# NORTHEAST LION

# District 14H

# Lions Clubs International

March 2023

**Edition** 3





## From the District Governor Allan Hetkowski

#### **PA Lions District 14-H**

Past & Present – Vision for the Future

Dedicated to Service & Friendship

March 2023

Your District 14-H Leadership Team along with other past District officers and current members attended the PA State Lions Council Meeting #3 being held at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg on February 3rd to 5th. Additionally, I along with FVDG David and SVDG Sandy attended the PA Lions MD-14 Leadership Symposium on February 11th at the state office. Also, SVDG Sandy will be attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute on March 10th to 13th in Harrisburg.

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Convention Basket Raffle – Again this year, we will be conducting a basket raffle to help offset the cost of the Convention. As in past Conventions, we are requesting our Clubs consider contributing a basket for the raffle. We request the baskets be brought to the Convention on the morning of April 29th. As a reminder, the only restriction is that no alcohol beverages may be included in the basket. A gift card in lieu of alcohol may be included in place of the actual bottle. Winners will be chosen during the Hospitability Reception following the Business Meeting. For any questions or additional information, please contact District Governor at (570) 762-3624 or by email at allan@hetkowski.com.

Lions MD-14 State Convention - The 2023 PA Lions MD-14 State Convention and Council Meeting will be held on May 16th to 18th at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, Indiana, PA

Scranton St. Patrick's Parade - District 14-H will again be sponsoring a float in the 2023 Scranton St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11th. Please spread the word and RSVP how many will participate (walk or ride) in the Parade Lions will meet on side of Gino Merli Center at 10:30am to decorate.

Please RSVP PDG Fran Stepkovitch (fran623@comcast.net) or PDG Dave Barrett (liondavebarrett@gmail.com).

Once again, I want to thank all our Clubs for your assistance, cooperation and hospitality during my term as your DG. It 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 conduct for their communities. Again, thank you for opportunity to serve as your District Governor.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

Lion Allan

Lion Allan

Allan Hetkowski

District Governor

District 14-H

# From The Desk of 1st District Govern Dave

February 27, 2023

Happy St Patrick's day to each and every lion! Come out and celebrate with your fellow lions and help us fill up our float in the parade! This will show the community we are still viable organization in Northeastern PA.

We attended the PA State Council Meeting in Harrisburg on February 3-4th as well as the Leadership Symposium on February 11.

VERY IMPORTANT, we NEED a Second VDG to step-up and follow Sandy starting this July! FIND A LEADER and we can assist in trying get them involved in service Lions International, our district and community! The 2025 International Convention will be in Mexico City, Mexico!

District 14-H lions is sponsoring Trivia Night Saturday, April 15, 2023, at the VFW Main St. Eynon. Doors open at 6 PM. Tickets are \$20 (payment do upon reservation). Food, beer, coffee, soda, prizes included.

For tickets contact 570-489-1965

Let's have fun at the Parade and I hope to see you around the district!

All the best in service and friendship,



Lion David P Rudis

1VDG, GLT

All the best in service and friendship,

## Dave

Lion David P Rudis 1VDG, GLT



Hi!

February was very busy with all the different functions such as the State Council Meeting, GLT Spring Symposium West, and District Cabinet Meeting.

Going to these functions and learning sessions can be rewarding and educational. I really enjoyed the GLT Spring Symposium. The Global Leadership Team gave insights as to what type of leadership style each Lion attendee can related to, detailed the different types of fund raisers as well as discussed ideas for fund raising from other clubs, and explained the Lions Code of Ethics. I even learned that "LIONS" is an acronym, which stands for "Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations' Safety." It was a positive experience.

Finally, this past month I also had the pleasure of meeting with the Taylor Lions Club and the Tunkhannock Lions Club, who were very gracious to DG Allan, 1st VDG Dave, and myself.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Sandy Thubborn District 14H



# **International News**



#### **PA Lions Bus Trip**

#### International Convention in Boston

July 6-11, 2023

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

Thursday July 6, 2023 at 7 a.m. Sharp!

Arrive in Boston on Thursday, July 6, 2023

Depart Boston for Home on Tuesday July 11, 2023

**Drop off and Pick up at both PA Delegation Hotels** 

**Transportation by Bailey Coach** 

Only 55 Seats Available – First Come First Served

Reservations Due in the State Office by Friday June 23, 2023. \$200/person

Name		
Address		
Cell Phone		
Email Address_		
I need	seats X \$200/seat =	

A Check made out to <u>PA Lions</u> must accompany reservation form to secure a seat on thebus.

For questions or more information contact Acting State Administrator PDG Deb Burkholder at 717-816-4999 or email administrator@palions.org

# State News

## 100° ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION



Thursday, May 18 through Sunday, May 21, 2023 Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex 711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705



Registration (complete one form per attendee) Return	form by: _APRIL 28, 2023
Name (Last Name, First Name)	Sub-District
Circle Membership: Lion Leo Guest Title: ID PIP	
CityState	Zip Code
Phonehome cell work Email Club nameSpause/Partner/Gues	
First State Convention YES NO Years as a	lion
Special considerations: Dietary Restrictions Hearing Vi	sion Physically Challenged
Convention Registration \$15 per attendee	\$
State Convention Pin(s) @ \$4/pin	\$
Meal Reservations	
Friday Luncheon—\$23 per person	5
Buffet - sandwich, side salad, chips, pickles, cookies, bever	rage
garden salad, roasted fingerling potatoes with cracked pepper of roasted vegetable medley, layered mousse martini. Choice of Asiago Crusted Chicken with Red Pepper Sauce Garlic and Herb Roasted Park Loin Grilled Vegetable Lasagna Roll Up with Creamy Garlic Sauc Saturday Luncheon—\$22 per person	o S
Choice of salad, lunch meats, bread/rolls, cookies, chips, b	everage
International Banquet—\$35 per person garden salad, whipped potatoes, carrots, NY cheesecake. Cho Roast Beet Sliced Turkey with Gravy Arancini (Italian rice ball) w/ San Marzano fornato, parmesa	
Melvin Jones Fellow/Key Member Breakfast - \$23 per p	person
Breakfast buffet	\$
Amount Due for <u>Meal</u> Reservations	5.
Total Amount Due	S
Checks payable to: 14J Lions 2023 Convention	Ī
Mail to: PDG Linda Lupro	
401 Galaxy Circle	
Dukois PA 15801   lionlinda 138 vaho	410-322-4808

Hotel information on separate page



### **Adult Camp Sessions**

For Adults with special needs ages 18 years and older.

- Camp Empower (Formerly Transitional Care) 6 Day Sessions July 1 6
- <u>Camp Felicity (Formerly Assisted Living)</u> 6 Day Sessions *June 24-29, July 8-13, and July 29-August 3*
- Camp Perception (Formerly Visually Impaired) 11 Day Sessions July 15-25
- \*\*NEW\*\* Camp Liberty 11 Day Sessions August 5-15

### **Childrens Camp Sessions**

For children with special needs ages 6 to 17 years old.

- <u>Camp Sensational</u> 6 Day Session June 24-29
- Camp L.E.A.P. 6 Day Session July 8-13
- Camp ConnXions 8 Day Session July 15-23
- Camp AD(H)Dventure 5 Day Session August 5-10

Children's Family Camp for families with a special needs child 17 years old or younger.

Adult Family Camp for families with a special needs adult 18 years or older!

- <u>Camp Unite Family Camp</u> Sessions *July 1-5*
- Adult Family Camp Session June 17-21

Families can relax for 5 days and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Beacon Lodge, while spending quality family time in a barrier-free atmosphere.

# A weekend retreat camping experience provided FREE of charge to Pennsylvania Disabled Veterans and their families.

- 1st Session June 17-21
- 2nd Session July 29 August 2

No matter which era a solider served, ALL PA Disabled Veterans, along with their immediate family, are welcomed.

## 2023 Annual Beacon Lodge Wish List



Should your Lions Club decide to have a collection of items to go to Beacon Lodge on Pa Lions Appreciation Day, please contact PDG Cathy at <a href="mailto:c.metschulat@outlook.com">c.metschulat@outlook.com</a> or PDG Bill Metschulat at <a href="mailto:wmetschulatsr@yahoo.com">wmetschulatsr@yahoo.com</a>. Thank you!

Please visit BeaconLodge.org/wish list for updated items, our Amazon Wish List, and AmazonSmile information.

OFFICE SUPPLIES:	KITCHEN:
□Color Copier Paper	☐Plastic Cold Cups: 5 oz & 9 oz
☐White Copier paper	☐Hot Wax Coffee Cups: 9 & 10 oz
□8x14 white paper	□Chinet Paper Plates: 9" or larger
☐Bright White Printer Paper	☐Napkins: dinner, picnic
□Envelopes: #10, 6x9, 9x12	□Original Dawn Dish Liquid
$\square$ Vinyl Kitchen Gloves (ALL sizes)	☐White Bar/Dish Cloths
☐Bubbled Envelopes 6x9, 8x11	□Foil Wrap: 18" x 500 ft
□3 prong Pocket Folders	□Plastic Food Wrap: 18" x 2000 ft
☐Sharpies - all sizes	☐Parchment Paper: sheets
□Small Paper Clips	HOUSEKEEPING:
☐Banker Boxes	☐Thick Paper Towels
☐ Dry Erase Markers	□Clorox
MAINTENANCE:	☐Disinfecting Spray Cleaner
$\square$ M, L, XL, XXL Black Nitrile Powder-	☐ Disinfecting Floor Cleaners
Free Gloves	☐Disinfecting Wipes
□LED Light Bulbs	☐Magic Erasers
□LED Flood Light Bulbs	☐White Vinegar
□Duracell/Energizer/Rayovac	□55-56 gal Trash Bags
Batteries: (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V)	☐Toilet Plungers-heavy duty

□Packs of Roller Covers: LG & SM	⊔Toilet Brushes
□Foaming Bee/Wasp Killer	☐Zipper Vinyl Pillow Covers (standard)
□Ant Spray	□Zipper Vinyl Mattress Covers (twin)
☐Garden Hose Nozzles	□Long Twin Size Blankets - No Wool
☐Microfiber Cloths	☐Long Extendible Dusters
□Long Neck Lighters	☐Industrial Wet Mop Heads
□Paint Brushes: 2", 3", 4"	□Vinyl Disposable Gloves: M, Lg, XL
☐Knee Pads	ACTIVITIES:
INFIRMARY:	☐Craft Jewelry
☐Baby Wipes	☐Craft Beads, String
☐Sunscreen - Cream and Spray	□Colored Paper
☐Bug Spray (OFF, etc.)	□Elmer's Glue Sticks
☐Bactine Spray	☐Bingo Cards and Blotters
□Lanacane Spray	☐Bingo Prizes
☐Benadryl Spray	□Stress Balls
□Liquid Benadryl for children	☐Weighted Stuffed Animals
□Calamine Lotion	☐Small Totes with lids
☐ Hydrocortisone Cream	☐Massage Balls
□Tylenol: adult & children	□Twine
□lbuprofen: adult & children	□Tie Dye
□Imodium	□White T-Shirts: Med, Lg, XL, 2XL
□Pepto-Bismol	☐White Socks: All Sizes Kids & Adult
□Saline Eye Drops	☐Chewable Sensory Necklaces
□Cold Relief Medications	☐Adult Sleeping Bags
□Cough Drops	☐Smart Scissors & Skills Workbook
☐Blood Pressure Cuff	☐Craft Kits for Children and Adults
□Pulse Oximeter	☐Crayons/Markers/Pencils
□Exam Gloves: all sizes, latex free	☐Sensory Color Illusions
☐Sharps Containers	□Slinkies
☐Single Use Lancets	□Suncatchers
☐Graduated Liquid Medicine	☐Small Paint Kits and Brushes
Dispenser Cups	□Play Doh
☐First Aid Kits	Gift Cards:
□Large Disposable Bed Pads	□Lowes
□Shower Chairs	☐Ace hardware
□True Value	☐ Harbor Freight
	□Walmart
	□McDonald
	☐ Hoss's



#### Hey!

One of the amazing things about working at Leader Dog is witnessing the dedication that team members have to the organization and the mission. As in *decades* of dedication. About 30% of the team has been here 15 years or more!

One of the people who exemplified this commitment is Keith McGregor, who started working at Leader Dog back in 1981 as a dog care attendant. He then began his apprenticeship to become a guide dog mobility instructor. It was during that time that Keith recognized an unmet need for a program that served people who were both blind and deaf.

With Leader Dog's support, Keith enrolled in a local college program to learn American Sign Language (in case you didn't know, ASL can be signed by touching a person's hand, or "tactile signing"), and through his passion the groundbreaking DeafBlind Guide Dog program at Leader Dog was born.



(Above is Keith with one of our clients and dogs while providing instruction in Florida.) After 41 years of being a rock for our instructor teams and the whole organization, Keith has finally "hung up his harness" and decided to retire. We asked a few of the people who've worked closely with Keith throughout the years to describe the incredible impact he's had, and you can see their thoughts in our post: www.leaderdog.org/blog/thank-you-keith-mcgregor. We are all indebted to Keith for his long and devoted service to Leader Dog and our clients!

# PTCP Trading Post

## Your source for all things Lions pins!





Hello Fellow Lions.

Welcome to Lions pin trading!! Ever wonder where the fun went in Lions well you can find at any of the Lions pin swaps held across the US with Lions from around the US and world. It is a great time to meet new Lions, discuss Lionism with like minded people and explore the US. There are great hospitality rooms, sard tournaments and auctions.

There are upcoming swap around US and you can find the listing and more information at our website listed below. There are swaps in places like Reno NV, Richmond VA, Camp Dogwood NC, Branson MO, Rutland VT and our own yearly swap at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg.

You can design and create your own pins to trade at swap. Lions pin traders are great people and would be more than willing to have you start your collection with whatever you want to collect.

Yours in Lionism.

Jason Radmann DG 14L PTCP President

#### Website

https://pintradersclubpa.weebly.com

#### PTCP Officers 2022-24:

President: Jason Radmann lionjasonradmann@gmail.com pintradersclubpa@gmail.com

Vice President: Scott Lyons

Secretary: Lana McCaulley Treasurer: Kay Shatzer

#### Pin Donation

Have you had Lions members drop off pins to you or your club and don't know what to do with them??? Contact the PA Pin Traders at pintradersclubpa@gmail.com and we can take them. We offer them to the Lions pin trading community and any money collected will be donated to Lions charities. We do not buy collections!

#### Membership

Ever thought about getting into pin trading.... Well now is the time, there are great swaps around the US plus great fellowship with Lions from around the world! We are always on the look out for new members. and membership is only \$7 per year. You will receive newsletters with information about pin trading and upcoming swaps plus the yearly membership pin! Below is the membership form!

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# District News

>>> Hi Lions,

>>> Happy almost Spring \*\* Just a friendly reminder - -

>>>> March Hearing Sight meeting will be hosted by Scott Twp Lions Thursday 3-9, Joe Terry Center 1038 Montdale Rd. Scott Twp - starting at 7pm.

Also, please spread the word and RSVP how many will participate (walk or ride) in \$\mathbb{E}\$ St Patrick Parade in Scranton on March 11th - we meet on side of Gino Merli 10:30am to decorate- TY

RSVP to me or PDG Dave Barrett (liondavebarrett@gmail.com)

>>>> Thank you for all you do!

>>>> See you there ②

>>>> Enjoy - We Serve

>>>> PDG Fran 📅

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# **DISTRICT 14-H LIONS**



SATURDAY, APRIL 15 2023 VFW MAIN ST EYNON DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

TICKETS \$20 DUE UPON RESERVATION INCLUDES

FOOD,BEER,COFFEE,SODA,
AND PRIZES
CALL 570-489-1965 FOR
TICKETS

# Club news



**Montrose Lions Club** has been working alongside their areas United Way; researching the specifications for the Welch-Allyn Spot Vision Camera. Lion Craig from the Montrose Lions Club received the specifications and forwarded them to United Way; this is the response that Montrose Lions Club received:

Our guy from United Way just emailed back. This is the machine they were going to use for County screenings, and then move one step further to actually getting an optometrist on site. And getting kids glasses, all funded by United Way. Craig

#### Hi Cathy,

Hope you are wintering well. Today's question is about Lions cornea donation.

A long time ago I signed a document declaring my intention to have my eyes
Removed at death and sent to what was then, I think, Wills Eye Hospital.

We have been working on our will, and it came up. I don't think that organization
Even exists anymore. Where would we look to find out what is the current arrangement?

Also, thirty years ago Montrose Lions purchased & donated the Eye Enucleation Kit to
Our local hospital. I have heard that is went to the new Endless Mtn Health System building
But I don't know if anyone there knows what to do with it if the occasion arises. I'll have to

Chase that down soon.

Anyway, not much going on up here, but I hear we are hooking up with Kiwanis again, This time to hold a competition between the Girl Scouts & 4H to see who can repaint Our July 4<sup>th</sup> garbage barrels. I'll try to get some pics for the newsletter. Craig

#### NORTH POCONO MINISINK LIONS CLUB March Newsletter Updates

The Minisink Lions Club recently presented a \$1200 Donation check to the John J. Michaels Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5207 in Daleville to defray costs for maintenance and improvements. The VFW Post is the Lions Club regular meeting venue.

Pictured seated L to R: Lions John Croom, Jerel Wayne, William Lamond (VFW Post Commander) accepting the check from Lions President Tony Seidita, Frank Bonacci (Lions Treasurer) and Lion Joe Pierangeli. Standing L to R: Lion John Kwasna, VFW Members Doug Bennett, Luis YBerra, Jeff Sunday, Lloyd Drake, Jim Strempek (Lions Secretary), Glenn Standish, Mark Karsnak, Bob Meckes and Joe Zurcher.

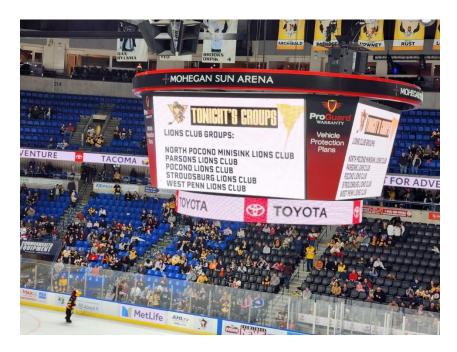
North Pocono High School was the site for the School District's Science Olympiad Invitational on January 28, 2023. The Minisink Lions Club, a Gold Sponsor for the event, was attended by Lions Tony Seidita, Frank Bonacci, John Croom and Jim Strempek. Nearly 800 students from 28 NEPA schools took part in thecompetition. 47 Teams competed in approx. 20 scientific categories. Awards were presented at 4:30 pm and all student scientists returned to their home schools a little wiser about the world sciences.

The Club's 2023 Superbowl LVII Raffle was a complete success. Chairman Jerel Wayne distributed 1000 tickets. All sold out by Lion Members. Number 405 was the winning number. During the Club's Feb. 2 bimonthly meeting, Elizabeth Warrick NP Dandy Lion Little League Board member gave a presentation to address the poor condition of the existing playground structure at the Robert Aston Baseball Complex. At this time the NPDLLL was at 50% of their \$10K goal and asking for fundraising help. In mid February the Lions Club presented the North Pocono Dandy Lion Liittle League with a \$2500 donation to be used towards replacing the antiquated playground structure with new playground equipment and landscaping. The project is scheduled to be completed by opening day of the 2023 Season.



Pres. Tony Seidita is working on setting up a new 100 Day Calendar Raffle to run from Memorial Day to Labor Day. More info. to follow.

Feb. 19, 2023 Mohegan Sun Arena Penguins Hockey hosted a LCIF Fundraiser Game for Lions Clubs from multiple Districts. Proceeds from each paid ticket will be donated to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund. NP Minisink Lions attending were John Kwasna, Frank Bonacci, Jerel Wayne, Terry Nye and Jim Strempek. Pictured is the Arena's Display Scoreboard listing some of the Lions Clubs that attended.



**Dunmore Lions Club** is helping with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 8, 2023, at St Anthony's Playground, 10AM. Co-sponsored by the Dunmore Lions Club, Dunmore Rotary Club and the Dunmore Police & Fire Departments.

Also, Lackawanna County Blind Association Luncheon March 22, 2023, 11AM sponsored by the Dunmore Lions Club , Mary Regina Perry Chairperson

Attached is a write up and photo from our recent meeting with the Center for Independent Living. I enthusiastically endorse other Clubs contacting CIL as guest speakers. They were great and we learned a lot from them.

Sam

#### **DUNMORE LIONS CLUB**

At a recent dinner meeting of the Dunmore Lions Club (DLC) held at La Cucina Restaurant, the Lions hosted The Center for Independent Living (MyCIL). The center is a Non-Profit Organization in Scranton which assists people with disabilities. Pictured left to right are: Keith Loughney, Outreach Coordinator, Sam Sebastianelli, President DLC, Keith Williams, Manager of Independent living Services. Messrs. Williams and Loughney discussed the Center's Programs and thier Five Core Services of Advocacy, Skill Training, Information and Referrals, Peer Mentoring and Transitional Services. For more information concerning the Center email info@mycil.org or phone 570-344-7211. For information regarding the Dunmore Lions Club email <a href="mailto:dunmorelions@gmail.com">dunmorelions@gmail.com</a>. or phone 570-947-1287.



## **Abington Lions Club**



Lion Vince LaRusso, President Lion Shirley Skinner Lion Mark Davis, Lion Dave Foley



Lion Ed Borek

The Abington Lions Club took part in the Clarks Summit Festival of Ice, again this year. 8 of our Lion members and our hot dog machine fed many people and made some money for charitable organizations. We just bought that new table sign from Fast Signs, at Viewmont Mall. Looks nice and is good advertising.

# District 14H, by the numbers...

District 14(1), by the number	JI 5
Abington	31
Benton Township	15
Blakely/Peckville	13
Dalton	05
Dunmore	21
Eynon/Archbald	82
Falls	45
Forest City	20
Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupak	11
Honesdale	64
Jefferson Township	34
Jermyn	13
Jessup	14
Lake Ariel	14
Mayfield	15
North Pocono Minisink	22
Minooka	38
Montrose	36
Old Forge	19
Olyphant	27
Ransom	11
Scott Township	32
Scranton	19
South Abington	07
Stonebridge/Susquehanna	24
Taylor	21
Tunkhannock	21
Waymart	<u>18</u>
Total Members as of February, 2023	

# Condolences to...

Eynon/Archbald Lions Club for their loss of Patricia Bianchi Honesdale Lionis Club for their loss of Michael F. Murray

# 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 welcome! You can submit your entries to TPDG Cathy Metschulat @ c.metschulat@outlook.com

Thank you! Newsletter Editor

