

*NORTHEAST LION*

# District 14H Newsletter

**November, 2023**  
**Edition 5**





## From The Desk of District Governor

November 1, 2023

It is really exciting to see the enthusiasm continuing to build in District 14H! A big thank you to PDG Dave Barrett and his committee for hosting a successful PA state council meeting at the Hilton in Scranton on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>!

The District 14H Fundraiser is ongoing. Please sell the tickets that you received in the mail! The funds are needed to support of the Hospitality Suite and other expenses for the 2025 State Convention being hosted by 14H!

Don't forget the District Cabinet meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Glenmaura National Golf Club at 11:30AM.

We continuing our club visitation schedule. Please request and send me your proposed visitation date so that we can put your Club on the list! We have not heard from Lake Ariel, Minoka, Ranson, Scott Twp., So. Abington and Waymart.

I trust you enjoyed your Halloween and had some fun! Please say "Hi" to your fellow Lions, and support the events in your communities with Lions Pride! Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Keep Serving,

*Dave*

Lion David P Rudis  
DG 14H



Hi!

This weekend District 14-H hosted the PA State Council of Lions Clubs State Council Meeting held at the Hilton Scranton, 100 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA. On Friday night, the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation hosted the 32nd Anniversary Dinner. Entertainment included Comedian – Ray Devito. Following the dinner was the Hospitality Event that included many who attended in costume.

It was also a very educational weekend of training that included presentations by KidSight and LCIF. Past International Director Edward V. Cordes OD FAAO, KidSight Chairman, from Corning, New York, held a very informative presentation concerning the problems and effects dealing with visual issues and the need for vision screening for children. PID Ed Cordes was also keynote speaker for the International Banquet.

I want to thank PDG Dave Barrett for a job well done for coordinating this weekend. I heard many compliments from VDGs and DGs attending from other district regarding the delicious food at the banquets and the fun time held at Hospitality Night. I also would like to thank all the District 14-H Lions who came out and supported the functions this weekend.

In addition to next Sunday, November 5th, is the PA Lions District 14-H Cabinet #2 Meeting, I look forward to seeing everyone at future club meetings.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

1nd VDG Sandy Thubborn

District 14H

*International News*

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## Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

The last several weeks, I have had the opportunity to visit with many of you around the world and hear your stories of service made possible by LCIF grants. I was particularly moved by the way Lions in Morocco have used LCIF grant funding to help people who were impacted by the devastating earthquake that struck there. The region will continue to need Lions for many months to come, and I'm proud that our foundation and Lions on the ground can work together to help during this time of great need.

Our foundation truly empowers us to make a difference in the world, thanks to the [continued support](#) of Lions, Leos and many others who generously give to LCIF, including our corporate partners. In this month's newsletter, we share the impact made possible through our partnership with Latter-day Saint Charities. I also hope you will learn more about ways to support LCIF and be recognized for your contributions, as well as share your stories of service made possible through our foundation. Thank you for being an ambassador for LCIF.


Make a great day,

**Brian E. Sheehan**

**Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation**

### **LCIF and Latter-day Saint Charities Partner to Protect Vision**

The LCIF and Latter-day Saint Charities partnership began in 2018 to fight the major causes of preventable and reversible blindness for underserved populations in Africa, South America and the Middle East. See the impact this expanding partnership has in Uganda.

[Read Blog](#) 



# Melbourne 2024

106TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

## Register now and save

For our 106th Lions International Convention, we're headed to Australia's cultural capital, the dazzling city of Melbourne. Secure your spot and save US\$75 when you register for LionsCon by January 12.

[Register now](#)

### Accommodation without conditions.

New for international convention this year, all Lions and Leos are free to book their stay at any of our available participating hotels. Plan your stay with fellow Lions and Leos, enjoy free shuttles and still get the lowest room rates available—all while choosing from any of our conveniently located hotel partners.

[Learn more](#)



# State News



As the new school year starts, ***consider sponsoring a band member from your school district.*** To see if there is a student or two from your district, please contact Lion Vince LoRusso from the Abington Lions Club at [vincelorusso@gmail.com](mailto:vincelorusso@gmail.com) or PDG Cathy Metschulat at [c.metschulat@outlook.com](mailto:c.metschulat@outlook.com) Thank You!

## **Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs**

Should anyone wish to receive a copy of the Mane Connection, please contact PDG Deb Burkholder at the contact information below.

Lions All,

Attached is the latest edition of the "Mane Connection" Lots of valuable information! Thanks to PDG Cheryl Wilbur for again doing such a great job!

Enjoy!

*Deb*

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**Deb Burkholder, State Administrator**

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**State Council ~Hilton Hotel, Scranton Oct. 27&28th**



1 photo of l to r PdG Joe PDG Dave Sampson 14-P band member Linda Sampson, Shirley Skinner  
 2 PCC mark and PaPa Smurf  
 3 The polka band. Tuba player is Vince LoRusso from Abington Lions and Pa State Band Leader





4 Great Dane that got caught in the rain.



5 PDG Tom Gregg and PID Cindy with PID Jim Cavallaro, notice his name tag on the table (the great pumpkin)



1 Hocus Pocus characters.





2. Pumpkin with a cute nose.

3. PCC Mark Kusma and DG Dave Barrett (just in case you didn't recognize their feminine side

# *News from around The District*

## Eynon/Archbald Lions Club



PDG Fran & Lion Ed Stepkovitch. Eynon/Archbald Lions Club have a great time at their Halloween Costume party!



PDG Fran was honored and shocked to receive the Joe Wroblewski from IPDG Allan Hetkowski at October's Hearing Sight meeting hosted by the Eynon Archbald Lions Club

## Falls Lions Club

On **Sunday, October 22**, Thanks to Lion Tina's amazing organizational skills and generosity in sharing her fellow Geocachers, the Lions, pulled off a massive roadside clean-up, led by Lion Frank and a riverside clean-up, led by Lion Art on Saturday followed by a pulled pork and hot dog sale as an added bonus with ice cream sundaes for dessert! Thankfully, the predicted rain did not happen and although chilly, Lion Tina had thought of a way to protect participants at the pavilion by installing tarps along one side with a little help from some Lions and Geocachers and a space heater, no less.

Participants in the massive effort included Lions Frank, Art, Al, Tina and Duane, and Nancy S. and Lion Tina's Geocaching friends, with their nicknames: Travelnbhappy21, StSquirrel, John Galt?, Fox-and-the-Hound, Angel, DisneyBoyTyler, Librarian Was Here, DTChatlie., Tundra Wolf and Star, Angel, risaroo4, CaptainMath, ScarletWitch, Bear13820 both on the roadside and riverside clean-up crews. Also helping out, were Stephanie Pherreigo and her daughter, Amelia.

Back at Hock Park, heating up and serving Lion Chuck's delicious pulled pork and hot dogs were Lions Chuck and Marie, Joe, Elaine, Dee and John H., and Bob, while Lions Edd and Nancy W. collected the money.

All those participants from the Lions, Geocachers and family and friends of Lion Tina were given tickets for an ice cream truck in honor of Lion Tina's birthday. This was not just a polite little ice cream cone, either. These were massive sundaes loaded with goodies!

I do not have a report on the bags collected nor the money made on the food sales, but I do know, it was a very popular and productive, not to mention fun, event! Thank you, Lions and Happy Birthday, Lion Tina!

On **Tuesday, October 24th**, a few Lions helped at Seven Loaves, including Lions Elaine, Bob and Nancy S., two community members who help regularly and prefer anonymity, and Lion Ray who arrived just in time to give us help with the heavy lifting and decision-making, not to mention adding his unique sense of humor and fun to the afternoon. Donna, the director of Seven Loaves helped out as well in the absence of Lions Dale and Ida who were out of town.

**Friday, October 27**, the Falls Active Adult Center hosted an open house from **10:30 to 11:30 AM** where the Falls Lions served cider and donuts! The following Lions showed up to lend their support to the endeavor which was well attended by community members and county political figures: Lion Nancy W., Dee and John who served cider and donuts, donated by the club, Ron and Elaine, Edd, Bob who presented a summary of the Men's Club that meets for coffee weekly, Marie and Walter, Dave, and Joe who also participated in his capacity as DA for Wyoming County.

**Saturday, October 28**, Lions showed up again to lend their support to a Trunk or Treat event at Hock Park from 5-7 pm. There were five cars decorated for the evening, offering treats and scary moments. Lions Jenn S. and her husband, Tom, Marie, Walter and Emily, Antoinette, Elaine, Dave and Sharon, Mike, Bob and Nancy S. Lion Emily was fortified with full-sized candy bars, a welcome treat, however, a few Lions baked pizzelles, cupcakes, and we also had glow-in-the-dark necklaces/bracelets, bags of candy, and Goldfish to hand out. Also helping out were two members of Countryside Community Church and Lion Elaine's niece who generously donated lollipops and books to add to the fun. Several couples in attendance were new to the community and said they hoped to attend future events it grew dark. Visitors were treated to a rainbow early in the afternoon and a harvest moon once it grew dark. Not only were the tables decorated with fall/Halloween decor, but there were strings of lights which came in very handy once the sun set. Turnout was good: about 40 + kids in spite of a last-minute rain shower that threatened the success of the afternoon.

Now, the Lions have their big anniversary dinner approaching on **November 4**, after which we will be taking a much needed rest until our Christmas party, except for our next meeting and Seven Loaves.

Lion Love, Lion Nancy Smith



## The Jefferson Township Lions Club

We had a very successful spaghetti dinner on October 14th. Thank you to everyone that came out to support this event.

On October 2nd Bonnie Black was at the banquet hall for a "Paint Night". Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. She will be returning on December 1st. Come out and join the fun!



Coming up in November we will be hosting a Veterans Breakfast at our banquet hall. All Veteran's are special guest at no cost, all others \$5. Breakfast starts at 8 so don't be late on the 11th. Feel free to contact Bonnie Black with any questions, 570-840-6987.

Also, we will be visited by our District Governor and 1st Vice District Governor on the 14th.

## North Pocono Minisink Lions Club November Newsletter Updates

The NP Minisink Lions Club held their annual White Cane donation collection event at ShopRite of Daleville on October 7 and 8. Club members manned the station each day from 9am to 5pm in 2 hour shifts. Pictured, during their shift on Sunday October 8, are Lion Joe Pierangeli with the Lions Support Mascot "Toby Nye", offering encouragement to potential donors. Donations are used to support the Club's Vision and Hearing Programs. (Photographer Lion Terry Nye, Event Chairman Lion Joe Sabie).

Lion Glenn Czulada was successful in obtaining new eye glasses for one needy resident and a new hearing aide for another needy resident.

President Tony Seidita is in the process of setting up a new 100 day Calendar Raffle to include Superbowl Sunday in February '24.

Bike Recycling Program Chairman Lion Joe Pierangeli reported that his group of repairmen refurbished and delivered 210 bikes to date this year to needy individuals.

At the Club's October 5 meeting resident Scott Lenzer was inducted as a new Lion Member. Lion Scott has his own business in Moscow known as "The Trojan Barber".

Lion Ron Donati is in the early planning stages of obtaining new books for Moscow Elementary Center. The books will be given to MEC students on Dr. Seuss Day.

Lion Donny Brown made contact with the Club's athletic clothing supplier to arrange for Holiday Raffle gifts for North Pocono Middle and Elementary School students.





## Scott Township Lions Club

**Scott Lions—another Chicken Dinner success for the records!**  
**October 28, 2023**



Theresa—one of our 'chicken dinner assemblers' extraordinaire.



Scott Lions (L-R) Gene, Josh, Chris and Dave—during a "tull" in the action.

## Scranton Lions Club

**SCRANTON LIONS CLUB PRESENTS CHECK TO LACKAWANNA BLIND ASSOCIATION  
FROM PROCEEDS OF THE 89<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCRANTON LIONS CLUB DREAM GAME**



Left to right Lions Philip Mahasky; Gene Lynott; William Dempsey, Dream Game Chair; Jack Kuchak; Blind Association Executive Director Mary Ann Iezzi; District Governor David Rudis; Joseph Manley; Jonas Crass; and Club President & Immediate Past District Governor Allan Hetkowski.



## Tunkhannock Lions Club



Here are two photos taken at our Falls Lions Club meeting two nights ago:

The first picture, left to right, includes FLC president Nancy Weinhardt, Eagle Scout candidate Logan Zdaniewicz, his mother, Jennifer Zdaniewicz, and his father, Stephen Zdaniewicz.

The second photo, left to right, is FLC treasurer Edd Johnston, FLC president Nancy Weinhardt, Eagle Scout candidate Logan Zdaniewicz, and FLC vp David Thorpe.

The occasion was a certificate presentation to Logan Zdaniewicz for his ongoing Eagle Scout project – a requirement for attainment of Eagle Scout rank - to build a volleyball/pickleball/tennis court at Lazybrook Park in Tunkhannock, PA. Lion David was instrumental in acquiring the \$3000 grant from Lions Service Foundation of the total project cost of \$21,000 for the construction.

Lion Ron Jackson, secretary,  
Falls Lions Club



PDG Dave Barrett was honored with the Chili Cook Off, which by the way is a big deal.  
Congratulations PDG Dave!!!



# PA LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 14-H

## **CABINET MEETING #2 OF 2023-2024**

*You are cordially invited to attend the*

**PA Lions District 14-H  
Cabinet Meeting #2 of 2023-2024**

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

**Glenmaura National Golf Club**

**100 Glenmaura National Boulevard • Moosic, PA 18507**

**Registration 11:30 AM • Meeting begins at 12:00 PM**

**District Governor  
1st VDG**

**Lion Dave P. Rudis  
Lion Sandy Thubborn**

**Dress code is Winter Informal Greens  
(Collared Shirts Required)**

**Cost is \$26 Per Person**

***Please make reservations by contacting District Treasurer  
Lion Shirley Skinner no later than Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
to advise her of how many are in your party.***

***Payment may be made at the door.***

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**Thank you!**

## District by the numbers...681

Abington		30
Benton		16
Blakely-Peckville		12
Dalton		10
Dunmore		20
Eynon Archbald	78	
Falls		47
Forest City	17	
Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack	13	
Honesdale		64
Jefferson		36
Jessup		14
Lake Ariel		17
Mayfield		15
<b>Minisink</b>	<b>22*</b>	
Minooka		36
Montrose		36
Old Forge		19
Olyphant		26
Ransom		11
Scott Twp	31	
Scranton		21
So Abington		6
Stone Bridge	22	
<b>Taylor</b>	<b>23*</b>	
Tunkhannock		22
Waymart	18	

\*New Members



