

NORTHEAST LION

District 14H Newsletter

December, 2023
Edition 6





From The Desk of District Governor

December 1, 2023

I hope everyone had a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving holiday with their friends and/or family! Now, we can move on to the Christmas season, a time of wonder and much need in the communities we serve. Please remember your local food banks and the children that our less fortunate than many of us.

The District 14H Fundraiser is ongoing. Sell those tickets that you received in the mail! They make great stocking stuffers!

Mark your calendars for February 18, 2024. The District Cabinet meeting will be at The Scranton Club at 11:30AM, registration, and feature our own Lions State Council Chair Linda Zeneski! You can access the Scranton Club from the door leading off the rear parking area only.

Please say "Hi" to your fellow Lions, and support the events in your communities! I hope to attend the Tunkhannock Christmas party and toy collection on 12/16! Merry Christmas to all and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Keep Serving,

Dave

Lion David P Rudis
DG 14H



Hi!

It is hard to believe that the year is coming to an end. Autumn is nearly over.

With District Governor Dave, I had the pleasure of visiting the Blakely Peckville, Montrose, Minsink, Old Forge, Jefferson Township, and Hawley Lions Clubs. These clubs greatly serve their communities!

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

Yours in Service and Friendship,

1nd VDG Sandy Thubborn

District 14H



International News

Join a Community of Good

There are over 48,000 Lions clubs around the world. Each is filled with people like you who've decided to take action and serve others. Lions form unique friendships and meaningful connections that can last a lifetime.

Put Leadership Skills into Action

A Lions club is a great place to develop your leadership skills and put them into action. Each club offers opportunities to lead, along with first-class training from our global association.

Access a Global Support System

Every Lion and club is supported by our international association. More than 300 Lions International staff members are constantly working on tools and technology to enhance your service.

Experience the Feeling of Service

At the heart of Lions clubs there is one constant: service. Giving your time and energy to others is a fantastic way to help your community. Yet, it also provides a great feeling for you that can spread and have a positive impact in your life and how you approach the world.



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](#)

LCIF

Disaster Relief

Whenever and wherever disaster strikes, Lions are often among the first to offer aid. LCIF is ready to support their efforts with funding assistance through global disaster relief programs.

Global Statistics

90% of all natural disasters are water-related.

25.3 million people are displaced each year by sudden disasters.

Annual economic losses are estimated at US\$250B-US\$300B.

Source: [United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination](#)

DISASTER RELIEF FOCUSED

LCIF Awarded Grants

From July 2023 to November 2023, LCIF has awarded 124 disaster relief-related grants totaling US\$5,514,917. View the grants empowering Lions to support various stages of disaster relief operations.

Disaster Relief Grants

When natural disasters strike, Lions are among the first to offer help. With a disaster grant, they can do even more for communities devastated by hurricanes, floods, fires and other major events. As a foundation, we are proud to offer a variety of grant options to support various stages of disaster relief operations.

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 or PDG Cathy Metschulat at 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

Deb Burkholder, State Administrator

PA State Council of Lions Clubs

949 East Park Drive

Harrisburg, PA 17111

Office: 717.564.2586 * Fax: 717.564.2880 **Cell 717-816-4999

Date/Time	Event
01/05/2024 - 01/07/2024 All Day	VDG Retreat 2024 <i>Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey Harrisburg, PA</i>
02/10/2024 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Spring Symposium East <i>PA Lions State Headquarters Harrisburg, PA</i>
02/11/2024 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Spring Symposium West <i>Butler County Association for the Blind Butler, PA</i>
03/08/2024 - 03/10/2024 All Day	Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) 2024 <i>Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey Harrisburg, PA</i>

MD-14 PROJECTS

- [Leader Dogs for the Blind](#)
- [Lions of PA Foundation](#)
- [PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp](#)
- [PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation](#)
- [PA Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation](#)

ADDITIONAL LIONS PROJECTS

- [LCIF](#)
- [PA Lions Care for Kids](#)

News from around The District

2025 State Convention Committee

Hello Lions of 14-H.

I would like to hold a brief meeting in regards to volunteers needed for the 2025 State Convention that our district will be hosting. This meeting will be for those interested in filling chairperson spots, recommendations for keynote speakers, and the convention theme "Swing Into Scranton"

The meeting will immediately follow the District Cabinet Meeting on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at the Scranton Club on Washington Street in Scranton.

For those who would like to volunteer as a chairperson or have interest in and would like information on an open spot, please let me know. The following spots are as follows:

- Secretary -
- Treasurer - PCC Mark Kusma
- Registration -
- Certification -
- Elections -
- Rules -
- Resolutions -
- Sergeant at Arms -
- Necrology - PDG Cathy Metschulat and PDG Bill Metschulat
- Convention Program Booklet -
- Seminars and Displays -
- Transportation -
- All State Band Liaison - Vince LaRusso
- Banquets:
 - General Banquet Chairperson -
 - Friday Luncheon -
 - Friday Night Hospitality -
 - Saturday Luncheon -
 - Sunday Melvin Jones Breakfast -

A follow-up meeting will be two weeks after that on March 3, 2024 at a location TBA. Most likely we will have our State Administrator Deb Burkholder in attendance for additional guidance and to answer any questions on the state level.

If you have any questions or to volunteer for a spot prior to the meeting, email me at liondavebarrett@gmail.com

PDG Dave Barrett

.....

Lion Barbara Taylor from the Scott Lions Club requested that should you have any calendar returns to please forward them to her as soon as possible. Thank you!



District Governor Dave Rudis, welcoming Pennsylvania Lions at the State Council meeting, sponsored by District 14-H in Scranton at the Hilton Hotel.

Eynon/Archbald Lions Club

Eynon Archbald Harvest Fest at AC Field, thank you to - Century Dental,
 Valley Community Library,
 Gina Tomassoni School of Dance,
 Laura Lewis with Opioid Awareness,
 The Wright Center,
 Eynon Sturges Fire,
 Archbald Ambulance and much more - fun time
 By all



Officer Brian Munley, Louis Rapoch, Rich Guman, Sandy Guman, Robert Guman



Jack Kubash, Dr Jerry Casey



The Wanabees -Ron Pascoe, Fran Festa



Peggy DeVivo-Kubash, Gloria Dulski



Madison Potter



Erin Owen



Lorrie Ann Reilly
Fran Festa



Crafts table



Cathy Gillette
Evie Gillette
Jerry Gillette



George Misko
Fran Stepkovitch



Falls Lions Club



Congratulations Falls Lions Club!

The Jefferson Township Lions Club

Come join us on December 1st at 6p.m. to paint with Bonnie Black. She has been to our Lions Club several times and everyone enjoys themselves each time.

Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 16 at 10:00 a.m.

The North Pocono Minisink Lions Club



On August 1, 2023 Moscow Borough held their Twentieth Annual Night Out. During the Ceremonies the Club was presented with the Borough's "Volunteer of the Year" Award for 30 years of litter pickups along a 2 mile stretch on Church St. / Rt. 690 in the Borough. Members attending the event are pictured L to R: Lions Dave Ogonosky, Terry Nye, 1st VP Joe Sabie, Pres. Tony Seidita, 3rd VP Joe Pierangeli, Brian Strauch, Jerel Wayne, Donny Brown, Frank Bonacci and Jim Strempek.



North Pocono Minisink Lions Club held their PADOT Adopt-A-Highway bi-annual Fall cleanup of a 2 mile stretch in Moscow Borough along Church St. / Rt. 690 on October 28, 2023. Traffic control was provided by Moscow Borough Police Officer DeJesus. Those attending included Lions pictured L to R: Matt Alferio, Frank Bonacci, Terry Nye, Dave Ogonosky, Joe Sabie, Donny Brown and Jim Strempek. Photographer Lion Joe Pierangeli.



On Nov. 2, 2023 the Club held their annual District Governor's meeting visit at the John J. Michaels VFW Post 5207 in Daleville. The event was attended by District Governor Dave Rudis and 1st VDG Sandy Thubborn. After enjoying a Thanksgiving Dinner prepared by the VFW cook, DG Dave recited LCI's Code of Ethics to new member Scott Lenzer. DG Dave also presented to Lion Scott and Sponsor Lion Joe Sabie their Lions Member and Sponsor lapel pins and Award Certificates. Lion Scott is the proprietor of "The Trojan Barber Shop located in Moscow. Pictured L to R: New Lion Member Scott Lenzer, Sponsor Lion Joe Sabie and District Governor Dave Rudis.



Our new Calendar Raffle ticket. It's a 100 Day raffle starting on December 25. To get tickets contact Chairman Tony Seidita 570-840-6279.

South Abington Lions Club



On a recent trip to Dublin Ireland, PDG Dave Barrett had the opportunity to sit in with the Dublin Lions Club (District 133) to discuss and share new methods of fundraising and service projects.

Photo 1: from left to right PDG Frank O'Donoughue (District 133, PDG Dave Barrett (14-H), and Cyrille George (President, Dublin Lions)

Photo 2: Dublin Lions look on to a powerpoint presentation during a discussion



Taylor Lions Club



Taylor Lions Club Check Presentation to Taylor Community Library, who was awarded a grant from the NEPA Lions Service Foundation. Front Row: PDG Rich Padfield & PDG Gayle Padfield NEPA Lions Service Foundation, Sandy Thubborn, 1st VDG & Club Secretary, Jeannie Sluck, Head Librarian, Jennifer Radzwillowicz, Club Treasurer, Lion Bridget Connor, Theodore Praschak, Club President Second Row: Lion John G. Thubborn Jr., Lion Lou Stefanelli, Taylor Librarian, Lion John Thubborn,

TAYLOR LIONS CLUB



34th HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



BOYS

Riverside

West Scranton

Lackawanna Trail

2023



GIRLS

Riverside

West Scranton

Abington Heights

Liberty

December 26 through December 29 @ 6:00pm @ Riverside High School 310 Davis Street, Taylor, PA

Tunkhannock Lions Club

Annual Christmas Party/Toy Collection



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

@ Tunkhannock Moose Lodge

(813 Hunter Highway, Tunkhannock, Upstairs out back)



\$13.00 PER PERSON PLUS AN UNWRAPPED CHILD'S TOY

Free For children 12 yrs. & under

**All Toys Collected Are Donated To
Cops for Kids, Wyoming County**



**SPONSORED BY
THE TUNKHANNOCK LIONS CLUB**



6:00 PM TO 6:30 PM-Social Time

BYOB

(Appetizers, Soda & Coffee Provided)

6:30 PM- Dinner

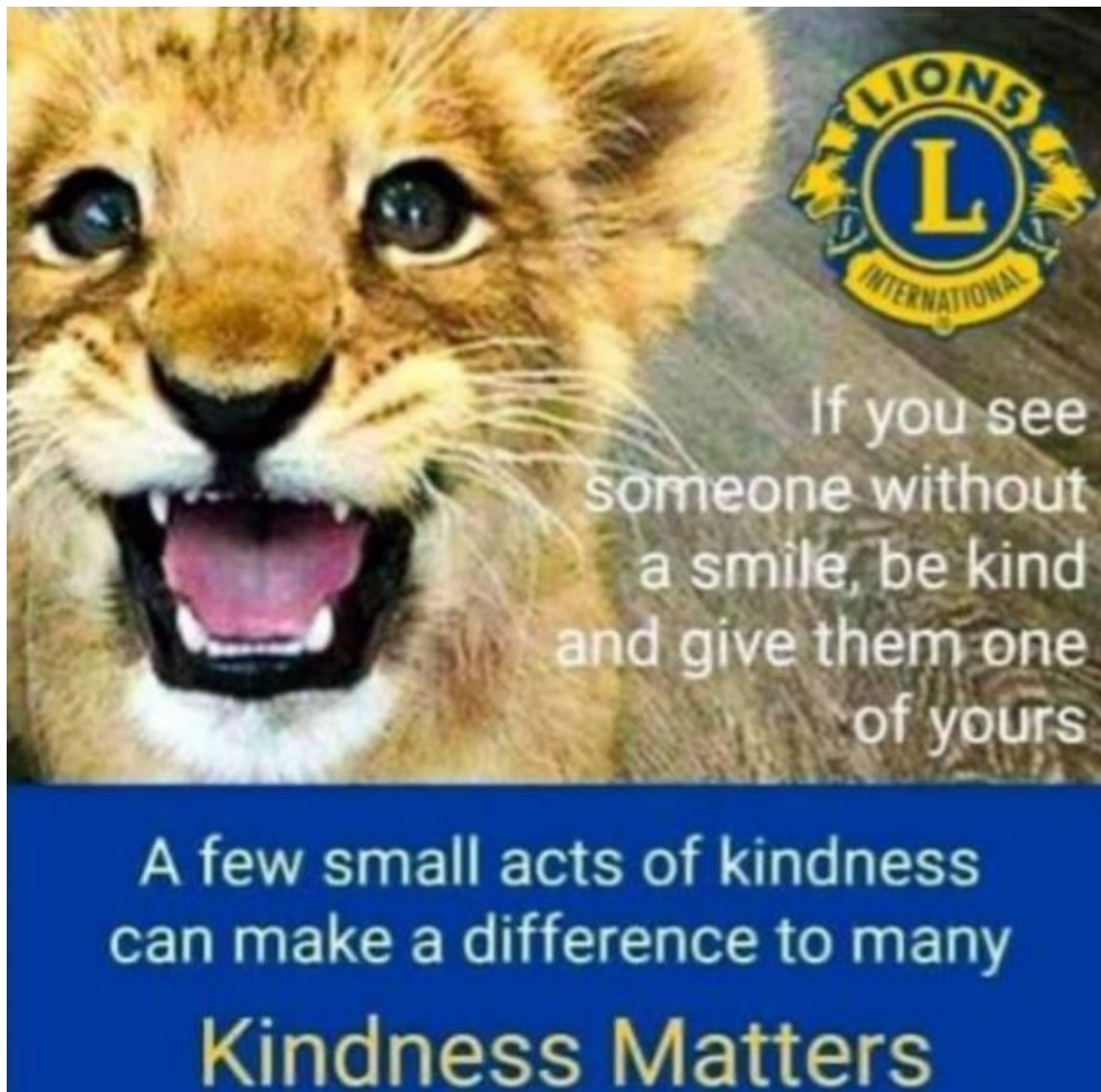
**(Homemade Chicken & Biscuits,
Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable & Desserts)**



**PLEASE CALL & RSVP TO:
PDG Butch & Josie Sands 570-836-1205
Dale Wilsey 570-836-6208**

District by the numbers...680

Abington	30
Benton	16
Blakely-Peckville	12
Dalton	10
Dunmore	20
Eynon Archbald	78
Falls	47
Forest City	17
Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack	12*
Honesdale	64
Jefferson	36
Jessup	14
Lake Ariel	17
Mayfield	15
Minisink	22
Minooka	36
Montrose	35
Old Forge	19
Olyphant	26
Ransom	11
Scott Twp	31
Scranton	21
So Abington	6
Stone Bridge	22
Taylor	23
Tunkhannock	22
Waymart	18
*New Members	1



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