

**NORTHEAST LION**

**District 14H Newsletter**

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## **From The Desk of District Governor**

**April 1, 2024**

Happy Easter! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday with friends and family. Thank you to everyone who participated in the St Patrick's Day parade in Scranton! A special shout out to PDG Butch, Josie and PDG Dave!

IPDG Allan, sent out the information for the District H Convention that is being held at Fiorelli's Catering in Peckville on Saturday, April 27th. If you have not registered, please do so! We are hosting International Director John Lawrence from Chestertown, MD!

The PA State Convention will be held at the Red Lion Inn in Harrisburg on May 16-18th! Hoping to see good representation from District H!

In the meantime, we will be completing our visitations and enjoying the completion of the NCAA Basketball! Please support all the Lions events happening in your communities!

Keep Serving,

*Dave*

Lion David P Rudis DG 14H



## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT 14-H

### ***OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT*** **2024 DISTRICT 14-H CONVENTION**

You are cordially invited to the 2024 District 14-H Convention to be held at Fiorelli's Catering & Conference Center in Peckville, PA on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

As previously announced, our 2024 District Convention will be following a single day format. The Convention will begin with registration at 11:00 to 11:45 AM. A buffet luncheon will be held beginning at 12:00 PM with the business meeting immediately following lunch.

The Convention Hospitality Reception will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Business Meeting and is being hosted by First Vice District Governor Sandra Thubbon.

The Business Meeting will feature a special presentation by Lions Clubs International Director John Lawrence of Chestertown Maryland. ID John was elected an International Director in 2023. After serving in the US Army, Director Lawrence had a career as a civil servant in the Department of Defense. During this time, he created and led a division of 120 research mathematicians and linguists. He also served as a distinguished visiting professor at the US Airforce Academy and was certified as a professional in computer science, mathematics, and education. He was also honored as a distinguished member of the Crypto-Mathematics Institute.

**A buffet luncheon will be served beginning at 12:00 PM at a cost of \$ 30.00 per person. Please make checks payable to District 14-H and note District Convention on the memo line. Mail reservations along with payment to Lion Shirley Skinner, 710 Atherton Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411. Deadline for reservations is April 24, 2023. Please advise of any dietary restrictions.**

**Basket Raffle** – Again this year we will be conducting a Basket Raffle during the Convention. We are requesting that you Club, if possible, contribute a basket for the raffle (the only restriction, baskets may not contain any alcoholic beverages). Gift cards are allowed in place of the alcohol). Tickets will be sold during the Convention with winners drawn during the Hospitality Reception following the business meeting and program.

If possible, please bring baskets prior to registration on Saturday morning. Please let District Secretary Fran Stepkovitch ([fran623@comcast.net](mailto:fran623@comcast.net)) if you are able to provide a basket.

Dress for the convention is business attire. PDG's are requested to wear formal winter greens.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact IPDG Allan Hetkowski at [allan@hetkowski.com](mailto:allan@hetkowski.com) or at (570) 762-3624.

So please mark your calendars and plan to attend the District 14-H Convention.

Thank you,

*Lion Allan*

IPDG Allan Hetkowski  
Convention Chair



Hi!

In the last week of February, I along with an international attendance of nearly 700 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors (VDGs) attended the week-long training at the Q-Center in St. Charles, IL. I included pictures of the incoming MD-14 VDHs and myself with incoming International President Fabricio Oliveira. It was a week-long training along with meeting and talking to other VDGs from around the world. At the International Convention in Melbourne, we will be informed of incoming International President Fabricio Oliveira's objectives for Lions Club International.

The new Lions Portal target launch window is now slated for April 15, 2024 through May 13, 2024. Please watch your emails for those that access the LCI website,

Please remember that the 2024 District 14-H Convention will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Fiorelli's Catering and Conference Center in Peckville, PA. If any questions, please contact IPDG Allan Hetkowski. Both District Governor David Rudis and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

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,

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



Incoming International President Fabricio Oliveira

And 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Sandra Thubborn

# *International News*

## **We're looking for people like you.**

### **Member experience**

Helping people doesn't just do good—it feels good. And serving alongside others who want to make a difference in the world feels even better. That's just where the benefits of being a Lion begin

### **Club and membership types**

With clubs in nearly every corner of the world and even online, there are so many options that fit your interests and lifestyle.

### **Where we serve**

Lions and Leos are actively serving their communities in over 200 countries and geographic areas around the world.

### **How we serve**

Lions and Leos serve in so many ways. Our clubs choose how to best help their communities, and we also have some global causes we're passionate about as an organization.

LCIF



# Historic fires destroy land, homes and businesses

LCIF grant funding will empower Lions to help victims recover.

[LIONSCLUBS.ORG/DONATE](https://LIONSCLUBS.ORG/DONATE)

Several large fires have scorched more than 1 million acres across the Texas Panhandle and in western Oklahoma in the U.S., killing at least two people and destroying over 500 homes and businesses. The fires also destroyed more than 120 miles of electric lines, leaving many without electricity.

When a natural disaster strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant awarded to Lions in Texas, to empower Lions in the impacted areas to help their communities recover.

Your donations make a difference when communities are impacted by natural disasters.

## HELP NOW

Your generous donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve!

To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit [lionsclubs.org/disastergrants](https://lionsclubs.org/disastergrants) or email [LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org](mailto:LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org).

100% of donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF.

## **Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,**

I am inspired each and every day by the breadth and depth of service projects made possible through our work together with our global foundation. In this month's newsletter, you'll find the 2022-2023 LCIF Annual Report, which highlights Lions' and Leos' collective service impact that strengthens communities, improves health and well-being and supports people in need across the globe. Together, we offer help and hope where it is needed most. My sincere thanks to everyone supporting LCIF. Your generosity helps make this life-changing service possible.

Make a great day,

**Brian E. Sheehan**

**Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation**

# STATE BAND



As the State Convention becomes closer, please ***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**

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Dear Governors,

This past weekend, Logan County in Ohio suffered a very devastating tornado.

On behalf of Lion Jim Groff, our Multiple District Disaster Relief Chairperson, I am attaching a letter from the Governor of OH1, the affected district, in the event that your clubs or district would like to make a monetary donation:

*Logan County Ohio Tornado Relief and Recovery*

*Ohio Lions District OH1 has partnered with the Logan County United Way to support the relief and recovery efforts taking place after the EF3 Tornado on March 14 which flattened the communities of Russells Point and Lakeview, Ohio, as well as causing extensive damage in surrounding rural areas.*

*If your district or clubs are interest in making a donation, Tax deductible donations can be made at: [www.uwlogan.org](http://www.uwlogan.org), the web address for the Logan County United Way, a 501(c)3 charity.*

*If you want your donation to be credited to the Lions Organization, after entering your name as listed on your credit card, add a dash and a Lion label. Examples could be: **Jane Doe – OH4 Lions** or **John Doe – Pennsylvania Lions**. The Logan County United Way Donation system automatically issues a receipt for tax purposes and can sort donations based on key words; hence, the need to add **Lions** to the name of the donor.*

*If you or your club wish to donate by check, use **District Lions OH1** on the designation line and add **tornado relief** on the memo line. **Mail checks to:** PDG John Davis, 933 Thornapple Lane, Findlay, Ohio 45840. If your check does not identify your club, please add a note with that information.*

*The relief and recovery process is well underway, and the local community has stepped up admirably. However, this will be a long and difficult process and organizations like Lions will play an important role in supporting those affected as they work to overcome this terrible blow.*

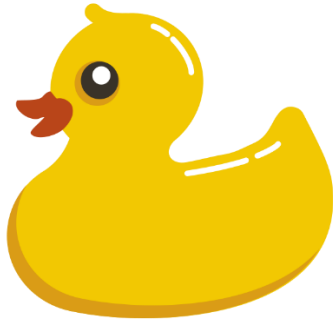
*DG OH1 Deb Crawford*

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please share this information with your clubs.

Yours in Service,  
Cindy



# 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 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

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

[c.metschulat@outlook.com](mailto:c.metschulat@outlook.com)

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**Proceeds benefit the camps maintenance.**

**1<sup>st</sup> place \$1,000    2<sup>nd</sup> place \$500**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place \$250    4<sup>th</sup> place \$125    5<sup>th</sup> place \$125**

## 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 -

If you have any questions or to volunteer for a spot prior to the meeting, email me at [liondavebarrett@gmail.com](mailto:liondavebarrett@gmail.com)

PDG Dave Barrett



# *News from around The District*

## Olyphant Lions Club

The Olyphant Lions Club presented a non- matching grant to Throop Hose Company #1 for lifesaving equipment. This grant was made possible by Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation. Pictured left to right is Chief Dave Benson of Throop Hose Company #1, Olyphant Lions Club President Donna Kropa, Olyphant Lion Rose Ellen Skodacek and Fireman Ron Green.



## Taylor Lions Club

Easter Picture - Volunteers from left with Easter Bunny

Matthew Thubborn, Lion John G. Thubborn, Amy Thubborn, Lion John Thubborn, Easter Bunny (Taylor Lion Club Secretary & 1st VDG Sandy Thubborn), Taylor Councilman Chuck McKeel, Taylor Club President Ted Praschak, Lion Caryn Emiliani, Taylor Lions Club Treasurer & Easter Egg Chairperson, Jennifer Radzwillowicz, Ray Molinaro, Lion Bridget Connor, and Lion Lou Stefanelli

Other four picture were from the event held inside the Taylor Community Center due to the rainy weather conditions.







District 14H represented at the Scranton St. Patty's Day Parade!



## District by the numbers...663

Abington	29
Benton	14
Blakely-Peckville	12
Dalton	10
Dunmore	22
Eynon Archbald	79
Falls	43
Forest City	15
Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack	12
Honesdale	62
Jefferson	30
Jermyn	9
Jessup	14
Lake Ariel	16
Mayfield	15
Minisink	20
Minooka	36
Montrose	33
Old Forge	18
Olyphant	26
Ransom	11
Scott Township	31
Scranton	18
So Abington	6
Stone Bridge	22
Taylor	20
Tunkhannock	22
Waymart	18



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](mailto:c.metschulat@outlook.com)

