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From Your District Governor

Happy Holidays to all of the Lions in District 14H

It is my hope that all of you have had a very Merry Christmas and will have a healthy and safe New Year. As I sit here at my desk and write this letter to you, I cannot help but to think about the people in the south that were affected by the vicious tornado, just recently. As a human being and a Lion, I want to help them as best that I can. I am not physically able to go to Kentucky where the most help is needed, but I can help by making sure that they have the supplies that are so desperately needed. Our state disaster relief chair, Lion Jim Groff, has been in contact with the district governor for the area that was damaged the most. The district governor has given Lion Jim a list of items that are needed. This list has been distributed to each club president, secretary and PDG within our district. It is also listed within this newsletter. Should you and/or your club wish to help with the supplies, please contact me once you have them and I will arrange to pick them up and take them to my church who has a gymnasium to store the items in. Once Lion Jim gives the word to bring them to Harrisburg, I will deliver them to him to be put in 1 of 5 tractor trailers that will be delivering the supplies to Kentucky for us. Each of the trailers has a wrap on it that says Lions of PA, so when the trailer arrives in Kentucky, they will know that it is from the Lions of PA. Each district in PA has been called upon to help fill these 5 trailers, please let us help to the best of our ability. Thank you!

As the new year starts, so does our club visitations, this month we will be visiting the Dunmore Lions Club. There will be additional visitations in February, plus our district cabinet meeting, in March we continue our visitations and then they will be completed. But our work will not be done, in April is our own district convention and in May is the state convention, then in June we have our last district cabinet meeting. Please note that if there are any matters that need to be voted on at our district convention, it needs to be presented at the February district cabinet meeting.

I would like to take this moment and thank all of our clubs that have continued to work hard in making sure that our communities needs are being met. With the CoVid it has been a challenge but you have stepped up and worked around it. So, thank you very much for serving from the heart.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or one of my cabinet team members should you have any questions and/or concerns.

We are here to help you in any way that we can. WE SERVE

In Service and In Friendship

DG Cathy



From Your Vice District Governor

Greetings and welcome to 2022. I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. It is hard to believe that 2022 is already here.

As we are well aware, 2021 was a very challenging year for all of us and the New Year is beginning with a new variant of the virus. My hope is that the effects of the new COVID variant will subside quickly so that things would continue to return to a more “normal”.

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.

This meeting will be dedicated to planning in preparation for the upcoming Lions Year of 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.

As we are now beginning the planning process for the upcoming Lions year 2022-2023, I would encourage all Lions to consider volunteering to serve on a District 14-H committee. Your help is needed for us to continue our work both on the Club and District levels, so please consider volunteering.

2nd VDG David and I will be attending the Annual VDG Retreat in Harrisburg on January 7th to 9th in Harrisburg. I will also be attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Harrisburg on March 11th to 13th in Harrisburg.

Additional upcoming meetings include the Lions MD-14 Spring Leadership Symposium on February 12th at the Lions State Office and PA State Council of Governors Meeting #3 on February 4th to 6th at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in York.

As we prepare for the activities for the upcoming year, I look forward to seeing and working with everyone in 2022.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

Lion Allan

Allan Hetkowski
District 14



From Your Vice District Governor and Kaylee

I am continuing the VDG learning experience with several training programs and webinars. In addition, I am preparing to attend the VDG Training Weekend in January 2022.

Be on the lookout for new members and new leaders! The district needs members and we are in dire need of members to become leaders. Please help us find the potential leaders. We need members to step-up and become active in the district. Each club secretary should be making every effort to attend our quarterly cabinet meetings and help us find the next generation of leaders!

In my case, serving the district is personally rewarding and I enjoy meeting all the dedicated lions and learning about all the service programs they perform in our district. Keep your eyes open! Let's find new members for our clubs and find club members who will step-up and become involved!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed the holiday season. Happy New Year each and every lion! ROAR!

All the best,

Dave

Lion David P Rudis
2VDG, GLT





MD-14 Global Action Team Spring Leadership Symposium

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, February 12, 9AM-3PM

PA Lions State Office
949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Lunch available for a \$7.00 donation

OR

Sunday, February 13, Noon-5PM

Butler County Association for the Blind
322 N. Cedar St, Butler, PA 16001

Snacks will be available

FREE & OPEN TO ALL LIONS!

ATTEND EITHER LOCATION!

Register to Attend:

Email PDG Kerry at klm52@aol.com

or call (717)235-2790

**Also MD-14 Lions Food Donation Competition
Between Harrisburg & Butler Locations**



Membership District 14-H

Abington	36	Benton	15	Blakely/Peckville	14
Dalton	8	Dunmore	21	Eynon/Archbald	94
Falls	46	Forest City	20	Hawley	15
				Lake Wallenpaupack	
Honesdale	71	Jefferson Twp.	36	Jermyn	13
Jessup	14	Lake Ariel	14	Mayfield	16
Minisink	25	Minooka	45	Montrose	37
Moosic	14	Old Forge	22	Olyphant	29
Ransom	11	Scott Twp.	32	Scranton	20
South Abington	10	Stone Bridge	23	Taylor	24
Tunkhannock	21	Waymart	20		

District 14-H 29 Lions Clubs 766 Lion Members (-1 From December)

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 2nd 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 jsskinner710@comcast.net or 570-587-2073.

Spontaneous Sputtering

Hugging a puppy is cheap therapy

A day without wine is like ---- just kidding, I have no idea

Today's women can do anything - except - reach the top shelf

Having weird parents builds character

Nurses cannot fix stupid – but they can sedate it

Questions to ask your club

Are you loosing membership?

WHY? Are you boring? Do you do the same projects that you have always done?
Are your projects relevant in your community?
Do you need to think of new Projects?
How are you trying to get new members?

Are you doing service projects or just fund raisers?

Maybe nobody knows that you are around, that is why they don't join.
What do you offer new members? Why should they join and pay dues?

Do your Projects / fundraisers interest your members?

If members are not interested, they will not come out.
Be aware that there will always be 1 or 2 members that will always find reasons not to do something. Beware of your club's nay-sayer. This person can kill new ideas.
Do not let failure rule your club's decision, plan around past failures or the other club's failure.
Brain storm (club or committee)
Club survey ask members 1 on 1

Are your projects relevant to the community?

When was the last time that you discussed this with your club?
Is your community changing?
Are your members interests changing?
Contact Township, schools, businesses, non- Lions, senior centers.

Categories: Community Service

Environmental
Health
Youth

When was the last time your club did any kind of "club advertising"?

Do you remember the last time you advertised your club?
What kind of advertising did you do?
What kind of advertising would be relevant at this date and time?

Did someone say “Membership”?

Have a local public official recognize your club's event with a Proclamation or ask your town officials to invite your club to their next meeting.

Publish a press release on your website to promote a service and also in your local Newspapers. There are places in the paper to advertise for free. ASK!

Newspapers are listed in this newsletter. Remember, if people do not know about your Club, they will not join, and if they don't know about your event, they will not attend it.

Hold a fishing, bowling, chess, checker, dominoes, or board game, pinochle tournament at the local park, church, or fire hall, and sell hot dogs, soda and coffee. You will not make a lot of money, but you might pick up a new member, or at least show your community that you are there.

Spruce or even replace your Lion's road sign, as you come into your town. Some of them are getting very faded. This should take a can of car wax and 5 minutes.

If they need to be replaced..... REPLACE THEM!

Honor the longest serving active Lion. Honor the lion that chaired the last event.

You can print a certificate from your computer and buy a frame for \$1.42.

Recognize your members, and how many years that they have been in your club. Simply read off their names/years at the meeting. This will cost nothing, and will show them that you care.

Feature a lion of the month, at your dinner meeting. Talk about the Lion, and what he/she has done. Have a Lion Roast.

MEMBERSHIP - Get a few dozen donuts or some hot dogs, some iced tea, coffee, punch and set up outside a store, church, school. Have membership applications, and pamphlets, about what the Lions are and do worldwide and especially in your community. Wear your Lion's shirts and vests. Give the coffee and donuts away at **no charge**, and **do not accept donations**. You are there to talk to the people and inform them about what the Lions do, and get perspective members, not money. Do not take their applications that day. When someone is interested, invite them to a meeting, as your guest, club picks up the tab. If they are still interested invite them to a project.

If there is interest. Work them in, you will get a long-term member.

Make sure that they know what Lions are all about, or you might get a member that joins and gets dropped in 2 years for non-participation or non-payment of dues.

Keynote speaker for 3rd Council Meeting

Lion Donna Townsend from Georgia

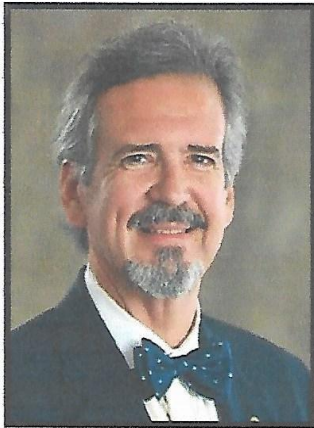
Attendees at the third 2021-2022 PA State Council of Lions Clubs' Council of Governors meeting will enjoy a Georgia-peach-sweet, special treat as Lion Donna Townsend from Dalton, Ga., will be the keynote speaker for the Saturday night banquet.

Prior to her keynote address, Lion Townsend will meet with the Partners in Service and speak to the Council of Governors during its regular meeting.

A member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club since 1987, Lion Townsend was the first woman Lion in the State of Georgia. She is the Partner in Service and spouse of the late Judge Haynes H. Townsend, who was serving as Lions Clubs International's First Vice President at the time of his passing in December 2019.

Lion Donna is a retired music educator, having taught 30 years in the Dalton Public School System. She has also served as the Music Assistant, Children's Choir Coordinator and Youth Choir Accompanist at Dalton First United Methodist Church and recently retired as the Receptionist/Billing Assistant at Ross Woods Adult Day Services.

In addition to serving alongside her late husband during his Lions career that included a two-year term as International Director,



Judge Haynes H. Townsend

Lion Donna has served as District Cabinet Secretary, Board Secretary for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc., held various positions within the Dalton and Dalton Noon Lions Clubs and spoken at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums, Multiple District and District Conventions and club meetings.

Lion Donna has received four Lions Clubs International Presidential Awards, two Presidential Leadership Awards and multiple Presidential Certificates of Appreciation. In addition, Lion Donna has received the Ervin-Crumbley Award, the highest award given in the State of Georgia, and is a Lions Clubs International Foundation Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion Donna is the proud parent of two daughters and grandmother of a grandson.



**2021-2022 PA State Council of Lions Clubs
Council of Governors Meeting #3
February 4-6, 2022
Wyndham Garden York**

Please see information included in this issue of *The PRIDE*

**PA STATE COUNCIL OF LIONS CLUBS
2021-2022 STATE COUNCIL MEETING #3**

Wyndham Garden, York PA
Meal Reservation Form

Saturday Lunch

Noon - 1:00

Choice of Wrap: Classic Club, Vegetable or Gourmet Chicken Salad;
House-Made Potato Chips, Cookies and Beverage
\$15

NOTE: The hotel restaurant is closed from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Banquet

Social Hour with Cash Bar 6:00-7:00
Dinner 7:00 - 9:00

Choice of Entree: Oven Roasted Turkey Breast, House Meatloaf, or Noodle Bowl;
Farmer's Garden Salad, "Chef Selection" Vegetable and Starch, Warm Apple Crisp, Freshly
Baked Rolls, Coffee or Hot Tea
\$33

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Monday, January 10, 2022

Name & Title _____ District _____ Telephone # _____

Saturday Lunch Buffet

_____ # Classic Club x \$15 (Ham, Turkey Bacon Am. Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo) \$ _____
_____ # Veggie x \$15 (Spinach, Tomato, Broccoli, Onion, Bell Pepper, Hummus, Mozzarella) \$ _____
_____ # Gourmet Chicken Salad x \$15 (Chicken, Grapes Pecans, Lettuce, Tomato Dressing) \$ _____

Saturday Banquet

_____ # Oven Roasted Turkey x \$33 (Cider Glaze, Apple Bacon Dressing) \$ _____
_____ # House Meatloaf x \$33 (Fried Onion Straws, Rich Gravy) \$ _____
_____ # Noodle Bowl x \$33 (Zucchini Noodle, Portobello, Red Onion, Spinach, Roasted Pepper,
Artichoke Heart, Rice Noodle, Fried Beef, Roasted Tomato White Wine Broth) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to **LCI District 14-C** and write **Council Meeting Meals** on the memo
line. Mail Reservations to **IPDG Thomas L. Jones, 19755 Five Forks Road,
New Freedom PA 17349.**

Please note any dietary restrictions and to whom they apply: _____

What's Cooking?

ABINGTON LIONS CLUB



Santa that looks a lot like Rich Winslow and Lion Shirley Skinner



Beep – Beep Hi Santa



Santa visits children in their car



Santa and elves, L to R John Bevard, Joanne Pezzuti, Karyn Bevard, and Shirley Skinner



Santa visits good children that were walking by also shown are (to the left) Mary Ellen Winslow, PDG Joe Skinner, Santa, and Lion Shirley Skinner

Abington Lions Club had their annual Santa Project in the parking lot of the Grove St. Elementary School, in Clarks Summit. Many other Lions that didn't get in the photos, Mark Kusma, Heather Kusma. Dave Jones, Ed Borek, Rich Foley, were also there to help Santa and brave the cold

Moosic Lions Club held their last meeting
December 2, 2021 at the Moosic Youth Center



Tim Healey, Denise Healey, PDG Fran Stepkovich, Joe Haverek

Fellow Lions,

I am on the State USA/Canada Forum Committee and am asking for your help. The state is trying to get the Forum to come to Erie in 2025.

Please let me know if you would like to see the Forum in PA.

Also please let me know if you have any interest in learning and going to the Forum, if we get one. I know it is a long way off to plan for and we are not asking you to sign up, just if you have any interest.

The more Lions that we get to say yes, the better our chance of getting the Forum in PA.

Please send me your name, Club, and District, so I can add you to the list.

Thank you,

PDG Don McConnell 14-U

donaldjmc@yahoo.com

DISTRICT JOB OPENING

For the District Convention voting we need to fill the BOD for the 501-C-3 Foundation.
Candidates need to be on the District Convention ballot

We need 3 PDG's and 4 regular Lion Members

Very easy assignment, because there is very little action on the Foundation.

Foundation Officer Openings

Treasurer

Secretary

Foundation President, as always, is the current DG

**Board meetings are held at the end of the 4 cabinet meetings
unless called by the Foundation President (aka DG)**

If interested please contact PDG Joe Skinner (current secretary)
JSkinner710@comcast or 570-587-2073



Old Forge Lions and O.F.H.S. LEOS

took part in **Snow Forge**, where they gave away free Hot Chocolate and had great baskets that they raffled off with some awesome gifts. Students that assisted in the project were:

Rachel Murray, Catherine Liskosky, Madison Evans, Kaiya Andrukitis, Chloe Colozza, Sage Talarico, Celia Magnotta, Hannah Sumerano, Renee Murray, Zyaire Berrien, Jayden Williams' Nico Garcia, Everett Perry, Elizabeth Gething, Jack McCabe.

EYNON - ARCHBALD LIONS CLUB

Delivered 375 meals to local Community residents.



Our kitchen helpers - L-R Louis Rapoch, Shirley Barrett, Paula Turpack, Erin Owen, Chef Manny



Our organizers & Baggers L-R Seated -Andrea Spataro, Mike Spataro Karen Rapoch, Karen Spataro, Lovey Wargo, Alicia Sherman, Tracy Zaleski, Abby Zaleski, Kathleen Mullen



A Giant Thank you to Barrett's for cooking meals and letting us use their restaurant L-R Owner Donna Dipenice President Fran Stepkovich Co-Chairs Shirley Barrett, Karen Rapoch



Drivers & Delivery Donna Rovinsky, Riley Rovinsky

Have an Ice skating Party

Sell Crispy Cream - Dozen doughnut vouchers

Sponsor a bowling tournament

Sponsor a Chili cook - off



Drivers & Deliverers Jerry Gilpatrick and Dave Moran



Drivers & Deliverers L-R Tara Reilly, Jack Reilly, and Lorrie Ann Reilly



Getting pumpkin pies ready L-R Shirley Barrett, Kathy DeLeo, Fran Stepkovitch, Jerry Gilpatrick, Erin Owen, Karen Rapoch

Eynon Archbald Lions Club drops off presents to all the residents at Mid Valley Manor for Santa to deliver at their Christmas party L-R Mike Spataro, Andrea Spataro, Jennifer Bolsar, Fran Stepkovitch, Jennifer Loy



Time to start selecting, and grooming, next year's club officers



Empty Nester?



Come to the Den,
the Lions Den.



FALLS LIONS CLUB - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS outside gathering. The sun was bright with a little chill in the air. Mrs. Claus waited with the children patiently for Santa to arrive by Lake Winola Fire truck. On arrival Mrs. Claus, the children and Falls Lions members cheered. Each child received a gift and a bag of goodies. Fun was had by all.



Mrs. Claus (Lion Antoinette Parulis) and Santa (Tom Stewart)



Back: Lion Bob Smith, Lion Walt Pritchyk, Lion Nancy Smith, Lion Ida Ferguson, Lion Elaine and Ron Jackson, and Lion Jerry Wiernusz, Front: Lion Dale Ferguson, Lion Antoinette Parulis, Santa(Tom Stewart) and Sadie the dog (aka rain dear)



Since July several ladies both **Falls Lions Club** and volunteers have been meeting at Lion Ida's and Lion Dale's house on Thursday mornings making bedrolls for the homeless. We make on average 6 a week and the take them to the Community Intervention Center in Scranton. In total we have made 102 bedrolls Which ended up being approximately 1040 hours.

This was **Falls Lions Club's** 3rd year of making and collecting items which were given to Interfaith for Wyoming County Teens. The bags were filled with Gloves, Socks, Hats, Scarves, toiletries, flashlights, small items and snacks. Many donations of supplies came from our community who wanted to help.

We will be starting collecting in January to get ahead for next Christmas.

The **DUNMORE LIONS CLUB** held its annual benefit show featuring **"THE MAGIC OF DAMIAN"**, Pennsylvania's foremost magician. This year's event was held at the Dunmore Elementary Center on Friday, December 10th. This marks the 28th year the Lions have featured Damian's magic to elementary students in Dunmore Elementary Schools, including Saint Mary's Elementary Center. All proceeds will be utilized for scholarships to help defray college expenses for Dunmore and Holy Cross High Schools.



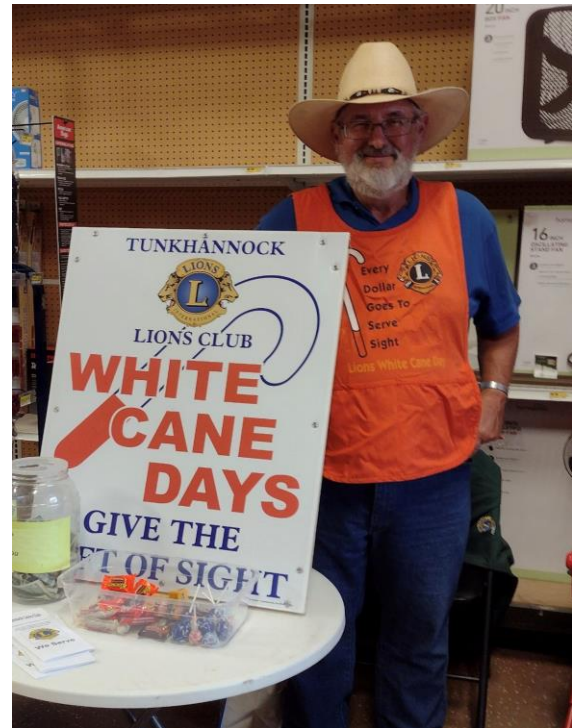
L to R - Lion Gino Tempesta, Lion Renee Iezzi, Damian the Magician, Principal Matthew Quinn and Lion Sam Sebastianelli, Event chairman.
Students: Burke Harrison, Jake DeMuro, Annie Tripodi, Mariana Acosta, Abby Richardson, Saige Toole, Mackenzie Marshall, and Andre Frechen.



Tunkhannock Lions Club - Hot chocolate stand at Tunkhannock's Christmas in our home town. Pictured from left to right: Lions Collin Fricke, Judy Gingher, Liz Hofmeister, Chris Hofmeister, Josie Sands.



Tunkhannock Lions Club white cane with PDG Harold Sands



Tunkhannock Lions Christmas party for Interfaith children Lions Chris Hofmeister, Liz Hofmeister, Collin Fricke, Judy Gingher, Emma Daubert, Tammy Balewski, Joe Balewski, and Lily Daubert.



PDG Butch assists in drawing for raffle basket.

PDG Butch is due on December 25th.



Toys collected at the Christmas party



Super Bowl Pool Tickets

MINISINK LIONS

SUPER BOWL LVI POOL

\$5,000.⁰⁰ In Prizes

Exact Number.....\$1500
One Above.....\$500
One Below.....\$500
First Two (Seven Winners)....\$150
Last Two (Nine Winners).....\$150

\$10.00

The winning number is a 3 digit number based on the points scored by each team in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters. The 1st quarter doesn't count. Tickets are \$10. There are \$5000 in cash prizes. Any number can win, it's surprising some of the past numbers that won \$1500 cash.

Call Jim Strempek 570-878-2958
JaStrempek@comcast.net
Or any club member



Minooka Lions Club Super Bowl LVI Pool

\$5,000 IN CASH PRIZES

Exact Number \$1500

One Above \$500

One Below \$500

First Two \$150
(seven winners)

Last Two \$150
(nine winners)

\$ 10. PER TICKET

The Minooka Lions will be holding our annual Super Bowl Chances. For a donation of \$10 per ticket, you will have a chance to win a pool of \$5000 in prizes.

PayPal and Venmo can be a payment option for a contactless transaction. (Ticket will be filled out with your information and a picture of it will be emailed to you)

For more information and to receive a chance, please email PDG Dave Barrett at liondavebarrett@gmail.com.

All proceeds benefit service activities in the Minooka community.

