

NorthEast Lion District 14H Newsletter

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From The Desk of District Governor

February 1, 2024

Happy New Year! Let's get ready for Valentine's day and show a little love for the Lions! Let us redirect our efforts and focus on the needs in our communities. Where there is a need there is a Lion!

Please register and mark your calendars for February 18, 2024. The District Cabinet meeting! The meeting will be held at The Scranton Club, 404 N. Washington Avenue in Scranton at 11:30AM, registration, and feature a special guest speaker CC Dr. Linda Zeneski from our own Pennsylvania Lions State Multiple District! You can access the Scranton Club from the door leading off the rear parking area only. CC Linda has set a goal to visit every district in MD-14 and I am hoping we get representation from every club in 14H to show our support for CC Linda.

IPDG Allan, VDG Sandy and myself will be attending the State Council Meeting in State College on February 2-4, 2024 as well as completing our Club Visitation Schedule. If we have not visited your club, there is still time to get slotted in the schedule!

Please say "Hi" to your fellow Lions, and support the events happening in your communities!

Keep Serving,

Dave

Lion David P Rudis

DG 14H



Hi!

In January, I attended the VDG Retreat at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg. In the retreat I learned there are many resources and learning materials to not only help educate members understand their roles within their clubs, districts, and Lions Club International. I encourage all members to sign into www.lionsclubs.org to view what is available.

With January nearly over, spring is around the corner. Many of our clubs hold activities for the upcoming holidays. For any community service activity that your Club holds, please be sure to celebrate them by reporting your Club's activities through lionsclubs.org. This will show LCI how much our Clubs serve their communities. For where there is a need, there is a Lion!

Yours in Service and Friendship,

1st VDG Sandy Thubborn

District 14H



*Be kind. Be open.
Be curious. Be strong.
Be generous. Be sincere.
Be loyal. Be honest.*

Be a Lion.



International News

Making history every day

With every project completed and each person served, we make history. We've been around for over 100 years, yet our story is still in the making. And we wouldn't have it any other way. It's being written by helping hands, by shovels hitting the dirt, by donations being made and by lives and communities being improved in over 200 countries and geographic areas around the world.

1917: The beginning

In response to social problems created by World War I and rapid industrialization, a Chicago businessman named Melvin Jones invites business clubs from around the USA to a meeting where the Association of Lions Clubs is formed.

1920: Lions go international

Just three years after founding, the Association of Lions Clubs becomes international when the Border Cities Lions Club in Windsor, Canada is established. At the time, Lions were active in 23 U.S. states with a total of 6,400 members.

1925: Becoming "Knights of the Blind"

Helen Keller addresses Lions at the International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA. She famously challenges Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." This begins a century-long mission—impacting hundreds of millions of lives through vision-related work.

1945: Uniting Nations

Lions and other representatives from 46 nations meet to help establish the NGO section of the United Nations (UN), underscoring Lions International's commitment to a "certain and lasting peace for the world." Today, Lions continue to work with the UN at annual Lions Day with the United Nations events.

1957: Leos are introduced

The Leo Program is developed to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for personal development through volunteering. Today, there are 200,000 Leos worldwide.

1968: Establishing our foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation is created, with the mission "to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives

through humanitarian service projects and grants." To date, our foundation has awarded more than \$1.2 billion in grants.

1973: Celebrating 1 million members

Lions reach a historic milestone by welcoming our millionth member, Barney Gill from Virginia, USA. Today, we have more than 1.4 million members worldwide.

1985: Disaster relief support expands

LCIF awards its first Major Catastrophe Grant of US\$50,000 for earthquake relief in Mexico. Today, we continue to step up in times of crisis by offering grants to support our disaster relief efforts.

1990: Launching SightFirst

Lions launch a campaign to help restore sight and prevent blindness on a global scale. More than 488 million people have been impacted over the last 30 years.

2017: Lions turn 100

The 100th year of serving local communities and the world is celebrated at the Lions Clubs International Centennial Convention in Chicago, Illinois, USA—the same city where the association began.

2022: Campaign 100 goal exceeded

LCIF exceeds its goal for Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. A total of US\$325 million was raised during the campaign, which is the organization's most ambitious fundraising initiative to date.

2023: Partnering for Kindness

LCIF and Lions Quest become a founding member of The Choose Kindness Project, a coalition of the leading nonprofit organizations in the United States championing bullying prevention, intentional inclusion and youth mental wellness.

LCIF

Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

I continue to be impressed by the projects Lions are implementing in their communities, made possible through LCIF. As you read this month's newsletter highlighting ways Lions and LCIF are helping alleviate hunger worldwide through our service together, I hope you are inspired to continue supporting LCIF both financially and as an ambassador for our foundation. As we work together to achieve *MISSION 1.5*, and invite new members into our awesome organization, your stories of service empowered by our global foundation can inspire potential members to join us in our work to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities and support those in need across the globe.

Special thanks to everyone who participated in the 2023 Melvin Jones Photo Contest for sharing your photo and reasons for supporting the mission of LCIF. Congratulations to the winners, featured on the [Melvin Jones Photo Contest](#) page. I encourage everyone to visit *LCIF: Stories of Pride* to share your grant-funded projects with your fellow Lions and to read about humanitarian projects around the world.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

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

Deb Burkholder, State Administrator

PA State Council of Lions Clubs

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Date/Time Event

02/10/2024

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Spring Symposium East

PA Lions State Headquarters

Harrisburg, PA

02/11/2024

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Spring Symposium West

Butler County Association for the Blind

Butler, PA



Annual Pennsylvania Lions *Spring Leadership Symposium*

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, February 10, 2024 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 11, 2024 Noon-5 PM

Butler County Association for the Blind

322 N. Cedar Street, Butler, PA 16001

Snacks will be available

Special Guest Presenters

PID Cindy Gregg

PDG Tom Gregg

PDG Jeff Loudermilk

PDG Tom Toland

Register to Attend: FREE & Open to all PA Lions

Email PDG Kerry at MD14GLT-LEARN@yahoo.com

or call (717)759-0711

SPACE IS LIMITED!

2024



RETURN FORM BY MAY 1, 2024

PA State Council of Lions Clubs STATE CONVENTION

→ REGISTRANT (Complete SEPARATE Form For EACH Attendee)

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ DISTRICT _____

☐ LION ☐ LEO ☐ GUEST
☐ CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP

ID _____ PIP _____ PID _____ DG _____ VDG _____ PDG _____ CC _____ PCC _____
☐ CIRCLE TITLE

ADDRESS _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

☐ HOME
☐ CELL
☐ WORK

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CLUB NAME _____

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: ☐ Dietary Restrictions/Allergies
☐ Hearing ☐ Vision ☐ Physically Challenged

MEAL RESERVATIONS:



\$15.00 ☐ CONVENTION REGISTRATION \$

\$3.00 ☐ STATE CONVENTION PIN \$

☐

*Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Ice Tea Included With All Meals

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS / ALLERGIES

☐
FRIDAY LUNCH BUFFET - \$25 per person

Mesquite Chicken, Pulled Pork, Salad, Mac and Cheese, Brownies, Assorted Cookies ... \$

☐
PA COUNSELORS/DISTRICT GOVERNORS HONORS BANQUET - \$35 per person

Tossed Salad, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots, Carrot Cake.

PICK ONE:☐ Sliced Roast Beef With Pan Gravy☐ Broiled Herb Buttered Haddock☐ Vegetarian Entree \$
☐
SATURDAY LUNCH BUFFET - \$25 per person

Baked Stuffed Chicken with Champagne Cream Sauce, Cheese Ravioli, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Dutch Apple Crumb Pie and Choc. Peanut Butter Pie \$

☐
SATURDAY INTERNATIONAL BANQUET - \$35 per person

Caesar Salad, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Dutch Apple Crumb Pie

PICK ONE:☐ Chicken Forestiere with Mushroom Sauce☐ Sliced London Broil with Mushroom Sauce☐ Vegetarian Entree \$
☐
SUNDAY MELVIN JONES FELLOW/KEY MEMBER BREAKFAST BUFFET - \$20 per person

Scrambled Eggs etc., Bacon & Sausage Links, Home Fries with Peppers and Onions, French Toast, Assorted Cereals, Fresh Fruit, Assorted Pastries, Croissants, Muffins, Coffee, Tea, Juice, Milk \$



Amount Due for Meal Reservations

NO ☐ YES ☐

Planning to Attend the Vision Resources Tour (NO CHARGE)

NO ☐ YES ☐

Planning to Attend the Hershey Trolley Tour \$18 per person \$

Make Checks Payable to 2024 14-T Convention

mail to:

PDG Peggy Hummel
 P.O. Box 248
 Shermans Dale, PA 17090
 email: peghum@gmail.com
 ph: 717-576-7330

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

\$



scan QR code to
 RED LION
 HOTEL
 WEBSITE

Thursday May 16th through Sunday May 19th, 2024

Red Lion Hotel - 4751 Lindle Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17111 ph: 717-939-7841

101st ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION



Thursday, May 16 through Sunday, May 19, 2024
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg-Hershey
4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111



HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotel has a block of rooms for the PA Lions 101st Convention. Contact the hotel to make a reservation. The discounted rate of **\$130.00/night is in effect until May 1, 2024.**

To make a room reservation call 717-939-7841 and dial "0" for the front desk.

If you would like to make a reservation online the booking code is **Pa State Council Lions Club** and the link is available on the State website.

New Online Convention Registration is Now Available!

To register for the Convention and all meals online go to the State website – **palions.org** and fill out the electronic form with your selections. Pay with a debit or credit card.

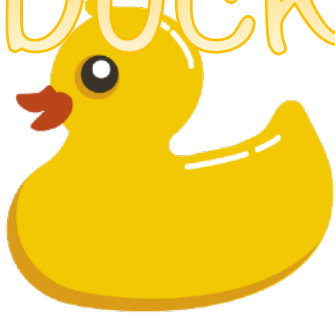
Calling All Leos to Attend the 101st State Convention!

Leos and Leo Advisors, please plan on attending the 101st State Convention.

Convention registration is **FREE** for all Leos!

We hope to see you there!

DUCK RACE TICKETS!



\$5.00 tickets are now available for this years annual Duck Race, being held on July 21st at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp during the 75th Anniversary Celebration!

Don't wait, get them now by contacting PDG Cathy or PDG Bill Metschulat.

c.metschulat@outlook.com

wmetschulatsr@yahoo.com

Proceeds benefit the camps maintenance.

1st place \$1,000 2nd place \$500

3rd place \$250 4th place \$125 5th place \$125

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

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Dunmore Lions Club

DLC Intra Borough Boys and Girls Championship Basketball Games



Dunmore Lions



Holy Cross Boys



Holy Cross Girls



Dunmore Girls



Recently the Dunmore Lions Club installed three (3) new members during the District Governor's visitation Meeting held at Carmella's Restaurant in Dunmore. District Governor Dave Rudis was the installing official and stated that "membership in the Dunmore Lions Club will offer many opportunities for personal growth. Not only will you experience the incomparable feeling you receive from volunteering, but you also will have the chance to hone leadership, communication and organizational skills. You will develop friendships that last a lifetime, meet other Lions from all corners of the world and contribute ideas that will help your club be an even more valuable part of your community". Anyone interested in joining the Dunmore Lions Club may contact membership chairman Gino Tempesta at 570-347-0219 or email dunmorelions@gmail.com.

Pictured left to right are: Jim Colangelo, President DLC and sponsor, Dave Rudis, District Governor, new member, Melissa Dworak, new members Barry and Dana Lindemuth, Sponsor Lion Gino Tempesta.

Eynon/Archbald Lions Club



Eynon Archbald Lions Club delivers DG Dave presents Eynon Archbald Lions with 10 year Chevons

Christmas gifts for residents at Serenity Care Mid Valley.

- > L-R
- > Shirley Barrett
- > Peggy DeVivo Kubash
- > Cathy Gillette
- > Jack Kubash

- >L-R
- >Kathy Pezak
- >PDG Fran Stepkovitch
- >Gloria Dulski

Eynon Archbald Lions give hats and gloves to children at Santa Train arriving in Archbald



Shirley Barrett
Karen Rapoch
Erin Owen
Angie Apostolaros



Sandy Guman
Robert Guman
Richard Guman

The North Pocono Minisink Lions Club



During the Lions Club first meeting of the New Year at the VFW Daleville Club Secretary Jim Strempek presented 25 year Chevron Award pins to Lions Terry Nye (left) and John Croom (right).

At the Club's Jan. 18, 2024 meeting, which took place at the High Bridge House Restaurant in Springbrook, Calendar Raffle Chairman Lion Tony Seidita reported that the Raffle was going very well for daily winners. Since the Raffle's first daily number drawing on Dec. 25 the winnings total \$2600.



On Jan. 21, 2024 Lions Frank

Bonacci, Terry Nye and Jim Strempek attended the 3rd annual Lions Clubs International Fundraiser Hockey Game at Mohegan Sun Arena. The WBS Penguins won 2-1 over the Springfield Thunderbirds. The Event was attended by multiple LCI Districts which were all listed on the Scoreboard. A good time was had by all.

District by the numbers...666

Abington	30	
Benton	16	
Blakely-Peckville	12	
Dalton	10	
Dunmore	22	
Eynon Archbald		78
Falls	43	
Forest City	17	
Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack	12	
Honesdale	64	
Jefferson	30	
Jessup	14	
Lake Ariel	18	
Mayfield	15	
Minisink	20	
Minooka	36	
Montrose	33	
Old Forge	19	
Olyphant	26	

Ransom	11	
Scott Township		31
Scranton	21	
So Abington	6	
Stone Bridge	22	
Taylor	20	
Tunkhannock	22	
Waymart	18	



PDG Ethel Neary of the Abington Lions Club



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