



Northeast Lion



From the District Governor
PA Lions District 14-H
Past & Present – Vision for the Future
Dedicated to Service & Friendship
October 2022

Welcome to fall. Labor Day has passed; the kids are back in school and the football (along with the other fall sports) season along with all the other fall activities are well under way activities. And to think Halloween is less than month away.

I, along with VDG's David and Sandy have enjoyed visiting a number Clubs during September and look forward to the District Club visitations in the upcoming months. We have scheduled the District Governors Visitations for most of our clubs for 2022-2023. If your Club has not yet confirmed the visitation date, please send me an email with the date you would like to have the visitation.

I encourage Club Officers to attend the Pennsylvania Lions Fall Leadership Symposium which will be held on Saturday, October 15th at the PA Lions State Office, 949 East Park Drive in Harrisburg.

The next PA Lions State Council Meeting (#2) will be held in Pittsburgh on October 28th and 29th.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - our District will be hosting the 2025 PA Lions State Convention. Our Convention Committee will be holding their first fundraiser on Sunday, October 9th at the Scott Township Hose Company and will include a Mega Bingo. Doors open at 1:00 PM with the bingo beginning at 3:00 PM. Ticket cost is \$25 in advance \$30 at the door. There will be prizes, gift baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

Clubs and individuals are encouraged to make a contribution or donate gift baskets, which would be appreciated. Please promote this at your next club meeting. For tickets and further information, please contact PDG Pam & Lion Ken Savitski at (570) 489-1965. Help is also needed for the day of the event.

Also, the Annual District Calendar Fund Raiser is now underway. Tickets are \$20.00 and winners are picked by matching the PA Daily Pick 3 Number with daily winners of \$50 (\$100 on selected holiday from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 (Clubs earn \$3 per ticket sold by the Club). I will have tickets available during Club visitations through year end. Clubs may obtain tickets sooner by contacting me with the number of tickets desired.

My thanks to everyone for your continued service, support and cooperation this Lions year. I look forward to seeing and working with everyone in the upcoming months.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

Lion Allan

Allan Hetkowski
District Governor

From your 1st Vice District Governor

“Together We Can and Together we will”! Let’s start by supporting the Mega Bingo in Scott Township on Sunday October 9th and the Calendar Raffle that are both essential to financing the districts hosting of the State Convention in 2025!

We are traveling around the district visiting our clubs! Please encourage each Club President, Secretary and Treasurer to attend our next Cabinet Meeting in November and try to increase attendance.

DG Allan is working hard on scheduling the remaining Club visits and we are all attending the Fall Symposium on October 15th in Harrisburg as well as the Cabinet Meeting in Pittsburgh on October 28-29th.

Please be on the lookout for a Newsletter Editor for our District! PDG Lion Joe Skinner wants to retire in 2023 and is holding it together! See you around the district!

All the best in service and friendship,

Dave

Lion David P Rudis
1VDG, GLT



Joining a club is a great way for people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in their community. It offers a built-in social network of like-minded individuals who get together for the same cause or reason, providing an enjoyable way for you to do what you love with others.

Strategies to increase membership range from using word-of-mouth and digital marketing to keeping your current members satisfied and being transparent about your membership obligations.

- Gather feedback from your members and community
- Participate in community activities and celebrations
- Be transparent about all aspects of the club
- Keep your current members satisfied



MD-14 Global Action Team

Fall Leadership Symposium

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, October 15 9AM-3PM

PA Lions State Office
949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA
Lunch \$7.00 payable at Symposium

OR

Sunday, October 16 Noon-5PM

Cambria County Association for the Blind
211 Central Ave, Johnstown, PA
Snacks provided

FREE & OPEN TO ALL LIONS!

ATTEND EITHER LOCATION!

Scheduled Presenters

PDG Cheryl Wilbur- Membership

PCC Terri Kodgis-Service (Johnstown)

PDG Kerry McKnight-Leadership

PDG Bob Roebuck-Service (Harrisburg)

PDG John Mallonee-Technology

Contact PDG Kerry to reserve your seat(s)-

klm52@aol.com or 717-235-2790

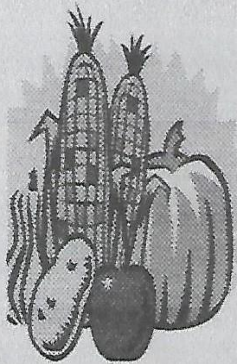
(SEATING IS LIMITED)

Dear Santa, This year I want a Fat Bank Account and a Slim Body.

PLEASE, don't mix up the two like you did last year.

DISTRICT 14-H LIONS

MEGA PRIZE BINGO



OCT 09, 2022

DOORS OPEN 1 PM

BINGO AT 3PM

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP HOSE
COMPANY**

***TICKET COST \$25 PRE-EVENT
\$30 AT DOOR***

***CALL 570-489-1965
FOR TICKETS***



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TO: 2022-2023 State Council of Governors, Lions of Pennsylvania International Family,
Vice District Governors, MD-14 Committees and Coordinators and interested Lions

Multiple District 14 Council Chairperson Dave Leon has issued a call for the **2022-2023 Council of Governors** to hold its **second meeting Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel in Cranberry Township, PA.**

The Council of Governors will hold a Preliminary Meeting Friday, October 28, 2022, at the Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel at 1:30 p.m.

If your committee needs a room to meet on Saturday morning, please notify me by Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Meeting rooms will be given out on a first come first served basis. There are a limited number of rooms available.

A Reservation form for the International Banquet to be held Saturday, October 29, 2022, as an official part of the Council of Governors weekend, is included in the packet of information that accompanies this Call of the meeting.

The annual Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation (LOPF) Banquet will be held Friday, October 28, 2022 at the Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel. A reservation form for the banquet accompanies this Call of the meeting.

Discounted sleeping rooms are available at the Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel and the Courtyard Marriott Hotel for **\$109 plus tax** and are available through **October 13, 2022**. To reserve a sleeping room at the **Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel** please click on the link to make a reservation. The link is **Book your group rate for PA Council of Lions Club**

You may also call the hotel at **1-800-853-5574** and tell the receptionist you would like to book a room at the Pittsburgh Marriott North and **you must tell them you are with the PA Lions to get the discounted rate of \$109 plus tax per night**. Only King Beds are available at this hotel. **If you need 2 beds in your room you must book at the Courtyard Marriott** which is adjacent to the other hotel. The number to call is the same and the price is the same and **you must tell them you are with the PA Lions to get the discounted room rate**. There is no online booking for the Courtyard Marriott Hotel.

Committee chairpersons/coordinators who have an **Action Item** for State Council to consider during the October 29, 2022 meeting **must** submit that item in written form to the State Office **no later than Wednesday, October 12, 2022**. Any Action Item proposal received by the State Office less than 14 days prior to a State Council meeting must be approved by a two-thirds vote (12 of 18) of the Council of Governors before it may be presented for consideration. An Action Item that does not receive the needed two-thirds vote for consideration will be tabled until the next State Council meeting. Committee chairpersons/coordinators with Action Items must be present or have a representative at both the Preliminary and Regular State Council meetings. ***Council Chair Leon reminds everyone: Oral committee reports to State Council will be subject to a three-minute time limit.***

State committee chairs and coordinators who do not have an Action Item for Council to consider are also asked to submit written reports to the State Office prior to October 12, 2022 so they may be included in the packet of information for the State Council to review prior to the meeting.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

clion 'Jeb Burkholder

MD-14 Acting State Administrator

DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee

Minutes of September 8, 2022

VFW, Daleville - hosted by Minisink Lions

PRESENT: DG Allan Hetkowski, 1VDG David Rudis, 2VDG Sandy Thubborn, Lion John Thubborn, IPDG Cathy Metschulat, PDG Bill Metschulat, PDG Dave Barrett, PCC Mark Kusma, PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, PDG Pam Savitski, Lion Dr. Ken Savitski, PDG Fran Stepkovitch, Lion Ed Stepkovitch, (absent PDG Karen Cokely), PDG Joe Skinner, PDG Gayle Padfield, PDG Rich Padfield, Lion Barbara Taylor, Lion Ida Ferguson, Lion Jerel Wayne, Lion Jim Strempek, Lion Joe Sabie, Lion Frank Bonacci, Lion Joe Pierangeli, Lion Don Brown

President PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, thanks to Minisink Lions for hosting, and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Lion Jim Strempek welcomed everyone to Minisink Lions Hearing/Sight meeting, glad to have everyone here, nice to get together with other lions from other clubs, onward and upward enjoy the pizza and wings from Mendicino's. PDG Butch said, let's take our food break, motion made by Lion Jerel Wayne, seconded by Lion Barbara Taylor, so carried.

Back from food break, and again thank you for coming out tonight and thanks again to Minisink for hosting. The minutes of last meeting, were in newsletter, passed around and asked if reviewed. A motion to approve was made by PDG Dave Barrett seconded PDG Joe Skinner and so carried.

- - **Hearing Treasurer's report:** PDG Karen Cokely (absent). SAME-no changes
Balance as of today is same - \$1,635.27

No bills. No correspondence.

- - **Sight Treasurer's report:** Lion Barbara Taylor
Balance as of 9/8/22 is \$10,372.19 Deposit from Fair Share \$1,050.00
Kidsight has \$1,628.45, therefore Sight First has \$9,793.74

A motion to approve made by PCC Mark Kusma, seconded by 1VDG David Rudis, so carried.

There was no correspondence or bills to be paid. No active applications. Just received some information for a resident of Lutherwood, in Scranton needing aid, Harriet Janus, will get more info.

- OLD BUSINESS -

- Lion Barbara Taylor talked with a place in Trenton, NJ to take eyeglasses for recycling, they will be sending us more info soon. They are willing to take all of the 100,000 or more pairs of eyeglasses we have. If needed, 2VDG Sandy & John Thubborn have a pro master truck to take them to Trenton, NJ.
- IPDG Cathy Metschulat stated it's the 5th year for the school program, using our vision screening cameras, starting in the next few weeks. 5 School Districts have purchased their own cameras, will be serving 11 School Districts this year. PDG Joe Skinner asked if we need another camera, we do not at this time.

- NEW BUSINESS -

- Law was just passed, will be able to purchase hearing aids online, and other government programs out there, could be why not many applications for aid.
- October meeting will be hosted by the Eynon Archbald Lions Club, October 13, at Barrett's, 474 Main St. Archbald starting at 6:30pm. November is hosted by Tunkhannock.
- Lion Joe Pierangeli talked about how him and his wife started bicycle recycling for those in need. She had done a survey and saw the need for motor transportation for homeless, underprivileged, someone who cannot afford it, started this project approx. 7 years ago and have refurbished 657 bikes so far. Work with Keystone Mission, Friends of the Poor, Human Resources Center and others. We have refurbished all kinds of bikes, training wheels, small, large..... from donated bike, from dumps, anyone can help refurbish and repair. Minisink Lions Club have helped defray the costs to refurbish the bikes. This is a great service to

help them get to work, shop, recreation, employment. Lion Dr Ken Savitski mentioned to check with PDG Joe Skinner for possible grant money to assist in this program and some municipalities can help too. Lion Ida Ferguson stated the Community Intervention Center on 7th Street in Scranton needs bikes to help those in need.

- UPCOMING SIGHT / HEARING MEETINGS

OCTOBER - Eynon Archbald hosted by Eynon Archbald Lions on 10-13, at **Barrett's, 474 Main Street, Archbald** - starting at 6:30.

NOVEMBER - Tunkhannock

PDG Comments -

- DG Allan - IPDG Cathy mentioned that the District copier is not working, if anyone knows who would want it to recycle or sell let me know. Our newsletter editor PDG Joe Skinner is stepping down end of the year, we need someone to step up to fill this position. PID LeGrand Perce's wife Joan passed away, keep them in your prayers. PCC Mark Kusma is Our District Administrator and PDG Dave Barrett is Our GST and can help clubs get their service info online. I have extra directories if anyone needs, it's important for all clubs to keep info online up to date, please update everyone's email. Ask PDG Dave or PCC Mark for help. Club visitations are going well, State Convention is being moved to Indiana, Pa. We are hosting the 2023 State Council Meeting in October, October 9th is the Mega Prize Bingo to help raise money needed for our State Convention in 2025. District fundraiser is underway, PDG Gene Scagliotti helped with the District calendars, need help with sales, this is a District fundraiser, tickets are \$20 each, runs from January 1 - June 30, please put address on tickets, winners will receive their prize by check in the mail. Cost of Cabinet meeting meals, trying to keep costs down as much as possible. Next Cabinet Meeting is 11/6, place tbd. Try to get more to attend our cabinet meetings, we will need someone to follow 2VDG Sandy Thubborn.
- 1VDG David Rudis - October 15 is the symposium in Harrisburg, at the PA Lions Club Office, next Council meeting is in Pittsburgh, we have 4 nights of meetings this coming week, sell your calendar tickets.
- 2VDG Sandy Thubborn - looking forward to club visits and meeting all Clubs, February 20th is my Club (Taylor) visit.
- PDG Dave Barrett- still working on some awards from my year as DG, it's a great honor to present Lion Jim Strempek of Minisink Lions with a Lions of Pennsylvania Fellow.
- PDG Fran - Happy September - thank you to Minisink Lions for hosting. I did vision screening, along with Lion Karen Spataro & Lion Erin Owen at the Health Fair First Friday 8/5 at the Steamtown Mall and spread the lionism word.
- PDG Joe - September 20th is our DG club visit, read it in the newsletter, December will be my last doing the newsletter, need someone to take over.
- PDG Rich - nothing at this time
- PDG Butch - Thank you Minisink
- PDG Gayle - Nice to see a lot of Lions signs in our travels
- PDG Pam - working on our first fundraiser for 2025 State Convention, our Mega Prize Bingo, tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, donations are good, ticket sales are slow, please push for ticket sales, if you can't attend, tell friends and family.
- PDG Cathy - I have leftover raffle tickets if anyone can use them for their fundraising, let me know. PDG Don McConnell of 14U received pencil boxes from Staples, I can get for anyone, if you would like some, let me know. Info will be forwarded for the Disaster Relief boxes, as soon as we hear, will let everyone know.
- PDG Bill - Looking forward to Beacon Lodge board meeting and executive meeting coming up. They rely on people coming there, had a rough couple of years, more info coming after meetings.
- PCC Mark - nothing at this time.
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- **EYEGASSES / HEARING AIDS**

- STONEBRIDGE - several boxes of eyeglasses
- ABINGTON - 163 eyeglasses - 6 hearing aids
- DALTON/BENTON/SCOTT TWP - 150 eyeglasses
- MINISINK - 1645 eyeglasses - 3 hearing aids - 56 hearing aid batteries
- EYNON ARCHBALD - 150 eyeglasses

- **GOOD OF THE DISTRICT -**

- **EYNON ARCHBALD** - Harvest Fest 9/25 at AC Field from 1-4 - Trunk or Treat 10/23 at AC Field 1-3 - October Fall Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup - Thanksgiving dinners and more
- **SCOTT TWP** - Lion Barbara Taylor is helping with fundraiser for District calendars
- **MINOOKA** - golf tournament October 1 at Pine Hills
- **ABINGTON** - just finished our PennDot coffee stop on I81 Friday/Saturday made \$1,970.09, NEPA Lions Service Foundation has 2 reps, possible 3rd coming soon. \$ out there in grants, I can help you write up your grant applications. They are not matching grants. Lions of Pa are matching grants. We got a grant to help purchase the 2nd vision screening cameras for the District.
- **MINISINK** - calendar raffle finished in June, PDG Pam won \$100, it was our 30th year for July 4th fireworks, 6/13 we lost a great lion of 29 years Ed Gaughan, 8/28 was our golf tournament, we had 24 teams, helping with the bicycle refurbishing project, 9/17 Railriders game
- **JEFFERSON TWP** - 9/17 kickball tournament, our banquet hall is available year-round 570-702-5452 for details, younger members joining.
- **FALLS** - sold \$20 tickets for freezer with \$300 in meat, sold in 3 weeks, most was donated, made \$4,000. We have programs going all the time. September we are helping to info all of disaster preparedness, putting in for grants to get stuff for survival kits. Filling small ammo boxes, filling bags for displaced children, Christmas project for teenagers, 10/11 is DG visit.
- **TUNKHANNOCK** - last Sunday used the food trailer, still working on it, if anyone would like to use it, let us know.

* * *No further business, PDG Butch again thanked Minisink Lions Club for hosting the meeting, see you next month at Eynon Archbald Lions, always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, PDG Joe Skinner made a motion to adjourn, DG Allan Hetkowski seconded, so carried.

Minutes submitted by
Secretary, PDG Fran Stepkovitch

Spontaneous Sputtering

People are excited about the new app on their iphone but not many people have caught up with the awesome technology of using the blinker, when they are making a turn.

When I was a child, I thought "nap time" was a punishment. Now it feels like a small vacation.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

It's Happening in 14-H

The members of the **Tunkhannock Lions** busy setting up the "new and improved" food trailer on it's initiation at the Northeast Pennsylvania Antique Truck Show at the Harford Fairgrounds on September 4 2022. Pictured from left to right in the front: Lions Colin, Judy Ginger, Josie Sands, PDG Butch Sands, Chris Hoftmeister. In the back: Lions Lizzy Hoftmeister, Tammy Balewski, and Dale Wilsey.



Did you know that a strawberry is the only fruit that has it's seeds on the outside?

ABINGTON LIONS CLUB

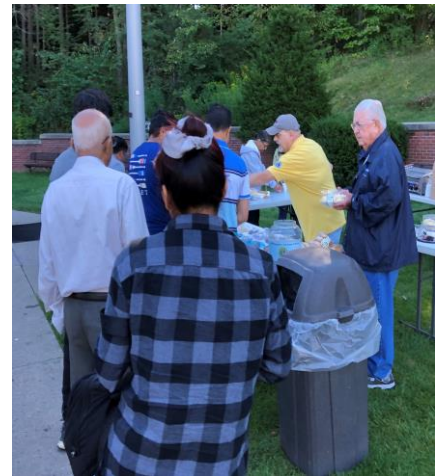
For somewhere around 10 years now, the members of the Abington Lions Club have given up Holiday weekend time to go up on Rt-81 and pass out coffee, snacks, and hot dogs to travelers who stop at the rest stops.



Traveler fills up a cup of coffee



Travelers met by Lions Rich Foley, and Joe Skinner



Getting a little busy with hungry travelers



Leo of the year 2021

Kathryn Grace Hinkley
Blue Ridge Leo

Falls Lions Club

Trunk or Treat on October 22nd from 5PM to 6 PM followed by the movie Hocus Pocus.

Come and decorate your car and enjoy the fun at Hock Park

Minisink Lions Club



Lion Ron Donati was presented with his 15-year Award Letter and Chevron pin. Also, Lion Glenn Czulada was presented with his 20-year Award Letter and Chevron pins.



Falls Lions Club and Partnership with Active Adult Center finished their project of making 60 bags for children that recently had to leave their homes. Items were bought for the bags (tooth brushes and paste, books, stuffed animals). All were presented to Lisa Ross social worker in Luzerne County. Picture left to right Norma Talbot, Lisa Ross, Laurie Price, Ida Ferguson and Mary Cruikshank

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Falls Lions Club is starting a program on **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

We are working with the Disaster Preparedness Manager of Wyoming County, Exeter, Falls and Overfield Townships. Also Representative Karen Boback. We are wanting residents to be prepared especially the elderly. Any questions please contact Lion Ida Ferguson 607-742-2179

ALUMINUM CAN PULL – TOPS TO BENEFIT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Collected by PDG Joe Skinner
Jskinner710@comcast.net
570-587-207



An online presence is key to creating your marketing strategy. I mean, who doesn't have at least one parent or grandparent on Facebook these days? That means that many associations need to appeal to the masses and embrace this brave new world.

This Summer the **Montrose Lions Club** has helped people in Susquehanna County with “food challenges”. We have helped fund and provided manpower to Montrose Mobil Food Pantry, who are affiliated with CEO Weinberg food distribution system. We just received their latest quarterly report of families they helped this summer, and there is a substantial need for this assistance here in our County.

Last summer we were asked to help another food challenge group that addresses hungry children During the months that school is not in session. A group started the “Summer Lunchbox Program” A few years ago and it has grown from the first school (Mountain View SD) and they came to us for help as they added Elk Lake SD & Montrose Area SD. We have provided pickup trucks and member drivers for 2 years now. They go a couple times a month to Aldi’s Market in Vestal NY to fill the trucks and return to Montrose to drop the more “school age friendly” foods at a distribution site. As we saw the need during the early months of this year, we doubled our monetary contribution to offset the effects of the inflation trends.

Montrose Lions are planning our semi-annual PaDoT Adopt-a-Highway pickup for the first Tuesday in October just Before our regular meeting.



Montrose Lions Club has 2 funds that provide grants for local programs & projects. Lions MASD Fund accepts applications for things that would not be funded thru the school administration. The Montrose Community Fund was established to provide grants for community improvement projects. We have a member committee that Reviews applications in October every year and makes their recommendation to the club. Both funds are managed by the Community Foundation here in Montrose.

We enjoyed having DG Allan & VDG Dave at our last meeting. Seems they heard about **getting to Montrose before snow season.**



Membership District 14-H

September 30, 2022

Abington 33	Benton 14	Blakely/Peckville 13
Dalton 7	Dunmore 24	Eynon/Archbald 86
Falls 45	Forest City 20	Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack 15
Honesdale 69	Jefferson Twp. 32	Jermyn 13
Jessup 14	Lake Ariel 14	Mayfield 16
Minisink 23	Minooka 43	Montrose 37
Old Forge 19	Olyphant 27	Ransom 11
Scott Twp. 31	Scranton 19	Stone Bridge 23
Taylor 24	Tunkhannock 21	Waymart 20
District 14-H 27 Lions Clubs 713 Lion Members		

EYNON-ARCHBALD LIONS CLUB - Harvest Fest at AC Field



QBall - L-R John Quinn, Jim Davis, Bob Crossman, Brian McGurl



Megan Prynne - Pa American Water Co



Lion Peggy Farina with pumpkins and duck pond



Lions Cathy Gillette & Joanne Phillips at check in and candy Corn count guessing game



Event Chairs -Lions Rich Guman, Sandy Guman and hot dog grilled Bob Guman



Flickin' Chickin' game
L-R Emma Zory, Maggie Snyder



Jay Berardelli with the Fidelity Bank Ice Cream truck



Kristen Wallo from the Valley Community Library



Linda Phillips-Kline, Cole Chervanka, Dr. Jerry Casey



President: Michelle Spataro, Mark Kline, EMS Captain: Mark Trently, EMT: Julia Lamberton, EMT: Kassidy Chuff, EMS LT: Jerry Trently and Publicity Officer: JerryCasey



Lions Shirley Barrett - Michele Perri helping out in the kitchen



Valley View Cheerleaders face painting Mia Callejas, Stephanie Shandor, Evelyn Shandor, Sophia Julian, Riley Bannon, Mia Angeloni, Melanie Savage



PDG Fran Stepkovitch performing a vision screening on Lion Preston Barrett Eynon/Archbald Harvest Festival.



SCRANTON LIONS CLUB

88TH ANNUAL SCRANTON LIONS CLUB DREAM GAME



The Scranton Lions Club presented a \$12,000 check to the Lackawanna Blind Association from proceeds of the Annual 2022 Scranton Lions Club Dream. In its 88th year, the Dream Game is the longest running high school all star football game in the country. Since 1996, the Scranton Lions Club has contributed more than \$360,000 for the Blind Association in their mission to assist the visually impaired.

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS



The Scranton Lions Club presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to two members for their service to the Club and their community. The Fellowships were presented to Mary Lou Wascavich, Club Secretary and Philip Mahasky. Presenting the Fellowships were Allan Hetkowski, District Governor and Club Immediate Past President and David P. Rudis, 1st Vice District Governor and Club President (standing left to right – Hetkowski, Wascavich, Mahasky and Rudis).