash and Prize Bingo at AC Field \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, 9/26 Harvest Fest & 10/16 & 10/17 Craft/Flea Fair, more coming
- FALLS** - Friday the 17th of Sept. is officially "POW/MIA Recognition Day" & Saturday, 18th Sept. has been confirmed by Rep. Karen Boback, for Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge to be renamed. Also, the date is confirmed by the Tunkhannock Chapter of the American Legion. They will be in attendance with a full line up of the flags, will do "taps" and "gun salute". Also, I am told that there may be representatives of one of the "Seabee" organizations. Pastor Tom Harmon has confirmed and looking forward to the ceremony. Carol Sweeney, Boback's District Office Manager, tells me that PennDOT has stated that the signs will be installed before the end of August. 9/25 holding a benefit pasta dinner for local resident Sue Weber Martin, baskets, 50/50, 4-8 at Emmanon Country Club. 10/10 last chicken bbq \$10, working on teen stockings FYI - Texas Roadhouse will donate free rolls for fundraising, Olive Garden will donate salads/ pasta. Still collecting blankets for the homeless.
- **SCOTT TWP** - 10/30 Chicken BBQ, gave \$ for scholarships, donations to local residents in need. Send get well wishes to Gordie Potratz, 281 Texas Palmyra Hwy, Hawley 18428, he is having a procedure done, always sending best wishes
- **MINOOKA** - 10/2 golf tournament, \$90 player

PDG Joe Skinner wanted to remind everyone September is Childhood Cancer Month. Honesdale Lions are collecting plastic tops from water and drink bottles, it's in the newsletter.



\* \* \*No further business, PDG Butch thanked Minisink Lions for hosting the meeting, always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, PCC Mark Kusma made a motion to adjourn and PDG Karen Cokely seconded, so carried.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Fran Stepkovich

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**Send your photos and stories to:**

**Pennsylvania Lions Pride**

Betty Lou Ivel

Harrisville, Pa. 16038

Nectarine1@zoominternet.net

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**Scranton Times Community Snapshot**

Submit Photos as JPG or PDF files

yesdesk@timesshamrock.com

We thought you would like to know: PCC Karen Brady has been in contact with PDGs Judy and Scott Dudley in Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida. We are happy to report, as DG/PDG Scott said to PCC Karen in an email, "The Dudleys are fine in Louisiana. All y'all come on down!!"

**Hosted our Zone meeting**

**Donate your services at a food bank – wear Lion shirts or vests**

**Collect food for food Panties**

**Award a Melvin Jones Fellowship**

**Award Lions of Pa Fellowship or a Joe Wroblewski Award**



Dear Leaders,

We are pleased to announce **extension of the Campaign 100 Model Club deadline!** As a leader in the organization, we need your help to share this exciting and important update broadly.

Clubs committing to become Model Clubs between July 1, 2021, and the end of the campaign now have three years from the date of commitment to reach their goals. Model Clubs earn limited-edition campaign recognition.

As you communicate the deadline extension throughout the volunteer structure, please share this critical information too:

- Funds pledged through Model Club commitment count toward Campaign 100's US\$300 million goal. Funds donated since July 2017 apply to a club's goal!
- Model Club funds transform into LCIF grants, magnifying the impact of [our life-changing service](#).
- The extended deadline enables every club to [participate in LCIF's largest campaign ever](#) and become part of Lions history.
- We need **every** club and member to draw on their Lions spirit **now** to ensure success.

### **Your Leadership and Actions Matter**

As an elite Lions leader, you are critical to helping us raise the remaining US\$81 million. In the 10 months left in Campaign 100, please use your influence and the many [Model Club resources](#) to:

- Increase new Model Club commitments.
- Grow current Model Clubs' financial support.



- Share the abundant Model Club recognition available.

**We are counting on you** to prioritize Model Clubs through your leadership engagements and communications. Commit your own club to being a Model Club or increasing its current support. It will be our honor to present **Campaign Presidential Medals to district governors and district LCIF coordinators** who increase new Model Club commitments. Read below to see your constitutional area's Model Club standing, then commit to enhancing it between now and June 30, 2022.

Thank you again for being a Model Club champion, [donating personally](#), and sharing news of the Model Club deadline extension. If you have questions about the Model Club program and deadline extension, please direct them to your [LCIF Development staff member](#).

With gratitude,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada  
Past International President  
Chairperson, Campaign 100

J. Frank Moore III  
Past International President  
Vice Chairperson, Campaign 100



### **Your Impact, Our Beneficiaries**

LCIF responded swiftly to needs brought by COVID-19. With grant funds made possible by Campaign 100, Lions delivered critical supplies to frontline workers providing comfort and hope to vulnerable communities. Watch and share their story.