

NORTHEAST LION

Happy New Year from District 14H

Lions Clubs International

January, 2023

Edition 1



More now than ever, we need to stand united, as a club, a district, our state and internationally. We need the strengths, ideas, motivation, creativity and commitment from each member of our clubs, bringing all our clubs together, united as a district.

The PA Lions are a strong force, and it takes each one of us to remain this way.

WE SERVE!





From the District Governor
Allan Hetkowski
PA Lions District 14-H
Past & Present – Vision for the Future
Dedicated to Service & Friendship
January 2023
Happy New Year

Happy 2023 to all! I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season with family and friends. It is hard to believe the Holiday Season is over and 2023 is here.

I want to again take this opportunity to thank IPDG Cathy and PDG Bill Metschulat for taking on the responsibility of District Newsletter Editors beginning with this issue.

Just a reminder, the Annual District Calendar Fund Raiser has now started. 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. If you have not already, please make ticket returns and stubs as immediately.

Our 1st VDG Dave and 2nd VDG will be continuing their training with the PA Lions 2022-2023 VDG Training Retreat that will be held January 6th to 8th at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg.

Other PA Lions upcoming events include:

- February 3rd to 5th - State Council Meeting #3 - Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg.
- February 11th - 2022-2023 GLT Spring Leadership Symposium - PA Lions State Headquarters
- May 16th to 18th – 2023 State Convention and Council Meeting - Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, Indiana, PA

With the Holidays now ended, I am aware that our Clubs are now preparing their projects and activities for the new year. Please remember to post your activities on MyLion on the LionsClubs.org website.

Finally, as I begin the second half of my term as District Governor, I want to again thank everyone for your assistance, cooperation and hospitality in 2022. 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 for their communities. Again, thank you for opportunity to serve as your District Governor.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

Lion Allan

Allan Hetkowski
District Governor
District 14-H



MD-14 Global Action Team Spring Leadership Symposium

Presentations

PID Cindy Gregg-*"Putting the FUN in Service"*

PDG Tom Gregg-*"Lion Ethics"*

PDG Kerry McKnight-*"Leadership Styles"*

PDG Tom Toland-*"Successful Fundraising"*

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, February 11, 9 AM-3 PM

PA Lions State Office

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Lunch available for a \$7.00 donation

OR

Sunday, February 12, Noon-5 PM

Wagon Wheel Restaurant

6912 US 22, Greensburg, PA 15601

(Restaurant will not be open for food service-Lions meeting only)

Snacks will be available

MD-14 LIONS FOOD DONATION SERVICE PROJECT

Harrisburg & Greensburg Locations



Deliver your District's gift of non-perishable food items to either Symposium location. District with the most food items by weight chooses a local Food Pantry to receive donations.

Register to Attend: Free & Open to all PA Lions

Email PDG Kerry at klm52@aol.com or call (717)235-2790



Thank You



December 3, 2022

District Governor Allan Hetkowsky
221 Burke Street
Plains, Pennsylvania 18705-1457

Dear DG Allan,

Thank you to the Lions of District 1494 for the assistance they have provided to help the communities in Eastern Kentucky impacted by the flooding in July of 2022.

No one expected a rain event to produce 10-12 inches of rainfall in a span of 11 hours beginning the evening of July 27th and going into the morning of July 28th. Small creeks, which usually contain a water depth of 6-12 inches, swelled to a depth of 20 feet. Rivers crested at historic levels. Homes, schools, and businesses that had never before flooded were inundated with water. Cars, trucks, and homes floated with the water and created dams, which further increased the depth and rate of the rising waters. No one in those areas had ever experienced this magnitude of flooding.

Our District rapidly reached out to Lions Clubs in the flood ravaged areas to determine how we could begin to assist their communities. A Disaster Emergency Grant was obtained from LCIJ and those funds were quickly spent on needed supplies. An outpouring of donations and assistance from individuals and Lions Clubs both inside and outside of our state is enabling our Lions District to further assist those in need. From box fans, dehumidifiers, shovels, water, and cleaning products to building supplies, heaters, blankets, and sleeping bags to coats and cold weather gear, the District is working and will continue to address the ever changing needs. Recovery is underway in those areas but it will be years before the areas will be fully recovered.

Once again, we thank you as we are humbled by your district's willingness to help those in need. Your actions truly embody our motto of "We Serve."

In service and with heartfelt thanks,

District Governor Verna Sharp and the District 1494 Disaster Relief Committee

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

December 25, 2022

Let me start by saying, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to each and every Lion in District 14H! We will be visiting a few remaining clubs.

2VDG Sandy and myself are preparing to attend the VDG Training in Harrisburg on January 6-8. We are also attending PA State Council Meeting in Harrisburg on February 3-4th.

This is very important, we are still searching for a 2VDG to follow Sandy starting in July! Please, be on the lookout for a leader in your club that would like to enhance their service to our district and community by stepping-up and getting involved.

We were sad to see the passing of Robert "Pete" Van Fleet, President of the Dalton Lions Club. He was a long time President of Dalton and served his community well. We attended his memorial service and sent him forth with a fitting farewell for a Lion serving for 47 years.

I hope to see you around the district!

All the best in service and friendship,

Dave

Lion David P Rudis
1VDG, GLT

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Hi!

It is hard to believe that it has been six (6) months that I have been fortunate enough to be elected Second Vice District of PA Lions District 14H. Time flies!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. I want to thank you for your service to your communities.

I wish the Lions Club members of District H a safe and Happy New Year for 2023.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

2nd VDG Sandy Thubborn

District 14H



2025 State Convention

Attention All Lions:

A 2025 State Convention meeting is being held Thursday, January 12, 2023, 6:30 pm at the Hilton in Scranton. All lions members interested in participating are welcome to attend.

If anyone has any questions, or are interested in helping you may contact us by calling 570-489-1965 or email mibride@aol.com

Co-Chairs

PDG Pam & Lion Ken Savitski



Hi Joe,

During this busy time of year when we are all feeling the increase in the cost of groceries, gas and everything else, I wanted to reach out and let you know that we're thinking of you and hope you're well and finding moments of peace and joy.

Amid these tough times, Leader Dog's mission can't be halted, and we need your help now more than ever to support our entire community and our canine heroes.

Even though this is a time of financial stress for many people, dedicated supporters are still reaching out looking for ways to help. Here are some things you can do to support us right now that might not impact your day-to-day budget:

1. Recommend a grant from your **Donor Advised Fund**.
2. If you are 70 ½ or older, **give directly from your IRA** and save on income taxes.
3. Choose Leader Dogs for the Blind on **AmazonSmile**: We'll receive a portion of every purchase you make!

You have been an incredible friend, and your ongoing support guarantees that we'll be here for our clients long into the future.



Take care, and thank you for all you do,

Lora Cabarios
Director of Planned Giving and Estates

Club news

North Pocono Minisink Lions Update...

During the 1st week of December 2022, our annual Christmas Raffle gifts were delivered to the North Pocono Middle School by Chairman Lion Donny Brown. Approximately 300 articles of clothing will be distributed by the Guidance Dept. to Lucky Winner students in both North Pocono Middle School and Moscow Elementary Center.



Pictured with some of the gifts are L to R: Lions Frank Bonacci (Treasurer), Donny Brown (Event Chairman) and Jim Strempek (Secretary).

Lion members recently approved a \$200 donation to Keystone Mission to help with meal support for guests and residents.

Lion Ron Donati is in contact with Moscow Elementary Center Librarian for a \$580 books donation in preparation for upcoming Dr. Seuss Day at the Center.

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Superbowl Raffle tickets are available from Lion Jerel Wayne. jerelwayne@gmail.com

The Club's annual Christmas Get - Together at Mendicino's Restaurant on Dec. 15, 2022 was attended by Lions members Joe Sabie, Ron Donati, Tony Seidita, Frank Bonacci, Nunzio Lamberti, Terry Nye, Joe Pierangeli, Donny Brown, Jerel Wayne, John Croom, John Bonacci and Jim Strempek.

By the time you read this Newsletter, the North Pocono Food Pantry in Daleville will have received their annual \$1500 Christmas donation from the Lions Club.

Tunkhannock Lions Club Update...

Tunkhannock Christmas in Our Home Town.



Pictured from left are Lions Judy Ginger, Steve Patton, Josie Sands.

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This year's toy collection benefitted The Wyoming County cops for Kids.
Thank you



Pictured are from left to right.

Front row: Kayleigh Brown, Lily Daubert, Emma Daubert.

Back Row: Lion Kris Hofmeister, Lion Lizzy Hofmeister, Lion Josie Sands, Tunkhannock Borough Officer Tom Hildebrand, Lion Judy Gingher, and Lion Colin Fricke



Where there is a need....there is a Lion!

All Lions Clubs of District 14H, please share your service projects and projects to be posted here in the newsletter. Pictures are always welcomed! You can submit your entries to IPDG Cathy Metschulat @ c.metschulat@outlook.com

Thank you!

Newsletter Editor

The District by the numbers...

Abington	31	
Benton Township	16	
Blakely/Peckville	13	
Dalton	06	
Dunmore	23	
Eynon/Archbald	85	
Falls	45	
Forest City	20	
Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupak	11	
Honesdale	71	
Jefferson Township	36	
Jermyn	13	
Jessup	14	
Lake Ariel	14	
Mayfield	16	
North Pocono Minisink	23	
Minooka	41	
Montrose	36	
Old Forge	19	
Olyphant	27	
Scott Township	31	
Scranton	19	
South Abington	07	
Stonebridge/Susquehanna	23	
Taylor	21	
Tunkhannock		21
Waymart		<u>20</u>
Total Members as of Dec. 2022	702	