

Northeast Lion District 14H Monthly Newsletter

July, 2025



and photos from our last cabinet meeting of 2024-2025, held on June 7th at the Jefferson Township Banquet Hall



Congratulations for a wonderful year! District Treasurer PDG Joseph Skinner, DGE Shirley Skinner, DG Sandra Thubborn and District Secretary PDG Fran Stepkovitch



Then there is this one, a very special gift from DG Sandra Thubborn to PDG Dave Barrett for all of his hard work and efforts as the 2024-2025 Pa Lions State Convention Chairman!!



DG Sandra Thubborn presenting PDG Bill Metschulat a medal for appreciation for his efforts as the District Disaster Relief Chair.



DG Sandra Thubborn presenting PDG Fran Stepkovitch with an appreciation medal for her efforts as the District Secretary.



PDG Joseph Skinner receiving an appreciation medal for his efforts as the District Treasurer.



DG Sandra Thubborn presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Bev B.



DGE Shirley Skinner receiving her gavel for her year as governor, from DG Sandra Thubborn. Good luck to both of you.



DG Sandra Thubborn presenting an appreciation medal to PDG Cathy Metschulat for her efforts as the GET Chair



Send club inputs to bbernoske@gmail.com—our goal is to publish on the first of the month, or a day or two after, so please get materials submitted a few days before the end of the month. Thanks-Bev

Pennsylvania Lions Club
District 14-H
District Governor's Message



Hi Fellow Lions,

My year as your district governor starts on July 1st. Official installation is in Orlando on July 17th. Thank you for the vote of confidence. Together we will make our clubs and district grow. There is still a lot to learn about clubs issues, district issues, how to get members back active, and where we might be able to start a new club. Working together we will get things done.

We had our first portal training, June 17th, at the Clarks Summit Borough Building. There were 12 Lions in attendance, representing 6 clubs. Thank you to PCC Mark Kusma for all his help. Being the district administrator, Mark was able to get clubs on line with LCI, and answer lots of questions. Thank you to all the lions that came out. Hoping to have more trainings in the near future.

I am asking all clubs to send the list of their officers, contact info, and addresses to me for the district directory. There is a form included with this newsletter (next page) to have ads in the directory.

The first district council meeting will be September 13th, in Tunkhannock. More information will be coming. Mark your calendars.

Tomorrow Sandy will become IPDG. I want to thank her for all her training, and advice this past year. Just know that IPDG Sandy is not going anywhere and will be of help to me during my year.

I am looking forward to my year as District Governor and asking for everyone's support.

Together We Can.

DGE Shirley Skinner
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LIONS DISTRICT 14-H

2025 - 2026 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S DIRECTORY

As in past years, we are requesting your financial assistance in offsetting the cost of our Annual District Governor's Directory. As you are aware, the Directory is published annually to provide information regarding our District, District Clubs, and reference information from Lions International along with other sources.

We invite Lions Clubs of District 14-H; Past State Council and District Officers; Past District Governors; individual Lions; and Family & Friends to place an ad in our annual Directory.

Cost for ads in the 2025 - 2026 District Directory:

Quarter Page - \$25.00
Half Page - \$50.00
Full Page - \$100.00

Should you have artwork that to be included, please submit it with the payment or it may be emailed

The deadline for all submissions will be August 10, 2025

Your financial assistance with the publication of the 2025-2026 District 14-H Directory would be greatly appreciated and I would like to thank each and every Lion in District 14-H for your support!

DG Shirley Skinner
District Governor 2025-2026

Name of Individual or Lions Club _____

Size of Ad: ☐ Full Page (\$100) ☐ Half Page (\$50) ☐ Quarter Page (\$25)

Artwork Included: ☐ Yes ☐ No **Artwork Emailed:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

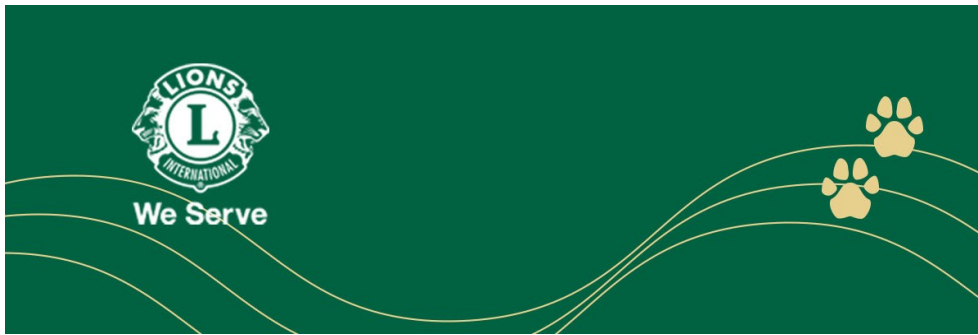
Amount Enclosed \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to District 14-H and on the memo line place "Directory")

Ad Message/Phrasing: _____

***Any questions or additional information regarding the Directory, please contact:
DG Shirley Skinner at SASSKINNER@COMCAST.NET***

Thank you for your continued help and support of District 14-H



***Letter from
the President to You
International President
Fabrício Oliveira***

Dear Lion,

As I come to the end of my presidential year, I want to thank you all for making your mark through your dedicated service. Every time you served your community and invited a new member to join our mission, you helped us continue our legacy as the world's greatest service organization.

While you celebrate your incredible accomplishments, now is also the perfect time to prepare your new officers for their roles and your clubs for the new year.

Congratulations once again on your achievements! I look forward to seeing how you continue making your mark as a Lion, every day, with every act of service.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira
International President

See President Fabrício's full letter and more, online [HERE](#)



Lions Clubs International



Dear Lions and Leos,

It has been my honor to serve as chairperson of our foundation this year, and I want to thank you for your unwavering dedication, service and generosity. Together, we have made a meaningful difference in the lives of so many. I look forward to celebrating all we have accomplished during the 107th Lions International Convention in just a few weeks.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute to our global foundation, there is still time. [Every gift](#) helps us carry our mission forward and create a lasting impact in the world. As we enter a new Lion year, let us continue to stand together in support of our association, foundation and the vital work that lies ahead. I look forward to serving alongside you in the years to come.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill, LCIF Chairperson

[CLICK HERE](#) to see Dr. Patti Hill's full letter



“Thanks to all who purchased Duck Race tickets for Beacon Lodge. 150 were sold: our best year since I’ve been a member of the board” - PDG Cathy Metschulat

Beacon Lodge Wish List



Wish List 2025 Name: _____ District: _____ Club Name: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

OFFICE SUPPLIES:

- ☐ Color Copier Paper
- ☐ White Copier paper
- ☐ 8x14 white paper
- ☐ Bright White Printer Paper
- ☐ Envelopes: #10
- ☐ 3 prong Pocket Folders
- ☐ Banker Boxes
- ☐ Dry Erase Markers

KITCHEN:

- ☐ Plastic Cold Cups: 5 oz & 9 oz
- ☐ Hot Wax Coffee Cups: 9 & 10 oz
- ☐ Paper Plates: 9" or larger
- ☐ Napkins: dinner, picnic
- ☐ Original Dawn Dish Liquid
- ☐ White Bar/Dish Cloths
- ☐ Vinyl Kitchen Gloves (ALL sizes)

HOUSEKEEPING:

- ☐ Thick Paper Towels
- ☐ Clorox
- ☐ Disinfecting Spray Cleaner
- ☐ Disinfecting Floor Cleaners
- ☐ Disinfecting Wipes
- ☐ Magic Erasers
- ☐ White Vinegar
- ☐ 55-56 gal Trash Bags
- ☐ Toilet Plungers-heavy duty
- ☐ Toilet Brushes
- ☐ Zipper Vinyl Pillow Covers (standard)

- ☐ Zipper Vinyl Mattress Covers (twin)
- ☐ Long Twin Size Blankets - No Wool
- ☐ Industrial Wet Mop Heads
- ☐ Vinyl Disposable Gloves: M
- ☐ Extended Window Squeegee
- ☐ Floor Squeegee

MAINTENANCE:

- ☐ M, L, XL, XXL Black Nitrile Powder-Free Gloves
- ☐ LED Light Bulbs
- ☐ LED Flood Light Bulbs
- ☐ Duracell/Energizer/Rayovac Batteries: (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V)
- ☐ Packs of Roller Covers: LG & SM
- ☐ Foaming Bee/Wasp Killer
- ☐ Ant Spray
- ☐ Garden Hose Nozzles
- ☐ Microfiber Cloths
- ☐ Long Neck Lighters
- ☐ Paint Brushes: 2", 3", 4"
- ☐ Knee Pads

INFIRMARY:

- ☐ Baby Wipes
- ☐ Sunscreen - Spray
- ☐ Bug Spray (OFF, etc..)
- ☐ Bactine Spray
- ☐ Lanacane Spray
- ☐ Benadryl Spray
- ☐ Liquid Benadryl for children
- ☐ Calamine Lotion

- ☐ Hydrocortisone Cream
- ☐ Tylenol: adult & children
- ☐ Ibuprofen: adult & children
- ☐ Imodium
- ☐ Saline Eye Drops
- ☐ Exam Gloves: all sizes, latex-free
- ☐ Single Use Lancets

- ☐ Graduated Liquid Medicine
- ☐ Dispenser Cups
- ☐ First Aid Kits

ACTIVITIES:

- ☐ Craft Jewelry
- ☐ Craft Beads, String
- ☐ Colored Paper
- ☐ Elmer's Glue Sticks
- ☐ Bingo Prizes
- ☐ Stress Balls
- ☐ Weighted Stuffed Animals
- ☐ Twine
- ☐ Tie Dye
- ☐ White T-Shirts: Med, Lg, XL, 2XL
- ☐ White Socks: All Sizes Kids & Adult
- ☐ Smart Scissors & Skills Workbook
- ☐ Craft Kits for Children and Adults
- ☐ Crayons/Markers/Pencils
- ☐ Suncatchers
- ☐ Small Paint Kits and Brushes
- ☐ Play Doh
- ☐ Small Totes with lid

Donations of gift cards or checks are welcomed as well for purchase of these items.

Please visit BeaconLodge.org/wishlist for updated items and our Amazon department Wish Lists.

A note from Dave Barrette, chairperson of the 2025 State Convention



Happy July everyone!

I want to thank everyone in the district who has volunteered, donated to, and/or attended the 2025 State Convention this past May. I have received nothing but compliments from other Lions, staff from the Hilton, and even local businesses that had a boost in sales from our event. District 14-K (Allentown area) was so happy with it, they are considering returning to the Hilton in 2028 when it is their turn to host.

By the numbers, we had 358 registered attendees, 61 basket donations, honored 132 Lions at necrology, and had 113 delegates vote to have PDG Dick Sware as an endorsed candidate for International Director.

I will have a final budget report available at the September cabinet meeting as we are just about finished with that.

If anyone has any recommendations for future conventions, let me know and I will forward them to the coming chairpersons as I was already asked to help with the next few conventions.

Thank you again for everyone's help. Now we just wait another 17 years to do it again.

Dave Barrett



From Days Gone By

Calling for some club history! **You are invited** to submit photos and updates that you have—or can find—in your archives. Some additional moments in history, courtesy of Joe Skinner, follow below:

- * **Melvin Jones**, January 13, 1879 – June 1 1961. Founder and Secretary General of Lions Clubs International. The Melvin Jones Fellowship was inaugurated on his birthday in **1937**.
- * The **Abington Lions Club** of Clarks Summit held their Charter Night Dinner, on March 28, **1950** at the Scranton Country Club. 64 of the 75 members were in attendance.
 - Winfield Potter - President.
 - Percy McFarland - 1st Vice President
 - Louis Kareha - 2nd Vice President
 - Fred Hassenplug - 3rd Vice President
 - Charles O'Malley - Treasurer
 - Harry F Glasson Secretary
- * The **Olyphant Lions** Held their Charter Night dinner dance at the American Legion Hall, Olyphant, on Wednesday October 24th **1951** at 7:30 p.m. Reservations had to be in by October 10.
- * **Taylor Lions Club** held their Charter Night Celebration Banquet on Tuesday January 11, **1955** at St. John's Hall 439 North Main Street, Taylor. Reservations were sent to Lion Edward Oakley by mail or Telephone (675-J). Tickets were \$10.
- * The **Lions Club International Convention** was held in Atlantic City N.J. on June 24 through 28, **1951**. International President Candidate Harold P Nutter from Camden N.J. presided: slogan "Nute's the one for 51".
- * December 31, **1950** a box of Phillies cigars would cost you \$2.00 at the establishment of Lion Wm. F. Quigg Jr.'s candy - cigarettes - paper - magazines - confections, in Chicago.
- * July 16th through July 20th **1950** the **Lions Club International** Held it's Convention in Chicago Il.
- * As of November 19th **1951** Lions Clubs International was in 33 countries, had 9,000 Lions Clubs, with 415,000 members and completed 130,625 unselfish activities that year.
- * September **1950** Lions International was in 29 countries, there were 231 Districts, 8,100 Lions Clubs, and more than 400,000 members.
- * April 24 **1950** Pa was comprised of 8 Districts A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H
- * An Honor Roll known as “The Military and Naval Service Roll of Lions International” was created by action of the International Board Of Directors in May of **1951**.
- * Tuesday November 27th **1951** – **Dickson City Lions Club** was the 50th club to join District 14-H. Sponsored by the Throop Lion Club. Lion George E Witko 977 Albright St. was appointed as Chairman of Charter Night committee, by District Governor Maurice M Marmelstein M.D.
- * The **Abington Lions Club** purchased a Brand New **1951** Chevrolet 4 door Special to help the club assist people in need of transportation on June 25th 1951, Ser# 14JJF21384, at a cost of \$1,581.11
- * The day that PDG Joe Skinner was born – November 14, **1950** – The **Abington Lions Club** Hosted the **Dalton Lions Club** for a joint meeting at Smith’s Victory Pig Barbeque on Trail Road Clarks Summit, at 6:30 p.m. the cost was \$1.25. The guest speaker was A.C. Vanderlink, General Manager of Dean Phipps who showed home movies of his vacation trips.

District 14H Club News

Dunmore Lions Club

The **Dunmore Lions Club Annual Awards Dinner** for Dunmore High School and Holy Cross High School was held on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 6PM at La Buona Vita, Dunmore. Lion Gino Tempesta was Chairperson.

Awards were presented to outstanding Male and Female Athletes of both high schools. Penn State Scholarships were presented to students attending Penn State, Scranton.

Lion Sam Sebastianelli was chairperson of program and arrangements. Lion Michael Colangelo gave the invocation and introductions. Lion Renee Iezzi and Melissa Dworak were toastmistresses. Lions President James Colangelo offered remarks and had a moment of silence for James Aita who served the Dunmore Lions for 50 years and passed away this winter. Mark Finan and Alex Higley, representing their schools, made presentations.



Seated: Natalie Charles, Chloe Mendicino, Lucas Urban, Tommy Clark, Sophia Talutto, Daniel Malos

Standing: Lion Sean Colangelo, Lion Melissa Dworak, Lion Sam Sebastianelli, Sr., Lion Gino Tempesta, Alex Higley, Lion Leo Wentline, Mark Finan, Lion Tom Cola, Dunmore President Lion James Colangelo, Lion Renee Iezzi, Lion Joseph Luciano, Lion Angelo Martarano, and Lion Michael Colangelo



Seated: Lucas Urban, Natalie Charles, Chloe Mendicino, Sophia Talutto, Tommy Clark, and Daniel Malos. Standing: James Colangelo, Sam Sebastianelli, Sr., Alex Higley, Renee Iezzi, Mark Finan, Gino Tempesta, Melissa Dworak, and Michael Colangelo

Dunmore Lions Club Annual Awards Dinner, continued



Alex Higley, Holy Cross High School Representative



Chloe Mendicino, Female Athletic Award Recipient



Natalie Charles, Penn State Scholarship Recipient

Holy Cross High School



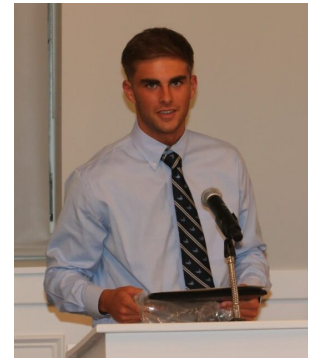
Lucas Urban, Male Athletic Award Recipient



Mark Finan, Dunmore High School Athletic Director



Sophia Talutto, Female Athletic Award Recipient



Tommy Clark, Male Athletic Award Recipient

Dunmore High School



Daniel Malos, Penn State Scholarship Recipient

Benton Township Lions Club



Our annual **Golf Tournament**, with the **Dalton Lions** is on August 16th at Lakeland golf club in Fleetville. We are sold out! We sell out every year with 13 teams of captain and crew. It's one of the best fundraisers that we do.

Come see us at these future fundraiser events:

The Fleetville Fall fair - September 6th

We will be selling sandwiches and drinks. We also provide each volunteer working the event a free lunch at that event.



The “Old Friends” Reunion—July at the Fleetville Fire Co, grounds

We will also be selling sandwiches at this event.



Eynon Archbald Lions Club

Eynon Archbald Lions participated in **Eynon and Archbald's Memorial Day Services and Parade**



L-R: Cathy Gillette, Shirley Barrett, Fran Stepkovitch, Paula Turpack, Louis Rapoch, Erin Owen

Eynon Archbald Lions Club served **lunch and treats to Valley View Life Skills Students, Teachers and Aides** at Peckville Park



L-R: Fran Stepkovitch, Erin Owen, Paula Turpack, Cathy Gillette

Eynon Archbald Lions Club Dropped off **treats to Mid Valley Elmcroft Nursing Home** for residents



L-R: Erin Owen, Angie Apostolaros, Fran Stepkovitch, Karen Rapoch, Jennifer Bolsar, Melanie Duggan

Falls Lions Club

Falls Lions Club **BBQ** will be at the **Falls Summer Celebration!**

August 10th, at 11am,

River Road, Falls, PA 18615



*"Volunteerism is the
answering of a calling, an
inner drive to be part of
something great to bring
something good to the world
through some gesture, great
or small."*



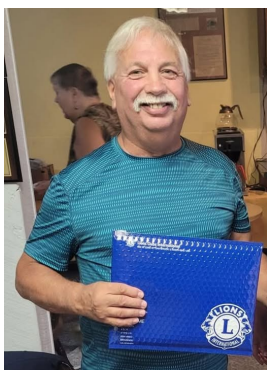
Jefferson Township Lions Club

This year's Lions Club Team—Jefferson Township Little League



On June 24th,, we had our installation of new officers dinner. Thank you, to our new district governor, Shirley Skinner, for swearing in our officers. And a huge thank you to the youth volunteers who have helped with many of our events and activities throughout the past year. Kallie, Julia and Mackenzie Wehrmann, Lily Kieva, Jason Vass, Meghan Rath, Kaitlyn Simpson, Caden Mchale, Daniel Grant and Sam With2026-2026 Officers

President - Hannah Witherite ; Vice President - Joanne Musk: Secretary - Valerie Riggi; Treasurer - Terry Grant; Lion Tamer - Darlene Mills; Tail Twister - Daniel Gallagher;Membership Chair - Cathy Metschulat; Directors - John Capiello, AJ McConnell, Jim Simpson, Nathaniel Mills; Immediate Past President - John Wehrmannerite.



With a heavy heart we said good-bye to a former member, Mark Michalek. Deepest condolences to his family . You will be missed by so many.



Jefferson Township Lions Club

On June 12th, we marched in the Mt. Cobb **Carnival on the Mountain Fireman's Parade!**



Honesdale Lions Club



Steak Bake: Our annual Lion's Steak Bake is slated for **Friday August 1st at 6PM** and will be held at 710 Atherton St, Clarks Summit PA. While the cost is free for Honesdale Lions Club members this year, please be sure to email jskinner710@comcast.net in advance to ensure that we have enough steak, food and beverages.

Bonanza: Our next Bonanza is scheduled for **Sunday, October 5th, 2025** from 1-6pm at the Wildflower on Watts in Honesdale.



North Pocono Minisink Lions Club



North Pocono Minisink Lions Fireworks Extravaganza

The North Pocono Minisink Lions Club are presenting their 33rd annual Fireworks Extravaganza on Saturday July 5, 2025 with a Rain Date on Sunday July 6, 2025.

New for this year, because of construction in the North Pocono Football Stadium area, the Event will be moved to the parking lot behind the North Pocono Intermediate School. Bring your chairs. Follow the Church St. Handi-cap parking signs to the rear of the school. The main parking lot from Church St. will be open for regular parking and limited Handi-cap parking.

Food and refreshments will be available from the Boosters Club remote stand.

Entertainment will be provided by "Meet Me on Marcie" starting at 7PM.

The North Pocono Minisink Lions will be collecting donations to support their Vision, Hearing and Scholarship Programs.

Donations can also be sent to North Pocono Minisink Lions Club, P.O. Box 1092, Moscow, PA 18444.

The Club's remote venue meeting took place on June 19, 2025 at Mendicino's Restaurant. **Ryan Mateyka was inducted as a new regular member** of the NP Minisink Lions Club. Congratulating Ryan is Sponsor Scott Lenzer and Club Secretary Jim Strempek. Lion Scott is the Club's Membership Chairman and Ryan is Scott's 3rd new member since joining the Club in 2023.



Also taking place at the June 19th meeting was the installation of **new Club President for his 2025 - 2026 term: Joseph Sabie**. Lion Joe is a regular Club member for 8 years. Soon to be Past President Joseph Pierangeli is showed passing the gavel to incoming President Joseph Sabie.

Congratulating both Joe's is Lion Jim Strempek.

Scott Township Lions Club

We held our **34th annual golf tournament** on June 14th, at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Greenfield Township. This is one of our biggest fund raising events for the year. Thanks to all members who worked hard to make this day a success. Even the rain didn't get in the way of a fun outing for all.

Lots of food prep in advance! Friends of the Lions Kay, Teddy and Carl, and Lion Tim Snyder on onion and potato duty.



L-R: Lion Chris Holgate and team members Suzette, Steve and Becky.



A sample of hole sponsor signs—a big part of our fundraising.



Above, L-R: Lion Moe Mielechowski, Lion Dave Makala, President Lion Paul Setzer, Lion Josh Black, and behind the camera, Lion Jerry Boyarsky.

Wheelchair ramp, service project. When a friend of the Lions in our community became wheel chair dependent due to illness, it took 4 family members/friends to move him in and out of the house to get to doctor appointments. Our members went to work and solved this problem!



**HOLD THE DATE
ANNUAL COW FLOP
AUGUST 16th noon-4**

District 14-H Lions Clubs by the numbers

Abington – 27	Mayfield – 15
Benton Township – 14	Minisink – 24
Blakely/Peckville - 11	Minooka - 33
Dalton—11	Montrose - 35
Dunmore – 25	Old Forge - 19
Eynon/Archbald - 66	Olyphant - 27
Falls – 43	Scott Township - 32
Forest City – 18	Scranton - 19
Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack – 11	South Abington - 6
Honesdale – 61	Stone Bridge/Susquehanna - 21
Jefferson Township – 24	Taylor - 15
Jessup – 16	Tunkhannock - 23
Lake Ariel – 16	Waymart – 18

Total = 630 (no change)

Note: Club membership numbers are reported on mid month, for the prior month's end. If your club membership numbers change, you may not see that reflected in the newsletter right away. The report available now was published mid June, and it covers membership as of the end of May.



Lions are ordinary people doing extraordinary things on a daily basis. From small acts of kindness to providing support in areas of disaster. No act of kindness is too small and no challenge is too great. We always warmly welcome new members so ask me how YOU can become a Lion. Because #LionsNeverSleep