



# NORTHEAST L I O N

District 14-H  
December 2021

*Strengthen the Pride*



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## *From the desk of Your District Governor*

Warm December greetings to all the Lions from District 14H!

I hope that all of you are keeping warm and that you are well. Special thoughts and prayers go to those that are not well. Now that the cold weather has settled in our service projects and fundraisers are changed to those that can be done indoors instead. I have no doubt that you will come up with a new idea! I had the privilege to help the Abington Lions Club with their Coffee Stop project on Highway 81 in Tompkinsville. It was a true blessing to be there, talking with the folks that stopped. Folks from Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida and more all heading to PA or upstate NY for their family's celebration of Thanksgiving. I hope everyone had a very blessed Thanksgiving! During the month of November, I had my second cabinet meeting. Lion Sandra Thubborn from the Taylor Lions Club was greeted by all, as she took her position as the District Secretary. The attendance however was a is appointment; there were only 13 Lions in attendance. Since I have been a Lion, I have never seen such low numbers. Please mark your calendars for the next cabinet meeting and see old friends, make new friends, come meet our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governors. We would really like to see you and have a chance to fellowship with you!

The next cabinet meeting is **February 13, 2022, at 11:30, held at the Happy Valley Sports Bar** in Dickson City. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG will be giving a presentation about Leadership and Membership.

Should there be anything that needs to be put on the district conventions ballot, please present it at this cabinet meeting. If it is not presented on February 13<sup>th</sup> it will not be on the ballot.

So, Christmas is now only 24 days away, what are your plans? Are you providing gift baskets, food baskets or meals? Are you having Santa make an appearance for the children in your neighborhood? Christmas is a time of giving and celebrations. Please remember that our motto is "WE SERVE" so let's serve our communities to the best of our ability.

~DG Cathy~



# *From Your 1st Vice District Governor*

Greetings and I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. It is hard to believe that we are now preparing for the Christmas Season and the end of 2021 is only a month away.

As we are well aware, 2021 was a very challenging year for all of us. The pandemic changed the way we did many things including cancellation of many events and meetings, which some are still experiencing today. As we look into 2022, we are hopeful that things continue to return to a more “normal”.

As I mentioned in my November message, we continue to prepare for the upcoming year. We have completed our Club visitations for this year, there are still a few clubs that we will be visiting in early 2022.

One date I hope you will mark on your calendars is Sunday, February 13, 2022. That is the date for the third District 14-H Cabinet Meeting for Lions year 2021-2022. which will be held at the Happy Valley Sports Bar in Dickson City.

District Governor Cathy has approved the meeting be dedicated to a planning meeting in preparation for the upcoming Lions Year 2022-2021. We will be looking for your input as we set our goals and objectives for the upcoming year, so please plan to attend. Additional information will be forwarded to everyone in January,

***I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.***

I look forward to seeing and working with everyone in 2022.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

*Lion Allan*

Allan Hetkowski

District 14-H 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor



## *Hear Ye – Hear Ye*

*Let it be known by all subjects of the realm*

If there is anything that needs to be voted on at our District Convention or any issues that need to be brought up at our District Convention, they need to be taken care of in our February cabinet meeting.

*Cabinet Meeting* \_\_April 24<sup>th</sup>\_\_

*Contact* \_\_DG Cathy Metschulat\_\_



## STATE COUNCIL MEETING VALLEY FORGE



This is a photo of the Left side of the State Council of Governors **From Right to Left** – DG 14-A Larry Frankenfield, DG 14-B Mary Ann Belles, DG 14-C Daniel Brant, DG 14-D Richard M Sware, DG 14-E Margaret G Wolff, DG/PDG 14-F David Hollern, DG/IPDG 14-G Jim Wilbur, DG/PDG 14-H Cathy Metschulat, Lower Left DG/PDG Linda Lupro



DG/PDG Cathy Metschulat is escorted into the International Banquet during the Parade of Dignitaries by IPDG Dave Barrett



**Taxi! Taxi!**

How do you like that, somebody stole my sled.

# Membership District 14-H

Abington	35	Benton	15	Blakely/Peckville	14
Dalton	8	Dunmore	21	Eynon/Archbald	94
Falls	46	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.	32	Scranton	17
South Abington	10	Stone Bridge	23	Taylor	27
Tunkhannock	21	Waymart	20		

District 14-H    29 Lions Clubs    767 Lion Members (+- \_ From November)

## Attention – Attention – Attention

Are you looking for a great Lion Function to get involved with?

This is a regional position and will involve a trip to the State office building, in Harrisburg, once a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. It is the Foundation that took over after the Lions Eye Bank was dissolved.

There will be 2 Board members, from District 14-H to serve on the Board of the NEPALSF (North East PA Lions Service Foundation). We have 1 but would like to have a second Lion to represent our district.

If you think that you may be interested, or would just like to have more information, contact

PDG Joe Skinner at [jskinner710@comcast.net](mailto:jskinner710@comcast.net) or 570-587-2073.

# What's Happening...?

## JEFFERSON TWP. LIONS CLUB

### *With great regret*

The Jefferson Twp. Lions club is announcing the passing of Mary Schutt, a member since 2013. Our prayers are with Bill and their family.

### *With Great Pleasure*

We are pleased to report a new member, Mary Ann Noon, who recently moved to our community from Long Island, NY. She already is recruiting new members for our club.

## TUNKHANNOCK LIONS CLUB -- Tunkhannock Lions Club Annual Christmas Party

The Tunkhannock Lions will be holding their annual chicken and biscuit, Christmas Party

To benefit Interfaith Friends Human Services. The party is intended to collect toys for less fortunate children in Wyoming County. The party will be held at the Lake Winola Fire Hall on **December 11**, on route 307 in Lake Winola. There will be happy hour from 6:00 to 7:00pm (BYOB) with the dinner served at 7:00. Admission is \$10.00 plus an UNWRAPPED child's toy. Event is free for children under 12. Chances will also be sold for a door prize. (Not really a door)

Please RSVP to PDG Butch & Josie Sands 570-836-1205 or Dale Wilsey 570-836-6208.

The Lions will also be offering free hot chocolate in appreciation for the community support during Tunkhannock's Christmas in Our Hometown. The club will be near the corner of Pine and Business Route 6 Friday December 3 from 5:00-9:00 pm and Saturday December 4 from 1:00-5:00 pm. If anyone has used eye glasses they can drop them off there.





# EYNON ARCHBALD LIONS CLUB MARKETPLACE AT AC FIELD



Peggy DeVivo-Kubash Michele Perry Holding down the fort at the bake sale



Marie Finley, Andrea Spataro, Karen Spataro, Juliet Taito selling basket raffle tix



Yilma Flores Angie Apostolaros, cotton candy and pop corn



Dr Jerry Casey, Mike Spataro in the back Food stand



Fran & VDG Alan and wife Connie



PDG Fran, Yilma & George





# HONESDALE LIONS CLUB



## **Pavilion at the Honesdale Pool complex.**

We continue to support the Honesdale pool complex. The building company that we contracted with has completed the structure of the 24'x48' Pavilion that has been built at the Honesdale pool site. The pavilion was placed on top of the concrete slab that Linde Construction was generous enough to donate the labor for. We are currently reviewing options to add electric/lights. We wanted to express the club's appreciation for the tremendous amount of time and effort from Lion Knash in helping to make this happen.

## **Lackawaxen River Trails project support**

Also for our virtual club Bonanza this year, we are raising funds for and donating to an important cause in the Honesdale community, the Lackawaxen River Trail project. Our Bonanza committee had chosen this organization as the beneficiary of our donation from the 2021 Bonanza. At our September meeting, George Brown, who also serves as the Executive Director of the Highlights Foundation which works with adult authors who write children's books, came to discuss the vision of the river trail and work that has begun, as well as the future plans and vision. The project is slated for completion in stages as a "multi-modal" trail, with rail, river and hiking access. The trail recently received \$300,000 in funding from the PA Fish and Boat Commission as well as grants support by Senator Baker and Representative Fritz and a matching grant from the Villaume Foundation. They greatly appreciate our club's willingness to partner with them and believe it further demonstrates the importance of this initiative to the community. Mr. Brown also highlighted the quality of life and economic impact to communities from this type of project.

Uniting existing and future greenways and waterways together under one name, Lackawaxen River Trails is a multi-use trail system creating land, rail, and river trails from Honesdale to Lackawaxen, PA. The efforts of all those who have built walking trails in Honesdale, White Mills, and Hawley over the years will add to and enhance the current effort."

"This five-point river trail in Wayne County will include improvements such as parking, ADA parking and short walking trails, riverbank ramps to launch canoes and kayaks, fishing access, and dry composting restrooms. These sites will be official PFBC access points, which will provide consistent rules and enforcement to protect the river and



**North Pocono Minisink Lions Club**  
Secretary Jim Strempek recently presented a \$1500 Thanksgiving Holiday donation to North Pocono Food Pantry Directors Beth Czulada and Rosemary Serena.



#### **Leo Club 2021-2022**

Beverly Rose Lesnefsky · 4d · 🌐

Leo Club started their fundraiser today. Poinsettias are \$10.25 and you will pick them up at Jerry's Floral in December. If you are interested, contact one of the Leo Club members by Dec. 3rd. If you don't know any, you can message me. Thank you for your support!



Here is a great chance to support one of our Leo clubs

## **2021 - Annual Santa Claus Project Abington Lions Club**

### **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES FOR THIS YEAR**

The Abington Lions Club is sponsoring their annual Santa Claus project for Abington area children through **Second Grade**. On **December 11, Santa will be at the Clarks Summit Elementary School from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM** to present children with a special gift. The rain date is Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. **Unlike previous years, there is no sign-up required.**

To control the flow of traffic, please **enter the school from Knapp Road**. Cars will queue in the parking area and proceed to the front of the school (Grove Street side) in order. Santa will talk to the children through the car window. Members of the Lions Club will help with traffic flow. **All children should remain in the car**, which means that Santa will not be able to pose for pictures.

**No cars will be able to enter from Grove Street.**

We don't know what to expect for turnout and it could be crowded at the beginning. Thank you for your understanding and patience. We are hopeful that Santa will be able to visit homes again in 2022.

The Lions Club is a service organization of community-minded men and women. In addition to the Annual Santa Claus visit, Lions Clubs provide support for people with vision and hearing difficulties and sponsor other community service projects. For more information, visit the Abington Lions Club website at <http://www.abingtonlions.org>.







# **LAKE ARIEL LIONS CLUB ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**

**December 4th AT 4 PM**

**(Opposite the Lake Ariel Firehouse on Route 191)**

## **RAFFLE PRIZES**

First Prize

**\$500 Cash**

Second Prize

**40" Smart TV or \$ 250 Cash**

Third Prize

**\$150 Cash**

**Also Gift Baskets & Gift Certificates**

## **A Visit from *SANTA***

**Free Refreshments, Music and Bonfire**

**Raffle Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20**

**Contact Scott Davis at 570-647-7898,**

**Andrew Katz at 814-329-2465 or**

**\*See any member for Raffle Tickets\***



The **Scranton Lion's Club** held its 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Dream Game on July 21, 2021. The Dream Game is the oldest continuous high school all-star football game in the country, first played in 1935. The Dream Game showcases the finest talent among our area's post graduate high school football players.

For 85 years, The Scranton Lion's Club has sponsored the Dream Game to fulfill a financial need for the prevention of blindness. All proceeds from the Dream Game go to the Lackawanna Blind Association.

This year the Club presented a check to the Lackawanna Blind Association in the amount of \$13,500. In the past 25 years (since 1996) the Scranton Lions Club has raised nearly \$350,000 for the Blind Association.



Presenting the check: seated (left to right) David P. Rudis, Treasurer and District 14-H 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor; Mary Lou Wascavich, Lackawanna Blind Association Executive Director; Allan Hetkowski, Club President and District 14-H 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor; and Cathy Metschulat, District 14-H District Governor. Standing: Mary Clare Boylan, Lackawanna Blind Association; Lion Daniel P. Loftus; Lion Philip Mahasky; Lion John Mesko, Club Vice President; Lion Joseph Manley; and Lion Nicholas Rodio

## *Spontaneous Sputtering*

Do you realize that the a-b-c's are in alphabetical order?  
Never drink while doing calculus – It is dangerous to drink and derive  
Dear math. Grow up and solve your own problems  
Why are cookies not called bakies?  
Treat your mom to a margarita – you are probably the reason she drinks anyway

## ABINGTON LIONS CLUB – PENNDOT SAFETY BREAK COFFEE STOP PROGRAM

For many years the Abington Lions Club has been a member of this PennDOT program, where PennDot solicits non-profit organizations to set up FREE food and coffee stands, at highway Rest Stops to benefit travelers on Holiday weekends.



photo is PDG Joe, Lion John Skakuba, and Lion Shirley Skinner. Gooood Hot dogs ready for lip smacking



PDG Joe, DG Cathy, Lion John



Lion Dave Jones, Toni Jones, Lion Dave Winslow, and Gordie, (Boy Scout Troop 160)



Lions Don Gross and Dave Jones and Boy Scout Gordie watch traveler tap off a cup of hot coffee. Hots dogs



## Team Unholy Alliance wins again **EYNON ARCHBALD LIONS CLUB** Trivia Challenge

L-R front Ben Allman, Mallory Mangan, Sean Mangan, Lion Shirley Barrett, Lion Yilma Flores, Lion Marie Finley  
Back row L-R Anthony Petrucci, Jeff Cavanaugh, Stephanie Shotwell, Alicia Zazzera, Farm Perri, PDG Fran  
Stepkovitch, Lion Karen Rapoch, Lion Karen Spataro, Lion Lorrie Ann Reilly, Lion Marie Spataro  
Lion Mike Spataro



## **DUNMORE LIONS CLUB**

**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays Everyone**

Mark your calendar for upcoming events.

(1) Friday, December 10th, Magic Show at Dunmore Elementary Center at 9:a.m..  
Mask required.

(2) Monday, December 13th, regular meeting at field house at 7 PM

(3) Thursday, December 16th, Christmas dinner meeting at Sibio's Restaurant at 6 pm,  
guests invited. Make reservations with Jim Aita phone 570-878-7166.

(4) Dues statements for 2022 year will be mailed out shortly.

(5) Also in mail, the District Governor's survey to be completed and mailed  
anonymously.

**Stay safe and hopefully have happy and healthy holidays.**



# *District 14th Sight / Hearing meeting*

Minutes of November 11th, 2021

Todd & Rachael's - hosted by Tunkhannock Lions Club

PRESENT: DG Cathy Metschulat, PCC Mark Kusma, IPDG Dave Barrett, Lion Preston Barrett, PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, PDG Fran Stepkovitch, Lion Ed Stepkovitch, PDG Karen Cokely, PDG Joe Skinner, 1VDG Allan Hetkowski, 2VDG David Rudis, PDG Bill Metschulat, PDG Gene Scagliotti, Lion Tammy Balewski, Lion Joe Balewski, Lion Colin Fricke  
Lion Barbara Taylor

President PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, thanks to my Club Tunkhannock Lions for hosting, and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Today is Veteran's Day, All Veterans please stand, and everyone Thanks you for your service, today and always. You may go first in line for chili, hot dogs and treats, break for food.

Back from food break, bellies are full, and again thank you to all Veterans for your service. The minutes of last meeting, all were asked if reviewed. A motion to approve was made by PDG Karen Cokely seconded 1VDG Alan Hetkowski and so carried.

- **Hearing Treasurer's report:** PDG Karen Cokely

Last Balance - \$2,167.27

\$200,00 deposit from Montrose Club (Co-pay)

Balance as of 11/11/21 is \$2,367.27

A motion to approve made by DG Cathy Metschulat, seconded by 2VDG Dave Rudis, so carried.

No applications, no bills. No correspondence.

- **Sight Treasurers report:** Lion Barbara Taylor

- Same as last month - no changes

Opening balance \$10,687.19

Kidsight has \$1,943.45, therefore Sight First has \$8,743.74

A motion to approve made by 1VDG Alan Hetkowski, seconded by PDG Gene Scagliotti, so carried.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS -**

- PDG Fran asked if we will keep to schedule for future meetings? She will check with each Club as we approach meetings and email everyone info. Tentative schedule is - MARCH, Scott Twp - APRIL, Abington - MAY, Minooka - JUNE, Dunmore - JULY, Jefferson Twp - AUGUST, Scranton - SEPTEMBER, Minisink - OCTOBER, Eynon Archbald - NOVEMBER, Tunkhannock
- This Sunday is IPDG Dave Barrett, PDG Gene Scagliotti & PDG Joe Skinner's Birthday, all sang Happy Birthday.

## **- NEW BUSINESS -**

PDG Fran presented Lion Ed Stepkovitch with a John R. Crone fellowship, for support of the Pa. Lions Hearing Research Foundation #57 (Her year as DG was cut short with covid and she still has a few awards to give to lions.

## UPCOMING SIGHT / HEARING MEETINGS

- MARCH - Scott Twp
- APRIL - Abington
- MAY - Minooka
- JUNE - Dunmore
- JULY - Jefferson Twp
- AUGUST - Scranton
- SEPTEMBER - Minisink
- OCTOBER - Eynon Archbald
- NOVEMBER - Tunkhannock

### PDG Comments -

DG Cathy - Thank you Tunkhannock for hosting, good food, greatly appreciated, said a lot on Sunday at Cabinet meeting. Good year working with 1VDG Alan and 2VDG Dave. Waiver of charter and initial fee extended to 6/30/22. Went to Radisson today to start preparing for District Convention, Abbey is very helpful.

IPDG Dave - Will be starting District Convention planning in January.

1VDG Alan - We had a good District meeting on Sunday, Happy Thanksgiving and holiday season.

2VDG Dave - Getting plans in place for our years

PCC Mark - nice to see everyone, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas

PDG Fran - Just a reminder \$35 fee waived extended to 6/30/22, promote new members.

PDG Karen - Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, be safe

PDG Joe - I'm on the NE Pa Lions Service Foundation board, have a lot of emails to get up to snuff, looks very promising for grants, going thru info for grants, will be talking with Club Presidents to let them know what grants are available, they have \$141,000 to give away this year. By end of June, thinking District 14H will be getting \$ this year. Working on more info.

PDG Gene - Have a safe and happy holiday season, hoping the new year will be much better, see you at the March meeting with Scott Twp

PDG Bill - Looking forward to holidays, some are not as well off as we all are, find someone who is in need to help this holiday season. Share the love lions have for their Community.

PDG Butch - come to our Chicken & Biscuits - Happy Holidays

### EYEGASSES / HEARING AIDS

BLAKELY - PECKVILLE - 70 eyeglasses, 46 cases, 1 hearing aid, tons of hearing aid batteries

JEFERSON TWP - 2 boxes (will hold and get to Lion Gordie)

ABINGTON - 127 eyeglasses, 37 cases, 1 hearing aid

MONTROSE - 3 large tubs eyeglasses

\*\* PDG Fran will hold and give to Lion Gordie as soon as possible

\*\* PDG Karen will check with Abington Audiology about taking batteries & she asked PDG Joe where hearing aids were from, one from Ed Borick and other PDG Bill Tarby.

### GOOD OF THE DISTRICT -

-**ABINGTON** - Coffee stop Thanksgiving weekend, South Lenox 81S. Santa Claus Project - 12/4 (rain date 12/12) 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. Our Club is doing this 62 years, project started 1959. We are adopting 3 families for Thanksgiving.

**-EYNON ARCHBALD** - On Thanksgiving 11/25 we serve local residents in need complete hot turkey meals, giving Christmas gift stocking to residents at the Mid Valley Manor, 12/12 casino bus trip to Wind Creek in Bethlehem during Chriskindle mart, \$30pp \$25 back to gamble. Contact Fran 570-470-7838 for addition info for any event.

- **TUNKHANNOCK**- 12/3 from 5-9pm & 12/4 from 1-5pm, lions doing hot chocolate booth and wagon rides in town. Chicken and biscuits 12/11 at 6pm Lake Winola Fire Hall, bring unwrapped toy
  - PCC Mark let everyone know Lion Gordie Potratz is home now and doing well, after his surgery.
- + + PCC Mark Kusma mentioned that the Fair Share letters are out, but Eye Research & Sight Conservation is not listed, DG Cathy will forward info to Clubs.
- \* \* \*No further business, PDG Butch thanked Tunkhannock Lions Club for hosting the meeting, have a safe and happy holiday season, always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, PCC Mark Kusma made a motion to adjourn, 1VDG Alan Hetkowski seconded, so carried.

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY SECRETARY FRAN STEP KOVITCH**