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Welcome Home For the Holidays

District Governor

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

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends. I am sure we are now in full planning mode for the upcoming Christmas Holiday.

A number of our Clubs have numerous Holiday activities and events planned for their communities during December.

I want to take this opportunity to give a special thank you to PDG Joe Skinner for his many years of service as our District Newsletter Editor. He has spent numerous hours each month assembling the newsletter in addition to his other Lion responsibilities. *Thank you, Joe.*

I also want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank IPDG Cathy and PDG Bill Metschulat for agreeing to take on the responsibility of District Newsletter Editors taking over from Joe beginning in January.

Just a reminder, the Annual District Calendar Fund Raiser continues. Tickets are \$20.00 and winners are picked by matching the PA Daily Pick 3 Number with daily winners of \$50 (\$100 on selected holidays) from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 (Clubs earn \$3 per ticket sold by the Club). I have tickets available through year end. Clubs may obtain tickets sooner by contacting me with the number of tickets desired. Also, if you have not already, please make ticket returns and stubs as soon as possible.

Your Leadership Team has now completed Club visitations for 2022. My thanks to everyone for your continued service, support and cooperation this Lions year. Your Leadership Team has thoroughly enjoyed our Club visitations and look forward to our remaining upcoming visitations in 2023.

Finally, as my term as District Governor is reaching the halfway mark, I want to thank everyone for your assistance, cooperation and hospitality in 2022. In accepting the position as DG, I (along with Past DG's) was not fully aware of all the responsibilities that are involved. Serving as you DG has and continues to be a wonderful experience with the highlight having the opportunity to visit each of our Clubs and learning of all the projects and activities that Clubs do for their communities. Again, thank you for opportunity to serve as your District Governor.

On behalf of your Leadership Team, I want to wish everyone a Safe, Joyous and Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. And, as always, my thanks to everyone for your continued service, support and cooperation this Lions year

Yours in Service and Friendship,

Lion Allan

Allan Hetkowski
District Governor

1st Vice District Governor

November 25, 2022

We have been traveling around the district visiting our clubs and have completed many before Thanksgiving! These visits are essential to getting the word out that we need to retain members and add new Lions to our ranks. Please encourage each Club President, Secretary and Treasurer to attend our next Cabinet Meeting on February 19th.

In the meantime, 2VDG Sandy and myself attended the VDG Training in Harrisburg on January 6-8. We are also attending PA State Council Meeting in Harriaburg on February 3-4th.

Thank you to PDG's Cathy and Bill Metschulat who are embarking on becoming our Newsletter Editors! Now we are searching for a 2VDG to follow Sandy starting in July! Be on the lookout for a leader in your club that would like to enhance their service to lionism and our community. Try to get someone involved.

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving Holiday and I wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a Joyous, Happy and Healthy New Year! See you around the district!

All the best in service and friendship,

Dave

Lion David P Rudis 1VDG, GLT



2nd Vice District Governor

Service is our past and our future:

As incoming 2nd VDG of PA District H, I want to thank you for the warm welcome I have received from my fellow Lions Club members that I have met all District Governor Club visits. My experience so far has been both exciting and educational. The members of the Lions Clubs of District H are to be congratulated for their service in their communities. Your service, which include food drives, emergency packs, recycling old bicycles, movies nights, and trunk or treats, to name a few, truly exemplifies the LCI motto, "We Serve."

The 2022-2023 State Council Meeting #2 held in Cranbury, Pennsylvania was really enjoyable meeting the Vice District Governors and District Governors from the various districts in Pennsylvania as well as the seminars provided, which included a mock State Council meeting so that the VDGs would experience how to participate when becoming District Governors.

Finally, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas,
and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Service and Friendship,

2nd VDG Sandy Thubborn
District 14H



Service Project

Plant a tree or two – with the advice of a local environment organization and local borough or town officials on the best locations and varieties. In Scranton they put the trees between the 2's and the 4's

Build or purchase trash can surrounds to beautify your Main Street or local park
With a Lions Club Logo on them

DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee
Minutes of November 10, 2022
Todd + Rachel's - hosted by Tunkhannock Lions

PRESENT: DG Allan Hetkowski, 1VDG David Rudis, 2VDG Sandy Thubborn, Lion John Thubborn, PDG Dave Barrett, PCC Mark Kusma, PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, PDG Fran Stepkovitch, Lion Ed Stepkovitch, PDG Karen Cokely, Lion Barbara Taylor, Lion Kathy Schaffer, Lion Judy Potratz, PDG Gene Scagliotti, Lion Lorah Reese, Lion Andy Kintner

Everyone enjoyed a yummy meal before we started the meeting.

President PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, thanks to my Club, Tunkhannock Lions for hosting, and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Lion Lorah Reese our Vice President welcomed everyone, Tunkhannock Lions are happy to be hosting the District Hearing/Sight meeting, welcome & Thank you for coming.

The minutes of the last meeting were in the newsletter, passed around and asked if reviewed. A motion was made by PDG Karen Cokely and seconded by 1DG Dave Rudis, no-one opposed, so carried.

- - Hearing Treasurer's report: PDG Karen Cokely

Opening Balance - \$1,185.27

Deposit of \$200 copay Montrose Lions

Leaving a balance of \$1,385.27 as of today 11/10/22.

A motion was made by Lion Kathy Schaffer, Seconded by PDG Gene Scagliotti, no-one opposed, so carried.

No bills. No correspondence.

DG Allan Hetkowski received an online inquiry from LCI, for hearing aid from Kayleigh Jischke, Commonwealth Health social worker, in the Scranton area in need. PDG Fran Stepkovitch will send info to her to apply.

- - Sight Treasurer's report: Lion Barbara Taylor

Opening Balance is \$11,422.19

Check for \$100 to Moscow for Harriet Jenus & check for \$500 to Think Big (both discussed at last month's meeting)

Kidsight has \$1,628.45, therefore Sight First has \$9,193.74

Total balance as of today 11/10/22 \$10,822.19

A motion to approve made by 1VDG Dave Rudis, seconded by DG Allan Hetkowski, no-one opposed, so carried.

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

- OLD BUSINESS -

- Inquiry as to getting rid of District copier - - - PDG Cathy Metschulat was taking care of that (as discussed last month). She is also ordering new battery for vision screening camera bill will be paid when received.

- NEW BUSINESS -

- 1VDG Dave Rudis announced that there are around 200 District raffle tickets sold, so far. Keep selling, we have 600 more to go!
- Lion Judy Potratz is concerned with the holidays coming, should we wait until spring to take eyeglasses to NJ? Need to know if they need to be sorted? Lion Barbara Taylor's contact person is Allan Brewer, he didn't give her specifics, she will contact him and get all details for us, consensus is to get them there early December. Place is in West Trenton, NJ, approx. 2 1/2 hr. drive, Thursday is best day for all, emails will be

sent to let everyone know asap. DG Allan Hetkowski mentioned Honesdale Lions take their eyeglasses to HNB, and they send out for them.

- UPCOMING MEETINGS (tentative schedule)

MARCH - Scott Twp Lions, Scott two Municipal Bldg., 1038 Mondale Rd, Scott Twp 18447

APRIL - Jefferson Twp

MAY - Minooka

JUNE - Abington

JULY - Dunmore

AUGUST - Scranton

SEPTEMBER - Minisink

OCTOBER - Eynon Archbald

NOVEMBER - Tunkhannock Lions

PDG Comments -

- DG Allan - Thank you for everything, year is almost half over, more upcoming visits, waiting to hear from some club for visit. South Abington is reconstructing. Still tickets left to sell for our District fundraiser. Pushing service grants to all clubs during visits. Went to State Council meeting, dress code staying the same. Anyone having issues, let us know, we can help. Thank you for this opportunity to serve as your District Governor. Our District membership is currently around 712. Working on it with our Leadership team. PDG Cathy & Bill Metschulat will take over the district newsletter, PDG Joe Skinner is finished at the end of this year.
- 1VDG David Rudis - Nice to be back in my hometown, Enjoy your Holiday Season.
- 2VDG Sandy Thubborn - Ty for the delicious meal, Happy Holiday Season.
- PDG Dave Barrett - 3-11-23 is the date for the St Patrick's day parade we will have to decide if we want to do a float this year - enjoy the holidays
- PDG Fran - Thank you Tunkhannock, enjoy the holiday season.
- PDG Butch - Thank you to my Club for hosting for hosting
- PDG Karen - Wishing everyone a safe & Happy Holidays.
- PCC Mark - I have LCIF pins, for \$50, \$100, \$200 donations
- PDG Gene - We always relied on Olyphant, Scott Twp., & other clubs to sell District tickets, used to sell over 600 tickets, keep trying to sell them, ty - - -Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

- EYEGLASSES / HEARING AIDS

* * Lion Judy & Lion Gordie will check how many boxes we have, try to get everything ready to transport to NJ., will let everyone know if help will be needed to pack and sort, Lion Barbara Taylor to set up a date, PDG Butch has trailer to load, 2VDG Sandy has a bid 2500 truck if needed.

- GOOD OF THE DISTRICT -

- **EYNON ARCHBALD** - Thanksgiving dinners to those in need, Santa Train, gifts for nursing home residents
- **SCOTT TWP** - Lion Barbara Taylor is helping with fundraiser for District calendars
- **MINOOKA** - Super Bowl tickets coming soon \$10 each, email or message PDG Dave Barrett
 - **TUNKHANNOCK** - Chicken & Biscuits dinner 12/10, bring an unwrapped toy for the children, \$10 for dinner and raffle, \$5 raffle only
 - **HAWLEY LAKE WALLENPAUPACK** - getting 2 new members

* ***No further business, PDG Butch again thanked Tunkhannock Lions Club for hosting the meeting, see you next year in March, at the Joe Terry Center, Scott Twp Lions hosting, always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, DG Allan Hetkowski made a motion to adjourn, , seconded by PDG Gene Scagliotti, no-one opposed, so carried.**

Minutes submitted by **Secretary Fran Stepkovitch**

It's happening in 14-H

The **Dunmore club** made their annual donation to St Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen and the Weinberg North East Food Bank

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 Saint Mary’s Elementary Center on Tuesday, November 22, 2022. This marks the 29th 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) Principal Maryelizabeth Shattin, School Nurse and Lion Member Renee Iezzi, Damian the Magician, Lion Sam Sebastianelli, Event Chairman.

Collect used eyeglasses – hearing aids – cell phones and bring them to the District Sight/Hearing meeting, on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

MARCH - Scott Twp Lions, Scott two Municipal Bldg., 1038 Mondale Rd, Scott Twp

APRIL - Jefferson Twp, Jefferson Lions Hall

Plan a day to volunteer at a soup kitchen or mission. St Francis of Assisi is always looking for servers, it is 2-3 hours.

FALLS LIONS CLUB

Roadside cleanup November 5th (approx 17 bags, good turnout) Seven Lions participating and four members of the community:

Lions Frank Gudman, (Photo) Tina and Duane Seidel, Al Cabral, Dale Ferguson, Ron Jackson, and Nancy S. and community members: **Tim Pierce, Elaine McNulty, former Lion, Twila Watkins, and Jeanette Lines.**



Teens Christmas Project; a lot of supplies have been received, still in need of gloves and toothpaste/floss, all donations need to be received by December 5th



Children's Christmas packages will be wrapped on December 10th for the Christmas Party followed by stuffing the stockings for the Teens Christmas Project @ 10 am at the Falls Fire Hall (Falls)

Christmas party will be held at the **Falls Fire Hall on December 11th** (Santa & Mrs. Claus will be arriving at 2 pm)



Create FREE healthy "snack packs" for kids at a local event

Spontaneous Sputtering

Imagine a world where YOU TUBE, TWITTER, and FACEBOOK, merge and become You-Twit-Face

Before my surgery, the anesthesiologist offered to knock me out with gas or a boat paddle,
It was an ether/oar question...

The word "queue" is just one letter, followed by four silent letters

MINISINK LIONS CLUB

At a recent bi-monthly meeting at the Elmhurst Country Club the Lions approved a donation to **Keystone Mission** to provide 40 meals to guests and residents.

Also approved was a semi-annual \$1500 donation to the **North Pocono Food Pantry** at Daleville.

*NP Minisink Lions became **a Gold Sponsor donor** for the North Pocono Science Olympiad. The Olympiad Invitational will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 at North Pocono High School. The event is a STEM competition for schools from PA, NY, MD and Conn.*

Superbowl Raffle Ticket Chairman Jerel Wayne has raffle tickets available for next year's Superbowl. Tickets are \$10. Winning numbers are based on points scored in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters. To obtain tickets contact jerelwayne@gmail.com

MINISINK LIONS SUPER BOWL 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

At my age rolling out of bed is the easy part.

Getting up off of the floor is another story.

Problem at the store when the cashier said "strip down facing me.

Apparently, she was referring to my credit card.

As it turns out when someone asks you who is your favorite child,
you are supposed to pick one of your own. Who knew?

If you wait long enough to make dinner, everyone will eat cereal -- It's Science!

My kids laugh because they think I am Crazy.

I laugh because they don't know it's Hereditary

For the last 10 years or so the **Abington Lions Club** Has been participating in the PennDot Safety Break Coffee Stop Program. It is a program where non-profit organizations man rest stops on Pennsylvania highways and distribute coffee, pasteries, hot dogs, and good conversation to travelers, free of charge. There is a donation jar, if people wish to make a donation. This is a very popular program, among travelers, and Lions alike. You meet some really great people, and quite often people that you have something in common with, we have met Lions from all over the world, which makes for good conversation and gives them a break from driving. We have gotten many compliments, for our efforts, and some very nice donations. This is a very good **Service Project**.



Hey Good Lions,

After many years of doing the newsletter, this is my **last one**.

It has been interesting. I have communicated with many Club Presidents, Secretaries and Members. I have gotten to know many Lions throughout the Districts.

That is the part that has been an absolute pleasure.

Time for me to get involved in different things.

NO! I will not be going to jail.

Lion PDG's Bill and Kathy will be taking over.

So, send the information about your projects to them
Send lots of pictures that always makes for a nice newsletter.

Remember our newsletter goes all over the state.

Show Pennsylvania what 14-H Lions are all about.

God Bless and Keep your hat on tight