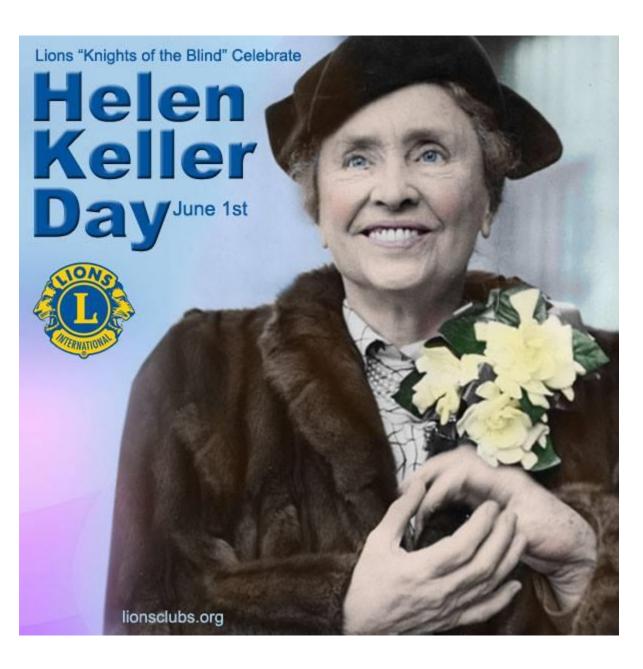
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District 14H Lions Clubs International

June 2023

Edition 12





From the District Governor

Allan Hetkowski

PA Lions District 14-H

Past & Present – Vision for the Future Dedicated to Service & Friendship

June, 2023

Greetings to all and welcome to summer. I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and the opportunity to get out and enjoy Northeastern Pennsylvania.

As this is my last newsletter message, I want to thank all our Clubs and members for your assistance, cooperation, and hospitality during my term as your District Governor. It has been 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our 2023-2024 District Leadership Team, DGE David Rudis and FVDGE Sandy Thubborn a great year as they prepare to lead our District in the coming year.

The 2023 PA Lions MD-14 State Convention and Council Meeting was held on May 16th to 18th at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, Indiana, PA. Your Leadership Team along with a number of our PDG's and members attended the Convention which celebrated the 100th Anniversary of PA Lions MD-14.

During the Convention's International Banquet, International President Brian Sheehan awarded the LCI Presidential Medal, the second highest award in Lionism, to two of our Past District Governors, PDG Joseph Skinner and PDG William Metschulat. We congratulate both Bill and Joe on the receipt of these well deserved awards for their dedication and work in Lionism.

As previously announced, the District 14-H Cabinet Meeting #4 has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 25th. The location will be finalized within a week. Watch your email for the meeting location.

Also, the June Hearing Sight meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7th and hosted by Abington Lions Club. It will be held at 304 South State Street in Clarks Summit (in the center of the town, across from Our Lady of Snows Church). Parking on street or in the back of building. Elevator is available on the side of the building.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

Allan Hetkowski

Lion Allan

District Governor

From The Desk of District Governor Elect

June, 2023

I truly hope that everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day Holiday weekend! The weather was certainly spectacular! Thank you to everyone who attended that 100th Pennsylvania State Convention in Indiana, PA! It was a great time and our host District did an awesome job organizing the convention events. The firework display was super and wowed everyone who stayed up and viewed it. International President Brian Sheehan and his motorcade (1 car) where welcomed to the hotel by rows of the District Governors and Vice District Governors and he was very grateful for the warm Pennsylvania welcome! We are getting excited and planning our trip as we prepare to attend to the International Convention in Boston, MA from July 7-11th. We hope to have our district directories ready for distribution in July and start scheduling our visitations as soon as we return. Congratulations are in order for PDG William (Bill) Metschulat PDG Joe Skinner, who both received an International Presidents Award. Both were very deserving recipients of the honor bestowed!

Keep Serving, Lion David, DGE Lion David P Rudis DGE

Hi!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. The weather was perfect for those attending the various events commemorating those who gave their all for service to our country. When the Memorial Day Parade began in Taylor, we got a spectacular view of all the Blue Angel Jets taking off from the Avoca airport – what a way to begin the parade!

At the 100th Pennsylvania State Convention held in Indiana, PA, it was truly wonderful to see so many members of District 14-H attending the convention. The performance by the PA State Band was "awesome." The fireworks display on Saturday night was incredible. International President Brian Sheehan encourage all Lions to find ways to increase membership in Lions Club International.

Congratulation to PDG William Metschulat and PDG Joe Skinner, who both received an International Presidents Award! Both PDG Bill and PDG Joe greatly deserved these awards.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

1st VDGE Sandy Thubborn

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International News

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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



Why Attend

Need a reason to attend LCICon? Here are 9!

If you've never been to the Lions Clubs International Convention (LCICon), this year is the perfect year to start — <u>register today!</u> And if you've been, you know there are a million reasons why you need to head to Boston this July, but here's a few of our favorites.



Friendship and fellowship LCICon is the perfect place to connect with Lions and Leos from around the world and even make some new friends.



Show your pride The pins and vests, the stories and success will be on full display in Boston. Look the part and wear your favorite Lions gear!



Listen and learn at seminars Hear from fellow Lions and Leos about their projects and find out how you can enhance your own Lions experience.



Join the International Parade of Nations Watch fellow Lions and Leos show their pride on the streets of Boston, walk in the parade or compete for prizes!



Explore the Exhibit Hall Grab branded merchandise at the Lions Shop, listen to your fellow Lions and Leos on the Lions Den stages, plus so much more!



Enjoy world-class entertainment and speakers See exciting performances, listen to live music, and get inspired by celebrated speakers.



See the city on the hill Explore the historical trails and modern amenities of our beautiful host city with an official tour — or do it all on your own.



Serve with your fellow Lions and Leos! Take part in some big service projects — it's what Lions do best!



Make life-long memories Head to Boston July 7-11 to be part of something big — a Lions celebration like no other that you won't want to miss.

LCIF NEWS

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) History

The story of LCIF is epic—filled with unlimited compassion and tireless support of Lions service. Founded in 1968, the mission of LCIF is to "empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding."

For more than 50 years, we've dedicated our energies to increasing the ability of Lions everywhere, helping them empower the communities they serve. With every grant we give, our history grows, along with the impact of Lions. Today, we couldn't be more proud of where we stand, or more excited about the future of our work.

To learn more about LCIF's history, please visit www.lionsclubs.org and click on LCIF.

We are Lions International

Our two historic brands, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), are uniting under one "umbrella" brand—Lions International—so we can talk to the world about our collective service and impact. Because the world sees us as one. They see us as Lions. And the truth is, we are united in our mission of service.



State News

MD 14 PA CONVENTION

Celebrating A Century of Service





Pictured above from the left to the right: International President Brian Sheehan, Partner in Service Lion Susan Edwards, Partner in Service Lion Lori Sheehan and Past International Director Larry Edwards from Pennsylvania.



Here is the finished sand sculpture which greets attendees entering the convention facility.





PDG BILL METSCHULAT FROM THE
JEFFERSON TWP. LIONS CLUB WAS
AWARDED THE 2ND HIGHEST AWARD IN
LIONISM, THE INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENTS AWARD AND PDG JOE
SKINNER FROM THE ABINGTON LIONS
CLUB WAS AWARDED THE
LEADERSHIP AWARD.
CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH
MEMBERS OF OUR DISTRICT! WE ARE
VERY PROUD!



IN LIONISM THERE IS A TIME TO BE SERIOUS BUT YOU NEED TO HAVE FUN TOO AND THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE DOING ©



TO BE ABLE TO SEE MORE PICTURES FROM THIS YEARS STATE CONVENTION PLEASE VISIT <u>WWW.PALIONS.ORG/PHOTOS-2</u>



CONGRATULATIONS SCRANTON LIONS CLUB FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE!

WHAT IS THE PENNSYLVANIA LIONS ALL-STATE BAND?

The Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band provides high school musicians the opportunity to rehearse and perform a wide variety of music in both state-level performances and international tours. The band is sponsored by <u>Lions Clubs of Pennsylvania</u> and **students participate at little to no cost** thanks to their generosity.

More about the Band | What our Members Say

Learn about this year's tour

The All-State Band is under the musical direction of <u>Dr. Russell McCutcheon</u>, and features a senior staff of experienced music educators from across Pennsylvania. The All-State Band Committee administers operations of the band, led by committee chair Vince LoRusso.

Facebook: palionsband

Flickr: palionsbandlasvegas (2018 Las Vegas Tour Photos)

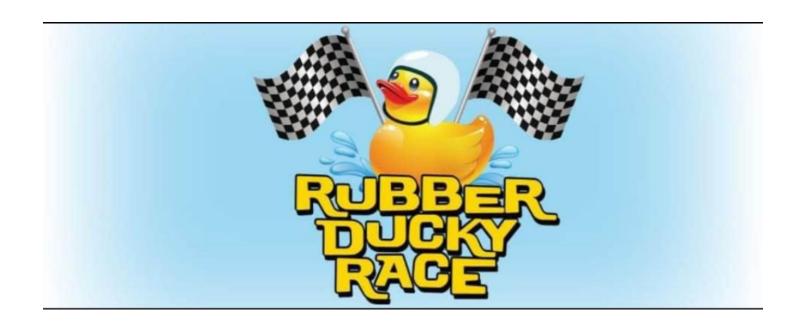
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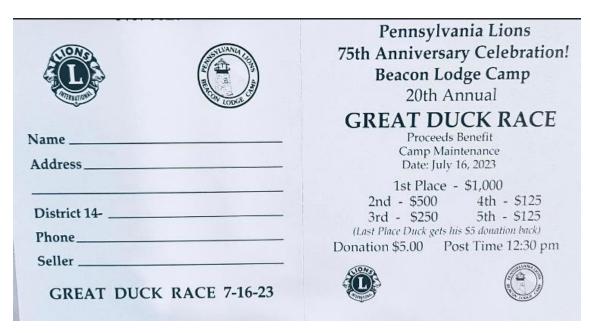
Each student is responsible for their cost of attending our state convention and the International Conventions when they are in the United States. The cost this year for the International Convention is \$895. A call was received from the committee chair, Lion Vince LoRusso, from our very own Abington Lions Club, that two students in our district, one from the Great Bend area and one from the New Milford area were in need of financial assistance to be able to attend the International Convention. The information was presented to the Montrose Lions Club and the Susquehanna Lions Club and both decided to pay for one student each. It is actions like this that make the Lions proud! Thank you!!!



Pictured above is our Pennsylvania All State Band playing Pennsylvania Polka during the 100th Anniversary Pennsylvania Lions State Convention. In attendance, was our International President, Brian Sheehan and his wife Lion Lori.



DON'T WAIT ... GET YOUR GREAT DUCK RACE TICKETS! CONTACT PDG BILL 570-351-5177 OR IPDG CATHY 570-504-6261



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 c.metschulat@outlook.com or PDG Bill Metschulat at wmetschulatsr@yahoo.com Please visit BeaconLodge.org/wish list for updated items, our Amazon Wish List, and AmazonSmile.



Have you registered for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno, NV, September 21-23, 2023 yet?

The Early-bird registration rate expires at midnight (EDT) May 31, 2023 and we wanted to give you one last chance to register at this rate before it expires. You can register online today using the link below

For more information about the Reno Forum, please visit our website. It is loaded with information about the Forum, The Row venue, and the Reno area. www.lionsforum.org







MD-14 REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

MARCH 8-10, 2024 Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg, PA

CANDIDATE'S REGISTRATION FORM

Cost \$175.00 (includes Institute, lodging and meals)

Checks should accompany this form and be made out to "PA State Council of Lions

Clubs" & Mail to: PDG Kerry McKnight, 6 Mulberry Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349

Questions to PDG Kerry McKnight at klm52@aol.com or 717-235-2790

(Past participants, District Governors, Past District Governors ineligible)

Submission Deadline Date: January 31, 2024 (No refunds after deadline) Maximum 40 attendees Please type or print

First Name	Last Name		
District Number	Member Number	2	
Highest Lions Office Held	Curren	t Lion's Tide	
Email**	Preferred Telephone #		
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Why is this institute of interest to you?			
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By signing below I hereby commit to the conditions of attending the 2024 MD-14 RLLI

- Participants must arrive at the hotel on the arrival time & date indicated in their acceptance email.
- Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel to and from the institute.
- · Participants must stay at the hotel throughout the institute.
- MD-14 GLT will make all hotel reservations.
- Participants are required to stay through 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the institute.
- If they depart prior to 3:00 p.m. on the last day, they will not receive acknowledgement or their RLLI participation certificate.
- · Participants may bring a laptop, if available, for use outside of the classroom.
- Participants are <u>required</u> to complete pre-assignments prior to arrival at the institute.

Candidate's Signature	Date		
District Governor Must also Complete and Sign this Form In what ways will this candidate benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute			
District Governor Member Number			
Name of District Governor			
Signature of District Governor			
Email (Please print)			
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Lion news from around the state....

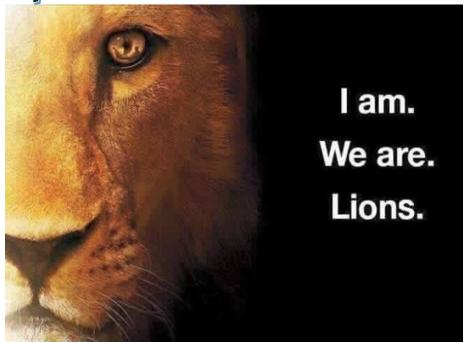


Meet DGE Jason from District 14L and his side kick Millie from Leader Dog. Millie attended the 100th Anniversary PA State Convention.

Pocono Lions at Raceway raising money to help others.



News from around The District



Why report service? Get more reasons at: https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/servicereporting

Why should clubs report their service?

"Service reporting shows what we really do as Leos and Lions. Service data persuades donors and partners. It also gives our members a boost to see the value we provide and everything we do."

Leo-Lion MD GST Kjell Olav Skretting Norway



Jefferson Twp. Lions Club



President Lion and Lion Darlene Mills attended the 2023 Honors Banquet for North Pocono School District. President Lion Nate presented a scholarship to this years' recipient Mia Gray. This year's banquet was held at the Hilton Conference Center in Scranton.

North Pocono Minisink Lions Club



North Pocono Minisink Lions Club completed their PADOT Adopt-A-Highway bi-annual Spring cleanup in Moscow Borough on May 13. The cleanup included a 2 mile stretch of Rt. 690 / Church St. This is the Club's 30th year of participation in the A.A.H. program.

Pictured L. to R.: William Schuster, Manager of Trash Bros LLC, Lions Matt Alferio, Jerel Wayne, Joe Pierangeli, Joe Sabie, Donny Brown and Jim Strempek. Photographer Lion Glenn Czulada.



The NP Minisink Lions Club reported in the March Newsletter that a donation was made to the Dandy Lion Little League (DLLL) to help replace playground equipment at the Robert Aston Sports Complex in Springbrook Twp. As a followup, donations received for the Edward Gaughan Memorial Fund were added to the Club's total donation. Ed was a former DLLL Coach for many years and an active supporter of DLLL. A donation check was presented to DLLL on May 13.

Pictured front row L to R: Lions Jim Strempek, Donny Brown presenting the check to DLLL President Brian Walsh, andLittle Leaguer Evan Walsh. Back row L to R: Lions Jerel Wayne, Joe Sabie, DLLL Board Member Elizabeth Warrick and Lion Joe Pierangeli.

Dandy Lion Little League Memorial Dedication and Project Sponsor sign. Pictured L to R: Lions Jim Strempek, Joe Pierangeli, Glenn Czulada, Donny Brown, Jerel Wayne and Joe Sabie



On May 16, the North Pocono High School Administration conducted their annual Scholarship Banquet. There were approximately 75 individuals and organizations represented at the dinner / presentation event which took place at the Hilton Conference Center, Scranton. The North Pocono Minisink Lions presented Scholarships to 20 North Pocono seniors.

Pictured with Scholarship recepients were Lions Joe Pierangeli, Jim Strempek, John Croom (Scholarship Secretary), Nunzio Lamberti (Committee Chairman) and Tony Seidita (Club Pres.) Note: There were 3 Scholarship recepients absent from the Photo due to DIstrict Sporting Events.

Taylor Lions Club



Club members of the Taylor Lions Club attended

the Taylor Memorial Day Parade. They passed out candy to the children along the parade route. One of the members, centered in the picture, is our very own 1st VDGE Sandra Thubborn.

District by the numbers...

Abington Benton Blakely-Peckville Dalton Dunmore Eynon-Archbald Falls Forest City Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupak Honesdale Jefferson Township Jermyn Jessup Lake Ariel Mayfield Minooka Montrose North Pocono Minisink Old Forge Olyphant Ransom Scott Township Scranton South Abington Stonebridge Taylor Tunkhannock Waymart	31 16 12 10 21 78 45 20 12 66 36 13 14 15 36 22 19 27 11 33 21 07 25 21 22 18
Total membership	701
Total clubs	28

Condolences to the Eynon-Archbald Lions Club for the loss of the member Marybeth Farrell



DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee Minutes of May 11, 2023 Hosted by Minooka Lions

PRESENT: DG Allan Hetkowski, DGE David Rudis, PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, PDG Fran Stepkovitch, Lion Ed Stepkovitch, IPDG Cathy Metschulat, PDG Bill Metschulat, PDG Joe Skinner, PDG Gayle Padfield, PDG Rich Padfield, Lion Judy Potratz, Lion Gordie Potratz, Lion Joy Lewis, Lion Jordan Joya, Lion Joe Castaldi

PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, thanks to Minooka Lions for hosting, appreciate everyone coming out, and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. President Jordan Joya welcomed everyone, its a pleasure having everyone, thank you for coming.

The minutes of the last meeting were passed around and asked if reviewed. A motion was made by PDG Joe Skinner, and seconded by PDG Rich Padfield, no-one opposed, so carried.

-- **Hearing Treasurer's report:** PDG Karen Cokely (Absent) Opening Balance is -\$1,885.25. (NO CHANGES)

No bills. No correspondence or applications. Application received for James Jayne (income to high), not able to process.

- - **Sight Treasurer's report:** Lion Barbara Taylor - (Absent) (NO CHANGES) Opening Balance is is \$10,822.19 Kidsight has \$1,628.45, therefore Sight First has \$9,193.74

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

~ Break for food ~

- OLD BUSINESS -

DG Allan made a motion to keep officers as current, PDG Butch Sands as President, PDG Karen Cokely as Hearing Treasurer, Lion Barbara Taylor as Sight Treasurer, PDG Fran Stepkovitch as Secretary, seconded by Lion Judy Potratz, no-one opposed, so carried.

June 20th is good for eyeglass sorting, 10am to 2pm, 660 Palmyra Hwy., White Mills, 18473. All are welcome to help, lots to sort. June meeting will be hosted by Abington, PDG Joe Skinner said we are good to go. August 10 meeting will be at Glenmaura. PDG Fran will email clubs with info as it gets closer.

- NEW BUSINESS -

+Lion Joy Lewis asked if any mailings were sent to our PO Box or members houses, several members have passed away and email info is not getting to our club, no information about Convention or voting received. DG Allan answered that it is important for all club secretaries to update information with everyones correct emails and phone numbers on MYLCI. Most District information has been emailed to all clubs as listed online, no mailings. Convention info was emailed to all Clubs. PDG Joe Skinner mentioned to check the directory for emails of officers with any questions.

UPCOMING MEETING

JUNE - Abington JULY - Dunmore AUGUST - Scranton SEPTEMBER - Minisink OCTOBER - Eynon Archbald NOVEMBER - Tunkhannock

**PDG Fran will check with Clubs and send email with info.

PDG Comments -

- **DG Allan** Thank you to all for this opportunity to serve as your District Governor, its been a good year, many challenges. Thanks to everyone for all your support. At Convention PDG Fran received her Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation fellow certificate and pin, I would like to preset her with the plaque. PDG Joe and IPDG Cathy also received awards at the Convention, As Tip ONeil said − "All politics if local" − All lionsism is local. June 11th will be the last Cabinet meeting, place tbd. State Convention May 18-21 is at Indiana University, Pa. Looking forward to support and help DGE Dave Rudis in his upcoming year as DG. Please update new officers on MYLCI, put in your club activities on mylion. My email is allan@hetkowski.com.
- DGE David Rudis Thank you for coming, appreciate all your support, looking forward to serving as your District Governor, DG Allan will be my chief of staff, currently working on my directory, need someone to follow 1VDGE Sandy. Thank your for coming out tonight. The October State Council meeting will be here in Scranton at the Hilton.
- **PDG Fran** Happy Mother's Day, Happy Memorial Day, thank you DG Allan for my Lions of Pa foundation fellow.
- PDG Bill- hope to see many of our lions friends and family in Indiana at the State Convention.
- **PDG Cathy** Thank you Minooka for hosting, Thank you DG Allan for a wonderful job on this years convention, DG Allan & DGE Dave Rudis came through shining.
- **PDG Joe** if you can, go to the State Convention, its always a nice time to meet fellow lions of Pa., talk about all our service projects and get new ideas. Always good to see what other clubs and districts are doing. We need exposure, told my dog sitter I was going to a lions convention and she asked me what is a lion? She had no idea.
- **PDG Gayle** always nice getting together
- **PDG Rich** nothing

EYEGLASSES / HEARING AIDS

MINOOKA - 100 eyeglasses ABINGTON - 269 eyeglasses, 6 cell phone MID VALLEY LEO'S - 125 eyeglasses

- GOOD OF THE DISTRICT -

- **EYNON ARCHBALD** 5/13 Spring Adopt A Highway 5/21 Spring Fling for all our friends with Physical & Intellectual disabilities, 5/29 Memorial Day parade and services
- SCRANTON Dream Game July 19th, teams already picked, money goes to the Lackawanna Blind Assn.
- **ABINGTON** Music in the Park at Hillside Park, we do the first 5 Wednesdays, serve food. Coffee stop on I81 Memorial Day weekend.
- MINOOKA Golf tournament 10/7 at Pine Hills, 8am start
- TUNKHANNOCK Memorial Day Parade riding horses, doing it about 50 years. June 2-4 Bluegrass Festival at LazyBrook Park
- DG Allan I would like to thank everyone who came to our 100th Anniversary as the Scranton Lions. We are the oldest club in the district.
- -- IPDG Cathy I would just like to remind everyone to send me pictures and information for our district newsletter.
- * *No further business, PDG Butch again thanked Minooka Lions Club for hosting the meeting, see you next month in Clarks Summit (Abington Lions), always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, DG Allan Hetkowski made a motion to adjourn, DGE Dave Rudis seconded, no-one opposed, so carried.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Fran Stepkovitch

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

